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'Are you feeling lucky'

Clay County Agricultural Fair days away from opening gates

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – As the Clay County Fair Association wrapped up its annual volunteer and sponsor luncheon Tuesday, workers were already busy 200 yards away hoisting heavy support rails for a roller coaster ahead of the opening day of the Clay County Agricultural Fair on April 4.

The pre-fair pageantry and ceremonial festivities are done. All that remains are unloading livestock, erecting a twisting jungle of thrilling rides, and parking more than 100 food trucks that will serve everything either smoked, deep-fried, or covered in powdered sugar.

Fair time is upon us.

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"Who's ready for the Fair," Executive Director Tasha Hyder asked more than 200 guests at last Tuesday's luncheon. "We're feeling ready. We're feeling safe. Our barns, our partnerships puts us ahead of other fairs."

The Fair's Board of Directors will arrive at the front gates of the Clay County Fairgrounds on Thursday at 2 p.m. to start opening ceremonies. It will

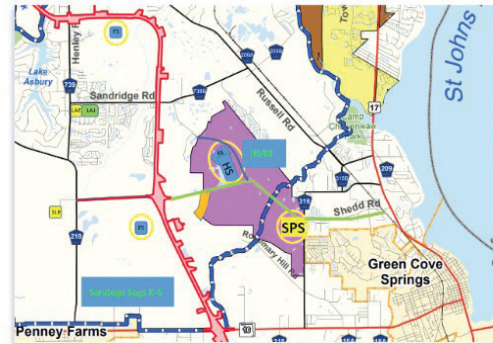
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Hundreds of volunteers and sponsors gathered last Tuesday ahead of the April 4 opening of the Clay County Agricultural Fair.

STATE OF SCHOOLS

New School Projections



SCHOOL	NUMBER OF STUD'S	PROJECTED OPEN
"RRR" Saratoga Spgs *High School	2500	Aug 2030
"AA" Governors Park *K-8	1,275	Aug 2031 (Tentatively)
"C" Saratoga Spgs K-6	862	Aug 2032 (Tentatively)



Broskie: Clay County schools to continue building on its successes

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – Superintendent David Broskie had a clear message for parents of students enrolled in Clay County District Schools Thursday: Your child is getting a first-class education.



David Broskie

Broskie delivered his fifth annual State of the Schools Address to more than 150 community leaders, business partners, and stakeholders at the Thrasher-Horne Center. He celebrated school district achievements and outlined a comprehensive roadmap for advancing district success by fostering strong educators and expanding student opportunities through school choice options.

Last December, the district learned the Florida Department of Education said Clay had the second-highest scores in social studies and the fourth-highest in science in Florida. It was the fourth time the FDE gave the district an "A" grade in five years. The county didn't receive a grade in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Broskie said the district will continue to build on the successes.

"Our teachers are the cornerstone of our educational system," Broskie affirmed. "By investing in their growth and professional development, we empower them to inspire and guide the next generation of leaders."

To do that, Broskie emphasized the importance of cultivating strong teacher leadership programs. He shared that through a partnership with the University of North Florida, the district will commit to building a teacher and leadership pipeline through a \$7 million grant

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Blake Avenue parking, renaming McIntosh Avenue top OP meeting

By Jack Randall
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ORANGE PARK – The Town Council committed itself to unclogging Blake Avenue, resulting in a draft of the “Blake Avenue Amendment” during its meeting two weeks ago.

If the proposal were passed, parking would be prohibited Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. within the public right-of-way of Blake Avenue (east of Park Avenue to River Road) except on holidays. That specific residential portion of Blake Avenue would be marked off with street signs to let commuters know when and where parking is prohibited.

The fine would be \$25.

The proposal also includes a fine provision for commercial or heavy-use vehicles attempting to park on a public street or right-of-way, which would be enforced town-wide.

The fine would be \$100.

The Blake Avenue Amendment, which would amend Chapter 34 of the town code regarding unauthorized parking, appears to be supported by all three current town council members. It will have its second

and final reading at a town council meeting on April 16, at which a final decision will be made.

More contentious was the debate regarding a proposed name change for one street in the town. McIntosh Avenue is being proposed to have its name changed after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (whether it will retain “Avenue” or be changed to “Street” or “Boulevard” is still being discussed.)

Pastor Jeffrey Dove from St. James AME Church on McIntosh Avenue spearheads the name change. Dove’s church was founded in the late 1870s and is generally considered one of the oldest churches in the area.

The town council appeared to be receptive to the idea of honoring the legacy of the great civil rights leader and committing the town to diversity. However, the 19 commercial and residential properties on the avenue must update their addresses individually, which could incur a financial cost and time commitment.

Maddie Hilt, a town council candidate for Orange Park, publicly supported the name change; however, she said she wanted to hear from the residents of the 19 properties who would be impacted.

This was a sentiment Councilmember



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If the proposal passes, the fine for improperly parking on Blake Avenue would be \$25.

Winnette Sandlin agreed with.

“Before we move forward with the idea, I would like to talk with the landowners and homeowners,” she said.

Mayor Andy Randerson appeared receptive to the proposal but hesitant, citing the financial cost of changing the avenue’s name and the lack of community feedback.

“I want to look at it another time. I want to support it, but I can’t,” he said.

Councilmember Doug Benefield agreed and wanted to contact the residents before deciding.

A resident from Orange Park favored the name change but said McIntosh Avenue was not a sufficient street to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy.

“If you want to change something,

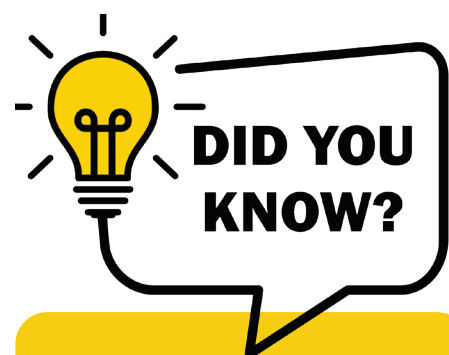
change Kingsley (Avenue). Martin Luther King cannot be a side street,” the resident said.

Kingsley Avenue is named after Zephaniah Kingsley, a prominent slave merchant in Spanish Florida.

While at the podium, the resident and Dove disagreed about the name change proposal.

Ultimately, the town council decided to defer its decision to rename the avenue until after the April 9 municipal election, when the dais would have a full five members instead of its current three.

The Orange Park Town Council meets monthly on the first and third Thursdays. The next meeting will be April 2 at 7 p.m.



Every week, Clay Today will test or enlighten your knowledge on a variety of topics. This week, the Clay County Agricultural Fair.

Staging the Fair is no small task, especially considering there are only three full-time members of the Clay County Fair Association – Executive Director Tasha Hyder, Office Manager Karen Brown and Office Assistant Jackie Collins – and the association is separate from county government. During the 11-day event, the association will rely on more than 1,000 volunteers who contribute more than 30,000 of labor, hiring more than 400 Clay County Sheriff’s Office and Fire Rescue personnel to provide security, traffic and dispatch and relying on as many as 500 along the concession midway. Throw in another 200 from Deggeller Attractions to set up and operate nearly 50 attractions, games and food booths, and it’s no wonder the Clay County Agricultural Fair is a huge success.

Clay County considering renaming its districts

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Following recent confusions between districts and municipalities, Clay County’s planning districts could be renamed in an upcoming Board of County Commissioners meeting.

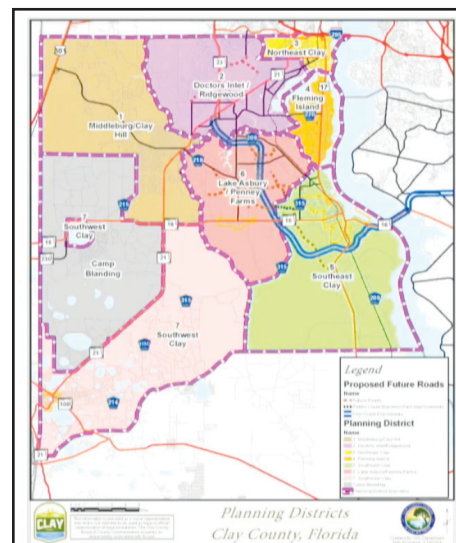
The confusion began with the “Green Cove Springs Citizen Advisory Committee.”

One exists for the municipality of Green Cove Springs, which was formed in October 2020. The other exists for the surrounding, unincorporated district.

The staff presented some recommendations for districts that included municipalities to avoid confusion. To distinguish them, the recommendations were named after prominent natural features in the districts.

Northeast Clay, including Orange Park, could be renamed the Gateway District.

Southwest Clay, including Keystone Heights, could be renamed the Gold Head



Northeast Clay

- Gateway District

Southeast Clay

- Bayard District
- Springs District

Southwest Clay

- Gold Head District
- Lakes District

District or Lakes District.

Southeast Clay, which includes Green Cove Springs, could be renamed Bayard District or Springs District.

Commissioner Betsy Condon was concerned this would only confuse residents further. She gave herself an example as someone who has a Keystone Heights address but does not live directly within city limits.

Condon favored reverting the districts to what they were previously: the Orange Park, Keystone Heights and Green Cove Springs districts, which were recently changed to Northeast, Southwest and Southeast.

Condon expressed interest in having the district go back to Keystone Heights.

Green Cove Springs, the municipality, asked to have the districts changed.

“The city has its citizen advisory committee, which is naturally named after the

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After 33 years, Diamond Rio remains fresh, true

Legendary band to play at Clay County Agricultural Fair on Saturday, April 6

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – No matter how many years or how many songs separate Diamond Rio from its past to the present, the band has always been true to themselves.

They decided to play their own music and play it their way instead of using session musicians and more polished producers.

The more they were pushed, the harder they pushed back. Thirty-three years later, the result was a career that now includes the sales of 6.8 million albums, more than 1.05 billion online global streaming downloads, 20 Top-10 singles and 15 Top-5 singles.

“You know, we like playing fairs because we started out playing at fairs,” said bass player Dana Williams during a recent telephone interview. “We make little changes with everything we do but stay true to ourselves. We’re going to show off our two new band members. We hope folks will come out and enjoy the show.”

Diamond Rio will play at the Cattleman’s Arena during the Clay County Agricultural Fair on Saturday, April 8. Allen Higgs and the Kaden Meeks Band will open the show at 7 p.m.; Diamond Rio

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will be on stage at 8. General admission seats are free with fair admission, while reserve and VIP seats are available at claycountyfair.org.

Diamond Rio originally started at Opryland. They were the Grizzly River Boys in 1982 and changed their names to Diamond Rio in 1984. Despite backlash from Nashville executives, they demanded to cut their music and sing their songs. Their first single in 1991, “Meet in the Middle,” became the first debut single in Billboard Hot Country chart history to reach No. 1. They also enjoyed success with No. 1 songs like “How Your Love Makes Me Feel,” “One More Day,” “Beautiful Mess” and “I Believe.”

Along the way, they were selected as the Country Music Association Vocal Group of the Year in 1991, 1992, 1994 and 1997, Country Music Association Album of the Year in 1994 for “Common

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Diamond Rio will feature two new members - drummer Micah Schweinsberg and fiddle player Carson McKee - when they appear at the Clay County Agricultural Fair on April 6.

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Follow your gut, not logic to survive March Madness

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LAS VEGAS – Gamblers already haggard from three days of unexpected finishes in the first two rounds of the NCAA men's basketball tournament had betting slips clinched in their hands during the final 20 seconds of Saturday night's North Carolina State-Oakland game.

Most of us had North Carolina State covering the 6½-point spread, which means the Wolfpack had to win by 7. Vegas hates ties, so they put a 1/2-point "hook" on spreads. When D.J. Burns gave N.C. State a 69-60 lead with two foul shots and 16 seconds to go, and most of us started counting our winnings.

Just as quickly, Oakland guard DQ Cole wiped the smiles off our faces by hitting a 27-foot desperation 3-pointer. It was the only shot he made in the entire game.

Not to worry. All the Wolfpack needed was to inbound the ball because the Grizzlies would certainly foul. N.C. State only needed to make at least one free throw, and we're back to a seven- or eight-point lead.

I did mention they had to inbound the ball, didn't I?

The Wolfpack's best player, D.J. Burns, threw it out of bounds. Oakland got it, missed a shot, and with three seconds to go, the Grizzlies let the clock run out after N.C. State got the rebound for a 69-63 victory.

Just like that, three parlay tickets that would have been worth \$1,385 suddenly became food for earthworms. I also found myself needing a new pair of reading glasses and a Band-Aid.

They call it March Madness for a reason.

If things go as planned, sportsbooks hope bets fall evenly between teams because they get 10% of the winnings. In the first four days, they probably racked in lopsided profits because most "serious" handicappers would never have picked Oakland to eliminate Kentucky, which was a 16-point favorite, in the first round, or that Oregon would have blown out South Carolina, Colorado would bounce Florida, Yale would beat SEC champion Auburn and James Madison would humiliate Wisconsin.

There was a buzz ahead of the Alabama-

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OPINIONS



Boys Week: Celebrating a half century of friendship in Vegas

LAS VEGAS – Ours is a brotherhood of more than 55 years in the making. We gathered again last week in Las Vegas like we've done for decades, to watch basketball, drink, gamble and reminisce. It's a routine that we vow will last until we go to our graves.

We sat through a 12-hour session of the NCAA basketball playoffs, then met for dinner. We got up the following day and did it all over again.

Talk about a perfect day.

Las Vegas has it all, but Boys Week has never been about flashing neon lights, clanging slot machines, clicking of poker chips and indulgence.

It's rare when you still have one friend from junior high. We have several.

We've watched each other get jobs, get married, have children, then grandchildren and turn gray. We tell stories and, more often than not, have to repeat them because somebody couldn't hear them. When we talk about classmates, the conversation usually starts with, "Do you know if they're alive?"

The past seemed so fresh and innocent when memories of Panning Lumber, Gabriel's Sub, Maryland Fried Chicken and TG&Y were brought up. They're all gone now, and those neighborhoods aren't so neighborly anymore.

Unlike Vegas, we've aged, but we

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haven't changed. The town is so much different than when we first came here in the late 1970s and 1980s.

Gone are the days of 99-cent shrimp cocktails and \$1.99 steak dinners, replaced by a \$14 hot dog at the deli. A \$500 bet at the sportsbook will no longer get you a free drink coupon.

The pandemic changed how Vegas does business, and the freebies aren't returning. The big casinos did away with many of their perks during the slowdowns, and they learned there was still a demand. As they gradually re-opened, they didn't need to dazzle frequent gamblers to return. They were coming anyway.

One of our favorite stories came from the late 1970s or early 1980s when a casino offered free rooms and food, and you gambled a preset amount of time. The casino issued a punch card where you had to play for at least \$10 a hand, and they punched out a square every 15 minutes. Once all of the squares were punched, your stay was free.

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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.

Genuflect: (JEN-yuh-flekt) a verb meaning to kneel, or nearly kneel, on one knee and then rise again in worship or as an act of respect. In figurative use, "genuflect" means humbly obedient or respectful.

"Churchgoers genuflected before the altar."

"The politician was criticized for genuflecting to corporate interests."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2019

- Talan Hausman, 11, painted and sketched artwork of fish to raise money for his friend, Ian Bailey, 12, who was suffering from cancer. Each artwork was sold for \$25. Sadly, Ian passed away on April 4, 2023, following complications with his disease. He was known for his sense of humor and positive outlook.

- The public works department told the Board of County Commissioners it would cost \$16 million to finish the repair and replacement of many roads throughout the county.

10 years ago, 2014

- The Clay County Board of Commissioners voted 3-0 to stop funding the Clay County Chamber of Commerce's economic development efforts.

- The County School Board delayed approvals for proposed administrative district-level jobs for a month so it could figure out how to pay for them.

- The highly anticipated Inclusive Playground at Orange Park Town Hall opens. The park is handicap accessible and was funded entirely with private donations.

20 years ago, 2004

- Officials with the Town of Orange Park hailed the inaugural Carrie Clarke Day a success. Hundreds flocked to Clarke House Park on Kingsley Avenue, some dressed in period costume to celebrate Clarke's life.

- The Clay Board of County Commissioners considered a new master plan

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Opinions ...

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Vegas

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There were three in one room that year – Gerry, Dan and Ned. Gerry and Dan met their requirements, and when they asked Ned, he said he only brought \$20. So Gerry and Dan angrily took his card, returned to the tables, and got all his squares punched.

Soon afterward, Ned was called on the hotel intercom to come to the front desk. They were impressed with his gambling and wanted to upgrade him to a suite. Rest in peace, Ned.

I can remember going there with the boys, checking my suitcase at the Bell Desk, and getting it out four days later at check-out without going to the room.

Now, I unpack, hang my shirts and pants in the closet, and put my underwear and socks in drawers. I also skip afternoon blackjack tournaments for naps and conference calls.

Thirty years ago, we talked about buying beer when we were underage. Now, we talk about the tax ramifications of social



security benefits.

We avoid The Strip, where crazed young revelers need shoulder straps for their purple drink flasks. We chose to stay off the beaten path and pay \$5 for drinks in rinse and spit-size cups.

There is no downtime in Las Vegas. In addition to the basketball tournament, the U.S. Bowling Congress tournament was in town for a five-month tournament. The event will attract as many as 70,000 bowlers. And the Friday night concert by Bruce Springsteen was almost unnoticed in the T-Moblle Arena.

I've learned in the past 30-plus years, the secret to surviving Vegas, and being part of the next Boys Week is pacing myself. Here's to the best friends anyone could want.

The Boys: From left, Dan Spoone, Tom Weidl, Lou Nostro, Mike Nostro, Don Coble and Dan Weidl.

Madness

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College of Charleston game, especially since Alabama averaged nearly 91 points a game. Logic would tell you the Cougars would slow the tempo since Charleston was already a 9.5-point underdog. The oddsmakers made the under/over number – the combined score – about 30 points more than the average college game, at a whopping 173.5.

I bet under. I was wrong. At 109-96, I missed it by 21.5 points. So much for logic.

You have to rely more on madness, not thought process when you're relying on college players on the national stage to double your gas and grocery money. I made 15 basketball bets in three days and got three correct. And one was a misprint.

On Day 1, I asked for Iowa State (against South Dakota State) under 135½ points. When I got back to my seat, I noticed the attendant punched Iowa State to win by 16 points. The game had started when I got back to the window.

Two hours later, I cashed the winning ticket because Iowa State won by 17, 82-65. The game went over at 147. I would have lost. I guess it's better to be stupidly lucky.

I thought I knew college basketball. I know about matchups and trends. Now, I'll be eating bologna for lunch for the next few months.

I'll have a year to get ready for the madness next year. In the future, I won't overthink it. I will go with the team my gut tells me is less likely to lead a steady diet of instant ramen noodles. Logic often fails me; my gut doesn't.

History

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for the Branan Field area. The plan was passed by a vote of 3-1.

- Clay County Sheriff's Deputy Larry Weiss was named Deputy of the Year by Sheriff Scott Lancaster.

30 years ago, 1994

- After a 19-year career as lead investigator for the Green Cove Springs office of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Matthew B. Kemp Jr. announced he would retire effective March 31.

- Officials with the Clay County School District successfully cut more than \$3 million from the annual budget after re-designating several administrative positions.

40 years ago, 1984

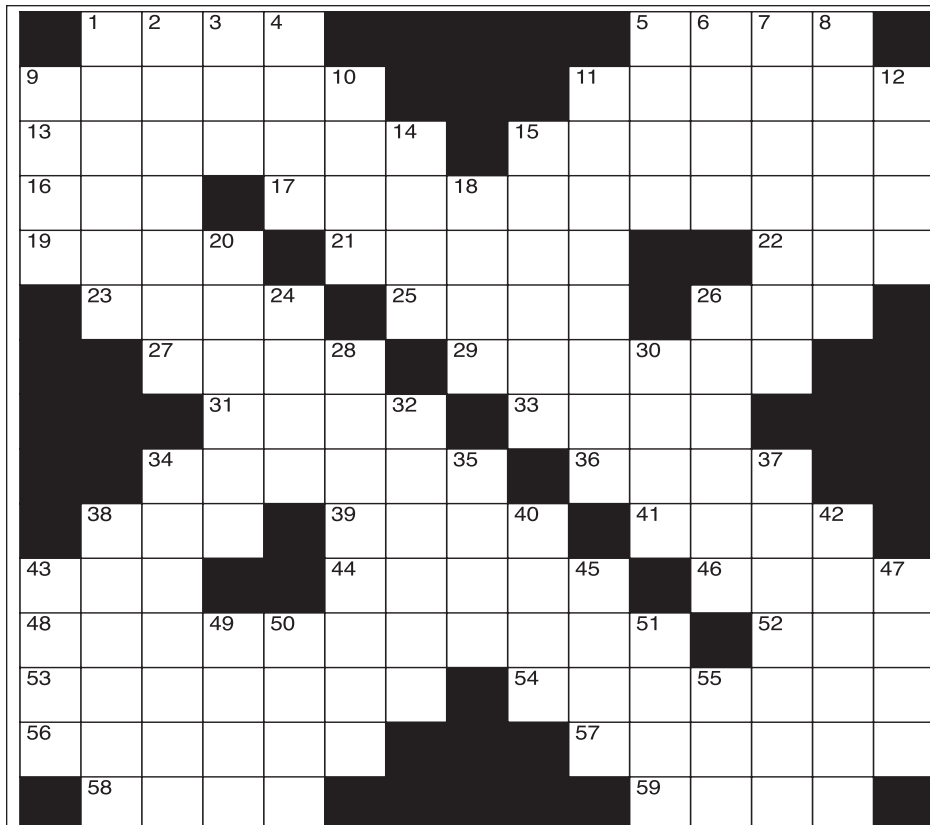
- The Clay County Sheriff's Department acquired a livestock trailer to aid in the rescue of abandoned animals, such as horses and cows.

