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Selected as top nonprofit of the year

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – One of Paul Reinhold's favorite stories nearly 100 years ago is about three men cutting stones. The first told a passer-by he was cutting one. The second told the passer-by he was making \$5 a day. The third stonecutter told the passer-by he was building a cathedral.

His personal and business philosophy embodied the foundation of this year's \$15,000 Paul E. Reinhold Community Service Award winner, Mission of the Dirt



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Paul E. Reinhold Community Service Award winner Mission of the Dirt Road founder Carey Morford accepts the award from George Egan.

Road, at the annual Celebrate Clay Community Service Awards Banquet.

"They will be the first to tell you they don't do it alone, forever mindful of all the help they've been given," said

SEE CELEBRATE, 10

BCC closer to defining future of recycling

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – While the Board of County Commission still hasn't put the final lid on its next plan for recycling, it took another step toward determining its options for the next fiscal year with the possible elimination of collecting plastics and cans.

Clay County Recycling Coordinator Jamey Wilkes to commissioners Tuesday that the combination of reduced volumes of recyclables

since the pandemic, added to the amount of unusable trash put in bins and the higher costs for low-value items like plastics and metal cans, makes

clean corrugated cardboard the only feasible recyclable that should be collected at the Environmental Convenience Centers and Rosemary Hill Solid Waste Management Facility after Oct. 1.

Wilkes said cardboard is the only recyclable material that is valuable for processing companies.

"During the first quarter of 2024, we collected 786 tons of recyclables from residents at the curb, 30 tons of OCC (old corrugated cardboard) and 756 tons of commingle," Wilkes said. The OCC was sold to a processor at an average price of \$92 a ton. The commingle was sold to a processor at the cost of \$85 a ton – a cost to the county of \$85. So, taking all this information into account (with) current trends, come Oct. 1, continuing to take care of

Cardboard only plan

"This can be done with very small changes to operations and no additional cost to the resident."

– Jamey Wilkes

30 years after Guantanamo Bay



Reunited

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CELIA E. OCHOA
Translated from Spanish: "Mom, here we were all desperate to get on the plane, but you will notice Lisi (nickname for Celia) seems to be the one in the biggest rush." Photo taken by Celia's mom and sent to Celia's grandmother, June 1995.

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Recycle

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corrugated cardboard at the (Environmental Convenience Centers) and Rosemary Hill does make the most sense.”

In the past few years, most glass delivered to collection companies is sent to landfills because it's not clean.

Before COVID, the county collected 525 tons of recyclables a month. After curbside collections were suspended for 15 months during the pandemic, it has collected an average of 262 tons, and nearly 45% is unusable.

Because the costs have increased and the demands for recyclables have declined, Clay County joined other cities and counties in reducing or dropping its recyclable programs.

Currently, residents can have corrugated cardboard, plastics and metal cans picked up curbside weekly, but that service will end on Sept. 1 when FCC Environmental Services assumes the county's curbside garbage collection contract.

Until then, the BCC said it will continue

to look for other solutions.

“This can be done with very small changes to operations and no additional cost to the resident,” Wilkes said of the cardboard-only plan. “This department will continue to analyze the information as it is received, and we will report back in three months.”

In other business, the Council recognized its first Volunteer of the Year, Amie Hagar.

According to the county, she has volunteered at the Clay County Animal Shelter for more than five years. She has been instrumental in finding foster and permanent adoption homes for many animals. Her exceptional commitment to the welfare of dogs is demonstrated by the countless hours she spends caring for them both at the shelter and in her home, collecting donations and transporting shelter pets.

From January to March 2024, Clay County has seen a monthly average of 150 to 200 volunteers donating more than 1,000 hours. The Board of County Commissioners will meet on May 14 at the County Administration Building at 477 Houston St. at 4 p.m.

CalaVida Art Walk on 'Walnut Street'

By Jack Randall
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – CalaVida Music and Arts Festival kicked off its 10th anniversary Monday night with the Art Walk on Walnut Street, even if the “Walnut Street” was missing.

The city broke ground on the Walnut Street Redesign project on Feb. 29 and the project is still ongoing. Because the street is currently under renovation, the CalaVida celebration was taken in by local buildings along the street.

Students at Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center proudly displayed their paintings and sculptures at the Village Improvement Association, which were available for sale.

Live music and a live painting were paired with complimentary glasses of wine and charcuterie at Red's Wine Bar. Paul Ivey performed live music on the acoustic guitar. Olivia Gonzalez worked on the live painting.

Teens diligently worked on their Atomic Sketches at The Art Room, which were available for sale.

The festivities will continue



STAFF PHOTOS BY JACK RANDALL

Handcrafted sculptures by students at Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center

throughout the week as they approach their culmination on Saturday, April 27. Authors will present their books at the Spring Park Pool Pavillion from noon to 5 p.m., followed by singing, dancing and other events at Spring Park until dusk.



Teens diligently worked on their Atomic Sketches at The Art Room.

County schools to showcase artists, mathematics this weekend

Clay Today Staff

CLAY COUNTY – Students will display their creativity and calculative skills this weekend with the Clay County District School Student Art Show and Elementary Math Field Day.

The art show will be on Friday, April 26, and Saturday at the Thrasher-Horne Conference Center, while the math field day will be at Fleming Island High on Saturday.

Friday's hours are from 4-8 p.m., while Saturday's are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The awards ceremonies will be on Saturday at 5 p.m.

In addition to wonderful art displays,

students and families can explore the Family and Community Engagement room, watch student artists working on their craft, hear and see performances while viewing artwork and more. This event is free and open to the public. The math field day is not a public event.



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The Thrasher-Horne Conference Center will host two days of art from Clay County District School student artists.

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Taylor Swift caught in the middle of Drake, Kendrick Lamar rap feud

By Jack Randall
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Taylor Swift last Friday released her highly anticipated 11th studio album “Tortured Poets Department,” an album she announced at the 2024 Grammys while accepting the award for best pop vocal album and album of the year, “Midnights.”

The album received mixed reviews.

The Associated Press’ Maria Sherman wrote, “In moments, her 11th album feels like a bloodletting: A cathartic purge after a major heartbreak delivered through an ascendant vocal run, an elegiac verse, or mobile, synthesized productions that underscore the powers of Swift’s storytelling.”



Jack Randall

However, Olivia Horn at Pitchfork wrote, “Swift’s writing is, at best, playfully unbridled and, at worst, conspicuously wanting for an editor. The winking title track—a joke about its subjects’ self-seriousness—makes fun of the performance of creative labor, which is funny, given the show that Swift is putting on herself.”

Still, the “Queen of Pop” splashed unsurprisingly on Billboard 200. Also, Spotify announced “Tortured Poets Department” broke the records for the most pre-saved album and most streamed album in a single day on the platform (breaking the previous record set by “Midnights”).

What is more unusual is that the pop star has been the focus of Drake’s diss tracks against critically acclaimed rapper Kendrick Lamar.

The controversy between the two rappers began when Lamar was featured on the song “Like That,” released on March 26. Lamar’s pugnacious verse implied Drake and J. Cole were “goofies with a check” and that their best musical works were “light pack,” which is to say “mediocre.” The verse ended with Lamar taking one last swipe at Drake by saying:

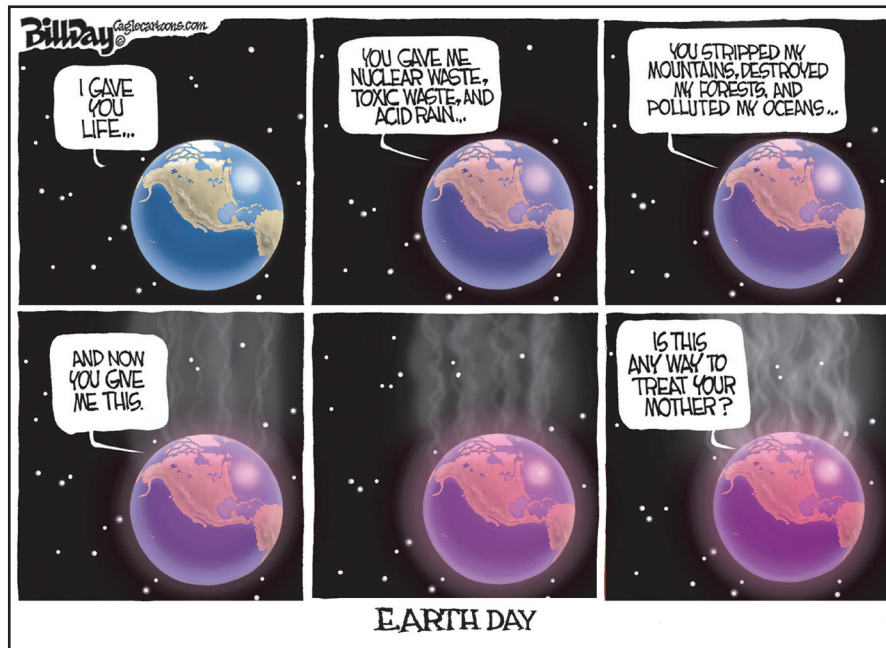
*“Fore all your dogs gettin’ buried
That’s a K with all these nines, he gon’ see Pet Sematary.”*

A reference to Drake’s most recent album, “For All The Dogs,” and Stephen King’s horror novel, “Pet Sematary.”

In response, Drake leaked the diss track “Push Ups” on April 13, calling Lamar a “pipsqueak” and hurled Lamar’s collaboration with Maroon 5 and Swift as insults:

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OPINIONS



No hissy fits or owl snot here, just common sense speak

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

As we watched last week’s race at the Talladega Superspeedway, everyone knew a big wreck was coming. When the cars started shuffling for a position for another wild finish, racer-turned-broadcaster Clint Bowyer said in the final 10 laps, “It’s Katy, bar the door.”



Don Coble

That’s when it hit me. What does that mean? And if Katy has to keep barring the door because there’s trouble ahead, shouldn’t she move to a better neighborhood?

Later that night, I overheard someone say, “There’s more than one way to skin a cat.” Did somebody skin a cat and figure out another way to do it?

How did we come up with such curiously odd statements?

I like it when I hear somebody “spends money like a drunken sailor.” I was born on an Air Force Base. I spent three years living at Pope Air Base, which Fort Bragg surrounded. With all due respect to sailors, leave it to the flyboys when it comes to drinking.

When my father was in Vietnam, it was so hot and muggy there, everyone in his squadron had a rash that ran from the ankle around the legs to the other to the ankle. They didn’t know where their athlete’s feet ended and their jock rash started. So they drank. A lot. One night,

I always wince when I hear somebody say they had a good time and “let their hair down.” I can only take their word for it.

they ran out of fruit while they were drinking daiquiris. So they switched to green bean daiquiris.

But I bet a sailor could get drunk enough to “put lipstick on a pig” or be “three sheets to the wind,” especially since the latter has a nautical origin.

Who said something was “slicker than owl snot?” And where were they walking when they hit a patch of snot so big it was slippery?

I always wince when I hear somebody say they had a good time and “let their hair down.” I can only take their word for it.

My grandmother loved to describe cute young girls by saying, “She’s cuter than a button.” No matter how often I stare at my golf shirt, I just don’t see it.”

I certainly don’t get it when she says, “She’s cuter than a bug.” The only good-looking bug I’ve seen is on the bottom of my shoe.

How can you “bite the bullet” without being afraid of turning the back of your head into a drive-thru?

And if you really have to be reminded not to “take any wooden nickels,” you probably shouldn’t be trusted with money.

While we’re talking about legal currency, how do you “break” a paper dollar

SEE SPEAK, 5

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.

Purloin: (per-LOYN) a verb meaning to take something that belongs to someone else—that is, to steal it. Although more formal sounding than “steal,” it is sometimes encountered in humorous contexts, suggesting the theft is not serious.

“The puppy managed to purloin a few cookies from the plate when no one was looking.”

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2019

- After a decade of being dormant, the Clay Theatre reopened as a venue space for weddings, gatherings and parties. The original theater, known for its Art Deco style, opened in 1937.

- Keystone Heights Mayor Karen Lake and Councilmember Larry Peoples slipped into a verbal altercation when Peoples introduced three proposals which Lake said would “minimize the power of mayor.” One of the proposals would limit council members from contacting city staff off-duty, which Lake vehemently opposed. In 2022, Clay Today received abusive texts and emails sent by Lake to City Manager Lynn Rutkowski at 11:06 p.m.

- The Clay County Sheriff’s Office partnered with Clay County Special Olympics for a weeklong celebration ahead of the Special Olympics Florida State Summer Games at Walt Disney World. Then, deputies worked for tips at the Longhorn Steakhouse in Fleming Island.

10 years ago, 2014

- The Clay County Board of County Commissioners voted 4-0 to approve the application from East West Partners, owners of Eagle Harbor, to basically re zone several parcels of land in a way that will expand their uses and make them more appealing to buyers.

- Backed by a \$10,000 grant from the Healing Every Autistic Life Foundation, 20 new iPads were purchased to help boost education among students with autism.

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Opinions ...

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My dad, top/left, in Vietnam. His crew were highly decorated, and they knew how to play hard, too.

Feud

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Maroon 5 needs a verse, you better make it witty.

Then we need a verse for the Swifties.

According to Genius Lyrics, “Drake clowns Kendrick Lamar for catering to the mainstream by making reference to his features on ‘Bad Blood (Remix)’ and ‘Don’t Wanna Know’ by mainstream pop acts Taylor Swift and Maroon 5 respectively.”

Lamar has not responded.

Lamar’s silence regarding “Push Ups” led Drake to double down and release another diss track on April 19, “Taylor Made Freestyle” (as in “tailor” made), this time implying Lamar’s silence was to avoid

challenging Swift’s “Tortured Poets Department.”

But now we gotta wait a ()— week ‘cause Taylor Swift is your new Top*

And if you ‘bout to drop, she gotta approve

This girl really ‘bout to make you act like you not in a feud

She tailor-made your schedule with Ant, you out of the loop

Finally, Drake ended “Taylor Made Freestyle” with one last swipe on Lamar in the song’s tongue-in-cheek outro:

Yeah, shout out to Taylor Swift

Biggest gangster in the music game right now

You know, I moved my album when she dropped, I said that already.

History

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20 years ago, 2004

- Sgt. Jonathan Hartman of Orange Park was killed in Iraq while riding in a convoy with the 2nd Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment

- Middleburg resident Arwen Pritchett got a surprise visit from The Learning Channel’s popular reality makeover show, “While You Were Out.”

30 years ago, 1994

- The Clay Co. Sheriff’s Office arrested Keith Allen Stallings, 22, of Orange Park, after he allegedly caused an estimated \$5,000 in damages to toilets and urinals at the restrooms at New Kingsley Beach.

- Clay County BCC member Pat McGovern said he planned on campaigning hard for re-election even if unopposed.

- The Clay Co. School Board wrestled with a policy that many feared would lead to the teaching of homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle. Board Member Lisa Graham insisted homosexuality would only be taught in conjunction with education on sexually transmitted diseases.

40 years ago, 1984

- The Clay County School Board voted to file an eminent domain lawsuit to take over 37 acres near Ridgeview Elementary School. The board planned to build a new junior high on the property owned by the Supervisor’s Social Club Inc.

- The Clay County Board of County Commissioners approved \$20,000 to expand the parking lot from 72 to 152 spaces at the county courthouse.

- Humana Hospital of Orange Park broke ground on Kingsley Avenue’s \$1.9 million day surgery center.

50 years ago, 1974

- The Clay County School board voted 5-0 to reassign Orange Park High Principal Thomas Moe. About 250 people who were against the measure attended the meeting.

- Green Cove Springs completed the installation of its new 200,000-gallon elevated water tank. The \$350,000 tank was part of a \$3 million upgrade to the city’s water and sewer system.

- Florida Senate President Mallory Horne was scheduled to lead a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating four-laning of U.S. Highway 17 at the Governor’s Creek Welcome Station

Speak

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bill?

They say to “never look a gift horse in the mouth.” That’s probably a good idea, especially if you’ve had a couple of green bean daiquiris and just watched “Mr. Ed.”

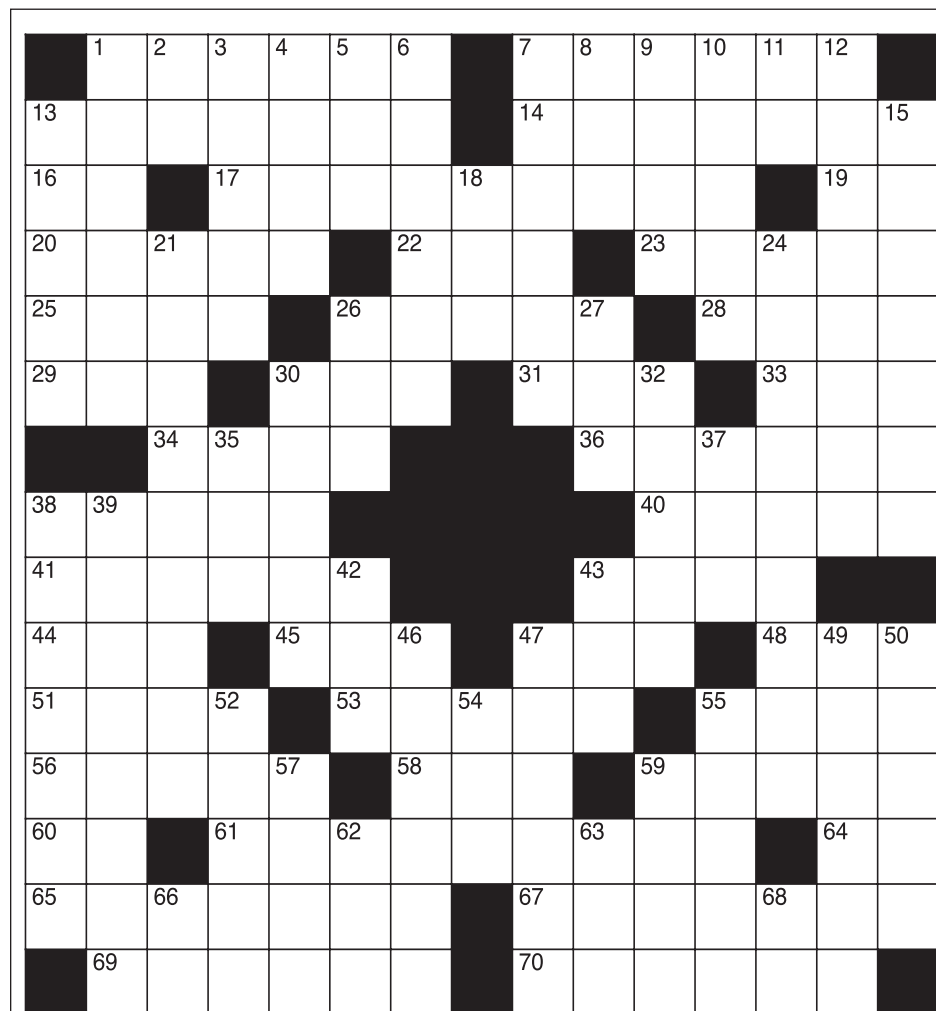
Why are there “Careful, Low Flying

Planes” and “Airplane Crossing” signs on roadways by the airport? Are we supposed to duck when we drive by?

If something is easier “than shooting fish in a barrel,” wouldn’t you eventually put a hole in your barrel?

I don’t know what “pitching a hissy fit” means, but I know I don’t want to be around when it happens.

If someone is “turning a blind eye,” how do you know it’s about you? They may be hearing the screams from Katy as she’s baring the door.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Island nation
7. Platforms
13. Project plan
14. French fishing port
16. South Dakota
17. Oakland’s baseball team
19. Military policeman
20. Ornamental stone
22. Garland
23. Process that produces ammonia
25. Mousses
26. Music notation ‘al __
28. Fail to win
29. Peyton’s little brother
30. Not near
31. Some cars still need it
33. Lizard genus
34. An idiot (Brit.)
36. Postponed
38. African country
40. Gazes unpleasantly
41. In a way, traveled
43. Ukraine’s capital
44. Appropriate
45. Dash
47. Twitch
48. Swiss river
51. Data file with computer

CLUES DOWN

3. Makes a map of
4. An established ceremony prescribed by a religion
5. Unnilhexium
6. Merchant
7. Playing the field
8. Folk singer DiFranco
9. Something to scratch
10. Mexican agave
11. Equal to one quintillion bytes
12. Session
13. North American people
15. Ranches
18. Electroencephalograph
21. A type of compound
24. Avenue
26. High schoolers test
27. A type of meal
30. Gradually disappeared
32. Ancient Frankish law code
35. Popular pickup truck
37. Buzzing insect
38. Deal illegally
39. Lying in the same plane
42. Obstruct
43. Related
46. Challenge aggressively
47. Nocturnal hoofed animals
49. Bird’s nests
50. Forays
52. __ B. de Mille, filmmaker
54. Title of respect
55. One-time name of Vietnam
57. Self-immolation by fire ritual
59. Private school in New York
62. Political action committee
63. A way to fashion
66. Email reply
68. The Great Lake State’

Community served success for Salvation Army's Empty Bowls

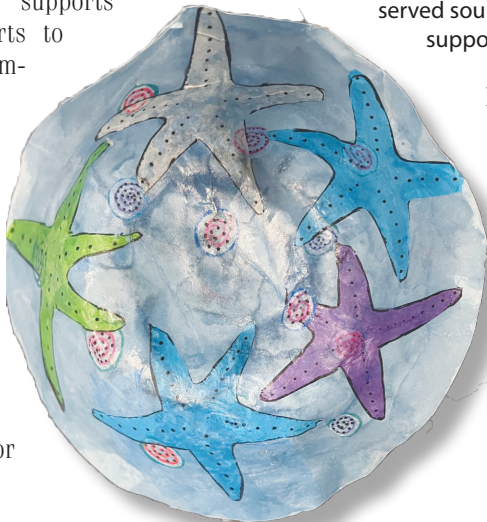
By Nancy Coltrin
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – It wasn't a gourmet meal, but everyone left the Orange Park United Methodist Church's Family Life Center satisfied on Tuesday.

The 19th annual Empty Bowls luncheon benefits the Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary's food pantry. It is one of the most significant fundraising events for the nonprofit.

"It brings a lot of awareness of the plights of a lot of people that don't have enough to eat," said Capt. Mike Chamberlain. "This supports our pantry efforts to help feed the community, so it really means that we're doing the best we can with the resources to try and help."

