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## Students will have to put their phones 'on hold' during classes this year

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CLAY COUNTY — The next school year begins on Aug. 13, and students throughout Clay County District Schools will be greeted with new rules regulating cellphone use.

Students may continue to bring their cellphones or other wireless communication devices to school property but with a few added restrictions. Wireless communication devices include cellphones, smartphones, laptops, Chromebooks, tablets, Bluetooth devices, earbuds and AirPods.

According to the newest edition of the Student Family Handbook 2024-2025, students can't use a wireless communication device during instructional time except when expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes.

Elementary and junior high students cannot use cellphones during school hours or lunch. They are allowed to have them in a backpack or purse but not in use unless otherwise directed by a teacher or administrator.

High school students are permitted to use their cellphones during lunch or in class when permitted for instructional use. Phones should be in their backpack or purse throughout the day. During class, a teacher may designate a space for wireless devices in the classroom and allow use if for an instructional purpose.

High school students also can't use a cellphone while changing classes.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis signed the "Teachers' Bill of Rights" bill in May 2023,

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Clay Education Foundation helps teachers pick up school supplies for free four times a year without having to spend their own money.

## A shop for teachers where everything is free

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ORANGE PARK — During any school year, teachers spend an average of \$600-\$750 on classroom materials. To help ease that burden, the Clay Education Foundation founded Tools 4 Clay

Schools to donate free supplies to teachers in Clay County District Schools.

According to its website, the Clay Education Foundation is a direct-support nonprofit organization designed to strengthen public education in the county.

"We open the store four times a year for teachers to 'shop,' and by that, I mean they pick up whatever they need

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## Department of Education: School district still making the grade

Students routinely scored in Top 10 in state FAST assessment test

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CLAY COUNTY — According to the Florida Department of Education, the Clay County District Schools are continuing to make the grade.

According to figures released in the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking program between kindergarten through 10th grade, the district maintained its position as a Top 10 performer compared to the other 66 districts in Florida, with a marketable improvement in reading.

Seventh-grade students finished No. 1 in the state in civics, Superintendent David Broskie said, and the District finished third overall in civics for all grades.

"I'm immensely proud of the outstanding test data recently released by the Florida Department of Education," Broskie said. "We've got a pretty good thing going. Every year I always say that. But we have great people in the schools working hard and great parents who care about their kids. And we've got a community that cares, too. That's not true everywhere.

"Our District has scored above the state average in every grade and every grade level."

The FAST is aligned with the Benchmarks of the Excellence of Student Thinking assessment, which monitors a student's progress three times a year — at the beginning, mid-term and end of the school year.

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# Proposed millage rate of 5.7000 for Orange Park

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ORANGE PARK — The total taxable value of all properties in Orange Park was assessed in 2024 to be \$855,587,043 — an increase of 6.48% since last year.

An increase in property values, when all else is equal, typically means an increase in revenue for the town.

Property taxes — also known as ad valorem taxes — are determined by the millage rate. One “mill” is equal to \$1 of tax liability for every \$1,000 in assessed property value. The larger the millage rate, the greater the property taxes are for homeowners.

Last Tuesday, Town Council voted 5-0 to set the proposed millage rate at 5.7000 mills for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

That decision marks the first of three steps the Town Council takes in setting the millage rate, which determine property taxes for the fiscal year. The proposed millage rate was set at 5.7000 mills last Tuesday. In this upcoming September, the Town Council will set the tentative millage rate and then the final millage rate, which

sets the maximum mills for the year.

If 5.7000 mills were adopted as the final millage rate this September, for example, a homeowner with a property assessed at \$250,000 would pay \$1,425 before exceptions ( $\$250,000 \times 5.7000 / 1,000 = \$1,425$ ).

Town Manager Sarah Campbell said the 5.7000 mills are needed to balance the budget.

“I have been balancing the budget using the 5.7000 mills number we had last year. I was hoping we could be able to lower it, but no, we actually had to trim quite a bit out of our budget this year.” Campbell said. “I don’t recommend you reduce it this year.”

Pay raises won by the Police and Fire unions and other salary increases for the town’s staff were cited as new increased expenditures for Orange Park.

Last year, Town Council proposed a millage rate of 5.8781 mills, but then lowered it to 5.7000 due to a budget surplus.

In other news, Town Council will be conducting interviews to select the next town attorney on July 17 and 23 at 5 p.m.

# Huntley Commerce project finally gets green light by city council

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS — After nearly 10 months of back-and-forth negotiating and studies, the City Council on Tuesday finally approved the 112-acre Huntley Commerce on the southeast corner of U.S. Highway 17 and State Road 17, which has been abandoned since 2010.

Developers HLM Investments of Orange Park first approached the council last September to have the property rezoned from mixed-use to Industrial to build an industrial and commercial park. The council repeatedly said they needed more information, including traffic studies and types of industries, before they could consider any changes.

After several months of council requests, including frontage design, entrances, lighting, buffering, mechanical equipment screening and signage compliance, Kelly Hartwig of Cypress Management and Design seemed to quiet most of the council’s concerns about piles of aggregate de-

bris left on the property. He said the only material allowed would be washed granite, and it would be no higher than 28 feet. Since the buildings were 40 feet tall, they wouldn’t be visible.

The council agreed, and both sides said the council needed to approve any other materials in advance.

Development Services Director Michael Daniels said another traffic study must be completed once school starts. That intersection is considered one of the busiest in the city.

“We know traffic is going to be an issue with the current uses,” Mayor Steven Kelley said. “The maximum densities and uses and intensities that can happen on that corner that are allowed by right currently would be more intense, as far as a traffic load on that intersection than what would be proposed here technically, because there’s no approval.”

In other business, Police Chief E.J. Guzman announced Nick Nulon’s promotion to the rank of Sergeant.



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Back to School Bash last year had 2,000 backpacks to handout to over 1,700 students.

# Back to School Bash to hand out free school supplies for students on July 27

By Jack Randall  
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ORANGE PARK — Last year, Back to School Bash handed out new bookbags, clothes and other school supplies to a record high of over 1,700 students in Clay County District Schools.

The annual event is hoping for an even higher turnout this year on July 27 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center at 283 College Dr. The event welcomes elementary to high school students.

The goal is to help reduce financial

stress of families with school-aged children by supplying backpacks, school supplies, new clothing, shoes and more to empower families for a strong, successful start to the school year on Aug. 13.

The event, which has been described as a “blessing,” is hosted by Seeds of Love Ministry and Saved 2 Serve; both are faith-oriented charities.

Seeds of Love Ministry has the mission “to preach the Gospel and make disciples right where they are.” Saved 2 Serve has the mission of “spreading the love of hope.”



Superintendent David Broskie was proud of the backpack haul from last year.

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# Sheriff's NET Town Hall examines boater safety, new body cameras

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FLEMING ISLAND—At Thursday evening's Sheriff's Neighborhood Engagement Team Town Hall, the Clay County Sheriff's Office gave residents an inside look at some key components of their job, including a peek into their newest pursuit of body-worn cameras.

The Sheriff's NET Town Hall was created to keep the community informed about what's happening. Once a month, members of the public can meet with deputies to discuss crime matters and prevention strategies.

In a presentation by Assistant Chief Chad Ricks, he said that CCSO is currently doing a test trial on 10 Axon body-worn cameras, which began at the end of May. The department has already produced 2,300 videos.

Ricks said the cameras will require significant data storage and technology, upping the overall price.

"The bulk of the cost of body-worn camera programs is the storage and the programs required to run it," Ricks said.

Ricks added that they will continue to demo the Axon products until the end of the month, then switch to working with their other suitor Motorola. That trial will start around September 1.

Ricks said CCSO is familiar with Axon,



STAFF PHOTO BY KYLA WOODARD

At Thursday's Sheriff's NET Town Hall meeting, the public listened as CCSO gave presentations on boater safety, new body-worn cameras and more.

the current industry leader, as all of their current tasers and tag readers come from the company. However, they want to see if Motorola can compete with Axon's technology.

Ricks said that CCSO has done much research on the use of cameras, including a study with Flagler College. The research has shown reduced use of force, citizen complaints and police legitimacy.

"It's really beneficial in [the] prosecution of offenders," Ricks said. "It's very beneficial in quickly resolving citizen complaints on law enforcement officers. So, there are many different benefits, but most

of it comes down to that."

Additionally, Ricks told the audience that he understood their trust in law enforcement. But he said that with the influx of new and younger residents in the area, body-worn cameras is becoming an industry standard, especially with an agency of their size.

"Even in prosecutions, there is an expectation that we have body-worn cameras for trial, for evidence purposes," Ricks said.

After both trials, Ricks said the department will begin to compile its budget numbers and determine exactly how many

personnel it will require.

After initially being denied a grant last year due to competition from other evolved agencies, Ricks said they are better prepared this time and plan to resubmit for a federal grant at the end of this month.