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office charged Carl Elbert Mosley for the shooting deaths of Fredrick Henderson, 22, and George W. Dyson, 21, both of Middleburg.

50 years ago, 1974

- Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee said an investigation uncovered approximately 75 marijuana plants growing in a wooded area near Middleburg. No arrests were made.

- Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies seized approximately \$3,500 in stolen goods from several homes in Middleburg and arrested two juveniles for the thefts.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Chaps
5. Currently fashionable
9. Collision
11. More slim
13. European city
15. Implicitly
16. The side of something that is sheltered from the wind
17. The Mount Rushmore State
19. Gold or silver wire cord
21. Muscles along insects diaphragm
22. Trent Reznor's band
23. Sweet juicy gritty-textured fruit
25. Broken branch
26. Indicates ten
27. Expression of annoyance
29. Brings together
31. Ancient city in Thrace
33. Sailors' spirit
34. Looked into
36. Muckraking woman journalist Rheta
38. A type of cast
39. One's responsibility

CLUES DOWN

1. Baseball managers assemble it
2. Revised
3. Mountain is a popular kind
4. Takes to civil court
5. Pouches
6. A type of veil
7. Chants
8. Boston hoopster
9. Elongated appendage
10. Sailboat
11. 2017 Oscar-winning film
12. Actor Gosling
14. Monetary units
15. Assembly
18. Russian pop duo
20. Embellished with expressions
24. Infrequent
26. Temperature unit
28. Hydrophilic amino acid
30. Honk
32. Legislative body
34. Swinish
35. Russian assembly
37. Take over for
38. Put in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Dutch cheese
45. Witnesses
47. Strong insects
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. Ancient people of Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Sick

CCSO plans safety, prepares for record turnout at Fair

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS—The Clay County Sheriff's Office is preparing for the county's busiest event, which has grown bigger every year.

The Clay County Agricultural Fair is a beloved tradition throughout Northeast Florida. It's a safe, fun, family-friendly event partly because CCSO works around the clock.

While fairgoers enjoy the rides, fireworks, carnival games and food, CCSO won't be far away. While fairgoers make memories, CCSO will think ahead.

CCSO command will be posted at the Clay County Emergency Services. The force had a briefing in the executive conference room last Tuesday just before the Fairground Luncheon, the kickoff for fair festivities.



CCSO went over contingency plans for multiple worst-case scenarios—a weather emergency, an active shooter, a missing child, a medical emergency, and a fatality. Procedures will be practiced as April 4 approaches, when the gates officially open for the fair. A reference binder is chock-full



STAFF PHOTOS BY JACK RANDALL

Left: A binder chock-full of contingency plan procedures in case of an emergency. CCSO deputies listen in during the briefing.

of what to do because a moment's hesitation during an emergency can mean life or death.

More than 400 safety and 11 dispatch positions will be utilized during the event. Overt and covert protections will be provided, and cameras will monitor the festivities below.

CCSO expects a swell of traffic, so they will be making timely Facebook posts throughout the fair's duration, inform-

ing those driving down. While traffic is expected to be an issue, the roads were determined to be in excellent shape. The fairgrounds, itself, were too.

In a worst, worst-case scenario, CCSO will coordinate with units from other agencies in case of a disaster.

CCSO is working hard to make this year's fair the best yet to continue to be a beloved tradition where memories – not worries – are made.



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March 31: Pancake Breakfast
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Schools

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during the next five years with a program titled Project PREP (Partnering to Renew the Educator Pipeline).

In a move to provide students with diverse pathways to success, Broskie underscored the importance of career and technical education (CTE) programs in preparing students for the ever-evolving demands of the workforce. Broskie focused on the school district's goal of the "3 E's" in preparing students to enroll, enlist or become employed after graduation.

"Empowering students with the tools and resources to pursue their passions and interests is paramount to our mission," Broskie declared.


"Through robust CTE and school choice programs, we aim to equip our students with real-world skills and experiences to propel them toward rewarding careers and lifelong success."

Clay's CTE programs are highly recognized. Kelly Mosley, CTE Supervisor for the district, was asked in January to appear in front of the U.S. House Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee to share the district's successes.

Other highlights included an overall grade point average of 3.37 for the county's more than 5,700 athletes, 97 different fine arts course offerings with 29,177

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participants 864 high school students in ROTC-related programs and more than 1,400 industry certifications.

Broskie also talked about the need for new schools. Tentative plans are to build two elementary and one high schools before 2032.

fore 2032.

"We are an A-rated school district, and families are flocking to our county, drawn by the promise of exceptional educational opportunities and a nurturing learning environment," Broskie said. "The construc-

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James Ronald Powell, Jr.

James Ronald Powell, Jr. of Middleburg, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at St. Vincent's Community Hospice Center for Caring at the age of 68. James was born and raised in Jacksonville, having grown up on the Westside and in Maxville. He went to Baldwin Senior High School, where he was an outstanding middle line-backer on the football team.

After leaving high school, James enlisted in the United States Army, where he was a combat engineer and tank operator. He spent most of the time on deployments to Germany.

When James left the Army, he went into the oil and gas exploration, working on land-based drilling rigs in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Louisiana. He worked his way up through the rank eventually becoming a company man and rig manager. He worked for Conoco and Occidental Petroleum.

After returning from the oil patch after forty-five years, James was content staying home with his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ronnie Powell and Gaol O'Brien, as well as brothers Samuel O'Brien and Patrick O'Brien.

James is survived by his wife of thirty-five years: Holly Powell, four daughters, Saresa (George) Mendoza of Iowa, Robin (Kent) Boardman of Maine, Dasha (Roy) Linton of Jacksonville, and Tina (Doug) Herring of Texas; as well as eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his brother Jim Rice of Maxville and a sister, Mary (Cruz) Veleces, as well as many friends he grew up with and those he made over the years working the oil patch.

Services were held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of Forbes Funeral Home. Family received

friends at 12:30 p.m. James wishes were to be cremated and he will be eventually laid to rest in the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Hawke M.T. Forbes and H.M. "Hank" Forbes, Jr. of Forbes Funeral Home are honored to serve the family in their time of loss. 409 West Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida, 32063 "With Your Family In Mind." (904) 259-4600.

Please leave your condolences for the family in the online guestbook at www.forbesfuneralhome.net.

Joanne Ruth Hardin

Joanne Ruth Hardin, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away peacefully at home on March 3, 2024 at the age of 96, surrounded by loving family. She was born on July 15th 1927 to Clem and Bertha Brown in Lancaster, Ohio. She later moved to Columbus, Ohio where she met her future husband, Dr. Thomas Hardin. The couple lived in Columbus and Des Moines, Iowa before moving to Orange Park in 1960.

Joanne was devoted to her family and her church. She spent much time volunteering with St. Catherine's Catholic Church when it was still on River Road. She played the organ in the old church and taught religious education classes as her children were growing up.

She is predeceased by her parents, 7 siblings and her husband of 64 years, Dr. Thomas Hardin, a son, Daniel Hardin, a daughter, Susan Lewis and granddaughter in law Jessica Cheek. She is survived by her sons, Dr. Michael Hardin (Cecily), Dr. Mark Hardin, and daughter Rebecca O'Neill (Joey) as well as 8 grandchildren; Melissa White (Andy), Neil Hardin (Caitlin,) Emily Hardin (Matt), Cecil Thomas, Kael Farber, Amy and Eric Cheek, Lyndsi Pratt (Jeff) and 8 great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Catherine's Catholic Church 1649 Kingsley Avenue Orange Park, FL 32073 at 1 pm on April 1st. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations may be made to Wounded Warriors Project or St. Catherine's Catholic Church.



James Ronald Powell, Jr.

Ronnie "RC" Clevinger

Ronnie "RC" Clevinger was born October 6, 1954, in Moultrie Georgia to Kermit Clyde Clevinger and Josephine Lee Clevinger (Griffith). He passed away peacefully in his childhood home surrounded by loved ones after a long battle with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

Ronnie was a brother and a friend to Robert, Beck, Janie, Tony and Ruth. He was the proud parent of Carrie, John, Dusty, Michael, Lisa and Tracy.

Ronnie spent his entire career driving a truck. He started out driving a milk truck for Gustafson's Dairy; that is where his love for the open road started. He loved to run, it didn't matter if it was in the morning or the afternoon. He always made sure to keep a healthy diet except for his occasional ice cream. He never stayed in one place too long, but he always made his way home to Jacksonville. He loved the smell and sound of a semi, but never slept a night in one, always staying at a motel; never mind the rating of the "hotel," it was always "motel" to Ronnie. During his career, Ronnie was a proud member of the Teamsters Union for over 30 years. In 1979 in Harrisburg PA, he received the "1 Million Miles with No Accidents" award. In true Clevinger fashion, RC made sure himself and his belongings were always fresh and clean, a little bit of that O.C.D.

Along with his love for open road was Ronnie's love for baseball. From playing at Carl Pugh Park Little League to Clay High and sharing the love for the game with his sons to taking his older sons to watch their brother play in world series. After spending so much time away on the open road, he was happy to retire and spend more time with Robbin, enjoying the finer things in life like Jimmy Buffet concerts and Lynamard Skynyrd karaoke. He was also thrilled to spend time with all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents Kermit and Josephine Clevinger, his sister Janie, and his brother Robert

Everett. He is survived by life partner of 15 years Robbin Green, his children Carrie, John, Dusty, Michael, Lisa & Tracy, his 12 grandchildren Lexi, Ali, Karly, Kayla, Cassidy, Brett, John Thomas (JT), Gavin, Anna, Penelope, Piper & Mila, and his great-grandchildren Carter, Vallen and Waylon.

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



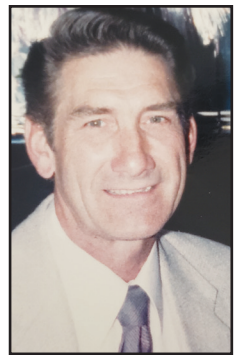
Uno Rodney Lund

It is with great sadness that we, the Lund family, announce that Uno Rodney Lund, born May 7, 1936, fell asleep in death on March 21, 2024.

Uno is preceded in death by his parents, Ella and Arthur Lund. Uno is also preceded in death by Bernita Robinson, wife of 25 years. He is also preceded in death by 4 brothers; Buddy, Royal, Robert, Romaine (Dick), and 5 sisters; Lola, Gwen, Iona, Hope, and Gloria.

Uno is survived by his wife of 38 years, RaeMarie Ingbreton and daughter, Kristie Dayton (Darryl), 2 grandchildren, Tyler Dayton and Hailey Bass and 4 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving Uno are 4 children; Rodney Lund (Tony), Debra Dean (Felix), Penny Munguia (Roberto), and Rick Lund



Uno Rodney Lund

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(Andrea); 4 grandchildren, Shannon, Tyler, Adrianna, and Mikaila and 4 great grandchildren. Uno is also survived by his brothers-in-law, Conrad Ingbretson and Rodney Ingbretson.

Uno was widely known by his friends and family as highly capable and multi-talented. Uno had a mechanical mind and was capable of repairing anything. He was willing and able to help anyone fix anything and it stayed fixed. He was also adept at home remodeling. He was also a skilled welder for many decades. His welding included wrought iron railing fabrication for kingdom halls. This featured elaborate scroll work. On occasion, Uno would point out buildings in which he welded support beams that weighed 100's and 1000's of pounds. He was especially proud of his metal artwork of a steamship displayed on the front of the Fort Benton Museum in Fort Benton, Montana.

Although known as a man with capable hands, Uno loved music and was a musician at heart. At any given time, he could be heard either whistling or singing a tune, even in the shower. In his early years, he was the leader of his own country western band with his nephew. Although at one time he played guitar and sang in public, later on he played only for his friends and family. He was a good dancer and he and

RaeMarie loved to dance together.

Uno was strong and athletic. In his high school years, Uno was on a diving team and acrobatic team. He was a strong swimmer and swam with ease. In his later life, it was not unusual for him to be seen doing handstands and flips in the back yard – at 49 years old.

In his early twenties, Uno was a rodeo performer. He specialized in bronco riding. It is during this period of his life that he met his first wife, Bernita; she was a barrel racer in the rodeos. Although he loved the rodeo, he knew there was something more important, that being serving Jehovah. It was Uno that studied the Bible with Bernita.

This brings us to the most noteworthy thing about Uno, that being his true identity laying in being a spiritual man and he wanted to be remembered by others for his love of Jehovah and the truth of the Bible which included his hope for the future. Having been raised with his 9 siblings by his single mother, the majority of his immediate family and extended family, continue to serve Jehovah faithfully, thanking him for their spiritual heritage. Uno and RaeMarie met through mutual friends and were married on October 26, 1985, after which they resided in Great Falls, Montana for 17 years, then moved to Evansville, Wisconsin and ultimately to Middleburg, Florida where they continued to serve Jehovah together totaling 38+ years.

Uno's love for Bible truth and deep

knowledge enabled him to answer and explain questions to all he met. In fact, he was known for being able to recite passages from the Bible or the Watchtower publications from memory along with the name of the article, the exact year, month, and what side of the page they could be found.

Because of his deep love of the truth and Jehovah, he was blessed with many privileges in Jehovah's service. He loved the ministry and temporary pioneered whenever he could through his entire life.

He served as an elder in congregations in Montana and Wisconsin. He served as chairman of large conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses. He was even privileged to serve as a substitute circuit overseer.

Because of Uno's unwavering love of Jehovah, we are confident and will be very happy to see him resurrected as a reward for his faithfulness to the end, to continue serving Jehovah in the new system to come.



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First McDonald's in Clay County celebrates 50th anniversary

By Jack Randall
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ORANGE PARK – McDonald's has branched a few slogans since it was founded in 1940. "I'm loving it." "Over 99 billion served."

The one that seems especially fitting for the McDonald's on 428 Park Ave. in Orange Park is the franchise's first – "Look for the Golden Arches."

Partly because that location was the first McDonald's in Clay County. Partly because Karen King, the franchise owner, insisted that the store keep its 1950s retro look when it was rebuilt in 2002.

King's McDonald's continues to proudly display the iconic gold arches, and for a half-century, the restaurant has served up American classics – burgers, fries, nuggets, soft drinks and shakes.

McDonald's is one of the first things cars see traveling south on U.S. Highway 17 from Duval to Clay County. The restaurant had overlooked the county corridor since U.S. 17 was a single-lane road, when rickety wooden fences surrounded the dog track and when dog races were still legal.

"The McDonald's has been at the gateway between Clay County and Jack-

sonville," Jon Cantrell, President of Chamber of Commerce, said.

"I've known Karen for 25 years. We both serve on the Salvation Army board together. She's always been a giver, helping nonprofits and charities," Cantrell said.

King was greeted by a hug from an employee when she walked into the restaurant for its 50th-anniversary ribbon-cutting celebration. In the spirit of 50 years in the business and 50s aesthetics, hamburgers and fries were sold for 50 cents.

King gave a heartfelt, humble speech before the ribbon was cut. She thanked God, her business partners and her loyal customers for making the success possible.

"It isn't just about me. In this case, it really isn't about me," King said

"I've been humbled so many times. I had my whole future invested. And it was just me when my late husband, my son's father, was killed on the job. I could've lived in my car and would've been happy to do that. Because I wanted to wallow and do nothing anyway."

King said her obligation and love for her son brought her out of such grief. She wanted to continue managing the restaurant so her son could have a future.

"I mean, parenting is a lot harder," she



joked. "It just kind of happened. McDonald's is not the same as owning your own business. Not at all. It's their menu, their products, their portion, their operation. You can't say, 'I think hotdogs might be nice to add...' No. And I do think that. I love hotdogs," she said.

King inspires business and franchise

owners and reminds them that McDonald's corporation has only achieved its ubiquitous success, becoming the "golden" standard of the contemporary restaurant industry, thanks to leaders like King, who worked hard on behalf of their families.

Because of leaders like King, McDonald's has been able to serve 99 billion.



Five original scripts presented at Clamour's Clay & Water

By Jack Randall
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PENNEY FARMS—The playwrights sat in the front row and exchanged glances eagerly as the lights dimmed. Each playwright wondered just before the show, but none more so than the one whose play was about to be performed: "Will the audience like it?"

Five playwrights were chosen nationwide in a highly competitive selection process, earning them that front-row seat for Clay & Water, the sixth annual playwrights' retreat hosted by Clamour Theatre Company.

From March 17-21, the Clay & Water cohort set aside the distractions of regular everyday life and dive deeply into their scripts. Each playwright worked with a dramaturg – who is like an editor for theater – to polish the narrative, sharpen the prose, and bring the most out of their scripts.

A developmental reading followed each day of the retreat, performed by the talent of local actors and actresses from Northeast Florida.

The developmental reading is an exciting aspect for playwrights and theater companies. It is when new plays are presented to the audience for the first time, and the script begins to solidify before it is adapted for an onstage production.

It is a minimalistic but deeply emotional experience. Because there is no stage, costumes, lights, or special effects, the success of the developmental reading is carried by the strength of the script's writing.

The following were the developmental readings:

- "Lived Experience" by Amy Tofte
- "Girl on a Hill" by Cris Eli Blak
- "The Practice Room" by Aly Kantor
- "Glory to the Father" by Pamela Morgan
- "small quiet good" by Chandler Hubbard

There is electric, wonderful, nerve-racking anticipation of being on the "hot seat." It is invigorating to hear the script's dialog out loud and to share that art with others for the first time.

During this year's Clay & Water, the audience laughed, teared up, cheered, and applauded the scripts. An audience feedback section follows each developmental reading.

Members of the audience were enamored with each script and could not pick a favorite. Each script brought unique characters, settings, emotional spectrums, and philosophical understandings.

"I couldn't stop crying on the drive home," one audience member said.

Elaine Smith, artistic director, looks forward to Clay & Water every year. Many of its productions have gone on to win prestigious awards.

"We open an application window, and people submit scripts and answer questions. We review all of it. We try to find playwrights from different areas of the



STAFF PHOTOS BY JACK RANDALL

Actresses prepare to read off from the script of "small quiet good" by Chandler Hubbard.



country. We look for a range of experiences and try to narrow it down to five," Smith said.

Smith was involved in theater her whole life. When she moved back to Clay County after a career in New York, she realized the cultural hole that a professional theater company could fill.

Clamour was incorporated in 2017 with the mission of bringing professional theater to Clay County. The company has performed at various venues in Orange Park, Fleming Island, and Green Cove Springs.

"The best way to learn about us is to come on out. Clay & Water has an audience discussion. You'll never know where these scripts end up, but you'll get to say, 'I saw it first,'" Smith said.

Clamour's next production will be "Passing the Baton," a one-man play to be performed in the Village Improvement Association on May 16. It will contribute to the year-long festivities of Green Cove Springs' 150th anniversary.

The theater company wants to continue enriching Clay County's productions as it seeks a permanent artistic home. If you are interested in donating or learning more, visit clamourtheatre.org.

"They've been saying theater has been dying, but we're still here. There's nothing like being in the same room with terrific actors. Every show is different," Smith said.

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Organizations continue to hammer message of hope

By Jack Randall
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Terry said he spent 13 years in prison before he met Nail It to the Cross Ministries, a 12-step addiction and recovery group that incorporates Christian teachings.

“I did some stupid things. But by the grace of God, I have come to this group and my life has forever changed,” Terry said.

Doug said he’s been clean for a year. He says the ministry’s counseling and resources have been a tremendous help, and he took his message of sobriety to the fourth Hammer and Hope program last Friday at Vera Francis Park.

“Back in the day, I was a pothead. I did cocaine, pills and drank a lot. The grace of God came into my life and changed everything,” Doug said.

Both Terry and Doug were thankful to be clean and for the friendships they made in the ministry, which Tommy Johnson founded last year.

“Because Jesus set me free from drugs, I have a heart for people still bound by them,” Johnson said.

“I know how it is. It’s hell. It’s torment. I want to save people from that torment,” he said.

Johnson shared his life’s story of being born and raised in Clay Hill, succumbing to alcohol addiction and falling in and out



Fire Rescue’s Paramedicine Unit demonstrates how to use the Narcan nasal spray.

of jail, which led him to his “deathbed.” He was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (cancer of the blood and bone marrow) and drank a “fifth of liquor every day” (about one-half gallon). He said he was cured by letting God into his life.

“It was a miracle. How else would you describe it?”

Nail It to the Cross Ministries was just one organization at Hammer and Hope, and those stories were just a handful.

Clay Behavioral Health, The Way Medical Clinic, Florida’s Poison Control, and Clay County Fire and Rescue were part of the 19 community and 18 law enforcement agencies offering services at the park.

“The intent is to let our community



STAFF PHOTOS BY JACK RANDALL

Doug left, and Terry with Nail It to the Cross Ministries.

know we take drugs and drug addictions seriously,” Sheriff Michelle Cook said.