Guests picked out a ceramic bowl crafted by art classes at Lake Asbury Junior



Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless served soup and cleaned tables to support the Salvation Army.

Property Appraiser Tracy Drake and Attorney David King.

"We're able to keep our shelves pretty well stocked so we can keep feeding people and supplying them with groceries," Capt. Julie Chamberlain said.



These bowls were created by an art class at St. Johns Country Day School.

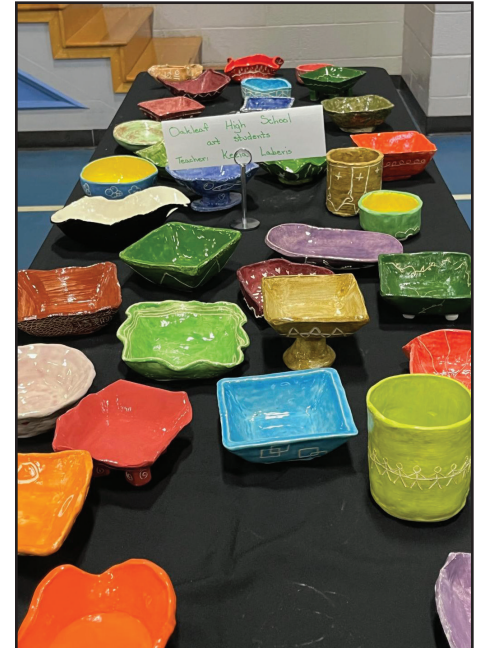


Salvation Army Capt. Mike Chamberlain, Women's Auxiliary President Holly McQueen and Capt. Julie Chamberlain said the annual luncheon will help stock their food bank for the next year.



PHOTOS BY NANCY COLTRIN

From left, Army Ranger Maj. Ricky Lenoir, Sheriff Michelle Cook, Property Appraiser Tracy Drake, Attorney David King and Clerk of County Court Tara Green volunteered as servers.



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One of Paul Wane's Rising Star bands to get 1st check at Food Truck Friday

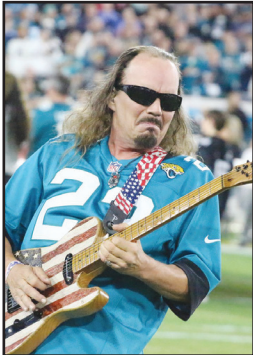
By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – When Duval County Line plays for Food Truck Friday on May 3, it will be more than another job for founder and lead guitarist Paul Wane.

It will mark the first time some of his Rising Stars Give a Kid a Guitar program recipients will get a paycheck for their first gig.

The band Shopping Mall Gorillas will play at 6:30 p.m. at the pavilion, while DCL, which includes guitarist Travis Bryan, bassist Cole Beasley and drummer Jacob Smart, will follow an hour later.

For Wane, he partnered with guitar builder Jay Murphy in 2020 to repurpose musical instruments and equipment like guitars, amps, cords, straps, picks, tuners, lights, strings, cases, charts, keyboards, drums, keyboards and mixers to improve attitudes and behaviors in schools, homes and the communities. Paul, his wife Lisa, and Murphy donated about 400 instruments throughout Northeast Florida.



Their work has come full circle with the Shopping Mall Gorillas getting paid to play.

"It's pretty cool," Wane said. "It's all original music. They don't play any covers. They write really good songs. These kids are going to go somewhere if they stick together and keep it up."

"Austin, their drummer, is autistic. Their bass player, Matthew, didn't even know how to play bass until December. I gave him a bass guitar in December. Robert and his friends were forming a band, and he didn't want to be without his friends. So, he basically got himself in the band. And he's kicking butt. Dylan is a guitar player. He's excellent, an extremely talented young man. Henry, the frontman, writes the music. You watch him for five minutes and see he will be famous someday."

Wane said he's more excited to see the students from Keystone Heights High perform than performing in front of thousands who are expected for the busy weekend at Spring Park, which allows beer and wine with more than 20 food trucks and local vendors.

"I'm more excited for them than I am for the program just because I know they've worked so hard," Wane said. "I'm like a proud pop. We've had such a great bunch of kids. It's nice to see them succeed."

He also will perform with one of his Rising Star bands at the Melrose May Faire and Music Festival on Saturday,

"It's pretty cool. It's all original music. They don't play any covers. They write really good songs. These kids are going to go somewhere if they stick together and keep it up."

– Paul Wane

May 4, at Heritage Park and Mossman Hall from noon to 8 p.m. at 301 State Road 26.

That event will include a car show, Maypole dancing, food trucks, a petting zoo and children's activities.



Paul Wane's Duval County Line will be at Food Truck Friday in Green Cove Springs on May 3, then at Melrose May Faire and Music Festival on Saturday, May 4, at Heritage Park at 301 State Road 26.

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Kimberly A. Coggin

Kimberly A. "Kim" Coggin, 61 of Green Cove Springs passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at her residence following an extended illness.

Kim was born in Chicago, Illinois and had lived in Green Cove Springs for most of her life. She had attended the Clay High School in Green Cove Springs. She had worked as an operations manager with City Electric in Jacksonville Beach for 25+ years. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Her Christian faith made her the kindest soul you ever met and she would do anything for anybody. She enjoyed days at the beach and loved spending time with her family.



Kimberly A. Coggin

Surviving are her husband of 25 years, Wayne Coggin; a son, Stephen (Travis); three daughters, Dana Wilkinson (Scott Price), Angie Coggin Scherrer, and Miranda Clark (Blake Clark); a sister, Cindy McAnnally; and seven grandchildren, Clayton, Kinley, Ava, Ella, Gabby, Jessa, and Zane.

The family received friends at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Masters Funeral Home in Palatka. Her funeral was followed at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Garry Taylor officiating. Burial followed in Palatka Memorial Gardens.

Messages of sympathy may be shared on Kim's online tribute page at www.themastersfuneralhome.com.

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.

Shelley Jean Defibaugh

Shelley Jean Defibaugh passed away on April 2, 2024 in Orange Park, FL at the age of 57.

She was born on 9/19/67 in Massillon, OH to Barbara and Frank Turner. Shelley graduated from Glenoak High School in the class of 1984 and went on to become a successful business owner and cosmetologist, and celebrated Minister.

Shelley is survived by her husband Timothy Defibaugh, her children Lena Fongellaz, Joseph Defibaugh, and Morgan Bell, and her grandchildren Temperance and Gideon Fongellaz and Chance Bell, her parents, her siblings Kathy Meeks and David Turner.

She was a beloved family member and friend who touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Mickey Joan Allran Price

Mickey Joan Allran Price, 78, of Salisbury, passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

She was born January 4, 1946, in Rowan County, NC to the late Everette Hoyle Allran and Minnie Coley. She was a homemaker. Mickey loved her God and her family. She also loved rescuing animals, especially cats and dogs, bird-watching and gardening.



Mickey Joan Allran Price

Mickey was an active member of her church in Florida before moving to Salisbury.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Captain H. Bryan Price, USN, sisters Colleene Short and Carolyn Baker and many rescued animals. Those left to cherish her memory are her niece Rhonda "Jean" Bolton (Stan) of Hickory, NC; nephews, Jim Baker (Tina) of Concord, NC and Chip Baker of Tallahassee, FL, dear friends Andy Laino (Wendy) of FL and her cat Marmie.

The family would like to thank her caregivers from Trinity at Home.

A Graveside Service will be held at 3 PM Thursday, April 25, 2024, at Rowan Memorial Park with the Rev. Karla Woggon officiating.

Memorials may be made to Trinity at Home, 820 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144 and Carolina Caring House Call and Hospice, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658. Online condolences may be left at www.summersettfuneralhome.com. Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Price family.

Clean and Green: EcoFest 2024



CLAY COUNTY - Although Earth Day was officially recognized on Monday, April 22, Clay County banded together to clean up 15 sites and provide ecology education programs two days earlier as part of the Keep Clay Beautiful, Water Clean Up and EcoFest projects. Residents spent the day walking trails and exploring exhibits at Camp Chowenwaw, and they were provided up-close education on the wondrous nature benefits of Black Creek and the St. Johns River. Across the county, 150 volunteers contributed 255 hours to collect 14,731 pounds of trash locations like Spring Park, Black Creek Trail, Fleming Island Library, High Ridge Estates in Keystone Heights, Keystone Boat Ramp, Ronnie Van Zant Park, Russell Road, Main Street in Middleburg, County Road 218, Penney Farms, Middleburg High, Oakleaf Community Park, Wells Road, John E. Hayes Memorial Park and Governors Boat Ramp.



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Tip-A-Cop, Torch Run hitting stride for Special Olympics teams

By Don Coble
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CLAY COUNTY – Clay County law enforcement will run, wipe tables and offer refills during the next two weeks to support the county's Special Olympics Teams.

The annual Tip a Cop will return to the Texas Roadhouse Wednesday through Friday at 550 Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park. Officers from the Green Cove Springs, Clay County District Schools and Orange Park police departments will join the Clay County Sheriff's Office and members of the Special Olympics team in seating, serving, refilling soft drinks, tea and water and line dancing with tips going to support the team's trip this summer to the Florida State games at Walt Disney World.

CCSO Sgt. Zach Cox suggested hungry guests and supporters should call ahead for reservations at (904) 213-1000. Last year, customers exceeded expectations – and collection records – by stuffing \$12,758.13 in donation coffers.

"It's nice to know there are people out there with big hearts, giving hearts," said Cox, who organizes Clay County's Special Olympics team. "It's humbling to know there are people out there who see the big picture."



CCSO Sgt. Zach Cox talked with Texas Roadhouse customers last year during the annual Tip-A-Cop event.

Texas Roadhouse will be open from 3-9:30 p.m. all three days.

Then, on Friday, May 3, agencies will converge at the Publix at Hibernia on U.S. Highway 17 on Fleming Island for the Law Enforcement Olympics Torch Run. The event was initially scheduled for March 22 but was postponed due to threatening weather.

Cox said this year's route will include a new route.

The 2.3-mile run is designed to raise awareness for the Special Olympics team.

"I met with a lot of the other agencies,



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The rescheduled Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run will be on May 5 on Fleming Island.

and they saw success in having more participation by making the run more of an event," Cox said. "Rather than start and finish and everyone going home, we're going to start at the Publix at Hibernia and finish at the Plantation Sports Complex. We'll have some food trucks there. Students from the elementary school (Thunderbolt) and the Fleming Island band will be cheering. We have some special things planned. "I know for sure we had one lockdown for lunch. And then Walmart also reached out and wanted to help this year, so they're going to set up a table with some goodies. Yeah, it should be fun."

Cox said that the field is technically limited to first responders, but others may be included. However, to join the run, they must contact Cox at (904) 213-6634 or

zcox@claysheriff.com to be considered on "a case-by-case basis."

However, unlike in previous years, the run is open to walkers and bike riders.

The run will start at 10 a.m. and cross U.S. 17 to the Black Creek Bike Trail to Village Square Parkway. The route will turn northwest onto Town Center Boulevard and left at Old Hard Road before turning left into the Plantation Sports Complex.

Cox said those interested in supporting the run should arrive at Plantation Sports Complex by 9:30 a.m. They will be shuttled to the starting line by the CCSO's Explorers and Police Athletic League groups. They will return to the park to cheer on the finishers as they cross under the ceremonial U.S. American flag hoisted by a Clay County Fire Rescue ladder truck.



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Celebrate

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Celebrate Clay judge and Reinhold Foundation Trustee Rev. Neely P. Towe. "Their journey began with one woman, one woman's love for her hometown, especially her love for a low-income neighborhood in her community that had so much need. Having a cathedral with stones as a foundation is one thing. Of course, we applaud that. But imagine building a cathedral beginning with dirt.

"I get so caught up in this stuff with over 1,000 acres and 20 miles of dirt roads. That's how she began. This is the size of the impoverished rural neighborhood at risk of becoming an area of total blight, and this mission has been intentionally chosen to center on making disciples



Retired Clay County Judge Timothy Collins explains the import work of all of the nonprofit groups in Clay County.

through community development. This mission operates as a community center and the church at the neighborhood's main entrance. The neighborhood is rural and antiquated, lacking the resources and development to support the 500-plus homes (at High Ridge Estates) and families that live this mission and dream of transforming the neighborhood into a vibrant community. But that's such a big dream."

The mission in Keystone Heights is to offer free tools, showers and mentoring. It has rallied community and county support for food pantries, clothing, free coffee, Wi-Fi and medical services, and it prompted the Board of County Commissioners to designate the area as one of its three primary initiatives.

The Reinhold Foundation donated a combined \$100,000 to 43 different Clay County nonprofits at the Thrasher-Horne Center.

Retired Clay County Judge Timothy Collins, was one of the five judges who poured through the applications, spoke about nonprofits' impact on the community.

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– Timothy Collins



Judges' Choice winner McRae Elementary's Weekend Food Program's Julia Higbe.



Judges' Choice winner CJ Acres Animal Rescue Farm's Lee Sackett and right, the Jack Myers Executive of the Year winner Nancy Keating.



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The foundation has awarded over \$1.26 million to Celebrate Clay award recipients over the past 15 years.



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Last year, Florida passed a highly controversial "tort reform law" that has completely changed the way car insurance works. It is vital that you speak with an attorney about your personal injury case to understand the changes that went into effect.

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Oakleaf elementary schools sweep FDOT bike lane awards

By Don Coble
don@claytodayonline.com

OAKLEAF – Not only did Clay County sweep the three grand prize-winning submissions in the Florida Department of Transportation’s annual Mobility Week’s Bike Lane Design Contest, but all three go to school in Oakleaf.

Ember Leveque, won the first- and second-grade competition, and Gisele Golston, won the third- and fourth-grade division, and both attend Oakleaf Village Elementary. Anastasia Riveria, who attends Discovery Oaks Elementary, won fifth- and sixth-grade classes.

All three created bike lane designs that promoted transit, pedestrian and bicycle safety. Their designs were imprinted into bike lanes on school properties near the

school marquee last week.

More than 900 students created a design from Clay, Suwannee and Nassau counties, according to FDOT’s Chris Nalsen. Of those, more than 300 came from Clay.

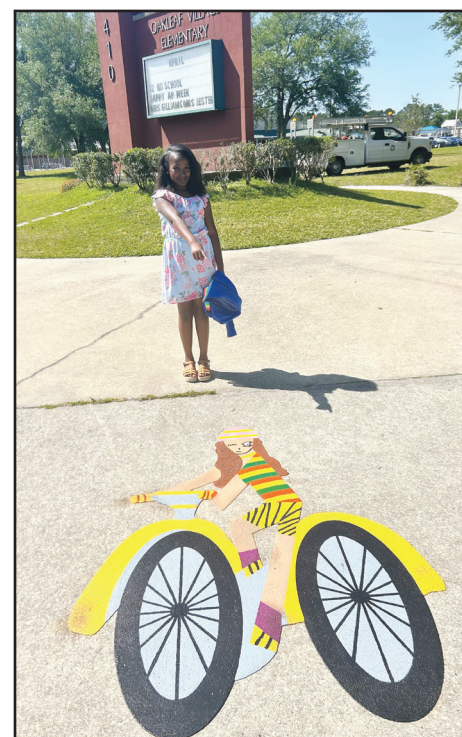
Oakleaf Village also had six runner-up winners.

“Our first-through-sixth graders worked on this contest during one art class as a follow-up to Bike and Walk to School Day,” said Oakleaf Village art teacher Michelle Levinson. “The designs were narrowed down and sent to Chris Nalsen from the FDOT, who narrowed them down again by a panel of judges. We are so excited to see their ideas and designs come to life and be able to see them in front of OVE for years to come. We are so proud of our Explorers.”



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Oakleaf Village’s Ember Leveque won the first- and second-grade competition of the Bike Lane Design Contest.



Gisele Golston won the third- and fourth-grade class for Oakleaf Village Elementary.



Orange Park Kids Fest turns Town Hall Park into funzone

STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

ORANGE PARK – Kids Fest had everything necessary to capture and keep every child’s imagination focused last weekend at Town Hall Park. Of course, there was plenty of food. Children were also captivated by science, magic, music, storytelling, dancing and martial arts presentations, as well as games, bounce houses, exhibits, a junior fire fighting academy, mini golf, train rides, finger painting, playground, rock climbing, face-painting, balloons, obstacle course and atomic bungee jumping. One of the most popular attractions was LEGO City, where children were allowed to take home a cup of building blocks and directions to make a small toy. The two-day event attracted several thousand family members.



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Community Briefs

Say Yes to a Prom Dress

Free dresses available in Keystone Heights on Thursday

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The Women’s Club and Lake Region Kiwanis Club want girls to say “Yes to a Prom Dress!” at their dress giveaway on Thursday, April 25, from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Women’s Club, 6747 Women’s Club Dr.

There are no requirements or charges



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING of the City Council of the City of Green Cove Springs to Consider a Petition to Establish the Rookery Community Development District

DATE: April 16, 2024 & May 7, 2024

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

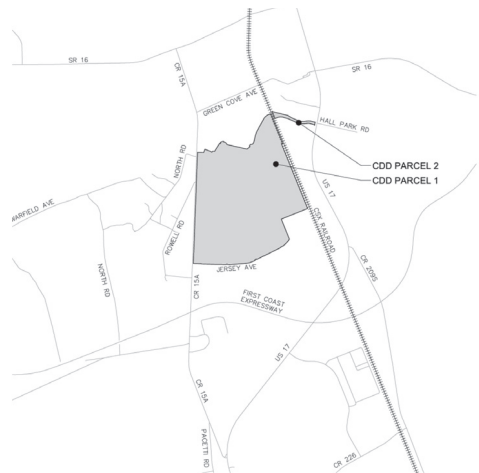
LOCATION: City Hall
321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Green Cove Springs on the April 16, 2024 and May 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, to consider an ordinance to grant a petition to establish the Rookery Community Development District (“District”). The proposed District is comprised of approximately 566.02 acres, and is generally located north of First Coast Expressway, west of US 17, east of CR 15A and south of Green Cove Avenue. The petitioner has proposed to establish the Rookery Community Development District to plan, finance, acquire, construct, operate and maintain infrastructure and community facilities which may be authorized by such district under Florida law, including but not limited to: roadways, water and wastewater systems, stormwater management, landscaping and entranceway improvements, recreation, electric service, street lighting and other infrastructure.

Copies of the petition and the proposed ordinance are open to public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, during regular business hours, 7am-5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information, call (904) 297-7500.

All interested persons and affected units of general-purpose government shall be given an opportunity to appear at the hearing and present oral or written comments on the petition. Any persons or affected unit of general-purpose local government, who wish to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing will need a record of the proceedings. For that purpose, the person or unit of general-purpose local government may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, persons needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office at 904-297-7500 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.



All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

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

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to receive a dress or shoes. Dresses range from sizes 2 through 20, and they fit all ages.

Dresses have been gently worn, and some still have tags. There is a one-dress limit for each girl. Everyone is invited.

“Say Yes to a Prom Dress” is in partnership with the Keystone Heights High Community Partnership Program.



Middleburg Civic Association’s Spring Festival attracts hundreds

MIDDLEBURG - Barbecue, shaved ice, martial arts demonstrations, pizza, arts and crafts, a car show, live music from Duval County Line, a petting zoo, a bounce house, and vendors were some of the samplings that made last Saturday’s Middleburg Spring Festival a success at the Middleburg Civic Association. The annual event attracted hundreds and continued to be one of the communities most-popular events.



STAFF PHOTO BY JACK RANDALL
George Smith (left) as Drake Wells “faces off” with Julie Jones as Jordan Moss.

Indie film ‘Rights of a Father’ premieres June 15

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Filmed over several weeks at the Clay County Historic Courthouse and many other scenic locations, “Rights of a Father,” directed by Junior Ashwood, “Rights of a Father” will premiere on the silver screen at Ritz Theater and Museum in Jacksonville on June 15 at 8 p.m.

“Rights of a Father” is Clay County resident Ashwood’s sophomore production following his film debut of “First Coast Affair.”

The film presents a unique perspective on family versus career and paternity versus maternity. The premise begins with Raymond, who is overjoyed upon learning his fiancé is pregnant. Rose, his fiancé at

the start of her promising career, reluctantly tells Raymond she is considering other arrangements to deal with the pregnancy.

Out of options, the couple takes their unflappable disagreement to court. In an electric courtroom battle, Raymond sues Rose to carry their child to term and deliver the child to him to raise as a single parent.

To view the trailer, visit Ashwood’s Facebook post at 638515672/videos/1499804604215134/.

To purchase tickets, visit ticketmaster.com/event/22006049DE271D4A.



Wolfson Children’s Hospital Bass Tournament celebrates 35 years of fishing, philanthropy

PALATKA – Wolfson Children’s Hospital Bass Tournament is accepting registrations for this year’s tournament.

The popular event, which attracted 940 anglers and raised more than \$436,000, will be from May 16-18 at the Palatka City Docks.

In 2024, as they have for the last several years, the proceeds will benefit Wolfson Children’s C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry Heart Institute. It’s the only program in Jacksonville that provides a full range of cardiac services for children across the region, including 2-year-old Oliver Martin from Ponte Vedra and the 2024 Wolfson Children’s Bass Tournament AmbASSador.

Chris Cery of Middleburg partnered with Eric Roberts of Jacksonville to finish third overall a year ago with a five-fish aggregate of 21.75 pounds, while Charles and Kelly Moody of Green Cove Springs were third in the Lads and Lasses division at 19.49 pounds.

The 2024 tournament will feature the Lads and Lasses on May 16, VIP and Friends on May 17, and the main event on May 18. More than \$48,000 will be awarded.

To register, visit giving.baptistjax.com/event/2024-wolfson-childrens-bass-tournament. The deadline is May 14.

Wolfson also will conduct a raffle for a 2024 21-foot Bullet Boat with a motor – valued at \$78,000. Tickets are \$20 each. All proceeds from the drawing will help fund new technology for the C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry Heart Institute at Wolfson Children’s Hospital.

To enter the bass boat drawing, visit wolfsonbasstournament.com.

Since the first tournament in 1989, the event has raised more than \$7 million for Wolfson Children’s and the patients treated there.

Law enforcement supervisors graduate from FDLE Leadership Academy

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Five Clay County law enforcement professionals graduated last week from the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute’s Leadership Academy at the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office Training Facility.