He said the department has been eyeing a possible Axon cost of around \$300 a camera/person monthly. The department is looking to ultimately provide the cameras to all sworn-in members except those in command or administrative positions. Still, it will first try to start with a phased approach.

Ricks said there are more than 800 people in the agency in total.

"All those people having daily interactions with the public would then have a camera," Ricks said.

The meeting also featured a presentation from Sheriff Michelle Cook. Additionally, Marine Deputy Brooks Morrell spoke about boater safety and gave tips.

He urged the audience to always have their safety equipment on hand, including life jackets for every person, a type IV throwable, a fire extinguisher, a horn/whistle and all their navigation lights.

"Time is dangerous on the water, so just make sure you have your safety equipment," Morrell said.

Morrell added that anyone can take a

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## Gather critical information before picking plastic surgeon

By StatePoint Media  
For Clay Today

In the pursuit of beauty and self-enhancement, an increasing number of individuals are turning to plastic surgery.

However, beneath the promise of transformation lies a darker reality: the alarming rise of botched plastic surgeries due to an influx of undertrained, completely untrained, or reckless surgeries, most commonly undertaken by non-plastic surgeons.

"The consequences of choosing the wrong provider can be catastrophic," says Dr. Alan Durkin, double board-certified plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Ocean Drive Plastic Surgery. "The risks associated with botched plastic surgeries are not just physical; they extend to emotional and financial repercussions."

According to Durkin, patients who undergo procedures under the care of inexperienced practitioners face the following risks:

- **Physical Harm:** Poorly executed surgeries can result in complications such as infections, scarring, nerve damage, and anesthesia-related issues.
- **Emotional Toll:** Dealing with unexpected outcomes can lead to depression, anxiety, and a loss of self-esteem, reversing the procedure's intended benefits.
- **Financial Burden:** Correcting botched surgeries often requires additional procedures and expenses that insurance may not cover, leading to significant financial strain.

### Choosing a safe practitioner

Amidst the risks, there are crucial steps you can take to mitigate them and ensure a safe cosmetic surgery experience. Dr. Durkin provides these factors to consider when selecting a practitioner:

### Credentials and accreditation

Plastic surgery should be undertaken by board-certified plastic and reconstructive surgeons. Verify that your surgeon is board-certified by accredited

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## OPINIONS



## Only the misinformed rely on social media, emails for news

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

The electronic sign in front of Whitey's Fish Camp last Sunday didn't promote its customary food or drink specials. It simply read: "We Are Open."

A staple of the Clay County food scene since 1963, it's unusual that the iconic restaurant would have to remind guests that it's still ready to serve big plates of catfish, shrimp, frosty margaritas and mugs of beer.

That's what happens when you have to fight lies spread on social media.

That's the problem with our current society. Too many people rely on social media and email for their information. They don't consider the source. Anybody can post an opinion, a falsehood or fabricate the truth to promote an agenda. Moreover, sometimes a mouthbreather with access to a keyboard and the internet wants to start trouble because they don't have anything better to do.

People keep posting Whitey's Fish Camp is closing and that they're going to tear it down and build condos or apartments on the property. They don't present facts or talk to the owners for verification. In short, they lied or proceeded without knowledge of the facts.

Added to the ongoing construction to add larger water lines for Clay County Utilities Authority in front of the restau-



Don Coble

rant, Whitey's was compelled to remind the community they are open, both with its sign and a post on Facebook.

Co-owner Billy Ham posted: "Whitey's wants to set the record straight. A lot of rumors have been spread that Whitey's Fish Camp has sold and is closing. This is not true. Whitey's has not been sold and is not closing. No condos or apartments are being built. Whitey's is open and plans on remaining open during normal business hours for a long time. Thank You. Owner."

Ham said several Facebook sites posted the restaurant was sold.

"That's hard because nobody checked their facts," Ham said.

It happens a lot on the national level. I received an email from Florida Democrats who held a press conference in Miami last week to publicly "Blast Trump's Project 2025 Agenda."

Led by Florida Sen. Sherrin Jones, Florida Democratic Chair Nikki Fried, and Miami-Dade School Board Member Lucia Baez-Geller, they wanted to highlight the extremely radical "wishlist" for a second possible Donald Trump term, including enacting a national abortion ban, embracing Project 2025 and making cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

Trump told The Associated Press four months ago, "The states will determine by note, legislation, or perhaps both. And whatever they decide must be the law of the land – in this case, the law of the state."

On Project 2025, Trump has adamantly distanced himself from the plan created by the Heritage Foundation,

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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.

**Swole:** (swōl) an adjective meaning extremely muscular, in other words, a way to describe someone with a physique enhanced by bodybuilding exercises.

"Her New Year's resolution was to get swole, so she signed up with a personal trainer and committed to working out daily."

## This Week in History

### Five years ago, 2019

- School Board Member Janice Kerekes urged the school board to sue the Board of County Commissioners. This was in response to the BCC denying the school board's request to hold a special election, which if approved by the voters, would have added a \$300 million sales tax for maintenance and repairs on school buildings. The BCC ended up winning the lawsuit.

- Two suspects in a drive-by shooting were apprehended after their car ran out of gas near the Clay/Duval county line. Kenneth McCombs and Justus Harper allegedly fired seven bullets into a home on Tanglewood Boulevard.

- FEMA awarded more than \$3.1 million for debris removal reimbursement for Clay County following Hurricane Irma. The massive 2017 storm was blamed for 134 deaths and \$77.2 billion in damage – \$50 billion in the U.S.

### 10 years ago, 2014

- The inaugural CalaVida art festival was approved and planned in Green Cove Springs. "CalaVida" means "Cove Life."

- With the onset of recent heavy rainfall, the South Prong of Black Creek was determined to be at a minor flood-stage level.

- For the first time, Clay County commissioners paved the way for a potential property tax hike by approving a tentative maximum property tax rate of 8.4583 mills for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

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### Send us a letter ...

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### Opinions ...

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# Surgeon

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organizations such as the American Board of Plastic Surgery or the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. Certification ensures that the surgeon has undergone at least six years of rigorous training and meets high standards of competency and ethics. Dual board certification offers an even greater safety, but those practitioners are not in every market.

## Experience and expertise

Research the surgeon's experience performing the procedure you're considering. Experienced surgeons possess technical skills and a track record of successful outcomes and patient satisfaction. Ask about their specialization within plastic surgery and their frequency of performing the procedure. Further, ensure that your physician has hospital privileges for backup resources and that they carry malpractice insurance. It's a big red flag to provide aesthetic procedures without malpractice insurance.

## Facility accreditation

Ensure your surgical facility is accredited by recognized organizations like the AAAASF, State Certification, Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care or the Joint Commission. Accredited facilities adhere to strict safety standards and protocols, reducing complication risk during and after surgery. Most higher-end facili-

ties, similar to hospitals, offer dual facility certification.

## Patient reviews and testimonials

Read reviews. Websites like Google, US News, World Report, and Healthgrades provide valuable insights into patient feedback, outcomes, and overall satisfaction with the surgeon and their practice.

## Consultation and communication

Schedule a consultation to discuss your goals, expectations and concerns. A reputable surgeon will take the time to assess your candidacy for surgery thoroughly, explain the procedure in detail, and address all your questions regarding risks, recovery and expected outcomes. Also, interview the staff. Make sure you are comfortable with the process and personnel at your facility of choice.

## Transparency and red flags

Red flags include discounted prices that seem too good to be true, pressure to undergo multiple procedures simultaneously, and promises of unrealistic results. A trustworthy surgeon prioritizes safety and provides transparent information about potential risks and limitations. Beware of clinics that do not provide adequate information about your procedure.

## Legislative and regulatory measures

In response to the rise in botched plastic surgeries, legislative efforts are

on Longbay Road in Middleburg.

## 40 years ago, 1984

- The Clay County Board of Commissioners approved a site plan to build a new clinic for the Clay County Health Department on Deer Run Boulevard off of Blanding Boulevard. The facility was expected to cost \$167,000.

- Clay County School Superintendent Jesse P. Tynes Jr. asked school board members to study a proposal extending the school day to seven, 50-minute periods in the wake of a state law offering school districts incentives for extending the school day.

- Fleming Island insurance agent Robert Larsen went on trial for allegedly killing his 48-year-old wife, Jacqueline Larsen.

## 50 years ago, 1974

- Homeowners turned out at an Orange Park Town Council meeting to protest having large amounts of sand show up in their city-ran drinking water supply.

The Florida Pollution Control Department gave the owners of Wright's Dairy 10 days to correct the pollution. The agency said the dairy dumped into Peter's Creek along County Road 315.

