



Attorney General Moody celebrates law enforcement in Clay

Presentation included proclamation for Signal 35, success of Be a Florida Hero

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FLEMING ISLAND – Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody was at the Clay County Sheriff's Office Tuesday to mark National Police Memorial Week, recognize the county's private Signal 35 initiative and highlight the success of the state's Be a Florida Hero program.

The state's top law enforcement officer proudly asserted that no other state embraces the work and sacrifices made by law enforcement more than Florida.

"This week, our entire nation is recognizing National Police Week," she said. "And this is a time for us to come together as a country, as a state within our commu-



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Of the 5,000 new law enforcement officers hired in Florida in the last two years, 1,200 are from out of state, including CCSO deputies (from left) Jacob Gann from Wyoming, Matthew Swartz from New York, Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, Colton Harris from California and Virgil Hutton of Utah.

nities to reflect upon the sacrifices of the brave men and women who answered the call to serve as a law enforcement officer, a peace officer, which indeed is the assurance of a free people under the rule of law, when there are men and women that are willing to put on that badge and serve as law enforcement officers. This week is a time to honor that selflessness, bravery, and commitment to protect and serve our communities every day.

"Our officers stand ready to confront danger, enforce the rule of law and safeguard our freedoms. They embody the very best of society. They face dangers that most of us cannot comprehend. And they shoulder burdens that few of us are willing

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CLAY COUNTY History Month



Clay County's first historian: Arch Fredric Blakey

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Clay County History Month is celebrated every year in May. It is a time of recollection and learning. The focus for this week is Arch Fredric Blakey, the author of the foundational historical book "Parade of Memories: A History of Clay County." This is part two in a four-part series.

CLAY COUNTY – Almost half a century ago, Professor Arch Fredric Blakey at the University of Florida agreed to take on a daunting assignment with one of the tightest time crunches of his career.

Blakey was commissioned to write Clay County's first history, and his due date was

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Members of the Green Cove Springs Police Department participated in opening ceremonies. See story and more photos on page 7.

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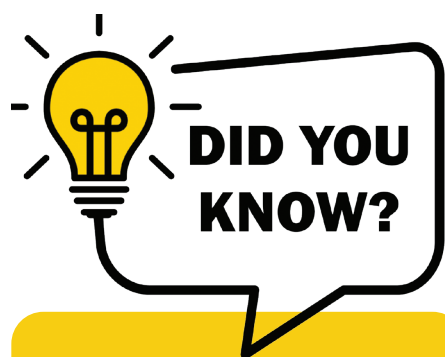
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Clay Today will test your knowledge weekly and provide interesting facts on various topics. This week, odd names of college sports teams.

Most fans know Auburn University by two nicknames, but what they know is they're wrong about one. Auburn teams are the "Tigers" and sometimes the "Plainsmen." That's right, the "Plainsmen." "War Eagle" is a battle cry, not a nickname. If you start chanting, "Here we go, Banana Slugs, here we go!" it probably means you're a fan of California-Santa Cruz. If you graduated from Cal State Long Beach, it's perfectly acceptable to call a fellow graduate a "Dirtbag" since that was your mascot's name. My personal favorites are the "Dons" from the University of San Francisco, "Stormy Petrels" from Oglethorpe, "Ichabods" from Washburn and the "Nads" of the Rhode Island School of Design.



The Board of County Commissioners joined Green Cove Springs Mayor Connie Butler Tuesday to approve a proclamation ahead of Memorial Day. Members of the county's Veteran's Affairs Office, Disabled American Veterans and Vietnam Veterans Association joined the ceremony and were invited by Butler to attend RiverFest at Spring Park on Memorial Day.

BCC updated on long range goals of Health Department

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – County Commissioners heard some of the goals of the Florida Department of Health in Clay County during its meeting Tuesday, including concerns over increasing use of nicotine and electronic vapor products, overweight or obese residents, chronic disease, "roaring" cases of syphilis, substance abuse, behavioral health care, suicide and access to primary and specialty health care.

"We just look at those, and we identify key areas that the community decides what they want to work on," said Heather Huffman, the health officer at the Florida Department of Health in Clay County. "We do a lot of this deciding with our community

partners and part of all of those partners that are part of our local public health system."

She said their surveys and focus groups found new issues impacting communities, like domestic violence and child abuse, which will be added to the behavioral health category.

Huffman said there are two primary health targets: obesity and vaping.

"Overweight, obesity continues to be a priority, a health priority for us and anything using electronic vaping products and nicotine," she said. "We have a higher than the state average for those products use, so we want to continue working with secession purling planning and prevention."

She also said infectious diseases are in-

creasing. "Communicable diseases came up on this one," she said. "We'd like to think that syphilis got eradicated. It is making a roaring comeback, which is how I'm saying it. So, typically, we'd see less than 10 a year. I think last year was 30. In some cases, we're seeing congenital syphilis cases where babies are being born to moms that had syphilis during their pregnancy, they can be stillborn or blind. And so we need to continue messaging out there about screening, testing, treatment, timely treatment and getting that message out to not only our OB providers but to other providers and not make assumptions about people's lifestyle just because they're in the marriage."

Huffman said changes won't happen quickly. "We're looking to move that needle," she said. "How do we work better, more efficiently, and more effectively within our communities? And so, how do we make healthy choices, easy choices, versus those convenient choices? Typically, the rule of thumb is that it takes 10 years to see outcome objectives change. You can do lots and lots and lots of interventions, but it will take a decade to see those changes."

CHIP Lifestyle Behaviors Workplan

Goal A: Decrease the percentage of adults who are overweight or obese in Clay County.

Strategy: Increase the number of Clay County residents who are at a healthy weight.

Goal B1: Decrease nicotine and electronic vapor product use in Clay County adults.

Strategy: Decrease inhaled substance use among adults.

Goal B2: Decrease the percentage of youth who have ever tried nicotine or electronic vapor products in Clay County.

Strategy: Decrease inhaled substance use among the youth.

Goal C: Decrease the percentage of adults with a diagnosis of a chronic disease in Clay County through detailed health literacy.

Strategy: Increase community awareness and education about chronic disease by increasing the impact of evidence-based programs.

Goal D: Decrease the rate of syphilis in Clay County through resident and provider education.

Strategy: Improve public health messaging about syphilis by building community connections and developing community-informed plans.

Save Our Lake Organization proposes Lake Geneva pier

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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – In the Etonia Chain, water flows from lakes Lowry, Magnolia and to Brooklyn through Alligator Creek. Then, the water moves through tiny Lake Keystone to reach Lake Geneva, the finish line. For decades, the water level throughout the Etonia Chain has dropped to historic lows. However, the \$100 million Black Creek Water Restoration Project aims to remedy this by supplementing the lakes' lost water with hundreds and thousands of gallons from Black Creek.

Save Our Lakes Organization, a grassroots organization known for wearing red shirts when advocating for the Etonia Chain, is preparing the community for the highly anticipated influx of fresh, filtered water through Alligator Creek.



Save Our Lakes Organization describes itself as committed to research, education and activities focused on the goal of restoring the Etonia Chain of Lakes for current and future generations.

"We're trying to take care of Alligator Creek, the connection between (Lake) Brooklyn and through the city," Vivian Katz-James, President of SOLO, said.

During the City Council meeting on May 6, SOLO presented its plans for The Geneva Project, which would remove the trees and other vegetation that had grown

where the shoreline surrounding Lake Geneva had rescinded.

The Geneva Project would remove the organic material surrounding the lake, which will die when the shoreline reaches historic levels. SOLO Board Member Scott Slater said the timber that will be harvested will recoup the cost of the removal and possibly generate some revenue, which SOLO would like to see be used for the fishing pier. Slater said the underbrush and branches would be removed and sold as biomass to a power company in Gainesville. Keystone Heights and SOLO have partnered to allocate \$25,000 each separately for a fishing pier in Lake Geneva, with the elevated shoreline in mind.

The goal is to have the ribbon cut in time for the city's planned centennial next year.

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Jimmy Bud Lang's 60 years under the 76 sign

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CLAY HILL – You won't find it on Apple Maps, but a former 76 gas station has been in business since 1952, back when gasoline was sold by the gallon in cents.

It is known in the community as the "Lang Store" or "Jim Bud's." Located at 6072 CR 218 down the road from Clay Hill Baptist Church, entering the old country store is like stepping into a time capsule.

The ambiance is unlike the sterile, buzzing fluorescence permeating modern gas stations off the interstate. The wood paneling creates a cozy feeling, and the decorative antiques lining the shelves convey a rustic charm. In the front room, you'll be greeted with shelves of chocolate, candy, potato chips and other snacks.

Jimmy Bud Lang, 85, lives in the backrooms, which are characteristic of old-fashioned gas stations that were traditionally family-run businesses.

Jim Bud's has been a cultural focal



The "Lang Store" or "Jim Bud's" is located at 6072 CR 218 down the road from Clay Hill Baptist Church.

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point for Clay Hill. It used to be a polling precinct where some residents used to pick up their packages.

You can no longer fill your car's tank at Jim Bud's (not since the pumps dried up

in the 90s), but you can fill up on snacks and old stories from Lang, who has been a beloved figure of the Clay Hill community for decades.

"Lived here all my life," Lang said.

Lang said he was gone briefly when he served in the U.S. Army in the 60s. He returned home to Clay Hill in 1964, just

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Must-have high-tech upgrades at your home

By StatePoint Media
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Want to simplify your life, boost your productivity and work smarter? Incorporating some of the latest tech developments into your routine may be the answer. According to Authority Hacker, 77% of devices use some sort of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and 50% of consumers are becoming more optimistic about using the technology.

Check out some of the coolest technology upgrades you can make right now:

Boost your productivity

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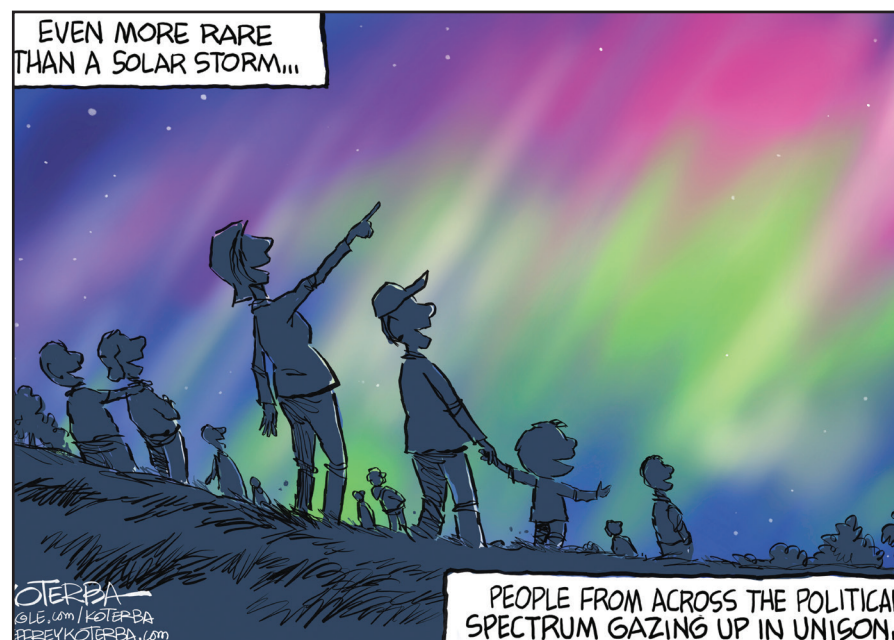
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OPINIONS



Throwback journalism at Darlington never goes out of style

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DARLINGTON, S.C. – It was throwback weekend at the Darlington Raceway, a few days when stock-car racing remembered its past.

Legendary drivers returned to the oldest speedway in NASCAR, where 75 cars started the first Southern 500 in 1950. Most were gray. Many seemed hobbled or rendered immune to normal conversation by years of sitting atop enough horsepower to launch a car 200 mph.

Seeing old friends like Greg Biffle, Geoff Bodine, Terry Labonte, Rick Mast, Rusty Wallace, Mike Wallace, Kenny Wallace, Richard Petty, Mike Skinner, Dave Marcis, Jack Roush, Ron Hornaday, Ray Evernham and Jeff Burton back at the track was fun. But seeing a small group of scribes I've worked with for at least 30 years was even better for an old reporter like me. There aren't a lot of us remaining. Some have died. Others have retired. Too many have been unceremoniously pushed aside by business people who are more interested in easy money than focusing on journalism.

That's opened the door for bloggers and podcasters. All you need is a website, a streaming page and camera, and you can post stories. Truth isn't a requirement because they're often just re-



Don Coble

“Back when I started, there were guys like you who traveled with the sport. If you had a question, you asked it,” he said. “We knew all of you, and we trusted you. If we told you something off the record, we didn't worry about it.

reporting what they read from another site. It's what news has become, and it's certainly not journalism.

Andy Petree, who's been a driver, two-time Cup Series Championship crew chief with Dale Earnhardt, car owner, Executive Vice President with Richard Childress Racing and television analyst during his 36-year career in NASCAR, has witnessed how the media has changed during his career.

“Back when I started, there were guys like you who traveled with the sport. If you had a question, you asked it,” he said. “We knew all of you, and we trusted you. If we told you something off the record, we didn't worry about it.

“Social media has changed everything. I understand they have a job to do, but we don't know any of them. And I don't trust any of them.”

I remember when Petty sat on the back of his hauler in the Talladega Superspeedway garage area to hold court. He told reporters, “If you have a question, come ask me.” Because everyone now has a cellphone and quick access to X, Facebook and TikTok, that doesn't happen anymore. Drivers are like any-

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Word OF THE WEEK

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

Reputation: (rep-yuh-TAY-shun) a noun meaning the common opinion that people have about someone or something. It can also refer to a positive position that someone or something has in public esteem or regard.

“Despite its name, Taylor Swift's sixth studio album has developed a reputation among some music critics as being ranked on the bottom half on her discography.”

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2019

•Known as the “Miracle on the St. Johns River,” a Boeing 737 plane bounced off the NAS-Jacksonville runway during a severe thunderstorm. MOBRO Marine, Inc. in Green Cove Springs was tasked with transporting and lifting the plane out of the water in Reynolds Park, where the National Transportation Safety Board could conduct its investigation.

•Controversy surrounded Sheriff Darryl Daniels when secret audio recordings were released that suggested Daniels paid JSO Officer Cierra Smith to keep their romantic relationship a secret. Daniels' wife, Denise Daniels, allegedly used her cell phone to record Smith.

•U.S. District Judge Mark Walker ordered Clay County and 31 other Florida counties to provide ballots in Spanish and to hire Spanish-speaking employees as poll workers.

•Clay County Deputy Jacob Hawkins was recognized as a recipient of an Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer award for saving the life of a U.S. federal agent who was ambushed and shot three times in a parking lot in Oakleaf Plantation in 2017.

10 years ago, 2014

•Outside study revealed Green Cove City employees earn 8.7% less than other workers from similar-sized cities in Northeast Florida.

•The Board of County Commissioners voted 4-1 to extend its contract with Waste Management Inc. for another seven

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Opinions ...

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Journalism

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one else: they tend to be more forthcoming when they know and trust you.

It's difficult for old reporters like me to watch what's become of our profession, particularly at major and national outlets. Very few can pick up the phone and make a call to someone who can answer a question. Worse yet, even fewer have built a level of respect to be able to ask questions and get answers, so they rely on what others have to say. In short, they fill space.

The best journalism happens at the local level. We work to build respectful relationships within our communities. We don't tell a story with a photo and a set number of characters.

In racing, younger drivers have learned to control their messages. Some create podcasts, and just about everyone has their own social media pages, so they can control the message. After that, the bloggers post stories on those posts without doing any real work.

Being back at Darlington brought back some fond, yet almost outdated, memories, especially after seeing longtime reporters and friends like Deb Williams, Lee and Reid Spencer, AP's Pete Iacobelli, Bob Pockrass and Dustin Long still trekking through the garage area, pouring through their notepads for first account quotes and notes, and then professionally writing their stories.

That's a throwback that never goes out of style.

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years with rate reductions and other items worked into the contract. The commissioners also voted 5-0 to direct county staff to begin shutting down its in-house processing facility for recyclables – where recyclables are separated by hand – in favor of outsourcing that process.

20 years ago, 2004

•A Clay County Grand Jury cleared Sheriff Scott Lancaster of any wrongdoing in the wake of allegations he used a county credit card for personal expenses and lavish trips. The citizen panel also cleared Lancaster on charges of ticket fixing, failure to comply with public record requests and charges of improper use of county vehicles and county jail inmate labor.

•The U.S. Postal Service collected more than 27,000 pounds of food in the 2004 "Stamp Out Hunger" annual food drive, more than double the amount collected in 2003

•Community leaders broke ground on the new Rotary Club of Orange Park Memorial Pavilion at Moosehaven retirement community along River Road in Orange Park.

30 years ago, 1994

•The Clay County Drug Task Force arrested nine people for various drug charges in a sting in the area of Middleburg Ave-

nue and Pine Street in Green Cove Springs.

•Michael Eugene Downs, then-31, of Orange Park, ended up in a three-and-a-half-hour standoff with the Clay County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team after he threatened police with a 9mm semi-automatic handgun. Downs, who had been under investigation for child abuse allegations, locked himself and his son in his home during the standoff.

•A Clay County Grand Jury indicted Floyd William Damren, then-43, of first-degree murder, armed burglary and aggravated assault for the death of Donald R. Miller, 46, of Palatka.

40 years ago, 1984

•Clay Utility asked the Florida Public Service Commission to allow the water and sewer provider to raise rates for the first time since its incorporation in 1974.

•Orange Park Town Manager Ken Nipper told town council he would resign effective Oct. 2, a move that caught council members off guard.

50 years ago, 1974

•In the wake of a two-day festival featuring bluegrass, religious and folk music slated for Phillip Spencer's property off County Road 218, the Clay County Commission repealed its restrictive ordinance banning music festivals

•Orange Park High School Principal Thomas Moe announced the school would shift from a quarter system to a semester system the following fall

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 - Earthy pigment
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 - Atomic #18
 - Beer mug
 - Nostrils
 - Type of chef
 - Midway between north and east
 - They ___
 - Splits
 - Walk in a timid manner
 - Preserved animal skin with hair
 - Popular donut shop item
 - You smear it on bagels
 - Don't know when yet
 - Equal to 10 amperes
 - Synthetic acrylic fiber
 - One point south of due east
 - Of mixed ancestry
 - Home of the Pyramids
 - A way to change color
 - Freshwater fishes
 - Vermont town
 - Man-made device
 - Entrap
 - Places to store important things
 - Accumulate
 - Greek mythological nymph
 - Gregory ___, American dancer
 - Denotes past
 - Becoming popular again
 - Indicates position
 - Came before
 - An extra seed-covering
 - Cheerful
 - Deli sandwich staple
 - Skateboarders love them
 - Mandela's party
 - Sierra lake
 - Nickname for Elizabeth
 - Remove from record
 - Employee stock ownership plan
 - Former NFLer Newton
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 - Work unit
 - Town in Cambridgeshire
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- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
 - Untangle
 - One from the U.S.
 - Academic terms
 - San ___ Obispo, in California
 - Not healthy
 - Self-assessment questionnaire (abbr.)
 - Arugula genus
 - VIII
 - Makes a monarch
 - Tormentor
 - Commercials
 - Sprinkle
 - Make a mistake

Fleming Island High band's Bruce to make final curtain call Saturday

Longtime band director to retire after leading Eagle One Band to international acclaim

By Don Coble
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FLEMING ISLAND – Mara Rose Bruce will make her final, and grandest, curtain call this Saturday.

After the Spring Concert, the woman who took the Fleming Island High band to the national stage will literally pass the baton to her successor, Alexander Buck, appropriately titled "One Last Time: A Celebration of Mara Rose Bruce."

The concert will start at 4 p.m. in the cafetorium. The public is encouraged to attend.

After spending 30 years, Bruce is ready to be more than a band director. She wants to be a wife. She wants to travel. She wants to help younger band directors. She's ready to watch – and listen – to other creative approaches.

The school won't let her quietly slip away. You don't let legends sneak out the back door. The Spring Concert quickly morphed into a celebration of Bruce's contributions, which included two invitations to the New Year's Day parade in London, a performance in Italy and Atlanta, and a sold-out performance in April at Carnegie Hall.

"We've been all over the place," Bruce said. "It comes together with a lot of help. We have incredible people who help us do those things and companies who help us

organize it all. When you're standing on that road, and there are millions of people watching and marching down it, it's pretty amazing. Every seat was filled when we were standing on the stage at Carnegie Hall. Being able to play on a national stage like that doesn't compare to anything. It was mind-blowing."

Bruce said she will miss the late-summer rehearsals in the school parking lot, where temperatures on the black asphalt can reach 110 degrees. She also liked when temperatures dropped to the 50s in late autumn.

The band broke into sections during football season and practiced in the parking lot. The thrill, Bruce said, was watching it all come together at the end of practice into a unified show.

Unlike other band directors, Bruce said she doesn't particularly care for the movie "Mr. Holland's Opus." Her Opus, a created work, are all the musicians who've lugged trombone and saxophone cases on the bus, tucked flute and clarinets under their arms or walked the hallways with drumsticks in their back pockets.

Every musical note made an impact on her soul. Every song in the past 30 years became part of a mix tape in her memory.

Saturday will be a time for Mara Rose Smith to take a bow. Her real encore comes next.



Mara Rose Bruce will be honored Saturday night at Fleming Island High after leading the school's band to international acclaim.



The Eagle One Band performed in April at Carnegie Hall.



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The Eagle One Band marched in the New Year's Day Parade in London in 2023.

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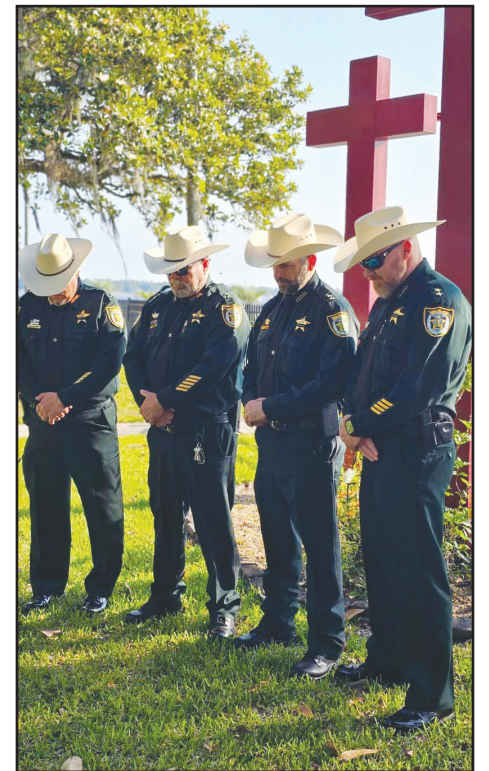
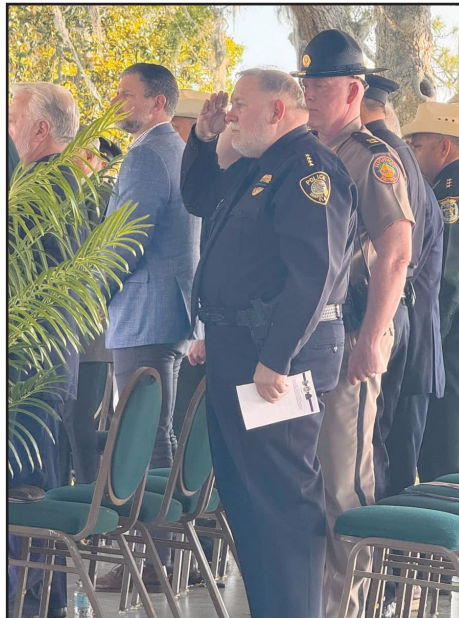
ORANGE PARK – Law enforcement and fire rescue agencies representing several state and Northeast Florida agencies joined forces on Thursday, May 9, at Moosehaven to honor the 12 who died in the line of duty.

The purpose of the annual Law Enforcement is never to forget their names or their service to the community. They were Sheriff Josephus Peeler, Sheriff Charles Wilson, Sheriff Theodore Cherry, Sgt. Richard Watkins, Auxiliary Dep. Arthur Caton, Dep. Wilson Walker, Sgt. Kenneth “Eddie” Hayes, Det. David White, Dep. Benjamin “Ben” Zirbel, Sgt. Eric Twisdale and Dep. Clint Seagle of the Clay County Sheriff’s Office and Green Cove Springs Police Chief Derek Asdot.

“There are no words that can assuage their emptiness,” Sheriff Michelle Cook

2024 LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

Agencies unite to honor those who died in line of duty



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Law enforcement and fire rescue agencies throughout Northeast Florida converged at Moosehaven on May 9 to honor the 12 from Clay County who died in the line of duty.

said of the grieving families. “What I want them to know is that they will always be a part of our family, the Clay County Sheriff’s Office family. They are not going through this alone. They have an agency and a community, the Clay County community, that loves them, appreciates them, and respects them.”

“Today, we stand with them in solidarity, offering our deepest gratitude and unwavering support,” the GCSPD said. “To all law enforcement officers, past and present, we say thank you. Your service will never be forgotten.”

The first death in Clay County was on May 10, 1894, when Sheriff Peeler was

shot while trying to break up an argument between two men at a train station.

Three of the fallen – Twisdale, Seagle and Asdot – died of complications from COVID-19. The ceremony included the presentation of colors, lowering the flag to half-staff, a roll call of the fallen, a moment of silence announced by county dispatchers to all deputies and officers, a 21-gun salute and the playing of “Taps.”

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Northern Lights over Clay County

By Jack Randall
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FLEMING ISLAND – My gift for Mom this Mother’s Day weekend was manual labor. We had contractors scheduled to swing by soon to give our garage floor a colorful epoxy finish, the latest trend in interior design. Of course, this called for a sweaty, back-breaking morning of clearing everything out: the lawn mower, the workout equipment, yard tools and boxes of old clothes I hadn’t worn in a decade.



Jack Randall

Mom insisted that a clean and clear garage was all she wanted this year. Pragmatic. Unceremonious. Not the most exciting Mother’s Day weekend.

She was outside marveling at how empty and large the garage appeared (that was the only night our two-car garage could actually hold two cars).

The job was done, but I felt a twinge of guilt.

Off the cusp, I asked her if she wanted to go see the Northern Lights that were scheduled to permeate and illuminate nationwide last weekend. I offered the suggestion with the mere intention of offering something, anything. It was 9:30 p.m. The restaurants would be closing if they hadn’t already. Too late to watch a movie either. Mom would’ve fallen asleep. I probably would’ve, too.

When I replay the memory now, I realize I posed the question about the Northern Lights without any belief that we would see anything.

On cue, a procession of blue radiant orbs moved slowly across the sky overhead before Mom could respond. The blue lights were the size and brightness of stars in the sky, and they were clustered in groups of about six or seven, moving in parallel lines of three or four.

I ran inside, swept through the house,

and forced my siblings outside to look up. I was aware that what I had just seen was a fleeting, once-in-a-lifetime spectacle. Each second inside and not looking up would be seconds gone forever. I pushed the feeling aside because I needed my siblings to see it, too.

I ran around the house screaming and searching for my sister, who was wearing headphones. She was only able to see the tail end of it. She saw the last lonely dot in the cluster, the ephemeral caboose, blue like a frozen firefly.

We stood silently in the driveway, still staring at the firmament. I was glad I corralled my family out there. If it were me all alone, I wouldn’t have believed it.

We went out that night searching for an uninterrupted view of the sky that was free of tree canopies, buildings, streetlights, lampposts, or other sources of light pollution. We settled on Doctors Lake Park and laid supine on the pier to stargaze.

I picked out a green orb of light as it moved slowly across the sky. It moved straight and unblinkingly. Although green, it was the same size and brightness as a star. My brother joked it was a UFO. Everyone in my family could see it. And then one after that. There was one more, and then none left that we could see.

The phenomenon is known as “auroral beads.” Like the Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis, they are caused by charged particles emitted by a solar flare that spiral into Earth’s atmosphere and interact with oxygen and nitrogen particles.

The blue auroral beads we witnessed were from ionized molecular nitrogen, and the green lights came from energized oxygen atoms.

Other stargazers were out on the pier with us, but we were the only ones who claimed to have seen anything. Unfortunately, I did not have the term “auroral beads” in my vocabulary then. I felt like Chicken Little trying to describe the

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District Governor John Tabor joined D. Brent Williams Spirit of Rotary Award winner Russ Miller and former District Governor Jeanette Loftus during Monday’s Green Cove Springs Rotary meeting.

Russ Miller honored with prestigious D. Brent Williams Rotary award

By Don Coble
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PENNEY FARMS – Russ Miller was awarded the D. Brent Williams Spirit of Rotary Award during Monday’s Green Cove Springs Rotary Club meeting, one of the highest honors for members in Northeast Florida.

Miller was singled out in District 6970, which was comprised of 64 clubs, four satellite clubs, 17 Rotaract clubs, and 44 Interact clubs serving 31 communities in Northeast Florida in 12 counties with more than 3,200 members.

To be considered, a member must serve in two of the organization’s five Avenues of Service – Club, Vocational, Community, International and Youth. According to former District Governor Jeanette Loftus, Miller

championed all five categories.

“You all know Russ, and there is not one area of service that Russ has not touched,” she said. “He is like the best salesman of all time. He has started 13 new Rotary clubs, bringing in hundreds of members into the Rotary family. Actually, he was a facilitator for the Rotary Leadership Institute.”

Miller also helped build pickleball courts, operate a fundraising tournament and build a fish farm to stimulate the local economy in Palatka; he and his wife, Susan, have hosted Rotary Exchange students.

He’s also started a foundation to build a foster home community in Clay County and he’s one of the volunteers who build accessible hand-powered trikes for those who can’t walk.