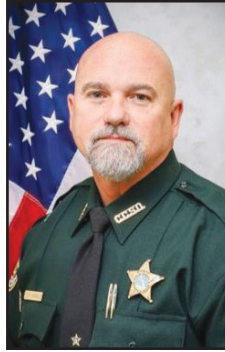
Sgt. Eric Claxton of the Orange Park Police Department, Sgts. Erin Vineyard and Brett Morando of the Green Cove Springs Police Department and Sgts. Eddie Howell and Ben Wase of the Clay County Sheriff’s Office were part of Class 56, representing the graduation of 44 first-line supervisors representing 37 criminal justice agencies throughout the state.

They learned skills necessary to support the needs of their agencies and their communities as they prepare for future challenges.

The goal of the Florida Leadership Academy is to prepare first-line supervi-

sors in criminal justice organizations to exemplify the character and integrity expected of criminal justice professionals and to examine the various components necessary to being an efficient leader.

The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute, housed within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and affiliated with the State University System, was established in 1990 by the Florida Legislature to address the need for an innovative and multi-faceted approach to the education and training of criminal justice professionals.



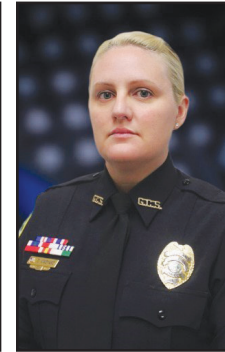
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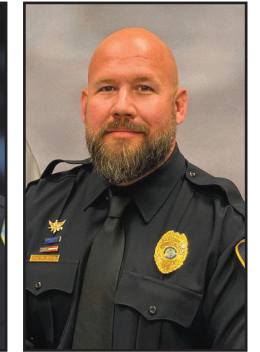
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Wells Road’s Jamee Lee wins Hooters Girl of the Year honors

By Jack Randall
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ORANGE PARK – The Hooters on Wells Road in Orange Park is known colloquially as “the world’s smallest Hooters,” and it is known for its tight-knit friendliness.

It’s where Emily Johnson, who was crowned Miss Hooters International last year, trained Jamee Lee six years ago.

Lee was recently recognized as the Hooters Girl of the Year, following Johnson’s footsteps when she received the same national recognition last year. Lee said Johnson was proud to hear the news.

“It’s surreal. I am blessed to be the Hooters Girl of the Year. I’ve grown in confidence, and it has encouraged me to chase opportunities,” Lee said.

Jamee’s passion for Hooters started in high school and only grew stronger after her father’s passing in 2021. While leaning on her mom and three brothers, Jamee found a strong support system within the company.

Lee is honored to carry back another accolade to her store, which helped put her through college, graduating with a business degree from Florida State College at Jacksonville. Lee has worked in locations in Daytona and San Jose, but she said there is something special about the Orange Park location.

“It would be hard to leave my store. We’re family there. I’ve been there for so long, and I have gotten to know our regulars. I’ve known them for six years,” she said.

One of her favorite memories with Hooters was when the restaurant chain was a sponsor for the beach Buddy Walk



Jamee Lee still calls Hooters on Wells Road home. She was recently recognized as the Hooters Girl of the Year.

with Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville.

“It was one of the best experiences. It made me remember my times working with special needs children at Ridgeview High,” she said.

The Hooters Girl of the Year accolade stems from three criteria: image, performance and SERVE values. Lee is excited to train new employees to that standard, the same way Johnson trained her six years ago.



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Golden Years Gala

NOMINEES

The 17th annual Windsor Ortega Golden Years Gala will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. The Gala recognizes older adults for outstanding volunteer service in Clay County. This is a wonderful way to say "Thank You!" by celebrating someone you know for their extraordinary efforts. The categories are as follows: Ernie Cohen Lifetime Achievement Award, Volunteer Man of the Year and Volunteer Woman of the Year. In addition to recognizing the nominees, we will be awarding the Shepherd's Center Outstanding Service Award. Senior adults are important to the community. They are a generation of high values, strong work ethic, commitment, integrity, generosity, and loyalty. Older adults are a wonderful example to all, showing that true fulfillment is to share their time and talents through service.

The Gala will be held at Sullivan Hall, 7190 U.S. Highway 17 S, Fleming Island, Wednesday, May 8. Breakfast will be served at 8:30a.m. There will be a live and silent auction and awards program. Tickets are \$50; please call (904) 269-5315 to order yours today. The event benefits Shepherd's Center of Orange Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit which provides education for older adults to improve their quality of life. The award-winning educational program focuses on health, wellness, art, information technology, and history.

A listing of the nominees and the Shepherd's Center's Outstanding Service Award winner with a summary of their activities follows.

Ernie Cohen Lifetime Achievement Award

Nancy C. Keating

Nancy has demonstrated commitment to people of all different abilities, faiths, colors, backgrounds, and status. She has been an active member of the Green Cove Springs Rotary Club since 1990 and was the first female member of the club. Nancy has worked tirelessly to raise funds for the Clay High School Scholarship Fund. She is also currently the chairperson for the Annual Rotary Swine and Dine which benefits many local nonprofits. Nancy has given countless hours to the Clay County Special Olympics organization and serves the Sacred Heart Church as a eucharistic minister. She was instrumental in the Food Pantry becoming the successful organization it is today. She is also a member of 100 Women Who Care, board member of PET Florida, and Rotarians for the Development of Youth. Nancy C. Keating is a deliberate, dedicated and loving person whose good works and caring demeanor have been quietly and thoughtfully practiced for over 50 years in Clay County.



Nancy C. Keating

offering a comforting presence to those seeking assistance. Bea Robinson exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism, a spirit driven by empathy, resilience and an unwavering commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others. Her impact is imprinted on the very fabric of the organization, and her legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

Charlotte Sarro

Charlotte has been a dedicated client of the Middleburg Senior Center, as well as a constant volunteer for over 20 years. Charlotte helps with activities and meals, and her giving attitude and enthusiasm is contagious. Charlotte relocated to Florida to be closer to family and began attending the Middleburg Senior Center. She soon found herself volunteering in many different areas of the center starting with the kitchen, until she found the one, she genuinely loved - calling Bingo! She loves seeing older people pay attention and knows this helps keep their minds fresh and focused. Charlotte shared, "I really love how excited they get when they win and get a prize!" The bingo participants love Charlotte too. They love her personality and spirit.



Charlotte Sarro

Woman of the Year

Linda Ashley

Linda has been a volunteer with Community Hospice & Palliative Care since 2017. As a former social worker, Linda understands the needs that may arise, and she has made herself available night or day. In 2016, she helped coordinate the hospice program at Penney Farms. Having come full circle, she is now a dedicated and loving volunteer for patients and families dealing with end-of-life situations. She is also a Community Educator for Advance Care Planning and Honoring Choices. In Linda's words, "I have loved every minute of helping patients and families at the most



Linda Ashley

important time of their lives."

Kay Earhart

Kay's enthusiasm and dependability to serve on committees, work on projects, and attend district and state meetings, set her apart from the crowd as a leader in the Orange Park Women's Club. From 2021 to 2023, as President of the club, she led the "Chairs for Charity" campaign. Kay also introduced the first annual charity gala at the Orange Park Women's Club in the fall of 2022 benefiting the Mercy Support Services Building Fund. She currently serves as the First Vice-President of the Orange Park Women's Club as well as House Chair, overseeing all maintenance at the club. Other positions she has tackled through the Orange Park Women's Club include chairing the International Committee, chairing the Community Service Program for Education and Libraries, and organizing a Christmas bazaar which benefited students at risk in Clay County. She loves to garden and has found an avenue to share that enjoyment with like minds in an outreach program that promotes gardening and environmental education for schools and the community. Kay is not just a spectator, but a participant in her community!



Kay Earhart

donates thousands of items including clothing and Avon products to additional clothes closets and food pantries.

Ruthie Jennings

When you walk into the Orange Park Senior Center, you immediately feel a sense of fun, happiness, and well-being. Part of this fun and happiness is Ruthie Jennings who is the Bingo caller, Karaoke DJ, and all-around helper of whatever needs to be done. Ruthie helps create an atmosphere of family and makes the activities not only well attended (often over 70) and fun, but also beneficial to seniors' camaraderie with each other and socialization during the various activities. Ruthie does all this while being the 24/7 caretaker to her mom who often attends with her. Ruthie is a "Jack of all Trades" and can always be someone management depends on to lend a hand with whatever they need. Ruthie, grandmother of 9, including one set of twin grandsons who are Florida Police Officers. They keep the peace, and so does she at the Senior Center. She is respected and loved by all the seniors and management staff.



Ruthie Jennings

Liliana Kinmonth

Lily has been a volunteer at The Way Free Medical Clinic for over 8 years. Her roles have included working the front desk, triage, and translation for Spanish speaking patients. Through the Catholic Council of Women at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, she has also supported several non-profit groups including the Bear Essential Diaper Program, Diamond Nursing Home, Clay County Food Pantry, Charles E. Bennett Title 1 Elementary School, and the Clothes Closet. Lily is a member of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association, an educational group whose mission statement is "History in Motion" that provides support for veterans. She has also worked with the First Coast Car Council, raising money for the Ronald McDonald



Liliana Kinmonth

Bea Robinson

Over the past 35 years, Bea has been a steadfast pillar of support, witnessing the growth and evolution of The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry. At the remarkable age of 90, Bea (a Clay County resident for 72 of those years) stands as a testament to unwavering commitment and compassion, embodying the spirit of volunteerism. Bea's journey began as she stepped into the community in a caregiving role for The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry's founder, Madeline Moore. As clients walk through the front door, Bea is at her sorting table meticulously evaluating donations with a warm smile, humming a song, ready to hug or take a moment to pray with a client or volunteer. She is always there



Bea Robinson



Joyce Hall

Golden Years Gala

House, for over 10 years. As her supervisor Cathy at The Way Free Clinic says, "Dependability, inspiration, enthusiasm - she has it all and then some."

Sadako Long

At Advent Lutheran Church, Sadako serves as a member of the Stewardship Board, the Endowment Committee, the quilters group, and as Chair of the Tellers. Previously she served as the treasurer of the church council. The quilts she has helped create have been gifted to Habitat for Humanity, hospitalized church members and new moms, as well as Lutheran World Relief. As First Vice-President of the Garden Club of Orange Park, Sadako edits an award-winning yearbook. She is Treasurer of the Hummingbird Garden Club and Arranger Guild, manages the club's website, and serves on the Publicity Committee which designs and sets up displays. Sadako helps make wreaths for the Historical Society Veteran's Day programs at Magnolia Cemetery and designs flower arrangements to decorate Clarke House on Carrie Clarke Day. Sadako is a cheerful and dependable worker and is ready and willing to volunteer for any and all opportunities.



Sadako Long

Man of the Year

Galen Bills

Galen Bills has been a CORE volunteer with Clay County Habitat for Humanity since 2009. He has helped build over 60 homes for individuals and families in need. He also builds wheelchair ramps with the James Boys through Orange Park Methodist Church. He has personally served over 200 individuals in the county and volunteered over 10,000 hours of his time with Clay County Habitat for Humanity. Driven by a passion for hands-on work and a commitment to giving back, Galen found the perfect outlet at Clay County Habitat for Humanity. He loves being able to build homes for other people and seeing the homes built come to life has been truly inspiring. Amy Clay, Habitat's Volunteer Coordinator, shares, "Galen is an unsung hero at Clay Habitat, humbly, quietly, and precisely going about his work. His keen attention to detail has prompted him to start a project over from scratch more times than he would have liked. However, it speaks to his care, dedication, and integrity to ensuring that a Habitat homeowner will receive a quality home, done right."



Galen Bills

Bob Donnellon

Bob Donnellon is an example of everything a volunteer should be kind, thoughtful, enthusiastic, and loving. Bob is a member of several non-profit organizations including St. Luke Catholic Church. Bob is there most days, and volunteers in many capacities including serving as Eucharistic Minister to the homebound, which allows him to bring communion to anyone who is unable to attend worship. In this position Bob witnesses situations that call for action. He assists those who are medically fragile, widows, or those who have limited abilities by organizing groups who cut grass, do yard clean-ups, build wheelchair ramps, paint houses, and make minor repairs. Bob works at St. Luke's food pantry, organizes a group who donates food to homeless Middleburg High School students, assists with dinner baskets for "Operation Blessing". He is also the main chef for dinners run by the Knights of Columbus. Finally, in Bob's spare time, he creates memorial flag boxes to honor deceased veterans and first responders.



Bob Donnellon

Kenneth Johansen

Ken volunteers at Advent Lutheran Church, Shepherd's Center of Orange Park (SCOOP), and Camp Chowenwaw. He is past president of Advent Lutheran's Church Council and currently serves as liaison from the Stewardship Board to the Endowment Committee. He has taught a Bible study class for ten years and is a singer with the Awaken Worship Team. Ken is a deacon and served as lector and assistant minister. He is a trained Stephen Minister at the church which allows him to spend one-on-one time with a grieving parishioner, providing support. At SCOOP Ken is a co-facilitator for the Current Events class. He spends 6-8 hours preparing each of the sessions he teaches on political issues. As a park naturalist, Ken served as a docent in the Nature Center at Clay County Camp Chowenwaw Park. Ken enjoys sharing his knowledge with everyone he meets!



Kenneth Johansen

John Merrill

John is known for his good will and desire to help others throughout the area. He volunteers through the James Boys, a group of men who build wheelchair ramps to the homes of people who are not able to pay contractors to install ramps. He even helped rebuild the deck of one of the recipients.

After completing the rebuild, John stayed to remove all the trash and loaded it into his truck, making two trips to the landfill. John has also volunteered his time and resources to the Thanksgiving Feast of Plenty put on by five Orange Park Churches. John is a woodworker, and his skills are well known by those in his community. John is happiest when there is a job to be done. John's good neighbor attitude and approach to tackling projects sets him apart from others.



John Merrill

Dave Neal

Dave volunteers at The Shepherd's Center of Orange Park, Orange Park Rehab and Nursing Center, and Orange Park Athletic Association Baseball. He is a volunteer teacher at the Shepherd's Center where he shares the rock'n roll hits of the 1960's and 1970's. He hands out information he has researched on songs, artists, and the events that shaped the music of that time. Every other week he visits Orange Park Rehab and Nursing Center to share his music with the residents which brings many to a lively remembrance of songs they know and enjoy sharing why it meant something special to them. Dave also loves baseball; he coaches a 10-11-year-old All Star team at OPAA. He teaches them the basics of baseball as the pitching coach and serves as a role model to these youth. Dave's love of music and baseball provides him the perfect outlet for his volunteer service. Lamar Smith



Dave Neal

Lamar Smith

Lamar is the Green Cove Springs Senior Center's "handy man." He does anything that needs to be done, cleaning, maintenance and much more. The senior center serves around 55 clients per day. Lamar shows appreciation to the seniors he serves, and they do the same to him. His positive attitude is contagious as he greets and works with clients. Lamar saw a need for his skills when he was a client of the center, and he stepped into a volunteer role. Lamar will tell you that his favorite part of the day is putting a smile on someone's face.



Lamar Smith

Shepherd's Center of Orange Park Outstanding Service Award

Katy Kearson

Katy recently completed her term as the Board Chairman for the Shepherd's Center of Orange Park during 2023. She also serves on the Fun Committee to schedule additional events each month, and the Gala Committee that plans the annual fund raiser to honor our volunteers. Besides serving on various committees, she attends a wide variety of classes to learn, enjoy, and fellowship with others. Katy is an active member of the Orange Park Woman's Club where she chairs the Health & Wellness Committee which works to support



Katy Kearson

Ronald McDonald House, Lion's Club, Breast Cancer Awareness, Heart Month, mental health, and many other worthwhile projects. In addition, she is involved in the Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee and the Education and Libraries Committee. She frequently represents the club at the Orange Park Town Council meetings. The Orange Park Methodist Church plays a huge role in Katy's life, from the Logan Chapel Sunday School class, Sunshine Chair for the Women's Circle, Wednesday night dinner and Bible Study, and the breakdown of altar flowers for shut-in members. She stays current through the Federated Republican Women of Clay County, attending monthly meetings at Club Continental. Last but not least she is a season ticket holder to the University of Florida football games. (Go Gators!) Katy's high energy and spirit of giving are amazing gifts for the many organizations in which she is involved!

The Shepherd's Center is honored to tell these amazing volunteer stories and honor these older adults at the Golden Years Gala. Our hope is that you will be inspired by these stories to share your time and treasures with the community.

Jiu-jitsu world champions open dojo to all ages, abilities

By Jack Randall
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – All students and masters of Gracie Barra Brazilian jiu-jitsu bow before stepping on or off the mat. The mat is a sacred place where men and women of all ages and abilities cultivate physical and mental discipline.

At Gracie Barra Green Cove Springs, BJJ is more than a martial arts technique. It is a way of life.

Professors Alexandre “Cafe” Dantas and James Singeltary exemplify the tenets of Gracie Barra – respect, discipline, integrity and excellence – and aim to foster these traits in their students.

Long before Singeltary came to Green Cove Springs, he taught military contractors hand-to-hand combat in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. While there, he discovered BJJ and was fascinated immediately.

“Jiu-jitsu is a smart sport. It’s like chess. You have to constantly think and move ahead. If you make the wrong move, it’s checkmate,” Singeltary said.

Singeltary, 48, and a blue belt at the time, had his sights set on the world stage. He wanted to be the world champion.

Singeltary said the best way to be the best is to learn from the best. “Cafe” was an esteemed name among the top BJJ black belts. Singeltary made it his mission to find him.



Professors Alexandre “Cafe” Dantas and James Singeltary demonstrate a Brazilian jiu-jitsu technique.

“I needed someone to help me with my game before the black belt tournament. The best of the best in jiu-jitsu told me to train with him,” Singeltary said.

Cafe was trained by Master Carlos Gracie Jr., who founded Gracie Barra.

After training under Cafe, Singeltary said he submitted his opponent easily in the first round.

“He already came to me at a high level. The nice thing about James is that he was already at the championship level but was

still humble enough to keep learning. Normally, those at that level aren’t hungry to learn anymore. But if they had that drive, they would improve and be much better,” Cafe said.

Singeltary and Cafe are both five-time world champions in IBJJF and are internationally ranked No. 1. Two months ago, the two world champions set up shop in Green Cove Springs to share their expertise with the community.

“I can’t be proud enough to have him as my partner,” Singeltary said.

Training in jiu-jitsu is invaluable for



STAFF PHOTOS BY JACK RANDALL
Cafe (left) and Singeltary (right)

self-defense and self-confidence. At its core, jiu-jitsu is about overcoming great challenges—a smaller, weaker opponent who knows jiu-jitsu techniques can submit a larger, stronger opponent. This philosophy can be applied in everyday life. Everyday challenges can be overcome by staying disciplined, collected, and committed.

Gracie Barra BJJ classes are held Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday at Solid Base Performance Center at 4002 J Louis St. Green Cove Springs. All age groups and physical abilities are invited.

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Challenge Enterprises CEO Katie Vineyard holds the scissors for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Club Challenge ribbon cutting brings new kitchen, opportunities

By Jack Randall
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ORANGE PARK—The community eagerly gathered around the entrance of Club Challenge at the back of Challenge Enterprises for the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, April 16.

Challenge Enterprises CEO Katie Vineyard was thankful for the immense turnout and support from the community. She is excited about what the refurbished kitchen and dining room will provide for those with intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities.

Challenge Enterprise has helped people with different abilities find employment since 1974. Last year, It helped 20

members find employment in the community. The renovated kitchen will allow practice for culinary and prep work in the food industry.

“The kitchen has always been our dream,” former CEO Nancy Keating said.

“We saw this as a way to teach prep work before the food is served in a restaurant and perhaps even some culinary skills,” Keating said.

Johny Lowe is excited about the kitchen. He enjoys working and learning as a member at Challenge Enterprises.

“My favorite is helping out at the service center. I just love doing it. If my parents were still alive today, I know they would be proud of me,” Lowe said.

30 years after Guantanamo Bay



This is the second part in a four-part series telling the story of two women who were at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during the 1994 Cuban Rafter Crisis. Celia E. Ochoa was a Cuban refugee. Tanya Lea was a U.S. Navy petty officer. Each shared their perspective with Clay Today during the humanitarian crisis from both sides of the fence. The two women discovered compassion in a challenging time during both of their lives 30 years later when they inspiringly reunited in Florida.

The Detention Center

By Jack Randall
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More than 30,000 refugees were sent to Guantanamo Bay, a “legal no man’s land,” University of Miami Professor Michael Bustamante said.

It isn’t formally U.S. territory and hasn’t been since 1903 when the Platt Agreement was signed, which set the conditions for the U.S. to withdraw from Cuba and recognize the country’s new independence following the Spanish-American War.

One of the conditions was a perpetual lease agreement of a “coaling station” for about \$4,000 annually. Since the Cuban Revolution in 1959, the communist government, as a statement of protest, declined every check the U.S. sent annually (except for one that was reported to have been

cashied in by accident).

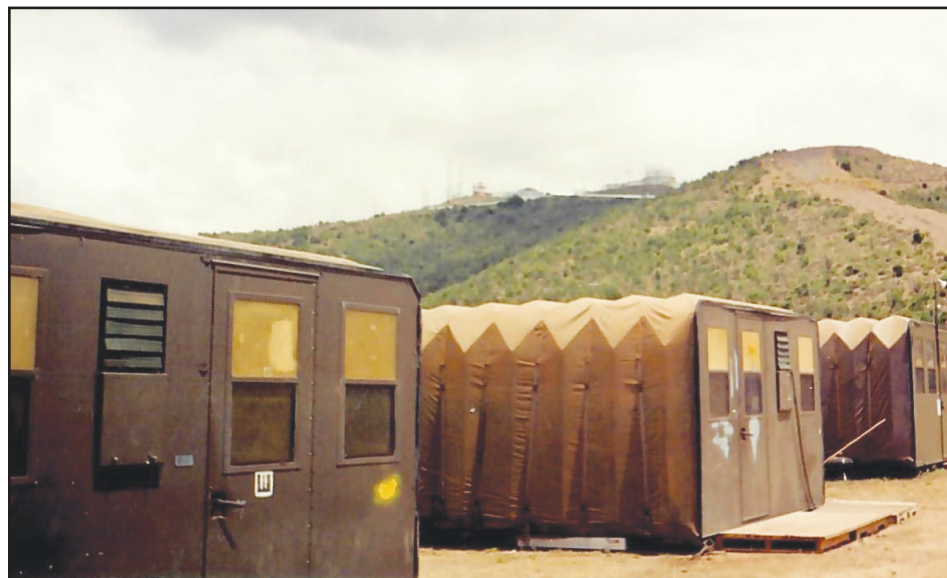
Steamships have been long discontinued, but the United States still maintains control of the base. The U.S. exercises jurisdiction and de facto control while also insisting that Cuba retains sovereignty.