- Green Cove Springs City Council approved spending \$16,500 for a study to determine the feasibility of generating its electricity and breaking away from its current provider, the Jacksonville Electric Authority.

underway to enhance patient protection and regulate the industry more effectively. Initiatives like Senate Bill 1188 aim to strengthen oversight and ensure that only qualified professionals perform cosmetic procedures, protecting patients from harm and exploitation.

"Choosing to undergo plastic surgery

is a personal decision that should be approached with careful consideration and thorough research. By educating yourself about the risks, selecting a qualified practitioner, and advocating for stronger regulations, you can achieve safer, more satisfying outcomes," Durkin said.

# Lies

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ing, "I know nothing about Project 2025. I disagree with some of the things they're saying and some of the things they're saying are ridiculous and abysmal. Anything they do, I wish them luck, but I have nothing to do with them."

According to factcheck.org, regarding cuts in Social Security and Medicare, Trump said he favored making the same cuts in waste, fraud and abuse favored by former President Barack Obama, but not

cuts in benefits.

So, those claims are lies, lies, lies.

And a little closer to home, a story written online recently at Clay News and Views claims I "twisted the truth like a pretzel" to make former sheriff (Darryl Daniels) look like his one term had been a success.

Four years ago, there wasn't anything to suggest his tenure as sheriff, not the developments with his personal life, wasn't a success. I haven't talked to him since he lost the election. The reporter didn't cite any examples. You don't want facts to get in the way of a good story.

# History

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## 20 years ago, 2004

- Clay County Sheriff's Office corrections officer Jason Bishop was arrested by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and charged with allegedly selling cocaine to informants two different times.

- Three homes in Argyle, Middleburg and Lake Asbury suffered fire damages sparked by afternoon lightning from a thunderstorm.

- Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies turned down a measure to unionize by a margin of 67 percent voting no and 33 percent voting yes.

## 30 years ago, 1994

- The Florida Department of Education awarded one of three \$15,000 grants to Middleburg High School to bolster its Community-Based Instruction Program for students with intellectual and physical disabilities.

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office charged Moody Wayne Collins Jr. of Keystone Heights with attempted first-degree murder with a firearm after shooting his 13-year-old son in the face with a .22-caliber rifle.

- Clay County Sheriff's Deputy Christopher Dangerfield was treated for minor injuries at University Medical Center in Jacksonville after he was struck by a car

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  - Stern
  - Atomic #52
  - Often seen after a company name
  - Silk garments
  - Inhibiting hormone (abbr.)
  - Type of beer
  - Margarine
  - Throw lightly
  - Explains again
  - Raccoon-like animal
  - Sneaker parts
  - Platforms
  - Scored perfectly
  - Ones essence
  - Strikes with a firm blow
  - Makes tractors
  - Music term
  - Lack of energy
  - Vestments
  - \_\_\_ and feathers
  - Total
  - Gobbler
  - One with Japanese immigrant parents
  - Type of braking system (abbr.)
  - Home of Rudy Flyer
  - Manageable
  - Lugged
  - Irritated
  - Sea eagles
  - Warm seasons
  - Frosts
  - Defunct monetary unit of Guinea
  - Female animal species
  - School terms
  - Written law
  - Unpleasant aroma
  - Nuclear weapon
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  - Opposite of first
  - Able to be utilized
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  - Part of a horses saddle
  - In a way, interchanged
  - Rocker's accessory
  - Very important person
  - It precedes two
  - Flavored
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  - String instrument (slang)
  - Mister
  - Fine, light linen fabric
  - Absence of bacteria
  - Discounts
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  - A description of ones life
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  - Makes especially happy
  - One side of something many-sided



# Soul Food Festival to host Youth Sneaker Ball

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FLEMING ISLAND — This year's first-ever Youth Sneaker Ball event will be hosted on July 27 at R.M. Paterson Elementary.

The dance is a fundraising event for the upcoming annual Soul Food Festival in Green Cove Springs.

Soul Food Festival Coordinator Felecia Hampshire said this is the first time the fundraiser will be catered to children, as in the past it has mainly been for adults.

"It's important to those of us who volunteer with Soul Food, that we give these opportunities often for the children," Hampshire said. "As you know, a lot of kids never really get the opportunity to do things of this caliber."

From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., children ages 4 to 13 are invited to dress in their best formal attire, while still being comfortable in their casual sneakers.

Hampshire said the event will be in the cafeteria and feature a DJ, face painting,

games, prize giveaways and food.

The sponsorships include Florida Blue, O2B Kids and Winn-Dixie, as well as local restaurants such as Zaxby's, Wendy's and Hungry Howie's. This year, Hampshire said a national recording artist will be joining the Soul Food Festival lineup and any of the funds raised will go towards that endeavor. Additionally,



Hampshire said the funds will also help to assist the committee with their work throughout the community, such as within the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center.

Tickets are \$15 if purchased ahead of the event online at Eventbrite. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$20.

Hampshire said that parents do get in for free but will need to purchase a ticket for their child.

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# Registering to vote has never been easier, but hurry!

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Florida's Primary Election is approaching on Aug. 20, so the deadline to register or change political parties is coming up in a few days on July 22.

So what does that mean?

Registering to vote in the primary and the General Election on Nov. 5 has never been easier.

You can register online at VoteFlorida.gov. All you need is your Florida driver's license or Florida Identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, along with the date your card was issued. You'll also need the last four digits of your Social Security number.

To be eligible, you must be a U.S. citizen, a legal resident of Florida, a legal resident of the county where you register, at least 16 if you are preregistering or 18 if you are registering to vote if you haven't been adjudicated mentally incapacitated to vote in Florida or any other state without having the right being restored or being convicted of a felony without having the right restored.

You can also register by downloading the registration form at clayelections.gov/Voter-Information/Register-to-Vote-Update-Info and return it in person to 500 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Fla.,



32043, or mail it to P.O. Box 337, Green Cove Springs, Fla, 32043.

You can also register at the Driver's License Offices, Public Assistance Offices, Public Libraries, Offices that serve those with disabilities and Armed Forces recruitment offices.

Forms can't be emailed or faxed but will be accepted if postmarked by July 22.

Early voting for the Primary Election is Aug. 8 through Aug. 17.

"What the book closing also means is that changes to party registration in the State of Florida also needs to happen on the 22nd or prior," said Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambliss.

That played a significant role in the past because Florida is a Closed Primary State. That means only Democrats can vote for Democrat candidates, and Republicans can only vote for Republicans.

The only Clay County race affected by the Closed Primary State restriction is for a seat as a Republican Executive Committeewoman. Democrats cannot vote between Helena Joanne Cormier, Tanya Kacsan or Erin Skipper.

They can join all other voters in voting



As long as the voter registration is received or has a postmarked by July 22, you can vote in the Aug. 20 Primary Election.

for four school board candidates for District 2 – Robert Alverto, Sharon E. Flowers, Jim Hughes and Matthew Mitchell – and Circuit Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit Group 34, between Nancy Cleveland and Ashley Wells Cox.

The winners of all three elections will be unopposed for the General Election.

One of the most significant elections in November will be for Clay County Sheriff.

Incumbent Michelle Cook, a Republican, is running against former Sheriff Darryl Daniels, who has no party affiliation. Since they aren't in the same party, both advanced to the General Election.

The deadline to register or change party affiliation for the General Election is Oct. 7, with early voting running from Oct. 22 through Nov. 2. For more information, visit clayelections.gov.

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Election Day: **August 20 7 AM - 7 PM**

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# Calendar

**FREE HEALTH SERVICES** provided by Comprehensive Health Center of Orlando and Clay County Fire Rescue's Community Paramedicine Program will be on July 18 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.

**WORKIN' MAN'S BASS TOURNAMENT** will leave the Whitey's Fish Camp docks on July 18 at Swimming Pen Creek at 4:45 p.m. with a return no later than 8:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$50 a boat with a \$500 prize for the largest aggregate bag of five fish. The top three places will receive plaques, and the top five finishers will get prize money. There is a biggest fish award of \$50 and \$5 a boat and the "Sid Barling" trophy for the smallest fish.

**NARCAN DISTRIBUTION AND INFORMATION** will be provided on July 18 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Community Paramedicine Program Office, 2710 Blanding Blvd., Suite 8, Middleburg, in the Winn-Dixie shopping center. Receive free Narcan spray, information on how to administer the spray, how to recognize someone who is overdosing and information to avoid the stigma that comes with addiction.

**FLORIDA REP. BOBBY PAYNE** will hold office hours on July 18 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.

**SEBASTIAN MANISCALCO** will perform on July 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. in Jacksonville. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com.

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE** will meet on July 18 at 10 a.m. at the Planning Department Conference Room, third floor of the Administration building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

**STUFF THE BUS** is July 19 at the Staples parking lot, 2285 Kingsley Ave., in Orange Park, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Stuff a school bus with school supplies that will benefit the Clay County Education Foundation.

**MADHATTER** will play on July 19 at 8 p.m. at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road, Fleming Island.