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Letter carrier killed by dogs honored in Washington

Melrose Post Office named at Pamela "Pam" Jane Rock

For Clay Today

WASHINGTON – President Joe Biden last week signed U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean's bill to rename the Melrose post office after Pamela "Pam" Jane Rock, a letter carrier who was killed after being mauled by five pit bulls after her USPS vehicle broke down in 2022 on a dirt road.

"Pam had a servant's heart, and it was obvious in the way she lived her life. While her time on this earth was tragically cut short, she served the U.S. Post Service with passion and integrity," Bean said. "Designating the Melrose Post Office in her name will honor her legacy in the community she loved. I am very proud to see our bill signed into law officially memorializing Pam's memory and commitment to Floridians."

Bean, who represents District 4, which

includes Clay County. Rep. Kat Cammack (R-Gainesville) joined Bean in introducing the bill.

The Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building is at 859 N. State Road 21.

"I'm glad to see the bill to rename the post office after Pamela Rock signed into law. It's been a long time coming to honor Ms. Rock's memory, and I look forward to soon seeing her name on the side of the post office in Melrose. We hope this measure brings some comfort to her family and those who had the honor of working alongside her for many years," Cammack said.

"We would like to thank Congressman Bean and Congresswoman Cammack for their tireless efforts in securing the name of this USPS facility for our beloved sister Pam," said the Rock Family. "Pam was a devoted USPS employee who was sadly



taken away from us while working in the line of duty. The naming of this facility honors Pam and her life of service and is a comfort to all of us."

Rock, 61, was driving in the rural area of Putnam County on Aug. 21 when her vehicle broke down. Five dogs owned by Edgar Jones attacked her. Jones wasn't charged because he tried to surrender the dogs twice to the Putnam County Animal Control, including 10 days before the attack.

Animal Control officials admitted they didn't return one of his calls after he left a message.

Jones tried to fortify his fence with rocks, cinder blocks, and logs, but the dogs still escaped and attacked Rock. After the fatal attack, the dogs were euthanized.

According to Bean's office, more than 5,400 U.S. postal employees were attacked by dogs in 2021, and Florida was one of the top 10 states for dog bites, with 201 reported incidents last year.



Orange Park Elementary's 'Nique's' honored as a School Lunch Hero

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY FLORIDA DIVISION OF FOOD, NUTRITION AND WELLNESS
ORANGE PARK – Varonique "Nique" Cortelo was surprised by students, staff and the Florida Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness on Thursday, May 9, when she was honored as one of five statewide School Lunch Hero program winners. According to Principal Tyler Wood, there were more than 260 nominations. "Nique" was awarded a gift basket from Florida Milk and \$2,000 from No Kid Hungry Florida. More importantly, she got a warm ovation from her students during the announcement.

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Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody is flanked by members of the Clay County Sheriff's Office and Judson Sapp of Signal 35.

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to bear.”

Moody's appearance followed the county's Police Memorial Ceremony on May 9 at Moosehaven. National Police Week is observed from May 12-18.

Moody talked of the nine law enforcement officers in Clay County who died in the line of duty, starting with Sheriff Joseph Peeler in 1894, who was shot at the train station in Green Cove Springs while trying to break up a fight. Two other deputies and Green Cove Springs Police Chief Derek Asdot also died of COVID-related complications.

“This week is a time to honor that selflessness, bravery and commitment to protect and serve our communities every day. And we remember specifically those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, those whose courage will never be forgotten. And just to put into perspective what living under the rule of law means with the assurance that there are men and women of integrity who can enforce those laws. Since the founding of our nation, over 26,000 law enforcement officers have lost their lives in the line of duty. Here in the state of Florida. We've lost 950 officers.”

The Signal 35 program, a privately funded initiative that helps first responders in need, received acclaim from the Florida Cabinet. Moody delivered a pro-



Signal 35 Chairman Judson Sapp accepts a resolution from the Florida Cabinet, including Gov. Ron DeSantis, from Attorney General Ashley Moody while Signal 35 Vice Chairman Sheriff Michelle Cook watches.

clamation signed by every cabinet member and Gov. Ron DeSantis recognizing the work of the nonprofit.

“Many states and cities across the nation were facing community groups that didn't have their back that were doing everything vocally and otherwise to undermine law enforcement that were showing up daily to criticize law enforcement,” Moody said. This is not the case here in Florida, which I will routinely say is the most pro-law enforcement state in the nation. Hands down.”

Moody also said the Be a Florida Hero program has been a success. Since unveiling the program to attract new law enforcement officers, more than 5,000 have

been hired in two years – and 1,200 have come from out of state, including new hires Clay County Sheriff's Office Deputies Jacob Gann from Wyoming, Matthew Swartz from New York, Colton Harris from California and Virgil and Hutton from Utah who attended the presentation.

“I'm a little partial. We are so blessed to work and live here in Clay County,” Cook said. “Clay does lead the way when it comes to supporting law enforcement, the men and women who wear these uniforms, the deputies who go out every single day and put their lives on the line. We will continue to keep Clay County safe. We will continue to keep Florida safe.”

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The Chris Thomas Project performed for the first Orange Park After Dark of the year.

Orange Park After Dark

First music show of season featured The Chris Thomas Project at Town Hall

By Jack Randall
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ORANGE PARK – The summer season kicked off last Saturday on a warm, balmy evening where patrons lounged in lawn chairs and enjoyed the performance put on by the Chris Thomas Project.

It was the third annual Orange Park After Dark, a night of live music and food trucks held at the Orange Park Town Hall.

The event is BYOB (bring your own beer/bottle/booze), meaning you were allowed to bring your drinks. The food trucks weren't allowed sell alcohol, but they did sell personal pan pizzas, barbeque, Spanish churros (which are dipped in chocolate) and an assortment of lemonade flavors.

The event was geared for an adult audience, but this didn't mean children weren't prohibited. During the performance, some children played at nearby Town Hall Park.

There were attendance fees, no prohibition on personal beverages, ample parking surrounding the town hall, and a spunky live performance, making for a great night.

Celia Das and Chris Thomas were the lead singers who rocked out at the pavilion. The local Jacksonville band produced a catchy medley of popular songs, each performed with the band's signature laid-back style.

The next Orange Park After Dark event will be on June 8 from 7-10 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall.

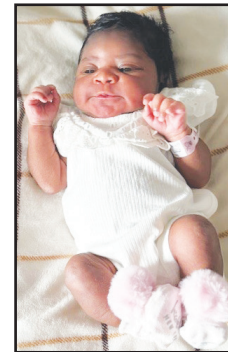
The next show will feature The Band Be Easy, a high-energy, multi-genre sensational powerhouse of seasoned players who know how to get any party started, according to the band's website.

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and coolers.

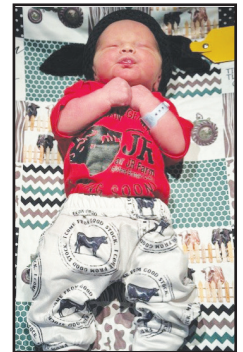
Happy Mothers Day



Gracie Lynn



Marley



Zachery

Three born at Orange Park Hospital during Mothers Day weekend

ORANGE PARK – Three mothers uniquely celebrated Mother's Day Weekend by delivering a child at HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital. Gracie Lynn, Marley and Zachery will forever be linked to the special occasion.

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"glowing green orbs" that "looked like a UFO."

Some nodded their heads, but I could tell they didn't believe me. We left a little while later. My only hope is that some listened. You can direct people where to look but can't make them see.

Mom and I felt much better returning

home than when we voyaged to San Antonio, Texas to see the total solar eclipse as it swept nationwide on April 8. A blanket of gray, miserable clouds made that trip a failure. I couldn't see the silver lining then. I see it now.

It's funny that the real once-in-a-lifetime heavenly spectacle occurred right over my childhood home as my parents prepared to put it on the market. It's funny how fleeting and spontaneous life's brightest moments are.

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Finding purpose at Elevation Academy after years of mindless abyss

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Wayne Stevenson wasn't a troublemaker in elementary or junior high school. Most of the time, he was so oblivious to his surroundings that he almost seemed invisible.

He tried to pay attention, but his mind wandered. A teacher's words suddenly became muddled, so his attention shut down. When he was stumped by a question, he became frustrated and gave up. He was so easily distracted, and classwork started to feel more like punishment.

"I've always suffered from a lack of attention at school, but ever since, I'd say, about fifth grade, when I stepped in school, it was really dull for me," he said. "I've always been behind academically. In my junior year, I really started to slow down to a

pace where they stopped me. They told me I wasn't going to make it unless something changed."

That something was Elevation Academy.

Instead of quietly failing, Wayne will now graduate on May 24. Instead of reluctantly accepting a future of wasted opportunities, Wayne is excited and focused. Instead of being confined by his inattention, Wayne feels his life has a purpose.

"In a normal classroom, you have one teacher and 30 kids," he said. "Here, it's like 20 kids and four teachers, and they're much more outgoing. If you need help, they're always available to help. Instead of getting frustrated, pushing the computer away, and shutting down, asking questions and getting help is easy.

"Ever since I got to Elevation, everyone

here has been supportive."

Elevation Academy is part of the Bannerman Learning Center. According to the Clay County District Schools, Bannerman prepares non-traditional students for global and competitive workplace success by acquiring positive life skills and becoming life-long learners. It's a special program for students who need a positive, safe and supportive environment.

That difference made a significant impact on Wayne. Without it, he probably wouldn't have finished school.

"I was bored, and I fell asleep in class. I got frustrated and didn't want to do it anymore," he said. "They helped me turn

things around and be able to graduate. Now I have a future."

Wayne said he's worked with metal for years and figured he'd weld and cut iron and steel after graduation. But a field trip opened his eyes to other opportunities.

"I want to work in forestry," he said. "I decided I want to be a forest ranger. We went on a field trip, and forestry was right up my alley.

I have long-distance goals now. I'm positive about my future instead of negative. I feel good that I sat in the classroom and did my work. I feel good that I've accomplished a lot."



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Elevation Academy's Wayne Stevenson will focus on a future as a forest ranger after graduating on May 24.



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Middleburg High Senior Ryan Riley went from being kicked out of school in Jacksonville to graduating on May 24 and being accepted into the U.S. Navy.

Middleburg senior saved from streets by faith, Broncos culture

By Don Coble
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MIDDLEBURG – Ryan Riley was a lost soul. His path seemed predetermined for prison or the graveyard.

But something his mother said resonated with him. He was immune to the threats, violence and indifference of the streets on the Westside of Jacksonville, but his mother's voice found a way to get through the bravado.

"I committed myself to Christ," Ryan said.

After being kicked out of Westside High, Ryan moved to Middleburg, where, according to Principal Martin Aftuck, he became a model student. Not only was he

saved—literally—from the streets, but he will graduate on May 24 and enter the U.S. Navy on June 4.

His smile and happiness are infectious at Middleburg High. Students and teachers high-five him in the hallways. Everyone likes him. And he's always clutching his Bible.

But it wasn't always like that.

"When I was growing up, I wasn't a good kid," he said. "I was poor. I was in the wrong groups. I did bad stuff. I got kicked out of Westside (High) for bad grades. I had AP classes, but the way I acted wasn't acceptable. I wouldn't listen to my parents,

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my siblings or my grandparents.

"I lived in West Palm Beach when I was little, then we moved to 103rd Street. I've been in the 'hood. It was rough. I was out in the streets trying to do things to people. I've had some cousins, some friends who got killed."

His mother died shortly after Ryan accepted Christ, but she saw her son's transformation from being an unruly outcast to a model student with a bright future.

"I wanted to make her proud," he said. "I know who I am. I got a name. She knew I was on the right path. She knows I turned my life around. She knows I'm going to prosper."

Once at Middleburg, Ryan quickly noticed a big change. Unlike other places he lived, the community wasn't divided into Blacks and whites. "Here, you're a Bronco," he said. "I do love this school a lot. I've grown a love for it. It was like, this was a new type of thing for me. People are calmer here, more curious, and more interested in what you've gone through and what you're doing. So it was it was new to me."

What started as a gesture to make his mother happy was the best choice of his young life. "If I would have kept going down the same path, I would have been dead or in jail," he said. "Those are never good options. But you can turn your life around. I did." With divine help, only a mother can offer.



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Estefany Cejas left Cuba for the sanctity of the United States 18 months ago. In the process, she earned the highest civics grade among seniors at Fleming Island High and learned to love fast food.

"And she met our requirements for graduation like anybody else. She passed the state reading test without a problem. And, she got the highest score of all of our seniors on the Civics exam."

– Shirley Baggett

Cuba's Cejas finds welcoming home at Fleming Island High

By Don Coble
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FLEMING ISLAND – When Estefany Cejas' family fled Cuba, they weren't sure what to expect. They knew any life away from the strife-filled island had to offer the hope of a better life.

Their first stop was Nicaragua. "From there, we went country to country," Estefany said.

Until they finally wound up on Fleming Island.

The teen didn't know her new home's language, customs or freedoms. She often came to school in tears. But her parents, teachers and staff members wouldn't give up on her. Or let her give up on herself.

"A year ago, I started at a new school, and everything was new to me because I come from Cuba," Estefany said. "There is Communism there. Everything's different. Everybody's nice to me here. Everyone helps you going forward. The counselor (Shirley Baggett) gave me everything I needed to get going. Whatever I needed, there was no question. It was hard because everything was new."

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History

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the United States Bicentennial. His book, "Parade of Memories: A History of Clay County, Florida," was to be on the shelf by July 4, 1976.

Counties across Florida were joining in the endeavor to celebrate the bicentennial by hiring historians to author their chronologies. Some of Blakey's contemporaries were commissioned for the same job. However, the difference was they often had two years. Blakey had nine months.

"Truthfully, I did not know a thing about Clay County, but I agreed," Blakey, now retired, said in an interview with Clay Today nearly 50 years later.

After shaking hands with Thomas Ryan Jr., Chairman of the Clay County Historical Commission, and the Board of County Commissioners — T. Hank Bruning, Thaddeus B. Crossley, R. Lee Drawdy, Olin S. Howard, Jr. and Homer L. Newell — Blakey rushed back home to Gainesville.

He was pulled over for speeding before making it to the county line.

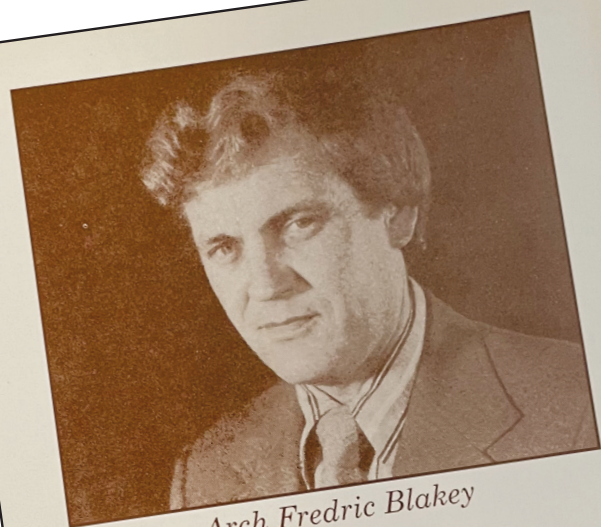
Blakey was eager to get started, one-half anxious and the other excited. Clay County had a rich history hidden within old documents, meeting minutes, archived articles, and first-person perspectives. Blakey was honored to be the first to piece it all together during his nine-month journey through time.

Blakey still had classes to teach at UF, but he spent his weekends in Clay County poring through the archives.

Each chapter of the original 10-chapter edition was first written in longhand, transcribed by typewriter, and then presented to the Historical Commission for their input. He said his partnership with the Historical Commission was "very good and harmonious."

Blakey's goal was to remain impartial throughout the historical narrative. Like many areas of the South, Clay County was not immune from slavery, racism, war and death.

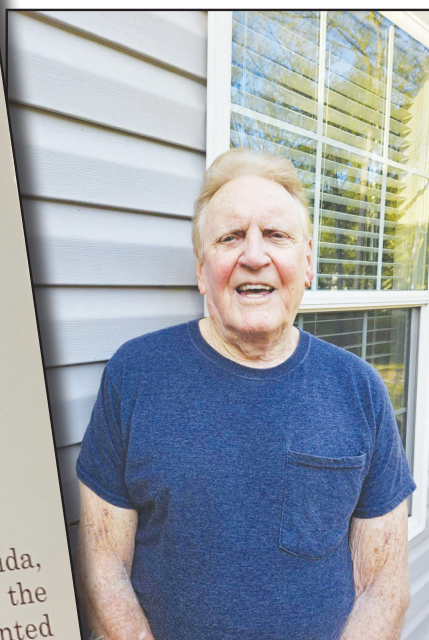
"For many historical characters, the descendants are often still living there. I was told, 'It's going to be offensive if you



Arch Fredric Blakey

THE AUTHOR

Arch Fredric Blakey is a native of Pahokee, Florida, and received his Ph.D. in American History from the Florida State University in 1967. He has presented scholarly papers and has published articles on Florida history in several journals. He is the author of *The Florida Phosphate Industry: A History of the Development and Use of A Vital Mineral*, and is currently an Associate Professor of History and Social Sciences at the University of Florida.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JACK RANDALL
Blakey's author biography on the back cover of "Parade." Blakey now lives in Bell, a small town in Gilchrist County, with his daughter.

include that," Blakey said.

Blakey met with the descendants of Clay County's first pioneering families while composing his manuscript. While often subjective, family stories passed down from generation to generation painted a unique picture of early life in the county.

"Oral history is sometimes the only account available," Blakey said.

Blakey had a whole lineup of people he wanted to interview. Many of those on his list had far-reaching first-person accounts. Many were elderly and unfortunately passed away days before their interview with Blakey.

"That's how history dies," Blakey said.

Blakey also cited various written works, including the Clay County Times (1898-1926) and the Clay County Crescent (1927-1996), the precursor to the Clay Today. As the famous saying goes, journalism is the first draft of history.

The research was challenging. There's a gap in Clay County's historical record from 1858, when Clay separated from Duval, up until 1871 when Green Cove Springs replaced Middleburg as the county seat.

County Clerk Barney McRae was charged with negligence but ultimately acquitted, which Blakey describes on page

104.

The BCC meeting minutes and many other documentation from Clay County's first years as a county during the Civil War are records that remain missing today. If you take a trip to the Clay County Archives, you will notice a missing gap where Books "A," "B" and "C" should be.

Blakey went through the Duval County records to fill in other historical holes.

Early life was challenging in Clay County, which Blakey described as Florida's "no man's land."

Indeed, Clay County served as borderlands between the first Spanish colonists and the Native Americans, refuges for Loyalists fleeing the Revolutionary War, battlegrounds during the Seminole Wars and a murky, menacing front during the Civil War.

Blakey's "Parade" — which felt more like a "sprint" — was published on time after months of long nights and long drives back and forth between Gainesville and Green Cove Springs. The book was Clay County's first full, complete and coherent chronology.

The title "Parade" was inspired by Blakey's source, "The St. Johns: A Parade

of Diversities" by A.J. Hanna and James Branch Cabell.

Blakey said he can't remember if he and the Historical Commission celebrated after completing the monumental task. The reward was just having the book on the shelf and Clay County's history on paper.

The book is dedicated "to the people of Clay County — past, present and future."

"The parade is long; the memories are numerous; it is an informative and enjoyable journey," Blakey wrote.

The book has inspired other historians, such as Kevin S. Hooper and Maureen Jung. It is nearly impossible to find a Clay County history without "Parade" referenced in its bibliography.

The second edition of "Parade" contains an update written by Bonita Thomas Deaton, which expands the narrative from 1976 to 1995. The second edition is denoted by Deaton's writing credits underneath Blakey's on the front cover, while the first edition only has Blakey's.

Blakey was born in West Palm Beach, grew up in Pahokee, and received his Ph.D. in American History from Florida State University in 1967. He authored three other historical books while a professor at UF from 1968 until 1999. He currently lives in Bell, a small town in Gilchrist County.

During the interview, Blakey revealed that he has been suffering from health problems. Reading, his lifelong joy, is now challenging since he has severe difficulty seeing.

"My father was a carpenter. There got to be a point when he couldn't work with his hands anymore, and I had to step in and make decisions for him and take care of him," Blakey said.

Blakey said he is now reliant on his daughter for nearly everything. She drives him to Jacksonville for medical appointments. Daily life is a daily challenge. As the famous saying goes, history repeats itself. And that irony is not lost on the retired historian.

"I can no longer see," Blakey said. "It kills me."

If there is any silver lining to his ailments (if there is a silver lining to suffering at all), he says that he is thankful to have rekindled his relationship with his daughter.

He looks back fondly on his time in a country he was unfamiliar with, piecing together the jigsaw puzzle that spans centuries, with pieces still missing.

"I still miss it. I enjoyed the research," Blakey said.

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Orange Park Hospital funding 15 nursing scholarships at SJRSC

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital continued its investment in the future of healthcare with its partnership with St. Johns River State College and a contribution toward 15 nursing scholarships. Recognizing the importance of fostering talent in the healthcare field, Orange Park Hospital is committed to investing in the education of aspiring nurses.

"I'm excited to welcome you to our future nursing pipeline from SJR State," Chief Nursing Officer Mary Tabor said. "We know we are getting the best and the brightest from such a highly-respected and tenured nursing program. Ensuring our community partnership is strong is one of my top priorities as the CNO."

SJR State Foundation Director Kate Adornetto said the college appreciates the hospital's commitment to its communities and investment in the next generation of nurses.

"Partnerships like this are a perfect example of how scholarships create lasting connections for our students to be successful in life," Adornetto said.

The impact of the scholarships was evident in the thank you notes to Orange Park Hospital.

"I am able to put more energy toward my classes rather than worry about bills," recipient Kaitlin Jenner wrote.

"Thank you for the ability to remain stress-free financially," wrote Tymber Cowart.

Cheyenne Manders wrote she is "deeply honored to be selected and committed to working hard to make the most of this opportunity. Thank you for investing in my future as a nurse."

Ethan Quinn is excited to continue at HCA after graduation, writing, "I plan to stay at HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital once I graduate."

Florida Blue contributed \$2.5 million



to the Florida College Foundation in 2003 to establish a statewide endowed nursing and allied health scholarship program. With matching funds from the State Legislature, a \$5 million endowment was created to provide a sustained funding source for student scholarships in healthcare at Florida's colleges.

SJR State's nursing programs include

the ASN; Nursing: LPN Bridge to ASN; Practical Nursing; Nursing Assistant; and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Allied health programs include Sonography, Emergency Medical Services; EMT/Paramedic; Health Information Technology; Radiologic Technology; Respiratory Care; and, Medical Assisting. For more information, visit SJRstate.edu.

Lang from page 3

a year before the conflict in Vietnam escalated. The first U.S. ground troops were deployed to Vietnam in 1965.

In 1964, Lang had a relative in his family who owned the store but was suffering from diabetes. She asked Lang to take over the store. Lang said that she passed away in 1967.

Lang still lives and works at the store 60 years later.

"I'm one of the older ones now. Not too many who are older than I am," he said.

He said his favorite memories are the hours he spent talking to people passing through. He's met an assortment of characters, and he's watched many from Clay Hill grow up to adulthood.

The teal bench outside Jim Bud's porch has been nicknamed the "Liar's Bench."

"The older men would come and visit. They'd sit there for hours at a time at the bench," he said.

The Jim Bud's store has been a nostalgic home for many residents in Clay Hill, and it has also become a slight tourist attraction.

"There isn't a week that goes by where someone doesn't come by and take photos," he said.

He laughed when asked if he was famous.

"I try not to be," he said.

While it is easy to look back with rose-tinted glasses, Jim Bud's has had its fair share of hard times. There have been nu-



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Another feature in the store is a wall of classic Coca-Cola bottles, back when the soft drink was bottled. Some of the bottles on Lang's wall have "Green Cove Springs" marked on the bottom, back when the Coca-Cola had a bottling plant in Clay County. You'll be greeted with shelves of chocolate, candy, potato chips and other snacks in the front room.

merous break-ins and thefts.

"I heard something that sounded like glass shattering. When I checked who it was, he was gone. But I knew who he was. He broke the side window but didn't enter. He was scared of getting cut," Lang said.

One time, when Lang was working the register, two assailants put a gun on him and took off with not just the cash but the entire register.

Lang's empathetic neighbors donated an old register from one of their grocery stores in Middleburg. Lang still uses the register for transactions today. However,

for Lang, owning Jim Bud's isn't about making a fat bottom line. It is about carrying on his family's legacy, following his relative's wish for him 60 years ago.

"I don't make a whole lot of money. But money isn't your life," he said.

That's why he said he's never selling his 76 sign that hangs above the store and greets cars traveling along CR 218. A collector from Nebraska has asked incessantly to purchase the sign, even offering \$1,000.

"It's not for sale," Lang told him multiple times.



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Have you heard? Hearing aids may help people live longer

By Jack Randall
jack@claytodayonline.com

ORANGE PARK—It was already well known that hearing loss is associated with a reduced life span. What was unknown before a recent study's publication was whether wearing hearing aids regularly, thereby reducing hearing loss, would reverse that downtrend.



Matt Jones

Janet Choi, MD, a researcher at the University of Southern California, said it does.

Born with hearing loss in her left ear, Choi reasoned wearing hearing aids would reduce the comorbidity factors resulting from hearing loss: social isolation, depression and dementia.

"We found that adults with hearing loss who regularly used hearing aids had

a 24% lower risk of mortality than those who never wore them," Choi said in a press release.

"These results are exciting because they suggest that hearing aids may play a protective role in people's health and prevent early death," she said.

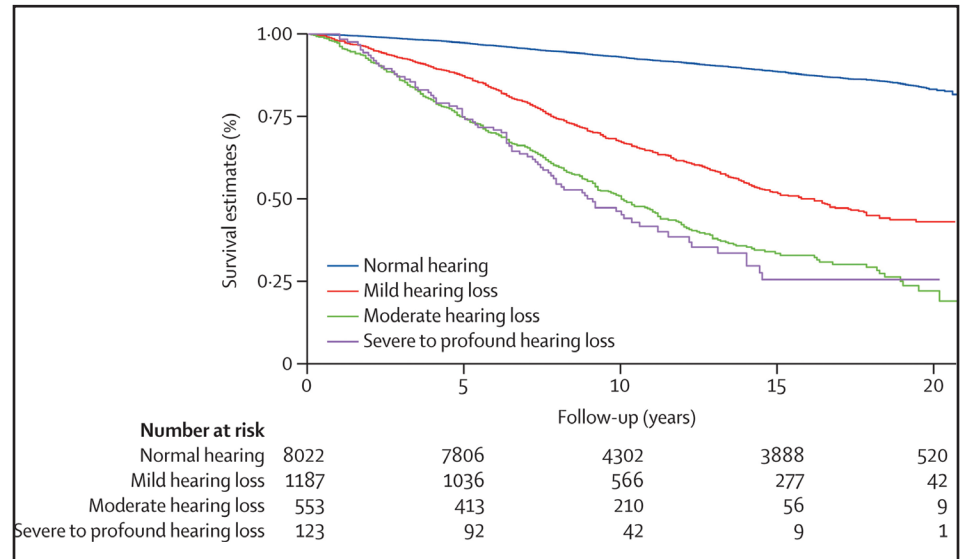
The longitudinal study was published in The Lancet Healthy Longevity and can also be found in the National Library of Medicine at pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38183998/.

The study's findings were a boom in audiology. Figuratively, the ripple traveled from Los Angeles to Jacksonville, from one end of I-10 to the other.

Matt Jones, Vice President of Beltone Florida, "heard" the good news about hearing. Jones is a hearing care practitioner at Beltone Hearing Care Centers Orange Park, located at 1536 Kingsley Ave., Suite 124.

Jones said hearing loss is more than an inconvenience. It is a severe condition that can and should be treated, he said.

"Our brain is like any other muscle. If



it's stimulated, it retains its functioning. If it's not stimulated, it atrophies. Hearing stimulates the brain. Hearing loss leads to loss of cognitive function," Jones said.

Consider the mantra "use it or lose it." Still, despite his concern, Jones is hopeful thanks to Choi's publicized results and

other recent and positive health trends.

"Hearing aids are more accessible and accepted. There's a lot more inclination to accept hearing aids as a form of treatment and greater societal acceptance to wearing them," Jones said.

Summer housing market expected to be fruitful for buyers and sellers

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – More single-family homes are being listed in Northeast Florida, which may be a solid indication that this summer's housing market will be fruitful for both buyers and sellers.

Specifically, the six-county region registered 3,750 new single-family listings, a 54.3% increase from a year ago and a 4.8% hike from last month.

Add to this inventory in Northeast Florida, which steadily rose to 6,490 homes – a 63.7% increase from April 2023 and a 9.9% hike from March 2024. Also, closed sales fell 5.8% to 1,843, and pending sales decreased 26.7% to 1,465. Altogether, this is evidence that buyers may now have a better selection to choose from than they have seen in a long time.

On the sellers' side, prices are also con-

tinuing to rise, but the rate of increase is slowing. Single-family homes on the First Coast inched up 2.7% to a median sales price of \$399,990. Northeast Florida's Home Affordability Index continued to dip down to 64 in April.

In Clay County, the April 2024 median price of single-family homes inched up 1.1% to \$352,000. The median number of days on the market dropped 22.5% to 31. Month-to-month closed sales tumbled 16.2% to 217, pending sales plummeted 20.6% to 196, and new listings climbed 19.6% to 518. Active inventory for the county rose to 876 homes, a 19.8% increase from March 2024 and showing a four-month supply. The Home Affordability Index sank 1.4% to 73.

The Home Affordability Index measures housing affordability for the region. In other words, it measures whether a typical



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family earns enough to qualify for a mortgage on a typical home based on current interest rates, median income, and median home prices. A higher number means greater affordability.

This index measures affordability factors for all homebuyers making a 20% downpayment. An index of 100 is the point

where a median-income family has the exact amount of income needed to purchase a median-priced existing home. An index value over 100 means that the family has more than enough income, while a value below 100 means that a family doesn't have enough income to qualify for a mortgage loan.