“Full constitutional rights do not apply in Guantanamo Bay, as we have seen during the War on Terror. The refugees did not have access to due process for immigration proceedings. However, Cuban-American lawyers tried and failed to remedy this in a lawsuit at the time,” Bustamante said.

Celia shared slices of her childhood at Guantanamo Bay in her memoir: the sights, the sounds, the pain and even the small joys.

She empathized with the guards.

Tent camps were hastily erected. The



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY TANYA LEA

Shots of interior of Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY CELIA E. OCHOA

Celia (far right in the pink) on May 15, 1995.

U.S. officers scrambled about what to do. Celia was thankful for every meal, which was an improvement from the limited rations they received back home.

Celia said the guards tried to make the best out of the crisis. They went well out of their way to be accommodating, some even risking disciplinary action to bring extra supplies to the Ochoa family.

She was thankful for each act of kindness and disappointed in the other refugees for being so openly hostile.

“I do think the conditions were not ideal or acceptable. The camps eventually got better, but still, the refugees were treated more like a threat to United States security than like refugees,” Guerra said.

The refugees confined at the base had no idea what would happen to them. They couldn’t leave. They couldn’t call home.

At its most significant peak of confinement, it is estimated the camps held more than 30,000 Cuban and 30,000 Haitian refugees.

In 2023 and living in Middleburg, Celia self-published her memoir. As a courtesy to Clay Today, she shared a meticulously curated photo album, which included many photos within her memoir. Fittingly, she

is the co-owner of Center Shot Selfies, a photo booth rental company.

On March 15, Celia worked at her photo booth at a Jacksonville Icemen hockey game. Tanya Lea and a friend approached the photo booth and posed for a few photos.

Lea asked about her photo booth business and the events they cover.

“I told her we do weddings and birthdays, and I recently ventured into unique events such as book signings. As I was an indie author, I would bring the booth with me to these events. Naturally, she asked what my book was about. She ordered my book on the spot,” Celia said.

Of course, part of Celia’s experience as an Ochoa and a refugee involved a stint at Guantanamo Bay from 1994 to 1995.

Lea was at Guantanamo Bay during the 1994 Cuban Rafter Crisis. The realization dawned on her.

“Oh my god, I fed you!” Lea said.

Next week, the two suddenly realized they were on the opposite side of the security fence at “legal no man’s land” at Guantanamo Bay. And yet, they prevailed to find common ground 30 years later.



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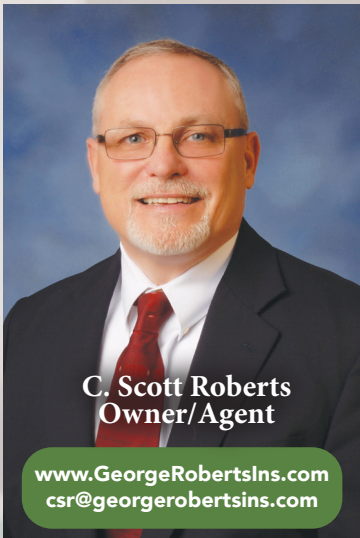
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Jesus encourages us to engage in supplication after adoring God and consecrating ourselves to His will. In Matthew 6:11 Jesus teaches us to pray, "Give us today our daily bread," reminding us that it's not only acceptable but essential to bring our needs before God in prayer.

Throughout history, God has faithfully provided for His people. In the desert, God provided manna for the Israelites, sustaining them day by day (Exodus 16). This serves as a powerful reminder that God is our provider, and He will never abandon us in our times of need.

When we engage in supplication, we demonstrate our reliance on God's provision rather than our own efforts. It's an act of humility, recognizing that apart from God, we can do nothing. In John 15:5 Jesus said, "For apart from me you can do nothing". Jesus also said something equally important in Matthew 19:26, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible".

It's essential to remember that God delights in answering our prayers. As a loving Father, He longs to meet our needs and fulfill the desires of our hearts. But as a good and loving father decides what is best for his child, so does our Heavenly Father. His timing is perfect, however, that timing may differ from our own. Therefore, as we present our requests before Him, let us do so with patience, faith, and trust.

Supplication is a vital part of our prayer journey. It's the culmination of worship, surrender, and trust, as we lay our needs before our gracious God and His throne of grace. So, let us approach God with confidence, knowing that He hears our prayers and will answer according to His perfect will.

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Stephen DoRego finishes Boston Marathon



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DoRego with the Family Reach charity runners team the night before the marathon.

By Jack Randall
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BOSTON – Stephen DoRego and four other runners partnered with Family Reach to raise over \$52,000 for the charity partnered with the Boston Marathon.

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

DoRego's was able to exceed his \$10,000 fundraising goal by \$600.

On the day of the race, they took a bus 26 miles in the western direction toward

the starting line.

"It really put the race in perspective. Are we really running this all the way back?" DoRego said.

"It got emotional lining up at the starting line. So many people from around the world," he said.

The Boston Marathon is known for the "Heartbreak Hill," located in-between mile marker 20 and 21, which is heartbreaking in more than one way. It is an uncomfortable 0.4-mile incline, as much as it is a bittersweet reminder the finish line is (relatively) around the corner.



PHOTO BY JANE STEELE

Stephen DoRego sporting the Family Reach jersey and flashing a Boston Marathon medal after finishing the race on April 15.

DoRego rounded the incline without noticing it. The 26.2-mile race was brutal. Parts of his legs and hips he never felt before where on fire. DoRego is already looking forward to his next one.

"It was awesome. The crowd support was insane. Turning the final corner and seeing the finish line in the distance was the best part. That made it all worth it," he said.

Rep. Aaron Bean opens flagship district office on Fleming Island

By Jack Randall
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FLEMING ISLAND – U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean opened the doors for his Florida's Fourth Congressional District following a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by all five Clay County Commissioners and many other elected officials, such as Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley.

Bean expressed gratitude to the community and said he was eager to keep an open door for any constituent with any concern.

"I'm thrilled to share that our new office in Clay County is open for business. While my team will still maintain a presence in our district offices in Nassau and Duval, this additional office location will allow us to be more accessible to all Northeast Floridians. Serving you is what we do, and I take pride in representing your



STAFF PHOTOS BY JACK RANDALL

U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean welcomed everyone to his new Fleming Island office.

views and assisting federal agencies. My staff and I are here to help you—providing real results for real people," Bean said in a press release.

Constituent services available to residents in the Fourth Congressional District include help with the Social Security Administration, the IRS, VA, passports, Medicare or other issues handled by federal agencies.

Additionally, the district office assists those seeking information on Military Academy Nominations, the Congressional Art Competition, the Congressional App Challenge, and tours of our nation's capital.

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Nicholas Galitzine and Anne Hathaway star in "The Idea of You"

Anne Hathaway ("Interstellar," 2014) and Nicholas Galitzine ("Cinderella," 2021) star in "The Idea of You," premiering Thursday, May 2, on Prime.

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“Dark Matter” (Apple TV+ — May 8, Series Premiere)

Based on the acclaimed sci-fi novel “Dark Matter” by Blake Crouch, this thriller series follows Jason Dessen (played by Joel Edgerton), a physicist, professor and family man who one night, while walking home on the streets of Chicago, is abducted into an alternate version of his life. Wonder quickly turns to nightmare when he tries to return to his reality amid the mind-bending landscape of lives he could have lived. In this labyrinth of realities, he embarks on a harrowing journey to get back to his true family and save them from the most terrifying, unbeatable foe imaginable: himself.

Love at 40: Hathaway, Galitzine get romantic in ‘The Idea of You’



Nicholas Galitzine and Anne Hathaway in “The Idea of You”

There is something about a romantic comedy that uplifts the viewer like nothing else. Traditionally chronicling a quirky love story between two or more people, the genre often requires its audience to suspend disbelief just enough to open their hearts and allow for a bit of movie magic. Thankfully, as spring heats up and prepares to head into summer, Prime Video has a new rom-com to suit the seasonal mood.

“The Idea of You,” premiering Thursday, May 2, on Prime, puts just enough of a twist on the rom-com genre to leave moviegoers feeling fresh this spring. Based on the bestselling novel of the same name

by actress and author Robinne Lee (“Fifty Shades Freed,” 2018), “The Idea of You” stars Anne Hathaway (“Interstellar,” 2014) as 40-something French-American single mother Solène, who hits it off with 24-year-old pop star Hayes Campbell, played by “Cinderella’s” (2021) Nicholas Galitzine, when she accidentally walks into his trailer while accompanying her teen daughter to Coachella.

While, at surface level, the book (and its subsequent film) may appear to be a simple rom-com featuring a so-called “May-December romance,” in 2020, Vogue called the then three-year-old novel a “socio-cultural commentary about aging and a woman’s worth.”

“I wanted to write a novel that challenged certain myths,” Lee said in a 2017 interview. “[The myths] that female sexuality ceases to exist after we hit middle age; that having kids makes us no longer sexually attractive or viable; that women at a certain point in their lives — the point where they should be at their strongest and most prolific — become invisible.”

And after spending what is now more than a quarter-century in Hollywood herself, Lee says she feels much of that pressure herself, adding in a later interview with Vogue that sometimes “you want to just live the way you’ve lived when you were in college, or your early twenties when you have freedom and you never have to think of anyone but yourself.”

Solène definitely has a certain element of

the carefree about her, but that side of Hathaway’s character plays counterpoint to a very grounded, much more mature sense of duty brought on by being a single mom and high-powered working woman in the art world. Although Solène’s daughter, Izzy (Ella Rubin, “The Chair”), is older than in the book, the pair still encounter a fair bit of awkwardness regarding Solène’s famous young love, who is closer to her daughter’s age than her own.

Of course, it doesn’t help matters that Hayes, as the lead singer of the uber-popular boy band August Moon, constantly draws attention to his and Solène’s relationship just by being insanely famous.

Joining Hathaway, Galitzine and Rubin in “The Idea of You” are Reid Scott (“Veep”), Annie Mumolo (“Barb and Star Go to Vista Del Mar,” 2021), Perry Mattfeld (“In the Dark”), Jordan Aaron Hall (“Rustin,” 2023), Cheech Manohar (“Mrs. Fletcher”) and new talent Mathilda Gianopoulos, who is the daughter of ‘80s rom-com legend Molly Ringwald (“Sixteen Candles,” 1984) and American author and editor Panio Gianopoulos. Irish talk show host Graham Norton (“The Graham Norton Show”) also makes an appearance in “The Idea of You,” starring as himself.

Don’t miss the opportunity to catch this love story for all ages — or at least those between the ages of 23 and 40 — when “The Idea of You” makes its streaming premiere Thursday, May 2, on Prime Video.

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Gomez on the go: Selena and BFF Raquelle taste the town in 'Selena + Restaurant'

With six episodes and plenty of good eats, Selena Gomez ("Selena + Chef") takes on a super-size culinary challenge in "Selena + Restaurant," premiering Thursday, May 2, on Food Network.

Leaving her home kitchen behind and taking on the culinary world by storm, superstar multi-hyphenate Selena is ready to take on the professional kitchens of LA's hottest restaurants, accompanied by none other than her lifelong best friend, Raquelle Stevens ("Selena Gomez: My Mind & Me").

As she travels from place to place, Selena's skills will be put to the test by the best in the business, as guest chefs "will teach and test Selena to see how quickly she can learn the ropes with the ultimate goal of creating a dish good enough to make each restaurant's menu," Food Network claims.

During this inaugural season, the "besties" will be joined by the likes of Shirley Chung ("Tournament of Champions"), Stephanie Izard ("Guy's Grocery Games: All-Star Invitational"), Wolfgang Puck ("Food Network Star") and more, with each guest chef also highlighting a charity that is meaningful to them. Better yet, all of the featured

non-profits receive a donation to further their cause.

In a series description, the network shared that "Selena + Restaurant" will kick off as Selena and Raquelle visit chef Wolfgang Puck's Beverly Hills restaurant, CUT Steakhouse. "Thrown straight into the fire," they say, "Selena must pass an initial test and master one of Wolfgang's classic dishes before creating her take on a spicy seafood dish in a bid to have it placed on the menu."

The description continues: "Then, it's off to the kitchen of Los Angeles Dumpling Queen Shirley Chung, who welcomes Selena into her restaurant, Ms. Chi, where the two make a fusion version of a beloved dish from Selena's childhood. Selena, Raquelle and Shirley fold dumplings and dance around the kitchen as Selena attempts to deliver a dish good enough to make the menu."

From spotting stars at the Hollywood hotspot Lemon Grove, to chowing down on Texas barbecue at Moo's Craft Barbecue, to savoring soul food at Keith Corbin's Alta, the duo won't stop until their taste buds are fully satiated and their culinary talents are thoroughly honed.



Selena Gomez stars in "Selena + Restaurant"

"After cooking mostly virtually from my kitchen with some of the best chefs for the last four years, I was thrilled to step into their world," said Gomez. "You'll have to see

if being in person helped my skills at all." The journey begins, as "Selena + Restaurant" premieres Thursday, May 2, on Food Network.

lifestyle

BY CAROLINE COLLACUTT

Pitfalls and pirouettes: 'Dance Moms' stars return for 5-year reunion special

Recounting every rehearsal, performance and bow, the girls of "Dance Moms" are back to tell all in the two-hour special event "Dance Moms: The Reunion," airing Wednesday, May 1, on Lifetime.

Having launched in the summer of 2011 — immediately gaining viewers worldwide — "Dance Moms" offered a bold and unflinching look at the world of girls competitive dance, building massive, lasting fandom and launching multiple successful spinoffs.

The original nine-season reality series followed the young dancers of Abby Lee Miller's renowned dance company (located in Pittsburgh) as they trained under Miller to compete in high-stakes dance competitions across the country, rising to stardom as cameras, their often overbearing mothers — the "Dance Moms" in question — and the notoriously difficult Abby Lee watched on for

every pitfall and pirouette.

Now, nearly five years after "Dance Moms" hung up its dancing shoes, this reunion special returns some of the franchise's favorite dancers to the stage — including JoJo Siwa (JoJo's Juice"), Chloe Lukasiak ("Loophole," 2019), Brooke Hyland ("Brooke Hyland," 2013), Paige Hyland ("Lux: It's Like Summer," 2021), Kendall Vertes ("Anastasia," 2020) and Kalani Hilliker ("Dirt") — as they take a look back at their past spent with the company and at the show that made them household names.

According to a news release shared by Lifetime, the special will feature "new interviews with fan-favorite dancers as they look back at the most memorable moments of the series and discuss the good, the bad and everything in between, including the lasting impact on their entertainment careers."

Adding to the "Dance Moms" nostalgia,



JoJo Siwa makes an appearance in "Dance Moms: The Reunion"

the network adds that new, additional digital content has been dropped online in preparation for the reunion, including in-depth conversations with the "Dance Moms" cast, where they answer burning fan questions and look at some of the most controversial moments from the series. These conversations cover everything from their relationships with their moms, the most amazing wins, epic pyramids, the best group dances and solos, prop and costume chaos, Cathy and the so-

called "other side of Abby Lee."

From "Dance Moms" creator Bryan Stinson, alongside executive producers Sharon Scott ("Power of Women: The Changemakers"), Steve Ascher ("History's Greatest of All-Time with Peyton Manning"), Kristy Sabat ("The Proof is Out There"), Allie Breslin ("Sell This House") and Jessica Conway ("Who Do You Think You Are?") from A+E Factual Studios, "Dance Moms: The Reunion," premieres Wednesday, May 1, on Lifetime.

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AUTO RACING

FRIDAY

7 p.m. FS1 ARCA Menards Series Dover. From Dover Motor Speedway in Dover, Del.
11 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series BetRivers 200, Qualifying. From Dover Motor Speedway in Dover, Del.

SATURDAY

6:30 a.m. FS1 ARCA Menards Series Dover. From Dover Motor Speedway in Dover, Del.
10:30 a.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series Würth 400, Qualifying. From Dover Motor Speedway in Dover, Del. (Live)
12 p.m. WJAX (47.1) FIA Formula E World Championship Racing Monaco ePrix, Race. The Formula E Series hits the winding streets of Monte Carlo for the Monaco E-Prix. (Live)
1:30 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series BetRivers 200. Jesse Love rolls into the BetRivers 200 in NASCAR Xfinity Series action from Dover Motor Speedway. (Live)

SUNDAY

6 a.m. FS1 NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series BetRivers 200. Jesse Love rolls into the BetRivers 200 in NASCAR Xfinity Series action from Dover Motor Speedway.
8 a.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series Würth 400, Qualifying. From Dover Motor Speedway in Dover, Del.
11 a.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing NHRA Four-Wide Nationals, Qualifying 2. From zMAX Dragway in Concord, N.C.
1:30 p.m. WTLV (12.1) IndyCar Racing Children's of Alabama Indy Grand Prix. The IndyCar Series reaches the Yellowhammer State for the Children's of Alabama Indy Grand Prix. (Live)
2 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series Würth 400. The NASCAR Cup Series rolls up to Dover Motor Speedway for another running of the Würth 400. (Live)
6 p.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing NHRA Four-Wide Nationals. From zMAX Dragway in Concord, N.C.

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing NHRA Four-Wide Nationals. From zMAX Dragway in Concord, N.C.

BASEBALL

SATURDAY

11 a.m. ESPN2 College Softball Florida at Georgia. From Jack Turner Stadium in Athens, Ga. (Live)
1 p.m. ESPN2 College Baseball Florida at Arkansas. From Baum Stadium in Fayetteville, Ark. (Live)
4 p.m. WFOX (30.1) St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y. (Live)
6 p.m. FS1 College Softball Villanova at Connecticut. From the Connecticut Softball Stadium in Storrs, Conn. (Live)
7 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball Tennessee at Alabama. From Rhoads Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Live)
8 p.m. FS1 The Game That Changed Everything: Yankees vs. Red Sox Sox '04 ALCS A look back at the exciting 2004 ALCS matchup between bitter rivals the Yankees and the Red Sox.
9 p.m. ESPN2 College Baseball Oregon at Oregon State. From Goss Stadium in Corvallis, Ore. (Live)
9:30 p.m. FS1 Arizona Diamondbacks at Seattle Mariners. From T-Mobile Park in Seattle. (Live)

SUNDAY

12 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball Florida at Georgia. From Jack Turner Stadium in Athens, Ga. (Live)
2 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball Tennessee at Alabama. From Rhoads Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Live)



4 p.m. ESPN Houston Astros vs. Colorado Rockies. From Alfredo Harp Helu Stadium in Iztacalco, Mexico City, Mexico.
ESPN2 College Baseball Clemson at Louisville. From Jim Patterson Stadium in Louisville. (Live)
7 p.m. ESPN Chicago Cubs at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Live)

MONDAY

7:30 p.m. FS1 Minnesota Twins at Chicago White Sox. From Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago. (Live)

THURSDAY

7 p.m. ESPN2 College Baseball Tennessee at Florida. From Condon Ballpark in Gainesville, Fla. (Live)

BASKETBALL

FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback 2024 Eastern Conference First Round: Cleveland Cavaliers at Orlando Magic. Game 3.
10 a.m. NBA TV Basketball Africa League City Oilers vs. Bangui Sporting Club. From Hassan Moustafa Sports Hall in Cairo, Egypt.
12 p.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback 2024 Eastern Conference First Round: New York Knicks at Philadelphia 76ers. Game 3.
1 p.m. NBA TV Basketball Africa League Al Ahly Ly vs. Al Ahly. From Hassan Moustafa Sports Hall in Cairo, Egypt.
3:30 p.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback 2024 Western Conference First Round: Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers. Game 3.
5:30 p.m. ESPN Milwaukee Bucks at Indiana Pacers. Eastern Conference First Round, Game 3. (Live)
8 p.m. ESPN Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas Mavericks. Western Conference First Round, Game 3. (Live)
10:30 p.m. ESPN Minnesota Timberwolves at Phoenix Suns. Western Conference First Round, Game 3. (Live)

SATURDAY

6:30 a.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback 2024 Eastern Conference First Round: Milwaukee Bucks at Indiana Pacers. Game 3.
8 a.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback 2024 Western Conference First Round: Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas Mavericks. Game 3.
9:30 a.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback 2024 Western Conference First Round: Minnesota Timberwolves at Phoenix Suns. Game 3.
10:30 a.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback 2024 Eastern Conference First Round: Cleveland Cavaliers at Orlando Magic. Game 3.
1 p.m. NBA TV Basketball Africa League Al Ahly vs. Bangui Sporting Club. From Hassan Moustafa Sports Hall in Cairo, Egypt.
TNT Cleveland Cavaliers at Orlando Magic. Eastern Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)
3:30 p.m. TNT Oklahoma City Thunder at New Orleans Pelicans. Western Conference First Round, Game 3. (Live)
6 p.m. TNT Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. Eastern Conference First Round, Game 3. (Live)
8:30 p.m. WJXX (25.1) Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers. Western Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)
11:30 p.m. TNT Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. Eastern Conference First Round, Game 3.

SUNDAY

6:30 a.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback 2024 Eastern Conference First Round: Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. Watch the Heat take on the Boston Celtics in Game 3 of their first-round series, live from Miami.
8 a.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback 2024 Western Conference First Round: Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers. Game 4.
9:30 a.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback 2024 Eastern Conference First Round: Cleveland Cavaliers at Orlando Magic. Game 4.
11 a.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback 2024 Western Conference First Round: Oklahoma City Thunder at New Orleans Pelicans. Game 3.
1 p.m. NBA TV Basketball Africa League Al Ahly Ly vs. City Oilers. From Hassan Moustafa Sports Hall in Cairo, Egypt.
WJXX (25.1) New York Knicks at Philadelphia 76ers. Eastern Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)
3:30 p.m. WJXX (25.1) Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas Mavericks. Western Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)
7 p.m. TNT Milwaukee Bucks at Indiana Pacers. Eastern Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)
9:30 p.m. TNT Minnesota Timberwolves at Phoenix Suns. Western Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)

MONDAY

7:30 p.m. TNT Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. Eastern Conference First Round, Game 4.
8 p.m. NBA TV Oklahoma City Thunder at New Orleans Pelicans. Western Conference First Round, Game 4.
10 p.m. TNT Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets. Western Conference First Round, Game 5 (If Necessary).

TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. TNT First Round: Teams TBA. Professional basketball action from the NBA. (Live)
9 p.m. NBA TV NBA Basketball Professional basketball action from the NBA.
10 p.m. TNT First Round: Teams TBA. Professional basketball action from the NBA. (Live)

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. NBA TV NBA Basketball Professional basketball action from the NBA.
7:30 p.m. TNT First Round: Teams TBA. Professional basketball action from the NBA. (Live)
10 p.m. TNT First Round: Teams TBA. Professional basketball action from the NBA. (Live)

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. TNT First Round: Teams TBA. Professional basketball action from the NBA. (Live)
10 p.m. TNT First Round: Teams TBA. Professional basketball action from the NBA. (Live)

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SUNDAY

8:30 p.m. ESPN2 Polo U.S. Open Polo Championship Final.

FOOTBALL

FRIDAY

6 a.m. FS1 United Football League Michigan Panthers at San Antonio Brahmas. From the Alamodome in San Antonio.

SATURDAY

7 p.m. WFOX (30.1) United Football League Birmingham Stallions at Houston Roughnecks. From Rice Stadium in Houston. (Live)
8 p.m. NFL Arena Football League Orlando Predators at Albany Firebirds. From MVP Arena in Albany, N.Y. (Live)

SUNDAY

12 p.m. ESPN United Football League St. Louis BattleHawks at D.C. Defenders. From Audi Field in Washington, D.C. (Live)
1 p.m. NFL Arena Football League Georgia Force at West Texas Desert Hawks. From Ector County Coliseum in Odessa, Texas. (Live)
3 p.m. WFOX (30.1) United Football League Michigan Panthers at Memphis Showboats. From Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium in Memphis, Tenn. (Live)
6 p.m. NFL Arena Football League Southwest Kansas Storm at Salina Liberty. From Tony's Pizza Events Center in Salina, Kan. (Live)
9 p.m. FS1 United Football League Michigan Panthers at Memphis Showboats. From Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium in Memphis, Tenn.

MONDAY

3 p.m. NFL 2023 Divisional Playoff: Kansas City Chiefs vs. Buffalo Bills. From Jan. 21, 2024.
11:20 p.m. WJXT (4.1) Teal the Show Insider stories and analysis from yesterday's Jaguars game.
11:30 p.m. FS1 United Football League San Antonio Brahmas at Arlington Renegades. From Choctaw Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

TUESDAY

10 a.m. NFL Super Bowl Classics XL: Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Seattle Seahawks. Behind Hines Ward MVP performance, the Steelers defeat the Seahawks, 21-10.
3 p.m. NFL 2023 NFC Divisional Playoff: Green Bay Packers vs. San Francisco 49ers. From Jan. 20, 2024.
7 p.m. FS1 United Football League Birmingham Stallions at Houston Roughnecks. From Rice Stadium in Houston.

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. NFL Super Bowl Classics XXXIX: New England Patriots vs. Philadelphia Eagles. Complete re-airs of the greatest Super Bowls in NFL history.
3 p.m. NFL 2023: Los Angeles Rams vs. Baltimore Ravens. AP Award Winner Showcase. Most Valuable Player: Lamar Jackson. From Dec. 10, 2023.

THURSDAY

10 a.m. NFL Super Bowl Classics XXXVIII: New England Patriots vs. Carolina Panthers. Tom Brady passes for 354 yards and three touchdowns as the Patriots defeated the Panthers 32-29.
3 p.m. NFL 2023: Detroit Lions vs. Dallas Cowboys. From Dec. 30, 2023.
8 p.m. NFL Arena Football League Nashville Kats at Albany Firebirds. From MVP Arena in Albany, N.Y. (Live)
9 p.m. FS1 United Football League Michigan Panthers at Memphis Showboats. From Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium in Memphis, Tenn.

GOLF

FRIDAY

7 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans, First Round. The PGA Tour's lone team event gets underway during the Zurich Classic of New Orleans' first round.
10 a.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf JM Eagle LA Championship, First Round. From Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles.
12 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Second Round. The format switches to alternate shot for the second round of the Zurich Classic at TPC Louisiana. (Live)
6:30 p.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf JM Eagle LA Championship, Second Round. From Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles. (Live)
11 p.m. GOLF DP World Tour Golf ISPS Handa Championship, Third Round. From Taiheiyo Club - Gotemba Course in Japan. (Live)

SATURDAY

6:30 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Second Round. The format switches to alternate shot for the second round of the Zurich Classic at TPC Louisiana.
9:30 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Third Round. The top 33 teams and ties make it through to the third round of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. (Live)
1 p.m. WCWJ (17.1) LIV Golf League Adelaide, Day 2. From The Grange Golf Club in Grange, South Australia, Australia. (Live)
2:45 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Third Round. The top 33 teams and ties make it through to the third round of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. (Live)
6 p.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf JM Eagle LA Championship, Third Round. From Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles. (Live)
10:30 p.m. GOLF DP World Tour Golf ISPS Handa Championship, Final Round. From Taiheiyo Club - Gotemba Course in Japan. (Live)

SUNDAY

8 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Second Round. From TPC Sugarloaf in Duluth, Ga.
10 a.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf JM Eagle LA Championship, Third Round. From Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles.
12:45 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Final Round. The format switches back to alternate shot for the final round of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. (Live)

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Sports

- 1 p.m. WCWJ (17.1) LIV Golf League Adelaide, Day 3.** From The Grange Golf Club in Grange, South Australia, Australia. (Live)
- 2:45 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf Mitsubishi Electric Classic, Final Round.** From TPC Sugarloaf in Duluth, Ga. (Live)
- 3 p.m. WJAX (47.1) PGA Tour Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Final Round.** The format switches back to alternate shot for the final round of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. (Live)
- 6 p.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf JM Eagle LA Championship, Final Round.** From Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles. (Live)
- 10 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Final Round.** The format switches back to alternate shot for the final round of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

MONDAY

- 9 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf Mitsubishi Electric Classic, Final Round.** From TPC Sugarloaf in Duluth, Ga.
- 11 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Final Round.** The format switches back to alternate shot for the final round of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.
- 5 p.m. GOLF Golf 2024 PGA Professional Championship, Second Round.** From Fields Ranch at PGA Frisco in Frisco, Texas. (Live)
- 10 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Final Round.** The format switches back to alternate shot for the final round of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

TUESDAY

- 9 a.m. GOLF Golf 2024 PGA Professional Championship, Second Round.** From Fields Ranch at PGA Frisco in Frisco, Texas.
- 12 p.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf JM Eagle LA Championship, Final Round.** From Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles.
- 5 p.m. GOLF Golf 2024 PGA Professional Championship, Third Round.** From Fields Ranch at PGA Frisco in Frisco, Texas. (Live)
- 9:30 p.m. GOLF Golf 2024 PGA Professional Championship, Third Round.** From Fields Ranch at PGA Frisco in Frisco, Texas.

WEDNESDAY

- 9:30 a.m. GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Investec South African Women's Open, Third Round.** From Erinvale Country and Golf Estate in Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa.
- 11:30 a.m. GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Investec South African Women's Open, Final Round.** From Erinvale Country and Golf Estate in Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa.
- 4 p.m. GOLF Golf 2024 PGA Professional Championship, Final Round.** From Fields Ranch at PGA Frisco in Frisco, Texas. (Live)
- 8 p.m. GOLF Golf 2024 PGA Professional Championship, Final Round.** From Fields Ranch at PGA Frisco in Frisco, Texas.

THURSDAY

- 6 a.m. GOLF DP World Tour Golf Volvo China Open, First Round.** From Hidden Grace GC in Shenzhen, Guangdong, China.
- 10:30 a.m. GOLF DP World Tour Golf Volvo China Open, First Round.** From Hidden Grace GC in Shenzhen, Guangdong, China.

- 4 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf The CJ Cup Byron Nelson, First Round.** From TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas.
- 8 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf The CJ Cup Byron Nelson, First Round.** From TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas.
- 10:30 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf The CJ Cup Byron Nelson, First Round.** From TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas.

HOCKEY

FRIDAY

- 7 p.m. TNT New York Rangers at Washington Capitals.** Eastern Conference First Round, Game 3. (Live)
- 7:30 p.m. TBS Vancouver Canucks at Nashville Predators.** Western Conference First Round, Game 3. (Live)
- 10 p.m. TNT Winnipeg Jets at Colorado Avalanche.** Western Conference First Round, Game 3. (Live)
- 10:30 p.m. TBS Edmonton Oilers at Los Angeles Kings.** Western Conference First Round, Game 3. (Live)

SATURDAY

- 2 p.m. TBS Carolina Hurricanes at New York Islanders.** Eastern Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)
- 5 p.m. TBS Florida Panthers at Tampa Bay Lightning.** Eastern Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)
- 8 p.m. TBS Boston Bruins at Toronto Maple Leafs.** Eastern Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)
- 10:30 p.m. TBS Dallas Stars at Vegas Golden Knights.** Western Conference First Round, Game 3. (Live)

SUNDAY

- 2:30 p.m. TNT Winnipeg Jets at Colorado Avalanche.** Western Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)
- 5 p.m. TBS Vancouver Canucks at Nashville Predators.** Western Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)
- 8 p.m. TBS New York Rangers at Washington Capitals.** Eastern Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)
- 10:30 p.m. TBS Edmonton Oilers at Los Angeles Kings.** Western Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)

MONDAY

- 7 p.m. ESPN Dallas Stars at Vegas Golden Knights.** Western Conference First Round, Game 4. (Live)
- 9:30 p.m. ESPN First Round: Teams TBA.** The latest hockey action from across the NHL. (Live)

TUESDAY

- 7 p.m. TBS First Round: Teams TBA.** The latest hockey action from across the NHL. (Live)
- 7:30 p.m. ESPN First Round: Teams TBA.** The latest hockey action from across the NHL. (Live)
- 9:30 p.m. TBS First Round: Teams TBA.** The latest hockey action from across the NHL. (Live)
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MOTORCYCLE RACING

SATURDAY

- 8:30 a.m. FS1 Motorcycle Racing MotoAmerica King of the Baggers Rewind: COTA.** From Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.
- 9:30 a.m. FS1 Motorcycle Racing MotoAmerica King of the Baggers Rewind: Road Atlanta.** From Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga.
- 3 p.m. WTLV (12.1) AMA Supercross Series Round 15.** From Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. (Live)

RUGBY

FRIDAY

- 9 p.m. FS1 Major League Rugby Old Glory DC at Utah Warriors.** From Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman, Utah. (Live)

SOCCER

SATURDAY

- 7:30 a.m. USA Premier League Soccer West Ham United vs. Liverpool.** West Ham United hosts Liverpool at London Stadium in matchround 35 of the 2023-2024 Premier League. (Live)
- 10 a.m. USA Premier League Soccer Wolverhampton Wanderers vs. Luton Town.** Wolverhampton Wanderers faces Luton Town in matchround 35 of the 2023-2024 Premier League. (Live)
- 12:30 p.m. WTLV (12.1) Premier League Soccer Everton vs. Brentford.** Everton faces Brentford at Goodison Park in matchround 35 of the 2023-2024 Premier League. (Live)
- 1:30 p.m. WFOX (30.1) MLS Soccer LA Galaxy at Austin FC.** From Q2 Stadium in Austin, Texas. (Live)
- 7:30 p.m. WPXC (21.1) NWSL Soccer Portland Thorns FC at Chicago Red Stars.** From SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview, Ill. (Live)
- 10 p.m. WPXC (21.1) NWSL Soccer Bay FC at San Diego Wave FC.** From Snapdragon Stadium in San Diego. (Live)

SUNDAY

- 9 a.m. USA Premier League Soccer Tottenham Hotspur vs. Arsenal.** Tottenham Hotspur hosts Arsenal in matchround 35 of the 2023-2024 Premier League. (Live)

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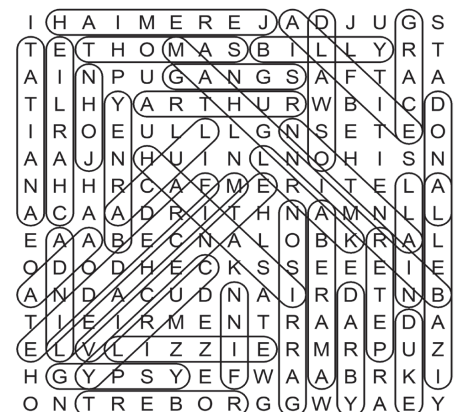
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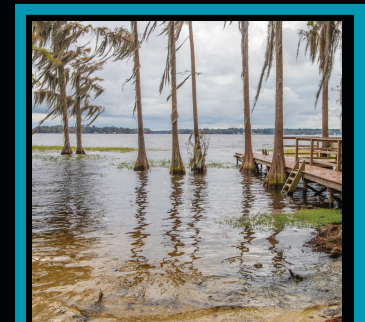
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“Love Undercover” (Peacock — May 9, Series Premiere)

Today’s athletes are mega stars with extreme wealth, giant fandoms and lavish lifestyles. This new reality series is a modern-day fairytale meets buddy comedy about a small group of international soccer stars who come to the United States on a secret quest for true love, following the athletes on an epic journey filled with drama, heartbreak and self-discovery. Can they win over the ladies without their fame and fortune? And will any of them fall for an American princess before returning to the global stage? For these men, finding love is the #1 goal.



“Doctor Who” (Disney+ — May 10, Season Premiere)

In its first official season on Disney+, the long-running, cult-favorite sci-fi series sees the Fifteenth Doctor (Ncuti Gatwa) and his companion, Ruby Sunday (Millie Gibson) traveling across time and space, with adventures all the way from the Regency era in England, to war-torn future worlds. Throughout their adventures in the TARDIS — a time-traveling ship shaped like a police box — they encounter incredible friends and dangerous foes, including a terrifying bogeyman, and the Doctor’s most powerful enemy yet.



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New episode. Stat. This long-running medical drama returns fresh off the news of its Season 21 renewal, joining fan-favorite doctors like Miranda Bailey (Chandra Wilson) and Richard Webber (James Pickens Jr.) and newcomer interns as they tackle life-and-death situations on a daily basis, discovering that neither medicine nor relationships can be defined in black and white. Season 20 of “Grey’s Anatomy” continues with a brand-new episode, premiering Thursday, May 2, on ABC. Get to know the cast — from “OG” cast members to the series’ latest additions — by visiting abc.com/shows/greys-anatomy/cast

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- 2) In 1941, NBC’s WBNT in New York aired the first TV commercial. How many television sets were in operation in New York at that time — 4,000, 24,000 or 36,000?
- 3) Which shaving company became the first television sponsor in 1946?
- 4) A 1971 Coke ad featured a jingle that was so catchy, a re-recorded version of it landed on the Billboard charts in 1971 — name the pop song (not the jingle).
- 5) A 2004 perfume ad is the most expensive commercial of all time — which actress starred in it?
- 6) Which network used the slogan “Must See TV”?
- 7) Which still-popular kitchen appliance was featured in the first TV infomercial in 1949?
- 8) Which film director directed Apple’s “1984” Super Bowl ad?
- 9) In which year did Wendy’s run its iconic “Where’s the beef?” TV ad — 1984, 1986 or 1988?
- 10) “A crummy commercial?” As seen in the 1980 film “A Christmas Story,” which company sponsored the “Little Orphan Annie” radio series?

- (1) True
(2) 4,000
(3) Bulova
(4) “I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing (In Perfect Harmony)”
(5) Nicole Kidman
(6) NBC
(7) Vitamix blender
(8) Ridley Scott
(9) 1984
(10) Ovaltine
- Answers:**



Across

- 1. Tidy sum
- 4. What icicles do
- 8. Person with intelligence
- 11. Code word
- 12. "Othello" fellow
- 13. Tell a whopper
- 14. Round song sung in French
- 17. King in a Steve Martin song
- 18. Your and my
- 19. Attention ____
- 21. Device with a 2015 Pro version
- 24. Toward
- 25. Take the bull ____ the horns
- 26. ____ arm and a leg
- 27. Happen

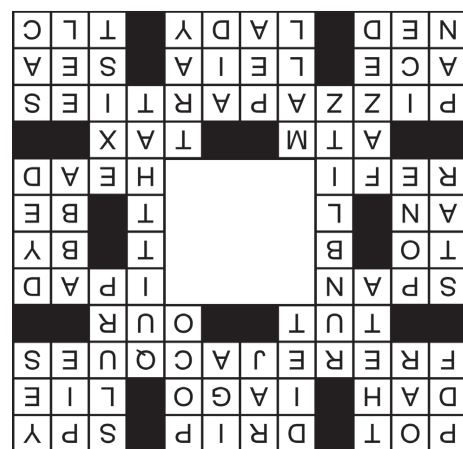
- 28. Get a new mortgage for, briefly
- 30. Cabbage unit
- 32. Bank letters
- 34. Try
- 35. Events where people eat slices
- 41. Hotshot
- 42. "Star Wars" princess
- 43. Large amount
- 44. James Fenimore Cooper's "____ Myers"
- 45. Disney dog
- 46. Cable inits.

Down

- 1. Adobe file format
- 2. Galley need
- 3. Sorority letter

- 4. Losing proposition?
- 5. British rule in India
- 6. Red-and-white supermarket logo
- 7. Somewhat, to Salieri
- 8. Impolite dinner sound
- 9. Slapstick prop
- 10. "Sounds good to me"
- 15. Defensive maneuver meant to stop a rush
- 16. "Stop it!"
- 19. Celebrated
- 20. Southern dish
- 22. "Chiquitita" quartet
- 23. Turned blue, maybe
- 29. Ruffled
- 31. Take up space
- 33. Washington locale, with "the"
- 34. Carhop's load
- 35. Slam
- 36. Hotel freebie
- 37. Low-tech missile
- 38. Assist
- 39. Jellied delicacy
- 40. Baglike structure

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Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue. This week, Jesse Palmer and the bakers celebrate wedding season by taking from the old adage, with each baker using "something borrowed." Then, the bakers put their spin on "something old" — recipes provided by judges Duff Goldman, Kardea Brown and Nancy Fuller. A new episode of "Spring Baking Championship" walks down the aisle Monday, April 29, on Food Network. For some tasty spring-themed recipes, bakers at home can visit foodnetwork.com/shows/spring-baking-championship/recipes

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It hasn't been easy, but George Lopez and his daughter, Mayan, are determined to keep their relationship on good terms — at least, as good as they can be. After a season of big changes for the father-daughter-duo, they lean on their oddball relatives — and each other — more than ever before, teaching the next generation the importance of family and forgiveness along the way. The Season 2 finale of "Lopez vs Lopez" debuts Tuesday, April 30, on NBC, concluding an exciting year for this beloved, dysfunctional family. Catch up before the finale airs with previous episodes available to stream at nbc.com/lopez-vs-lopez/episodes

The dancers of Abby Lee Miller's infamous studio are back, and they're ready to dive into the most memorable moments from the series, discussing the good, the bad and everything in-between — including the dreaded weekly pyramids. JoJo Siwa, Chloe Lukasiak, Brooke Hyland, Paige Hyland, Kendall Vertes and Kailani Hilliker — alongside several of the "Dance Moms" in question — reunite for this two-hour special, "Dance Moms: The Reunion," airing Wednesday, May 1, on Lifetime. Relive the pop culture sensation with a trailer for the special available at youtube.com/watch?v=nZhwU-wbNBM

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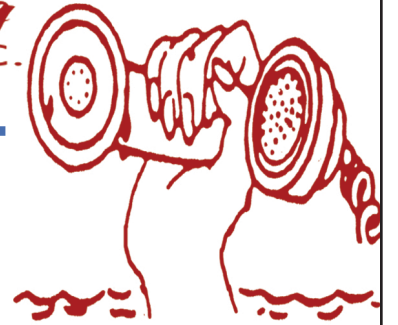
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To complete this puzzle, place the numbers 1-9 in the empty cells, so that every row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold outline) contains all nine digits.

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

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Colin Hanks of "Saturday Night Live" on NBC:

He met his then-wife-to-be Scarlett Johansson during one of her guest-host stints on "Saturday Night Live," on which he has been employed since 2005.



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"Black Twitter: A People's History" (Hulu — May 9, Docuseries Premiere)

Based on Jason Parham's WIRED article "A People's History of Black Twitter," this three-part docuseries charts the rise, the movements, the voices and the memes that made Black Twitter an influential and dominant force in nearly every aspect of American political and cultural life.



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Jon Bon Jovi of "Thank You, Goodnight: The Bon Jovi Story" on Hulu and Disney+ Canada:

The movies in which he has acted have included "Moonlight and Valentino," "U-571," "Pay It Forward," "Young Guns II" and "New Year's Eve."

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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: Words that can follow the word "Spring"

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E	D	I	T	B	L	G	E	C	O	R	O	5.	_____
N	E	H	A	J	C	F	O	R	G	E	M	6.	_____
W	O	C	L	E	A	N	I	N	G	Q	X	7.	_____
Z	K	I	N	W	A	C	O	W	C	U	E	8.	_____
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John Lithgow of "Art Happens Here with John Lithgow" on PBS:

He received the first of his two Tony Awards (to date) for his performance in the play in which he made his Broadway debut, David Storey's "The Changing Room."



Idris Elba of "Knuckles" on Paramount+:

For his title performance in the series "Luther," he has received a Golden Globe Award, a Screen Actors Guild Award and a Critics' Choice Television Award.