**SARAH SAWYER AND JAMES BERRY** will play on July 19 from 7-10 p.m. at

Talons at Eagle Harbor, 2217 Eagle Harbor Pkwy., Fleming Island. Reservations can be made by calling (904) 269-1953.

**FRIENDS OF THE GREEN COVE SPRINGS LIBRARY** will receive 20% of the proceeds from each Pelican's Snoball purchased at 1100 Idlewild Ave. on July 19. If you join or renew your Friends of the Library membership, you will get a free Pelican's Snoball coupon.

**THE KITCHEN OF CLAY COUNTY** will provide free meals on July 20 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.

**ANDREW HARVEY** will play on July 20 from 7-10 p.m. at Stone's Irish Pub, 323 NE Commercial Cir., Keystone Heights.

**TOOL LENDING LIBRARY**, offered by Mission of the Dirt Road, will be open for free tool loans on July 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at 7790 State Road 100 in Keystone Heights. For more information, call (352) 478-8050.

**BUDDY GUY DAMN RIGHT FAREWELL** will be on July 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340C A1A South. For tickets, visit the box office or ticketmaster.com.

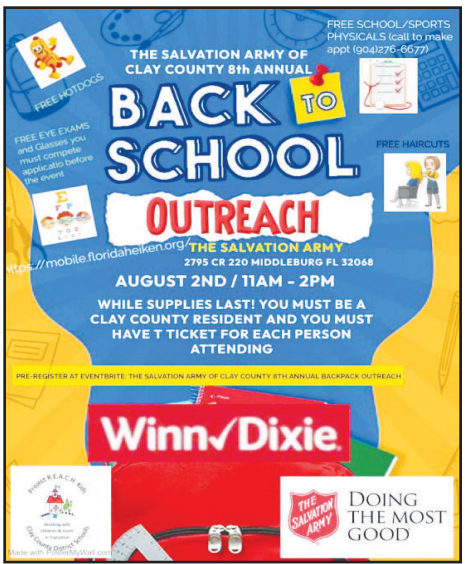
**NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK** will perform with Paula Abdul and DJ Jazzy Jeff on July 21 at Daily's Place, 1 Daily's Place adjacent to EverBank Stadium in Jacksonville. Tickets are available at LiveNation.com.

**NANCY KEATING GOLF CLASSIC** is July 22, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at Eagle Harbor Golf Club, 2217 Eagle Harbor Pkwy., Fleming Island. The cost is \$500 a foursome or \$150 a player. Golf, cart, range balls, a light breakfast, lunch, awards and happy hour are included. Proceeds benefit Challenge Enterprises. To register, visit golfgenius.com/ggid/bbqr2b.

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** will conduct a workshop on July 23 from 9-11 a.m. in the BCC meeting room, fourth floor, at Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** will meet on July 23 at 4 p.m. in the BCC meeting room, fourth floor, at Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

# Community Briefs



## Salvation Army's annual Back To School Outreach on Aug. 2

MIDDLEBURG — The Salvation Army will partner with the Clay County District Schools to host its eighth annual Back to School Outreach on Aug. 2.

The goal is to reach students experiencing homelessness, housing transition issues, or needing school supplies to start the new school year off prepared and ready to learn. Several agencies will provide valuable information to parents and caregivers about programs and services they offer to help families in our area.

The event will be at 2795 County Road 220 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"We work closely with the principals and teachers of our district to ensure any students in need are provided with an age/grade appropriate quality backpack filled with supplies," said Ryan Widowson, Supervisor of Project Reach.

Parents need to register students ahead of the event at bit.ly/4b0NDuX.

While supplies last, students will receive free backpacks filled with supplies for

kindergarten through grade 12. There will also be free school and sports physicals for those who call ahead for appointments at (904) 276-6677 and free haircuts.

Those who pre-register at floridahelken.org will receive a free eye exam and glasses. Others can enjoy free hot dogs, snow cones, shoes and other goodies.

Several agencies will be on hand to provide information and services about community programs.

Transportation is provided. Bus stops will be available, but you must call ahead (904) 276-6677.



## Junior American Citizens Club organizing on Aug. 3

ORANGE PARK — To learn how your children can participate in Junior American Citizens clubs and contests, join DAR Sophia Fleming Chapter's Junior American Citizens Committee on Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Orange Park Public Library, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

The club is available to all students of all abilities in grades K-12, home-schooled students, scouts, 4-H clubs, youth groups and those with special needs.

Patriotic activities and the theme will be shared during the committee's kickoff for the new school year.

For more information about JAC, call Katie Lane at (904) 210-0396 or email sensorylane@gmail.com.

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Two-time Olympian Nim Shapira founded the school and aims to teach people of all ages how to swim. With an indoor heated pool, Shapira said the school offers swimming lessons regardless of the weather.

# Two-time Olympian opens new swim school on Fleming Island

By Kyla Woodard  
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FLEMING ISLAND - A new swim school opened on Fleming Island last weekend.

Located on Village Square Parkway, AQUAfin Swim School plans to make a “splash” in the lives of everyone in the community.

Nim Shapira, a two-time Olympic swimmer, founded the swimming school

with nine locations throughout Florida and is the largest private swim school in the state.

Shapira, a former student at The Bolles School, is happy to bring his swimming expertise to the area.

When Shapira was just 7, he needed to be resuscitated after nearly drowning after accidentally falling into a pool at a birthday party. After that experience, Shapira began taking swimming lessons. From

there, he gained an excellent knowledge of swimming, which he said he hoped to bring to all his swimmers.

Shapira said that there are more than 10 drownings in the United States every single day. And, the leading cause of death for kids under 4 years old is drowning.

“There needs to be just more opportunities for kids and people of all ages to learn how to swim,” Shapira said. “Especially here in Florida.”

The school is open to all ages. Shapira said they have taught children as young as two months old and as old as 70 years old.

Each 30-minute swim lesson takes place in the school’s indoor-heated pool, which Shapira said allows the school to offer swimming lessons no matter the weather. Using the ‘fin method’, approved by the state of Florida and equivalent to the Red Cross, Shapira said swimmers are taught

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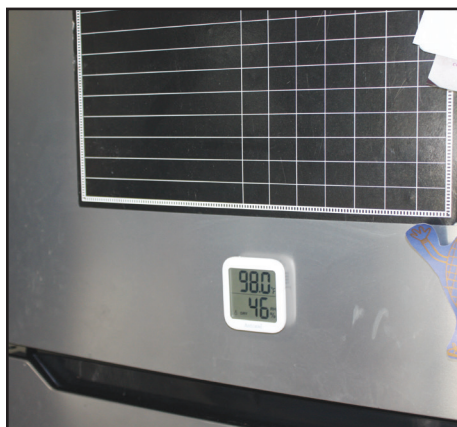
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# Twisted Oaks not insulated from Florida summer heat

The animal rescue will redirect its services until it finds a cooler solution to its 'intense' challenge

By Don Coble  
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Jessie Shekels didn't have to look at the thermometer on the refrigerator to know it was hot. The beads of sweat on her forehead and the whirring sounds of fans in the background were far more telling than any digital numeral.



The thermometer on the refrigerator says it all - it's 98 degrees inside Twisted Oaks Rescue.

The building that serves as the hub of services at Twisted Oaks Rescue is usually bustling with activity. It's where 75 families from Clay, Putnam and Bradford counties get food for their dogs and cats, spay and neuter care and reduced low-cost medical services.

Although she still receives plenty of donations for supplies and support, Shekels had to redirect many of those services for a relentless reason.

The Florida heat. The metal building has air conditioning but no insulation. Even when the doors are open, the AC is running and all the fans are on high, it's still nearly 100 degrees inside. The thermometer on the refrigerator proves it.

So Shekels made adjustments. She's taking a "summer break" for the free pet food distribution because it's too hot inside the building to store donated food. The humidity and heat quickly turn bagged dry food into mush. Moreover, it's too hot for the volunteers.

"I think what we do is wonderful for the community, and I want to keep doing it," she said. "I want to do it smartly, efficiently and safely for the volunteers, but the heat is challenging.

"We put this up about two and a half years ago. We made improvements to it. We've never really asked for donations towards our building. My husband and I pay



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Twisted Oaks Rescue's Jessie Shekels still hosts Loki's Lunchbox, a monthly wellness clinic.

for it ourselves because this is our property."

The Shekels bought a \$1,700 air conditioner, but desperately need insulation. They can install it, but they must use an indoor construction lift and insulation materials.

Since opening, Twisted Oaks has distributed more than 87 tons of pet food to the three-county community. It also hosts two wellness clinics a month and a 25-cat monthly transport for spay, neuter, and FVRCP vaccines.

"We need insulation and wall covering to keep it clean because we want to continue to provide some medical services to the community in our local area," Shekels said. "I feel like it's a really far reach, so I decided to pause to come up with a better plan.