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Safe Animal Shelter get \$1,000 gift from OP Rotary

MIDDLEBURG – The Rotary Club of Orange Park continued to serve the Clay County community last week with a \$1,000 donation to the Safe Animal Shelter at 2913 Count Road 220.

College Briefs

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Fleming Island's Hyams awarded two scholarships at North Georgia

DAHLONEGA, Ga. – Cadet Colt Hyams of Fleming Island received the Maj. P.J. Rodgers Alumni Military Scholarship and the Class of 1959 Reunion Scholarship.

The award was more than 100 military awards and scholarships were presented to University of North Georgia cadets at the March Military Awards Ceremony during Alumni Weekend.

Cadets were presented with awards and scholarships for academic achievement, potential for leadership and high moral character.

Positioned in the state's fastest-growing region, the University of North Georgia comprises five campuses united by a single mission focused on academic excellence and academic and co-curricular programs that develop students into leaders for a diverse and global society.

The University of North Georgia is a University System of Georgia leadership institution and is The Military College of Georgia.

Brent Gerald earns Master's degree at Union University

JACKSON, Tenn. – Brent Gerald of Orange Park was one of 447 students who graduated from Union University during spring commencement services.

Gerald earned his Master of Business Administration degree.

Hunter Baker, provost at North Greenville University and former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Union, delivered the commencement address, encouraging graduates to be faithful to God and to each other as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

McDonald, Shimko graduate from Berry College

ROME, Ga. – Berry College welcomed its newest class of graduates, including Hannah McDonald of Fleming Island, who earned a BA degree in Religion and Philosophy, and Joseph Shimko of Orange Park, who earned a BS degree in Animal Science.

Nationally recognized for academic excellence and as an outstanding educational value, Berry is an independent, co-educational, comprehensive liberal arts college of approximately 2,100 students.

Mollie Lawrence graduates from Young Harris College

YOUNG HARRIS, Ga. – The Young Harris College academic year has come to an end, and members of the Class of 2024, including Fleming Island's Mollie Lawrence, have completed their final year in

the Enchanted Valley.

After celebrating YHC seniors at the annual Senior Reception and Baccalaureate Service, the college held its traditional Commencement ceremony on May 4. More than 200 graduates received their degrees, the largest graduating class in the college's history.

Pair of Clay students earn spots on Bob Jones Dean's List

GREENVILLE, S.C. – Two former Clay County students, Peter Roberson from Orange Park and Evan Walker from Middleburg, earned a spot on the Dean's List at Bob Jones University for the Spring Semester.

The Dean's List recognizes students who earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average during the semester.

Bob Jones University provides an outstanding regionally accredited Christian liberal arts education purposely designed to inspire a lifelong pursuit of learning, loving and leading.

BJU offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in religion, education, fine arts and communication, arts and science, health professions and business.

Middleburg's Haymore makes North Georgia's Dean's List

DAHLONEGA, Ga. – John Haymore of Middleburg made the spring 2024 Dean's List at the University of North Georgia after achieving at least a 3.5 grade-point average, carrying 12 or more credit hours in one semester and having no grade lower than B.

Positioned in the state's fastest-growing region, the University of North Georgia comprises five campuses united by a single mission focused on academic excellence and academic and co-curricular programs that develop students into leaders for a diverse and global society.

Pair of local students on Columbia College's Dean's List

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Columbia College recently announced its dean's list for the Spring 2024 Semester. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed 12 credit hours in 16 weeks and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0-point scale.

They were Joseph Hellond of Green Cove Springs and David Crider of Oakleaf. Columbia has been helping students advance their lives through higher education for more than 170 years. As a private, nonprofit institution, the college takes pride in its small classes, experienced faculty and quality educational programs.

SEE COLLEGES, 20



Love that chicken at Mall

The Clay Chamber and the community welcomed Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen to the Food Court at the Orange Park Mall.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Clay County Board of County Commissioners
To Consider a Petition to Establish
Feed Mill Community Development District

DATE: May 28, 2024

TIME: 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard

LOCATION: Clay County Administration Building
BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor
477 Houston Street
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

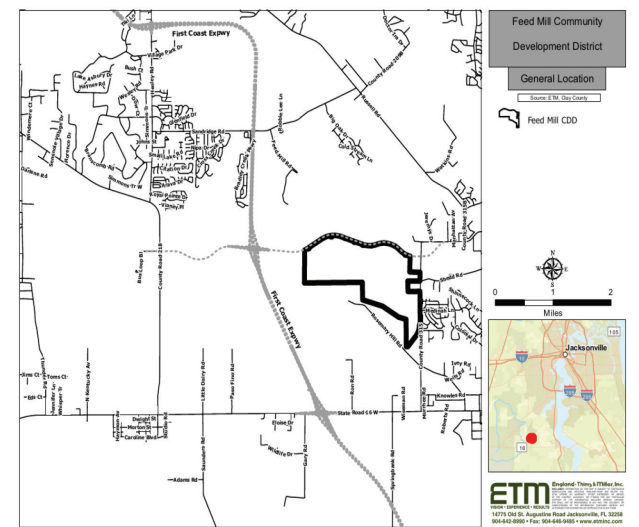
In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, a public hearing will be held by the Clay County Board of County Commissioners on the 28th day of May, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, to consider a petition to establish the Feed Mill Community Development District. The proposed Feed Mill Community Development District is comprised of 1035.55 acres, generally located south and west of County Road 315, north of State Road 16 and east of First Coast Expressway.

The petitioner has proposed to establish the Feed Mill 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, collector roadways, CR315 roadway improvements, hardscape, landscape, irrigation, fencing, signage, offsite transmission/distribution potable water, reclaimed water, sewer, lift stations, amenity center, community parks, stormwater management facilities, drainage collection system, and other infrastructure.

A copy of the petition is open to public inspection at the Clay County Attorney's Office, 2nd Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, (904) 269-6377.

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 Board 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.

NOTICE TO PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO ALL HEARING-IMPAIRED PERSONS: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County's ADA Coordinator mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043 or by telephone at (904) 278-4719 no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons, please call the Florida Relay Service (1 800 955 8770), no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting.



Legal 107972 published May 2, 9,16 and 23, 2024 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

Community Briefs

Free summer camp registration deadline is May 24

CLAY COUNTY - The deadline to register for a free children's summer camp in Clay County is quickly approaching on Friday, May 24.

Clay County Parks and Recreation is partnering with Ascension St. Vincent's to hold a Kids Summer Camp at Hunter-Douglas Park in Middleburg.

The camp runs from June 17-21, from 9 a.m. to noon. The recommended ages are 6-12, and the camp is free!

The registration deadline is May 24, and it's open to Clay County residents.

For more information and to register, email parksandrecreation@claycountygov.com or call (904) 284-6378.



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Final day for submission: June 15, 2024

Contest open to design Clay County's next library card

CLAY COUNTY - Through June 15, the Clay County Public Library System will hold an art contest seeking artwork for special, limited-edition library cards for Library Card Sign-Up Month in September 2024. The theme for this art contest will be "Adventure Begins at Your Library" after the Summer Reading Theme.

The contest is open to all residents of Clay County, Florida, of all ages. Amateur artists will be grouped and judged by age: 5 and under, 6-11, 12-18, and 19 and older.

Professional artists will be grouped and judged in a separate category. The judging panel will decide their professional status at its discretion.

Entries may be returned at any Clay County Public Library Branch at ptlibrary@claycountygov.com through June 15 at 5 p.m.

Digital artwork may be submitted, along with a scanned, signed entry form. No late entries will be accepted.

Judging will be done by a panel of Clay County Board of County Commissioners staff and will take place between June 17-21.

Winners will be announced on June 28.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Were the rules of submission followed?
- Does the artwork exemplify the theme, "Adventure Begins at Your Library?"
- Is the artwork appropriate for a library card based on size, content, and medium?
- Artist's creativity and design of the artwork.

Prizes will be awarded to the first-place winner of each age group in the Amateur artists' category as well as the first-place winner of the Professional artists' category. Second- and third-place winners of each will be awarded a certificate.

All first-place winners will have their artwork appear on limited edition library cards, available beginning Sept. 1, while supplies last. All first-place winners will also be judged with the possibility of becoming the new artwork for our general-use library card.

Clay County Public Library staff, judging panel staff, and their immediate family members are ineligible to participate.

Limit one entry a person. Artwork must be 10.5 inches by 6.6 inches in size, and it can have a plain white border as necessary. Digital artwork must be submitted as a flattened PDF file not exceeding 25MB. It must be in CMYK color mode and at least 300 DPI. The artwork must use a digitized medium, such as a pen, pencil, crayon,

marker or watercolor. Mediums that will smudge or come off when touched, like pastels and charcoal, create texture, like oil paints and collages or are three-dimensional, will not be accepted. Artwork must not be signed.

The artwork must be original, previously unpublished and not infringe on the intellectual property rights or privacy rights of another. Artwork may be digital but must not include AI-generated elements in whole or part. For more information, visit bit.ly/ArtTheCard.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Clay County Board of County Commissioners
To Consider a Petition to Establish
Governors Park South Community Development District

DATE: June 11, 2024
TIME: 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard
LOCATION: Clay County Administration Building
 BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor
 477 Houston Street
 Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, a public hearing will be held by the Clay County Board of County Commissioners on the 11th day of June 2024 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, to consider a petition to establish the Governors Park South Community Development District. The proposed Governors Park South Community Development District is comprised of approximately 2,045 acres, generally located west of County Road 15A and U.S. Highway 17 and to the west and south of the First Coast Expressway. The petitioner has proposed to establish the Governors Park South 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: stormwater management facilities, potable water system, reclaimed water system, sanitary sewer system, onsite and offsite roadways, streetlighting and undergrounding of electric, common area landscape, hardscape, irrigation and site amenities, and other infrastructure.

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Clay County Fair hiring fair-minded office assistant

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - It's rare for the Clay County Agricultural Fair to be able to post a job opening because it's mostly an all-volunteer fair, but the association is hiring. If you want to join their small team, you can see the job description and apply at claycountyfair.org/p/about/job-openings. The deadline is June 14, and the expected hire date is early July, but a flexible hiring date can be arranged if needed. The salary depends on experience.

The fair is not a county job. It is a non-profit 501c3. It is located at 2493 State Road 18 in Green Cove Springs. This is an office setting and remote work will be very limited. We also work non-traditional hours during the fair season.

Evangelist Mikkelson speaking at True Life Church May 17-19

MIDDLEBURG - International Evangelist Chris Mikkelson will be at True Life Church for three days to preach the gospel during four presentations at the church at County Road 220, Suite 316 in the Silos Shopping Center. Mikkelson has preached in some of the world's most unreached and dangerous nations, primarily near the Middle East, where Christianity is 2% or less.

His gospels will be on Friday, May 17, and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. There is no charge for his gospels and childcare is available. Due to limited seating, registration is required by visiting findtruelife.com/ignite.



Chris Mikkelson

Golden Years Gala recognized volunteers

For Clay Today

On May 8, 2024, for the seventeenth year, The Windsor at Ortega Golden Years Gala was held at Sullivan Hall. The Gala honored older adults who volunteer in Clay County.

Shepherd's Center of Orange Park presented awards to four volunteers in the following categories: Shepherd's Center of Orange Park Outstanding Volunteer, Ernie Cohen Lifetime Achievement Award, Woman of the Year, and Man of the Year.

Those honored are nominated by people in the community. Nominators write a letter about the person and what they have done to serve the community. The nominees are judged by local leaders who select winners in each category.

The Shepherd's Center of Orange Park Outstanding Volunteer Award was given to Katy Kearson. Katy has been a member of the Shepherd's Center since 2013. She is a great ambassador for the Shepherd Center (SCOOP) and the Adventures in Learning Program. At SCOOP she served on the Board of Directors as Chairman, spearheaded our Fun Committee, worked on the Gala Committee, and manned the outreach booth at the Orange Park Farmer's Market. What sets Katy apart from the other active volunteers at SCOOP is her wonderful at-

titude. Katy is the epitome of the phrase, "If life gives you lemons, make limoncello!" Katy always tackles issues with a smile and a positive attitude.

The Ernie Cohen Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Nancy Keating by JoAnne Cohen, Ernie's wife. Nancy has unselfishly given her time to the Green Cove Springs Rotary Club, Clay County Special Olympics, Sacred Heart Church, Fleming Island, Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs, and Gubernatorial appointed Board Member to Clay Memorial Hospital. She is also a member of 100 Women Who Care, a Board Member of PET Florida, and Rotarians for the Development of Youth. Nancy has provided countless hours to Clay County and untold people have been touched by her service. In the past 50 years, Nancy has held many leadership positions in these organizations. Nancy has demonstrated commitment to people of all different abilities, faiths, colors, backgrounds, and status. Nancy's volunteer efforts have helped to mold inclusivity in Clay County.

Lily Kinmonth accepted the Woman of the Year Award. Lily has been volunteering in the community in a multitude of different ways; she is someone who cares and wants to help wherever possible. Lily volunteers



From left: Andrea Crowder, JoAnne Cohen, Katy Kearson, Nancy Keating, Lily Kinmonth, Bob Donnellon, Christy Fitzgerald, and Al Benson.

with The Way Free Clinic, the Catholic Council of Women at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Military Vehicle Preservation, and the First Coast Car Council. Lily has served in various roles at these organizations, giving her time freely. Lily brings dependability, inspiration, and enthusiasm to the organizations she supports!

The Man of the Year Award was given to Bob Donnellon. If there is a poster child for the best type of volunteer, Bob Donnellon may be it. He 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, Catholic Charities, and Knights of Columbus. Bob is at St. Luke Catholic Church most days and volunteers in many capacities. He organized

weekend meals for homeless teens at Middleburg High School, cooks for the Knights of Columbus and creates memorial flag boxes for veterans and first responders. Bob has touched the lives of thousands through his volunteer service. Andrea Crowder and Al Benson were Emcees for the event. DeAndre Stringer, Life Enrichment Coach at the Windsor Ortega the Auctioneer for the event. DeAndre did a wonderful job engaging the crowd and raising money for the Shepherd's Center. The event had over 170 attendees. The Shepherd's Center's Board Chairman, Ruth Johansen, said that the event is an outstanding way to showcase older adult volunteers in our community. The volunteers' commitment and generosity exemplify their generation's values of integrity and a strong work ethic.

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Faith Walk

by **Pastor Billy Register**
True Life Church
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Protection

As we continue our look at The Lord's Prayer we see "Protection". In Matthew 6:13, Jesus teaches us to pray, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." This verse emphasizes the importance of seeking God's protection from the snares of the enemy. In John 10:10 Jesus articulates the purpose of the enemy. "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy."

While the Kingdom of God is near, we must also recognize that Satan has a kingdom of darkness. 1 Peter 5:8 says, "Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." Temptation comes from the devil, not from God. Therefore, it's crucial to pray for protection against his schemes.

Ephesians Chapter 6 provides us with a powerful metaphor—the armor of God. Just as a soldier prepares for battle by putting on armor, we too must arm ourselves with the truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God. By praying daily and putting on the whole armor of God, we fortify ourselves against the attacks of the enemy.

Protection in prayer extends beyond us as individuals to our families, our livelihoods, our health, our cities, our state, and nation. We lift up our loved ones before God, asking for His divine hedge of protection around them. We pray for God's provision and guidance in our work and finances. We ask for God's healing and restoration in times of sickness and distress. And we intercede for our communities and nations, asking for wisdom and discernment for our leaders.

Praying for protection is not a sign of weakness but of wisdom and faith. It's an acknowledgment of our dependence on God's strength and a declaration of His sovereignty over every aspect of our lives. Let's join together and commit to daily prayer for protection, trusting in God's unfailing love and care for His children.

You can write the Pastor at pastor-billy@findtruelife.com

Calendar

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS will meet on May 14 at 4 p.m. in the BCC meeting room, fourth floor, at Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

ORANGE PARK LIONS CLUB will meet on May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Lions Club Clubhouse, 423 McIntosh Ave.

FREE HEALTH SERVICES provided by Comprehensive Health Center of Orlando and Clay County Fire Rescue's Community Paramedicine Program will be on May 16 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Paramedicine Office at 2110 Blanding Blvd, Suite 8, in the Grande Ole Plaza in Middleburg. Residents can get free rapid testing and treatment, free health care insurance (must meet qualifications) and giveaways.

FLORIDA REP. BOBBY PAYNE will hold office hours on May 16 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 S. Lawrence Blvd. For more information, contact Tammy Still at (352) 732-1244 or tammy.still@myfloridahouse.gov.

BE FREE MINISTRY will launch on May

16 at 7 p.m. at Calvary Assembly of God, 9 Knight Boxx Road, Orange Park. Classes will focus on healing, deliverance, miracles and activation for God-given purposes. For more information, visit Befree.caop.church.

WWE SMACKDOWN will be on May 17 at 7:45 p.m. at the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. in Jacksonville. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com.

TOOL LENDING Library, offered by Mission of the Dirt Road, will be open for free tool loans on May 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at 7790 State Road 100 in Keystone Heights. For more information, call (352) 478-8050.

P.E.T. FLORIDA will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new powder-coating facility for its hand-operated trikes for those who can't walk at 10 a.m. at Penney Farms, 4456 Lewis Ave.

THE KITCHEN OF CLAY COUNTY will provide free meals on May 18 at the Orange Park Senior Center, 414 Stowe St., Sacred Heart Mission Church Branch, 207



Palmetto St. in Green Cove Springs and Black Creek Methodist Church, 3925 Main St. in Middleburg (drive-through), from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL will meet on May 21 at 7 p.m. inside City Hall Chambers at 321 Walnut St.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL will meet on May 21 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall Council Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

HOME INSTEAD CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP will host its Alzheimer's and Dementia meeting on May 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 16 College Dr. in Orange Park. Families needing information on dealing with the disorders are encouraged to attend the free event.

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Cejas from page 13

When she arrived at Fleming Island High, she only knew a few words, such as "Hello" and "How are you?"

It took nearly a year, but she finally learned enough English to pass her classes and graduate with her classmates on May 24.

"And she met our requirements for graduation like anybody else," Baggett said. "She passed the state reading test without a problem. And, she got the highest score of all of our seniors on the Civics exam."

Estefany has big plans after graduation. She wants to attend St. Johns River State College for two years, then move on to the University of North Florida or the University of Central Florida to study business management and eventually earn a Master's degree.

She also wants to become a U.S. citizen.

"This is my America," she said proudly. "What happened there in Cuba, people there say, 'Oh no, it's a bad country with bad people.' But here, everything here is different, and I love it. I say I'm an American now."

So, what's her favorite part of being in the United States?

"Fast food."

And what's her favorite food?

"Italian," she said with a giggle.

Baggett said Estefany has earned the spoils afforded to other Americans. She fought to make her way out of an oppressed regime and even harder to become an asset in her new community.

"There were many tears and tribulations along the way. It was not an easy journey for her," Baggett said. "Her parents were very determined she was going to learn English. Her dad said she would learn the language. She will be fine. Dad put a lot of pressure on her, but she did it. She rose to the occasion and did it."

College from page 17

Hall, Trammell make Dean's List at Samford University

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Samford University recognized 1,931 students, including Kinley Hall of Green Cove Springs and Rita Trammell of Oakleag, on the Dean's List for

the spring 2024 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework. The Dean's List is the highest academic recognition the school gives at the end of each semester.

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Berry College selects three from Clay for Dean's List

ROME, Ga. — The Dean's List honored students who posted an academic average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale while carrying a class load of at least 12 hours during the semester.

Orange Park's Margaret Fackler joined Hannah McDonald and Laura Pittman, both from Fleming Island, qualified for the list.

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American Idol

Lionel Richie, Katy Perry, Ryan Seacrest and Luke Bryan in "American Idol"

American Idol

Tune in for a parade of spring season finales — and one series finale — beginning Sunday, May 19, on CBS, Fox and ABC.



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The finale countdown: Major networks bid farewell to stars and series



“Eric” (Netflix — May 30, Limited Series Premiere)

Set in 1980s New York, this emotional thriller from Abi Morgan follows Vincent (Benedict Cumberbatch), one of New York’s leading puppeteers and the creator of a hugely popular children’s television show, as he struggles to cope with the loss of his son, Edgar (Ivan Morris Howe), after he disappears one morning on the way to school. Full of self-loathing and guilt around Edgar’s disappearance, Vincent clings to his son’s drawings of a blue monster puppet, Eric, convinced that if he can get Eric on TV, then Edgar will come home.



Élodie Yung stars in “The Cleaning Lady”

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April showers bring May flowers, but the best gift for TV lovers this May is finale season. As is tradition, networks all across North America prepare to wrap up many of their shows until the fall, among them procedural dramas, competition series, animated shows, family sitcoms and beloved news series.

Of all the spring finale weeks, May 19-25 is the most action-packed, with Sunday night, May 19, saying goodbye to seven TV shows and one longtime judge on ABC’s “American Idol.”

“American Idol” judge and “Roar” singer Katy Perry announced her departure from the long-running singing competition during an appearance on “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” back in February, and now the time has come to bid farewell to the pop diva.

“I love the show so much,” Perry told Jimmy Kimmel, “but I wanna go and see the world and maybe bring new music.”

As for who comes out on top at the end of “American Idol’s” three-hour Season 22 finale, no one knows. But there will be one big winner and one fewer judge by the time the credits roll on May 19.

Another long-running series, “60 Minutes,” airs its 56th season finale May 19, on CBS.

Created by Don Hewitt with Bill Leonard (both of “CBS Reports”) in 1968, the news series has become a Sunday night staple for families across the continent. And although it seems likely that the show will return for another season of high-quality interviews and investigative reporting, no official renewal has been issued as of writing.

Also airing their final offerings for the season on Sunday are CBS’s “The Equalizer,” “CSI: Vegas” and “Tracker.” Rounding out the Sunday night finales are the long-reigning animated adult sitcom, “The Simpsons” and its younger counterpart, “Krapopolis,” on Fox.

But, as the work week ramps up, viewers catch a bit of a break. On Monday, May 20, just two Fox series air their final episodes of the season: the cooking show “MasterChef Junior,” showcasing the best up-and-coming young talents in the food world, and the always-astounding and creative dance competition “So You Think You Can Dance.”

Tuesday, May 21, belongs to the Feds, as CBS airs the finales to “FBI” and its two spinoffs, “FBI: International” and “FBI: Most Wanted.” At the same time, on Fox, “The Cleaning Lady” leans into the other side of crime and tidies up its third season with a two-hour finale.

Come Wednesday, May 22, school is out for “Abbott Elementary” (until Season 4), but the focus is on the “Black-ish” spinoff “Grown-ish,” which is closing the door on the Johnson family’s story of growth and newfound adulthood after six seasons on ABC-Disney’s family network, Freeform.

“We’ve spent nearly a decade telling our stories through the ‘-ish’ series, and to say it has been an amazing journey would be an understatement,” said co-creator Kenya Barris (“Black-ish”). “To be able to watch ... our entire ‘Grown-ish’ family grow up in front of (and in many ways alongside) us over these past several years has been both a joy and an honor.”

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Ramsay's rival: Lisa Vanderpump joins Season 2 of 'Food Stars'

Ramsay is back on the hunt for the next big name in food, as "Gordon Ramsay's Food Stars" returns for its second season, beginning Wednesday, May 22, on Fox.

An adaptation of the British TV series "Gordon Ramsay's Future Food Stars," this Americanized romp follows world-renowned chef Gordon Ramsay ("Hell's Kitchen") as he looks to find the next culinary entrepreneur he'd like to personally bankroll. This season, however, Ramsay isn't taking the task on by himself, as he is joined by superstar entrepreneur Lisa Vanderpump of "Vanderpump Rules" fame, who will surely add a little spice to the competition.

Ramsay's production company — Studio Ramsay — made an announcement regarding the partnership, stating the following: "Gordon and Lisa will face off as they each select food and beverage industry entrepreneurs to join their teams and then put them through a gauntlet of real-world challenges designed to showcase their business skills, test their drive and prove they have what it takes to become the next great culinary entrepreneur.

"[The duo] will each bring their expert knowledge and unique leadership styles to the competition, and in a first-of-its-kind twist, the entrepreneurs will pitch themselves and their products, services or business ideas to the moguls, who will then choose contestants to build their respective teams. The battle commences as teams are put through 'Business Bootcamp,' designed to test their tenacity, initiative, perseverance and ambition as business leaders.

"With a \$250,000 prize on the line," Studio Ramsay continues, "these entrepreneurs will be challenged in all aspects of running a food or beverage enterprise, including remarketing a food product, innovating a new product, building brand loyalty, sales pitching and management.

"As for Ramsay vs. Vanderpump, the ultimate outcome will be whose mentorship leads to victory for one of their team's hopefuls," the statement concludes.

In regards to the upcoming challenge, Ramsay was quoted as saying: "America is full of incredible food and drink entrepreneurs, and I can't wait to see the talent and ingenuity that we discover."



Chef Gordon Ramsay hosts "Gordon Ramsay's Food Stars"

From showrunner Deborah Sargeant ("Flirty Dancing") and executive produced by Ramsay himself, Season 2 of "Gordon

Ramsay's Food Stars" begins Wednesday, May 22, on Fox — served with a little "Vanderpump" twist.

lifestyle

BY CAROLINE COLLACUTT

Kardashian Kraze: 'The Kardashians' returns for a fifth season

Featuring 10 episodes packed with non-stop, over-the-top drama, Season 5 of "The Kardashians" premieres Thursday, May 23, on Hulu.

In the artfully tasteful teaser trailer given for this upcoming season — released March 8 of this year — the leading ladies of the Kardashian family are seen one by one, with mostly wordless glimpses promising that "new horizons await" for all, including the likes of Kris Jenner, Kourtney Kardashian Barker, Kim Kardashian, Khloé Kardashian, Kendall Jenner and Kylie Jenner.

With the teaser, Hulu released a brief description: "Just when you think life can't get any faster in the Kardashian Jenner family, they punch it into overdrive. From the big screen to baby bliss, the family continues to defy expectations in all their endeavors."

From this snippet alone, eagle-eyed viewers may spot a few hints of what's

to come — like some footage from the ever-expanding Kardashian-Baker clan, perhaps, as Kourtney recently welcomed her first child with her new husband, Travis Barker, of Blink 182, a son named Rocky Barker.

As for the "big screen" in question, fans were left hungry for more of Kim's acting endeavors, with Season 4 following her big foray into acting as she took on a leading role in the filming of the FX series "American Horror Story: Delicate." If the teaser trailer is any indication, Season 5 may continue to show the family's reactions to Kim's on-screen acting debut.

But, as always with an expansive (and constantly growing) family, the rollercoaster relationship of the Kardashian-Jenner sisterhood is the main focus, with "cameras [rolling] as Kourtney, Kim, Khloé, Kendall, and Kylie navigate contentious sister dynamics, all under the watchful eye of everyone's favorite matriarch, Kris."



Kim Kardashian as seen in "The Kardashians"

Executive produced by showrunner Danielle King ("Million Dollar Listing New York"), alongside Ben Winston ("The Late Late Show with James Cordón"), Emma Conway ("Betty White's Off Their Rockers") and Elizabeth Jones ("The Profit"), the series also counts

Kris, Kourtney, Kim, Khloé, Kendall and Kylie among its executive producers.

No matter what's to come, Kardashian-craving viewers can rest assured knowing that their favorite famous family will return, when Season 5 of "The Kardashians" kicks off Thursday, May 23, on Hulu.

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- 3 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Wright Brand 250, Practice.** From North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Wilkesboro, N.C. (Live)
- 4 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR All-Star Open, Practice.** From North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Wilkesboro, N.C. (Live)
- 5:30 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR All-Star Open, Qualifying.** From North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Wilkesboro, N.C. (Live)
- 7:30 p.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing Gerber Collision & Glass NHRA Route 66 Nationals, Qualifying.** From Route 66 Raceway in Joliet, Ill.

SATURDAY

- 6 a.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR All-Star Open, Practice.** From North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Wilkesboro, N.C.
- 6:25 a.m. ESPN2 Formula 1 Racing Emilia Romagna Grand Prix, Practice 3.** Third free practice of the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix at Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari in Imola. (Live)
- 7:30 a.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR All-Star Open, Qualifying.** From North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Wilkesboro, N.C.
- 9:30 a.m. FS1 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Wright Brand 250, Practice.** From North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Wilkesboro, N.C.
- 9:55 a.m. ESPN2 Formula 1 Racing Emilia Romagna Grand Prix, Qualifying.** Qualifying of the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix at Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari in Imola, Italy. (Live)
- 10:30 a.m. FS1 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Wright Brand 250, Qualifying.** From North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Wilkesboro, N.C. (Live)
- 11:30 a.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR All-Star Open, Practice.** From North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Wilkesboro, N.C.
- 1:30 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Wright Brand 250.** North Wilkesboro Raceway hosts the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series for the Wright Brand 250. (Live)
- 7 p.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing Pro Stock All-Star Callout.** From Route 66 Raceway in Joliet, Ill.

SUNDAY

- 8 a.m. FS1 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Wright Brand 250.** North Wilkesboro Raceway hosts the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series for the Wright Brand 250.
- 8:55 a.m. ESPN2 Formula 1 Racing Emilia Romagna Grand Prix.** From Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari in Imola, Emilia-Romagna, Italy. (Live)
- 10 a.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR All-Star Race, Qualifying.** From North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Wilkesboro, N.C.
- 1 p.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing Gerber Collision & Glass NHRA Route 66 Nationals, Qualifying 2.** Coverage of drag racing action from the National Hot Rod Association.
- 3 p.m. WTLV (12.1) IndyCar Racing 108th Running of the Indianapolis 500, Qualifying.** From Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. (Live)
- 4 p.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing Gerber Collision & Glass NHRA Route 66**



NATIONALS, ROUND 1

- Coverage of drag racing action from the National Hot Rod Association.
- 5 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR All-Star Open.** From North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Wilkesboro, N.C. (Live)
- 8 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR All-Star Race.** From North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Wilkesboro, N.C. (Live)
- 10 p.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing Gerber Collision & Glass NHRA Route 66 Nationals, Finals.** Coverage of drag racing action from the National Hot Rod Association.