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C	E	B		A	S		I		S	A	R

Bingo Solution Puzzle on Page 16

Bingo — Solution

	D	P	B	J	R
Characters in "Mad Men"	Don	Peggy/Pete	Betty/Bert	Joan	Roger
Square-shaped items	Dice	Post-It Notes	Brownie	Free Space	Rubik's Cube
Parts of a car	Dashboard	Piston	Battery	Jack	Radiator
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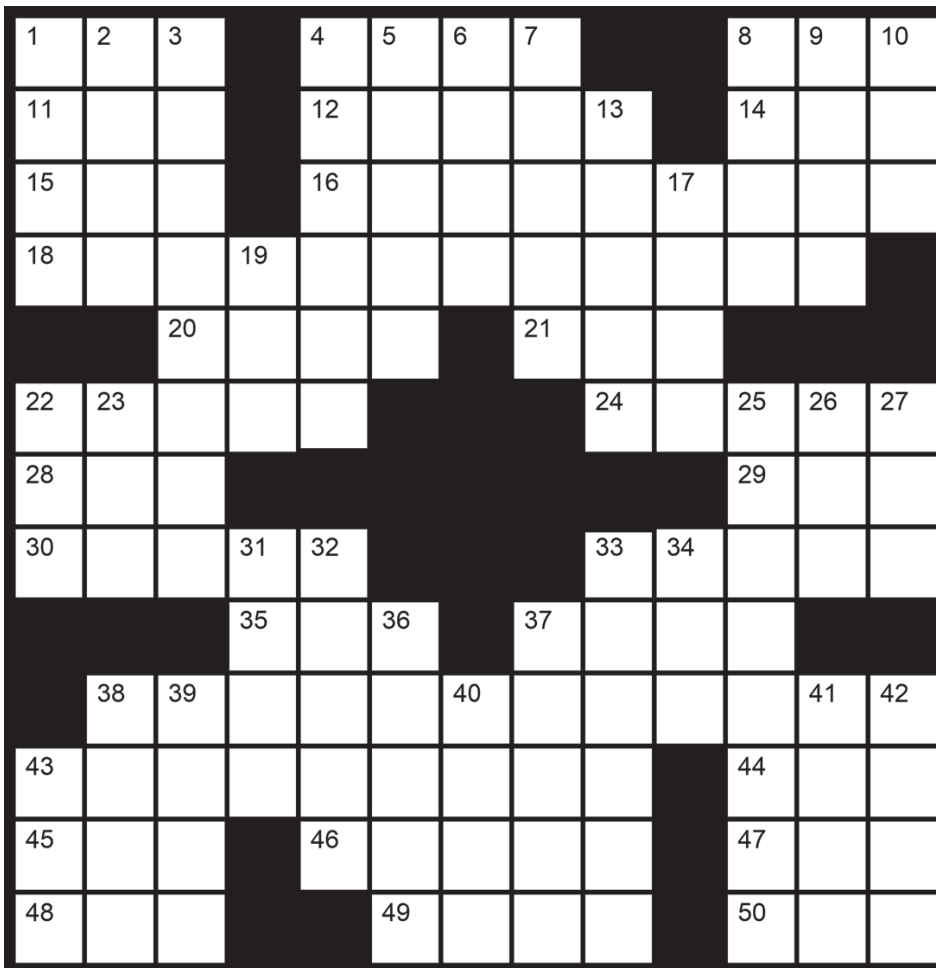
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Solution on page 10



Across

- 1. LA footballer
- 4. TV producer Rae
- 8. Dating letters
- 11. Oscar-winner Mahershala
- 12. Italian apology
- 14. Apt. parts
- 15. Chest muscle
- 16. The Fonz's sitcom
- 18. Sitcom set at the Rosebud Motel
- 20. "Taylor Swift: The ___ Tour"

- 21. ___ Lingus
- 22. Stanley Cup hoister
- 24. Sends junk e-mail to
- 28. Underwater cave dweller
- 29. Abu Dhabi's fed.
- 30. 2000s teen drama set in California
- 33. Pittsburgh-based metal giant
- 35. Gasol of the Lakers
- 37. Peeved mood
- 38. James Spader hit
- 43. Haircut inspired by a character on "Friends"
- 44. "Now really!"
- 45. Permit no more
- 46. Western director Sergio
- 47. Pick up
- 48. Lisa, to Bart
- 49. Deli loaves
- 50. Like TV's Felicity
- 8. Hillside, to the Scottish
- 9. Initialism in color printing
- 10. Spiritual leader?
- 13. Lew of Dr. Kildare films
- 17. "I made a stupid!"
- 19. Ill temper
- 22. Place to surf, with "the"
- 23. Little laugh
- 25. "Storage Wars" actions
- 26. Chinese leader Zedong
- 27. Backdrop for "Baywatch"
- 31. 0, on phones
- 32. Group of plotters
- 33. They're just over two feet
- 34. Diminutive in rapper's names
- 36. Stomach ailment
- 37. Show breakdown
- 38. Bangkok native
- 39. Layers in the barnyard
- 40. "Hey, sailor!"
- 41. Deposed Iranian
- 42. Country singer Keith
- 43. "Stupid Pet Tricks" channel

Down

- 1. "Yo! MTV ___!"
- 2. Baldwin of "30 Rock"
- 3. Actress Dockery of "Downton Abbey"
- 4. Warren Beatty flop of 1987
- 5. Sings like Ella
- 6. Eats in the evening
- 7. Pet protection org.

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BY JAY BOBBIN

A Snow job: Why the newswoman left weekend duty

Q: Why did Kate Snow stop anchoring the Sunday edition of "NBC Nightly News"?
- Richard Hall, via e-mail

A: The longtime, Emmy-winning NBC News correspondent decided to focus her attention on "NBC News Daily," the weekday program she co-anchors on both the on-air NBC network and streaming service "NBC News Now." She still contributes elsewhere, as with reports on "Date-line NBC" and her digital interview series "The Drink With Kate Snow." (And yes, she and her guests actually have drinks on it.)

As of earlier this month, Snow's former role as the Sunday anchor for "NBC Nightly News" has been assumed by Hallie Jackson, NBC News' senior White House correspondent. She also has a streaming program on NBC News Now, "Hallie Jackson Now."

Q: Will Benedict Cumberbatch ever make any more "Sherlock" stories?
- Jim Prescott, Trenton, N.J.

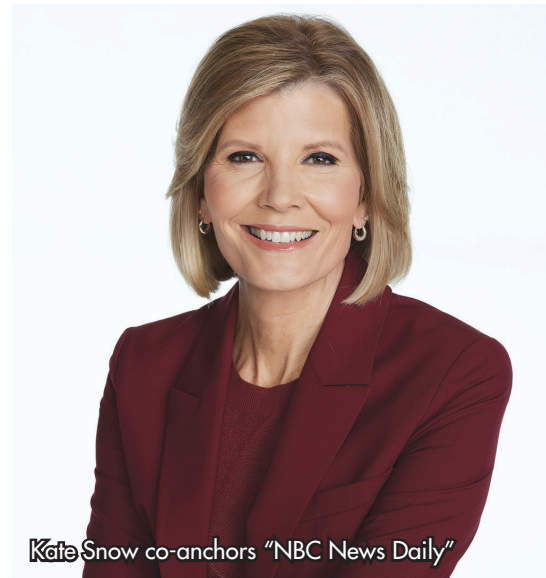
A: The actor reportedly has said that he might be interested in reprising the role of sleuth Sherlock Holmes, but doing another set of episodes is a complicated matter, particularly because of the schedules of those involved — especially Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman, who played Dr. Watson to his Holmes. Freeman also has indicated he might be interested in reviving the series if he liked the material.

For now, Cumberbatch has another series about to debut. He stars in "Eric," scheduled to begin streaming May 30 on Netflix, and casting him as a puppeteer who becomes desperate when his young son disappears. The youngster's drawings of a character named Eric may be the sole means of reuniting the man and his child. Cumberbatch also is an executive producer of the project, with Gaby Hoffman and Dan Fogler among others in the cast.

Q: Did Emily Blunt ever appear with her husband, John Krasinski, on "The Office"? - Jill Norris, Key West, Fla.

A: She didn't, though the actress has said that many fans of the show have mentioned to her how much they would have liked to see her there. The possibility for that to have happened did exist, since she and Krasinski began their relationship in 2008, and he stayed with the American version of "The Office" until it ended its NBC run in 2013.

The spouses have worked together elsewhere, though, starring in the 2018 movie thriller "A Quiet Place." Krasinski also co-wrote and directed that film, and he directed and wrote the 2020 sequel that starred Blunt (though his appearance in the follow-up was limited to a flashback). They also collaborated on Krasinski's soon-to-open movie "IF," with him as writer, director and actor again, and Blunt as a member of the voice cast.



Kate Snow co-anchors "NBC News Daily"

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CCSO: Man, 30, jailed for relationship with schoolgirl

OAKLEAF – A 30-year-old man was arrested April 18 after a Clay County Sheriff's Office investigation revealed he had a sexual relationship with a girl during Spring Break.

Radarius Kesean Swain, of Middleburg, was charged with two counts of lewd or lascivious behavior of a child between 12 and 16, after the victim told a friend of the affair, and the friend told the victim's mother.



Radarius Kesean Swain

According to the heavily redacted arrest report, Swain and the girl met at an apartment complex amenity center. They originally "Facetimed" before the relationship became "sexual in nature," CCSO said.

Swain's bond was set at \$100,006. His next court appearance will be on May 20.

Woman accused of carjacking at Orange Park Country Club

ORANGE PARK – A 35-year-old woman was charged with carjacking a woman's car at the Orange Park Country Club on April 18 after the victim spotted her car in the parking lot of a pottery store.



Ciara Quishanna Forbes

Ciara Quishanna Forbes, of Orange Park, was charged with carjacking without a firearm after she was cornered by Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies in the parking lot of Old Time Pottery. According to CCSO, a security guard at the country club said Forbes drove into the gated community in the victim's car. The victim's purse was found on car in the community.

Forbes' bond was set at \$100,003.

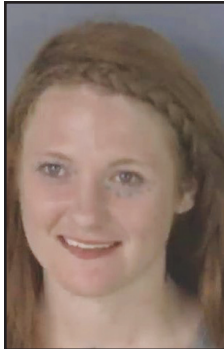
Mother goes to jail for DUI; son goes to hospital

FLEMING ISLAND – More than 15 pieces of Kelly Nicole Rockwood's Jeep still are at the corner of County Road 220 and Hard Road three days after she collided with a concrete light pole on April 23.

But the 27-year-old mother from Green Cove Springs was still in jail after being accused of a litany of charges, including driving under the influence with her son in the front seat who wasn't wearing a seatbelt.

According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Rockwood was seen driving west-

bound on C.R. 200 "at a high rate of speed" by a CCSO deputy. Rockwood apparently tried to make a left turn onto Hard Road, went through the median, struck the curb and wound up in the wood line. Deputies found a boy "in distress" in the front seat "with red marks on the child's neck, right leg and both arms."



Kelly Nicole Rockwood

CCSO said Rockwood was distracted by a puppy in her lap. She failed her field sobriety test, although her blood alcohol test was zero. However, deputies found a glass pipe and Narcan in her car. That's a substance that's used to offset an opioid overdose. According to the arrest report, she told deputies her urine would test positive for amphetamine.

The report also stated from the time of the accident until she was in jail, she didn't ask about the condition of her son for 2 hours, 32 minutes. The son was treated at Wolfson's Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, where he was conscious and alert.

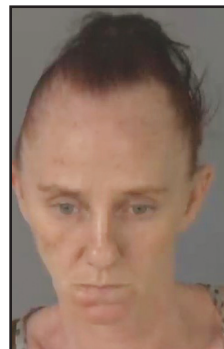
Rockwood was charged with DUI with injury, three counts of DUI with property damage, driving with a revoked license, driving without insurance, failing to drive in a single lane and, child neglect, two counts of resisting law enforcement and not having a child properly restrained.

Her bond is \$39,514.

Women busted for trafficking 112.83 grams of methamphetamine

ORANGE PARK – According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, a passenger of a car pulled over for running a red light while making a turn wound up going to jail on April 20 for trafficking 112.83 grams of methamphetamine.

Ronnie Ehrin Leeman, 45, of Green Cove Springs, was charged with trafficking and resisting law enforcement after the driver of the car gave the sheriff's office consent to search the car during the traffic stop. When a deputy asked Leeman to provide her identification, she shouted profanity at them, CCSO said.



Ronnie Ehrin Leeman

Leeman refused to allow deputies to search the car's passenger side, although the owner had consented, CCSO said. After cursing at the deputy and refusing to move, she was handcuffed and placed in the deputy's car. CCSO found a package of methamphetamine in her backpack.



Deputy Michael Sapp helped wrangler Albert Lundin subdue this larger gator at a home on April 18 during what the Sheriff's Office call "spicy" mating season.

Gator calls

CLAY COUNTY – There is a reason they call Florida Gator Country, and not just for one of its universities.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office was called to remove two reptiles in one week. The first came on April 11 at Kids First preschool in Middleburg when a three-footer was spotted in a hallway. Rookie Deputy Tyler North used his shoe to confine it until he grabbed it under the jaw. It was released in a nearby natural habitat without injury.

A week later, Deputy Michael Sapp answered a call at a residence and found a larger gator in a flowerbed near the front door. With help from a wrangler, Albert Lundin, they roped it and dragged it away from the house.

The gator chased Sapp down the driveway and into the street before it was subdued.

Like the first gator, it was released in a safer environment. According to the agency, "It's Florida, we have gators. And



CCSO PHOTOS

Rookie Deputy Tyler North caught this 3-footer at Kids First preschool in Middleburg on April 11.

it's gator mating season, so they're extra spicy. Most of the time, they stay away from humans, but occasionally, they wander. If you see one that poses a threat to the community, give us a call."

The driver said she drove Leeman to a house in Jacksonville so she could buy the methamphetamine. Under Florida law, any amount totaling 14 or more grams constitutes trafficking. Therefore, her bond is \$502,505.

Masseuse charged with soliciting two undercover deputies

MIDDLEBURG – A 46-year-old Middleburg masseuse was arrested on April 17

and charged with solicitation to two undercover Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies at the QQ Message at 430 College Drive.

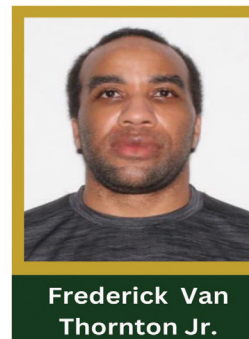
According to the arrest report, Jinjua Chi offered two men additional services beyond their customary massages. Both agreed to the additional charge but changed their minds and left.

Later that day, agents with CCSO's Human Trafficking Vice Unit joined a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection agent in making the arrest. Chi's bond was set at \$15,002.

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Tuesday, April 23

David Dorvilus, 23, Orange Park, shoplifting, VOP community control
Gracen B. Doan, 25, Middleburg, domestic battery
Melissa D. Sharp, 35, Green Cove Springs, domestic violence
Amanda N. Smith, 37, Middleburg, inhaling harmful chemicals
Sakena G. McCray, 40, Orange Park, shoplifting
Damon E. Bynam, 58, Middleburg, sexual battery of child 12 or younger, two counts molestation of child younger than 12, show/sell/rent/loan/give away/distribute/transmit or show obscene material
Jeremiah B.A. Moore, 39, Green Cove Springs, VOP domestic battery
Maurice C. Wildes, 34, Green Cove Springs, FTA possession marijuana
Kristina R. Mosley, 36, Green Cove Springs, VOP possession cocaine
Jacob M. Sanders, 26, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial release conditions for protection against domestic violence
Virginia R. Tirado, 33, Middleburg, domestic violence

Monday, April 22

Jacob M. Sanders, Orange Park, domestic battery
Keylann D. Taylor, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP fraud/swindle financial institution
Michael N. Kamau, 36, Orange Park, domestic violence in presence of child, criminal mischief
Vanessa M. Fernandez, 39, Green Cove Springs, VOP community control
Jinhua Chi, 46, Middleburg, engage in prostitution
Paul A. Ligon, 48, Green Cove Springs, three counts VOP community control
Christopher R. Brick, 40, Green Cove Springs, introduce/remove contraband into jail
Owen A. Munoz, 21, Green Cove Springs, driving without valid license
James C. Harrelson, 28, Middleburg, DUI
Bridget M. Bronson, 37, Orange Park, possession crack cocaine, possession methamphetamine, possession fentanyl
Dustin P. Johnson, 39, Orange Park, DWLSR, operating motorcycle without valid license, operating motorcycle without registration
David G. Gossett, 36, 36, Middleburg, domestic battery

Sunday, April 21

Andrea M. Sweet, 41, Middleburg, aggravated assault with deadly weapon
Ira M. Weltzbarker, 40, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery, DUI
Helen E. Seroki, 31, Middleburg, grand theft auto, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, trespassing
Courtney, S. Knox, 34, Middleburg, fugi-

tive from justice possession oxycontin, fugitive from justice petit larceny
Laura P. Cooper, 52, Middleburg, leaving scene of accident
Linda M. James, 51, Middleburg, possession methamphetamine, possession drug paraphernalia
Denzel M. Howard, 34, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon
Cassandra L. Mills, Middleburg, trespassing,

Saturday, April 20

Luis G. Martinez, 23, Green Cove Springs, DUI with BAL .15 or greater with passenger younger than 18, child neglect
Kelly N. Rockwood, 27, Fleming Island, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, DUI with property damage, DUI with injury, child neglect, DWLSR
Ronnie E. Leeman, 45, Orange Park, trafficking amphetamine/methamphetamine, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
Bryan L. Morse, 46, Middleburg, resisting law enforcement with violence
Gina M. Nasser, 35, Orange Park, trespassing
Ryan G. Cavin, 46, Middleburg, grand theft
James A. Atchison, 20, Middleburg, DWLSR
Alexander J. Mohrmann, 19, Orange Park, aggravated domestic battery on pregnant woman
Shabnam Ejmali, 25, Orange Park, DUI with BAL .15 or greater with passenger younger than 18
Jai M. Phelps, 18, Orange Park, possession-marijuana

Friday, April 19

Robert A. Wright, 34, Orange Park, assault/batter during burglary, vandalism
Latasha M. Thompson, 36, Orange Park,

disorderly intoxication
Shane R. Dunn, 38, Orange Park, petit theft
Joseph P. Kane, 41, Middleburg, trespassing
Lana J. Kentner, 56, Green Cove Springs, DUI

Thursday, April 18

Gabrielle E. Tomlinson, 23, Keystone Heights, felony domestic battery by strangulation, domestic battery
Trent H. Ethridge, Keystone Heights, DWLSR
Jamaria N.M. Stephens, 21, Green Cove Springs, VOP reckless driving, VOP driving without valid license
Gracie J. Berry, 20, Green Cove Springs, VOP larceny from victim 65 or older
Clarissa A. Thomas, 30, Keystone Heights, VOP battery, COP criminal mischief, possession marijuana, possession controlled substance
Radarius K. Swain, 30, Oakleaf, two counts lewd/lascivious behavior to victim between 12-16
Timothy J. Kelley, 39, Green Cove Springs, writ of attachment
Rachel L. Atkinson, 25, Green Cove Springs, failure to register vehicle
Clinton R. Helmer, 39, Keystone Heights, fraudulent use of credit card
Ciara Q. Forbes, 35, Orange Park, carjacking

Wednesday, April 17

Derrick D. McLarn, 54, Middleburg, domestic battery
Patrina D. Barnes, 40, Orange Park, assault during burglary, vandalism
Frankie R. Wheeler, 56, Green Cove Springs, FTA petit theft
Louischeviel Ortiz-Ortiz, 18, Orange Park, petit theft

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STATE WEIGHTLIFTING

Reyes, Jeffries, Shevchok bring home Gold medals

By Randy Lefko
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LAKELAND - In a competition that featured massively big numbers being thrust, three Clay County weightlifters came home with gold in one of the most competitive arenas; the FHSAA state weightlifting championships, over the weekend in Lakeland.

"I think this was one of the toughest days of lifting in Florida in a while," said Keystone Heights High coach Lantz Lowery, who finished second in Traditional to Suwannee High in an intense cat-and-mouse game of chicken, sort of, with a mistake or two the difference between Lowery's fourth straight state title and his eventual second place. "We came in with a plan and all I ask of my team is to get their lifts in and score points. We didn't do that as well today and Suwannee put on a good show."

Two defending individual champions; Keystone Heights' Trey Jeffries in Class 1A Olympics and Traditional and Fleming



Keystone Heights senior weightlifter Trey Jeffries shows off his two Class 1A titles earned Saturday in Lakeland. Jeffries was a 2023

SEE WEIGHTLIFTING, 45



Fleming Island's flag football team is highlighted by multitasking London Jenkins, here, speeding around a Mandarin defender in Golden Eagles playoff win. Fleming Island hosted Fletcher on Tues., April 23 in their second round region playoff game.

Three teams remain in flag football playoffs

MHS, FIHS, CHS: Next round

By Randy Lefko
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Fleming Island flag football continued their trek to a second straight Class 2A championship game, Clay High broke open a 6-0 halftime to a 33-0 win and Middleburg avenged a district championship loss a week ago to stay alive in the FHSAA flag football region playoffs.

Ridgeview, who surged near the end of the season with the return of senior quarterback Nia Blocton from an injury, took No. 2 ED White to an 18-7 game with two late scores by the Lady Commanders ending the Panther's season at 6-9 overall. ED White moves to 15-3 and advances to play No. 3 Paxon on April 23. Ridgeview was the lone region qualifier from last season, losing to Choctowhatchee in round one.

For Fleming Island, now 15-0 in Class 2A, interceptions were the play of their 21-13 region opening win over Mandarin as linebacker Gabi Musa snatched a Mandarin pass on the last play of the first

quarter that turned into the first score of the night from running back London Jenkins.

That score stood for the half before Fleming Island quarterback Devyn Dudsones hit Jenkins with a 17-yard scoring pass to put Fleming Island up 14-0.

"She has matured to understand what she has around her and to be patient in the backfield and let her athletes do what they do," said Fleming Island coach Clint Lyons, speaking about Dudsones, a defensive back on last year's Class 2A runner-up squad led by quarterback Mykala Maddox, an all-state selection. "His ability to keep her eyes downfield as she rolls around the pocket gives London and Emily Poucher time to get open downfield."

Mandarin would battle back to a 14-7 game before Jenkins snapped up an interception and smiled as she sped past the Mandarin bench to paydirt.

Fleming Island, top region seed and eighth-ranked in Florida, advances to host No. 4 Fletcher (11-3) on Tues., April 23 with Navarre (15-2) and Pace (13-5)

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Oakleaf High football coach Chris Foy takes a time out during game action at last year's spring game against Spruce Creek High. Area football teams will start spring practices on Monday with a month of practice and a spring game. See story on page 41.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Clay High defenders Kenzie Burke, right, and Hayleigh Griffin celebrate nifty interception and lateral play that led to Clay score in 12-6 region playoff win over Stanton Prep on Tuesday.

Clay alone in flag state playoff run

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - The relationship between a father and a teenage daughter is a delicate one. Be too harsh, and she may withdraw. Be too lenient, and she may never learn the discipline required to succeed.

Clay High School flag football coach Jared Moses found just the right words for his daughter Teaghan Moses, who had thrown two interceptions in the first half of their Class 1A region semifinal match against Stanton Prep as the host Blue Devils entered the intermission trailing 6-0. His words turned his daughter's outlook around, and the sophomore responded with two rushing touchdowns in the second half to lift Clay to a 12-6 victory over Stanton in an FHSAA Class 1A regional semifinal on April 23.