"If someone owns an insulation company, we wouldn't say no to any assistance. I don't have any of those connections in the community," she said. "I want to be very honest with you; running a nonprofit and keeping a good reputation in the community is hard. I like to be very transparent

about what we do here. I love what we do, but the heat just is intense for everyone."

The outreach hasn't stopped; it's shifted in a different direction. While Twisted Oaks can't take individual donations, she still gets large donations from businesses like Tractor Supply. When she does, she forwards them to other local animal rescues and food banks.

When community members ask for help, she refers them to the nearest rescue.

The heat has reduced the number of her wellness clinics provided by St. Francis Pet Care, lovingly called Loki's Lunchbox, to the last Wednesday of the month. Pet owners must register in advance at TOR-cliniccoordinator@gmail.com.

Twisted Oaks Rescue also accepts 25 cats on the third Wednesday of the month to be taken by Sheltering Hands in Ocala to be spayed, neutered and vaccinated. The pets are returned later in the afternoon and are returned to their owners. For more information, visit fixthemall.org.

Anyone with information can contact Shekels at twistedoaksrescue@gmail.com or text (262) 623-7331.

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Empty shelves doesn't mean pets are going hungry in the Lake Region. The community is being re-directed to other animal rescues and food banks until Twisted Oaks Rescue is insulated.



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Last year's National Night Out in Green Cove Springs attracted hundreds of children at the Thomas Hogan Gymnasium.

# GCSPD hosting National Night Out on Aug. 6

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The community, especially children, will have the opportunity on Aug. 6 to see members of the police department in a different light during the National Night Out at the Thomas Hogan Gymnasium.

The annual event allows residents and law enforcement to create relationships and have fun.

"It's an event for us to go out in the community so they get to know the police department better, a little more one-on-one," said Officer Josh Allen. "They get to see us as regular, everyday people, not just

somebody driving by them in a patrol car, pulling them over and stuff like that. They see us in a different aspect."

The event is from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., including outside activities like a waterslide, a DJ and a bounce house. The department will serve hot dogs or hamburgers, prizes, a demonstration by K-9 Grit, games, touch-a-truck and a possible display of a Clay County Fire Rescue firetruck.

"We'll have vendor tables inside, too," Lee said. "We're expanding it a bit from last year to inside and outside because it was so hot. We're giving kids things to do outside this year."

National Night Out is observed on the first Thursday of August.

## Grade

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Clay County also finished fourth overall in U.S. history, fourth in English and 11th in math and science. The District's eighth graders were fifth in the state in science and sixth in biology.

The biggest improvement, however, came in reading. The District jumped four spots, from 12th in the state to eighth, compared to the 2022-2023 school year.

"That's a big move for us," Broskie said. "I'm very proud of our reading scores."

The FDE grades are expected to be released during the first week of August. Clay County is expected to maintain its "A" rating.

"And so we've got a lot to be proud of the Clay County," the Superintendent said. "It starts at home. You have to stay after your young ones and keep them focused, along with community support."

"It takes both people in the school system. It takes parents doing their part, but it also takes community support. And we do have a community that supports public education."



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Based on the Department of Education's FAST Assessment tests, Clay County District Schools remains one of the Top 10-performing districts in the state

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**— Richard Bombach, Camp Director**

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The new adventure course is an opportunity for campers to challenge themselves and conquer their fears.



**By Jack Randall**  
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**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS** – When Camp Director Richard Bombach first stepped foot on the campgrounds two years ago, he first noticed the trees – the towering live oaks draped in curtains of Spanish moss swaying in the wind.

“For me, you can hear the echoes of 115 years of programs through the trees. The setting was so beautiful for kids to create core memories. To see that has been so amazing,” Bombach said.

“The community is so tight-knit and looks after each other. Camping helps you discover the best version of yourself,” he said.

Camp Immokalee is a traditional co-ed summer camp for boys and girls ages eight to 16. Canoeing, kayaking, archery, BB-gun shooting, campfires, swimming and games make camp special every summer, and for this year, there is something new.

For the camp’s 115-year anniversary, Bombach was excited to announce its new adventure course. Campers are challenged to cross tires, boards, and other obstacles while being harnessed 50 feet in the air.

“It’s the best view in Keystone Heights that oversees Lake Brooklyn,” Bombach said.

It’s an opportunity for campers to conquer their fears and cultivate one’s self-confidence and capabilities, Bombach said.

“It’s so special when kids realize they



can do so much more than their minds tell them – to go one step further than they thought they would,” Bombach said.

The adventure course also features a 780-ft. coasting zipline and a 50-foot climbing rock wall and a power pole to the finish line.

“The adventure course was scary at first, but I learned that myself was the only thing that held me back from succeeding. All of the fears I had were in my head. The counselors helped me overcome my fears and realize I could take on the toughest challenges!” said camper Emerson D.

Camp Immokalee is a week-long summer camp with sessions every week for the rest of the summer until Aug. 10. For more information, visit [camp.fcymca.org/](http://camp.fcymca.org/).

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# Clay Today Active After 50 Expo to promote healthy active lifestyles

Sixth annual free event coming to Thrasher-Horne on Aug. 10

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ORANGE PARK – The Active After 50 Group, the largest producer of expos for consumers 50 years and older in Northeast Florida, announces the sixth Annual Clay Today Active After 50 Expo at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Clay Today Active After 50 Expo promotes a Healthy, Active Lifestyle. If you wish to remain healthy and active, you don't want to miss the event, which is free and held on the St. Johns River State College campus. It is presented by Aetna in association with Active After 50 Online.

Clay County Gen Xers, Baby Boomers, Seniors, Caregivers, family members, and professionals who serve the Baby Boomer and Senior communities are encouraged to attend. More than 50 vendors will be on hand. Attendees will enjoy a diverse range of exhibitors, fitness and nutrition tips, live music, free health screenings, Pickleball, Dance, and Yoga Demos, job and volunteer opportunities, and a free raffle with lots of door prizes.

The generation gap is dwindling, and boomers are rapidly becoming seniors, so options for seniors have changed considerably.

"Seniors are living longer and health-



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Attendees can get valuable health information from several experts.

ier lives. It is so important to remain active," said Sara Malone, event director of the Active After 50 Expo. Also, for Pickleball players and those who want to learn how to play or current players who want to improve, Pam Hatch, USAPA Pickleball Ambassador and PPR Certified Pickleball Instructor will be on hand to give free instruction. A full-sized pickleball court will be set up, and if you don't have one, paddles will be provided. Pam will give pickleball tips and an introduction to the game. Sponsored by Selkirk Sport, pickle-



The Clay Today Active After 50 Expo usually attracts about 1,000 guests at the Thrasher-Horne Center every year.

ball instruction will occur from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A martial arts demonstration and a performance by Blue Lotus World Dance Group will also be live from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

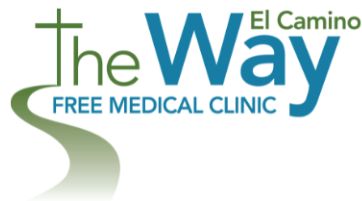
Blue Lotus will have their belly dancing group, which is always a popular attraction and provides plenty of fun and entertainment. You can't miss it! Make sure you participate in the Passport to Prizes program. By just collecting initials from participating vendors, you can enter to win

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# Edwards seeks to spread awareness, educate youth about domestic violence

By **Kylie Cordell**  
For *Clay Today*

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Quigley House selected Julia Edwards as its newest executive on Jan. 8. A Jacksonville native, Edwards secured many leadership positions throughout her career. Helping those in crisis, she says, has always been her calling.

“It’s who I am,” she said. “It’s just a part of me, which makes this work really important to me.”

However, Edwards said her path to becoming the top CEO of one of Clay County’s largest nonprofit organizations was not always linear. It took years of dedication and perseverance. Edwards’ leadership journey started in 2018 when she became the first in her family to receive a university degree after being a homeschool educator for more than 15 years. While obtaining a Bachelor’s degree from Florida State College in Jacksonville, she started working for the 4-H Youth Organization as a Senior Administrator.

nect with faith-based organizations.

“Quigley House has gone through a lot of transitions,” she said, “but I love the challenge of rebuilding and improving an organization. And so, with our staffing and everyone having that same vision and goal, it’s been rewarding to see everyone come together through the challenges we’ve had and still maintain that passion and love of helping others and providing that safe space.”

“For me, I want everyone in the Clay County community to know that Quigley House is a safe place for them to go, that they can have a place to start over, and there are wonderful people here whose passion and goal in life is to help them get back on their feet.”

Quigley House is a dual-certified domestic violence and sexual violence center for both men and women. The nonprofit provides resources and services to those who have either experienced intimate partner violence or have been sexually assaulted.



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Julia Edwards came to Quigley House because she said “I knew I had a higher calling.”

and help establish their sense of control by giving them the resources and information necessary to make their own decisions.