WEDNESDAY

- 7 p.m. FS1 Greatest Races: NASCAR Cup Series Racing: Charlotte.** Classic replays of NASCAR races.

BASEBALL

FRIDAY

- 3 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 6 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball.
- 8 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 10 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)

SATURDAY

- 11 a.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 1 p.m. ESPN College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 3 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 4 p.m. FS1 Seattle Mariners at Baltimore Orioles.** From Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore. (Live)
- 5 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 7 p.m. WFOX (30.1) San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves.** From Truist Park in Atlanta. (Live)

SUNDAY

- 12 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 1 p.m. ESPN College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 2 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 3 p.m. ESPN College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 4 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 6 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball.
- 7 p.m. ESPN San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves.** From Truist Park in Atlanta. (Live)
- 8 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 10 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)

MONDAY

- 7:30 p.m. FS1 Detroit Tigers at Kansas City Royals.** From Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (Live)

TUESDAY

- 7:30 p.m. TBS Atlanta Braves at Chicago Cubs.** From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (Live)

THURSDAY

- 7 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)
- 9 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA.** Action from women's college softball. (Live)

BASKETBALL

FRIDAY

- 7:30 p.m. ESPN Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA.** Professional basketball action from the NBA.
- WPXC (21.1) WNBA Basketball Washington Mystics at Connecticut Sun.** From the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn. (Live)
- 8:30 p.m. ESPN Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers.** Eastern Conference Semifinal, Game 6. (If necessary) (Live)
- 9:30 p.m. WPXC (21.1) WNBA Basketball Seattle Storm at Minnesota Lynx.** From the Target Center in Minneapolis. (Live)
- 11:30 p.m. ESPN Conference Final: Teams TBA.** Professional basketball action from the NBA. (Live)

SATURDAY

- 1 p.m. WJXX (25.1) WNBA Basketball Indiana Fever at New York Liberty.** From Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. (Live)
- 3 p.m. WJXX (25.1) WNBA Basketball Los Angeles Sparks at Las Vegas Aces.** From Michelob ULTRA Arena in Las Vegas. (Live)
- 8 p.m. NBA TV WNBA Basketball Chicago Sky at Dallas Wings.** From College Park Center in Arlington, Tex. (Live)
- 8:30 p.m. ESPN Oklahoma City Thunder at Dallas Mavericks.** Western Conference Semifinal, Game 6. (If necessary) (Live)
- 10 p.m. NBA TV WNBA Basketball Atlanta Dream at Phoenix Mercury.** From Footprint Center in Phoenix. (Live)

SUNDAY

- 8 a.m. NBA TV WNBA Basketball Atlanta Dream at Phoenix Mercury.** From Footprint Center in Phoenix.
- 3:30 p.m. WJXX (25.1) Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks.** Eastern Conference Semifinal, Game 7. (If necessary) (Live)

MONDAY

- 7 p.m. ESPN WNBA Basketball Connecticut Sun at Indiana Fever.** From Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. (Live)
- 8:30 p.m. TNT Dallas Mavericks at Oklahoma City Thunder.** Western Conference Semifinal, Game 7. (If necessary) (Live)
- 9 p.m. ESPN WNBA Basketball All** the latest basketball action from the WNBA.

TUESDAY

- 8 p.m. ESPN2 Conference Final: Teams TBA.** Professional basketball action from the NBA. (Live)
- 8:10 p.m. ESPN Conference Final: Teams TBA.** Professional basketball action from the NBA. (Live)

WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 p.m. TNT Western Conference Final, Game 1: Teams TBA.** Professional basketball action from the NBA. (Live)

THURSDAY

- 8:10 p.m. ESPN Conference Final: Teams TBA.** Professional basketball action from the NBA. (Live)
- 9 p.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback A** look at the best NBA playoff action.
- 10 p.m. NBA TV NBA Playoff Playback A** look at the best NBA playoff action.

BOXING

SATURDAY

- 6 a.m. ESPN2 One More Round: Fury vs. Wilder 3** Another look at the classic third fight between Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder. From Oct. 9, 2021.
- 8:30 a.m. ESPN2 One More Round: Fury vs. Wilder 3** Another look at the classic third fight between Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder. From Oct. 9, 2021.
- 9 a.m. ESPN2 Boxing 2020: Wilder vs. Fury II.** From Feb. 22, 2020.
- 11 p.m. ESPN Boxing Emanuel Navarrete vs. Denys Berinchyk.** Emanuel Navarrete takes on Denys Berinchyk for the vacant WBO lightweight belt. (Live)

EXTREME

MONDAY

- 10 p.m. ESPN2 Cornhole 2024 ACL Cornhole Mania.** From The Expo at World Market Center in Las Vegas.

FOOTBALL

FRIDAY

- 10 a.m. NFL Super Bowl Classics XXXII: Denver Broncos vs. Green Bay Packers.** John Elway passes for 336 yards and runs for a touchdown to earn MVP honors.

SATURDAY

- 4 p.m. WFOX (30.1) United Football League Memphis Showboats at Michigan Panthers.** From Ford Field in Detroit. (Live)
- 8 p.m. ESPN2 United Football League Houston Roughnecks at Birmingham Stallions.** From Protective Stadium in Birmingham, Ala. (Live)
- 10:30 p.m. FS1 United Football League Memphis Showboats at Michigan Panthers.** From Ford Field in Detroit.

SUNDAY

- 12 p.m. WJXX (25.1) United Football League D.C. Defenders at St. Louis BattleHawks.** From The Dome at America's Center in Saint Louis, Mo. (Live)
- 4 p.m. WFOX (30.1) United Football League Arlington Renegades at San Antonio Brahmas.** From the Alamodome in San Antonio. (Live)

MONDAY

- 10 a.m. NFL Super Bowl Classics XXXI: Green Bay Packers vs. New England Patriots.**
- 1 p.m. NFL NFL Classic Games Pittsburgh Steelers at Tennessee Titans.** AFC Divisional playoff game. From Jan. 11, 2003.
- 8 p.m. NFL 2021 AFC Divisional: Buffalo Bills at Kansas City Chiefs.** From Jan. 23, 2022.
- 10:30 p.m. FS1 United Football League Memphis Showboats at Michigan Panthers.** From Ford Field in Detroit.
- 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 Arlington Renegades at San Antonio Brahmas.** From the Alamodome in San Antonio.

TUESDAY

- 10 a.m. NFL Super Bowl Classics XXX: Dallas Cowboys vs. Pittsburgh Steelers.** From Jan. 28, 1996 in Tempe, Ariz.
- 10:30 p.m. FS1 United Football League Memphis Showboats at Michigan Panthers.** From Ford Field in Detroit.

WEDNESDAY

- 10 a.m. NFL Super Bowl Classics XXIX: San Diego Chargers vs. San Francisco 49ers.** The San Francisco 49ers becomes the first NFL team to win five Super Bowls.
- 1 p.m. NFL NFL Football** Replays of classic NFL games.
- 4 p.m. NFL 1986 AFC Divisional Game: New York Jets vs. Cleveland Browns.** From Jan. 3, 1987.
- 8 p.m. NFL 2012 NFC Divisional: Seattle Seahawks vs. Atlanta Falcons.** From Jan. 13, 2013.
- 10 p.m. FS1 United Football League Arlington Renegades at San Antonio Brahmas.** From the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Sudoku Solution Puzzle on Page 9

7	4	5	9	3	6	1	8	2
8	1	3	7	2	4	6	9	5
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9	5	7	2	8	3	4	1	6
1	3	2	4	6	9	5	7	8
5	2	1	3	4	8	9	6	7
3	7	9	6	5	2	8	4	1
6	8	4	1	9	7	2	5	3

THURSDAY

- 10 a.m. NFL Super Bowl Classics XXVII: Buffalo Bills vs. Dallas Cowboys.** From Jan. 31, 1993 in Pasadena, Calif.
- 1 p.m. NFL NFL's Greatest Games 1981: NFC Championship - 49ers/Cowboys.** The San Francisco 49ers defeat the Dallas Cowboys to earn a Super Bowl berth.
- 2:30 p.m. NFL NFL's Greatest Games 1992 NFC Championship: Dallas Cowboys at San Francisco 49ers.** The Dallas Cowboys and the San Francisco 49ers in a classic battle. From Jan. 17, 1993.
- 4 p.m. NFL 1994 NFC Championship: Dallas Cowboys vs. San Francisco 49ers.** From Jan. 15, 1995.
- 7 p.m. FS1 United Football League Arlington Renegades at San Antonio Brahmas.** From the Alamodome in San Antonio.
- 10 p.m. FS1 United Football League Memphis Showboats at Michigan Panthers.** From Ford Field in Detroit.

GOLF

FRIDAY

- 8 a.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Mizuho Americas Open, First Round.** From Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, N.J.
- 11 a.m. ESPN2 2024 PGA Championship Second Round, ESPN BET at the PGA Championship.** From Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. (Live)
- GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Mizuho Americas Open, First Round.** From Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, N.J.
- 12 p.m. ESPN 2024 PGA Championship Second Round.** From Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. (Live)
- 1 p.m. ESPN2 2024 PGA Championship Second Round With No Laying Up.** From Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky.
- 3 p.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Mizuho Americas Open, Second Round.** From Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, N.J. (Live)

SATURDAY

- 6 a.m. GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Amundi German Masters, Third Round.** From Golf and Country Club Seddiner See in Michendorf, Brandenburg, Germany. (Live)
- 9 a.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Mizuho Americas Open, Second Round.** From Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, N.J.
- 10 a.m. ESPN 2024 PGA Championship Third Round.** From Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. (Live)
- 1 p.m. WJAX (47.1) 2024 PGA Championship Third Round.** From Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. (Live)
- 3 p.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Mizuho Americas Open, Third Round.** From Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, N.J. (Live)

SUNDAY

- 6 a.m. GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Amundi German Masters, Final Round.** From Golf and Country Club Seddiner See in Michendorf, Brandenburg, Germany. (Live)
- 10 a.m. ESPN 2024 PGA Championship Final Round.** From Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. (Live)
- 1 p.m. WJAX (47.1) 2024 PGA Championship Final Round.** From Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. (Live)
- 3 p.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Mizuho Americas Open, Final Round.** From Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, N.J. (Live)

MONDAY

- 6 p.m. GOLF Women's College Golf NCAA Championships: Individual National Championship.** From Omni La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. (Live)
- 11:30 p.m. GOLF Women's College Golf NCAA Championships: Individual National Championship.** From Omni La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif.

TUESDAY

- 9 a.m. GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Aramco Team Series - Seoul, Second Round.** Golfing action from the Ladies Euro Tour.
- 12 p.m. GOLF Women's College Golf NCAA Championships: Individual National Championship.** From Omni La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif.
- 6 p.m. GOLF Women's College Golf NCAA Championships: Team Match Play Semifinals.** From Omni La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. (Live)
- 11 p.m. GOLF Women's College Golf NCAA Championships: Team Match Play Semifinals.** From Omni La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif.

WEDNESDAY

- 9 a.m. GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Aramco Team Series - Seoul, Final Round.** Golfing action from the Ladies Euro Tour.
- 11:30 a.m. GOLF Women's College Golf NCAA Championships: Team Match Play Semifinals.** From Omni La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif.
- 6 p.m. GOLF Women's College Golf NCAA Championships: Team Match Play National Championship.** From Omni La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. (Live)
- 11 p.m. GOLF Women's College Golf NCAA Championships: Team Match Play National Championship.** From Omni La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif.

THURSDAY

- 7 a.m. GOLF DP World Tour Golf Soudal Open, First Round.** From Rinkven International Golf Club in Schilde, Antwerpen, Belgium. (Live)
- 1 p.m. GOLF 2024 Senior PGA Championship First Round.** From Harbor Shores Golf Club in Benton Harbor, Mich. (Live)

- 4 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Charles Schwab Challenge, First Round.** From Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas. (Live)
- 8 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Charles Schwab Challenge, First Round.** From Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas.
- 11 p.m. GOLF 2024 Senior PGA Championship First Round.** From Harbor Shores Golf Club in Benton Harbor, Mich. (Live)

GYMNASTICS

SUNDAY

- 2 p.m. WTLV (12.1) Gymnastics U.S. Classic.** From XL Center in Hartford, Conn. (Live)

HOCKEY

FRIDAY

- 7:30 p.m. TNT Florida Panthers at Boston Bruins.** Eastern Conference Second Round, Game 6 (if necessary). (Live)
- 10 p.m. TNT Dallas Stars at Colorado Avalanche.** Western Conference Second Round, Game 6 (if necessary). (Live)

SATURDAY

- 5 p.m. ESPN Second Round: Teams TBA.** The latest hockey action from across the NHL. (Live)
- 8 p.m. WJXX (25.1) Second Round: Teams TBA.** The latest hockey action from across the NHL. (Live)

WEDNESDAY

- 8 p.m. ESPN Conference Final: Teams TBA.** The latest hockey action from across the NHL. (Live)

THURSDAY

- 8 p.m. TNT Conference Final: Teams TBA.** The latest hockey action from across the NHL. (Live)

HORSE RACING

SATURDAY

- 4:30 p.m. WTLV (12.1) 149th Preakness Stakes** (Live)

RACKET SPORTS

FRIDAY

- 9 p.m. FS1 PPA Tour Pickleball Atlanta Open.** From Peachtree Corners, Ga. (Live)

SATURDAY

- 8:30 p.m. FS1 PPA Tour Pickleball Atlanta Open.** From Peachtree Corners, Ga. (Live)

SUNDAY

- 2 p.m. FS1 PPA Tour Pickleball Atlanta Open.** From Peachtree Corners, Ga. (Live)

SOCCER

SATURDAY

- 1:30 p.m. WFOX (30.1) MLS Soccer Atlanta United FC at Nashville SC.** From GEODIS Park in Nashville, Tenn. (Live)

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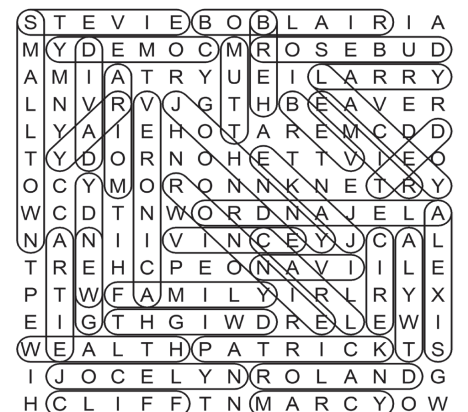
INSURED

- 7:30 p.m. WPXC (21.1) NWSL Soccer Angel City FC at Washington Spirit.** From Audi Field in Washington, D.C. (Live)
- 9:30 p.m. WPXC (21.1) NWSL Soccer Racing Louisville FC at Kansas City Current.** From CPKC Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (Live)

SUNDAY

- 11 a.m. USA Premier League Soccer** Action from English Premier League Soccer matches. (Live)
- GOLF Premier League Soccer** Action from English Premier League Soccer matches. (Live)
- WTLV (12.1) Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.** Action from English Premier League Soccer matches. (Live)

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“We Are Lady Parts” - Season 2 (Peacock — May 30, Season Premiere)

The new season sees the band return with a renewed artistic mission after the high of their first U.K. tour, only to find a rival band threatens their delicate status quo. As the reality of chasing success sets in, Lady Parts embark on recording their first album, juggling personal ambitions and deciding whether ‘making it big’ is really what they wanted. The series stars Anjana Vasani, Sarah Kameela Impey, Juliette Motamed, Faith Omole, Lucie Shorthouse, Zaqi Ismail and Aiysha Hart.



“Jim Henson Idea Man” (Disney+ — May 31, Documentary Premiere)

This new documentary takes viewers into the mind of the singular creative visionary, Jim Henson, from his early years puppeteering on local television to the worldwide success of “Sesame Street,” “The Muppet Show” and beyond. Featuring unprecedented access to Jim’s personal archives, director Ron Howard brings forth a fascinating and insightful look at a complex man whose boundless imagination inspired the world.



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The long and winding journey of Zoey Johnson (Yara Shahidi) — now joined by her younger brother, Junior (Marcus Scribner) — finally reaches its destination, as the siblings take their first steps forward into the “real world” post college in this final episode. Fans are left to wonder if Zoey’s fashion line will shine, or if Junior will finally find his footing — questions soon to be answered in the series finale of “Grown-ish,” premiering Wednesday, May 22, on Freeform. Relive the highs and lows of Season 6, with episodes available to stream by visiting [freeform.com/shows/grown-ish](https://www.freeform.com/shows/grown-ish)

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Solution on page 5

MAY 19, 2024

ARMED FORCES DAY

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Lucille Ball in “I Love Lucy”

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TV’s May Milestones

Questions:

- May 6, 1957: “I Love Lucy” ends. How many seasons aired?
- May 27, 1982: “Mork & Mindy” airs its final episode, titled “The Mork Report” — who directed it?
- May 16, 1986: Which “late” “Dallas” character suddenly appears in the shower, in a plot twist that rendered all of Season 9 a dream?
- May 9, 1992: Viewers bid goodbye to “The Golden Girls.” Which of the girls gets married in the finale?
- May 20, 1993: What is the total run time of the “Cheers” series finale, including commercials?
- May 14, 1998: How many viewers tune in to the series finale of “Seinfeld”?
- May 1, 1999: Which long-running Nickelodeon animated series is previewed following the 1999 Kids’ Choice Awards?
- May 6, 2004: An estimated 51.1 million people tune in to the series finale of “Friends.” Which cast member says the last line?
- May 17, 2015: “Mad Men” wraps after seven seasons. How many Emmy Awards did the series win throughout its run?
- May 21, 2017: A third season of “Twin Peaks” debuts. Who was David Lynch’s first choice for the role of Sheriff Truman but played his brother in the revival?

BY STAFF WRITERS

- 9
- 2) Robin Williams
- 3) Bobby Ewing (played by Patrick Duffy)
- 4) Dorothy (Bea Arthur)
- 5) 98 minutes
- 6) 76.3 million
- 7) SpongeBob SquarePants
- 8) Matthew Perry
- 9) 16
- 10) Robert Forster

Answers:



Across

- 1. Cousin of "Phooey!"
- 4. Artist Chagall
- 8. Make use of
- 11. Yale Bowl rooster
- 12. Eight in Ecuador
- 13. Weeder's tool
- 14. It follows a transitive verb
- 17. ___ Grove Village, Ill.
- 18. Greyhound, e.g.
- 19. One of the Baldwins
- 21. Looked over
- 24. "Greetings!"
- 25. You and I
- 26. Belonging to
- 27. 1982 Spielberg movie about an alien

- 28. Abominable Snowman
- 30. Holds
- 32. "Take ___"
- 34. Italian pronoun
- 35. Close male companionship with a sworn loyalty
- 41. Fill the bill?
- 42. Colored eye part
- 43. Lennon's lady
- 44. A.M.A. members
- 45. Jogging gait
- 46. Literary piece

Down

- 1. Sack
- 2. Ryan's "Love Story" (1970) co-star
- 3. Staff addition
- 4. Faux
- 5. Operate
- 6. Pi follower
- 7. Baseball great Ty
- 8. More than this?
- 9. Member of "The Squad," informally
- 10. Sulky state
- 15. 1950s-'80s Chevy utility vehicle
- 16. Nike's slogan
- 19. Yawl call
- 20. Vitality
- 22. Gershwin biographer David
- 23. Clears
- 29. Honey
- 31. Large mackerel
- 33. Rework
- 34. Lion's share
- 35. Entreat
- 36. Drink from a dish
- 37. "It's c-c-cold!"
- 38. City on Guanabara Bay
- 39. Tackle's teammate
- 40. Caviar

Solution: James Buchanan



From the arduous auditions, to the generous mentorship of "Kiss" Gene Simmons, to this: in a season overflowing with incredible talent, it's been tough to say goodbye to some of our favorite singers along the way. But with only a few performers left standing — and only room in the spotlight for one — it's finally time to crown the next winner of "American Idol," when Season 22 takes its final bow with a three-hour finale, airing Sunday, May 19, on ABC. Catch up with the latest clips, episodes and more, all available at abc.com/shows/american-idol/video/most-recent

Anchors aweigh! There's nothing like the sea air and a luxurious ocean cruise, so host Jesse Palmer has the 10 bakers create cruise-themed delights — including inner tube cakes and snorkeling-themed cheesecakes — for judges Carla Hall, Damaris Phillips and Duff Goldman during this brand-new episode of "Summer Baking Championship," premiering Monday, May 20, on Food Network. You might have what it takes to make it at sea, but to keep up in the kitchen, check out these cake decorating tips from "Ace of Cakes" Duff Goldman: foodnetwork.com/videos/make-a-cake-with-duff-0252742

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After Arman's (Adan Canto) untimely disappearance, multiple mishaps and the deportation of her sister-in-law, Fiona (Martha Millan), Thony (Elodie Yung) is now faced with quite the mess to clean up. Nevertheless, she prevails, using her cunning wit and intelligence to keep her family afloat — no matter how dire the circumstances get. Season 3 of "The Cleaning Lady" comes to its epic conclusion, Tuesday, May 23, on Fox, with all prior episodes from the season streaming online at fox.com/the-cleaning-lady

First introduced in "The Good Wife," then again in "The Good Fight," attorney Elsbeth Tascioni (Carrie Preston) has captured viewers' hearts. The precinct, however, has been less than charmed by Elsbeth's presence throughout the season, an attitude continued throughout this final episode. Regardless, there is work to be done, as a highly-contested fashion photographer is murdered in the middle of a runway show, leaving the crowd hungry for answers. Season 1 of "Elsbeth" concludes Thursday, May 23, on CBS, with prior episodes and clips found at cbs.com/shows/elsbeth

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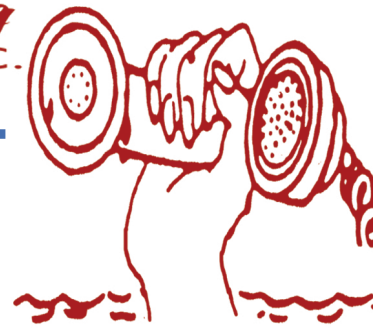


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To complete this puzzle, place the numbers 1-9 in the empty cells, so that every row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold outline) contains all nine digits.

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

Solution on page 4



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He co-wrote the play "Talk Radio" and took the central role of controversial program host Barry Champlain in the Oliver Stone-directed movie version released in 1988.



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"The Outlaws" - Season 3 (Prime Video — May 31, Season Premiere)

With the crime boss, The Dean (Claes Bang), behind bars awaiting trial, The Outlaws are moving on with their lives — until one of their own returns with a deadly secret, hurling them back into mortal danger. As a murder manhunt closes in on the gang, can they prove their innocence before The Dean's case collapses and he comes looking for revenge?



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Jane Seymour of "Harry Wild" on Acorn TV:

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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: Rock Climbing

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Wendell Pierce of "Elsbeth" on CBS and Paramount+:

His New Orleans family home was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, and he later got to act out the aftermath of that tragedy as a co-star of the HBO drama series "Treme."



Ken Jeong of "I Can See Your Voice" on Fox:

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Bingo Solution Puzzle on Page 16

Bingo — Solution

	W	H	I	G	B
Fox News Personalities	Watters	Hannity/Hemmer	Ingraham	Gutfeld/Gallagher	Baier
Words that can precede "house"	White	Hot	Ice	Green	Big
Things at a construction site	Wheelbarrow	Hard hat	Impact driver	Gloves	Bulldozer
Magazines	Wired	Harper's	InStyle	GQ	Better Homes and Gardens
Pizza toppings	White sauce	Ham	Italian sausage	Green peppers	Bacon

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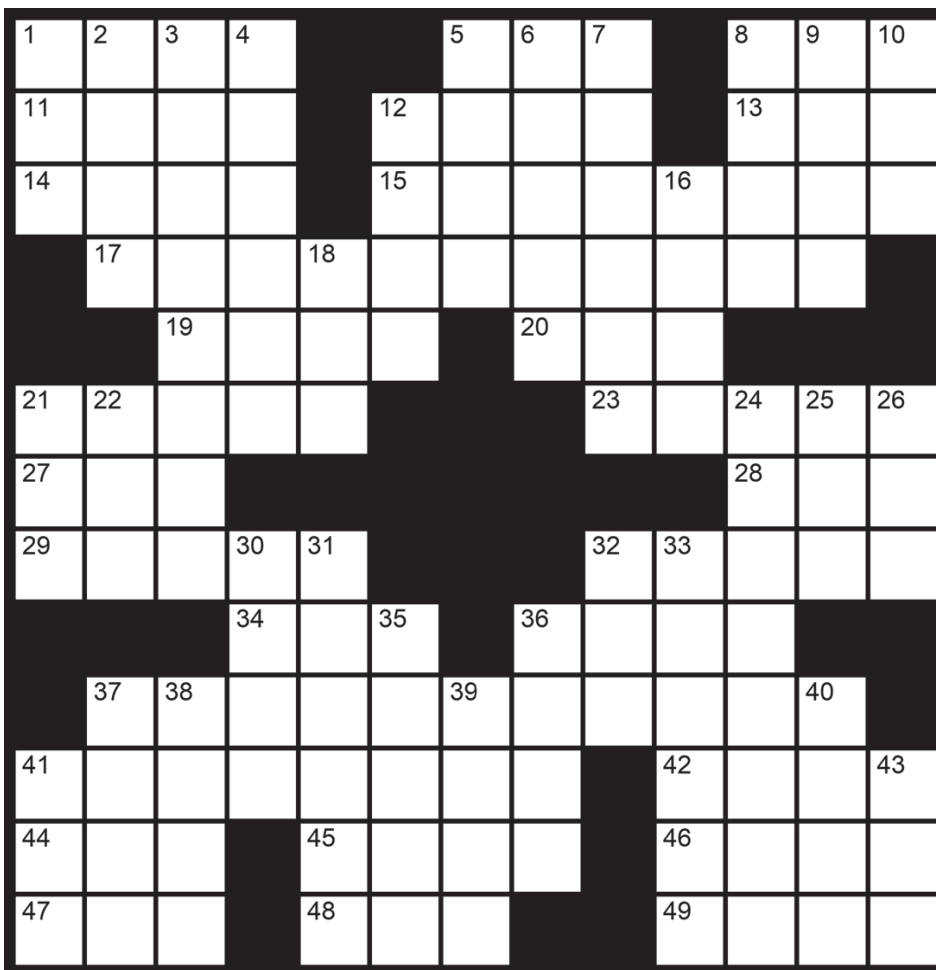
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Solution on page 10



Across

- 1. "___ of Tomorrow" (2014 Tom Cruise film)
- 5. "This Is the ___" (2013 James Franco film)
- 8. Fifth word in "American Pie"
- 11. Way around London, once
- 12. Concept
- 13. "Breaking ___"
- 14. Bellyache
- 15. Kramer's neighbor

- 17. Dorothy, Rose and Blanche
- 19. Pate de ___ gras
- 20. Laugh sound
- 21. Starts streaming
- 23. Don't bother
- 27. Pickled delicacy
- 28. Sutton of the P.G.A.
- 29. It's for the birds
- 32. "Great British Baking Show" props
- 34. Slip in a pot
- 36. "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" actor
- 37. Amy Poehler's show, for short
- 41. Mandy Patinkin series
- 42. Strong team
- 44. Taproom order
- 45. "Rock of ___"
- 46. "The Lion King" (1994) lion
- 47. "___ Things I Hate About You" (1999)
- 48. Clinch, with "up"
- 49. "A Bug's Life" (1998) extras
- 6. Whinny
- 7. Harry Potter actor Radcliffe
- 8. Director Ferrara
- 9. Misses
- 10. Uneven?
- 12. Psychiatrist's response
- 16. Like Pluto or Tubi, e.g.
- 18. Bad-mouth
- 21. For each one
- 22. Uncle on 15-Across
- 24. Old Rory Calhoun TV western
- 25. Shut out
- 26. 1997 U.S. Open winner
- 30. "Your majesty"
- 31. Gertrude Stein confidante Alice B. ___
- 32. Monk's med. condition
- 33. Shakespearean setting
- 35. Practice
- 36. Polit. wild cards
- 37. "The Gallows ___" (2023 BBC miniseries)
- 38. "I'll second that"
- 39. De novo
- 40. TD Bank hoopster
- 41. Flat cap in "Peaky Blinders," e.g.
- 43. TV's "Emerald Point ___"

Down

- 1. List ender
- 2. "RuPaul's ___ Race"
- 3. Actress Janeane
- 4. Wield
- 5. "Our Time in ___" (10,000 Maniacs album)

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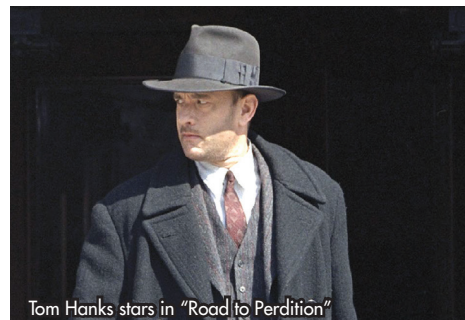
Tom Hanks navigates the 'Road to Perdition'

From a mermaid-loving man to Mister Rogers, Tom Hanks certainly has tackled a wide variety of roles in his career.

One of the most different is the Depression-era hit man he plays in the 2002 drama "Road to Perdition," which MGM+ shows Wednesday, May 22. It's a necessarily mannered and low-key part for the typically gregarious Hanks, and if it's difficult to accept him in it, that's a sign of just how successful he is in it.