She started Hammer and Hope three years ago. Since then, there have been more than 630 drug-related arrests in Clay

County. “We can’t arrest our way out of a problem. We have to give people a pathway to hope and a hand,” she said.



Sheriff Michelle Cook standing next with her officers.



Florida’s Poison Control discusses the danger of drugs, chemicals and poisons.

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Blast from the past: Old Fashioned Farm Day at Penney Farms

PENNEY FARMS—The town's historic charm was the perfect stage for Old Fashioned Farm Day last Saturday at Penney Farms. Residents and vendors offered exhibits of antique farm equipment and tools from several collectors, including Hendry Farms, demonstrations, music, games, food, antique and classic cars, carnival games, and early crafts, all surrounded by live oaks, magnolias, and crepe myrtles.

Vendors lined up under old live oaks, magnolias and crepe myrtles in Penney Farms.



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Hendry Farms displays some of its antique farm equipment and tools.

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- 4/3 AT 4 P.M. - GREEN COVE SPRINGS
- 4/4 AT 4 P.M. - FLEMING ISLAND
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Eclipse events at Clay County Public Library

CLAY COUNTY – On April 8, parts of North America will be in the path of totality for a total solar eclipse. Join Clay County Public Libraries for special events where children can learn more about the eclipse and how to view it safely.

The events will be held at:

The Keystone Heights Library on April 1 at 4 p.m.

The Middleburg-Clay Hill Library on April 2 at 4 p.m.

The Green Cove Springs Library on April 3 at 4 p.m.

The Fleming Island Library on April 4 at 4 p.m.

The Fleming Island Library for homeschool families on April 8 at 1 p.m.

and Ridgeview 9:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. The event is open to all Clay County high and junior high students.

Spring for Education

Brews and BBQ to benefit: CLAY EDUCATION FOUNDATION
April 25th, 6-9 pm

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Brews, BBQ to benefit Clay Education Foundation

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Spring for Education is a fundraising event for the Clay Education Foundation. The event will feature interactive games, live music and delicious barbeque and will be held at Tucker's Farmhouse on April 25 from 6-9 p.m.

The Clay Education Foundation is a direct support nonprofit organization designed to strengthen public education in Clay County. They are known for hosting the Apple Awards, which presents the Teacher of the Year award.

To learn more, contact ckrall@clayeducationfoundation.org. To get tickets, visit givebutter.com/c/Rj96Tn.

Mom Prom slated for April 13

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Moms just wanna have fun. The Keystone Heights Woman's Club is presenting the inaugural Mom Prom on Saturday, April 13. Tickets are \$25 and they may be purchased online at <https://www.keystoneheightswomansclub.com/product-page/mom-prom-tickets>.

Free sports physicals on April 20

ORANGE PARK – Just in time for summer conditioning, Preferred Physical Therapy and Southeast Orthopedics will provide free sports physicals to students on April 20 at Orange Park High. Orange Park, Clay High and Middleburg times are 8:00-9:30 a.m. Fleming, Oakleaf, Keystone

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-12-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, GATEWAY CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL, GATEWAY CORRIDOR NEIGHBORHOOD AND INSTITUTIONAL TO FORM BASED CODE FOR SELECTED PARCELS, TOTALING 52.36 ACRES IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT A, GENERALLY BOUNDED BY JUST NORTH OF GUM STREET TO THE NORTH, THE RAILROAD TRACKS TO THE WEST, OAK STREET TO THE SOUTH AND MAGNOLIA AVE AND EXTENDING TOWARD ST JOHNS AVENUE BETWEEN CENTER AND WALNUT STREET TO THE EAST; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Planning & Zoning Board:	Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
City Council:	Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
City Council:	Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, 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 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 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

Lucky

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conclude 11 months and thousands of hours of preparations, including exhibits, games, rides, entertainment, food, education and agriculture for everyone.

Hyder had a simple answer for those who wondered about his year's theme: Lucky 4 the Fair.

"Our Fair starts on the fourth on the fourth month of the year, and it ends on the 14th in 2024," she said. "You going to be seeing a lot of fours on our T-shirts. We're going to be using fours as if they're alive. If you're feeling lucky, think about a four."

Deggeller Attractions, the fair association's only ride provider since 1987, has increased its inventory of rides by seven to more than 50.

In addition to the award-winning Sunflower Hours and Unlimited Opportunities Goat Show for those with sensory and other visible and non-visible disabilities, the Fair this year added a Poultry Pal pageant.

The Fair staff had 102 meetings with the sheriff's office, fire rescue, emergency management, the school district, and public works. They scouted other fairs to see what worked best and what didn't. They enlisted more than 1,000 volunteers, many of whom have worked for more than a decade, who combined to contribute more



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Workers with Deggeller Attractions are already putting up more than 50 rides for the Fair.



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The Our Fair Cares program has been off to a fast start. The Winn-Dixie store in Green Cove Springs filled its first bin of canned goods and non-perishables for the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry in less than six days.

than 30,000 hours yearly.

Shortly before the luncheon, the sheriff's office and fire rescue held its unified command meeting to ensure they had considered all scenarios. They decided to establish a separate communications post dedicated solely to the Fair to expedite response times. Since the fair association is a non-profit and not part of the county government, profits are returned to the community.

This year, 17 Clay County seniors from Clay, Middleburg, Keystone Heights and Orange Park highs and one St. Johns County Day School earned portions of nearly \$50,000 in scholarships from the Fair.

The Fair also collected supplies for areas ravaged by natural disasters.

Hyder said the Fair emphasizes the

Our Fair Care program to raise money, supplies, and awareness for the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry in Orange Park, Clay County Education Foundation, and Clay County Animal Control.

The program was so successful in the first few days that store Manager Mike Finnick's Winn-Dixie in Green Cove Springs needed to empty his collection bin after just six days – 11 days before the Fair opened. When the new bin was delivered, more than 100 canned goods and 50 boxes of macaroni and cheese dropped off by noon.

"Last year was a big year for us," Hyder said after drawing a record 156,480 people. "We expect more this year. We'll be ready for them, and they'll have a great time."

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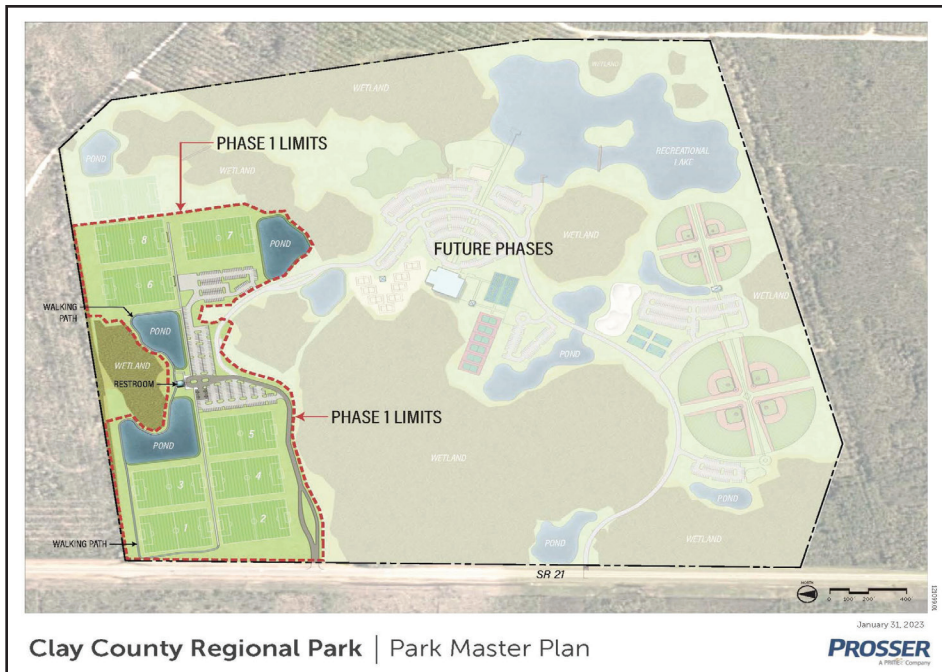
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Everyone invited to ribbon-cutting for Regional Sports Complex

Ceremony scheduled for Friday, April 5, at 2 p.m.

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Residents are invited to celebrate the new Clay County Regional Sports Complex with a ribbon cutting on April 5 at 2 p.m. The park is located on State Road 21, one mile north of State Road 16.

The 250-acre property is the first facility of its kind in Clay County, making it an incredible asset to our community and a high-demand sports destination in Northeast Florida.

Phase 1 of the Clay County Regional Sports Complex includes eight multipurpose fields, lighting, a walking trail, shade structures, ample parking and restroom facilities.

Multiple rectangular sports, including soccer, lacrosse, flag football, field hockey, spike ball and ultimate disk golf can be played on the fields.

Initially, field usage is for scheduled tournaments only, and the public is welcome to use the walking trail through the park. The county plan to allow recreational practices on the fields during the weekdays in the future for local teams. The park will be built in phases. You can learn more about future phases as they're announced through the county's website, claycountygov.com/Newsroom and our social media



pages.

You can rent the park for a tournament by reaching out to Parks and Recreation at (904) 284-6378 or by email at athletics@claycountygov.com.

The development of the sports complex is taking place in phases. The County received \$3 million in legislative matching funds and an additional \$2.5 million in legislative appropriations in 2023. County leaders broke ground on March 28, 2023.

This is a public/private partnership to acquire and develop Phase 1 of the property. The park is operated and maintained by Clay County.

The complex is near Belmore State Forest. It is the first of its kind in Clay County that will promote sports for both youth and adults, while also bringing tournaments to the area.



Here's what's hopping for Easter

The Easter tradition returns this Sunday with events that include the ceremonial Easter celebration and family-friendly events throughout Clay County.

Here's what's happening:

Friday, March 29

- David Allstar Gym Easter Egg Hunt and Party will be at 8725 Youngerman Ct., Suite 301, Argyle Forest, from 7-9 p.m. The event includes a glow-in-the-dark Easter egg hunt.

- Hop in to see Easter Bunny at the Orange Park Mall, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. near JC Penney. Register at whereisbunny.com, but walk-ins are welcome.

Saturday, March 30

- Easter Egg-stravaganza at Allegra Fleming Island, 3651, U.S. Highway 17 from 12:30-3 p.m. Event includes cupcake decorating, crafts, photo opportunities, Easter egg hunt, food, desserts and drinks.

- Asbury United Methodist Egg Hunt at 16 College Dr., Orange Park, at 11 a.m. The event includes an Easter egg hunt, crafts and games.

- Bunny Bonanza at Skate Station at 230 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Event costs \$13.95 and includes a Skate Scramble.

- Calvary Kids Easter Eggstravaganza at 9 Knight Boxx Road, Orange Park, from 10 a.m.-noon. The event includes three Easter egg hunts for different age groups, food, games, inflatables, prizes, face-painting and giveaways.

- Clay High's Link Crew and Family Church of Green Cove Springs' Easter egg hunt on the football field will be from 10-10:30 a.m. The school is at 2025 State Road 16.

- Family Storytime and Egg Hunt at Green Cove Springs Library, 403 Ferris St., will be from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The event will include storytelling, songs, learning about chickens and rabbits, followed by an Easter egg hunt.

- Middleburg Martial Arts Easter Egg Hunt, 2360 Blanding Blvd, 10-11:30 a.m. The event will include an Easter egg hunt, photo booth and ninja star throwing.

- Mossman Hall Easter Eggstravaganza, 301 State Road 26, Melrose, noon-2 p.m. The event includes an Easter egg hunt and arts and crafts.

- Ripple Effect Martial Art's Easter Egg Hunt, 1851 Golden Eagle Way, Fleming Island, 20-11:30 a.m. The event includes an Easter Egg hunt, ninja star throwing, photo booth and crafts.

- Seagrass Village Easter Extravaganza, 1949 East West Pkwy, 10 a.m.-noon. The event includes Easter egg hunts, crafts, games and Easter bunny photos.

- The Melrose Church Easter Egg Hunt, 5807 Hampton St., 1 p.m.-4 p.m. The event includes Kona Ice, a bounce house, games, crafts and an Easter egg hunt.

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city. That was causing some confusion with their residents because the county also has a district with the same name," Dodie Selig said.

While Green Cove Springs is the only current municipality with an advisory committee, Selig was concerned that new committees could cause issues later on.

While no definitive decision was

made during the meeting, it appears that only Southeast District may be changed. Commissioner Kristen Burke and the citizen advisory committee liked Springs District.

Commissioner Jim Renninger was absent, so he was unable to weigh in.

The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

The BCC typically meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month on the fourth floor of the administration building at 4 p.m.



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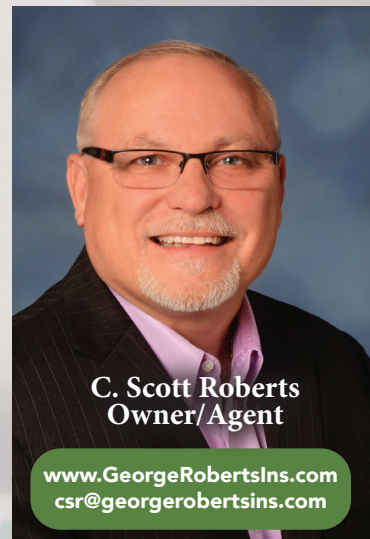
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'All Gave Some – Some Gave All'

Clay County gives a warm welcome to Vietnam Veterans at TAPS Ceremony

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The annual Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony was a moment of solace and compassion as the county gathered around the TAPS monument to honor those who served our county, even in such a challenging moment of our nation's history.

"We are here today to recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice for one of the longest wars in our nation's history. Many never came home. Many are still missing today," Commissioner Mike Cella said during the ceremony.

At the focal point of the ceremony was the TAPS monument standing beside the podium, "All Gave Some – Some Gave All" is inscribed.

Col. William G. Byrns is the namesake of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1059. He was a prisoner of war after his aircraft was shot down while flying over North Vietnam on May 3, 1972.

"He was captured and taken prisoner and spent 309 days in captivity before being released during Operation Homecoming on March 8, 1973. Thank you so much for your service to our country," Commissioner Kristen Burke said during the ceremony.

Operation Homecoming led to the return of about 600 American POWs following the Paris Peace Accords that ended U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. One of the returned prisoners included Sen. John McCain.

The ceremony continued and featured guest speakers such as the JROTC members from Clay County District Schools,



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who wrote and delivered a warm welcome to the Vietnam Veterans.

Over 50,000 U.S. soldiers died in the conflict. Several thousand went missing in action. For the soldiers who made it back



STAFF PHOTOS BY JACK RANDALL

Col. William G. Byrns, who spent nearly a year as a prisoner of war at the "Hanoi Hilton" in North Vietnam is joined by his family.



home, the pain lingered and was often exacerbated. Vietnam Veterans were frequently attacked, belittled and blamed.

"I was in the army, but when I came home, I didn't like how people were talking back to Vietnam vets. I re-enlisted for the Marine Corps. Nine months later, I was

back in Vietnam. Three purple hearts later, I finally came home. Out of 15 boys from my hometown of Brooklyn, I'm the only one left alive," Staff Sgt. Anthony D'Aleo said.

"We had to come home in civilian clothes. People would throw eggs and tomatoes," he said.

He said he has many new friends in Florida and never misses a Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony. He said he had a stroke during the Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony two years ago, in which he had to be medically transported to Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, but he says he is healthy and glad to be back.

"I'm very proud of these young kinds," he said, referring to the JROTC students' speeches.



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Special needs contestants to showcase their Poultry Pals

New event joins Clay County Agricultural Fair on April 11

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Tyler Brock felt an emptiness last year when he said goodbye to some Unlimited Opportunities Goat Show contestants.

The experience was rewarding. As a buddy, he worked with individuals with special needs, who showcased their goats and answered questions about their animals and experiences.

Contestants were overwhelmed with joy and confidence; buddies felt a quiet accomplishment.

“They do this amazing show at the county fair with the unlimited goats, but it’s for individuals in kindergarten through 12th grade,” Brock said. “Once they graduate, they don’t have that opportunity anymore. I came to realize they don’t have a lot of opportunities for adults with special needs. So I figured I needed to create another opportunity that’s not goats. This one’s called Poultry Pals, and they’ll actually be showing that chicken inside the fair.”

Many of this year’s Poultry Pals competition were in last year’s Unlimited Opportunities Goat Show, including Tyler’s Poultry Pal, Patrick.

The pageantry involving the adults and their silkie chickens will start at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, at the J.P. Hall Livestock Arena.

“At the Clay County Agricultural Fair, we have a lot of different opportunities for individuals with special needs,” said Kelly Mosley, Livestock Chair.

Officially, Tyler’s mother, Dana, is the superintendent of the program because her son is an eighth grader at Lake Asbury Junior High, but she said the title is merely symbolic. Tyler is responsible for creating the project.

“I’m just along for the ride and to support him,” she said.

Silkie chickens are flightless and are without spurs. Contestants were required to attend two practice sessions, and they seemed enamored by their chirpy little friends.

Brock is the President of the Future Farmers of America at Lake Asbury.

“Actually, I started FFA because of chickens,” he said. “I had four chickens even though we were in a place where we shouldn’t have chickens. We still had the chickens, and that started me out. I came closer to animals and students with special needs through chickens.”



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Whitney is flanked by buddies Deeaira and Jammie during a rehearsal for Poultry Pals.



Buddy Tyler Brock, contestant Patrick and buddy Brock are getting ready for their Poultry Pals debut at the Clay County Agricultural Fair.

Brock hopes Poultry Pals becomes the springboard for other projects.

“So there’ll be adults that are twice as old as buddies, but that’s still OK be-

cause we still want all these adults to have a continuous opportunity,” Brock said. “Everyone deserves the same opportunity.”

Changes to Sunflower Hours caters to larger audience

Guests with sensory disabilities will have exclusive access hours on April 6

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – As the Executive Director of the Clay County Agricultural Fair, Tasha Hyder will be so busy for two weeks she won’t have time to drive home. That’s why she will live in a small travel trailer in the Clay County Fairgrounds parking lot.

But no matter how many times someone calls her radio with an issue, she will set aside time to spend with one of her favorite fair fans – 8-year-old Rosie.

The two have forged a bond during the last two years. Rosie is blind and has other sensory issues but can relax and have fun at the Fair.

“We should be doing everything in our ability to cater to everyone,” Hyder said. “We found out that there is a great need for people with disabilities to come enjoy the Fair, and that’s why we put such a



PHOTOS COURTESY CLAY COUNTY FAIR

Rosie and Clay County Agricultural Fair Executive Director Tasha Hyder always make time to spend time to enjoy the midway during Sunflower Hours every year.

huge emphasis on Sunflower Hours.”

This year will be the third year for Sunflower Hours at the Fair, and it’s evolved into one of the most ambitious programs designed to provide time to make rides and entertainment available exclusively to guests with visible and non-visible disabilities. These disabilities can be temporary, situational or permanent. They can be neurological, cognitive and neurodevelopmental, physical, visual and auditory, including sensory and processing difficulties. They can also be respiratory and chronic health conditions such as arthritis and diabetes, chronic pain and sleep disorders, according to Hidden Disabilities Sunflower.

Just because you can’t see it doesn’t mean it isn’t there.

In the first two years, music was muted along the midway because noise often





Left: March of this year was named "Procurement Month" in honor of the county's procurement professionals, who were recognized for maximizing the best value for every taxpayer dollar. March 18-22 of this year was named "Government Finance Professionals Week" in honor of the county's departments including the Clerk of the Court and Comptroller office.

Clay County has important financial decisions to make

By Jack Randall
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – During a recent Board of County Commissioners meeting, the dais discussed the potential benefits of assuming \$64.5 million dollars in debt to ensure construction priorities are completed and completed quickly.

Clay County is experiencing relatively high interest (5.5%) and inflation (3.4%) rates and unprecedented growth.

This presents a unique financial challenge to the Board of County Commissioners, especially for many line-item priorities in the Capital Improvement Plan, funded through impact fees, sales and gas taxes.

The good news

The county has realized significant sales tax revenue growth, double since 2012.

According to Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tara Green, the county is financially in a "really good position."

During the BCC meeting on March 12, Green presented an investment update. The county has \$492 million in investments and earned \$5 million in interest for the first quarter of this fiscal year, a silver lining from the historically high-interest rates.

The less-than-good news

Indeed, interest rates and inflation rates are relatively high, especially re-

Scenario #1

Projects to be Funded			Completion Date Using Bond		
Station 24	\$ 12,000,000.00				
Station 20	\$ 12,000,000.00				
Station 22	\$ 12,000,000.00				
Station 15	\$ 12,000,000.00				
Station 1	\$ 12,000,000.00				
Burn Building	\$ 4,500,000.00				
Animal Services	Pay as you go				
Total	\$ 64,500,000.00				
Sales Tax Relief	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28
Station 24	\$ 5,250,000.00	\$ 2,461,707.00			
Station 20	\$ 5,481,193.00	\$ 1,849,927.00			
Station 22	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	
Station 15	\$ 700,000.00		\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 3,800,000.00
Station 1	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 4,500,000.00	\$ 4,500,000.00		
Burn Building	\$ 2,975,063.00				
Total	\$ 15,506,256.00	\$ 11,861,634.00	\$ 8,500,000.00	\$ 3,300,000.00	\$ 3,800,000.00
Loan Payment	\$ 5,772,750.00	\$ 5,772,750.00	\$ 5,772,750.00	\$ 5,772,750.00	\$ 5,772,750.00
Payment from Impact Fee	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 2,700,000.00		
Payment from Sales Tax - CIP	\$ 3,772,750.00	\$ 3,272,750.00	\$ 3,072,750.00	\$ 5,772,750.00	\$ 5,772,750.00
Available Sales Tax	\$ 11,733,506.00	\$ 8,588,884.00	\$ 5,427,250.00	\$ (2,472,750.00)	\$ (1,972,750.00)

garding the raw materials involved in construction.