"A dad-daughter relationship, number one, is special and number two, is really hard," said Moses. "I am normally a lot more hard on her. I just pulled her aside calmly and said, 'Look, you can't let those two interceptions get to you. You're fine, and we are going to win the game.'"

In the other two flag football playoff games, top seed Fleming Island lost their first game of the 2024 season with a 33-12 loss to Fletcher in the Class 2A region playoff semifinal to end their season at 15-1. In Tallahassee, Middleburg, a surprise winner over Bradford County in their playoff opener having lost to Bradford County in their district final, ended their season with a 41-0 loss to FSU High School, now 13-1. Middleburg finishes at 9-6.

At Clay High, Teaghan Moses, who has thrown for more than 2,000 yards in 13 games this season, set up both of her scoring runs with deep completions down the right sideline. Facing a fourth and 10 on Clay's first possession of the third quarter, the right-hander connected with fellow sophomore Cora Parker for 26 yards to the Blue Devils' four yard line. Moses ran two quarterback sneaks from there, scoring on the second attempt by reaching the ball over the goal line as her flag was pulled.

On their next possession, Moses rolled



Clay High defender Kirra Dodson goes up to break up pass attempt in Blue Devils' 12-6 Class 1A region semifinal win over Stanton Prep on Tuesday. Clay advances to play ED White at Clay High School for the region title on April 30.

to her right and lofted a rainbow that Yuliana Garcia hauled in for a 30 yard gain to the Stanton one yard line. After penalties against each team on the next two plays, Moses again took a shotgun snap and ran up the middle and across the goal line for the game-winning points.

"Friends of mine say she is faster than you think," Jared Moses said of Teaghan Moses' ability to run. "I think she surprises people."

The two first-half interceptions might have doomed the Blue Devils had it not been for their stifling defense. The only Stanton touchdown, a four yard reverse sweep by speedster Courtney Brown around left end, came after a nine-yard drive set up by Gabrielle Fajardo's interception and 10 yard return on Clay's opening possession.

Senior linebacker Kenzie Burke had an interception at midfield that led to Moses' first touchdown.

Clay, now 12-1, will host the regional final against Jacksonville Ed White on April 30.

Tuesday action

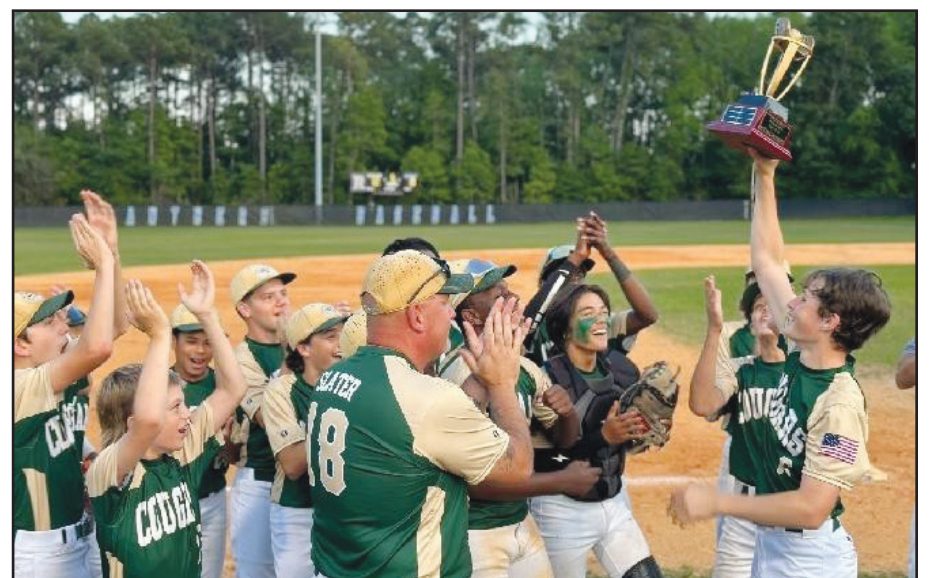


Fleming Island singles tennis player Zach Wyatt has advanced to the FHSAA Class 3A state championship after winning his district title and will also play in the doubles state tournament with Anthony Williams. Fleming Island's boys won their district tournament, but lost Tuesday to Ponte Vedra in their region opener.

Fleming Island won a 13-2 match with Buchholz on Tuesday with senior Ella Morris collecting her 100th career hit for the Golden Eagles. Morris had two hits and an RBI against Buchholz.



Fleming Island's unbeaten regular season ended 33-12 Tuesday against Fletcher High in their Class 2A region semifinal with Fletcher quarterback Jasmine Cross, here getting flagged by Fleming Island defender Daisy Fletcher, a menace for the Golden Eagle defense. Fleming Island finishes at 15-1.



Green Cove Springs Junior High baseball won a strong 12-0 Northeast Florida Athletic Conference championship over Baker County last week with Jayden County holding up trophy with team and coach Dan Slater, left. Green Cove finished with a 10-3-1 overall record and avenged a 7-5 regular season loss to Baker County.

Spring football is almost here!

New districts, new coaches

By Randy Lefko
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ORANGE PARK - High school football is almost upon us with the upcoming Spring Football about to begin on Mon., April 29 as area athletes start the long journey to fall preparations.

Among the ranks is a new coach at Ridgeview High, a track-fast offensive four-some for Fleming Island High, a second year for coaches at Oakleaf and Fleming Island after rookie seasons that did not pan out as well as expected and enthusiasm at the only school that made playoffs last season.

The start of spring football is a few days of conditioning, a few days of shells; helmets and cleats, a few days of pads and, yes, the first day of contact.

Of course, there are spring games designed to flex a bit of muscle, test some new schemes, see some young tigers and set the tone for summer workouts and an August revival for yet another year of high school football.

Ridgeview has a new coach in former Oakleaf Junior High powerhouse Merlin Smith, a long-tenured veteran of area



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football. Ridgeview has gone through some tough seasons and Smith brings a love of tough football-grinding opponents with a bevy of fast and aggressive players.

Smith's success at Oakleaf Junior High is near legendary with numerous trips to the conference championships of junior high ball.

Smith at Ridgeview and coach Kyle Kennard at Clay don't get much time to rethink strategies against new teams as the new district includes two powerhouses; Columbia and St. Augustine.

At Fleming Island, with a rookie season for coach Chad Parker seemingly undergoing growing pains, that should morph into a team that everyone is excited about just by the fact that the record-setting track 4 x 100 relay team is the quarterback, the

running back, a wide receiver and a safety.

Orange Park had a similar scenario a few years ago with the third place in state 4 x 400 relay team being key football players and the idea of just raw speed on the turf makes coaches cringe on defense and drool on offense.

Oakleaf sophomore coach Chris Foy had a stellar squad last year that fell short of playoff expectations, but Foy is a grinder with a knack of conditioning. Foy must find some key athletes in key spots. Foy's young players were dynamite last year and will be expecting some highlight reel schemes to get to the end zone.

Oakleaf is also out of the District of Doom that put four teams into the playoffs last year

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Fleming Island linebacker Gabi Musa gets close in defense of Mandarin pass attempt. Musa had key interception in first quarter leading to Golden Eagle score.



Fleming Island defensive edge rusher Emily Poucher reaches for Mandarin ball carrier in Golden Eagles region opener playoff win.



Fleming Island quarterback Devyn Dudones has used her legs and passing arm to move the ball on offense to an unbeaten season thus far.



Fleming Island wide receiver Daisy Fletcher has become good target in the air for Fleming Island coach Clint Lyons' intricate offensive schemes.



London Jenkins makes trick catch of ball in traffic.



Fleming Island has gotten nearly 500 yards of rushing from Gabi Musa who has been secondary target to London Jenkins on offense.

Flag

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in the opposite end of the bracket. Fletcher defeated Chiles 20-6 to advance. Navarre, the No. 2 seed, beat Ocala Forest 39-6 while Pace, the No. 3 seed, passed Niceville 39-0.

In 2023, Fleming Island defeated Sandalwood, Pace, Spruce Creek and Western to advance to the Class 2A final, a loss to Tampa Alonzo.

For Clay, a 6-0 halftime lead off a Teaghan Moses pass to wide-out Kirra Dodson turned into a 33-0 blowout off three interceptions in the second half.

"Teaghan just moved the ball downfield methodically," said Clay fan Cody Mobley, noted Clay High football commentator. "She has a good knack for finding Yuliana Garcia on crossing routes. Kirra has used her speed to get downfield and that makes defenses having to adjust to cover one or the other."

For Middleburg and first-year coaches 1 Choctawhatchee (13-1) hosts No. 4 Fort James Black and Rodney Ivey, who lost a tough 7-0 district final game to Bradford County a week ago, the return match between the two teams; No. 6 Middleburg (9-5) turned the tables on No. 3 Bradford with a 12-7 score to advance to play at No. 2 FSU High (12-1) in Tallahassee. FSU beat Suwannee 27-0 to advance. Bradford led 7-0 into the third quarter with Middleburg scoring twice in the fourth for the win.

On the opposite end of the bracket, No.

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In 2023, Stanton was defeated by Choctawhatchee in the region final with Robinson beating Choctawhatchee in the Class 1A championship game.



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Clay High defensive rusher Lily Kalil stretches to reach Westside quarterback. Kalil got key quarterback sack in final moments of Blue Devil win.



Clay High's offensive front includes, from left, Shelby McClain, Kirra Dodson, Cora Parker and quarterback Teaghan Moses.



Clay High defender Kirra Dodson chases down Westside wide out heading downfield.



Clay High quarterback Teaghan Moses hops over goal line pylon after scramble.



Running rugged for Clay High's offense is center/linebacker Shelby McClain, left, stretching for extra yards after key catch and, right, barreling downfield after crossing pattern pass play.



Winning streaks halted for Clay Blue Devils

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - After a Friday of amazing area baseball finishes just a week ago with scintillating finishes and heroes popping up in the final moments, a week later, the win streaks of the Clay High baseball and softball teams; five in a row for the Blue Devils' baseball and softball teams came to screeching halts on both sides with Friday night being cruel with Episcopal, third-ranked in 3A (21-1), being a quick 10-0 winner to cap three losses in a row for Clay softball coach Matt Lewis, and Bartram Trail, with a 3-0 win, snapped the Blue Devils' baseball team five-game win streak that started with an exciting 7-6 win over Fleming Island.

"We won our last five including a 14-inning game to come out on top," said Clay head coach Josh Persinger. "Winning is contagious, winning is awesome, winning will also punch you in the face when you take it for granted. Every loss we learn from."

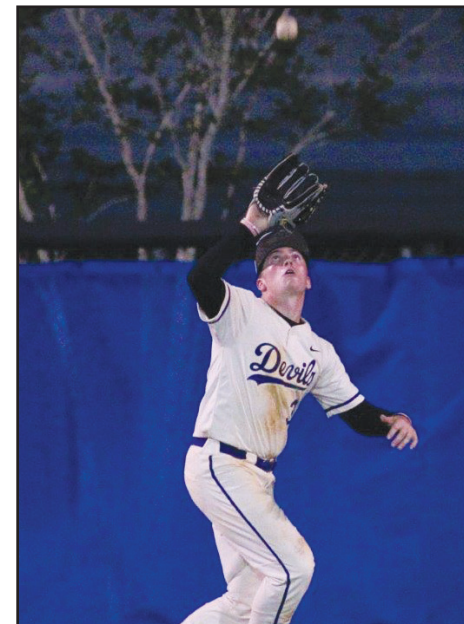
On the boys' side, after five wins in a row, including a walk-off 2-1 win over

Yule, and a marathon 14-inning 1-0 win over First Coast, the Blue Devils only logged three hits and one error against the 13-9 Bartram Bears. The boys went down swinging, striking out nine times against Bears pitcher Luke Labbe who went the distance. Cole Carnell was the bright spot for the Blue Devils, going two for three in the batter's box with a pair of singles in the 3-0 loss.

The Lady Blue Devils reinvigorated to a 7-12 season record with the return of senior pitcher McKinsey Bardroff, but also had a tough evening against Episcopal.

With the 10-run rule in the bottom of the sixth, the game ended with the Lady Blue Devils only getting two hits on the evening, and three strike-outs on the Eagles. The Blue Devils struck out 12 times trying to make contact to no avail in the 10-0 six-inning shutout.

The ladies didn't have one bad inning as they never gave up more than three runs in an inning. The 21-1 Eagles started early with a run in the first inning and continued to build the lead one and two runs at a time in each inning. The Eagles put up three



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Clay High baseball coach Josh Persinger watches in dismay as his Blue Devils team falls 3-0 to Bartram Trail while centerfielder Cole Carnell tracks down outfield fly against Bartram Trail.

runs in the fourth inning to pull ahead 7-0 and added two more in the fifth, and one in the sixth. With Blue Devils Kaelye Rouw and Kendyll Mann the only two getting on board the bases, the runs just never developed for Clay in the 10-0 loss.

The Blue Devils boys' team had similar woes with 22 at-bat opportunities, and only Carnell and Merrick Rapoza logging hits. The boys only walked three times in the 3-0 event. With no single issue facing Clay, it is the details that will get the work this week as Persinger gets his team ready for the last three games of the season.

"Preparation and back to work," said Persinger. "At this point, everything is just a dress rehearsal for districts, regionals and hopefully state. This is just a little wake-up call, but we're on the hunt for number one in the district. We're where I want to be."

The Bear's scoring was not deep balls out of the park. In the second inning, with one out and runners on base, a dropped ball on the third strike had a Bartram runner heading to first. On the play, the Bears scored the runner from third base, 1-0.

The game remained 1-0 until the fifth inning when the Bears had no outs, and runners on second and third base. A grounder to Preston Andrews at shortstop allowed one run to score, 2-0. The next batter dropped one into right field where Reef Johnson couldn't make the play, 3-0. Johnson's throw was on target and held the runners from advancing any further. The Blue Devils defense went three up, and three outs for the rest of the inning to hold



Clay High pitcher Alyssa Lancaster had tough time trying to corral tough Episcopal batting lineup.

the Bears to a 3-0 lead. In the final three at-bat attempts, the Blue Devils could do no better than one runner on base in the sixth and seventh innings.

The Blue Devil Boys are road warriors Tuesday at Providence, and Wednesday at Baldwin before coming home to finish out the regular season with the annual Keystone Heights/Clay classic Thursday night, 7 pm.

The Lady Blue Devils wrap up on the road with Ridgeview on Tuesday night and at St. Augustine on Thursday.



Clay High third baseman Lauren Harris makes successful tag of base steal attempt by Episcopal.

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Weightlifting

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Island's Kevin Reyes in Class 2A Olympics, successfully defended their titles; both in Olympics in 2023, while Oakleaf put a new name in the champion trophy case in senior Elijah Shevchook, aka Porkchop, who battled to a Class 3A title in Traditional.

Note: Athletes competed in two separate scoring competitions with three separate lifts; Olympic snatch, Clean and Jerk and Bench Press, being combined to create an Olympic champion (Olympic snatch plus Clean and Jerk totals) and Traditional (Olympic Snatch and Bench Press totals).

"Trey was going to do what Trey does and he executed his game plan exactly as planned out," said Lowery, noting Jeffries won in Olympics in 2023 and finished third in Traditional. "To come back and win again, and add a second title, is a tough call, but he's a tough kid."

Shevchook, the middle brother of a threesome of outstanding athletes that have been at Oakleaf High; big brother Isaiah; a football, and weightlifting athlete from 2023, and little brother Noah, who, as a first-time invite as a freshman to the state weightlifting event, finished impressively in his weight class; 129 pounds, with two third place finishes.

In the Olympics lifts, Noah Shevchook was third by weight with a tie at 415 with Sam Lewis of Nease. Bryson Brown of Milton won with a 455 total. In Tradition, Lewis won by five pounds over Brown with Shevchook third. Elijah Shevchook won in the 154 weight class with a 10-pound difference; 560, better by 10 pounds of St. Cloud's Jonathan Morales. Morales hit a 295 bench press on his second lift with Shevchook hitting 295 on his final lift, but Morales missed at 310. Morales missed at 265 in clean and jerk with Shevchook successful opening at 265; missing twice at 275. The difference was Morales hitting 255 on clean and jerk, but missing 265 on his final lift. Shevchook also finished fourth in Olympics.

Jeffries most impressive finish was in his bench press which came with a 385-pound final lift that forced his competitors to reach into unknown territory in the heat of the battle. Jeffries was patiently watching his chasers put down their best efforts with Jeffries' opening lift of 350 second best to a 355 by Taylor-Pierson's Francisco Perez, then his second lift of 350 was again second to Perez, who was good at 360.

From there, with Lowery crunching numbers to catch Suwannee to capture a fourth team title in four years, Jeffries blew up the corral with a 385 final lift against Perez's 370.

Lowery's answer to a question of catching Suwannee in Traditional with his big guys still in play, was simple, "Always."

Suwannee had run away with the Olympics team scores with 53 points beating South Sumter's 45 and Keystone Heights third at 21.

"I was crunching their numbers, not ours, to see where we could get an edge," said Lowery. "That coach is a great coach and he probably will never have a team as



Fleming Island senior Kevin Reyes defending his Olympic state title from 2023 with final lift theatrics.



strong as this one, but I told my guys we need us to do us, get our lifts and hope for a mistake."

In the Tradition chase, Lowery got as close as 36-30 with Jeffries and Unlimited Tyler Duncan and 219s duo of Jayden Goodman and Bryson Wester awaiting final lifts. Lowery watched intently as the scoreboard jumped as Wester's 355 final bench press was second best to Suwannee's Will Wainwright, but Wainwright, who opened successfully at 385, failed twice at 405, then 420 to juggle the team numbers.

"We got enough to jump over South Sumter, but not enough to get to Suwannee," said Lowery. "I like the fight we gave, but now we are the hunter again for next year. We'll be back."

Keystone Heights was in position to wrest the title from Suwannee in Tradition with strong finishes from Tyson Baxter in 119, third; fifth and sixth in 129 from Colton Hollingsworth and Jed Tisdale; second and ninth in 139 from Wyatt Van Zant and Declan Shine; third in 169 from Ben Ulsch;

With no top 10s in the 183 and 199 weight divisions, the upper-weight boys for Lowery battled to steal the win.

"Think about Baxter, an exhibition lifter for us last year and now third in the state as a first-time varsity lifter," said Lowery. "

Duncan was as close as second place with 310 in clean and jerk and a 350 bench with Pensacola Catholic's Desjon Robertson missing his first shot at 450 in bench to open. Robertson would return and lift the 450 on his second attempt but missed at 465 on his final attempt. The 450 and a 420 opener from Artavious Jones of Blountstown moved Duncan to fifth with Robertson and Jones tying up top at 745 and Robertson getting the gold on body weight (weighed in less than Jones) with Duncan



Keystone Heights boys weightlifting made final session run at Suwannee High in defense of Indians 2023 state title but fell short after final lifts.



Left: Shevchook brother Elijah, left, and Noah both came home with medals with Elijah Class 3A champion and Noah third in both disciplines. Middleburg High lifters Tucker Cody, Charles Little and Frew Kolton relax during warmups prior to Class 2A championships in Lakeland.

in a group separated by just 10 pounds from third to fifth.

Jeffries, who has been dominant all season for Keystone Heights coach Lantz Lowery, was as dominant at state with wins in both Olympic and Traditional by 25 pounds in Olympics and by 90 pounds in Traditional.

Suwannee's final tally was a 43-30 decision over Keystone Heights with South Sumter third at 28.

For Reyes, who stormed the castle last year to win the Olympics title after some early anxiety about thrusting 300-plus pounds over his head, struggled with two misses on his first two lifts at 230 about to leave him medal-less, but a successful third lift at 230 keeping him in the game.

"Kevin had hit 230, 240 and almost 250 in practice in Olympic Snatch on Monday before state so that was what we were trying to do; get a good lift on the board," said Fleming Island coach Sean Coultis. "In the clean and jerk, Kevin went with 325 for the win of a tie and hit the lift. One lift to win it all and he came through."

Reyes would answer in his battle with massive Burke Malmberg of Lecanto, a 276.30-pound mammoth, with a 325 clean and jerk besting Malmberg's 320 to get a tie in the Olympics scoring. Reyes, who weighed in at a relatively small 260.70 pounds, won the tie by body weight with both lifters tied at 555.

On the bench press, with three lifters hoisting above 400 pounds; 440, 420 and 410, Malmberg edged Middleburg's Gage Isbell for fourth also with a tie; 680-680, with Isbell weighing in at 292.40. Reyes was fifth at 675. Isbell also had his troubles with two misses in clean and jerk at 280 and two misses in bench press at 420 before hitting

the 420 on his final lift.

Two lifters with shocking misses were Middleburg's Josh Seneal, second last year in 2A, and Fleming Island's Tyler Beverly, Olympics state champion last year, with both missing all three clean and jerk lifts.

"Tyler injured a hamstring about a month ago and could not lift and that hurt him," said Coultis. "He could have got second but wanted to repeat as champion and went for it in the clean and jerk. He got the cleans on all three but missed on the jerk overhead. I loved that he wanted to win it all."

Also in the 2A Olympics top 10 finishers were Middleburg's Jammes Harris; ninth at 119; Middleburg's Trent Robinson, seventh at 139; Middleburg's Frew Kolton, seventh at 199; Fleming Island's Dehmira Jackson, seventh at 219; Ridgeview's Braylon Hawkins, ninth at 238 and Middleburg's Charles Little, sixth at Unlimited.

In 2A Traditional, the top 10 finishers were Middleburg's Jammes Harris, 10th at 119; Ridgeview's Jayden Campbell, sixth at 129; Middleburg's Trent Robinson, eighth at 139, and Fleming Island's Aidan Johannsen, seventh at 154.

In 3A, Oakleaf also had Ray Williams (119), Tony Gray (Unlimited) and Ethan Simons (238) competing.

In 2A, also competing were, at 129, Clay's Zerek Migliore; at 154, Middleburg's Daniel Raines and Ridgeview's Dondoza Roberts; at 154, Orange Park's David Lava and Bryce Sagar; at 183, Fleming Island's David Smith, and, at 219, Middleburg's Tucker Cody.

In 1A, Keystone Heights had Davin Adams at 154; Kyle Perkins at 183; Braydan Hall at 238; Jackson Herman at 238, and Braydan Wester at Unlimited.