The character is a family man as well as a killer, and when his eldest son (Tyler Hoechlin, who's grown up to be television's latest Superman) discovers a bit too much about Dad's business, the seemingly fatherly mobster in charge (Paul Newman, typically masterful in one of his last roles) wants the youngster eliminated.

Instead, the victims become Hanks' wife (Jennifer Jason Leigh) and younger son,



Tom Hanks stars in "Road to Perdition"

sending Hanks and his other child on the run ... but with eventual revenge on the father's mind.

"Road to Perdition" clearly is emotionally complex, quite wonderfully, and it has an ideal director in Sam Mendes — who was coming off his Oscar-winning "American Beauty," and who also drew a tremendous performance from another actor with whom he would develop an interesting history.

Later directed by Mendes again in the James Bond capers "Skyfall" and "Spectre," Daniel Craig was a rising, respected British actor who made a very un-Bond-like and impressively American impression in "Road to Perdition" as Newman's son, a mistake-prone weakling whose attempts to earn his father's respect only gain him scorn instead. Indeed, Newman looks upon Hanks as more of a son to him, something that definitely doesn't escape the jealous Craig's notice.

Also on hand is Jude Law as an outwardly charming assassin recruited by Newman to do the dirty deed of getting rid of Hanks and son. Law's character has rather odd tastes, extending to his photographing those he kills, and the performer does an excellent job of establishing the sort of charisma that would serve him well in romantic comedies then to come.

Seven Samurai ★★★★★ (1954) Feudal Japanese villagers hire seven warriors to defend them from 40 mounted bandits. **TCM Thu. 10:15 p.m.**

Sex and the Single Girl ★★★ (1964) Scandal-mag editor (Tony Curtis) targets doctor (Natalie Wood) and her sex institute. **TCM Sun. 1:45 p.m.**

Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings ★★★★★ (2021) Martial-arts master Shang-Chi gets drawn into the web of the mysterious Ten Rings organization. **FX Sun. 7 p.m., Sun. 10 p.m., Wed. 4 p.m.**

Silver Chalice, The ★★★ (1954) A Greek (Paul Newman) sculpts a holder for Christ's cup after the Last Supper. **TCM Mon. 2:15 p.m.**

Simple Favor, A ★★★ (2018) A vlogger tries to uncover the truth behind her best friend's sudden and mysterious disappearance. **VH1 Fri. 10:30 p.m., Sat. 5:30 p.m.**

Sing ★★★★★ (2016) A pig, a mouse, a porcupine, a gorilla, an elephant and other animals enter a singing competition. **FREE Wed. 5 p.m., Thu. 12:30 p.m.**

Smokey and the Bandit ★★★ (1977) Sheriff (Jackie Gleason) chases couple (Burt Reynolds, Sally Field) and truck full of beer. **BBCA Sun. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 12:15 a.m.**

Some Like It Hot ★★★★★ (1959) Two guys (Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon) on the run pose as members of an all-girl band. **TCM Sun. 5:45 p.m.**

Spider-Man: Far From Home ★★★★★ (2019) Spider-Man teams up with Nick Fury and fellow superhero Misterio to battle four elemental creatures. **FX Sat. 7 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m.**

Spider-Man: Homecoming ★★★★★ (2017) High school student Peter Parker embraces his new identity as Spider-Man to battle the evil Vulture. **FX Sat. 4 p.m.**

Spider-Man: No Way Home ★★★★★ (2021) The stakes become dangerous when Peter Parker discovers what it truly means to be Spider-Man. **FX Sat. 10 p.m., Sun. 4 p.m.**

Star Trek ★★★★★ (2009) Chronicles the early days of the starship Enterprise and her crew (Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto). **SYFY Thu. 10:13 p.m.**

T

Thor ★★★★★ (2011) After his reckless actions reignite an ancient war, the Norse god is banished to Earth. **FX Thu. 4:30 p.m.**

Thor: Ragnarok ★★★★★ (2017) Thor must battle the Hulk in a gladiatorial duel and save his home world from the all-powerful Hela. **TNT Sat. 2:45 p.m.**

Tombstone ★★★★★ (1993) Doc Holliday (Val Kilmer) joins Wyatt Earp (Kurt Russell) for the OK Corral showdown. **AMC Wed. 8 p.m., Thu. 2 p.m.**

Training Day ★★★★★ (2001) A rookie cop (Ethan Hawke) meets a corrupt Los Angeles narcotics officer (Denzel Washington). **TBS Fri. 8 p.m., Fri. 1:20 a.m.**

True Grit ★★★★★ (2010) A teenager enlists the aid of a boozy, trigger-happy lawman to find her father's killer. **BBCA Fri. 6:30 p.m.**

Truman Show, The ★★★★★ (1998) A man's life is arranged for him, captured on hidden cameras and broadcast internationally. **SYFY Fri. 12:03 p.m.**

Twister ★★★★★ (1996) Storm-chasers (Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton) follow tornadoes in Oklahoma. **AMC Sun. 6:30 p.m., Sun. 11:20 p.m.**

U

Under Siege ★★★★★ (1992) Two military madmen hijack a nuclear-armed Navy battleship with a SEAL commando on board as a cook. **AMC Mon. 1:04 a.m.**

Unforgiven ★★★★★ (1992) An old gunslinger (Clint Eastwood) and others hunt bounty in Big Whiskey. **AMC Wed. 5 p.m., BBCA Fri. 9 p.m.**

W

Wolf of Wall Street, The ★★★★★ (2013) New York stockbroker Jordan Belfort (Leonardo DiCaprio) develops habits of excess and corruption. **PARMT Mon. 8 p.m.**

Words and Music ★★★★★ (1948) Rodgers (Tom Drake) and Hart (Mickey Rooney) team up in 1920s to write songs. **TCM Thu. 5:45 p.m.**

X

X2 ★★★★★ (2003) Mutants must fend for themselves after a mutant-hating militarist invades their school. **FX Thu. 1:30 p.m.**

Z

Zero Dark Thirty ★★★★★ (2012) An elite group of intelligence and military operatives devotes itself to finding Osama bin Laden. **BBCA Sat. 3 p.m., Sat. 9 p.m.**

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	C	AT	DN	DTV	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
41	WJXT	3	4	4	4	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The 10 O'Clock News (N)	Sunday Sports Zone	News4JAX at 11PM (N) (:35) Sunday Sports Zone
71	WJCT	8	7	7	7	Lucy Worsley Investigates "Princes in the Tower"	Maryland on Masterpiece (N) (F)		Guilt on Masterpiece "Let Them Come" (N) (SF)		Sister Boniface Mysteries "Scoop!"	
121	WTLV	11	12	12	12	(7:00) ★★★ Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald ('18) Katherine Waterston, Eddie Redmayne. (P)			Dateline NBC		First Coast News at 11 (N)	Sports Final (N)
171	WCWJ	9	17	17	17	(7:00) ★★★ The Proposal ('09) Ryan Reynolds, Sandra Bullock.			Dateline "The Face of Evil"		News4JAX at 11PM (N) (:35) Sunday Sports Zone	
211	WPXC	12	21	21	21	NCIS "Crescent City"			NCIS "Page Not Found"		NCIS "Alleged"	
251	WJXX	5	25	25	25	American Idol "718 (Grand Finale)" The top three finalists perform to earn America's vote. (N) (SF) (Live)					First Coast News at 11 (N)	Sports Final (N)
301	WFOX	10	30	30	30	The Simpsons (N) (SF)	Krapopolis (N) (SF)	The Great North (N)	Bob's Burgers (N)	Action News (N)	Action Sports	Graham Bensinger (N) The Rookie
471	WJAX	6	47	47	47	The Equalizer "Shattered" (N) (SF)		Tracker "The Storm" (N) (SF)	CSI: Vegas "Tunnel Vision" (N) (F)		Action News (N)	Action Sports (N)
A&E	59	132	118	265	265	WWE Rivals Hulk Hogan vs. The Rock (N)		Biography: WWE Legends "Stone Cold Steve Austin"	Secrets-Hells "Midwest Meth Madness" (N)		(:05) WWE Rivals Undertaker vs. Orton	
AMC	45	119	131	254	254	(6:30) ★★★ Twister ('96) Helen Hunt.		Interview With the Vampire (N)	(:10) Interview With the Vampire		(:20) ★★★ Twister ('96) Helen Hunt.	
ANPL	41	252	184	282	282	Wardens of the North "I Told That Sheriff to Call"		Wardens of the North "It's on Fire Here" (N)	Wardens of the North "Searching for the Illicit"		Wardens of the North "Over the Limit"	
BET	57	155	124	329	329	(7:30) ★★★ Barbershop: The Next Cut ('16) Cedric the Entertainer, Regina Hall, Ice Cube.			Martin		Martin	Martin
BRAVO	15	181	129	237	237	Housewives of NJ "Shore-ing Up Sides" (N)		Summer House: Martha's Vineyard "The Fall of Summer" (N)			The Real Housewives of New Jersey "Shore-ing Up Sides"	
COM	60	140	107	249	249	The Office		The Office	The Office		The Office	(:35) The Office
DISN	22	302	172	290	290	★★★ The Jungle Book ('16) Bill Murray, Neel Sethi.		(:50) Big City Greens	(:15) Big City Greens	(:40) Big City Greens	(:05) Big City Greens	Big City Greens
DIY	121	454	111	230	230	Fixer Upper "Son Surprises Family with Reno"		Fixer Upper: Welcome Home "Girls' Home Reimagined"	Fixer Upper "A Modern Cabin Makeover"		Fixer Upper "From City Life to Farmhouse"	
DSC	38	120	182	278	278	Naked and Afraid XL "The Badlands Bite Back" (N)			(:05) Expedition "I'm Gonna Die on This Mountain" (N)		(:10) Naked and Afraid "Lord of the Rats"	
E!	34	134	114	236	236	(7:05) The Traitors (N) (:25) The Traitors "The Weight of Deceit" (N) (:45) The Traitors "One Final Hurdle" (N)						Sex and the City
ESPN	48	602	140	206	206	(7:00) MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	49	606	143	209	209	College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA (N) (Live)			College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA (N) (Live)			
FOOD	19	452	110	231	231	Ciao House "Welcome to Puglia!" (N)			Alex vs America "Alex vs Salmon"		Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
FREE	43	178	180	311	311	(:15) ★★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets ('07) Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel, Nicolas Cage. Ben Gates sets out to establish an ancestor's innocence.					(:55) ★★★ Red Sparrow ('18) Jennifer Lawrence. (P)	
FS1	53	652	150	219	219	NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR All-Star Race (N) (Live)			NHRA Drag Racing Gerber Collision & Glass NHRA Route 66 Nationals, Finals (N)			
FX	23	129	136	248	248	(7:00) ★★★ Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings ('21) Awkwafina, Meng'er Zhang, Simu Liu.			★★★ Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings ('21) Awkwafina, Meng'er Zhang, Simu Liu.			
GOLF	52	641	401	218	218	(7:00) Live From the PGA Championship (N) (Live)			Live From the PGA Championship			
HALL	137	365	185	312	312	(7:00) ♫ Guiding Emily ('23) Sarah Drew.		When Calls the Heart "Facing the Music" (N)	♫ Falling for Vermont ('17) Benjamin Ayres, Lauren McNamara, Julie Gonzalo.			
HALLMY	256	366	187	565	565	(7:00) Family Practice Mysteries "Coming Home"		♫ Family History Mysteries: Buried Past ('23) Niall Matter, Morgan David Jones, Janel Parrish.			Murder, She Wrote "Murder in Milan"	
HBO	2	802	300	501	501	(6:40) ★★★ The Iron Claw ('23) Zac Efron.		The Sympathizer "The Oriental Mode of Destruction" (N)	The Jinx: Part Two "Chapter 11: Mostly the Truth" (N)		Last Week To. (N) (:40) The Sympathizer	
HGTV	21	450	112	229	229	Home Town "Unfinished Business" (N)		Home Town "Memory Lane: Homecoming" (N)	House Hunters (N)		House Hunters	House Hunters
HIST	192	256	120	269	269	The Mega-Brands That Built America "Easy Money"		Brands "Suite Dreams: Birth of the Modern Hotel" (N)	(:05) How Disney "Now Available in Stores" (N)		(:05) The Food That Built America "Supermarket Sweep"	
LIFE	18	360	108	252	252	♫ The Ice Rink Murders ('24) Natasha Calis, Maddison Bullock. (P)			(:05) ♫ Gone Mom: The Disappearance of Jennifer Dulos ('21) Warren Christie, Annabeth Gish.			
MTV	58	502	160	331	331	Ridiculousness (N)		Ridiculousness (N)	Ridiculousness (N)		Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness
NBA TV	478	632	156	216	216	To Be Announced		To Be Announced	To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
NFL	736	630	154	212	212	The Timeline Last Day in L.A.		The Timeline A Tale of Two Cities, Part 1	The Timeline A Tale of Two Cities, Part 2		The Timeline There's Only One America's Team	
NICK	42	314	170	299	299	SpongeBob SquarePants		Friends	Friends		Friends	(:35) Friends
OWN	136	170	189	279	279	20/20 on OWN "Switched at Birth, or Stolen? - Part Two"		20/20 on OWN "What Happened to Abby?"	20/20 on OWN "Manhunt"		20/20 on OWN "Since the Day I Was Born"	
PARMT	40	145	241	241	241	Bar Rescue "Pool House Rock"		Bar Rescue "Losing the Playoffs"	Bar Rescue "From Camo to Cocktail" (N)		Bar Rescue "Friends Without Benefits"	
SYFY	47	151	122	244	244	(6:50) ★★★ Fast & Furious ('09) Vin Diesel.		(:05) ★★★ Fast Five ('11) Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster, Vin Diesel. Dom Toretto and company ramp up the action in Brazil.				
TBS	17	112	139	247	247	The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory		★★★ The Meg ('18) Jason Statham.	
TCM	169	790	132	256	256	★★★ The Muppets Take Manhattan ('84) Voices of Frank Oz, Dave Goelz, Jim Henson.			★★★ Little Shop of Horrors ('86) Ellen Greene, Steve Martin, Rick Moranis.			
TLC	39	250	183	280	280	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? "The Couples Grim" (N)			(:05) MILF Manor "MILF's Just Not That Into You" (N)		(:05) 90 Day Fiancé "Pillow Talk: The Couples Grim" (N)	
TNT	46	108	138	245	245	(7:00) ★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 ('17) Zoe Saldana, Chris Pratt.		(:45) ★★★ Dune ('21) Rebecca Ferguson, Oscar Isaac, Timothée Chalamet.				
TOON	81	325	176	296	296	Bob's Burgers		American Dad!	American Dad!		Rick and Morty	Rick and Morty
TVL	44	138	106	304	304	Two and a Half Men		Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men		Seinfeld	Seinfeld
USA	31	124	105	242	242	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Savant"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Smut"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Users"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Born Psychopath"	

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

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THURSDAY EVENING

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MOVIES SPORTS KIDS

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BINGO

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

	W	H	I	G	B
Fox News Personalities					
Words that can precede "house"					
Things at a construction site					
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BY JAY BOBBIN

The marriage of the first 'Golden Bachelor' didn't glitter long



Gerry Turner, the first star of "The Golden Bachelor"

Q: I was surprised to hear about the breakup of Gerry Turner and Theresa Nist of "The Golden Bachelor" so soon after they got married. Will that affect whether the show continues?

- Jill Lange, via e-mail

A: That's highly unlikely, for several reasons. If one looks at the history of "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette," the length of the relationships they have yielded — whether short or long — hasn't influenced whether ABC continued with those shows, which the network clearly has. The same is sure to apply to "The Golden Bachelor," and maybe even more so, given the extra emotional stakes that are involved with senior citizens being the participants. Even more pragmatically, "The Golden Bachelor" was a giant ratings hit for ABC, proving there is an audience ready to watch people in their twilight years make bids to find love again. To that end, the first edition of "The Golden Bachelorette" is already being planned for this fall, and "The Golden Bachelor" is certain to get future seasons. The biggest question for the network may be where they'll schedule all the variations of the franchise, since the original "Bachelor" and "Bachelorette" shows will be back, too. (Past "Bachelor" contestant Jenn Tran will be this summer's new "Bachelorette.")

Q: Upon learning of the death of O.J. Simpson, I thought about some of the movies he made. Wasn't he in "The Towering Inferno"?

- Matt Callan, Bend, Ore.

A: He was. He played Harry Jernigan, the security chief of the then-tallest building in the world — a skyscraper in San Francisco — in that 1974 disaster epic produced by the king of that genre, Irwin Allen. Simpson mainly had scenes with top-billed stars Paul Newman and Steve McQueen, the former portraying the building's architect and the latter, the city's fire chief. However, Simpson reappeared late in the film in a scene with co-star Fred Astaire, who was cast as a charming con man.

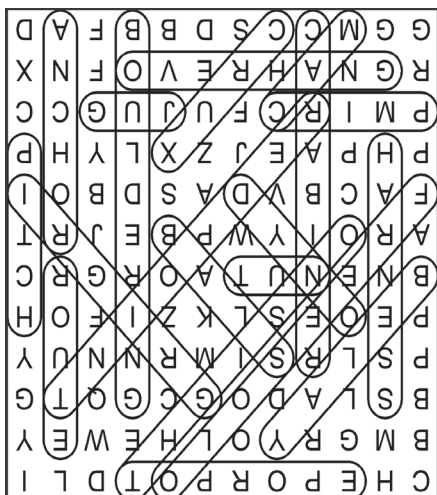
Simpson would make another all-star tale in the disaster genre, though it wasn't produced by Allen. "The Cassandra Crossing" (1976) was set aboard a train that was quarantined after a plague-carrying terrorist stowed away aboard it. Sophia Loren, Richard Harris, Burt Lancaster, Ava Gardner, Martin Sheen, Lee Strasberg and Lionel Stander were among the other principal cast members of the European-made drama.

Q: Why did CBS change its mind, again, in deciding not to cancel "S.W.A.T." and bring it back for another season?

A: The police drama reboot's ratings (from streaming as well as its weekly broadcasts) surely were an enormous factor in the surprise re-renewal, which came after the series had also been saved last year following a cancellation notice. The licensing fee was an issue then, but ultimately, a reduced number of episodes was agreed upon and made the economics workable for the show to continue.

In the case of the forthcoming Season 8, a full 22-episode round of the Shemar Moore-starring "S.W.A.T." is expected, as opposed to the 13 that have made up Season 7. With the upcoming stories, the current "S.W.A.T." will have lasted four times as long as the original version that had a two-season run on ABC in the mid-1970s.

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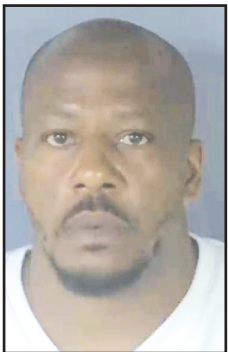
GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Sheriff's Office K-9 Deputy Ory, a seven-year veteran with the agency, retired May 3. According to CCSO, Ory was responsible for 14 bites, hundreds of tracks and hundreds of thousands of narcotic seizures.



Police Briefs claytodayonline.com

Oakleaf man charged with trafficking fentanyl, cocaine, Molly

OAKLEAF – A man was arrested on May 9 after the Clay County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit, a Task Force Officer with the Department of Homeland Security, an officer with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and Florida Department of Law Enforcement recovered cocaine, fentanyl, Molly and marijuana during a raid on an Oakleaf apartment on Jan. 17.



Calvin Lanard Williams, 39, of Or-

ange Park, was charged with trafficking cocaine, fentanyl and Molly and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana following a lengthy investigation led to charges being filed.

According to the affidavit for arrest report, the drugs and paraphernalia were found in his master bedroom, kitchen and garage. Williams is being held at the Clay County Jail without bond. His next court appearance will be on June 3.

CCSO: Man, 47, arrested for impregnating 13-year-old girl

ORANGE PARK – According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, a 47-year-old man was arrested on May 13 for impregnating a 13-year-old girl.

Calvin Lanard McCray, of Orange Park, was charged with sexual battery of a child

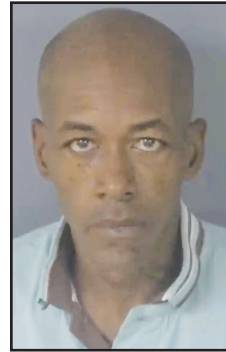
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between the ages of 12-18 and impregnating a girl younger than 16 after DNA swabs from a baby delivered on Feb. 4 matched swabs taken from McCray. Tests showed the odds of McCray being the biological parent was 3.7 billion times more likely than another person. Judge Raymond Forbess denied bond on the sexual assault on the on the child charge. McCray's next court appearance will be on June 17.

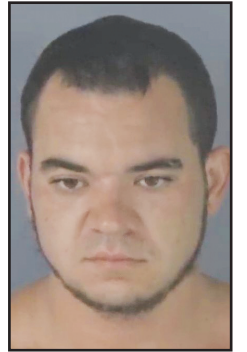


Kelvin Lanard McCray

Keystone man charged with trafficking methamphetamine after chase

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A 28-year-old man was tracked down following a high-

speed chase involving seven Clay County Sheriff's Office patrol cars to face trafficking methamphetamine charges on May 13. Joshua Aaron Soto, of Keystone Heights, was under surveillance by CCSO during a controlled drug purchase. When deputies tried blocking him, he drove over the curb and sped away. Soto drove off the road and deputies followed the tire tracks. They recovered gallon-sized plastic bags containing methamphetamine. Soto's bond is \$450,012.



Joshua Aaron Soto

Arrests & Bookings

Compiled by Don Coble

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

Tuesday, May 14

James D. Butler, 42, Orange Park, possession methamphetamine, DWLSR
 Crystle H. Brown, 63, Orange Park, possession methamphetamine, possession marijuana, possession drug paraphernalia
 Indalecio I. Gonzales, 18, Orange Park, aggravated assault, possession marijuana, possession drug paraphernalia
 Justin K. Marable, 32, Middleburg, domestic battery
 Donald L. Messer, 37, Middleburg, two counts FTA
 Edicdxon J.G. Barico, 24, Green Cove Springs, FTA driving without valid driver's license

Jason A. Daniel, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence
 Casey A. Carver, 42, Middleburg, three counts possession controlled substance
 Ronald G. Pearson, 44, Green Cove Springs, VOP uttering fraudulent/false bank note/check
 Joseph M.L. Cornuet, 34, Green Cove Springs, VOP possession controlled substance
 Jason A. Pritchett, 27, Orange Park, written/electronic intimidation/threat to kill/do bodily harm
 Dakota A. Gilbert, 22, Green Cove Springs, FTA DWLSR
 Michael A. Stewart, 38, Green Cove Springs, VOP DUI
 Casey A. Carver, 38, Green Cove Springs, non-support
 Breanna H. Anderson, 29, Green Cove Springs, VOP grand theft
 Mason A. Lomax, 26, Green Cove Springs, possession marijuana
 Serenity S. Law, 18, Orange Par, possession marijuana

Monday, May 13

Ronnie T. Hunter, 32, Orange Park, possession concealed weapon by convicted felon
 Larry M. Franke, 54, Middleburg, felony domestic battery
 Kelvin Lanard McCray, 47, Orange Park, impregnating child younger than 16, sexual assault of child between 12-16
 Robert S. Benefield, 44, Green Cove Springs, VOP battery of person 65 or older
 Mackenzie A. Lamb, 27, Green Cove Springs, writ of attachment
 Trenton T. Bourque, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP community control
 Joshua A. Soto, 28, Keystone Heights, flee/elude law enforcement with lights/siren active, trafficking methamphetamine
 Kenneth D. Koon, 31, Orange Park, burglary, possession methamphetamine
 Sarah R. Gronikowski, 31, Middleburg, petit theft
 Bo L. Johns, 34, Middleburg, petit theft

Sunday, May 12

Tyler S. Brown, 36, Orange Park, burglary, shoplifting
 Rodolfo D. Grey, 33, Middleburg, DWLSR
 Mya L. Smith, 19, Orange Park, domestic battery
 Yuder M. Escobar, 54, Green Cove Springs, introduce/remove contraband

into jail
 Ashton J. King, 20, Middleburg, DUI

Saturday, May 11

Yuder N. Escobar, 54, Orange Park, possession controlled substance, driving without valid license
 Toni L. Cole, 30, Orange Park, DUI with BAL .15 or greater with passenger younger than 18
 Anthony Rodriguez, 32, Orange Park, shoplifting, possession ammo/firearm by convicted felon
 Jason M. Woodard, 44, Orange Park, battery
 Carlos A.G. Rodriguez, 38, Fleming Island, driving without valid license
 John G. Steed, 46, Middleburg, aggravated battery on child
 Teisha N. Karner, 22, Middleburg, DUI
 Levi B. Neeff, 43, Middleburg, domestic battery

Friday, May 10

Tyreece L.M. Lee, 33, Orange Park, domestic battery, non-support
 Gary R. St. Clair, 54, Middleburg, FTA
 Richard L. Kohn, 19, Green Cove Springs, VOP carrying concealed/unlicensed firearm, petit theft
 Ashley D. Huskisson, 30, Middleburg,

Orange Park's Davies selected as DAR's Good Citizen

By Kathy Marsh
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – The Daughters of the American Revolution's Sophia Fleming Chapter awarded Orange Park High Senior Tyler Davies its Good Citizen Award for exemplifying the core values of a good citizen: dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. DAR Good Citizens Chair Maria Littlejohn describes him as an amazing young man.

Tyler, the son of Brian and Brooke Davies, currently maintains a cumulative weighted GPA of 4.47. He has made nearly straight As in high school while taking honors, AP and Dual enrollment courses.

In addition to excelling in academics, a few of his activities and leadership positions include Senior Class Officer/Class President; Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee, Chairman- two years; Student Leadership Council, Co-Founder/President- four years; National Honor Society- three years; National Technical Honor Society; Athletic Leadership Council- two years; OPHS Varsity



Tyler Davies

Golf- three years; SWAT, Students Working Against Tobacco; FCA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes- two years and BETA Club.

He has received the following awards: Unsung Raider of the Year, Orange Park Rotary Club, 2023; Sheriff Michelle Cook's Student in the Spotlight Award, 2023; Star Volunteer Award, Children's Home Society of Florida, 2022; Eagle Scout of America, 2021; and The Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award, 2021.

School Counselor Dana Brock wrote, "Tyler is the type of young man an educator never forgets. He recognizes that if the world is to improve, he must do his part to make things move. He articulates this with every word he speaks, the sweat he pours,

the kindness and empathy he displays, and the miles he puts on his car. I am a better educator and individual because I have Tyler. In the words of Dr. Seuss, 'Kid, you will move mountains!'"

With more than 850 community service hours documented throughout all four years of high school, Tyler's efforts extended well beyond the walls of his school. His future plans are to attend the University of Florida and pursue a major in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Sophia Fleming Chapter is proud to recognize and honor this impressive young man, who will receive the DAR Good Citizen pin, a certificate, and a gift card at his senior awards night.

Calendar

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MILITARY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON will be on May 22 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr. in Orange Park. Tickets are available at claychamber.com.

BE FREE MINISTRY will launch on May 23 at 7 p.m. at Calvary Assembly of God, 9 Knight Boxx Road, Orange Park. Classes will focus on healing, deliverance, miracles and activation for God-given purposes. For more information, visit Befree.caop.church.

THE KITCHEN OF CLAY COUNTY will provide free meals on May 25 at the Orange Park Senior Center, 414 Stowe St., Sacred Heart Mission Church Branch, 207 Palmetto St. in Green Cove Springs and Black Creek Methodist Church, 3925 Main St. in Middleburg (drive-through), from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome.

ORANGE PARK MALL MEMORIAL DAY BLOOD DRIVE will be on May 25 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Belk Court. Donors will receive a wellness checkup, including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening, two movie tickets and a OneBlood blanket. Identification is required, and only one donation is allowed a person.

TOOL LENDING Library, offered by Mission of the Dirt Road, will be open for free tool loans on May 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at 7790 State Road 100 in Keystone Heights. For more information, call (352)

478-8050.

LIONEL RICHELIE AND EARTH, WIND & FIRE will be at the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. in Jacksonville, on May 25 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com.

JJ GREY'S BLACKWATER SOL REVUE with JJ Grey and Mofro, The Allman Betts Band, American Aquarium, G. Love and Special Sauce, Satsany and Anders Osborne will perform on May 25-26 at 4 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340C A1A South. For tickets, visit the box office, ticketmaster.com or JJGREY.COM/TOUR.

NF HOPE TOUR will be on May 26 at 8 p.m. at the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. in Jacksonville. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS will meet on May 28 at 4 p.m. at the BCC meeting room, fourth floor, at Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD will meet on May 28 at 5 p.m. at City Hall Chambers, 321 Walnut St.

ORANGE PARK LIONS CLUB will meet on May 28 at 7 p.m. at the Lions Club Clubhouse, 423 McIntosh Ave.

CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP will be on May 28 at 9 a.m. at District Multi-Purpose Center, 900 Walnut St. in Green Cove Springs.

TYE TRIBBETT will be at the Florida Theatre on May 28 at 7:30 p.m.

BE FREE MINISTRY will launch on May 30 at 7 p.m. at Calvary Assembly of God, 9 Knight Boxx Road, Orange Park. Classes will focus on healing, deliverance, miracles and activation for God-given purposes. For more information, visit Befree.caop.church.

THE COMMUNITY OF UNITY EVANGELISTIC REVIVAL at the Clay County Fairgrounds on May 30, 31, and June 1. The Community of Unity will be held in the Cattlemen's Arena from 7:00 to 9:00 each night. Pastor David Mills, of Sharon Baptist Church, is spearheading this event. His phone number is (904) 343-3003.

TOOL LENDING LIBRARY, offered by Mission of the Dirt Road, will be open for free tool loans on June 1 from 9 a.m. to noon on 7790 State Road 100 in Keystone Heights. For more information, call (352) 478-8050.