Items in the CIP were budgeted with pre-inflation costs. There is a deficit between the sales tax revenue committed (revenue for the CIP) and the price tag for the construction projects following inflation.

The deficit over the next five years would be \$21.3 million to complete five fire stations, a burning building, improvements to County Road 220 and more.

The challenge

Borrowing money has a monetary cost, and inflationary pressure is making construction more expensive. The BCC will have to weigh both sides of that scale.

The BCC has expressed interest in completing these projects, County Road

220 in particular. By offering \$8.5 million for a LAP (Local Agency Program) agreement, the county would qualify for a \$12 million grant from the Florida Department of Transportation, which would be used on CR 220.

One proposal that garnered interest was Scenario #1. The county would assume \$64.5 million in debt to free up \$11.7 million for this fiscal year.

"It's not really \$11.7 million; it's really only \$3 million," Commissioner Alexandra Compere said, referencing the BCC's expressed interest in committing \$8.5 million for CR 220.

Compere said with the \$8.5 million commitment taken into consideration, the figures were less attractive.

Alternatively, Commissioner Betsy Condon appeared receptive to the municip-

pal financing proposal.

"We have a list of eight fire stations that are county is in desperate need of. These fire stations (would be) able to (completed) by the end of fiscal year 2026," Condon said.

"It's imperative to me to provide public safety access to our residents," she said. "Your homeowner's insurance rates will go down if we can put these fire stations close to you."

Commissioner Mike Cella also appeared receptive. He said he liked Scenario No. 1 because it would promote public safety and free up funds so that the BCC could make the \$8.5 million contribution to CR 220.

Assistant County Manager Troy Nagle said the county receives about \$25 million in CIP revenue annually. This is in addition to the \$64 million that has carried over from last year. He said the county has already spent \$74 million on capital projects.

PFM, a financial consulting group for Clay County, said taking on debt would be within the county's means.

"Interest earning on project funds are currently higher than the borrowing rates, so the result is a very efficient funding plan to recover earnings while mitigating future inflation risk," PFM said.

The municipal financing proposal was not voted on. The discussion continued at the next BCC meeting on Tuesday, March 26.



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Sunflower

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creates anxiety or distress for those with sensory issues to certain sounds. Small tents were around the fairgrounds for anyone who needed to decompress.

But unlike the last two years, Sunflower guests won't have to share the Fair with other guests. They will have a free run – at no cost – from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, April 6. The Fair will open for everyone else at 10 a.m.

To gain admission and receive a Sunflower Hour lanyard, families must register in advance at visitclaycountyfair.org/f/290.

During that quiet time, Hyder plans to take Rosie on as many rides as possible. It's become their special routine.

"I look forward to being with her," Hyder said. "She has so much energy, and she has so much fun. The Sunflower Hours is perfect for her."

Hyder said the program remains a work in progress. The Florida Festivals and Events Association honored Clay County with the Most Innovative Award for Sunflower Hours last year. But Hyder wanted to make it better.

"We keep tweaking it every year to figure out what works best," Hyder said.



To register for admission and Sunflower Hours lanyard, visit claycountyfair.org/f/290

"Hopefully, this will be the perfect. We held it during normal Fair hours, and it was too crowded and busy. So this year, we're opening up just for two hours, and it's not open to the public. People do have to pre-register this year. So, we hope we've hit it out of the ballpark this year.

"We truly believe the Fair is for everybody. We want people to be patient with us. It's a learning curve for our people as well. It's going to be less crowded and less noisy. We do bring in volunteers who are used to working around people with disabilities. So yeah, just come out, have fun, enjoy the fair, and know that this is a toned-down version of the Fair that caters to everybody."

Hyder met several times with the Clay County District Schools' Exceptional Student Advisory Council to get ideas and recruit student volunteers with experience in



Patrick never misses Sunflower Hours. This year, he will also participate in Poultry Pals.

different abilities.

Also new this year will be therapy dogs from Clay Humane. Companion Animals Reaching Everyone provides comfort and enjoyment for people coping with health problems.

Added with the Poultry Pals for adults and Unlimited Opportunities Goat Show for children, Clay County now has more opportunities for every resident, said Rosie's mother, Liz Williams.

"Tasha is open to every single suggestion," Williams said. "You know, one of the things I really like about Tasha is she doesn't think 'no.' She's always looking for that opportunity, that way to make it possible.

"She is aware there are a lot of families with special needs kids, and they're on tight budgets. Special needs kids have a lot of expenses that come along with that. Making it accessible and open where they can afford it and bringing their other children in makes a big difference. I think the only thing we have to pay for is food."

Williams said the first two years were a success, but she expects this year's expanded Sunflower Hours to become the model other Fairs will follow.

"We have a fair that has national recognition," she said. "I mean, it's just fabulous.

"She asked questions about things needed for the kids, how we can best help them, how we can help adults with sensory issues as well."

But there's always room for improvement, Hyder said.

"We're always open to feedback," she said. "If parents have feedback, let me know. We're catering to them. If there's something we can do better, let me know. After all, the Fair is for everybody."



Rosie high-fives Lew-E the clown during last year's Sunflower Hours.



Congratulations to our 2024 fair pageant winners

- Ella Heck - Junior Miss
- Ryleigh Thomas - Preteen Miss
- Maggie Mosley - Teen Miss
- Clarissa Toney - Miss Clay County Fair

Rio

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Thread: The Songs of the Eagles (with various artists), Academy of Country Music Top Vocal Group for 1991 and 1992 and a Grammy for Best Southern, Country or Bluegrass Gospel Album in 2011 for "The Reason."

Drummer Brian Prout and mandolin player/singer Gene Johnson both retired

last year and were replaced by Micha Schweinsberg and Carson McKee, respectively. They brought a taste of bluegrass to the band, apparent in their new single, "The Kick."

"When we play, it's just a time to forget everything and have fun," Williams said. "Through the years, Diamond Rio has put out a whole lot of music. With our two new bandmates, it stays fresh."

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Faith Walk

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Easter: Celebrating the Resurrection

This weekend is Easter Sunday! During this season it's vital to remember this holiday isn't just about chocolate bunnies and egg hunts — it's about celebrating the profound truth of the resurrection. Easter Sunday is indeed Resurrection Sunday, a day of rejoicing in the victory of Jesus over death and the grave.

The heart of Easter lies in the promise of eternal life, made possible through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In John 11:25-26, Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

These words resonate with hope, reminding us that death has been conquered and eternal life in a perfect place awaits all who believe.

The resurrection of Jesus is the centerpiece of the Christian faith—a triumphant moment that changed the course of history. Luke 24:5-6 says, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" These words resonate through the ages, filling our hearts with awe and wonder at the power of our risen King and Savior.

Also, Easter is a celebration of the defeat of Satan and hell. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus dealt a decisive blow to the forces of darkness, securing victory for all who put their trust in Him. The empty tomb serves as a symbol of hope and redemption, a testament to the overwhelming love of God that triumphs over sin and evil.

As we gather with loved ones to celebrate Easter, let us remember the true reason for our joy—the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us rejoice in the hope of eternal life, the triumph of our risen Savior, and the defeat of Satan and hell. Easter is a time to proclaim the good news of salvation and to give thanks for the incredible gift of grace bestowed upon us. Celebrate Jesus this Easter!

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Running 26.2 miles, raising \$10,000 for charity

By Jack Randall
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FLEMING ISLAND—Stephen DoRego has been training tirelessly for months. He's incorporated long runs, tempo runs, and scheduled rest days into his regimen as he prepares for the Boston Marathon on April 15.

Just last weekend, he ran 20 miles, his previous scheduled long run before the big race. But his regiment still has one last check mark – fundraising \$10,000 for charity.

"My life is fundraising and training," Stephen said.

He is fundraising for Family Reach, a charity dedicated to helping families suffering from cancer by covering groceries, rent, and other living expenses.

"I thought it was a unique cause," Stephen said.

"I've had family members going through chemo at one point. There's a lot of people who resonate."

Stephen said he doesn't want families



Stephen DoRego, right, stands next to Sarah Sheppard, general manager of Club Pilates.

to choose between paying for chemotherapy or the electricity bill. His marathon fundraising effort caught the attention of Club Pilates in Fleming Island, which Stephen has frequented during his training.

"I've been going to Club Pilates for a year. I'm close with the owner, Sarah. I

told her I was running Boston through Family Reach, and she wanted details," Stephen said.

Club Pilates donated over \$700 of goods and services during a silent auction on March 17.

He said some additional businesses were Urban Bean, Fresh Market, Trader Joe's, Maple Street Biscuit Company and Restored Hyper Wellness.

The Family Reach charity team has five runners. They have set a cumulative goal of raising \$50,000. Stephen has about \$1,000 left before he meets his fundraising goal.

His finishing goal for the Boston Marathon, his first marathon, is four hours.

If you want to donate or learn more about Family Reach, visit sdruns262.com.

Garden Club of Fleming Island set for busy spring

By Rhona Scoville

FLEMING ISLAND—Members of the Fleming Island Garden Club have worked for two months on good pruning and weeding to start preparing their gardens for the April 27 Butterfly Release. Also, we had our monthly collection for the food bank and had a great turnout, with donations of 270 pounds of food and \$225.

We have a planning committee working hard at work creating beautiful decor, bling, hand scrub, our popular felted bees, and garden essentials for fundraising at the Club Continental Art in the Garden event on May 21. Another committee is planning activities and growing and propagating plants to sell at the April 27 Butterfly Release at the Fleming Island Library.

We welcomed Master Gardener Volunteers Michelle Hord and Sadako Long from the Orange Park Garden Club to our March meeting, who gave us instructions on how to make a topiary floral design. They brought some of the essential materials and had previously asked club members

to bring flowers, greenery, and ribbons to create some stunning designs to take home and enjoy or to donate to a local nursing home. Two Fleming Island Garden Club members are plan-



The club has dedicated the past two months to clearing out garden beds to prepare for an April 27 butterfly release,

ning a follow-up floral design event for the club in early June. The club is organizing a field trip in April for members to attend a luncheon and then the 11th annual flower show at the Garden Club of Jacksonville. This will be in conjunction with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs' Centennial Convention in

Jacksonville. If you're going to be at the Clay County Agricultural Fair, be sure to stop by the Horticulture Building to look at the Fleming Island Garden Club's display table and the displays from the other Clay County garden clubs.

Our next meeting is at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 8, at the Fleming Island Library Meeting room at 1895 Town Center Blvd. Meetings are free and open to the public, so we hope to see you there.



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Louisa Harland stars in "Renegade Nell"

One exceptional young woman drives polite society mad in "Renegade Nell," premiering Friday, March 29, on Disney+.



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Just like magic: Original fantasy-adventure series 'Renegade Nell' premieres



"2024 CMT Music Awards"
(CBS/Paramount+ — April 7, Special)

Airing live from the Moody Center in Austin, Texas, this annual, fan-voted awards show celebrates the achievements of country music artists and features electrifying performances and tributes to industry legends. Kelsea Ballerini returns to host for the fourth time.



Enyi Okoronkwo and Louisa Harland as seen in "Renegade Nell"

One exceptional young woman drives polite society mad on her journey to fulfill an unexpected destiny in "Renegade Nell," an original historical adventure series premiering Friday, March 29, on Disney+. All eight episodes of the family-friendly fantasy series drop on the streamer on premiere day.

Nell Jackson, portrayed by "Derry Girls" star Louisa Harland, is a clever, brave woman who makes a name for herself as a highwaywoman in 18th-century England after she is framed for murder. Petty theft on the road keeps Nell afloat until she discovers she is destined for something beyond her wildest imagination. When powers enchant Nell, they make her even more of a force than she was on her own.

A magical spirit appears to Nell in the form of Billy Blind (Nick Mohammed, "Ted Lasso") to help her on her adventures — a sort of Tinker Bell-type fairy sidekick. Nell's abilities to evade capture and survive on her own get her into as much trouble as they keep her out of. With seemingly everyone after her for one reason or another, Nell thrives as an outlaw possessed by magical powers that make her stronger, faster and more capable than she ever was before.

Also starring in "Renegade Nell" are Frank Dillane ("Fear the Walking Dead") as Nell's difficult, fair-weather friend, Charles Devereux; Adrian Lester ("The Undeclared War") as the well-connected Earl of Poynton; Alice Kremelberg ("The Sinner") as power-hungry Sofia Wilmot; and Joely Richardson ("The Sandman") as oddball newspaper magnate Lady Eularia Moggerhanger.

Rounding out the cast are Pip Torrens ("The Crown") as Lord Blancheford, Jake Dunn ("Big Boys") as Thomas Blancheford, Enyi Okoronkwo ("The Lazarus Project") as Rasselas and Craig Parkinson ("Line of Duty") as Nell's father, Sam. Newcomers Bo Bragason and Florence Keen star as Nell's younger sisters, Roxy and George.

Sofia, a widow motivated by a need for power and independence, is the architect of a scheme to bring down Nell. Aiding Sofia in her plot is the Earl, an influential political figure with the connections she needs to get the job done. Unfortunately for the pair of strategists, Nell more than lives up to the talk going around town.

In an official trailer for the series, excit-

ed gossips speak of Nell, saying, "she's unnatural," and "she is formidable," before Nell herself warns a foe, "you don't want to mess with me." Nell literally has the fighting spirit, as Sofia points out in the trailer, saying, "she fights as though she's possessed." Something comes over the titular renegade in these battles; whether it's a firefight or hand-to-hand combat, a dark glow reaches her eyes and Nell cannot be bested.

Nell is joined on her adventure by her two sisters, as well as Rasselas. Inspired by the chance to chase his own freedom, Rasselas leaves his life as a stable boy behind to help Nell, Roxy and George on their journeys. The troupe, with Billy Blind in tow, earns quite a reputation all across the country while on the run. As Lady Eularia claims in the series trailer, "if you haven't heard of Nell Jackson, then you're the only person in England who hasn't."

Known for crafting satisfyingly complex adult dramas such as "Last Tango in Halifax" and "Gentleman Jack," "Renegade Nell" is a bit of a departure for series creator Sally Wainwright, who is also the BAFTA Award-winning series creator of small-town British crime drama "Happy Valley." In an appearance on "The Graham Norton Show" this February, Lester shared that the new series "is really good fun. It's very different for Sally Wainwright. She's put political intrigue, sprites, magic, lots of fighting, highway robbery and Regency England in a big pot, gave it a stir, and out came an amazing idea." In further praise, Lester said, "It is really good writing and I have a really good time being bad."

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Ante up: Celebrity chefs bet big in after-hours culinary poker challenge

Cooking requires focus, quick thinking and talent — and so does poker. Hosted by Eric Adjepong (“Alex Vs. America”), the all-new, high-stakes cooking competition, “Wildcard Kitchen,” serves up challenges like never before, with new episodes airing Tuesdays on Food Network.

“We’re serving up our first-ever after-hours culinary poker game in [an] all-new series,” Food Network announced in a recent news release.

“In each episode,” they say, “host Eric Adjepong takes over the test kitchen after hours with an exclusive invitation for three chefs to bring \$5,000 to play across three hands of his underground culinary poker game.”

“The competitors, who all know each other well, have scores to settle and personal stakes to lose as they battle to create dishes based on the cards they are dealt and bet using their own instincts and cold, hard cash. The luck of the draw determines the dishes and cooking time, while wildcards deal unpredictable challenges into the mix that test the chefs like never before. From surf and turf with peanut butter to live crab with kimchi, anything can happen in ‘Wildcard

Kitchen’ as mystery guest judges use blind taste tests to determine who walks away the high roller with bragging rights and cash from their fellow chefs.”

With a novel concept and a hot pot of cash, many Food Network favorites have jumped at the opportunity to participate in this series’ inaugural season, leading to a lineup of competitors including “Chopped” judges Maneet Chauhan, Brian Malarkey and Marc Murphy; Italian cuisine masters Gabriele Bertaccini (“Ciao House”), Rocco Dispirito (“Rocco’s Dinner Party”) and Antonia Lofaso (“Cutthroat Kitchen”); and best friends Stephanie Izard (“Guy’s Grocery Games: All-Star Invitational”), Joe Sasto (“The Great Food Truck Race”) and Justin Sutherland (“Fast Foodies”).

Judging their skills will be talented guest stars Anne Burrell (“Secrets of a Restaurant Chef”), Esther Choi (“Her Name Is Chef,” 2021) and Scott Conant (“Outchefs’d”), who ultimately have the final say in who “rolled with the dices” the best, and who should have folded when they had the chance.

Betsy Ayala, head of content and food at Warner Bros. Discovery, said: “Wildcard



Eric Adjepong hosts “Wildcard Kitchen”

Kitchen’ makes viewers feel like they are behind the scenes for an exclusive late-night poker game with their favorite chefs. The competition and good-natured trash talk is

fierce, funny and unlike anything Food Network has offered.”

Fresh, fun and flavorful, “Wildcard Kitchen” airs Tuesdays on Food Network.

lifestyle

BY CAROLINE COLLACUTT

Swift victory: Will Taylor Swift make history at the 2024 iHeartRadio Music Awards?

The house will be rocking all night, as musicians — ranging from Beyoncé (“Renaissance”) and Noah Kahan (“Stick Season”) to alt-rock all-stars like the Foo Fighters (“But Here We Are”) and the always-iconic Cher (“Believe”), this year receiving the Icon Award — take their seats for the 2024 iHeartRadio Music Awards, broadcasting live from the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, Monday, April 1, on Fox.

Throughout the night, superstars like Justin Timberlake (“Selfish”), Green Day (“American Idiot”), TLC (“FanMail”), Jelly Roll (“Need A Favor”), Lainey Wilson (“Bell Bottom Country”) and Tate McRae (“Think Later”) are all set to perform, honoring their fellow musicians in a night of live music and celebration — but no matter how many “A-listers” are on the guest list, it still might be Taylor Swift (“Midnights”) who steals the stage. Swift currently reigns as the artist

with the most nominations in the award show’s history (58 in total), while also maintaining the most wins across categories, with 19 awards so far. This year, she adds to her totals with nine nominations (Song of the Year, Artist of the Year, Pop Song of the Year and Pop Artist of the Year included), leaving Swifties and non-Swifties alike to wonder if this is the year her “wins” will top 20.

Chart-toppers Jelly Roll, SZA (“Kill Bill”) and 21 Savage (“American Dream”), however, trail Taylor closely with eight nominations apiece, while Olivia Rodrigo, who recently released her sophomore album “GUTS,” follows with seven.

Other artists, including Billie Eilish (“What Was I Made For?”), Drake (“Rich Flex”), Ice Spice (“Boy’s a liar Pt. 2”), Jung Kook (“Golden”), Miley Cyrus (“Flowers”), Shakira (“TQG”), Usher (“Good Good”) and more, are nominat-



Cher to receive the icon award at 2024 iHeartRadio Music Awards

ed throughout the event’s wide-ranging categories, which cover an array of genres from pop and hip-hop to K-pop, Latin Pop and R&B.

This year, fans will also have the opportunity to have their say in the night’s results, as public voting is now open for nine categories: Best Lyrics, Best Music Video, Best Fan Army, Social

Star Award, Favorite Tour Photographer, TikTok Bop of the Year, Favorite On Screen, Favorite Tour Style and Favorite Debut Album.

After casting your votes online, members of the “Swift Army” and the “BTS Army” alike can tune in to see who wins when 2024’s “iHeartRadio Music Awards” airs Monday, April 1, on Fox.

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FRIDAY

- 9 a.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, First Round.** From Memorial Park in Houston.
- 12 p.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, First Round.** From Memorial Park in Houston.
- 4 p.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, Second Round.** From Memorial Park in Houston. (Live)
- 7 p.m. **GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Ford Championship, Second Round.** From Seville Golf and Country Club in Gilbert, Ariz. (Live)
- 10 p.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf The Galleri Classic, First Round.** From Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

SATURDAY

- 8:30 a.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf The Galleri Classic, First Round.** From Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif.
- 10:30 a.m. **GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Ford Championship, Second Round.** From Seville Golf and Country Club in Gilbert, Ariz.
- 1 p.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, Third Round.** From Memorial Park in Houston. (Live)
- 3:30 p.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf The Galleri Classic, Second Round.** From Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif. (Live)
- WTLV (12.1) PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, Third Round.** From Memorial Park in Houston. (Live)
- 6 p.m. **GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Ford Championship, Third Round.** From Seville Golf and Country Club in Gilbert, Ariz. (Live)
- 10 p.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, Third Round.** From Memorial Park in Houston.