“Sometimes we work with people who don’t want to leave but just need help navigating what is happening to them,” she said. “Our advocates are trained to have those conversations with them to give them the available options and resources. It’s all about empowering the survivor so they can make their own choices.”

Survivors of domestic violence deserve safety. While securing safe housing is often an essential step on their journey, Edwards hopes to educate community members about the prevalence of abuse, how it happens, and how to identify red flags.

“According to the American Psychological Association, dating violence is more common than people think, especially among teens and young adults. As many as 19% of teens experience sexual or physical dating violence, about half face stalking or harassment, and as many as 65% report being psychologically abused. Quigley Houses’ outreach program is designed to help teens identify red flags and equip them with the information and skills they need to choose healthy relationships. Edwards will also focus on prevention.

“We really are trying to get into our schools so that we can start at that youth level of being able to teach about awareness so we can try to break the cycles of abuse that are happening,” Edwards said.

Edwards hopes to boost fundraising efforts to hire more prevention positions for this important work.

“They’re prevention coordinators, the

people out in the community doing those educational pieces,” she said. “I would love to see us be able to raise our donorships so that we can bring those positions back because I believe that that’s a fundamental piece of being out in the community and teaching those about awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault and how to prevent it.”

If you would like to support Quigley House, visit their website at [quigleyhouse.org](http://quigleyhouse.org).

“We are always looking for monetary donations, recurring donations, practical donations and volunteers,” Edwards said. “We have all kinds of projects available, from landscaping to upgrading our pet center, to sorting donations to just having everything organized so that when survivors come into the shelter, it’s a smooth, calm process for them and we can provide the things they need.”

Other volunteer opportunities include tabling events, wellness fairs and attending several educational events throughout the year at the Orange Park Mall to target teens and young adults.

Fill out an application/volunteer form on the Quigley House website to get involved.

To learn more about Quigley House, visit their website or attend their Open House on Friday, July 26.

“We are having an Open House (at 3373 U.S. Highway 17 in Green Cove Springs) from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to welcome the community and our friends and partners, as well as host an opportunity for our community partners to meet us and see the work we have been doing here,” Edwards said.



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“I really loved the work I was doing there, but I knew I had a higher calling. After graduating in 2020, I applied for some positions, and that’s when I got hired by the Salvation Army,” she said.

Edwards stepped into the new role as Director of Social Services, overseeing the daily operations of their transitional housing shelter while working on a second degree from Tulane University’s first dual master’s program in social work and disaster resiliency leadership. She plans to graduate this December.

“Very quickly, I knew this was where I wanted to be, to be able to help others and provide for them at times in their life when they can’t,” Edwards said. “So being in an organization like the Quigley House where we are helping those in crisis and providing a safe place for them because they don’t have one just means a lot to me.”

As CEO, Edwards hopes to bring more awareness to the issue of domestic violence and educate the community about the prevalence of abuse. She also hopes to recon-

“If we receive a phone call from someone in imminent danger, we immediately start safety planning to get them to our shelter,” Edwards said.

The shelter is an undisclosed location for the safety of both staff and residents.

“We have 46 beds, including single and family rooms for anyone in imminent danger. We also have a 24-hour hotline they can call into, as well as a sexual assault center,” Edwards said. Quigley House also offers services such as crisis counseling, housing services, financial assistance and forensic sexual assault exams free of charge. “So while they’re in a shelter, they are staying free of charge, and we can, through our generous funders and donors, provide everything that they need from food to transportation, hygiene products, anything they need to help get themselves back up,” she said.

Edwards said it is entirely up to survivors to stay one night or six weeks. Services at Quigley House are building blocks that empower survivors to rebuild their lives

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# CCSO School Deputies busy with training session classes

Active duty shooter drills part of getting ready for first day of school

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Three at a time, newly hired Clay County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officers trained to clear a hallway as they looked for students and an active shooter.

Step by step, they swapped positions, checked pretend doors and peeked around imaginary corners. Sgt. Steve Parker carefully critiqued every movement, and his comments were direct and forceful. After all, a child's life may depend on perfection in a real-life situation.

Parker is the SWAT team commander with the agency's Warrants and Fugitive Task Force.

"He's definitely in his niche, for sure," said Assistant Chief of School Safety and Youth Programs Jeremy Clark. "He's been here 27 years. He's one of our highest-trained tactical leaders within the agency. He's been to the instructor school for a lot of this type of training."

Clark said school deputies started on July 1 and have been in accelerated training sessions to prepare for the first day of school on Aug. 13.

"Training started on July 1, and they will be training right up until the day before school," Clark said. "We don't have as much time as we would like to have because of the transition, so we have to cram. Basically, every day is training."

Three training days were at Green Cove Springs Junior High, where deputies were exposed to a school setting. On Thursday, July 11, they worked all day on drills inside the gymnasium. The session took on extra significance because the group was a blend of CCSO deputies, former Clay County District School Police Officers, and new hires. Clark said it was important that they all share the same training and communication skills.



Sgt. Steve Parker shows the proper way to proceed down a hallway to look for students and an active shooter at a school.

"They needed exposure to alert training and advanced active assailant response training," Clark said. "It's a mouthful, but active shooter training is what people default to, but it really covers any kind of active assailant. And the type of training we utilize is evidence-based, real-world training that comes out of the University of Texas and a couple of other universities we teach through."

Clark said CCSO also utilizes C3 Pathways, a consulting company and one of the premier active shooter incident management organizations that provides training and exercises. The sheriff's office will post a deputy in 41 of the county's 47 public schools. Orange Park and Green Cove Springs police departments will have officers in schools within their city limits.

After school opens, Clark said the training will continue.

"At the end of this is, if you're not training, you're not preparing," he said. "And if you're not preparing, you'll get caught un-



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From left, Deputy Brittany Dorman, Bradford Camp and Alex Strettner work meticulously through an activity drill.

aware. It's our mantra: not on our watch.

"We give them all the training that we could make it as real world as possible so

that we can be ahead of that curve should the unthinkable ever happen in Clay County."



From left, Deps. Ben Anderson, Jacob Hawkins and (name withheld), Sgt. Con Kelley and (names withheld) observer SRO deputies during last week's active shooter training at Green Cove Springs Junior High.

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# VIA hosts second-annual Fun in the Sun at VFHP

By Kyla Woodard  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The Village Improvement Association hosted their second annual Fun in the Sun event on Thursday.

Held at Vera Francis Hall Park, the free event featured appearances from Hawaii

Fyve-Sno, the Clay County Sheriff's Office, the Clay County Public Libraries and Florida Blue.

The event also included snacks, face painting, a photo booth, games and balloon twisters. Guests were also able to 'touch-a-truck' from the Clay County Fire Rescue and Vallencourt Construction.





# Swim

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seven progression-based swim levels.

Shapira said it starts at level one, which is swim safety, and goes all the way to level seven, which is becoming a serious swimmer. He added that the school aims to not just teach the basics but delve into the intricacies of the activity.

“We don’t just teach you how to float. That’s not our philosophy. Since I come from [being] an Olympic swimmer and my wife was a World Championship swimmer, we come from [a] very competitive swimming background,” Shapira said.

Shapira said that this deeper dive allows the swimmer to join a swim team in the future. However, he noted that they don’t push the children unless they choose to.

“We don’t tell them they have to. That’s why we don’t do competitive swimming. But, if they want to after our swim school when they graduate, they can go and join any swim team,” Shapira said.

Shapira said the new school will feature 25 to 30 employees to help teach.

How long does it take to learn? Shapira calls this the “million dollar question.” He says the answer isn’t linear; it just all depends on the swimmer.

“We don’t promise someone that within eight lessons or 10 lessons, or one session



The new branch of AQUAfin Swim School is located at 2276 Village Square Pkwy. Each swim lesson is 30 minutes and done using the school’s seven level “fin method.”



you learn how to swim,” Shapira said. “We believe this is a lifelong process.”

Shapira said he recalled a time after his second Olympics when he almost drowned again. When Shapira said he found his way into the ocean, he and his friends were celebrating with a barbecue and a few beers.

“From my life experience, [I’m] teaching to our swimmers and our parents, you are never safe,” Shapira said.

Shapira said that he is excited to open up on the island, as many local students travel long distances to the school’s other locations. He said he and his staff listened to their customers and took note of their wishes.

“Our Mandarin location was the first location we built here back in 2017,” Shapira said. “And we kept hearing from all the families that ‘hey we need something in Clay County, we need something in this area.’”

After spending about a year and a half building the Fleming location, Shapira said he and his team are happy to be there and serve the community in the best way they can.

“We don’t see them just as customers. For us, they’re part of our family,” Shapira said. “And, we’re here to help you through that journey and make it very fun.”

The school is currently open for enrollment. To sign up or for more information, visit [aquafinswimschool.com/](http://aquafinswimschool.com/).