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PARKER MCCOLLUM BURN IT DOWN TOUR will be at Daily's Place, 1, adjacent to EveryBank Stadium, Jacksonville, on June 1 at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit ticketmaster.com.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL will meet on June 4 at 7 p.m. inside City Hall Chambers at 321 Walnut St.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL will meet on June 4 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall Council Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

CLAY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION will meet on June 4 at 5 p.m. in the BCC meeting room, fourth floor, at Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

A BOOGIE WIT DA HOODIE will perform on June 4 at 8 p.m. with special guests NLE Choppa, Luh Tyler and Dess Dior at Daily's Place, 1 Daily's Place adjacent to EverBank Stadium, Jacksonville, on June 1 at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit ticketmaster.com.

CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD will meet on June 6 at 6 p.m. at the Teacher Training Center at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy.

ORANGE PARK ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE will meet on June 6 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Town Hall Council Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

FREE HEALTH SERVICES provided by Comprehensive Health Center of Orlando and Clay County Fire Rescue's Community Paramedicine Program will be on June 6 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Paramedicine Office at 2110 Blanding Blvd, Suite 8, in the Grande Ole Plaza in Middleburg. Residents can get free rapid testing and treatment, free health care insurance (must meet qualifications) and giveaways.

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Arrests

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possession drug paraphernalia, DWLSR
Eric D. Freeman, 29, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Chase L. Dixon, 39, Fleming Island, DUI
Brandon A. Gadson, 41, Green Cove Springs, VOP community control

Patrick M. McConnell, 42, Middleburg, battery

Thursday, May 9

Kalvin L. Williams, Orange Park, trafficking fentanyl, trafficking Molly, trafficking cocaine, possession marijuana

Kelly N. Rockwood, 27, Green Cove Springs, VOP community control

Charlotte A. Adams, 40, Green Cove Springs, VOP possession methamphetamine, VOP possession fentanyl

Donna K. Solomon, 46, Middleburg, battery, trespassing

Jason A. Daniel, 33, Middleburg, two counts DWLSR

Jordan K. Evans, 24, Middleburg, possession marijuana

Wednesday, May 8

Regina R. Brooks, 48, Orange Park, disturbing the peace

Malik R. Campbell, 28, Orange Park, domestic battery, intent to do domestic battery

Victoria G. Smith, 32, Orange Park, domestic battery

Tyler J.L. Gainers, 22, Orange Park, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Kady L. Freeman, 31, Keystone Heights, battery

William L. Kurts, 24, Orange Park, domestic battery

Wakene L. Williams, 44, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement, resisting law enforcement, possession cocaine

Carson M. Fletcher, 21, Maxville, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, battery, adult false imprisonment, hinder communication to law enforcement

TODAY'S Sports

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Clay, St. Johns inch closer to Final Four; Oakleaf, Middleburg eliminated

By Randy Lefko
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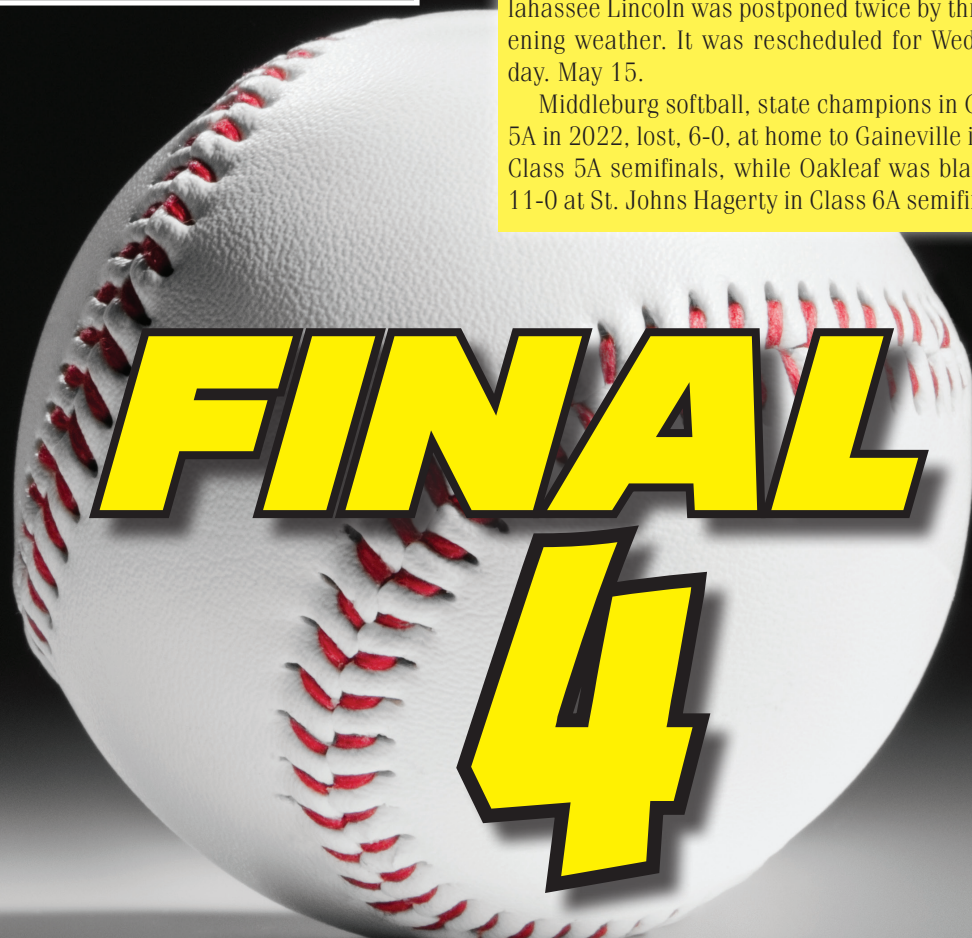
MIDDLEBURG - Four Clay County high school teams won convincing regional playoff games last week to inch steps closer to a Final Four berth and a shot at a state title, but the Middleburg and Oakleaf softball teams lost Tuesday night - one game short of advancing to the Final Four.

St. Johns Country Day (23-6) advanced to the Class 2A Final Four on Monday with back-to-back home runs in the seventh inning. The 8-6 win against North Florida Christian means the Spartans will play St. Petersburg Northside Christian (20-9) at 10 a.m. The state championship game will be on Wednesday at Lee Health Sports Complex in Fort Myers.

St. Johns looks to return to the Class 2A championship game as they did last year finishing as runnerup to Lakeland Christian.

Clay High's Region championship game at Tallahassee Lincoln was postponed twice by threatening weather. It was rescheduled for Wednesday, May 15.

Middleburg softball, state champions in Class 5A in 2022, lost, 6-0, at home to Gaineville in the Class 5A semifinals, while Oakleaf was blanked 11-0 at St. Johns Hagerty in Class 6A semifinals.



SEE FULL COVERAGE AND PHOTOS OF ALL FOUR GAMES INSIDE.



Ridgeview high jumper T'Vario Willis has been the dominant jumper in Class 3A all season with numerous jumps in the six foot, seven inch range; a best of 6'-7.5". Fleming Island's two senior distance runners; John Keester IV, left, and Graham Myers are the mainstays of a group of five or six runners that give the Golden Eagles a three shot scenario for medals in three relays; 4 x 100, 4 x 400 and 4 x 800. Myers is also in the 1600 with both runners in the 3200 able to score double team points.'

Fleming Island has best shot at track title

By Randy Lefko
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FLEMING ISLAND - With a region track title last week at the University of North Florida, the Fleming Island boys track team will be in prime position to upset the apple cart of south Florida dominance in track as area tracksters target the Class 1A-Class 4A track and field championships this week also at North Florida.

With a stealthy combination of speed, long distance and a sprinkling of field event contenders, Fleming Island coach Chris Otero and assistant Dave Allen may have the pieces of the puzzle all in one place to upend Belen Jesuit Prep out of Tampa or Miami Northwestern as the kings of Class 3A. State track meets start Tuesday with Class 1A and run consecutively to Friday with Class 4A.

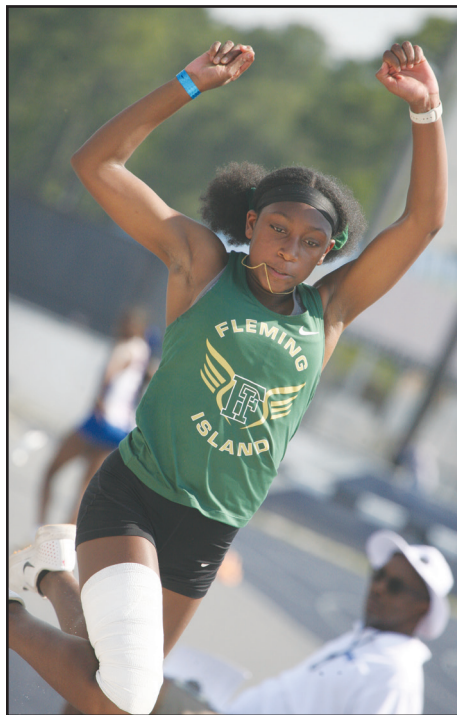
"This could be our best shot with the right athletes in the right places to maximize points," said Otero. "We have a stronger Sprint crew than Belen Jesuit and a better distance crew than Miami Northwestern and if we succeed in running our best in both of those categories we have a chance right now. We are previewed to finish fourth in class 3A." At the region, 1-3A championships were won by Fleming Island with 110 points over Tallahassee Lincoln's 98.50 for second and Choctawhatchee's 83 for third.

For the girl's region 1-3A, Ponte Vedra won with 112 points ahead of Rickards at 71 and Fleming Island at 62 with Orange Park sixth.

In region 4-3A, Jesuit finished ahead of Miami Northwestern 112.50-97.0 with American Heritage third with 80.

In 2023, Ponte Vedra finished as Class 3A champions with 53 points ahead of Belen Jesuit at 43 and Miami Northwestern third at 39.50. Fleming Island was 11th with 21 points; mainly from Myers, Mollicone and the distance crew with a 7:53 third in the 4 x 800 relay, Mollicone fourth in the 800 in 1:56.28 and Myers and Keester going second and seventh in the 3200 behind Leon's Patrick Koon.

In 2023, Fleming Island got zero points



Sophomore triple jumper Mikayla Shavers is double threat with 18-plus long jump and second place finish last year; region champion in 2024. Right: Middleburg discus thrower Madison Underwood is over 140 feet and considered a medal threat.



Fleming Island sophomore distance runner Brooke Reynolds, in white far left, has been a step or two behind the top Ponte Vedra frontrunners all season and could surprise the field with her swim-strong last lap strength.

in the 100 and 200 and zero points in the 4 x 100 relay that, in 2024, Fleming Island; Trace Burney, Sebastian Cruz, Jarius Rodgers and Kaylib Singleton, have just missed a 40-second split (40.99 for second to Choctawhatchee's 40.96). American Heritage won the 4 x 100 in Class 3A last

year at 40.60.

Fleming Island may get points in the field events from pole vaulter Gideon Gillasy and Rodgers and Alton Bacon in the high jump.

"We will have to get points in a lot of

3A track qualifiers

Girls

Fleming Island: Kennedy Berkley (4 x 100); Gabrielle Flores (HJ, 4 x 100); Aydan Larson (4 x 100); Brooke Reynolds (1600); Juliannah Santana (4x100); Mikayla Shavers (TJ, LJ, 4 x 100)

Orange Park: Aaliyah Abbassi (HJ, 4 x 400 relay); Nevaeh Ambrose (400 relay); Kayleana Henry (400, 4 x 400 relay); Layla Mazerac (400 4 relay); Malia Mazera (4 x 400 relay); Lexi Pacheco (LJ); Mychaela Parker (Shot); Arianna Porter (4 x 400 relay); Maniyah Young (4 x 400 relay); Mariah Young (4 x 400 relay).

Ridgeview: Avi Miller (TJ), Ann-gellica Taravine (TJ)

Boys

Fleming Island: Tacori Allen (4x100); Alton Bacon (HJ, 4x400); Andrew Boyer (4x800); Cibastian Broughton (4x100); Trace Burney (4x100); Sebastian Cruz (4x100), Michael Derosse (4x800); Reed Eli (4x400); Camden Ghisolfi (4x400); Gideon Gillasy (PV); Lennox Ivey (4x400, 4x100); John Keester IV (3200, 4x800); Luke Melson (4x800, 4x400); Roman Mollicone (800, 4x800, 4x400); Graham Myers (3200, 1600, 4x800); Jarius Rodgers (110H, HJ, 4x100), Kaylib Singleton (100, 200, 4x400, 4x100), John Yulee (4x400)

Ridgeview: T'Vario Willis (HJ)

Orange Park: Nathan Verger (110H, LJ)

Middleburg: Anthony Pasquale (JAV)

Class 4A Qualifiers

Girls

Oakleaf: Shelby Gaines (4x100); Rayna Lawson (4x100); Gloria Lewis (Discus); Madison Linscomb (JAV); Amina McCray (4x100) Timia McMillian (4x100); Kaymin Sales (4x100); Keira Smalls (100H, 4x100); Jazmine Soto (4x100), Tamia Yarns (4x100)

Boys

Oakleaf: Takoda Brown (TJ, LJ); Devin Collins (LJ); Josber Stimphil (400)

Blue Devils flex some 'offensive' muscle

By Randy Lefko
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Back in the day, Clay High football had speedsters like Wes Weeks, JT Turner and Bilal Ally, throw in Colin Wilson and you got a handful of guys that routinely blasted 70-80-yard touchdown sprints to the delight of Blue Devil fans.

On Saturday, at the Blue Devil intra-squad Pancake scrimmage, Javaris Roberts turned up the heat and bounced right to scorch the first 80-yarder of the season for coach Kyle Kennard.

"I had to bump outside and find some grass, but when I got there, the corner was all green," said Roberts, a senior running back and linebacker returning with spot duty last year on defense. "I thought I was going to get caught, but I made it."

Kennard reveled in the thought that he may have found a ball carrier that could go the distance and make bone-jarring tackles.

"He's a beast on both sides," said Kennard. "I take scrimmages like this with a grain of salt because the 80-yarder was nice, but is the defense out of position? I think he made a big-time play either way and can do it again."

For Kennard, who was without senior quarterback Merrick Rapoza, who was busy slamming a grand slam homer for the Blue Devil baseball team that is en route to a possible Final Four berth with a region title game in Tallahassee scheduled for Mon., May 13, but tentatively watching tornadic activity in the Panhandle.

"Landon Martin and Landon Chadwick both did a nice job moving the chains," said Kennard, referencing his two young quarterbacks; Chadwick a junior and Martin a freshman brother of former Clay linebacker Dominic Martin who was on the sideline with his younger brother. "It's good to have a couple of guys able to play quarterback with efficiency. We are never too fancy, but



want mistake-free execution."

Landon Martin also got some time as a linebacker, maybe at the suggestion of brother Dominic and stuck his nose in some pileups.

Both Landons moved the ball into scores with Chadwick slicing a nice pylon pass in the first series; Martin getting two scores; one a plunge from running back Oliver Pierre, the other a superb fake and rollout that fooled Clay Today Sports Editor Randy Lefko missed Martin prancing unaccompanied into the end zone.LOL.

On defense, Clay got a pick-six interception return when I was eating pancakes, but I do recall how disruptive the defensive front of Omar Goosby, Aaron Stacy and Darius Swilley were off the line of scrimmage. Skyler Phoenix Dean was a factor as a linebacker for the Blue team with numerous stops.

On the offensive line, led by center Eli Iscoa, a tackle last year, the snap was a cause for pause, but heft is not a problem up front with Joshua Hetz and Ben Loper, Blake Warren, brother to madman Brad Warren of Clay history, and Joe Bryan.



Left: Running back Daelen Brown had varsity time last year and is expected to be big cog in Blue Devil offense. Right: Running back Oliver Pierre stretches to reach goal line, but comes up short. Pierre scored on next play for Clay White.



Above: Javaris Roberts blasted an 80 yard run off right tackle for Clay Blue team. Left: Offensive coordinator Brian Flaherty has plenty of weapons this year with three quarterbacks in his backfield.



Clay linebacker Skyler Phoenix Dean, Blue 25, made a handful of stops on defense.



Rapoza raps grand slam in region blowout

Region 1-5A title game: Clay at Lincoln

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - The Clay Blue Devil offense dominated the visiting Beachside Barracudas from the first pitch when Cole Carnell singled, starting what would be an offensive onslaught of the Barracudas. Merrick Rapoza drove in seven runs, including a grand slam in the second inning. The Blue Devils sent the Barracudas packing in only five innings with a 12-0 shellacking in the Region 1-5A semifinal round.

"I got tired of the posts about Orange Park (winning the district title eight days ago). I think people forgot about us, so we had to remind them of just who we were," said Clay Head Coach Josh Persinger, elated with his team's performance. "That's a game where we did what we're supposed to do, scored in every inning, won the fifth, and threw strikes. We've had pieces of that all year, but tonight we put it all together."

Rylan McMahan would lead the Blue Devil defense, going the distance on the hill for Clay. McMahan held a no-hitter through all five innings, striking out seven Barracudas.

Beachside could do nothing to pull back the energy coming from the Clay dugout as the top of the first were three batters up, three outs. As Clay went on offense, the barrage began from that first pitch.

With Carnell on first, Parker Lowrance pushed him over to second with a left-field grounder through the hole. Rapoza started his perfect night at the plate with his first appearance; a two-RBI triple to bump Clay up, 2-0. LJ Martin followed with an RBI single to right, scoring Rapoza, 3-0.

The second inning did not go any better at the plate for Beachside as a walk had their first runner on base with one out, only to have the Blue Devils crush any hopes of getting back in the game. A Barracuda grounder had Parker Lowrance throw from third base to Peyton McRae at second base for out two, then McRae over to Rapoza at first for a double play to close the inning.

In the third inning, the Blue Devils crushed the hopes of the Beachside dugout. With one out, Carnell was hit by a pitch to put the first runner on. McMahan and Lowrance both walked to load the bases. With a curveball first pitch, Rapoza tattooed the ball over the right field fence, into the tree-tops for a grand slam to push ahead 7-0. Lukas Moore would add another run for the breakout inning with an RBI single to score Martin, 8-0.

Clay continued stacking runs with two more in the second. Rapoza RBI singled to score Carnell, 9-0. Martin kept the mojo rolling with another RBI single into center field, scoring Lowrance, 10-0.



Clay coach Josh Persinger 180-ed his district loss to Orange Park to be one game from a Class 5A Final Four berth.



In the fourth inning, a Moore walk, followed by McMahan's hit by a pitch, and Luis Edargo Rivera Valentin loaded the bases with a right-field single. A wild pitch opened the door for Moore, 11-0. The other runners also advanced bases on the errant pitch. A passed ball allowed the final Clay run to cross the plate, 12-0.

The challenge for the Blue Devils now; how do you come out with that intensity again as the team will travel to Tallahassee to take on the number one Lincoln Trojans. "I think a lot of it is this is the difference between a younger program, and these guys," said Persinger. In 2012, we went to the state semifinal. Once you had a taste of that, there is nothing like it. That is the ultimate goal. The preparation we put in throughout the last four years will show, that this is our bread and butter."



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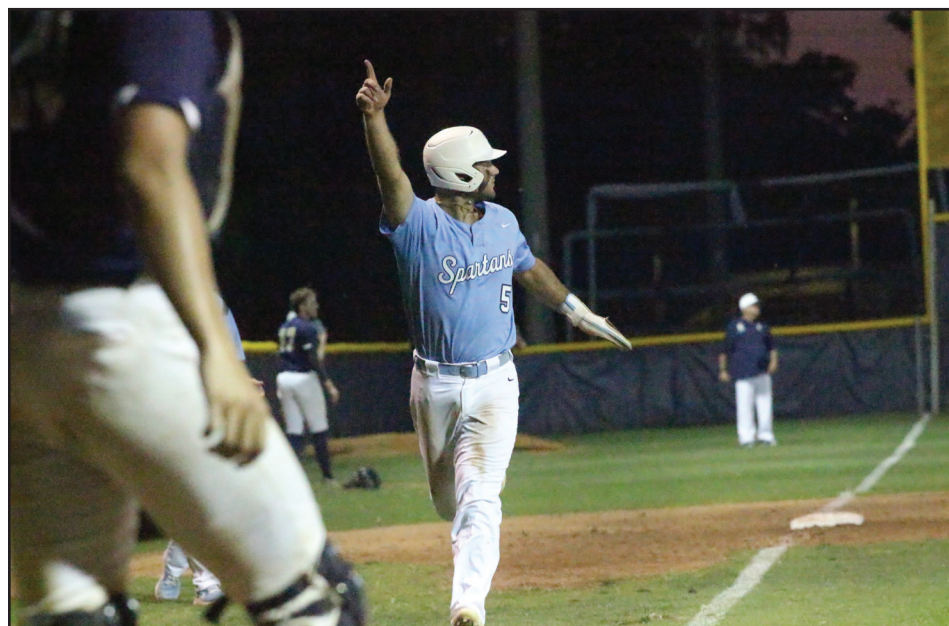
Clay baseball let the water fly after semifinal win over Beachside. Clay was rescheduled from Monday to Tuesday to play in region final at Tallahassee Lincoln.



Left: Merrick Rapoza was on his A-game with Grand Slam homer and seven runs batted in. Right: Clay players Easton McMahan and Cole Carnell celebrate final out in semifinal win over Beachside.



Infielder Easton McMahan stretches for ball in steal attempt by Beachside.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Left: James Gilson punches up single that led to two runs for Spartans while, right, Gabriel Gilliland crushed a solo homer for the Spartans who beat University Christian 8-3 to advance to region final Tuesday, May 14 at home against North Florida Christian.

Spartans battle back from first inning shocker

By Randy Lefko

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ORANGE PARK - Admittedly, St. Johns Country Day School baseball coach Tom Lucas said the second pitch of the night in the Spartans' region semifinal game against University Christian quickly ascended past the right field fence to put starting pitcher Austin Stratman on his proverbial heels, was a quick wake up call as the Spartans battled back to an 8-3 win and advance to the region championship game on Tues., May 13 at St. Johns (22-6) against No. 2 North Florida Christian (19-6). North Florida Christian defeated St. Joseph Academy 2-0 in their region semifinal.

"We didn't play well against St. Joseph Academy in our district final (a 2-1 loss) and I was concerned about how we would respond," said Lucas. "I told Austin, just a junior, he needed to regroup and we want five innings from him. He did a nice job after that hit and the defense came through."

For Stratman, the going got a bit rougher after the Bryson Harnage dinger with a walk and a misplayed centerfield fly ball getting lost in the sun by right field Nick Bowden putting the Spartans against two baserunners very fast.

"They are a good hitting team and we were helping them along," said Lucas. "They just won like 10 in a row and I'm sure were thinking about us beating them 17-2 during the season. We had to man up soon tonight."

After the noted Spartans' 17-2 win on March 28, University rattled off 13 wins, one a 10-0 district title against Eagle's View, against just two losses; West Nassau



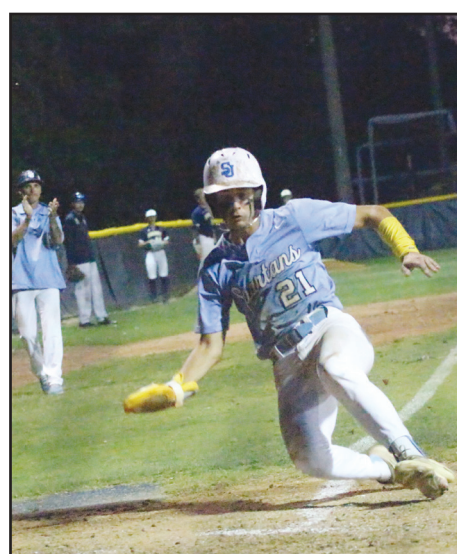
Left: Hunter Rodgers readies to take the batter's box before Preston Cole gets to home plate on a steal. Seth Alford finished off a great five inning start from Austin Stratman on the mound.

7-0 and St. Johns on Saturday.

With the two baserunners in play in the first inning, Stratman got a strikeout and groundout to squelch the threat.

St. Johns' first at bat was a strikeout to monster hitter Kyle Boylston that quieted the Spartan followers awaiting an instant response to the Christian salvo with Kolt Myers grounding out, George Gilson walking and Seth Alford getting a hard line drive snatched out of the air by University pitcher Caden Worthington to ignite the Christian dugout.

University battered Stratman in the third inning with three singles loading the bases with no outs and a decision-making strategy call at the mound with coach Tom Marsh and Lucas. "We challenged the team



right then and there," said Lucas. "Man up and protect your pitcher."

For Stratman, the advice proved prophetic as the quick-throwing lefty foiled the University scoring attempt with three third strike swings by three University batters ending the stanza.

The pitching effort ignited the Spartans dugout with Myers walking, Gilson singling and base-running pressure getting two field errors and two runs for the Spartans with a third run on a passed ball and alert baserunning from Alford at third base.

Stratman settled in, but University was not done with a two run homer coming from Joseph Ramsey to tie the game at 3-3.

Worthington got replaced on the mound by Elias Murdock to which St. Johns put



three runners on base with two walks and a balk before Gilson smashed a line drive to right field. Murdock kept sinking in the quicksand of the Spartan batting lineup with three more walks putting another run on the scoreboard, 6-3, before Hunter Rodgers nearly blew up the game with a hard drive to left field that got caught just in front of the fence.

St. Johns piled on with Gabriel Gilliland hammering a solo homer to 7-3 in the fifth.

University put their third pitcher in, senior Camden Harnage, and the Spartans responded with a Gilson sacrifice bunt scoring the final run.

Seth Alford finished on the mound for St. Johns with Stratman getting eight strikeouts on the night.

Class 2A Region Final Matchups

Region 1-2A: No. 2 North Florida Christian (19-6) at No. 1 St. Johns Country Day School (22-6)

Region 2-2A: No. 1 Lakeland (23-4) hosts No. 2 First Academy (23-6)

Region 3-2A: No. 4 Carrollwood Day (25-5) hosts No. 2 Northside Christian (19-9)

Region 4-2A: No. 1 Miami Christian (20-4) hosts No. 3 John Carroll Catholic (18-11)

2023: Class 2A champion Lakeland Christian over St. Johns Country Day School 5-2; Final Four scores: Lakeland Christian

over Neumann 3-0, SJCDs over Westminster Academy 8-3

2023 Region finals: St. Johns over North Florida Christian 10-5; Lakeland Christian over Foundation Academy 6-5; Neumann over Canterbury 9-4, Westminster Academy over Miami Christian 9-4

Wesley hero for Broncos regional comeback win

By Randy Lefko
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MIDDLEBURG - Middleburg High got game highlights from two seniors; pitcher Morgan Beckham and outfielder Madison Wesley, who combined for a defensive effort and some timely hits to overcome a 1-0 early lead by Columbia Lake City to pull off yet another late-inning comeback for a 4-1 region 1-5A quarterfinal win Thurs., May 9 in Middleburg.

"She's my bestie friend for as long as we have been playing," said Beckham, Middleburg's starting pitcher heading to Bowling Green University next fall. "I had to rely on my defense behind me because Columbia is a good hitting team and my team had my back."

For the Broncos (22-4), and coach Ashley Houston, who is again attempting to repeat her Class 5A title of 2022, this year's Broncos are a never-say-die group. The Broncos, the No. 1 seed in the region,



Middleburg coach Ashley Houston hugs her pitcher Morgan Beckham after courageous win over Columbia.



Senior Madison Wesley has been a stellar quiet player for Broncos, but had her night in quarterfinal win over Columbia with three great outfield catches and timely hitting from the batters box.



Catcher Alyssa Prather is excited about her Broncos orchestrating a comeback to win over Columbia in region opener. Prather had a key double to score two runs. Right: Middleburg coach Ashley Houston asks dad Steven for some dugout advice in tense sixth inning.



Mike Wesley heads to first base after perfect bunt moves baserunners to scoring position in Broncos 4-1 win over Columbia in region quarterfinal. Middleburg hosts Gainesville on Tuesday, May 14 in semifinal. Gainesville defeated Middleburg 4-0 in district final a week ago.

advance to host No. 4 Gainesville (21-4), who beat Deltona 12-1 in their region opener, after beating the Broncos 4-0 in the district 2-5A championship game. A win by Middleburg will secure a home region championship game on Fri., May 17.

On the other side of the region bracket, No. 2 Fort Walton Beach (18-10) will host No. 3 Gulf Breeze (15-9).

"Madison is what you want for a senior to step into the moment," said Houston. "She came up big with the hit that gave us the momentum to get the win. And she made a couple of big plays in the outfield."

Houston's reference to Wesley's performance revolved around three spectacular outfield snags that thwarted possible Columbia scores and a key single in the seventh inning that fueled a go-ahead double by Alyssa Prather as the Broncos bats were quiet for most of the game against Columbia pitcher Harleigh Price, who slung 10 strikeouts on the Bronco lineup.

For Middleburg, Beckham was on the mound first after two rough starts in the Broncos district semifinal and final; both seeing Beckham replaced in the early innings by junior Lily Bennett.

Beckham seemed "shaky", as she said

after the game, with Columbia scoring first in the fourth inning with a walk on a bases-loaded situation, but Houston visited and kept the senior hurler on the mound.

"In my heart, I knew she had it in her and I had to make her believe in herself because I did," said Houston. "I

From there, both pitchers kept throwing haymakers as the innings sped by behind Price's arm and Beckham's defense, including a stellar double play from Bronco shortstop KK Hagan to second base Alyssa Pifer to first base Kerra Clarida after a bobbled grounder at the mound by Beckham.

"My defense came through behind me," said Beckham, who was teary-eyed praising her defense. "I knew I had to settle down and make my pitches count."

An error by Hagan in the fifth and a single gave Wesley her first heroic opportunity with a nifty sliding scoop of a fly ball to end the inning.

Price put two baserunners in play with walks in the bottom of the fifth, but shut down the scoring effort with a strikeout.