SUNDAY

- 7:30 a.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf The Galleri Classic, Second Round.** From Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif.
- 10 a.m. **GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Ford Championship, Third Round.** From Seville Golf and Country Club in Gilbert, Ariz.
- 1 p.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, Final Round.** From Memorial Park in Houston. (Live)
- 2:30 p.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf The Galleri Classic, Final Round.** From Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif. (Live)
- WTLV (12.1) PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, Final Round.** From Memorial Park in Houston. (Live)
- 6 p.m. **GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Ford Championship, Final Round.** From Seville Golf and Country Club in Gilbert, Ariz. (Live)
- 10 p.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, Final Round.** From Memorial Park in Houston.

MONDAY

- 9 a.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, Final Round.** From Memorial Park in Houston.

9 p.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, Final Round.** From Memorial Park in Houston.

TUESDAY

- 9 a.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf The Galleri Classic, Final Round.** From Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

WEDNESDAY

- 6 a.m. **GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf New South Wales Women's Open, Third Round.** Golfing action from the Ladies Euro Tour.
- 9 a.m. **GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf New South Wales Women's Open, Final Round.** Golfing action from the Ladies Euro Tour.
- 1:30 p.m. **GOLF 2024 Augusta National Women's Amateur First Round.** From Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. (Live)
- 4 p.m. **GOLF 2024 Augusta National Women's Amateur First Round.** From Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.
- 6 p.m. **GOLF LPGA Tour Golf T-Mobile Match Play, Group Stage.** From Shadow Creek in Las Vegas. (Live)
- 10 p.m. **GOLF LPGA Tour Golf T-Mobile Match Play, Group Stage.** From Shadow Creek in Las Vegas.

THURSDAY

- 6 a.m. **GOLF LPGA Tour Golf T-Mobile Match Play, Group Stage.** From Shadow Creek in Las Vegas.
- 8:30 a.m. **GOLF 2024 Augusta National Women's Amateur First Round.** From Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.
- 10:30 a.m. **GOLF PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf Club Car Championship, First Round.** From Landings Club -- Deer Creek Golf Club in Savannah, Ga. (Live)
- 1:30 p.m. **GOLF 2024 Augusta National Women's Amateur Second Round.** From Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. (Live)
- 4 p.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Golf Valero Texas Open, First Round.** From TPC San Antonio in San Antonio.
- 7 p.m. **GOLF LPGA Tour Golf T-Mobile Match Play, Group Stage.** From Shadow Creek in Las Vegas. (Live)
- 10 p.m. **GOLF PGA Tour Golf Valero Texas Open, First Round.** From TPC San Antonio in San Antonio.

HOCKEY

SATURDAY

- 4 p.m. **ESPN2 College Hockey NCAA Tournament, Regional Final: Teams TBA.** From MassMutual Center in Springfield, Mass. (Live)

SUNDAY

- 3:30 p.m. **TNT Anaheim Ducks at Vancouver Canucks.** From Rogers Arena in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. (Live)
- 4 p.m. **ESPN2 College Hockey NCAA Tournament, Regional Final: Teams TBA.** From Amica Mutual Pavilion in Providence, R.I. (Live)
- 6:30 p.m. **ESPN2 College Hockey NCAA Tournament, Regional Final: Teams TBA.** From Centene Community Ice Center in Maryland Heights, Mo. (Live)

WEDNESDAY

- 7 p.m. **TNT New Jersey Devils at New York Rangers.** From Madison Square Garden in New York. (Live)
- 9:30 p.m. **TNT Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars.** From American Airlines Center in Dallas. (Live)

MOTORCYCLE RACING

SUNDAY

- 12:30 p.m. **FS1 Motorcycle Racing American Flat Track: Senoia Short Track.** Coverage of motorcycle racing action from around the world.

RUGBY

SUNDAY

- 6 p.m. **FS1 Major League Rugby San Diego Legion at Miami Sharks.** From DRV PNK Stadium in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Live)

SOCCER

SATURDAY

- 8:30 a.m. **USA Premier League Soccer Newcastle United vs. West Ham United.** Newcastle United takes on West Ham United at St James' Park in matchround 30 of the Premier League. (Live)
- 11 a.m. **USA Premier League Soccer Nottingham Forest vs. Crystal Palace.** Nottingham Forest contests Crystal Palace at City Ground in matchround 30 of the Premier League. (Live)
- 1:25 p.m. **ESPN Bundesliga Soccer Bayern Munich vs. Borussia Dortmund.** FC Bayern München contests Borussia Dortmund at Allianz Arena in matchround 27 of the Bundesliga. (Live)
- 1:30 p.m. **WTLV (12.1) Premier League Soccer Aston Villa vs. Wolverhampton Wanderers.** Aston Villa takes on Wolverhampton Wanderers at Villa Park in matchround 30 of the Premier League. (Live)
- 3:30 p.m. **ESPN NWSL Soccer Angel City FC at Kansas City Current.** From CPKC Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (Live)
- 7:30 p.m. **WPXC (21.1) NWSL Soccer Racing Louisville FC at Portland Thorns FC.** From Providence Park in Portland, Ore. (Live)
- 10 p.m. **WPXC (21.1) NWSL Soccer Houston Dash at Bay FC.** From PayPal Park in San Jose, Calif. (Live)

SUNDAY

- 9 a.m. **USA Premier League Soccer Liverpool vs. Brighton & Hove Albion.** Liverpool is up against Brighton & Hove Albion at Anfield in matchround 30 of the Premier League. (Live)
- 11:30 a.m. **WTLV (12.1) Premier League Soccer Manchester City vs. Arsenal.** Manchester City is up against Arsenal at Etihad Stadium in matchround 30 of the Premier League. (Live)
- 3:30 p.m. **WFOX (30.1) MLS Soccer Chicago Fire FC at Atlanta United FC.** From Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. (Live)
- 11 p.m. **FS1 Liga MX Soccer Juárez vs. Santos Laguna.** From Olimpico Benito Juárez in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico. (Live)

TUESDAY

- 2:30 p.m. **USA Premier League Soccer Newcastle United vs. Everton.** Newcastle United is up against Everton at St James' Park in matchround 31 of the Premier League. (Live)



- 7 p.m. **FS1 Concacaf Champions Cup Columbus Crew vs. Tigres UANL.** Quarterfinal, 1st Leg. (Live)
- 9 p.m. **FS1 Concacaf Champions Cup New England Revolution vs. Club Atlético Independiente de La Chorrera.** From Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. (Live)

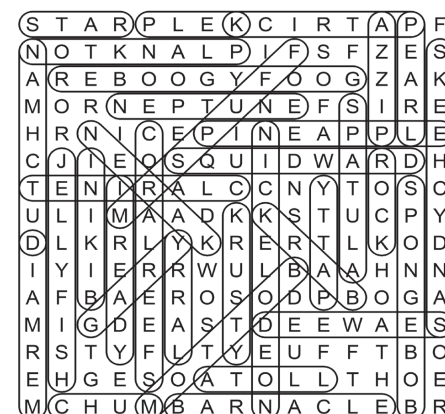
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- 2:30 p.m. **USA Premier League Soccer Arsenal vs. Luton Town.** Arsenal is up against Luton Town at Emirates Stadium in matchround 31 of the Premier League. (Live)
- 8 p.m. **FS1 Concacaf Champions Cup Inter Miami CF vs. CF Monterrey.** Quarterfinal, 1st Leg. (Live)
- 10 p.m. **FS1 Concacaf Champions Cup Herediano vs. Pachuca.** Quarterfinal, 1st Leg. (Live)

THURSDAY

- 3:15 p.m. **USA Premier League Soccer Chelsea vs. Manchester United.** Chelsea is up against Manchester United at Stamford Bridge in matchround 31 of the Premier League. (Live)

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“The Challenge: All Stars” - Season 4 (Paramount+ — April 10, Series Premiere)

Premiering with back-to-back episodes, this hit reality series sees old-school legends, modern power players, redemption-seekers and ex-lovers reunite in Cape Town, South Africa to compete for \$300,000. In this game, anyone can win, relationships matter, and only one All Star will claim the title champion.



“Fallout” - Season 1 (Prime Video — April 11, Series Premiere)

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is stripped of aristocratic privileges and sentenced to life imprisonment at the Metropal Hotel, where he must contend with allies and foes, eventually befriendng Nina (Alexa Goodall), a nine-year-old girl who changes his life. “A Gentleman in Moscow” makes its debut Sunday, March 31, on Showtime. Visit: [youtube.com/watch?v=5PpUjtzB5g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PpUjtzB5g)

The island is hot and unforgiving, but the money is worth it. The dust has settled following the first game against the enigmatic Banker, leaving fans to wonder which contestants remain. With the stakes (and the temperature) rising higher than ever, host Joe Manganiello tasks those who remain with retrieving more hidden briefcases from around the island. “Deal or No Deal Island” continues with an all-new episode, airing Monday, April 1, on NBC. Visit: [nbc.com/deal-or-no-deal-island](https://www.nbc.com/deal-or-no-deal-island)

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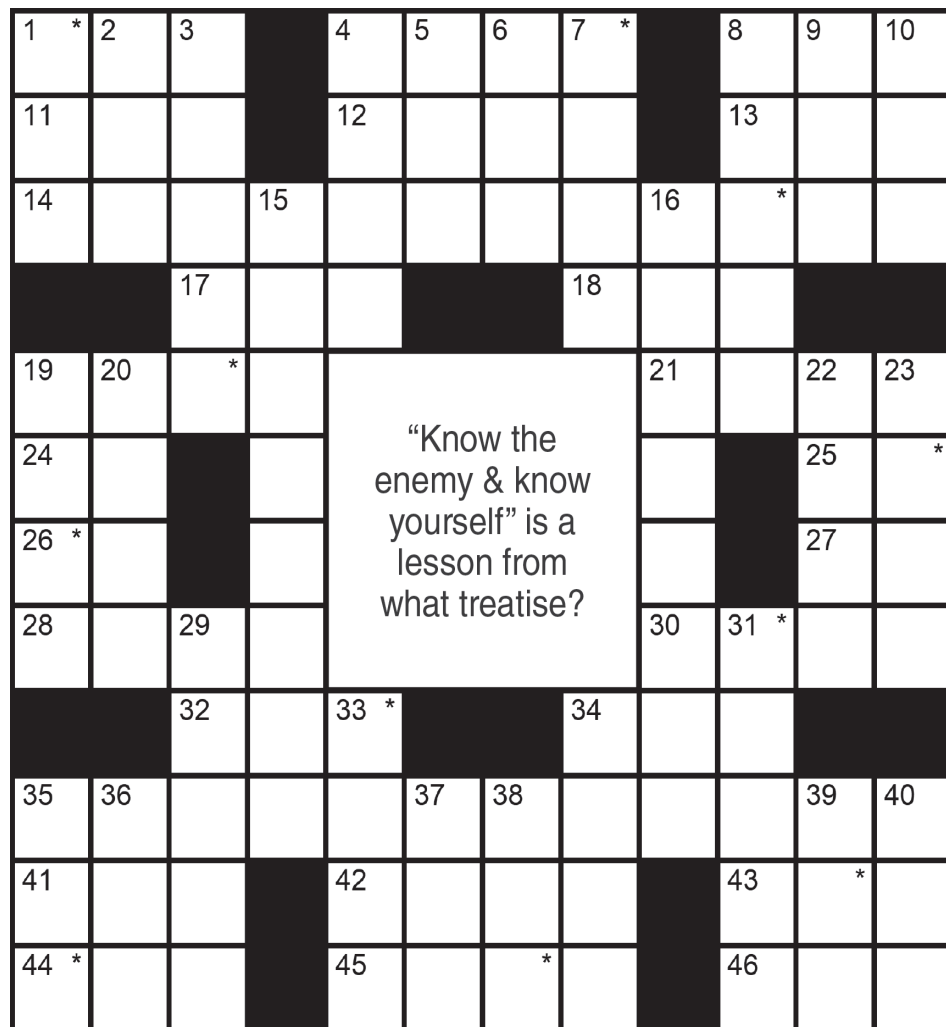
BY STAFF WRITERS

Questions:

- 1) True or false: Like Thumper in the 1942 movie “Bambi,” all rabbits have paw pads.
- 2) When he first appears in the 1951 Disney film “Alice in Wonderland,” what does the White Rabbit say he is late for?
- 3) Who is the voice of Hazel in the 1978 film “Watership Down?”
- 4) Which Looney Tunes character was introduced first — Daffy Duck or Bugs Bunny?
- 5) Who is the voice of Beatrix Potter’s “Peter Rabbit” in the 2018 film?
- 6) Where do Rabbit, Winnie the Pooh and most of their friends live?
- 7) What color is the Energizer Bunny?
- 8) Which movie stars James Stewart as a man whose imaginary friend is a six-foot-tall rabbit?
- 9) “Run away!” What movie features a killer rabbit that’s “got a vicious streak a mile wide”?
- 10) Who is the evil mastermind behind the framing of Roger Rabbit, in the 1988 film?

- 1) False
- 2) “For a very important date!”
- 3) John Hurt
- 4) Daffy Duck
- 5) James Gorden
- 6) Hundred Acre Wood
- 7) pink
- 8) “Harvey” (1950)
- 9) “Monty Python and the Holy Graal”
- 10) Judge Doom

Answers:



Across

- 1. British rule in India
- 4. Pepsi, for one
- 8. Pond carp
- 11. Something that's bruisable
- 12. John Irving's "A Prayer for _____ Meany"
- 13. "Monsieur Spade" channel
- 14. Psychic force
- 17. Saddler's tool
- 18. Night before
- 19. London district
- 21. Signs, as a contract
- 24. "That hurt!"
- 25. You and I
- 26. Iron, on the periodic table
- 27. Upon

- 28. Sandler of "Spaceman" (2024)
- 30. Poverty
- 32. Drops on blades
- 34. Coal holder
- 35. "Go figure!"
- 41. Low _____
- 42. Expressed
- 43. Chat room chuckle
- 44. Piggy
- 45. Have the _____ for
- 46. Bailout key

Down

- 1. Sleep stage
- 2. Basis of some divisions
- 3. Actor Hill
- 4. Shade of black

- 5. Wise one
- 6. "Malcolm X" (1992) director
- 7. Last of the Stuarts
- 8. Mullally on "Will & Grace"
- 9. Texter's "Yikes!"
- 10. Aloof
- 15. Betrayed, in a way
- 16. Easily-blamed alter ego
- 19. Chesterfield, e.g.
- 20. Due
- 22. Tae _____ do
- 23. Posted
- 29. Hacienda brick
- 31. Spat spot
- 33. Get ready to dine
- 34. Chums
- 35. All _____
- 36. "The White Lotus" channel
- 37. Chinese principle
- 38. Big success
- 39. Cyclades island
- 40. Special attention, for short

The Art of War
Solution:



As tensions mount and relationships strain, Lord Yoshii Toranaga (Hiroyuki Sanada) is forced to carve out a new deal with a long lost family member (Cosmo Jarvis), who ends up being an unexpected ally in Toranaga's fight against the Council of Regents. The highly-popular series, "Shogun," continues its first season, with a new episode premiering Tuesday, April 2, on FX. Learn more about real-life locations and history behind the series by visiting [fxnetworks.com/shows/shogun/viewers-guide/timeline-and-history](https://www.fxnetworks.com/shows/shogun/viewers-guide/timeline-and-history)

As the fate of the world rests in their hands, an out-of-this-world doctor, Harry Vanderspeigle (Alan Tudyk), and his half-alien sidekick, Asta Twelvetees (Sara Tomko), make the difficult decision to team up with an unlikely partner in the fight to save Planet Earth. The Season 3 finale of "Resident Alien" airs Wednesday, April 3, on Syfy, deciding the fate of humans and aliens alike, once and for all. Before tuning in to the epic conclusion, fans can catch up on past episodes, available to stream online, at [syfy.com/resident-alien/watch/episodes](https://www.syfy.com/resident-alien/watch/episodes)

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On the verge of bankruptcy, the Countess of Buckingham, Mary Villers (portrayed by Julianne Moore), convinces her son, George (Nicholas Galitzine), to seduce King James I (Tony Curran) in order to secure his fortune, and turn hers around. A fictionalization of real-world events – and based on Benjamin Wooley's novel, "The King's Assassin" – the all-new series, "Mary & George," debuts Friday, April 5, on Starz. For a glimpse of what's to come, watch the series' trailer: [starz.com/us/en/series/mary-george/71640](https://www.starz.com/us/en/series/mary-george/71640)

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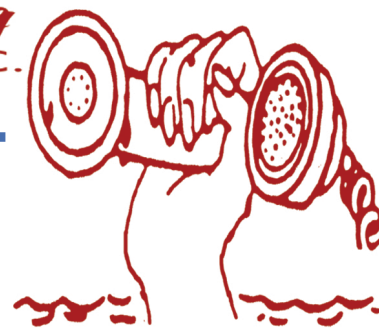


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To complete this puzzle, place the numbers 1-9 in the empty cells, so that every row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold outline) contains all nine digits.

Each number 1-9 may appear only once in each row, column and 3-by-3 box.

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Ewan McGregor of "A Gentleman in Moscow" on Paramount+ and Paramount+ With Showtime:

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Jeff Daniels of "American Rust: Broken Justice" on Prime Video:

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WORD SEARCH

Solution on page 16

In the grid below, twenty answers can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each answer that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Answers can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find the twenty answers in today's puzzle?

Today's Category: Take a Walk

R E D N A W P M M P Y T	1. <u>Excursion</u>
E L P X Q E M L A N L R	2. _____
X L E G D U R T O P E A	3. _____
C O H I H P R I R D R I	4. _____
U R R L N O T O N E C P	5. _____
R T Z R L I M A T K K S	6. _____
S S P D D E E N G I Z E	7. _____
I N T E N M U O H H L F	8. _____
O E P A T A L Q C Q J S	9. _____
N X D U S S K P R G P U	10. _____
E E T A L U B M A R E P	11. _____
W R A M B L E R M I U M	12. _____
	13. _____
	14. _____
	15. _____
	16. _____
	17. _____
	18. _____
	19. _____
	20. _____



Lionel Richie of "American Idol" on ABC:

As a prelude to his solo career after his Commodores tenure, he teamed with Diana Ross on the hit title song of the 1981 movie "Endless Love," which went to the top of the music charts in the United States and Canada.



Shemar Moore of "S.W.A.T." on CBS and Paramount+:

He was the host of the syndicated music-and-dance series "Soul Train" from 1999 to 2003, while he also was serving as a regular cast member on the CBS weekday serial "The Young and the Restless."