New track opens with flurry, record high jump

Districts next two weeks/Regions May 7-8 at UNF

By Randy Lefko

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ORANGE PARK - Ridgeview High opened its new track facility with a flurry and a school record as area tracksters tested out the latest rubberized running track in Clay County. The Panthers track athletes now share the state-of-the-art running surface as Orange Park, Middleburg and Keystone Heights as county school district planners move on their goal to upgrade facilities around the county.

On the track on Wednesday, Ridgeview High high jumper T'Vario Willis used the new high jump area to set a school record with a 6 foot, 7.50 inches to ready himself for the upcoming district championships to be held Wednesday at Beachside High.

District 4-3A Track and Field

Beachside, Clay, Fleming Island, Matanzas, Menendez, Middleburg, Ponte Vedra, Ridgeview, St. Augustine

Districts at Beachside HS, Wed., April 24

With the firepower of Ridgeview's Willis in the high jump, sprinter Kimal Marshall in the 100 at 11.09 and Clay's Antonio Thomas at 11.24, plus a 51.42 and 51.86 in the 400 from Clay's Oliver Pierre and Gavin Baillie, the district races should be fast and competitive. Fleming Island has quarterback Cibastian Broughton under 11 seconds with a 41.70 4 x 100 relay team rated second in the state.

In the distance runs; 400-3200, Fleming Island brings the heat with Graham Myers ticking in a 1:55 800 last week as well as a few sub-4:20 miles with wingman John Keester IV a few steps back, plus 800 dude Roman Mollicone breaking a 1:53 plus 800 and 3200 man Jacob Campbell under 10 minutes.

At the Thursday Night Spikes track meet at Bartram Trail High School on Friday, Fleming Island had some choice entries in key events just for a little sharpening with Myers popping off a second place

1:55.20 800 and Mollicone whipping up a 49.77 third in the 400. Campbell ran second in the 3200 in 9:28.67 with Keester fourth at 9:48.47.

For the Fleming Island girls, 800/1600 ace Brooke Reynolds doubled up with a 2:22.11 800 for eighth and a 5:22.18 1600 for seventh. Clay got a surprise 22.60 200 from Clay soccer ace Jack Wilkening at their rescheduled Bronco Bob Classic on Monday after rain on Friday.

Also at Middleburg, Bronco wide receiver Jaden Boyd hit a 19'-4" long jump for the win.

In the field events, Fleming Island triple jumper Mikayla Shavers has been battling in the top three in the state in her specialty that won her a silver medal in Class 3A last year as a freshman and Middleburg has discus ace Madison Underwood flying in around 130-140 feet as the clear favorite.

Middleburg javelin ace Anthony Pasquale hit 133'-10" at Ridgeview and could be a factor at districts with an additional 10-15 feet.

Shot put is Clay's Omar Goosby near the 40-foot mark with 45 plus able to get to state Goosby threw 46' flat at Middleburg.

In the girls' races at Ridgeview, the top drawer for district 4-3A may be 400-800 ace Erika Martinez of Clay who hit a quick 1:03.47 at Ridgeview in the 400.

In the hurdles, Ridgeview got a 17.66 win from sophomore Adan Benda in the 100 hurdles with Middleburg's Tiana King running 1:14.09 for the 400 hurdles to edge Benda by one second.

District 3-3A

Orange Park, Baker County, Ed White, Englewood, Riverside, Stanton, Terry Parker, Westside

District meet at Orange Park HS, Tues., April 30

For Orange Park, led by 400-meter specialist Kayleana Henry and her handful



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Orange Park 4 x 100 anchor Arianna Porter blasts down final 100 meters on the new Ridgeview High track during Ridgeview High Invitational on Wednesday. Area tracksters are making final preparations for districts in the next two weeks.

of sub-60 second finishes, sprints are the name of the game with Raider teammate Layla Mazerac running a 2:41.10 800 at Ridgeview with teammate Charlotte Wilson right behind her. Wilson won the 1600 in 5:56.76.

Oakleaf heads to Toco Creek High School for their district meet behind the raw speed and power of sprinters jumpers Devin Collins, Takoda Brown and Josber

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District 2-4A at Toco Creek HS, on Wed., April 24

District 2-4A: Oakleaf, Atlantic Coast, Bartram Trail, Creekside, First Coast, Fletcher, Mandarin, Nease, Sandalwood, Toco Creek



Clay High 400 meter runner Erika Martinez flies down backstretch at Ridgeview High Invitational on new track.



Runners in the boys 4 x 100 relay take off after first exchange in event won by Clay at Ridgeview Invitational.



Clay High 4 x 100 relay anchor leg Jack Wilkening got late handoff but roared to give the Blue Devils a win in the event at Ridgeview Invitational.



Middleburg pole vaulter Jacob Poppel has improved quickly to a 10'-6" vaulter for Broncos.



Ridgeview High's T'Vario Willis will be top contender in high jump after setting 6'-7.5" school record at Ridgeview Invitational last week.



St. Johns Country Day School junior middle distance runner Rebecca Stratton is good bet to get to Class 1A championships in 800 and 1600.



Ridgeview triple jumper Avi Miller is multitasking sprinter and jumper for Panthers.



Clay High miler Noah Looney chases frontrunner from Baker County in Bronco Bob Classic 1600 meters.



Field event action at Middleburg's Bronco Bob Classic included, from left, St. Johns Country Day School shotputter Ethan Murray, Middleburg's Madison Underwood, St. Johns Addison Frisbee and Clay's Omar Goosby.

Raiders' two-game run ends in 12-4 Shark attack

"11 wins, best in a decade"— OPHS coach Eldredge

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - With a fourth game in five days, in the top of the first inning, the visiting Ponte Vedra Sharks came in and took a huge bite out of the host Orange Park Raiders, slapping four runs on the board before the Raiders could even get going. The Sharks continued their attack amassing five stolen bases on their way to a 12-4 win over the Raiders, ending Orange Park's two-game win streak.

When asked about digging out from the four quick runs the Sharks put on the board, Raider's Head Coach George Eldredge said "We're not good at digging out. We out-hit them most of the game. We lost the fielding and I think we came out a little bit flat with the fourth game this week."

On the hill for the Raiders, pitcher Tyson Cruz was throwing everything he had, only walked three and struck out two. It was the bats of the Sharks amassing the 11 hits which the field defense just had too many issues getting a grip on.

Once the Sharks blew the door open in the top of the first, the Raiders could do no better than a Robert Barnett single before the inning closed. Orange Park defended the second inning well with three batters to



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA
Orange Park shortstop Yaziel Del Valles makes tag on Ponte Vedra steal attempt at second base.

the box and three outs for Ponte Vedra. On offense, Orange Park looked to get things moving in a positive direction when leadoff batter Jaylen Williams singled to left field, followed up by Devon Moore hit by a pitch to move Williams into scoring position. An Eman Rivera single pushed Williams all the way home getting the Raiders on the board, 4-1. As fast as the momentum was building, the Sharks turned a double play to throw cold water on the Raider attack. The inning ended with the next batter striking out.

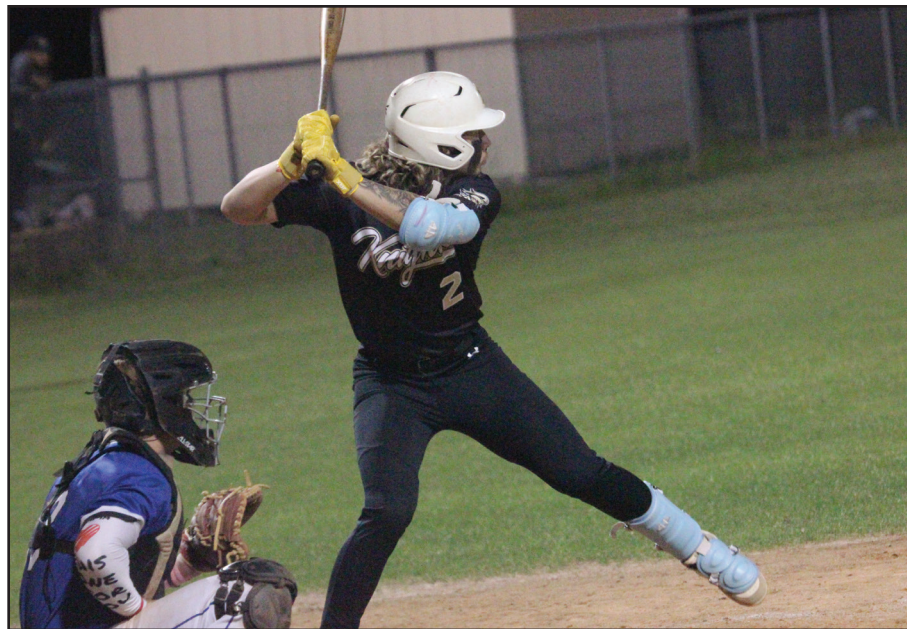
After a Ponte Vedra third-inning homer to add to their lead, with Orange Park back on offense, the Raiders put two runners on by another hit by pitch and a walk. Tyson Cruz RBI doubled to score Robert Barnett, 5-2.

In the top of the fourth, with two Shark outs and one runner on first, the Raiders had more field issues with a deep fly to score a run, then a wild pitch scoring another. Before the team could get the last out, they were looking up out of a deep hole, 8-2. In the bottom of the inning, the Raiders left two onboard with nothing on



Orange Park pitcher Tyson Cruz rears back for fastball in loss to Ponte Vedra.

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Oakleaf's recent success comes from strong pitcher and hitting from Jordan Clarke.

Oakleaf working on second winning streak

By Randy Lefko
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OAKLEAF - Oakleaf High baseball has been having its good days and its bad days and the good days have been very, very good, with the bad days, well, just bad days.

One of those very good days; the first being an 8-5 win over St. Johns Country Day School on March 21 that shocked the baseball world in north Florida, the second, an equally shocking, though maybe just shocking to sportswriters, is coach Matt Carter's dismantling of the No. 1 ranked team in Florida with a 3-1 win over Trinity Christian on Fri., April 19.

Trinity Christian, with an 18-6 overall record, and a number nine ranking in Florida all classes just behind St. Johns Country Day School and now number four in Class 3A, was on the edge of five games lost in six games including two games at the prestigious USA Baseball National Invitational in North Carolina and two road losses to University Christian and Creekside, locally, hosted Oakleaf with a chance to reverse course against the seemingly vulnerable at a respectable



Oakleaf relief pitcher Abrien Paseiro is strong arm on mound for Knights.

13-8 record.

Oakleaf, though, had a five-win, two-loss streak working with losses to St. Joseph Academy (2A 17-7) in eight innings and a 17-5 manhandling by

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Oakleaf third baseman Jeter Farina is tough corner guard for Knights' defense.

Knight

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Georgia 3A power Calvary Day (18-5) who was in town to play some local teams including St. Johns Country Day School. St. Johns beat Calvary 6-5 in 13 innings a day before Calvary rocked Oakleaf, but lost to Trinity Christian 11-1 the same day. Go Figure!!?

For Oakleaf, the key seems to be the emotional state of wild-haired Jordan Clarke, who whiffed just five against Trinity but got stellar defense behind him and solid relief pitching from Abrien Paseiro.

Clarke keeps balls in play and shortstop J Espinosa has been solid in his six spots with heads-up plays with runners in play for Trinity in the second inning.

In the fourth, Trinity struck with a monstrous triple off Clarke that scored one run.

In the ensuing inning, awakened from

the dull drum of three batters per inning to this point, Oakleaf's bats rattled Trinity pitcher Aaron Watson with a double from Ryan Mueller, Jr., and singles from Ethan Brown, Jaythian Arriaga and Espinosa to put two runs on the board.

A hard grounder and an error at first base put Arriaga home and put Espinosa at third as Oakleaf took advantage of the defensive indecision as Oakleaf went up 3-1.

Both pitchers, Clarke and Watson for Trinity stayed on the mound into the sixth with Giancarlo Camejo coming in for Clarke after a walk to end the inning with a strikeout.

Camejo stayed in into the seventh before Paseiro finished the game with a strikeout.

Oakleaf (13-8) finishes with Mandarin (7-15) on the road on Tues., April 23 then home games with Interlachen (8-13) and Sandalwood (10-10).



J.P. Espinosa is exciting gamechanger for Knights attack with tough baserunning skill.

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the scoreboard to show for the effort. Ponte Vedra added another run in the top of the fifth to go up 9-2. In the bottom of the inning, Orange Park added two more runs from a Tyson Cruz RBI double, scoring Barnett, then Cruz making his way around the bases to take advantage of Jack Bejarano stealing second, and Cruz making his way home on a Ponte Vedra error by the catcher for the last Raider score, 9-4. The Sharks added three more runs in the

top of the sixth inning. The Raiders could do no better than add a runner on in each of the last two innings, breaking the two-game run they had with a 12-4 Friday night loss. "We're 11 and 11. It's still the most wins an Orange Park Baseball team has had in a decade. A decade!" said Eldredge. "I'm proud of that, but next week is big. We need to rebound. Work hard Monday and come out Tuesday to beat Fletcher." The team rolls into the last week of the regular season with games Tuesday at home against Fletcher and traveling to close the season at Toco Creek Thursday and at University Christian Friday night.



Orange Park Eman Rivera, No. 12, goes big effort for fly ball against Ponte Vedra with, right, Robert Barnett laying down quality bunt to move baserunners.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Planning Commission of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, and that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing, on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, both hearings will be held in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE VIII OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, BEING THE CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2010-16, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, AND COMPRISING THE CLAY COUNTY DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS, BY AMENDING SECTION 8-12(5)(c)1. TO AMEND THE MINIMUM DRIVEWAY LENGTH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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Clay County Board of County Commissioners

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

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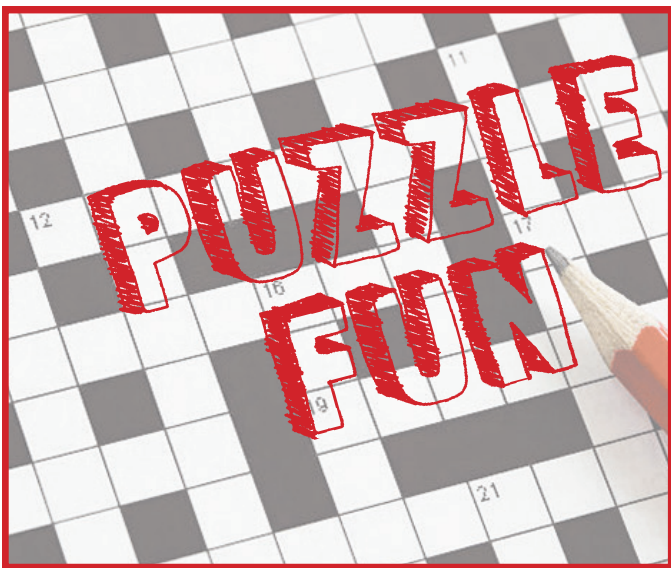
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, BEING THE CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 93-16, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, AND COMPRISING THE ZONING AND LAND USE PROVISIONS, BY AMENDING THE LOT AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING ZONING DISTRICTS TO ADD "FRONT FAÇADE" TO THE MINIMUM FRONT SETBACK AND TO ADD A 25 FOOT GARAGE OR CARPORT FRONT SETBACK: SECTION 3-14 (g) (3) COUNTRY ESTATES DISTRICT (ZONE AR-1), SECTION 3-15 (g) (3) RURAL ESTATES DISTRICT (AR-2), SECTION 3-17 (f) (3) SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (ZONE RB), SECTION 3-18 (e) (3) TWO-OR THREE-UNIT RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (ZONE RC), SECTION 3-19 (f) (1)(i) MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (ZONE RD), SECTION 3-20 (f) (3) SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (ZONE RE), SECTION 3-33A.II.1.f.iii BF RURAL SUBURBS (BF RS); BY AMENDING THE LOT AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 3-19 (f) (2)(i) MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (ZONE RD) TO ADD A MINIMUM FRONT SETBACK OF 25 FEET FOR GARAGES OR CARPORTS; BY AMENDING THE LOT AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING ZONING DISTRICTS TO ADD THE EXCEPTIONS OF GARAGES AND CARPORTS FROM THE MINIMUM SETBACK FROM ALL PROPERTY LINES FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES: SECTION 3-14 (g) (6) COUNTRY ESTATES DISTRICT (ZONE AR-1), SECTION 3-15 (g) (6) RURAL ESTATES DISTRICT (AR-2), SECTION 3-16 (f) (7) SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (ZONE RA), SECTION 3-17 (f) (6), SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (ZONE RB), SECTION 3-18 (e) (6) TWO-OR THREE-UNIT RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (ZONE RC), SECTION 3-20 (f) (6) SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (ZONE RE); BY AMENDING THE DENSITY LOT AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS SECTION 3-21 (e) (4) RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICT (ZONE RMHP) TO REQUIRE A 25 FOOT SETBACK FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY OR PAVEMENT EDGE FOR ALL STRUCTURES; BY AMENDING THE LOT, BUILDING, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 3-33A.II.2.f.ii. E. BF MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY VILLAGE ZONE (BF MPC) TO REQUIRE A FAÇADE SETBACK OF 15 FEET AND GARAGE OR CARPORT SETBACK OF 25 FEET FOR SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED OR DETACHED DEVELOPMENT AND A SETBACK OF 15 FEET FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL; BY AMENDING THE FOLLOWING ZONING DISTRICTS TO APPLY THE MAXIMUM FRONT SETBACK TO THE FRONT FAÇADE: THE LOT, BUILDING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 3-33A.II.2.f.ii. F. BF MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY VILLAGE ZONE (BF MPC), THE DENSITY AND RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS IN SECTION 3-33A.III.4.c.vi. BF ACTIVITY CENTER (BF AC), THE DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS (RESIDENTIAL) IN SECTION 3-33B B.6.d.iv. LAKE ASBURY VILLAGE CENTER (LA VC); BY AMENDING THE DENSITY AND RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS IN SECTION 3-33A.III.4.c.v. BF ACTIVITY CENTER (BF AC) TO AMEND THE SETBACK FOR ALL GARAGES TO 25 FEET AND TO ADD CARPORTS TO THE SETBACK REQUIREMENT; BY AMENDING THE RESIDENTIAL LOT SETBACKS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 3-33A.III.6.f.vii.A.2 BRANAN FIELD MIXED USE (BF MU) TO ADD A MINIMUM FRONT SETBACK OF 25 FEET FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH GARAGES OR CARPORT; BY AMENDING THE DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS IN SECTION 3-33B B.1.e.v. LAKE ASBURY MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY (LA MPC) LAND USE TO AMEND THE SETBACK FOR ALL GARAGES TO 25 FEET AND TO ADD CARPORTS TO THE SETBACK REQUIREMENT; BY AMENDING THE DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS IN SECTION 3-33B B.2.e.iv. LAKE ASBURY RURAL RESERVE (LA RRSV) LAND USE TO AMEND THE SETBACK FOR ALL GARAGES TO 25 FEET AND TO ADD CARPORTS TO THE SETBACK REQUIREMENT; BY AMENDING THE DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS IN SECTION 3-33B B.3.f.iv. LAKE ASBURY RURAL COMMUNITY (LA RC) LAND USE AND SECTION 3-33B B.4.e.v LAKE ASBURY RURAL FRINGE (LA RF) LAND USE TO ADD A MINIMUM SETBACK OF 25 FEET FOR GARAGES OR CARPORTS; BY AMENDING THE DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS (RESIDENTIAL) IN SECTION 3-33B B.5.d.ii LAKE ASBURY ACTIVITY CENTER (LA AC) LAND USE TO CORRECT NUMBERING, TO CLARIFY THAT SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED FRONT SETBACK APPLIES TO THE FAÇADE, TO ADD A SETBACK OF 25 FEET FOR GARAGES OR CARPORTS AND TO SPECIFY THAT GENERAL SETBACK OF 15 FEET APPLIES TO ALL NON-RESIDENTIAL; BY AMENDING THE DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS (RESIDENTIAL) IN SECTION 3-33B B.5.d.iii. LAKE ASBURY ACTIVITY CENTER (LA AC) LAND USE TO CORRECT NUMBERING AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE MAXIMUM FRONT SETBACK APPLIES TO THE FRONT FAÇADE; BY FURTHER AMENDING THE LOT AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS SUBSECTION IN SECTION 3-18 TWO- OR THREE-UNIT RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (ZONE RC) FROM SECTION 3-18(e) TO SECTION 3-18(f); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Level: Intermediate



Ridgeview football will have a new coach in 2024 with former Oakleaf Junior High coach Merlin Smith set to take over.

Spring

from page 41

Middleburg is now in the same district as Fleming Island and could rattle that cage to the tune of the Clay vs. Fleming Island season opener extravaganza that has been an annual festival for a decade.

Middleburg coach Ryan Wolfe has run a tough schedule since taking over and it has produced playoffs for the Bronco fans. Now the rivalries in the county will count a bit more.

At Keystone Heights, coach Steve Reynolds will see his usual rivalry in Bradford County, but has some new faces to contend with Newberry, Palatka and Santa Fe in district 5-2A.

The other side of the coin is that, in the region 2-2A lineup, are Cocoa (14-1, 11-3 last two years) and 2A champion Berkeley Prep, so there may be some traveling for the Indians.

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to lawn and garden.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 8 = S)

- A. 5 2 23 9 13 25 8**
Clue: Colorful plants
- B. 15 25 4 8 8**
Clue: Lawn plant
- C. 2 4 22 16 8 17 4 24 13**
Clue: Visual features on property
- D. 10 23 9 13 25**
Clue: Cuts grass

Answers: A. flowers B. grass C. landscape D. mower

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to gardens.

W R E T A

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Answer: Water

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Texas on April 25, 1969. I made my big screen debut in the film "Empire Records" in 1994. I am widely known for a number of films, including one movie musical and another in which I played a famous movie star from yesteryear, a role that earned me an Academy Award.

Answer: Renée Zellweger

LAWN & GARDEN WORD SEARCH

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WORDS

- AMEND
- BLOOMING
- BORDER
- COMPOST
- CUT
- DRAINAGE
- DROUGHT
- EDGE
- FERTILIZE
- GARDEN
- GREEN
- HEALTHY
- INSECTS
- LANDSCAPING
- LAWN
- MOSSY
- MULCH
- POLLINATOR
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- SCENT
- SHRUBS
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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