Mika Wesley, the sister, came up big with a rocket line drive to centerfield getting snagged on Beckham's first pitch of the sixth inning with a grounder and strikeout riding the momentum of the superb catch.

The Wesley siblings came up big in the ensuing inning with a single by Madison and a sacrifice bunt from Mika getting a single by Hagan to load the bases for Prather's monster double to left field that scored Wesley and Hagan.

"It was big for Madison to step into the box and get that hit and create some momentum," said Houston. "That pitcher was throwing a no-hitter to that point and we put pressure on her."

Price, just a freshman, seemed troubled by the Broncos' sudden bats and gave up two walks and hit batter Madison Strickland to score a run with another walk scoring the fourth run for Middleburg.

Appropriately, Madison Wesley made the final fielding out for Beckham for the second out with Beckham striking out Price to end the game.

'Charley' handles Lake Howell

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

OAKLEAF - Oakleaf softball pitcher Charlotte "Charley" Maddox starred at the plate and on the mound as the Knights overcame an early deficit to pull away from visiting Lake Howell (Winter Park) 8-3 in a Class 6A regional quarterfinal on May 9.

Maddox, committed to play for Dartmouth in 2026, singled three times in four at-bats, driving in three runs, and pitched a five-hitter. Swinging at the first pitch in each plate appearance, the 6-foot junior scored the game-winning run in the piv-



Oakleaf coach Heather Han has produced the goods after taking over Knights dugout with three district titles and deep region runs.

otal third inning, drove in two runs with a single in the fourth inning, and tacked on another RBI in the sixth inning.

"Charley keeps it simple," said Oakleaf head coach Heather Han, who cited statistics showing that batters who swing early in the count are more successful than those who wait until late in the count. "She sees the ball and she hits the ball. That's her plan and it's very effective."

From the pitcher's circle, after allowing three runs in the first two innings, the right-hander struck out six while shutting the Silver Hawks out over the final five frames. Maddox mixed in four different pitches, relying more on her change-up as the game wore on.

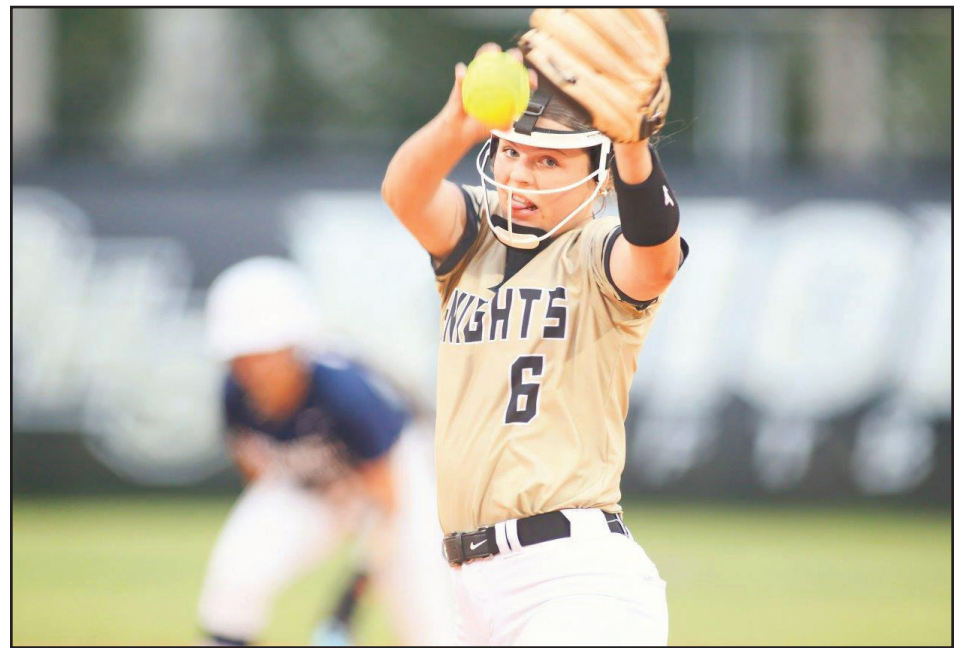
"Tonight Charley struggled a little bit with the mound conditions," said Han. "It was a little slick out there, but she did a great job making an adjustment and pushing through."

A light rain fell among gusty winds for much of the first three innings.

While Maddox was able to settle down, the Knights applied constant pressure to the Silver Hawks' defense throughout the game. Oakleaf baserunners stole seven bases, usually taking off at their first opportunity. The aggressive baserunning paid off, enabling the Knights to score runs without the benefit of extra-base hits.



Left: Jaydyn Beall's dangerous baserunning in front of big bats has kept enemy defense on edge for Oakleaf success. Right: Pitcher Charlotte Maddox is strong and steady on the mound and doubles up as one of best hitting pitchers in area.



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Oakleaf shortstop Jaydyn Beall slaps a tag on Lake Howell steal attempt at second base. Avery Garcia is a stealthy good right fielder with three runs scored in win over Lake Howell.

In the first inning, Oakleaf lead-off batter Jaydyn Beall went from first base to third base on a bunt by Avery Garcia. She made it, and when her daring attempt drew a throw from Silver Hawks first baseman Julianne Terito, Garcia took off for second base and slid in safely. Both scored on Meshayla Pettaway's ground-hugging line drive up the middle, giving the Knights a 2-1 lead.

The Knights' boldness was on display again in the fourth inning when Beall walked and stole second base before Meshayla Pettaway drew a free pass one out later. Pettaway stole second after Beall had advanced to third base on a wild pitch. Thus, both were in scoring position and scored when Maddox roped a line drive into left-center field, stretching the Oakleaf advantage to 7-3.

"We do our best to take extra bases whenever we can," said Han. "The team that is more aggressive and that attacks early usually wins the ballgame."

Lake Howell took a 3-2 lead in the second inning on run-scoring singles by Skii Rodriguez and Nisa Fatzinger-Rodriguez. But the Knights regained the lead for good in the bottom of the third inning with momentum generated by Pettaway, who threw out Gate Haggerty stealing to end the top half. Garcia bounced a ground ball over the head of Silver Hawks Fatzinger-Rodriguez at third base to start the bottom half. Maddox followed one out later with a single, moving Pettaway to third. After a walk pushed Maddox to second base, freshman Camryn Beall drove a pitch from Lake Howell's Rhianna Hudson to the wall

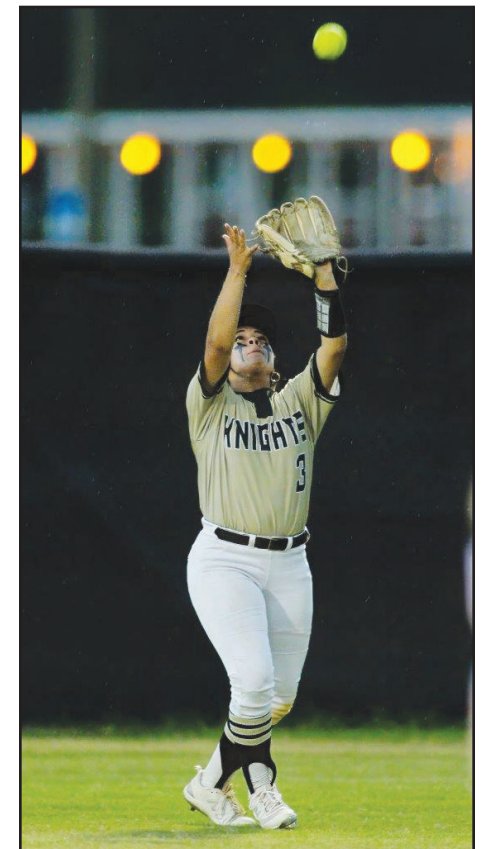
in right-center field, plating Garcia and Maddox and giving the Knights a 4-3 lead.

The top three batters in the Oakleaf order— Jaydyn Beall, Garcia and Pettaway— combined to go four for nine with three stolen bases and six runs scored. Maddox followed in the clean-up spot with her three hits and three runs batted in.

The Knights, now 18-8, advance to the regional semifinals where they will face Hagerty on May 14. Hagerty, ranked eighth in Class 6A on MaxPreps.com with a 22-5 record, blasted Tate 15-0 in their regional quarterfinal.

"The sky is the limit," said Han of her teams' chances at a lengthy playoff run. "We are going to play Oakleaf softball."

Skii Rodriguez had three hits for Lake Howell, which ends its season at 14-10.



OHS Kistler, Goddard get UF softball SEC title

Courtesy of UFloridaAthletics

The Florida Gators softball team secured its sixth Southeastern Conference Tournament Championship with a 6-1 victory over No.5-seed Missouri in the tournament championship game Saturday afternoon (May 11) at Jane B. Moore Field at Auburn University. This sixth title tied the University of Alabama for titles accrued.

On the Gators team is senior Katie Kistler, a graduate of Oakleaf High School in Orange Park. Also on the team is Kistler's Oakleaf teammate Baylee Goddard, a senior infielder. Goddard, a starter in her first two seasons as a Gator, has been plagued by injuries. Both players were Class 8A champions under coach Christina Thompson at Oakleaf High School.

Kistler has been a mainstay in the outfield for the Gators with batting averages of .354, .258 and .298 the past three seasons with six homers, four triples and seven doubles with 39 runs batted in. Kistler's speed has given her 34 steals in her career thus far.

Also on the team, in the dugout, is former Fleming Island High pitching flame-thrower Kaitlyn "KK" Leddy, who is a program assistant for the Gators. Leddy was a standout for four years at North Dakota State University; Female Athlete of the Year, Summit League Pitcher of the Year, and had a coaching stint at the University of North Florida.

Against Missouri, the Gators (46-12) blasted their way past the Tigers (43-15) with five of the six runs scoring via the home run and freshman right-handed pitcher Keagan Rothrock (26-6) turned in her second consecutive complete-game performance in the circle to secure the victory. Rothrock held Missouri to just six hits over seven innings and allowed only two walks compared to her six strikeouts.

Florida took the lead in the bottom of the second inning 3-0 to open the scoring. The inning started with Reagan Walsh reaching on an infield error but was retired at second on a fielder's choice on Ava Brown's shot that fell in shallow center field. Brown was retired at second on Katie Kistler's fielder's choice to second, but



Left: Former Oakleaf High all state third baseman Baylee Goddard had two stellar years on Gators hot corner, but has had a series of injuries the past two years. Right: Former Oakleaf High centerfielder Katie Kistler goes up and over fence to snag ball in recent action. Kistler is now a senior player for Gators.



Katie Kistler lets rip with hit while, in the Gator softball dugout, former Fleming Island High standout pitcher K.K. Leddy, here as a conference pitcher of year for North Dakota State University, is a program assistant for Gators.

Ariel Kowalewski kept the inning alive with a full-count walk off Lauren Krings (13-8).

Mia Williams cleared the bases in the

next at-bat with her second home run of the tournament that traveled 296 feet over Auburn's scoreboard.

Missouri attempted to respond in the top of the third inning with a pair of one-out singles that put a pair of runners on base. Leadoff batter Jenna Laird then sent a shot to deep center field, but junior Kendra Falby flashed her speed and saved at least a pair of runs with an over-the-shoulder catch at the wall for the second out. Rothrock forced a flyout to Kistler in the right to end the frame and get out of the jam.

The Gators tacked on to their lead in the bottom of the third inning and pushed it out to 4-0 when Otis ripped her team-leading fifth triple of the season to lead off the frame. Skylar Wallace drove in Otis in the following at-bat on a grounder to second base.


UF went on to extend its lead out to

6-1 in the bottom of the fifth inning. Falby started the rally with a single to left field, which was also bobbled, allowing her to reach second base.

Otis dropped a SAC but to move Falby to third, but she had no trouble scoring as Wallace launched her third home run of the tournament over the center field wall during the ensuing at-bat.

Rothrock and the Gators settled in on defense and the Tigers to just one hit over the final two frames. In the seventh, Missouri was able to draw a hit-by-pitch and walk, but first baseman Avery Goelz secure the victory and shut down the rally when she snagged a line drive headed to her left and tagged the bag at first to end the game.

The Gators will now wait to find out their placement in the NCAA Division I Softball Championship bracket during the Selection Show that will air live on ESPN2 at 7 p.m. ET.



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St. Johns Country Day School batter Kyle Boylston celebrates the first of two homers the Spartans blasted in the seventh inning to beat North Florida Christian 8-6 in the region 1-2A championship on Tuesday, May 14. St. Johns Country Day School batter James Gilson celebrates the second of two seventh inning homers in the seventh inning, this one a two run blast that was the game winner in the Spartans' 8-6 region 1-2A title game against North Florida Christian. St. Johns Country Day School baseball has a shot at returning to the Class 2A championship game after losing last year to Lakeland Christian. Lakeland Christian lost in their region final so Class 2A will crown a new champion for 2024.

Double walk-off puts Spartans in Final Four

MHS, OHS: Shutouts, seasons over

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - St. Johns Country Day School baseball got homers from Kyle Boylston and James Gilson in the bottom of the seventh inning to rally the host Spartans to a thrilling 8-6 victory over North Florida Christian in the Class 2A Region 1 Final. Boylston went 3 for 3 at the plate and scored three runs, while Gilson had two hits and two RBI. Nick Bowden also had a two-run double for the Spartans.

The win puts the Spartans back in the Final Four as they finished as Class 2A runner-ups last season to Lakeland Christian.

In Region 1-5A, Clay High has twice been postponed to travel to play Tallahassee Lincoln due to tornadic weather, but the Blue Devils will try again on Wednesday, May 15.

In softball, though, both Middleburg and Oakleaf, in their respective region semifinals, suffered shutout losses to Gainesville, in the region 1-5A tournament for the Broncos and, in the 1-6A tournament, to Hagerty 11-0 to end both teams' seasons.

For Oakleaf coach Heather Han, the teams in Class 6A did not offer any opportunity to have a bad night and she credited a great team from Hagerty and a bad night for her girls.

"Class 6A is ranked the toughest state championship to win this year in the nation," said Han. "We ran into a good team on a bad night for us. Tough way to go out."

For Middleburg coach Ashley Houston, who won the Class 5A championship in 2022, the chase to repeat got halted

abruptly by an opponent that was well known as Gainesville beat Middleburg for the district title 4-0, then returned to Middleburg to punch up two homers in the game against Bronco starter Morgan Beckham while Gainesville pitcher Leanna Bourdage struck out 11 batters to stymie the Bronco batting lineup. In the district final, Bourdage whiffed 18 batters for that win.

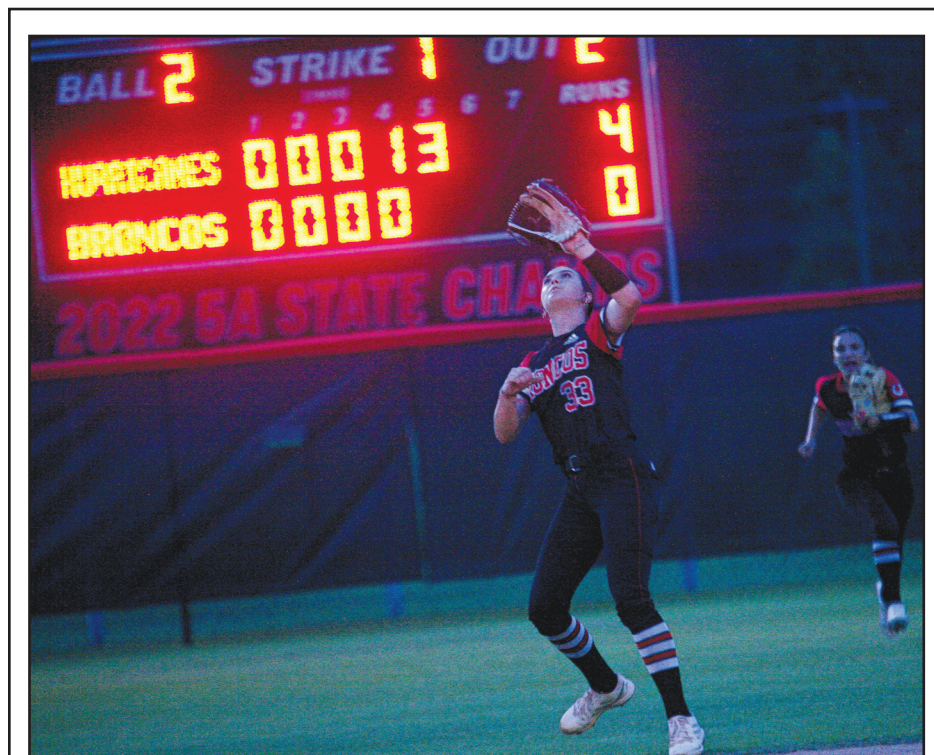
Middleburg finishes at 22-5.

"Class 6A is ranked the toughest state championship to win this year in the nation. We ran into a good team on a bad night for us. Tough way to go out." – Oakleaf coach Heather Han

For Oakleaf, seven runs in the first three innings spelled disaster; one in the first, four in the second and three in the third as Hagerty unloaded on starter Charlotte Maddox with a homer in the first, then a second homer in the second, the two-run double in the second before two costly errors in the third almost blew a fuse on the scoreboard. Oakleaf finishes at 19-9 and as district champions.

For St. Johns, now 23-6, starting pitcher Jack Ensell, the top strikeout artist for coach Tom Lucas, got stung with two homers in the first at-bats for North Florida Christian, the never-say-die attitude of the Spartans answered with four runs of their own in their first trip to the batter's box.

Kyle Boylston and James Gilson both singled in front of Nick Bowden's double which was followed by singles to Kody Daneault and Hunter Rodgers to put St. Johns



Middleburg High junior shortstop K.K. Hagan waits for fly ball amidst the history of her three years thus far with Middleburg sophomore as Hagan has been a starter for three years and was a freshman third baseman for the 2022 Class 5A championship under coach Ashley Houston. Broncos lost 6-0 to Gainesville in their region 1-5A semifinal on Tuesday to finish their chase for a second state title.

up 4-2.

"There was no sense of panic," said St. Johns coach Tom Lucas.

The game got tense from that point with neither team making any overt moves to home plate as both pitchers settled in with Kolt Myers coming in for the final two innings for St. Johns while NFC starter Garrett Workman also worked five innings.

In the deciding final at-bat for St. Johns, with NFC up 6-5, Boylston hammered his first pitch to the centerfield fence to tie the game.

"Our seniors said the right thing at the right time 'We got this'," said Lucas. "It was the top of the lineup and they were ready to win the game. NFC has been our rival in probably the last five region finals so they know us and we know them."

Myers walked in front of Gilson who also got his dinger to the left field fence to win the game.

NFC finished at 19-7-2.

St. Johns will travel to Fort Myers' Lee County Sports Complex to play in the Class 2A Final Four with the Spartans set to Northside Christian of St. Petersburg (20-9) on Monday, May 20 at 10 a.m. with the Class 2A title game on Wednesday, May 22.

Also in the Final Four are First Academy of Orlando (24-6) and Miami Christian (21-4) who play also on Monday at 1 p.m.

Class 2A defending champion Lakeland Christian lost 8-6 to the First Academy in the Region 2-2A final. Miami Christian beat John Carroll 6-3 in the Region 4-2A final. Northside Christian beat Carrollwood 1-0 in the Region 3-2A final.

Swashing, speeding, submerging!

Keystone Heights hosts Motosurf Games

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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - With racers as young as 13 and as touted as national champions from Mexico, Canada and the United States, the first stop of the Motosurf Games 2024 calendar ramped up amidst hot, steamy weather at Keystone Heights' Lake Geneva.

Motosurf is an array of head-to-head racing around a pyloned water course on the lake with racers advancing to the Sunday finals. Categories of racing included Hobby, Women, Juniors and Pro with the motorized surfboards operated by a tether in the rider's hand, offered slashing passes in 180-degree turns and spectacular splash-down as athletes battled elbow to elbow at top speeds. In one of the more competitive battles, youth racer Lukas Violette, just 11, was battling 15-year-old Hobby class champion Ryder Sawangwan and had the lead for most of the race before Sawangwan forced an error by the younger Violette.

"I knew he was back there and coming fast," said Violette. "I know he's fast, but I also knew his legs might be tired and if I put pressure on him to catch me, I might get lucky."

Sawangwan eventually forced the younger Violette to miss a buoy on the final lap for the win in two categories.

16-year-old Anna Burk, a North Caro-



lina athlete who owns the world record for a backflip on a jet ski, was in a battle for the females with World Cup Dubai winner Reanna Deveaux, from Canada with Team Canada teammate Mark Andrews (top-rated in Canada), chasing Deveaux made the blowout win for Deveaux more exciting for Deveaux.

"I had to work hard to stay in front of the young riders," said Deveaux, who is expected to compete in the 2025 World Games in Chengdu, China. "She is a great challenge and will only get better."

SEE RACE, 50



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Above: USA No. 1 ranked Antony Squire powered through strong win for elite race. Left: Team Canada pro Reanna Deveaux hugs 16 year old Anna Burke in show of respect of how good Burke has progressed as a young competitor from North Carolina.



Fifteen year old top ranked Ryder Sawangwan, of Washington, got win in Hobby class and came back just 30 minutes later to chase and beat Lukas Violette in Youth race with Violette missing a buoy as Sawangwan hovered just behind him on the last lap.



American top ranked Antony Squire, right, battles with Canada top ranked Mark Andrews for position in early part of Elites race won by Squire.



Left: Lukas Violette, an 11 year old ranked rider, battles around buoy as Ryder Sawangwan awaits chance to move past. Right: North Carolina pro Tyler Chennault stayed the course to get a third place elite finish.



Start of Young race and, right, start of mens elite race.





Fleming Island pole vaulter Gideon Gillaspay is near six inches from a top three finish in Class 3A with vaults over 13 feet all season.

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events that we athletes capable of team points,” said Otero. “We had a great region meet, now we have to have a great state meet.”

Other top contenders from the area will be record-setting high jumper T’Vario Willis from Ridgeview who hit a 6’-7.5” leap to win the region title but had Rodgers also at 6’-7.5” but with more misses. Bacon was just a hair away also in fifth. Rodgers also finished third in the 110 high hurdles and is the younger brother to Fleming Island state champion Glenn Rodgers.

Orange Park’s Nathen Verger should be a figure in the leaps; long jump and triple jump plus factor into the hurdles where he was third in long jump (23’-3.25”; 24’-.75” winner), seventh in triple jump (42’-6.75”; 45’-3.75” winner) and fourth in 110 hurdles in 15.20 seconds (14.30 winner). Verger was eighth in the long jump last year at 22’-5.25”.

Middleburg advanced javelin ace Anthony Pasquale who finished fourth in the region and discus thrower Madison Underwood who won the region title with a 138.-5” throw. Underwood has surpassed 140

feet this season and is ranked third in 3A.

Fleming Island’s girls will have sophomores Brooke Reynolds and Mikayla Shavers as top contenders with Shavers in the top three in the triple jump after a super-close second-place finish last year as a freshman. Reynolds, in the 800 or 1600, has gotten stronger each week and will be in the mix after duking with Ponte Vedra’s cadre of talented front runners all season. Reynolds’ splits under 2:20 could get her in the top 10 with a 2:11 winning last year with her 1600s under 5:20 also a probable top 10 finish.

Shavers hit a 12.15 meters (39’-10”) jump at districts for the top spot in Class 3A, but finished first in regions at 11.64 (38’2.25”) with a wrapped thigh that could be a factor. Shavers also could get points in the long jump and as part of a sprint relay team for the Golden Eagles with high jump region champion Gabrielle Flores (5’-3.75”). Orange Park’s Aaliyah Abbasi was second at 5’-1.75” and also fourth in the 100 hurdles.

For the Raiders, shotputter Mychaela Parker hit her best throw on her final throw to win the region title at 38’-1” almost two feet better than her 10th place last year at the 3A championships.



Orange Park shotputter Mychaela Parker won the region title with 38 foot final throw while Ridgeview triple jumper Avi Miller is chasing Fleming Island’s Mikayla Shavers all season.



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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ARMSTRONG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Armstrong Community Development District will commence at noon on June 10, 2024, and close at noon on June 14, 2024. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections located at 500 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, Phone (904) 269-6350. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

The Armstrong Community Development District has two (2) seats up for election, specifically seats 1 and 5. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are nonpartisan and will be held at the same time as the general election on November 5, 2024, and in the manner prescribed by law for general elections. For additional information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. **Legal 109772 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2023-CA-001020-LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC., Plaintiff,
vs.
GERALD CORA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERALD CORA; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause now pending in said court and as required by Florida Statute 45.031(2), TARA S. GREEN as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at <https://clay.realforeclose.com/> at **10:00 AM on the 10 day of July, 2024**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 17, BLOCK 7, BELLAIR, UNIT 2, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 48 AND 49, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 397 SONORA DR, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated this 13th day of May 2024.

TARA S. GREEN
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: Jennifer Brosky
Deputy Clerk

Legal 109771 Published 5/16/2024 and 5/23/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs. G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
1998 YAMAHA VIN #
JY44BDW08WA332943
1999 TOYOTA VIN #
2T1BR12E4XC104844

Auction will be held at 9:00 AM 6/3/2024. G & M Towing, Inc. located at 4995 Highway 17 S, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. **Legal 109770 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

Clay County School Board Public Notice

The Clay County School Board will hold a School Board Workshop on **Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**, in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043, for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for the June 6, 2024 Regular Meeting. Additional items may be discussed. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at www.oneclay.net or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Legal 109769 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, June 13, 2024, for the following:
RFB NO. 23/24-074, Various Equipment And Amenities For Parks And Recreation

Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, June 14, 2024 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St. Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline. The solicitation package is available at: [HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPEN.GOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL](https://procurement.open.gov.com/portal/claycounty/status=all).

In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal. For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Donna Fish in the Purchasing Department by email: purchasing@claycounty.gov. Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for bids in any respect during the Request for Bid Period. The Request for Bid Period during which no contact may occur commences from the date of publication of the notice of a Request for Bids and ends upon a Bid Decision becoming final, i.e. after the notice of bid protest period of 72 hours has expired. However, in the event of a notice of protest, the no contact rule continues in place during the Protest Period and does not end until a resolution of the protest has occurred and become final. The following exceptions exist to the no-contact rule:

- Inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department if specifically provided in the Request for Bids;
- Pre-bid conferences provided for in the Request for Bids; and
- Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.

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

A PERSON OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST FOLLOWING A CONVICTION FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK, MAY NOT SUBMIT BIDS ON LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT BE AWARDED OR PERFORM WORK AS A CONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR CONSULTANT UNDER A CONTRACT WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, AND MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF BEING PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2024CA000324
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
JESSICA G. GARCIA A/K/A JESSICA GARCIA, et al., Defendants.
TO:
IVAN GARCIA
26 S VERMONT AVE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN BLOCK 22, GOLDEN GATE MANOR, ACCORDING TO PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE(S) 59, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 22 AND RUN NORTH 71 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF WALNUT STREET 107.14 FEET TO AN IRON; THENCE RUN SOUTH 18 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 70 FEET TO AN IRON; THENCE RUN SOUTH 71 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 107.14 FEET TO AN IRON ON THE EAST LINE OF VERMONT STREET; THENCE RUN NORTH 18 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE 70.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on De Cubas & Lewis, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is **PO BOX 5026, CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33310** on or before at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the CLAY TODAY and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 10th day of May, 2024.
TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Court
By Gracie Moore
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 109504 Published 5/16/2024 and 5/23/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. gives notice that on 05/31/2024 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 4360 CR 218 MID-DEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
4T1BF1FXGUS00848 2016 TOY
5NP224AF8KH760998 2019 HYUN
Legal 109500 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on
May 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.
2004 Chevrolet ID# 1G1ZT62804F222828
2014 Honda ID# 2HKRM3H30EH501766
Legal 109499 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to consider the adoption of an ordinance bearing the following title: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, TO BE KNOWN AS FEED MILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES; NAMING THE DISTRICT; DESCRIBING THE EXTERNAL BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT; DESCRIBING THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE DISTRICT; DESIG-**

NATING FIVE PERSONS TO SERVE AS THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard by the Board on matters pertaining to this ordinance. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting of the Board at which the public hearing is held 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. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be inspected by members of the public in the office of the Clay County County Attorney, Second Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of legal holidays.

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

Board of County Commissioners
Clay County, Florida.
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2022CA000378
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF,
VS.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CASEY GLYNN GANAS ET AL., DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 8th day of May, 2024, and entered in Case No. 2022CA000378, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CASEY GLYNN GANAS; JULIAN TURNER GANAS; VERONICA IBBET GANAS; MEREDITH SCHULMAN AS NATURAL GUARDIAN OF WESLEY JORDAN GANAS, A MINOR; CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 A.M. on the 7th day of August, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK 3, HERITAGE FARMS, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE(S) 49, 50, 51, 52, AND 53, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: **Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TDD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crintrp@coj.net.** Dated this 9th day of May, 2024.

Tara S. Green
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: Jennifer Brosky
Deputy Clerk
Legal 109391 Published 5/16/2024 and 5/23/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

Case No.: 16-2024-CP-000257
DIVISION: Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF

Thelma Willis Johnson
Deceased.

The administration of the **Estate of Thelma Willis Johnson, Case No.: 16-2024-CP-000257** is pending in Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is **Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Spring, FL 32043**. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney is set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court **WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.** All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court **WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.** **ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTION NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.** **NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.**

The date of the first publication of this Notice is 16th day of May 2024.
Edward W. Norman As Personal Representative of the Estate of **Thelma Willis Johnson**
GERALD B. STEWART, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No. : 285412
24 North Market Street, Suite 402
Jacksonville, Florida 32202
904.353.8876
904.356.2776 (Facsimile)
Stewartlaw7272@gmail.com
Attorney for Personal Representative
Legal 109225 Published 5/16/2024 and 5/23/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Lincoln Memorial University DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine at Orange Park (LMU-DCOM Orange Park)**, located at 335 Crossing Blvd, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida, 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 8th day of May 2024.
Lincoln Memorial University
Legal 109224 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine at Orange Park (LMU-CVM Orange Park)**, located at 335 Crossing Blvd, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida, 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 8th day of May 2024.
Lincoln Memorial University
Legal 109223 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102023CA0001386A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2013 FORD F-150
VIN #1FTFW1ET9DFC92106
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

LUKE JOSHUA PARRISH, CLAIMANT TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY

The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about August 5, 2023, at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture

of the above-described property. Dated this 8th day of May, 2024.

MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel
901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
e-service: jdavenport@claysheriff.com
Telephone: (904) 529-6077
Legal 109217 Published 5/16/2024 and 5/23/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 102024CA000353A001XX
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
2019 AUDI A4
VIN #WAU6MAF45KN013610
MICHELLE COOK, AS SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PLAINTIFF VS.

RONIN RUBY VELAZQUEZ, CLAIMANT TO: ALL PERSON CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY

The above-described property was seized, pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes, Section 932.701-706, by the Clay County Sheriff's Office on or about May 11, 2024, at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in the possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, within twenty (20) days of the publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, General Counsel, 901 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property. Dated this 8th day of May, 2024.

MICHELLE COOK, SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jeffrey Davenport
Bar Number 60825
Clay County Sheriff's Office, General Counsel

901 N. Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
e-service: jdavenport@claysheriff.com
Telephone: (904) 529-6077
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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2018 CA 000721

DIVISION: A
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOE S. REYES A/K/A JOE STEVEN REYES, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 3, 2024, and entered in Case No. 2018 CA 000721 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida in which U.S. Bank National Association, is the Plaintiff and Joe S. Reyes a/k/a Joe Steven Reyes; Housing Finance Authority of Clay County, Florida Kindeelwood Homeowners' Association, Inc.; Krystal M. Reyes a/k/a Krystal Maria Reyes a/k/a Krystal Maria Graham; are defendants, the Clay County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on www.clay.realforeclose.com, Clay County, Florida at 10:00AM on the 26th day of June, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 14, OF KINDELOWOOD PHASE 1-A, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 53, AT PAGE 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 615 SUNNY STROLL DRIVE, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated in Clay County, Florida this 7th day of May, 2024.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Clay County, Florida
By: Jennifer Brosky
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: **Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TDD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crintrp@coj.net.**

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CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **MAA Fleming Island**, located at 2285 Marsh Hawk Lane, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida, 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 7th day of May 2024.

Mid-America Apartments, L.P.
Legal 109214 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 10-2024-CP-000131
DIVISION: B

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JOHN NEWTON GILLHAM, III
Deceased

The administration of the estate of JOHN NEWTON GILLHAM, III, deceased, whose date of death was July 15, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. **The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.**

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is May 16, 2024.

Personal Representative:
YELENA ALEXANDROVNA GILLHAM
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Fleming Island, FL 32003
Attorney for Personal Representative:
GERALDINE C. HARTIN, Esquire
HAMILTON & HARTIN, P.A.
3168 U.S. Highway 17, Suite A
Fleming Island, FL 32003
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Florida Bar No.: 15201
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Legal 109125 Published 5/16/2024 and 5/23/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Regular Meeting Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District

The Board of Supervisors of the Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District will hold their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Splash Park, located at 1510 Calming Water Drive, Fleming Island, Florida.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for Community Development Districts. This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and location to be specified on the record at the meeting without further publication of notice.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained seven (7) days in advance of the meeting by accessing the District's website or by contacting the District Manager at Janice.Davis@inframark.com. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 800-955-8771 (TTY)/800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

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

Janice Eggleton Davis
District Manager
Legal 109124 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 2024-CP-219
Division B
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ALMA JUNE CHRISTOPHER,
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of ALMA JUNE CHRISTOPHER, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Court, PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The file number for the estate is 2024-CP-219. The estate is testate and the date of the decedent's Last Will and Testament and any codicils are: July 7, 2014.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. The fiduciary lawyer-client privilege in Section 90.502 Florida Statutes applies with respect to the personal representative and any attorney employed by the personal representative.

Any interested person on whom a copy of the notice of administration is served must file with the court on or before the date that is 3 months after the date of service of a copy of the Notice of Administration on that person, any objection that challenges the validity of the Will, venue, or jurisdiction of the court. The 3 month time period may be extended for estoppel based upon a misstatement by the personal representative regarding the time period within which an objection must be filed. The time period may not be extended for any other reason, including affirmative representation, failure to disclose information, or misconduct by the personal representative or any other person. Unless sooner barred by section 733.212(3), Florida Statutes, all objections to the validity of a Will, venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed no later than the earlier of the entry of an Order of Final Discharge of the personal representative or 1 year after service of the notice of administration.

Persons who may be entitled to exempt property under Section 732.402, Florida Statutes, will be deemed to have waived their rights to claim the property as exempt property unless a petition for determination of exempt property is filed by such person(s) on their behalf on or before the later of the date that is 4 months after the date of service of a copy of the notice of administration on such persons or the date that is 40 days after the date of termination of any proceedings involving the construction, admission to probate, or validity of the Will or involving any other matter affecting any part of the exempt property.

Unless an extension is granted pursuant to section 732.213(2), Florida Statutes, an election to take an elective share must be filed on or before the earlier of the date that is 6 months after the date of service of the copy of administration on the surviving spouse, an attorney fact or guardian of the property of the surviving spouse, or the date that is 2 years after the date of the decedent's death. Under certain circumstances and by failing to contest the Will, the recipient of the notice of administration may be waiving his or her right to contest the validity of a trust or other writing incorporated by reference into the Will.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Dale S. Wilson
Dale S. Wilson
E-Mail Address:
wilsdale@bellsouth.net
Florida Bar No. 176945
Dale S. Wilson PA
PO Box 1808
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Telephone: (904)284-5618
Personal Representative:
/s/ Billy H. Christopher
4019 Lazy Acre Road
Middleburg, FL 32068
Legal 109120 Published 5/16/2024 and 5/23/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL 32068 at date and time listed below.
CLAY COUNTY TOWING & RECOVERY AUCTION: June 20, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
2022 TSFL VIN # 7HUDD1624NY003368
Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Legal 108993 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Full Administration)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2024 CP 000099
DIVISION: A
IN RE: ESTATE OF
LESTER EDWARD PARRISH JR.
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of **LESTER EDWARD PARRISH JR.**, deceased, whose date of death was January 10, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal

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

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

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

Signed on February 20, 2024.

PETITIONER
KEVIN LIN PARRISH
Petitioner
ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER
THE DAVIE LAW FIRM, P.A.
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Attorney for Petitioner
Legal 108992 Published 5/9/2024 and 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

3764 Jacobs crossing Middleburg Fl 32068, May 28 2024 at 12:00pm
Miles Walker-Washer, Dryer, Desk, Boxes
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Legal 108738 Published 5/9/2024 and 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2024-CA-000195
VYSTAR CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,

vs.
MERLENE D. GARNER A/K/A MERLENE D. FORDHAM; ET AL,
Defendant(s)
TO: MERLENE D. GARNER A/K/A MERLENE D. FORDHAM
Last known address: 58 Azalea Ave., Middleburg, FL 32068
Current address:

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MERLENE D. GARNER A/K/A MERLENE D. FORDHAM
Last known address: 58 Azalea Ave., Middleburg, FL 32068
Current address:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose the Mortgage covering the following property described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK 50 OF JACKSONVILLE SOUTH UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE(S) 36 THROUGH 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1998 JACOBSEN DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: JACFL19544A AND JACFL19544B Property Address: 58 Azalea Ave., Middleburg, FL 32068

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to, on Michelle L. Glass, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 7545 Centurion Parkway, Ste. 103, Jacksonville, FL 32256 within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 2nd day of May, 2024.
TARA S. GREEN

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Chelsey Mason
As Deputy Clerk
A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint, and Lis Pendens were sent to the Defendant(s) and address named above, if address is available.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-

1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crintrap@coj.net.

This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Legal 108731 Published 5/9/2024 and 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2023 CA 1334
21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.
GEORGE CARNEIRO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GEORGE CARNEIRO; SALLY LEANNE CARNEIRO; and UNKNOWN TENANT Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated March 28, 2024, entered in Case No.: 2023 CA 1334 of the Circuit Court in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein GEORGE CARNEIRO and SALLY LEANNE CARNEIRO, are the Defendants, that Tara S. Green will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, on **June 05, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Clerk of the Circuit Court, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com, the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment: **Legal: SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**

TOGETHER WITH A 2022 FRANKLIN MODULAR HOME 80X32 BEARING SERIAL NO.'S: ALFSJ-192-17114A AND ALFSJ-192-17114-B.

NOTICE IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

Dated this 2nd day of May , 2024
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Jennifer Brosky
As Deputy Clerk

NOTICE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNCTION SHOULD CONTACT COUNTY CIVIL NOT LATER THAN ONE (1) DAY PRIOR TO THE FUNCTION 904-630-2028; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770.

EXHIBIT A
Lot 22, Evergreen Acres, Unit 1, Lee Properties, Middleburg, Clay County, Florida; as more particularly described on that certain survey dated February 12, 1975, of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 4 South, Range 24 East, Clay County, Florida, prepared by J.D. Scruogg, Registered Surveyor; more particularly described as:

Start at the Southwest corner of Section 30, Township 4 South, Range 24 East, Clay County, Florida in the center of Nolan Road and run North 12° West, along Section line and Nolan Road, 2685.13 feet to NW corner of SW 1/4 of said Section 30; thence North 89 degrees 29.7° East, 1336.37 feet, along Forty line, to NW corner of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of said Section 30; thence continue along Forty line, N 89 degrees 29.7° E, 990 feet; thence S 30.3° E, 830.5 feet to POB and NW corner of Lot 22; thence continue S 30.3° E, 163 feet; thence N 89 degrees 29.7° E, 354.44 feet to Forty line; thence N 51.25° W, along Forty Line, 163 feet; thence S 89 degrees 29.7° W, 353.44 feet to POB, being part of said NE 1/4 of SW 1/4.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over and across the following described parcel:

Start at the NW corner of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 4 South, Range 24 East, Clay County, Florida and run North 89 degrees 29.7° E, along Forty Line, 300 feet to POB of herein described Proposed Road; thence S 0 degrees 30.3° E, 903.7 feet; thence N 89 degrees 29.7° E, 136.85 feet; thence S 0 degrees 31.63° E, 136.7 feet; thence N 89 degrees 29.7° E, 583 feet; thence N 0 degrees 30.3° W, 1040.5 feet to Forty Line; thence S 89 degrees 29.7° W, along Forty Line, 60 feet; thence S 0 degrees 30.3° E, 980.5 feet; thence S 89 degrees 29.7° W, 493.15 feet; thence N 0 degrees 31.63° W, 136.7 feet; thence S 89 degrees 26° W, 136.85 feet; thence N 0 degrees 30.3° W, 843.7 feet to Forty Line; thence S 89 degrees 29.7° W, 60 feet along Forty Line to POB.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:
600 Blanding Blvd Orange Park, FL 32073, 5/28/2024 at 11:00AM
Ardra Jones Household goods, furniture, TV, stereo equipment
Cortina Herbert-Nelson Household goods, furniture, machines, equipment, clothes
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid

at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Legal 108627 Published 5/9/2024 and 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

1709 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL 32068 May 28, 2024 at 12:00pm
Jordynne Talley-household goods
Timothy Guinn-Household Goods
Timothy T Guinn-household goods
Kaiyne Faucett-household goods
Kaiyne L Faucett-household goods

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2022CA001284

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR CWHQ REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-I, Plaintiff,

vs.
LAWRENCE E. DOWLING A/K/A LAWRENCE DOWLING, et al.,
Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 1, 2024, in Civil Case No. 2022CA001284 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for Clay County, Green Cove Springs, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR CWHQ REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-I is Plaintiff and Lawrence E. Dowling A/K/A Lawrence Dowling, et al., are Defendants, the Clerk of Court, Tara Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 26th day of June, 2024 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF ORANGE PARK, COUNTY OF CLAY, AND STATE OF FLORIDA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS PARCEL "E" (SOUTH OF DOCTORS LAKE LYING WEST OF WYNDEGATE UNIT ONE), A PORTION OF LOT 83, SECTION 4, ORANGE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 23, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. C-224-A. (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. S-224-A, ALSO KNOWN AS DOCTORS LAKE DRIVE; WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 83, ALSO, BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WYNDEGATE UNIT ONE AS SHOWN ON MAP RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 24 OF THE SAID PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY; THENCE DUE SOUTH ON THE SAID EAST LINE OF LOT 83, AND BEING THE WEST LINE OF SAID WYNDEGATE UNIT ONE, 527.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE DUE SOUTH ON SAID EAST LINE OF LOT 83, A DISTANCE OF 120.00 FEET THENCE DUE WEST 177.70 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 83, THENCE DUE NORTH AND ON SAID WEST LINE OF LOT 83, A DISTANCE OF 120.0 FEET, THENCE DUE EAST, 177.70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A 40 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, FEET OF SAID LOT 83, AND BEING SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A CULDESAC ACROSS A PORTION OF THE SOUTH 75 FEET OF ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL. SAID EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 593, PAGE 262 SEQ. OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS.

Address: 2383 OAK CT, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this 30th day of April, 2024.
Deputy Clerk
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Chelsey Mason

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court

Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crintrap@coj.net.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

4653 Us hwy 17, fleming island fl, 32003 on 5/28/2024 at 10am
Gloria Crowder - Furniture and boxes household items

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

Legal 108618 Published 5/9/2024 and 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2024 CP 000233
DIVISION: B

IN RE: ESTATE OF
SUSAN JANE SEROKEE
Deceased

The administration of the estate of **SUSAN JANE SEROKEE**, deceased, whose date of death was February 11, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

PETITIONER
BARBARA WILLIAMS
Petitioner
ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER
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Attorney for Personal Representative
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REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, June 24, 2024, for the following:
RFB NO. 23/24-062, INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION COMPONENTS AND SOD AT NEPTUNE PARK (ARPA)

Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the Neptune Sports Complex, 2070 Thunderbolt Road, Fleming Island, FL, 32003., on Tuesday, May 31, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. The term bid bond shall include bonds or cashier or certified checks payable to the County. The solicitation package is available at: [HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL](https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/claycounty/?status=all).

In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal. For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Stephanie Puhalla in the Purchasing Department at (904) 793-3151 or by email: purchasing@

CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

claycountygov.com.

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Legal 108615 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2022CA000852 PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC ; Plaintiff,

vs. JEFFREY T. BELONGIA A/K/A JEFFREY THOMAS BELONGIA, ET.AL; Defendants

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 27, 2024, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at <https://www.clayrealforeclose.com/> , on **May 29, 2024, at 10:00 AM** the following described property:

Parcel " H "

A portion of the East 1/2 of Section 13; Township 5 South, Range 23 East, Clay County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

For a point of reference commence at a " Found " concrete monument at the Southeast Corner of said Section 13; run thence South 89 Degrees 25 Minutes 11 Seconds West, a distance of 883.26 feet; thence continue South 89 Degrees 32 Minutes 03 Seconds West, along said Southerly line of Section 13, a distance of 1783.03 feet; run thence North 00 Degrees 27 Minutes 57 Seconds West, a distance of 2400.00 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 32 Minutes 03 Seconds East, a distance of 355.00 feet; thence North 60 Degrees 37 Minutes 40 Seconds East, a distance of 610.00 feet; thence South 69 Degrees 37 Minutes 09 Seconds East, a distance of 357.99 feet to the Westerly right of way of Quarterhorse Trail (a 60 foot right of way) to the Point of Curvature of a curve concave West and having a Radius of 2270.00 feet; thence around and along the arc of said curve a distance of 9741 feet, through a central Angle of 2 Degrees 27 Minutes 31 Seconds , said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 12 Degrees 48 Minutes 33 Seconds East, 9740 feet; thence North 11 Degrees 34 Minutes 48 Seconds East, a distance of 148.57 feet, to the Point of Curvature and concave West and having a radius of 720.00 feet; thence around an along the arc of said curve, a distance of 59.86 feet, through a Central Angle 4 Degrees 45 Minutes 49 Seconds , said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 09 Degrees 11 Minutes 52 Seconds East, 59.84 feet to the Point of Curvature of a Curve

Concave West and having a Radius of 720.00 feet; thence around and along the arc of said curve a distance of 59.86 feet through a Central angle of 04 Degrees 45 Minutes 49 Seconds said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 09 Degrees 11 Minutes 52 Seconds East, 59.84 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 85 Degrees 23 Minutes 11 Seconds West, a distance of 235.89 feet; thence North 15 Degrees 21 Minutes 15 Seconds West, a distance of 220.79 feet; thence North 74 Degrees 38 Minutes 45 Seconds East, a distance of 284.96 feet to the Point of Curvature of a Curve Concave West and having a radius of 720.00 feet; thence around and along the arc of said curve a distance of 271.65 feet; through a Central Angle of 21 Degrees 37 Minutes 03 Seconds , said arc being subtended by chord bearing and distance of South 03 Degrees 59 Minutes 34 Seconds East, 270.05 feet to the Point of Beginning. **A/K/A: Lots 13 and 14, Spencer Trails (unrecorded Subdivision) Property Address: 2438 QUARTERHORSE TRAIL, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED. THE COURT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ENLARGE THE TIME OF THE SALE. NOTICE OF THE CHANGED TIME OF SALE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED HEREIN.** WITNESS my hand on 30th day of April, 2024.

Chelsey Mason
Deputy Clerk of Court, Clay County
Legal 108503 Published 5/9/2024 and 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

918 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park FL, 32065
May 28th, 2024 at 9:30 am
Daniel Harrell-Household Goods/Furniture, TV/Stereo Equipment
Ethan Summers-Household Goods/Furniture
James Allen-Household Goods/Furniture, TV/Stereo Equipment
Richard Moore-Household Goods/Furniture, TV/Stereo Equipment, Tools/Appliances

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

Legal 108502 Published 5/9/2024 and 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NUMBER: 10-2024-CP-000243 DIVISION: B

IN RE: ESTATE OF JANE ELIZABETH DAIGLE, DECEASED.
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

The administration of the estate of Jane Elizabeth Daigle deceased, File Number 10-2024-CP-000243, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER

OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is May 9, 2024.
Personal Representative:
Renee Daigle Harrell
1821 Christopher Point Road North Jacksonville, FL 32217
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Gregory J. Schlax
Florida Bar No.: 0095508
Harrell & Harrell, P.A.
4735 Sunbeam Road Jacksonville, FL 32257
Telephone: (904) 251-1111
Facsimile: (904) 251-1110

Primary email: gschlax@harrellandharrell.com
Secondary email: pkurth@harrellandharrell.com

Legal 108496 Published 5/9/2024 and 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO BIDDERS INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the School Board of Clay County until:
June 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM
Purchasing Conference Room, 800 W. Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of:
Keystone Heights High School Visitor Concession Stand
CCDS Project No. C-44-23/24
All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by:
Harvard Jolly Architecture
6196 Lake Gray Blvd., Suite 105 Jacksonville, FL 32244
www.harvardjolly.com

Email all Requests for Information to d.sonavadekar@harvardjolly.com by **May 31, 2024 at 5pm**. Please include the project number in the subject line. Plans are on file and available for purchase at a cost of TBD at time of printing in the following Plan Room:
LDI REPROGRAPHING - ORANGE PARK
550 WELLS ROAD, SUITE 8
ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
P 904.579.4027

Prime bidders, who will be submitting a bid to the owner, are required to register with the Architect their intention to bid and as a plan holder. Any addenda will be sent automatically (electronically) to the known plan holders. Other delivery methods may be arranged with the Architect. Partial sets of drawings and/or specifications are not advised and neither the Architect nor Owner will be responsible for partial information given to subcontractors by the General Contractors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the Invitation To Bid, Contract Award, or Recommendation for Contract Award, shall file a Notice of Protest with the Superintendent of Schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award, and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the Notice to Protest. Failure to observe such timelines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The School Board requires a protest to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S.

Bond Requirement: Should a contractor wish to protest the bid recommendation, the protestor shall be required to post a bond as follows:
1. Five percent (5%) of the recommended award for all projects valued less than \$500,000.00; and
2. Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) for all projects in excess of \$500,000.00.

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

Bid Tabulations shall be posted online or in the lobby area of 925 W. Center Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 after the intended recommendation is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid opening. The Bid Tabulation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours. David Broskie, Superintendent Clay County District Schools

Legal 108449 Published 5/9/2024, 5/16/2024 and 5/23/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA 2019CA001079
CITIBANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-HF1, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HF1, Plaintiff,

vs. DIANE MICHALOWSKI A/K/A DIANE L. MICHALOWSKI; SPOONBILL TRAIL LLC; NATIONS LENDING ONE, LLC CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR: SPENCER'S PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A MOTLAKS LETUBO; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 N/K/A LATOYA LETUBO; TERRA MAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, AS TRUSTEE OF CLAY COUNTY LAND; NATIONS LENDING ONE, LLC AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF CLAY COUNTY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVEISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS Defendants(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on April 1, 2024 in Civil Case No. 2019CA001079, of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, CITIBANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-HF1, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HF1 is the Plaintiff, and DIANE MICHALOWSKI A/K/A DIANE L. MICHALOWSKI; SPOONBILL TRAIL LLC; NATIONS LENDING ONE, LLC CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR: SPENCER'S PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A MOTLAKS LETUBO; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 N/K/A LATOYA LETUBO; TERRA MAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, AS TRUSTEE OF CLAY COUNTY LAND; NATIONS LENDING ONE, LLC AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF CLAY COUNTY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVEISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at www.clayrealforeclose.com on June 21, 2024 at 10:00:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 141, SPENCER PLANTATION UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 47, PAGE 43-48, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on April 29, 2024.

Tara S. Green
Chelsey Mason
Deputy Clerk
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled to no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the circuit court system at crtrintp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Legal 108354 Published 5/9/2024 and 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: ZACHARY SMITH, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 3710/2018
Legal Description: PART OF LOT 7 BLK 33 KEYSTONE HEIGHTS O.R. BK 3704 PG 827
Parcel ID No.: 190823-022183-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,535.85

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Physical Address: 0 MAGNOLIA ST , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSN C/O FINANCIAL FREEDOM

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

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **26th day of June, 2024 at 9:30 A.M at www.clayrealtaxdeed.com.**

Dated this 29th day of April, 2024
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk

Legal 108241 Published 5/2/2024, 5/9/2024, 5/16/2024 and 5/23/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 822/2017
Legal Description: LOT 7 BLK 73 HIGHLIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 1396 PG 1114

Parcel ID No.: 220823-003685-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,739.89
Physical Address: 7160 LEHIGH DR , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: LINDA TUCKER

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

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Dated this 29th day of April, 2024
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 108240 Published 5/2/2024, 5/9/2024, 5/16/2024 and 5/23/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, June 13, 2024, for the following:
RFB No. 23/24-042, CR 220 Widening Phase 1

Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, June 14, 2024 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St. Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline. **A Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled at 10:00 AM, May 23, 2024 at the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room, "A" Fourth Floor, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.**

Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. The term bid bond shall include bonds or cashier or certified checks payable to the County. **This project is being supported in part by a Local Transportation Projects Grant through the Florida Department of Transportation.**

The solicitation package is available at: [HTTPS://PROCUREMENT.OPENGOV.COM/PORTAL/CLAYCOUNTY?STATUS=ALL](https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/claycounty?status=all). In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal.

For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Jessica Loos in the Purchasing Department at (904) 284-6388 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.

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Legal 107968 Published 5/9/2024 and 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to consider the adoption of an ordinance bearing the following title: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING TABLES 1 AND 2 OF THE CLAY COUNTY FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard by the Board on matters pertaining to the ordinance. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the 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. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be inspected by members of the public at the County Commission Offices, Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of legal holidays.

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

Board of County Commissioners
Clay County, Florida
Legal 107864 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2024-CA-24 NOONEY HOLDINGS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; Plaintiff,

vs. IBRAHEEM KHAMIS ALI BAMAGA, if living and if deceased, his unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against him; Defendants;

TO: IBRAHEEM KHAMIS ALI BAMAGA, if living and if deceased, His unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and all other Parties claiming by, through, under or against him;

Residence(s): Unknown
Last Known mailing address:
205 34th Street, Apt 1214 Virginia Beach, VA 23451

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Clay County, Florida:
Lot 133, Block 8, of the replat of FLORIDA FRONTIER, UNIT ONE, subdivision as per the plat thereof in Plat Book 13, pages 54 through 67 of the public records of Clay County, Florida, aka 7669 Monongahela Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.

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has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on BERNARD & SCHEMER, ESQUIRE, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 480 Busch Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32218, on or before within 35 days of the first date of publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE# 2023-DR-2073
Division F
Dajonne Flowers Petitioner and
James Mills Respondent.
TO: James Mills
25 Knight Box Rd, Apt # 2307, Orange Park, FL 32065
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Dajonne Flowers whose address is 25 Knight Box Rd, Apt # 2307, Orange Park, FL 32065, on or before May 30, 2024, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: April 15, 2024
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk
Legal 106951 Published 4/25/2024, 5/2/2024, 5/9/2024 and 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MICHAEL J JOHNSON, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 1085/2021
Legal Description: LOTS 10 & 11 BLK Q LAKE HILLCREST AS REC O R 147 PG 619
Parcel ID No.: 030923-021984-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,274.85
Physical Address: OFF SWAN LAKE , MELROSE
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: JOHN S TAYLOR C/O JUDY LORETI
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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Clay County, Florida
By: Christina Spadea
Deputy Clerk
Legal 107536 Published 4/25/2024, 5/2/2024, 5/9/2024 and 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the South Village Community Development District will commence at noon on June 10, 2024, and close at noon on June 14, 2024. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections located at 500 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, Phone (904) 269-6350. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Rolling Hills Community Development District will commence at noon on June 10, 2024, and close at noon on June 14, 2024. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections located at 500 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, Phone (904) 269-6350. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

on November 5, 2024, and in the manner prescribed by law for general elections. For additional information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections.
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NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RIDGEWOOD TRAILS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Ridgewood Trails Community Development District will commence at noon on June 10, 2024, and close at noon on June 14, 2024. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections located at 500 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, Phone (904) 269-6350. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PINE RIDGE PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District will commence at noon on June 10, 2024, and close at noon on June 14, 2024. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections located at 500 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, Phone (904) 269-6350. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States,

a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
The Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District has three (3) seats up for election, specifically seats 4, 2 and 5. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are nonpartisan and will be held at the same time as the general election on November 5, 2024, and in the manner prescribed by law for general elections.
For additional information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections.
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROOKERY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of Rookery Community Development District will hold its organizational meeting on May 29, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cross Creek North Amenity Center located at 2895 Big Oak Drive, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the appointment of staff including, but not limited to, manager, attorney, and others as deemed appropriate by the Board; to consider the services to be provided by the District and the financing plan for same; to consider certain documents related to the issuance of special assessment bonds; and, to conduct any other business that may come before the Board. A copy of the agenda may be obtained from Rizzetta and Company, Inc., whose mailing address is 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33614 and phone number is 904-436-6270.
The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff will participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 436-6270 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.
A person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that this same person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
Lesley Gallagher
District Manager
Legal 109774 Published 5/16/2024 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of
DPI Products, located at P.O. Box 343, in the County of Clay, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 10th day of May 2024.
William D. Proctor
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of
GC Realty Assist, located at 1856 Hickory Trace Dr, in the County of Clay, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida, 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 8th day of May 2024.
Gloria Cunningham
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REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, June 6, 2024, for the following:
RFP NO. 23/24-064, Americans with Disabilities Act Audit of County Facilities
Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, June 7, 2024 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County's electronic bid-bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.
The solicitation package is available at:
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In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County's Public Portal.
For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Jessica Buzzelli in the Purchasing Department at (904) 541-2743 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.

Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for bids in any respect during the Request for Bid Period. The Request for Bid Period during which no contact may occur commences from the date of publication of the notice of a Request for Bids and ends upon a Bid Decision becoming final, i.e. after the notice of bid protest period of 72 hours has expired. However, in the event of a notice of protest, the no contact rule continues in place during the Protest Period and does not end until a resolution of the protest has occurred and become final. The following exceptions exist to the no-contact rule:
a. Inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department if specifically provided in the Request for Bids;
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c. Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.
The Board reserves the right and power to reject any and all Bids without cause and to waive technical and non-technical or non-material defects in the Request for Bids or submittal of any Bid, and in its discretion to re-advertise the Request for Bids. The Board reserves the right to award Bids, quotes, or Proposals which would be in the Best Interest of the County. Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local preference policy and Buy American policy. The complete policy for both can be viewed at: https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/vendor-information.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Remote Connected Care is ceasing to practice in Florida effective May 24, 2024. Patients can obtain a copy, or request transfer, of their records by contacting Remote Connected Care at (888) 222-0755 or 19387 US 19 North, Clearwater, FL 33764.

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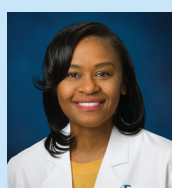
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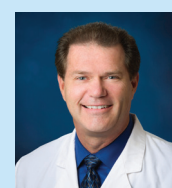
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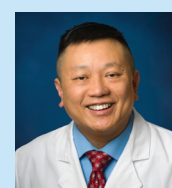
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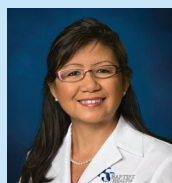
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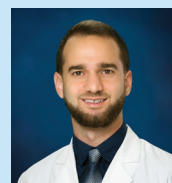
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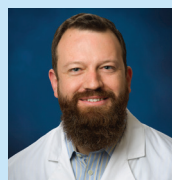
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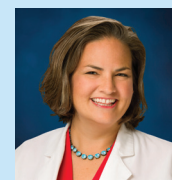
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