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Bingo Solution Puzzle on Page 16

Bingo — Solution

	C	A	M	P	B
Characters on "The Brady Bunch"	Carol/Cindy	Alice	Mike/Marcia	Peter	Bobby
European capitals	Copenhagen	Athens	Madrid	Paris	Berlin
Oscar-winning directors	Capra	Allen	Free Space	Polanski	Bigelow
Cereals	Cheerios/Corn Flakes/Cocoa Puffs	Alpha-Bits	Muesli/Mini Wheats	Puffed Wheat	Bran Flakes
Parts of a bike	Chain	Axle	Mudguards	Pedals	Brakes

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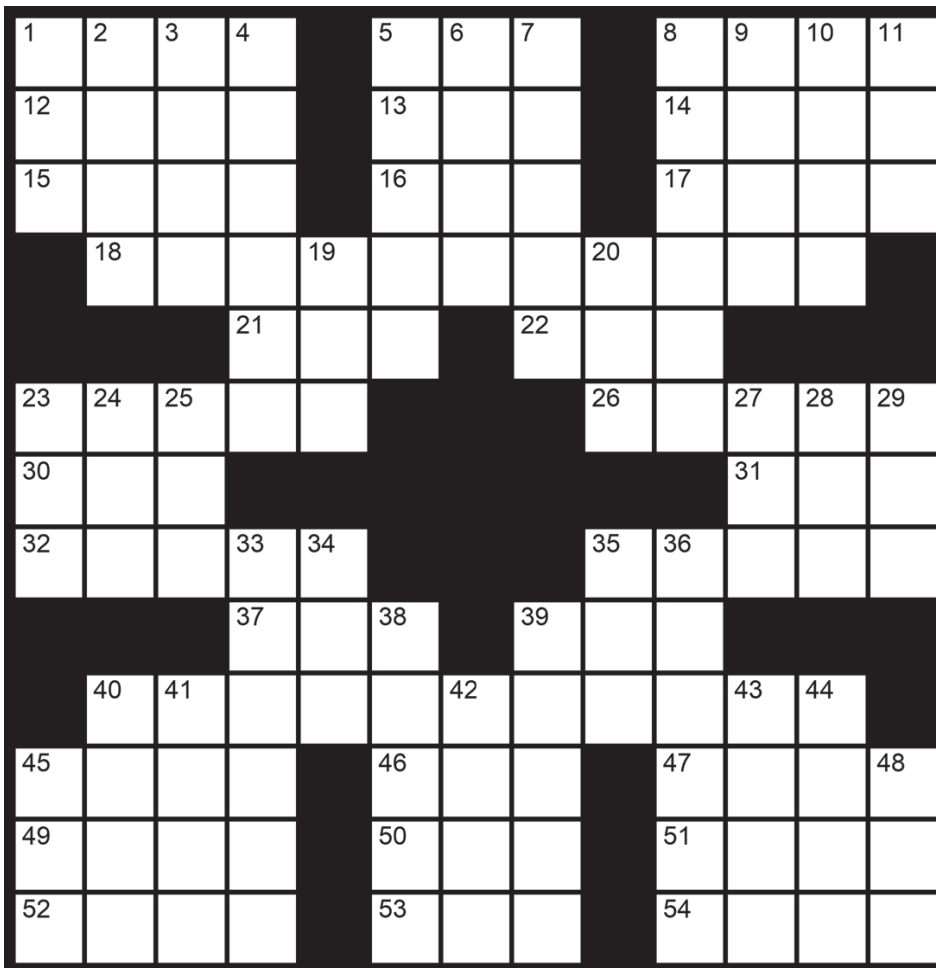
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Solution on page 10



Across

- 1. Pause the streaming
- 5. Diner order
- 8. CBS drama spun off from "JAG"
- 12. Prince William's wife
- 13. Sorrow
- 14. "Whoops!"
- 15. Frequently
- 16. "Newhart" setting
- 17. Ruin
- 18. Jesse Spencer drama

- 21. Slew
- 22. Narrow way
- 23. Colorful canine of kid's TV
- 26. Grind
- 30. Apple phones run it
- 31. Bray starter
- 32. Clean up, in a way
- 35. Show set in the law firm Pearson Hardman
- 37. Butt
- 39. Lord's Prayer start
- 40. Show spun off from "The Practice"
- 45. Pinkett Smith of "Bad Moms" (2016)
- 46. Fictional soccer coach Lasso
- 47. Comedian André
- 49. Cut
- 50. Hot temper
- 51. Impecuniosity
- 52. Woodstock performer Joan
- 53. In place of
- 54. Khakis
- 4. Diminutive
- 5. "Family Guy" beagle
- 6. Air bag?
- 7. Gist
- 8. Sudan's ___ Desert
- 9. Blacken
- 10. Skye of film
- 11. "___-Ra: Princess of Power"
- 19. Not forthright
- 20. Whit
- 23. Chest protector
- 24. Chat room chuckle
- 25. Put to work
- 27. Yellowfin tuna
- 28. Fixed
- 29. "___ Just Not That Into You" (2009)
- 33. Imitation
- 34. Any player in Apple TV's doc "The Dynasty," for short
- 35. "So ___ me!"
- 36. Pressing
- 38. Theme
- 39. On in years
- 40. The Crimson Tide, familiarly
- 41. Foil for Garfield
- 42. Pianist Peter
- 43. Stretch
- 44. Lender's protection
- 45. Nine-to-five activity
- 48. S.&L. offerings

Down

- 1. Music with jazzlike riffs
- 2. 1 on the Mohs scale
- 3. Texter's "however"

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Table with columns for channel (C), AT, DN, DTV, and time slots (8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30). Rows list various TV shows and movies such as 'Last Man Standing', 'The Big Bang Theory', 'Chicago Fire', 'The Office', 'Survivor', 'The Amazing Race', 'Court Cam', 'Twister', 'The Vet Life', 'The Black Hamptons', 'Top Chef', 'Monsters at Work', 'Fixer Upper', 'Expedition Unknown', 'Easy A', 'Deadpool 2', 'The Wedding Veil Legacy', 'Murder, She Baked', 'Mad Max: Fury Road', 'House Hunters', 'Paw Patrol', 'Teen Mom', 'NBA GameTime Live', 'NFL Football', 'Young Sheldon', 'Friends', 'Love It or List It', 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows', 'Resident Alien', 'Modern Family', 'The Wild One', 'My 600-Lb. Life', 'NHL Hockey', 'Bob's Burgers', 'Everybody Raymond', and 'Law & Order: Special Victims Unit'.

THURSDAY EVENING

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APRIL 4, 2024

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BINGO

Fill in each box of the BINGO grid below with an answer that begins with the letter above each column and belongs to the category listed before each row. List one answer for each box, although there is more than one acceptable answer for many of the boxes.

	C	A	M	P	B
Characters on "The Brady Bunch"					
European capitals					
Oscar-winning directors			Free Space		
Cereals					
Parts of a bike					

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BY JAY BOBBIN

'Blue Bloods' alum Jennifer Esposito expands her horizons



Jennifer Esposito reappears in "Blue Bloods"

Q: It was nice to see Jennifer Esposito back on "Blue Bloods" recently. What else has she been doing lately?

– Richard Ellison, via e-mail

A: She has dedicated much of her time to becoming a filmmaker, which she achieved last year by writing, directing, producing and starring in the drama movie "Fresh Kills." She played a woman who married into an underworld family, bringing danger to her and her daughters ... and she attained funding to make the movie through investments from fans. Shown at some film festivals (including Tribeca) last year, the film is slated to get a general release in May.

Esposito was a cast regular in CBS' "Blue Bloods" during its first three seasons, but her condition of celiac disease meant limitations on her availability for work. She then was written out of the series, but she returned as a guest star in a Season 13 episode as well as the one that aired in February. It's possible that she could return to the show yet again, since her character Jackie Curatola's former partner Danny Reagan (Donnie Wahlberg) let her know her presence was always welcome. She replied, "You know where to find me."

Q: Was Paul Rudd in the last episode of "Friends"?

– Tracy Kean, Woonsocket, R.I.

A: He was. He had the recurring role of Mike Hannigan, who ultimately married Phoebe Buffay (Lisa Kudrow). Rudd has said that he felt "strange" about being part of the beloved NBC sitcom's 2004 finale, since it was such an emotional occasion for the six main stars, and he was determined not to get in their way during production.

Rudd — whose most recent home-screen turn was in Hulu's "Only Murders in the Building" — actually had a pretty sizable presence on "Friends," having been in 16 episodes during its last two seasons. While he did appear in the final episode, appropriately titled "The Last One," he wasn't in the closing scene. That was reserved for the six stars (along with the infant twins that Courteney Cox's Monica and Matthew Perry's Chandler had adopted) as they exited the New York apartment they had spent so much time in together.

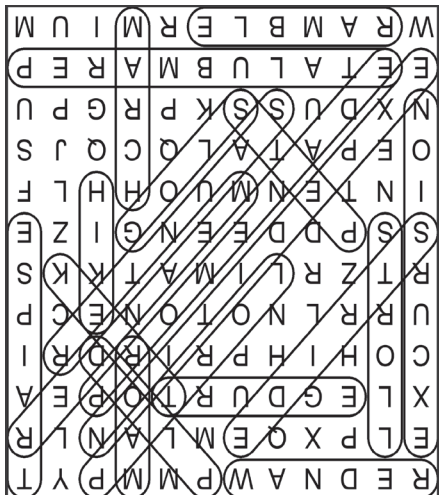
Q: I was moved by the recent "NCIS" episode that paid tribute to David McCallum. When did the last episode in which he was an active character air?

– Mel Collins, via e-mail

A: That would have been last season's finale, titled "Black Sky." McCallum always was present in the opening credits, even though he was acting in the CBS show on a recurring basis; in Season 20, he performed in only four of the 22 episodes.

The plentiful archival clips culled from earlier stories made sure that he was present in the February episode — co-written by co-star Brian Dietzen, who plays Dr. Jimmy Palmer, Ducky's protegee — that bade farewell to his character, Dr. Donald "Ducky" Mallard, who had gone from being the unit's chief medical examiner to its historian.

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2. Expedition
3. Hike
4. March
5. Meander
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7. Perambulate
8. Plod
9. Promenade
10. Ramble
11. Roam
12. Saunter
13. Slog
14. Step
15. Stride
16. Stroll
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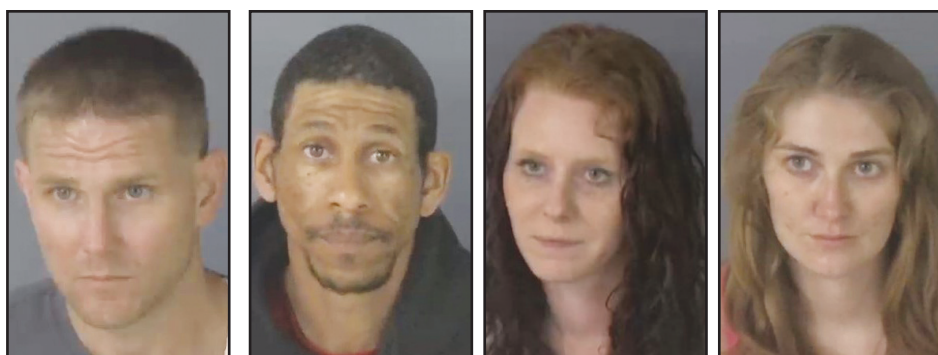
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Pre-dawn drug raid on Mimosa Avenue led to a variety of charges by the Clay County Sheriff's Office.



Charles Wade Holland Lorzania Outin III Rebecca Lynn Fisher Destiny Cheyenne Sears

CCSO SWAT drug raid hammers five on Mimosa Avenue

MIDDLEBURG – The Clay County Sheriff's Office's SWAT team dropped the hammer on March 22 with a pre-dawn raid that resulted in the arrest of five people on Mimosa Avenue on a variety of drug charges.

The sweep was part of its Hammer and Hope program, which vows to take drug dealers off the streets and offers treatment options to families and individuals fighting addictions.

The raid resulted in the arrests of:

- Charles Wade Holland, 36, of Middleburg, was charged with selling methamphetamine and delivering or distributing fentanyl.

According to the affidavit for an arrest warrant, Holland sold 1.3 grams of methamphetamine and 1.1 grams of fentanyl for \$40 to a confidential informant on March 11.

When he was arrested, deputies said he had a rifle in a shed where he was living. He was charged with possessing a firearm and ammunition as a convicted felon since it was inside his dwelling.

His bond was set at \$200,009.

- Lorzania Outin III, 47, of Middleburg, was charged with selling methamphetamine, possessing cocaine, two counts of possessing controlled substances, possessing drug paraphernalia and three counts of the possession of firearms and/or ammunition.

His bond is \$242,523.

- Rebecca Lynn Fisher, 31, of Middleburg, was charged with the sale and delivery of fentanyl, the sale, manufactur-

ing or delivery of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and fentanyl, introduction of fentanyl into the Clay County Jail and possessing drug paraphernalia.

According to the affidavit for an arrest warrant, Fisher is accused of selling

.6 grams of methamphetamine and one buprenorphine pill for \$40 on Feb. 29, 2023. The other charges were related to other outstanding warrants.

Once at the jail, detention deputies found fentanyl in a body cavity.

Her bond is \$192,520.

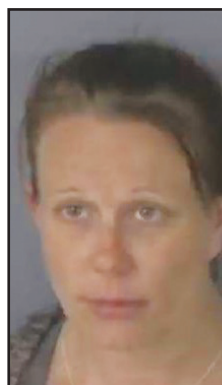
- Destiny Cheyenne Sears, 29, of Middleburg, was charged with selling methamphetamine, using a cellphone to facilitate a felony and selling methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a place of worship.

According to her affidavit for the arrest report, she is accused of selling a half-gram of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of the First Baptist Church of Middleburg for \$100 to a confidential informant working for the Clay County Sheriff's Office on March 12.

Her bond is \$350,012.

- Heather Leigh Kangas, 40, of Middleburg, was charged with owning a house where controlled substances were being distributed.

Her bond is \$20,002.

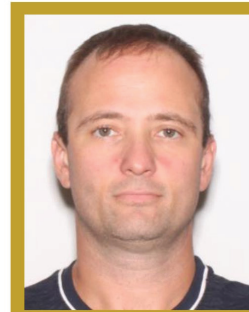


Heather Leigh Kangas

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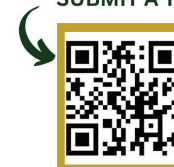
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Orange Park man gets 10 years for five kilos of cocaine

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. Judge Marcia Morales Howard sentenced Peterson Fils-Aime, 37, of Orange Park, to 10 years in federal prison for possessing more than five kilograms of cocaine with the intent to distribute it. Fils-Aime entered a guilty plea on Dec. 12, 2023.

According to court records, Fils-Aime was the subject of a Drug Enforcement Administration investigation in 2022. DEA agents had received information that on June 3, 2022, Fils-Aime would be transporting large amounts of cocaine in

Jacksonville in the St. Johns Bluff area. Troopers from the Florida Highway Patrol conducted a traffic stop on Fils-Aime's car. An FHP canine unit alerted to the presence of drugs inside Fils-Aime's car, and troopers recovered approximately seven kilograms of cocaine from inside the car. DEA agents interviewed Fils-Aime, who admitted that he was on his way to deliver the cocaine.

The Drug Enforcement Administration, the Florida Highway Patrol and the Jacksonville Beach Police Department investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank Talbot prosecuted it.

Arrests & Bookings

(Name, age, location of arrest, charges).

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

Tuesday, March 26

- Anthony S. Williamson, 39, Keystone Heights, non-support
- Kimberly W. Munroe, 34, Fleming Island, violation of pretrial release conditions for domestic violence
- George A.I. Jackson, 36, Middleburg, DWLSR
- Christopher G. Sherouse, 36, Green Cove Springs, FTA-failure to register vehicle
- Lorenzo M. Hunt, 41, Orange Park, grand theft
- Skyler K. Knight, 26, deliver methamphetamine, deliver opium
- Christopher L. Tomlinson, 46, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-amphetamine
- Marlon I.G. Perez, 32, Maxville, driving without valid license
- Erin E. Doane, 32, Green Cove Springs, petit theft
- Michelle J.B. Rodriguez, 38, Green Cove Springs, FTA-petit theft
- Rony J.V. Sanchez, 36, Orange Park, driving without valid license

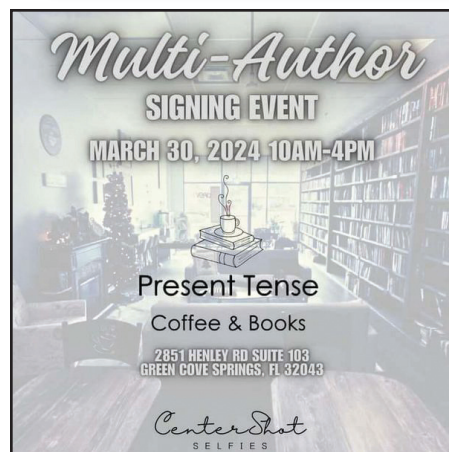
Monday, March 25

- Jamesha A.K Thomas, 25, Orange Park, petit theft
- Lisa M. Minic, 42, Fleming Island, shoplifting
- Teresa L. Rigby, 36, Orange Park, grand theft auto, grand theft, dealing in stolen property
- Rocky E. Megle, 30, Green Cove Springs, criminal mischief
- Amaziah E. Jackson, 18, Green Cove Springs child neglect
- Patrick L. Rowe, 49, Middleburg, shoplifting
- Austin K. Miller, Orange Park, three counts of battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT
- Kristina R. Mosley, 36, Green Cove Springs, introduce/remove contraband into jail, possession-controlled substance

Sunday, March 24

- Kristina R. Mosley, 36, Orange Park, possession-drug paraphernalia, DUI
- Jeremiah J. Vance, 45, Green Cove Springs, FTA-possession-marijuana
- Steve J. Smith, 45, Middleburg, disorderly intoxication
- Brandon P. Thomas, 25, Fleming Island, shoplifting
- Anthony J. Young, 22, Fleming Island, shoplifting
- Michael D. Singletary, 28, Middleburg, DWLSR

Business Briefs



Signing event at Present Tense Coffee and Books

LAKE ASBURY – Present Tense Coffee and Books will support local authors and a small business this Saturday, March 30. A dozen authors will be signing books and sharing the story of their stories. Come out for a tasty treat, a beverage, and an interesting new book for your bookshelf. Authors will be coming in and out the day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will be held at Present Tense at 2851 Henley Rd Suite 103.

Orange Park Hotel earns Best of Days Inn award

ORANGE PARK—The Days Inn Orange Park was awarded the annual 2023 President's Award: Best of Days Inn President's Award, which recognizes the brand's top-

performing hotels and their staff.

In celebration of the achievement, General Manager Diane Gracey accepted the award from Days Inn and Wyndham Hotels and Resorts leadership.

"We are so proud to receive this honor, as our team has worked incredibly hard to deliver a high level of service to our guests consistently," said Diane Gracey. "This award is a testament to our team's dedication and steadfast commitment to our guests. We look forward to welcoming even more travelers in the year to come!"

To be eligible for the award, hotels must have demonstrated intense guest satisfaction, had all their staff complete Wyndham's required health & safety training, and remained in good standing with the brand this past year.

The Days Inn Orange Park is a 60-room hotel, located at 4280 Eldridge Loop. It offers clean, safe, affordable interior cor-



ridor rooms. Rooms feature free Wi-Fi, a mini-fridge, a microwave, 50-inch flat-screen televisions, DirecTV and are smoke-free.

HCA Orange Park Hospital among top 5% for patient safety

ORANGE PARK – HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital was selected as 2024 Patient Safety Excellence Award recipients by Healthgrades, the leading resource consumers use to find a hospital or doctor.

This achievement and 90 other accolades from Healthgrades for quality awards in multiple specialties reflect HCA Florida Healthcare's commitment to delivering safe, high-quality care.

"HCA Florida Healthcare has long been committed to providing safe, quality care to our patients and community. We are thrilled to be recognized for the great work being done to keep our patients safe," Dr. Bradford Smith, Chief Medical Officer, said.

Healthgrades evaluated risk-adjusted complication and mortality rates for approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide to determine this year's top-performing hospitals for patient safety. During the 2020-2022 study period, nearly 170,000 potentially preventable safety events occurred among Medicare patients in U.S. hospitals, with four patient safety indicators accounting for close to 75% of these incidents.

Healthgrades' analysis revealed that patients treated in hospitals receiving the 2024 Patient Safety Excellence Award



HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital was recognized as one of the top 5% hospitals for patient safety.

have a significantly lower chance of experiencing one of the four leading safety indicators than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals:

- In-hospital fall resulting in fracture (approximately 52% less likely)
- Collapsed lung due to a procedure or surgery in or around the chest (approximately 56% less likely)
- Pressure sores or bed sores acquired in the hospital (approximately 67% less likely)
- Catheter-related bloodstream infections acquired in the hospital (approximately 71% less likely)

Where you're treated matters, so Healthgrades is committed to providing the most scientifically accurate information about doctors and hospitals—with data insights not available anywhere else. To learn more about how Healthgrades measures hospital quality, visit [healthgrades.com](https://www.healthgrades.com).

Arrests

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Desteny J. Sanchez, 25, possession-marijuana, Fleming Island, DUI

Bailey H. Powell, 24, Fleming Island, DUI

Carlos D. Floyd, 23, Middleburg, child neglect, DUI with passenger younger than 18

Kylesia S. Johnson, 27, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance

Robert E.S. Shull, 45, Orange Park, two counts battery with prior conviction, VOP-community control, harassing in felony

Saturday, March 23

Steve A. Crawford, 58, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-driving unregistered vehicle

Austin H. Edge, 29, Middleburg, DUI, refusal to submit to BAL test

Sean J. McGauley, 40, Fleming Island, DUI

Heath J.A. Womack, 22, Fleming Island, two counts domestic battery

Keith L. Belamy, 35, Fleming Island, DWLSR

Friday, March 22

Charles W. Holland, 36, Middleburg, possession-ammo/firearm by convicted felon, selling methamphetamine, delivering/distributing-fentanyl

Sandi B. Barber, 36, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand theft

Loranzia Outin, 47, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-fentanyl, possession-drug paraphernalia, three counts possession-ammo/firearm by convicted felon, possession-cocaine, selling methamphetamine

Rebecca L. Fisher, 31, Green Cove Springs, possession-fentanyl, introduce/remove contraband into county jail, possession-drug paraphernalia, possession-methamphetamine, possession-methamphetamine, selling-methamphetamine, selling-controlled substance

William A. Balbuena, 19, Middleburg, possession-firearm by delinquent adult, possession-ammunition by delinquent adult

Destiny C. Sears, 28, Middleburg, 28, selling methamphetamine, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony

Heather L. Kangas, 35, Middleburg, maintaining a drug dwelling

William S. Johns, 46, Middleburg, trespassing

Thursday, March 21

Jennifer L. Bedford, 45, Keystone Heights, 45, petit theft

Julissa J. Romero-Hernandez, 41, Middleburg, shoplifting

Sebastian A. Masplet, 39, Melrose, battery on person 65 or older

Kenneth L. Smith, 51, Orange Park, distribution-cocaine, distribution-opium, FTA

Tom D. Townsend, 43, Green Cove Springs, petit theft

Douglas B. Morgan, 52, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-controlled substance, VOP-DWLSR, VOP-possession-drug paraphernalia

Melinda L. Bowman, 52, Green Cove Springs, 52, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-fentanyl, VOP-community control, VOP-possession-alprazolam, VOP-possession-cocaine

Hasan Kaya, 26, Green Cove Springs, Green Cove Springs, driving without valid license

Clara A. Stratton, 53, Green Cove Springs, larceny

Dionna F.R. McCloud, 32, Green Cove Springs, FTA-failure to register vehicle

Nicholas N. Nutter, 46, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Dorothy L. Stilianou, 50, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-cocaine

Michael C. Smith, 48, Green Cove Springs, two counts FTA-failure to pay civil penalty

Austin T. Koepfer, 27, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Jennifer L. Denney, 38, Orange Park, domestic battery

Jasmine A. Cavins, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control

Dazja M. Anthony, 28, Orange Park, domestic battery

Wednesday, March 20

Summer D. Wray, 22, Middleburg, domestic battery

Nicole M. Domroski, 40, domestic battery

Thomas R. Loudermilk, 22, Green Cove Springs, VOP-disorderly conduct

Ludelson Jean, 19, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Richard K. Pruitt, 31, Middleburg, resisting law enforcement with violence, battery on person 65 or older

Breanna L. Beatty, 19, Middleburg, aggravated dating battery with deadly weapon

Tuesday, March 19

Mikerlange E. Tolintine, 44, Orange Park, domestic aggravated assault with deadly weapon

John H. Howard, 33, Middleburg, possession-drug paraphernalia, possession-ammo/firearm by convicted felon, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, giving false name/ID

Steven R. Kinderman, 41, Middleburg, delivering methamphetamine

Johnny P. Daniels, 63, Middleburg, distributing amphetamine, possession-controlled substance

Kelly A. Nelson, 50, Orange Park, FTA, possession-fentanyl, non-support

TODAY'S Sports

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Keystone Heights lifters dominate the county

OHS Shevchook is the top lifter of the day

By Randy Lefko
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Before the start of the Clay County Boys Weightlifting championships held Friday at Keystone Heights, Keystone Heights football and weightlifting coach Steven Reynolds pontificated his projection of the outcome.