## More than 200 U.S. flags to be displayed at Orange Park Town Hall

Honoring Our Heroes Sept. 6-13

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK — The Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise proudly invites the community to join them in Honoring Our Heroes. As it commemorates the resilience, sacrifice and unwavering spirit of those who have served and continue to serve, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who supported the post 9-11 recovery, Service Members, Prior Service Members, Retired or Veteran Service Members, Local First Responders, Health Care Workers, Pharmacy Workers, Grocery Stores, Teachers, Truckers and Delivery Services.

More than 200 majestic American flags standing 7 feet tall will grace the landscape

at Orange Park Town Hall, symbolizing the collective appreciation for the heroes who have shaped our nation’s destiny.

The ceremony will be on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. It will include patriotic music, the National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance, an honor guard, a guest speaker, and pamphlets listing the heroes and county leaders.

Sponsorship opportunities are available with a \$50 donation to honor your hero. As a sponsor, you will receive a mention of your hero’s name(s) during the ceremony, recognition in the event program and visibility on the event website and social media. Higher sponsorship levels offer additional benefits, including featuring your business logo and the opportunity to showcase a table at the ceremony.

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The Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise, a registered 501(c)(3) organization,

is committed to making a difference. It meets every Friday at 7:15 a.m. at Club Continental, embodying the spirit of Service Above Self.

For more information on the event, visit [rotarysunrise.com/flags-for-heroes.php](http://rotarysunrise.com/flags-for-heroes.php). For more details on Orange Park Rotary Sunrise, email Jenielle Holderfield at [rotaryopsunrisecharity@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryopsunrisecharity@gmail.com).

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which banned cellphone use statewide during class time. The bill went into effect on July 1. Districts could modify it to include between classes and during lunch.

What happens if students are caught using their phones or other wireless devices for unauthorized use?

If a student has a cell phone in the hallway, they will receive an initial warning to put it away.

But suppose a student becomes combative and argumentative with a teacher because of the warning. In that case, the disciplinary action may escalate based on the Student Code of Conduct Discipline Matrix.

This new policy was approved on June 6, when the Clay County School Board voted 5-0 to update its cellphone policy to follow a Florida law (HB 379), which allows teach-



ers and other instructional personnel to designate an area for wireless communications during instructional time.

The Juvenile Justice meeting on July 9 discussed the merits of the new cellphone policy, saying cellphones can often be a harmful distraction in the hallways.

"I think taking these (cellphones) out of

kids' hands while they're supposed to be sitting in school can help because they're watching these Fight Club videos while they're between classes and then fighting each other, videotaping it," Sheriff Michelle Cook said during a recent meeting with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

"They're learning on TikTok how to hotwire a car, and they're going to commit crimes. That's driving our property crime numbers right now, and there's really no way around it," said Tylor Rapport, Government Relations Coordinator of Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

"Some of the school districts have taken a bold approach and said, 'Look, from bell to bell, you are not going to have the phone when you're in school.' And they've had it in place now for a certain period of time. They're starting to see the results of their number of discipline and priorities, and they are plummeting," Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley said.



CCSO Marine Deputy Brooks Morrell

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boater's safety course on the FWC website or several other sites. If you were born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, you must take the course to drive a boat or jet ski.

Morrell said the Coast Guard is trying to get something approved by October of next year that requires everyone to take the training course regardless of age.

The county's K-9 unit also discussed their K-9 officers and showed off important equipment necessary for the job.

Deputy Reggie Hyatt said the unit has six dual-purpose dogs for the narcotics and patrol side.

Hyatt said they don't imprint the dogs to alert them to marijuana anymore because of the complications regarding recent laws. The dogs are only alert to meth, heroin, and cocaine.

There is only one marijuana dog left in the county, which Hyatt said is set to retire soon.

The dogs do article, area, and building searches for the patrol side. Additionally, dogs are taught suspect apprehension and tracking.

Hyatt noted that one thing citizens can do to help during these search processes is to stay inside.

For the grand finale, the county's K-9 unit did a bite demonstration with one of the K-9 officers.

The next meeting will be held at Penney Farms on July 25.

For the full 2024 meeting schedule or to join, visit [claysheriff.com/sheriffs-net/](http://claysheriff.com/sheriffs-net/).

## Tools from page 1

for free," said Carolyn Krall, President of the Clay Education Foundation.

The school drive lets teachers return to their classrooms with much-needed supplies. Some students in the school district go without adequate school supplies during the school year. The Tools 4 Clay Schools shop grants teachers the ability to bring paper, No. 2 pencils, crayons, scissors, paper towels, cleaning supplies and more back to their classrooms.

"The teachers won't have to dip into their pockets for their students to have the necessary supplies. On average, teachers save \$105 every time they shop with us. We had 1,200 teachers come in and shop last year, and we gave out \$138,000 in school supplies," Krall said.

The leading shop is located at the Garber Automall in Green Cove Springs. A satellite store is at Keystone Heights Elementary in the gym, so teachers in Keystone don't have to make the trek to Green Cove. The Tools 4 Clay Schools initiative has come a long way since starting as a portable in Orange Park Junior High, where retiring teachers would drop off their extra supplies.

The shops are open during teacher plan-



ning days and pre-planning time — just in time for the school year.

New teachers are invited first, starting at the end of July, and then there are a couple of days in August when all CCDS teachers are welcomed.

- Tools 4 Clay Schools is open at Garber on July 30 and 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. for new teachers.

- For teachers near Keystone Heights Elementary, it's open on Aug. 6 from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

- For returning teachers, it's open at Garber on Aug. 7 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and again on Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Garber donates space to the Foundation year-round and has proven to be an important partner, Krall said.

"I think they like having teachers come in and shop. Not only do they support Tools

4 Clay Schools, but they're also the title sponsor for the Apple Awards. They give the Teacher of the Year a brand-new car. They help us in a lot of ways," Krall said.

The initiative depends on donations. One of the biggest ways the community can help is by participating in the inaugural Stuff the Bus supply drive this Friday. After achieving acclaim in Jacksonville, Stuff the Bus aims to replicate that success for the first time in Clay County. The community can donate school supplies at Stuff the Bus in front of the Staples Store at 2285 Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park on July 19 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you can't make it to Stuff the Bus and you have school supplies you would like to donate, contact Carolyn Krall at [ckrall@clayeducationfoundation.org](mailto:ckrall@clayeducationfoundation.org).



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# Everything is 'irie' at the Irie Diner

By Kyla Woodard  
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ORANGE PARK — In Jamaican Patois, the word "irie" means "everything is nice."

As a popular Caribbean word, islanders say it all the time.

And in American dialect, the word "diner" is a term that, much like "irie," Americans say all the time.

Meshing these two culturally common terms together, one man created what he calls his ultimate "American dream."

After immigrating to the United States from Trinidad and Tobago, Peter Jackson said he wanted to bring that Caribbean culture with him, but also find a way to embrace his new home.

And so he did.

On Park Avenue, lies the Irie Diner, where Jackson said the community can get a taste of Caribbean culture, while also remaining true to who they are.

"I still felt that I wanted something that was indigenous to these here United States of America. So, when you pull irie and diner together, you meet Caribbean comes to America," Jackson said. "We now have a new home."

As one that likes a challenge, Jackson was up for what was to come. In January 2017, Jackson and co-owner Marko Bell officially opened the diner to the public and became a staple for people in the community.

Jackson said he prides himself in being one of the only authentic Caribbean restaurants in the area. He said what makes him different from others is the various flavors he provides to customers.

Jackson said the "Caribbean" is not made up of just one island. But a kaleidoscope of different tastes and experiences. His restaurant intends to showcase that.

Incorporating various types of "made-from scratch" Caribbean cuisine, including dishes from Puerto Rico, Jamaica, the Bahamas and Haiti, people who walk through the door are encapsulated by the experience.

Additionally, the restaurant also embraces sound, allowing diners to be completely immersed in the echoes of Caribbean music.



The restaurant prides itself in the authentic food and experience it provides for its customers.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PETER JACKSON

Some of their many dishes include Jamaican styled ox-tail, Guyana curry goat and Bahamian conch fritters.



Irie Diner is an authentic Caribbean restaurant located on 1177 Park Avenue.

"When you walk into this space, you get that sense because on some days you're going to hear Puerto Rican music. And, then on other days you're going to hear soca music and calypso music from Trinidad," Jackson said. "And then on other days you're going to hear reggae."

The restaurant is also covered in Caribbean decor, utilizing colorful map-themed place mats that help give customers a sense of where exactly their dish comes from.

"A lot of people may not have known where Trinidad and Tobago is or where Jamaica is in relation to Trinidad. Or where Puerto Rico is in relation to Barbados," Jackson said. "Or where all these different islands are in the context of Jacksonville."