“Any team that can get 40 or more points has a great chance to win at the state level,” said Reynolds, who is side by side with head coach Lantz Lowery in the Indians’ trek for a fourth straight team state title. “We have a couple of strong guys in each weight class, but the depth is key to a team title.”

Reynolds’ prophetic musings proved correct as the Indians blasted the Clay County field with a 68-40 1-2 finish over Middleburg in the Traditional scoring (Clean and Jerk/Bench Press) and an equally dominating 68-41 1-2 score over Oakleaf in the Olympic category (Olympic Snatch/Clean and Jerk).

With four individual champions in Olympic scoring; Jed Tisdale at 129; Wyatt Van Zant at 139 with a school record in clean and jerk at 260 pounds; Jayden Goodman at 219 and Trey Jeffries at 238.



In Traditional, Jeffries was dominant with a 705 total that would have won the Unlimited division with Jeffries hoisting a 365-pound bench press to add to his 340-pound clean and jerk.

Fortunately, for Lowery and Reynolds, Jeffries was the individual champion with his teammate, Brayden Hall, runner-up with a 555 total with Ridgeview’s Braylon Hawkins third at 550, Middleburg’s Travis McStephenson fourth at 515 and Oakleaf’s Ethan Simons the fifth Traditional lifter (510) in the 238 division above 500 pounds.

In the Unlimiteds, 600 was the magic number with five lifters in the 600-plus



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Left: Jackson Herman is one of new faces on Keystone Heights boys weightlift team destined to take a shot at a fourth straight state title with, right, Ben Ulsch, the next Ulsch brother destined to fulfill the coaching of Steve Reynolds, left, and Lantz Lowery, far right.

range led by Middleburg behemoth Gage Isbell at 645 with a 405 bench press and Keystone Heights Tyler Duncan giving chase with a 630 total off a 325 bench press. Third was Oakleaf’s Tony Gray at 610 with a 345 bench press. Fleming Island’s Kevin Reyes, the Olympic state champion last year, was third in Traditional with a 605 total, but a 10-pound winner over Gray in the Olympic Snatch with a 225 lift. Reyes hit 285 on Clean and Jerk with Duncan hitting a 305 on his second left with Reyes missing twice at 300. Duncan would miss his third lift at 315.

“Everyone is lifting big this year,” said

Middleburg coach Benjamin Traywick. “Our guys from the county will make a lot of noise at the state meet.”

With all that beef lifting all that steel, it was ironic that Oakleaf’s Elijah Shevchook at 154; weighing in at just 143 pounds, was named top lifter in both categories with impressive totals of 465 and 540 respectively. Shevchook went big on his first lifts in all three lifts; 205 Olympic Snatch, 260 Clean and Jerk, and 280 Bench Press, then attempted out-of-world lifts on lifts two and three. Shevchook’s gauntlet led to wins

SEE WEIGHTLIFTING, 44



Clay High flag football defender Tatum Waugh takes off with second of three interceptions for Blue Devils’ defense in 23-0 win over Middleburg. Clay is unbeaten and faces undefeated Fleming Island later in the season.

Waugh’s 3 INTs lead Clay shutout

Fleming Island is fifth in the USA

By Randy Lefko
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Clay High flag football defensive back Tatum Waugh kind of lamented that no team was throwing toward her on her outside corner of the Blue Devil defense, but Middleburg High (5-2) came to Green Cove Springs and gave Waugh their best shots.

Waugh stealthily stole three Middleburg passes en route to the Clay High flag football team winning a 23-0 shutout over the Broncos on Thursday, March 21. The win keeps Clay unbeaten in four games; 4-0, with a April 1 showdown with also unbeaten Fleming Island.

With Clay quarterback Teaghan Moses deftly finding crossing patterns to wideouts Yuliana Garcia and Shelby McClain to get the ball downfield, Moses hit Addison Holstein with a pass at the one-yard line that Holstein delivered the final step for the Blue Devils’ first score.

After the score, Waugh got her first pic off a deflected pass from Bronco quarterback Rachel Hansen that landed the Blue Devils near their 25-yard line.

From there, McClain rumbled the paydirt after a swing pass for the Blue Devils’ second score.

Waugh struck again in the second quarter with a near pick-six runback, but she

SEE FLAGS, 45



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Clay High infielder Peyton McCrae slides and tosses for out in Blue Devil's win over Ridgeview.

Devils thwart Panthers' upset bid

Oakleaf: County dragon slayers

By Ray Dimondo
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay High squelched a possible Ridgeview High first inning salvo with a nifty Cole Carnell double play effort and unloaded with their previously silent bats en route to an 11-2 win Friday night. The win came a day after Clay lost a 2-1 walk-off game to 3A number one ranked Trinity Christian Academy.

In yet another show of March Madness with their bats, the fiery Oakleaf High baseball squad ignited to take out its third Clay County powerhouse with a 7-5 win over Fleming Island on Thursday.

Oakleaf coach Matt Carter, with surprisingly a 6-5 overall record, has now scorched Earth the likes of Clay (5-1, region finalist last year) and St. Johns Country Day School (8-5, 2A runnerup last year) in March. Out of Clay County, Oakleaf also dinged 2A power North Florida Christian (2A region final loss to St. Johns last year, 7-3-2 now) and 4A Bishop Kenny (4A runnerup last year, 8-2 now). Surprisingly, Oakleaf's losses have been to the likes of Union County and Yulee; both with 7-6 records.

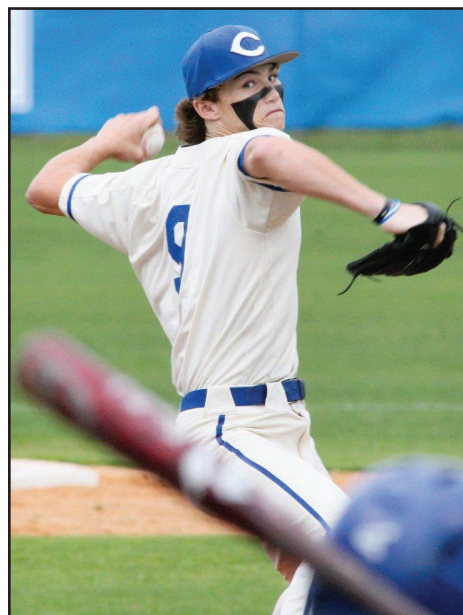
For Clay head coach Josh Persinger, the Clay Blue Devils; 7-4 now with an uncharacteristic three straight losses last week; 5-1 to Oakleaf, 17-3 to St. Johns Country Day School (2A No. 1) and 2-1 in 10 innings to unbeaten Arnold in Panama City (9-0, 4A No. 1), have been looking to change their destiny.

"We lost to the number one team in 3A last night (9-1, 6th in Florida), 2-1 in the bottom of the seventh because we just weren't scoring runs," said Persinger. "We talked about keep tapping on the glass, keep tapping on the glass, don't let us in... tonight there was some fire. It was nice to see them light that fire early and do all the little things we've been talking about. That was our speech, win every inning, you win the game."

It was a game of beat the clock as rain was coming. The early start from the Panthers looked to give them a quick boost with Tommy Glasspoole and Keegan Roach



Oakleaf baserunner Jordan Clarke is one of leaders of strong batting lineup and baserunning crew for Knights who took an upset win over St. Johns Country Day School, then beat Fleming Island a week later.



Clay pitcher Raylan McMahan rears up for pitch in win over Ridgeview.

sitting on first and second base with one out in the top of the first. But some dynamic defense by the Blue Devils with Preston Andrews snagging the ball, tossing over to second base where Easton McMahan got the advancing runner, then over to Merrick Rapoza at first base to throw cold water on the Panther offense with a double play in the first inning.

"When you get all those guys on base,

Baseball Schedules

Tuesday, March 26

SJCDS vs. Baldwin
Clay vs. Santa Fe
Oakleaf at Union County
Orange Park at Palatka

Wednesday, March 27

SJCDS vs. West Broward
Clay at Bishop Kenny
Middleburg at Orange Park
Fleming Island at Yulee

Thursday, March 28

SJCDS at University Christian
Keystone Hts. vs. Orange Park
Middleburg vs. Nease
Oakleaf at Ridgeview

Friday, March 29

Keystone Hts. vs. Palatka

Monday, April 1

Middleburg at University Christian
Orange Park at St. Augustine

Tuesday, April 2

Clay vs. Toco Creek
Keystone Hts. at Middleburg
Oakleaf at Fernandina Beach
Orange Park vs. Nease
Ridgeview at Ponte Vedra



you definitely need to figure out how to get them to home plate," said Panther Head Coach Saúl Jiménez. "The scores haven't been indicative of what we've done on the baseball field. When you don't punch the runs in, and then make errors behind your pitcher, it's a formula for disaster for the momentum of the game. It was a well played ballgame, even with the issues, 5-2 going into the sixth inning. Some calls didn't go our way and they took advantage of that."

The Blue Devils started the early scoring with Carnell on third, Easton McMahan drove a single grounder to center field to score Carnell. A walk put Rapoza on first, advancing McMahan to second.

A ground out advanced both runners to second and third. With two outs, McMahan scored on a wild pitch, as Rapoza took third, 2-0. Preston Andrews grounded to reach first and pushed Rapoza home for the early 3-0 lead.

The Panthers looked to have a good rally building top of the third with the bases loaded, a walk pushed Cody Cigno across the plate with Cody Holland, Glasspoole, and Xavier Quintin all on base, 3-1. After the walked run, Clay's Rylan McMahan redeemed himself by striking out the last Panther batter to close the inning, again throwing cold water on the Panther's drive

to get back in the game with bases loaded.

In the bottom of the third, Clay again scored when Easton McMahan scored on a Panther wild pitch, 4-1. Clay's defense kept the Panther bats quite another inning, then lit up the Blue Devil bats.

With two outs in the bottom of the fourth, Preston Andrews walked and had Ethan Bouchie courtesy run for him. Designated hitter Luis Edargo Rivera Valentin drove the ball down the right field foul line, rounded second base and performed a spectacular Superman head first slide into third base, scoring Bouchie, 5-1.

In the fifth inning, the Panthers again formed a good attack when Keegan Roach doubled to right field, scoring Douglas Langley, 5-2. Roach would get the signals crossed as Head Coach Saúl Jiménez was showing Langley to go home, and Roach thought he should keep coming to third. With two outs, the soft rally was squashed with a ground out to end the inning.

In the bottom of the sixth, still ahead 5-2, the Clay bats were again smoking. The inning would see LJ Martin, Bouchie, Ethan Mathis, Michael Gunson, Carnell, and Antonio Griffin score to push the Blue Devil lead out 11-2. The Panthers last gasp to try and redeem themselves fell flat with three batters to the box and three outs just as the rain finally arrived.



Left: Ty Mitzel is strong dual player with work as shortstop and pitcher as well as a top hitter for Indians, now 9-1. Right: Austin Musgrove is one of the Indians three top pitchers as season progresses with Keystone Heights at 9-1.

Keystone Indians baseball still going strong with nine wins in a row

By Randy Lefko
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - With a season-opening loss to Clay, 7-3, their only blemish in 2024, Keystone Heights High's baseball team has stealthily earned nine wins in a row behind an opportunistic batting lineup with just a .237 batting average and strong pitching with four hurlers hovering just near a 2.0 earned runs average with, surprisingly, not a lot of strikeouts.

On the mound, the trio of Ty Mitzel, Austin Musgrove and Gage Barry have held

nominal strikeout recordings of 22, 26 and 17 Ks for Keystone Heights' 81 total whiffs.

Ironically, the pitching has been fortified by a stellar defense behind the mound with just Musgrove going double-digit strikeouts in a game; 12 in a 2-0 win over Baker County, Mitzel with nine in an 11-4 win over Interlachen and Barry with five in 9-3 win over Palatka.

In the batter's box, Keystone Heights is surprisingly lethal when on base, but more overwhelming with flurries rather than big bats.

Keystone Heights coach Chris Roach

has just Alex Addington near a .300 batting average (.286) with five batters in the consistency range of .219 to .286 batting averages with the team accumulating 58 hits off 41 singles, 11 doubles, four triples and two homers and scoring 65 runs from the basepaths. The Indians are mobile once on base with 32 stolen bases at a perfect rate of risk/reward with Connor Guy snaring 10 bases and Musgrove with six.

The Indians do score in flurries with six in inning two of 8-0 win over Williston; three in the fourth in a 5-2 win over Yulee; six in the first inning of an 11-4 win over

Interlachen, three in the second inning in a 4-2 win over North Marion and nine runs in third and fourth innings in 10-3 win over Santa Fe.

Keystone Heights has Williston, Orange Park and Palatka to finish March with an April 4 game at 6A-Buchholz (7-3, third ranked 6A) a strong momentum test for districts. In their district 4-3A lineup, Keystone Heights (16th in 3A) has yet to play P.K. Yonge (7-1, 24th in 3A), Father Lopez (8-6, 55th in 3A) and Trinity Catholic (6-6, 28th in 3A) as top contenders for the district title.



Oakleaf 26, Middleburg 0

With a 45 yard punt return for a touchdown by Shelby Gaines among her highlights for Tuesday's game against Middleburg, a 26-0 Oakleaf win, the Lady Knights improve to 6-2 while Middleburg falls to 5-3.



Oakleaf 13, Keystone Heights 6

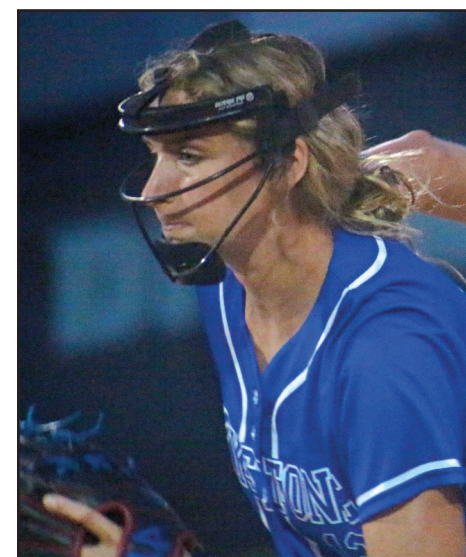
With two five-run innings and a base-clearing double from Meshayla Pettaway, Oakleaf dominated Keystone Heights with a 13-6 score Tuesday night. Oakleaf's Zoe Schmehl hit two doubles for three runs batted in.

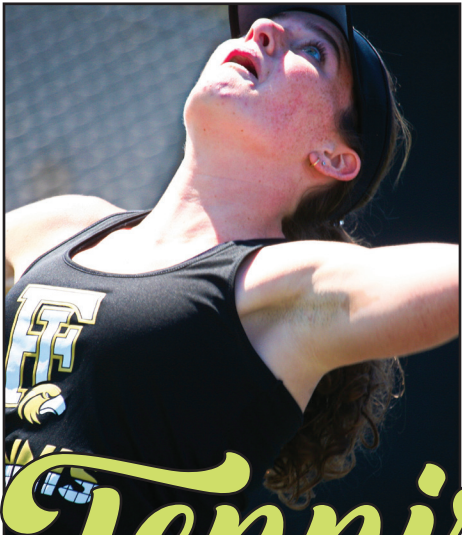
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Paxon 19, Ridgeview 13

Left: Ridgeview High flag football wide receiver Ziyah Campbell broke open this slant pass play for a 50 yard sprint to paydirt, but Panthers lost a 19-13 contest to a fast Paxton team. Ridgeview is now 3-6 while Paxton improves to 8-2. Ridgeview had senior quarterback Nia Blocton on the field after an ankle injury during basketball season.

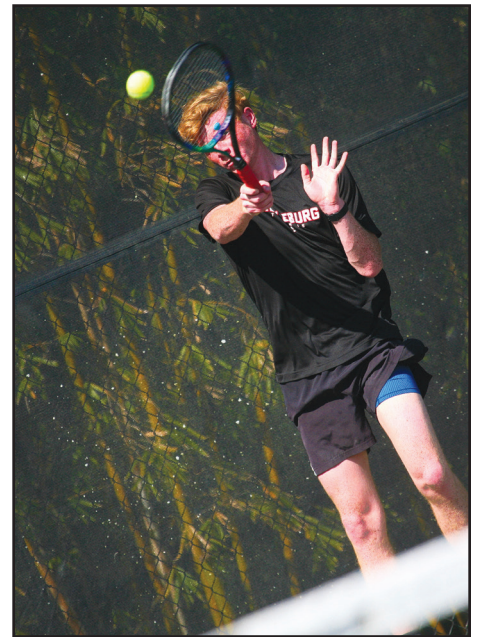
Right: Keystone Heights High pitcher Kadcence Massey entered the game in the fourth inning with Oakleaf up 6-2 with starter Caitlin Frampton on the mound, but the Knights' batting lineup was no friendlier to Massey en route to the 13-6 rout.





Tennis action

MIDDLEBURG VS. FLEMING ISLAND



FSU Relays

Mollicone 1:54 again; Myers back on track

By Randy Lefko
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TALLAHASSEE - Fleming Island High senior track runner Roman Mollicone kept his fast running streak intact with a fifth-place finish at the prestigious FSU Relays in Tallahassee on Friday.

Mollicone, who has a three-week string of times under one minute, 55 seconds, stayed with the lead pack at the FSU Relays and finished with a 1:54.56 split with Belen Jesuit junior Joseph Socarras winning in 1:51.82. Socarras is the defending 1600 meter Class 3A champion, Mollicone fourth in 3A in the 800 in 1:56.28. Evan Fleming of Buchholz, sixth in 4A 800 at 1:55.19, was third in 1:52.03 in the very fast field.

In relays, the 4 x 100 team for Fleming Island; Trace Burney, Sebastian Cruz, Cibastian Broughton and Kaylib Singleton, all football athletes for the Golden Eagles, broke the school record with a second place 41.98 split just a hair off Choc-tawhatchee's winning time of 41.86.

Singleton finished 12th in the 100 in

10.86 with Cruz 17th in 10.95.

Oakleaf's leap crew; Takoda Brown, Devin Collins, Josber Stimphil and Trevan Davis, finished 19th in 43.97.

Fleming Island's girls 4 x 100 finished 14th in 49.79.

One much-anticipated return to the track was from Fleming Island senior Graham Myers who has been battling a flu condition. Myers, in the 3200, finished a distant 63rd in just 9:41.55 with his usual combatants up top; Patrick Koon of Leon (second in 8:42.74), Riley Smith of Buchholz (first in 8:39.710 and Marcelo Mantecón of Belen Jesuit (fourth in 8:55.72), nearly a minute away from Myers.

Myers, with a 2:00.87 split, also teamed up with the 4 x 800 relay; Andrew Boyer (2:04.77), John Keester IV (2:02.90) and Mollicone (1:57.05) to run an 8:05.00 for seventh with Pearl High of Mississippi winning at 7:50.77.

Others with top finishes included pole vaulter Gideon Gillaspay with a 12'-11.5" leap for 12th place with Alex Georgiev of Montverde Academy vaulting 16'-4.75"



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Fleming Island senior 800 meter runner Roman Mollicone, in green, has been duking it out with the state's best middle distance runners in a month of major track meets in Florida.



Fleming Island's sprinters, as well as top football athletes, Cibastian Broughton, left, quarterback, and Kaylib Singleton, a wide receiver, are sub-11 second 100 meter runs while, left, Broughton is second leg after Trace Burney, a running back, in very fast 4 x 100 relay squad for Golden Eagles; second at Tallahassee's FSU Relays.



to win with Naples senior Luther Mogelvang second also at 16'-4.75" but with two misses.

In girl's triple jump, Fleming Island sophomore Mikayla Shavers, who also had a string of top jumps at meets, finished

sixth in 37'-3.75" with winner Chelsi Williams of George Jenkins with a 39'-7.25".

In boy's triple jump, Oakleaf senior Takoda Brown was sixth in 44'-6.75" with a 49'-5.5" leap won by Jaden Lippett of Winter Haven.



Nesi Peach Belt runner of week

COURTESY OF FLAGLER ATHLETICS

AUGUSTA, Ga. - Flagler College senior Joel Nesi was selected as the Peach Belt Conference Men's Outdoor Track Athlete of the Week for the period ending March 17, announced Monday afternoon by conference officials. Nesi won the 5000m at the Bob Hayes Spring Break Invitational, turning in a time of 14:38.19. The senior from Middleburg, Fla., finished nearly five seconds ahead of his nearest competitor in a field of 48 runners. Not only is that the fastest time in the PBC this season, it is the fastest 5k run in the southeast region in 2024. The Saints head to Orlando, Fla. for the UCF Knights Invite March 22-23 at the UCF Soccer and Track Complex.

Weightlifting

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by 100 pounds in Olympic and 40 pounds in Traditional with Fleming Island's Aidan Johannsen hitting the top bench press with a 285 lift leading the 154 lists. Johannsen did not compete in the Olympic Snatch. Keystone Heights' Davin Adams was third in Traditional with a 465 total.

The rest of the Traditional team scores included Oakleaf third at 36, Fleming Island fourth at 28, Ridgeview fifth at 21, Clay sixth at 19 and Orange Park seventh at eight.

Fleming Island finished in a tie with Choctawhatchee at 19 points for the Traditional Class 2A title last year and tied at 25 points with Leesburg in Traditional. Keystone Heights was Class 1A champion for Traditional ahead of Suwannee at 41-35 with Suwannee dominating the Olympics score with a 49-29 win over a tie at 29 total for South Sumter and Keystone Heights.

In the Olympics, Middleburg was third at 31, Fleming Island fourth at 29, Ridgeview fifth at 25, Clay sixth at 21 and Orange Park seventh at four.

In Olympic Scoring, titles went to Ray Williams of Oakleaf at 119 with a 305 total with two lifters; Hayden Nepala of Clay and Jammes Harris of Middleburg tied at 265 with Nepala third by body weight; Tisdale at 129 with a 340 total ahead of Zerek Migliore of Clay by five pounds with Keystone Heights' Colton Hollingsworth third at 315; Van and Cristian Rodriguez of Oakleaf tied at 435 to lead at 139 with Van Zant lighter by a pound in body weight getting the win. Rodriguez hit 240 on his first attempt at clean and jerk with Van Zant opening at just 205 but lifting 245, then 260 on lifts two and three. Rodriguez missed twice at 250.

In the middleweights, Fleming Island defending state champion Tyler Beverly won in Olympics at 505 ahead of Ben Ulsch for Keystone Heights with Lucius Manley of Oakleaf totaling 405 to win at 183 and Colton Frew of Middleburg winning at 199 with a 475 total.

In Traditional, Keystone Heights' Tyson Baxter, at 119, tied the school record in bench press at 200 to tie with Williams in lift totals but winning by body weight. At 129, Ridgeview's Jayden Campbell was up by 10 at 410 to beat Migliore and Tisdale's 400 apiece. Campbell hit 220 on the bench to win the Traditional title with Migliore hitting 215 but missing at 225.

In 169, Ulsch and Beverly will be joined by Josh Senear of Middleburg as formidable state contenders with totals of 610 for Senear, 585 for Ulsch and 570 for Beverly, with Senear getting the top Clean and Jerk at 295 to Ulsch's 280 and then topping the field in bench press at 315 with Ulsch hitting 305.

In 183, Clay's Dayshon Douglas won with a 490 total over David Smith of Fleming Island and Layton Wright of Keystone Heights both at 470.



Oakleaf High's Elijah Shevchook was top rated weightlifter in both Traditional and Olympics with his impressive totals of 465 and 540 pounds in the 154 pound weight class; with Shevchook weighing in at just 143 pounds. Also pictured below are Braylon Hawkins (RHS), Gage Isbell (MHS), Kevin Reyes (FIHS), Tony Gray (OHS), Kayne Bragg (RHS), Daniel Israel (OHS), Tucker Cody (MHS) and Elias Cortes (RHS).



2023 State Top 10 Finishers

Keystone Heights (Class 1A): Jed Tisdale, 8th at 119 Olympics; Van Zant third at 139 Olympics, third Traditional; Trey Jeffries third at 219 Olympics, Champion at Traditional (645 total)

Fleming Island, Middleburg, Clay, Ridgeview, Orange Park (Class 2A): MHS Josh Senear second 169 Traditional; MHS Gage Isbell second Unlimited Traditional, third Unlimited Olympic; FIHS Tyler Beverly Champion 169 Olympics (490 total); FIHS Kevin Reyes Champion Unlimited Olympics (540 total).

Oakleaf (Class 3A): Noah Shevchook ninth 129 Traditional, ninth in Olympic; Christian Rodriguez seventh 139 Traditional, sixth Olympic.

Districts

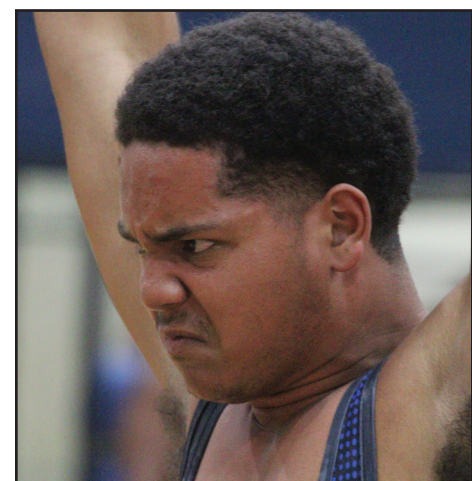
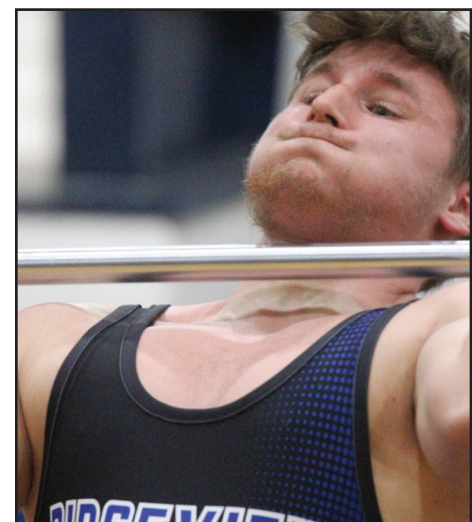
Class 3A, District 3: Oakleaf at Flagler Palm Coast, Wed., March 27, 5 p.m. start
Class 2A, District 4: FIHS, OPHS, RHS at Yulee HS, Wed., March 27, 3:10 p.m. start
Class 2A, District 3: CHS, MHS at Baker County HS, Thurs., March 28, 3:30 p.m. start
Class 1A, District 7: Keystone Heights at Keystone Heights, Fri., March 29, 10 a.m. start

Regions

Region 1-3A at Navarre HS, Sat., April 6, 11 a.m. start
Region 1-2A at Choctawhatchee HS, Thurs., April 4, 11 a.m. start
Region 2-1A at Suwannee HS, Sat., April 6, 10 a.m.

State Championships

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Clay High's pass catcher Katherine Tillis got the early calls on offense as the Blue Devils methodically used short passes to score a 23-0 win over Middleburg. The duo of center/pass catcher Shelby McClain and quarterback Teaghan Moses scored one touchdown on a swing pass after a Tatum Waugh interception in Middleburg territory.



Above left: Clay coach Jared Moses has handful of new faces execute his complex offensive scheme. Right: Middleburg ball carrier Isabella Cowherd stretches for extra yard for first down play.

Fleming Island's girls flag football team, unbeaten thus far this season in their trek to a second straight state championship game, will face unbeaten Clay in two weeks in battle of unbeatens.



Flags

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got tagged just near the Middleburg 15-yard line.

Fleming Island stayed unbeaten with two wins last week; a 12-7 win over Oakleaf highlighted by two interceptions from linebacker Gabi Musa and two scores from London Jenkins; one a one-yard pass on fourth down from Jenkins to Megan Cobb, the other a five-yard run. Oakleaf scored first off a 62-yard pass play in the first quarter. Musa intercepted Oakleaf with 14 seconds on the clock.

Fleming Island returned to the field on Saturday due to rain on Friday to beat Bartram Trail 20-6 to move their record to 8-0.

Fleming Island quarterback Devyn Dudsones dined a 54-yard pass to Jenkins for the first score then found her again from 18 yards out. Bartram Trail stung the defense with a 64-yard scoring pass, but Jenkins scored from a yard out and hit Daisy Fletcher for the PAT for a 20-6 final.

The Golden Eagles stay busy and hopefully unbeaten with three straight home games; Monday vs. ED White, Tuesday vs. Baldwin and Thursday vs. Riverside before

a much-anticipated road trip to hopefully still unbeaten Clay High (4-0) who has St. Augustine (1-5) and Santa Fe (6-2) before Fleming Island visits. Santa Fe has early wins of 36-0, 23-0 and 52-0 with losses to Suwannee and Buchholz with a 32-0 win over Gainesville last week.

As of March 21, Fleming Island was ranked fifth nationally by MaxPreps behind Western High in Davie FL, Palmetto (Miami) Tampa Robinson and Choctawhatchee with all five teams unbeaten. In Class 2A, Fleming Island is third behind Western and Palmetto.

In Class 1A, Middleburg is ranked 16th. Oakleaf, with a loss to Fleming Island, falls to 4-2 and will host Palatka (3-2) on Mon., March 25, Middleburg on Tues., March 26 and Ridgeview on Thurs., March 28.

Ridgeview improved on their season record to 3-5 with wins of 19-12 over Florida Deaf and 26-0 over Bishop Snyder last week.

Orange Park (4-3) defeated Keystone Heights 6-0 and will host Florida Deaf on Tues., March 26 and an away game at Yulee on Thurs., March 28.

Keystone Heights (3-7) hosts Palatka (3-2) on Tues., March 26 with a home game against Crescent City on Thurs., March 28.



Fleming Island goes 9-0

Fleming Island's flag football pushed to a 9-0 record with a 27-24 win over ED White on Monday. White was 7-2 and jumped to an early 12-0 lead before Fleming Island scored twice behind London Jenkins who finished with 155 yards with two scores of 45 yards. With the score 27-24 off a 65 yard scoring run, White missed a three-point PAT attempt to end the game.

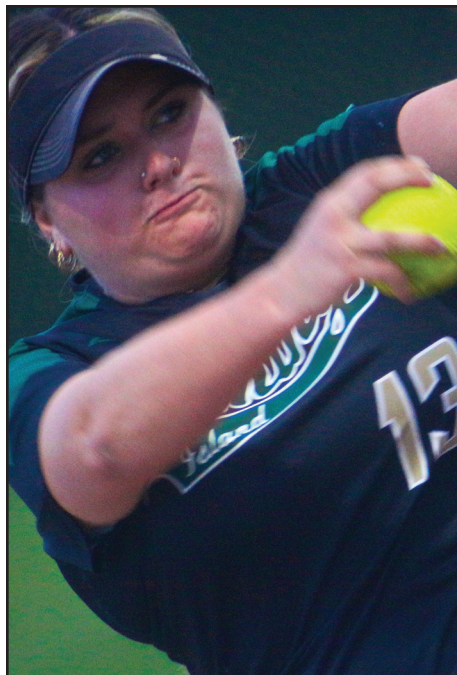
Pascoe triple almost gets Fleming Island

Fleming Island 6, Orange Park 5

By Randy Lefko
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ORANGE PARK - Call it an "almost" walk-off winner, but Fleming Island's girl's softball team withstood a seventh-inning hitting rally by Orange Park; one that included bases loaded situation with just one out that was followed by a towering three-run triple by Raider basher Zoe Pascoe to score a 6-2 Eagles lead to a knucklebiter 6-5 lead with one baserunner and one out remaining.

Fortunately, with Fleming Island pitcher Brooke Wilson whiffing seven batters while allowing just five hits; three in the seventh, the Golden Eagles' defensive



Fleming Island pitcher Brooke Wilson fires away pitch in 6-5 win over Orange Park. Wilson had seven strike outs.

front was impressive with a diving double play by Fleming Island shortstop Lauren Abram on a grounder by Orange Park's McKenna Bejarano with a man on base in the sixth inning.

Fleming Island tagged Bejarano on the mound early with a double by Jolee Rich scoring two runs in the first inning.

Orange Park would tie the game at 2-2 from an error off a bunt, but Rich hit her second double in the ensuing third inning to retake the lead and B Wilson singled Rich in. Abrams added to the surge with a double to score the game 4-2. Abrams would bash her second double for two more runs in the fourth to push the game to 6-2.

Fleming Island, which had two crushing wins; 22-5 and 17-7 over St. Augustine and Bartram Trail after a walk-off 3-2 loss to Ridgeview last week, improves to



Middleburg's leadoff batter KK Hagan scored two homers in 14-3 win over Clay.



Middleburg's offensive firepower is led by Kerra Clarida's seven homers; one a grand slam against Ridgeview.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island's Jolee Rich, No. 6, stands ready at second base behind Orange Park pitcher McKenna Bejarano after second double in Eagles 6-5 win Monday night.

8-3 with games against Creekside, Flagler Palm Coast and Beachside upcoming.

Middleburg is still the hot team in the area at 10-1 after a homer-fest by KK Hagan hanging a 14-3 win over Clay as the Broncos rolled out wins of 5-0, 16-2, 10-0 and 14-3 after a tough 6-3 loss to unbeaten Baldwin.

Middleburg is getting massive runs from the hitting trio of Alyssa Prather, Hagan and Kerra Clarida who now has seven homers; one a grand slam against Ridgeview with also a solo blast in that 10-0 win.

Against Clay a day later, Hagan went yard twice with Prather adding a third for the night in that 14-3 win.

Middleburg raises the stakes with upcoming games against 7A- (8-3), 5A-Columbia (4-6), 7A-Creekside (11-1) and 2A-Providence (4-4).

A major showdown with an equally stingy Oakleaf team (8-4) who is on a three-

game win streak with a tough 1-0 win over Ridgeview in their own Tournament of Champions over Spring Break.

Ridgeview is 5-7 with unbeaten Baldwin visiting on April 2.

Clay is 2-11 with a recent 3-1 loss to Providence and has Orange Park and a trip to Wakulla on Friday.

Keystone Heights got a big bats explosion; three doubles from senior Abbie Roach, in a 12-4 win over Bradford in anticipation of a Tuesday game at Oakleaf. Pitcher Caitlin Frampton struck out seven batters against Bradford.

Keystone Heights has an upcoming slate of games with Oakleaf, Baker County, Ridgeview and Fleming Island.

St. Johns Country Day School is 5-3 with a 22-12 win over St. Joseph Academy on March 21 with a homer by Gabi Ocegueda and 10 hits getting 12 RBIs for the Spartans.





Lacrosse action

FLEMING ISLAND VS. BUCHHOLZ



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island's girls lacrosse team, led by senior midfielder Chloe Perry, No. 2, and senior attacker Josie Walker, No. 7, have the team at 4-3 overall with a recent 15-6 loss to Gainesville Buchholz. The Lady Golden Eagles travel to Gainesville and Fletcher for two key road games, then return home in April against St. Augustine and Stanton as teams ready for the district 3-1A top spot. In the district, Ponte Vedra is 6-6, St. Augustine is 4-8, Beachside is 5-5 and St. Joseph Academy is 5-6 with just four games remaining in the season.





Ridgeview's Tyler Mess won the 3200 in 10:58.78 over Orange Park's Ty Obermeyer.



Middleburg's Tera McKenzie finishes off second leg of 4 x 400 relay. McKenzie was second in high jump.

RHS Marshall, MHS Wesley rock sprints

By Randy Lefko
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MIDDLEBURG - Maybe it was the impending thunderstorm that caused a sense of expediency on the track, but both Kimal Marshall of Ridgeview and Mike Wesley of Middleburg took top sprint titles for the 100 and 200 meters at the Bronco Invitational Track meet held Friday at Middleburg High School.

Marshall, a football running back for the Panthers, won his sprints in 11.62 seconds and 23.73 while Wesley, a softball standout for the Broncos, won her specialties in 13.24 and 27.16 despite the impending bad weather.

Ridgeview jumper Avi Miller won the long jump and triple jump while Middleburg's Madison Underwood crushed the discus by nearly 25 feet with a winning

toss of 124'-2.25". Underwood's toss of 124'-11" is ranked fourth in Class 3A with a 152'-3" leading the state.

In the shot put, Orange Park's Mychaela Parker won at 34'-10", ranked 23rd in 3A.

Also winning events were Kayleana Henry of Orange Park in the 400 in a state-fast 1:00.19, and Clay High soccer ace Erika Martinez in the 800 in 2:34.70.

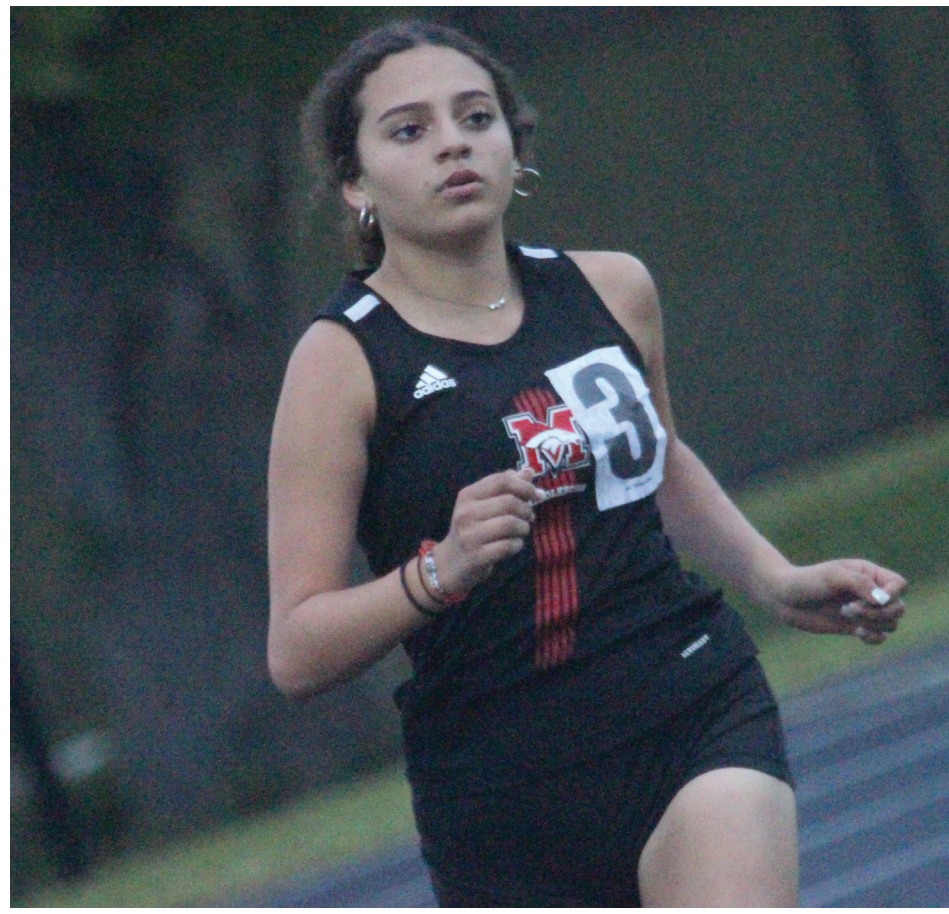
Orange Park hurdler Aaliyah Abbasi

won by almost two seconds in the 100 hurdles with a 15.73 split but got edged in the 400 hurdles by Adan Benda of Ridgeview who won in 1:14.59 with Abbasi at 1:15.39. In the 1600, St. Johns Country Day School junior Rebecca Stratton was second in 6:03.90 with Ridgeview's Emily Turner second in the 3200 in 13:28.74.

Ridgeview's Tyler Mess won the 3200 in 10:58.78.



St. Johns Country Day School's Rebecca Stratton was second in 1600 in 6:03.90 and ran the second leg of the 4 x 400 relay.



Middleburg High's Paloma Romero ran a double with a fourth in the 1600 and a third in the 3200.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

St. Johns Country Day School baserunner Kyle Boylston slides in safely to third base in Spartans 8-1 win over Baldwin.

Freshmen hurlers shine as SJCDs drubs Baldwin

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - St. Johns Country Day School freshman pitchers Madden Williams and Gavin Coffey stymied Baldwin for six innings as St. Johns Country Day School started a busy week with an 8-1 victory over the visiting Indians on Tues., March 26.

With difficult games scheduled against South Florida power West Broward (7-7) on March 27 and at University Christian (5-7) on March 28, Spartans head coach Tom Lucas (10-2) opted to rest his veteran arms Tuesday. The gamble paid off.

"We are going to need to develop some depth," Lucas said. "We like their stuff, and we think they can compete. I told them not to try to do too much."

Williams, a 6'-1" right-hander, allowed only one run over three innings in his first varsity start, scattering four hits and a walk.

"He did well," Lucas remarked. "He has got a plus fastball that he runs up there at 85, 86 miles per hour, and was able to land his slider just enough. Best of all, he did not panic."

Lucas was also pleased with Coffey, a side-arming righty who took the mound in the fourth inning and tossed three scoreless innings, fanning four.

"He is funky," Lucas said of Coffey's throwing motion. "He came in and caught them off guard. He has come in in some big spots and came through every time."

SJCD played small ball to score seven

SEE SPARTANS, 50



St. Johns hitter Preston Cole fires away at pitch in Spartans' 8-1 win over Baldwin Tuesday night.

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 as Clerk of Said Court
 By: Denise Haselwood
 As Deputy Clerk
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