From Jamaican style ox-tail and Trinidad and Tobago curry chicken to Bahamian conch fritters and Guyana curry goat, customers get a variety of cultural dishes to choose from. The diner is a place for all things Caribbean.

He said he wanted to bring the experience to the county because of the much needed representation. For far too long, he said all that was offered to the general public was pockets of island food, lacking a broad variety.

After doing some unofficial polls he came across a lot of locals who longed for true Caribbean food.

"The community loves Caribbean food. A lot of the community has been former

military and active military veterans," Jackson said. "And they would've spent a lot of time overseas or working among Caribbean people. So, they are familiar with the taste."

Being in the restaurant business was not a part of Jackson's initial plans. Having a background in finance and sales, Jackson said coming into the world was a jolt from what he was used to. But his love for people only drew him closer.

He and Bell, who is also the executive chef, decided to take their passion and love for others and turn it into something much bigger.

As a Jamaican immigrant, Bell has been working in the culinary field for three decades.

Jackson said that he and Bell met by chance as neighbors and the idea for a restaurant came organically. But, not without blood, sweat, tears and what they say "bones."

Jackson said the two did most of the work themselves to save on cost, taking them six months to get the entire space ready.

With the space having been vacant for three years, Jackson said the necessary work was started from scratch, but with the support of the community they made it happen.

"I would say initially we had the...support of the Clay County Chamber of Commerce," Jackson said. "They were our big-



PHOTO COURTESY OF PETER JACKSON

Owner Peter Jackson said the restaurant is one of the only in the county that provides a variety of Caribbean cuisine all in one place.

gest advocates. The very first day that we opened, they had 26 guests come in and join us for lunch."

The additional support of loyal customers is what Jackson said has also kept the restaurant going. From the time they walk through the door, Jackson said he takes pride in seeing them get the full Irie Diner experience.

"You see a lot of people chair dancing. Not only that they're doing their happy dance for food, but the music gets them going as well," Jackson said.

Celia Tomlinson has been a loyal customer since the restaurant first opened. As a connoisseur of good food, Tomlinson said she knows how to pick out the best of the best. And she said Irie Diner is one of them.

She said the entire atmosphere is just different, making her feel like she just came off of a cruise.

"From the time you come out of your car, you hear the music. He has music playing," Tomlinson said. "You can see the palm trees...and when you're stepping in, you really don't feel like you're in Clay County."

For seven years, Jackson said the diner has beat the odds that other restaurants unfortunately succumb to.

"While we are not out of harm's way, not by a long shot...the fact that we have made seven years and counting is enough to give God thanks for," Jackson said.

For the future of the restaurant, Jackson said he hopes to eventually expand, opening other branches in other parts of town and even other counties.

"We would like to open other branches, but again it is all about getting us to that point. That point where we feel confident that this particular location can hold its own."

Jackson said he has contemplated opening some food trucks to help reach other communities, as well.

But for now, Jackson and Bell will keep serving the community they're in, each saying that their families are their motivators.

And with their staff, hard work, and loyal customers, Jackson said they will continue to live up to their name — as the diner where everything is "irie."



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### Listen Like Jesus

The attributes of Jesus are numerous and when applied to our lives are transformational. All of us could be better listeners. Jesus taught us how to be a good listener. Listening like Jesus involves being patient, compassionate, and open-hearted. One of the most profound examples of Jesus' listening is His encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. Despite societal norms that discouraged interaction with Samaritans and women with her background, Jesus engaged her in a meaningful conversation (John 4:1-26).

Jesus listened to her story, acknowledged her situation, and responded with truth and compassion. This teaches us to listen without judgment, understanding that everyone has a story worth hearing. By listening attentively, we can offer support and understanding to those who might feel marginalized or misunderstood.

Jesus also demonstrated the importance of listening to God. He often withdrew to quiet places to pray and seek guidance. Luke 5:16 says "But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray [in seclusion]". This practice of seeking solitude and prayer shows us the value of listening to God through His Word and in prayer. Spending time in Scripture and prayer helps us align our hearts with God's will and gain the wisdom we need for our lives.

When we listen to others, we should do so with empathy and patience, just as Jesus did. By giving our full attention and responding thoughtfully, we show that we value their experiences and perspectives. This creates an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect.

We can also listen like Jesus by being open to hearing God's voice in our daily lives. This means being attuned to His guidance and promptings, whether through His Word, prayer, or the guidance of wise and godly friends.

By listening patiently and compassionately to others and seeking God's guidance in our lives, we can follow Jesus' example and build deeper, more meaningful connections with those around us.

Remember James 1:19 which says, "You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak..." We should all lean into that instruction.

# Ascension St. Vincent's Clay a top hospital for maternity care

For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG — Ascension St. Vincent's Clay received one of America's Best Maternity Care Hospitals in 2024 by Newsweek at its highest five ribbon level.

This is the first year it has been recognized with this prestigious honor. The Best Maternity Care distinction recognizes facilities that have provided exceptional care to mothers, newborns and their families based on three data sources. These include nationwide online surveys of hospital managers and maternity healthcare professionals, medical key performance indicators relevant to maternity care and patient satisfaction data.

"Our goal is to provide high-quality, personalized care for every family at every stage of their pregnancy journey," said St. Vincent's Clay County President and CEO Bryan Walrath. "This honor is a testament to the hard work and capabilities of the doctors, nurses and staff at our Family Birth Place."

The Family Birth Place at St. Vincent's Clay County delivers personalized care before, during and after pregnancy. It is



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Newsweek selected Ascension St. Vincent's Clay as one of America's Best Maternity Care Hospitals in 2024.

a baby-friendly, gold-safe-sleep-certified organization with nursing staff trained in spinning baby techniques that help babies get into position for birth. The unit also offers infant CPR training and on-site lactation services to ensure our new parents feel prepared to take home their new bundle of joy. St. Vincent's was recently selected to the U.S. News and World Report's 2024

Best Hospitals for Maternity Care (Uncomplicated Pregnancy) list. Fortune and PINC AI also named the hospital one of the top 15 health systems in the country for 2024. To learn more about the care and services at the Family Birth Place at St. Vincent's Clay County, click [healthcare.ascension.org/locations/florida/fljac/middleburg-ascension-st-vincents-family-birth-place-clay-county](https://healthcare.ascension.org/locations/florida/fljac/middleburg-ascension-st-vincents-family-birth-place-clay-county).

## Community Briefs

### Middleburg Garden Club hosting Plant Sale July 26-27

MIDDLEBURG – The Garden Club of Middleburg will host its Social-Summer Plant Sale on July 26-27 at 3136 Longleaf Ranch Circle from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Viburnum, Azaleas, Coleus, Loquats, Hibiscus, Impatiens, Croton, Begonias, Mexican Heather, Yews, mandevilla, Dipladenia, Lantana, Portulacas, Galadiums, Fairy Whips, and Pentas are just some of the plants that will be available.

For more information, call (904) 343-8235 or (904) 252-7818.

### Elections Office launches new streamlined website

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office introduced an updated look for ClayElections.gov.

The new site launched last Friday, and it pairs a streamlined design with improved functionality for an enhanced user experience. It also features beautiful images of



the county courtesy of local artist Renae DeVine of DeVineVisionz2020.

Clay County residents can visit ClayElections.gov to register to vote, make address or name changes, update their signatures and access election information quickly and easily from any device they choose. The Elections Office is committed to Clay County voters and providing fair, secure, transparent elections.

As the trusted source for voting information, ClayElections.gov is one more way to connect with voters and provide them with relevant news, tools, and resources.

If you have questions or need more information, call (904) 269-6350 or visit ClayElections.gov for verified election in-

formation. All press releases can be found at ClayElections.gov.

### Clay Farm Bureau accepting school grant applications

MIDDLEBURG – The Clay County Farm Bureau will fund 10 mini-grants for Clay County teachers who wish to integrate agriculture education into their classroom curricula. These grants are designed to assist teachers with purchasing materials that will integrate agriculture education into their curricula.

The goal is for students to learn about the agriculture industry and how it is an integral part of their lives because it provides them with food, fiber and shelter. It is also essential for children to understand where their food and fiber comes from. Food security is an important issue in our country, and with the continued loss of farmland, it is important that we educate our young people on how to support and advocate for the agriculture industry in our local communities and across the United States.

Some examples of past grants awarded are for curricula such as school gardens, class sets of agriculture books used for book reports, equipment to measure plant growth and record findings, and projects that include vegetable and fruit tasting. There are many ways to integrate agriculture into reading, math, science and history.

Clay County Farm Bureau encourages educators to be creative when planning their students' programs. Teachers may obtain a grant application by contacting the local Clay County Farm Bureau office at (904) 282-0644 or emailing [terri.davis@ffbf.org](mailto:terri.davis@ffbf.org).

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**"Snowpiercer"** moves to AMC and AMC+ from TNT for its fourth and final season premiere on Sunday, July 21.

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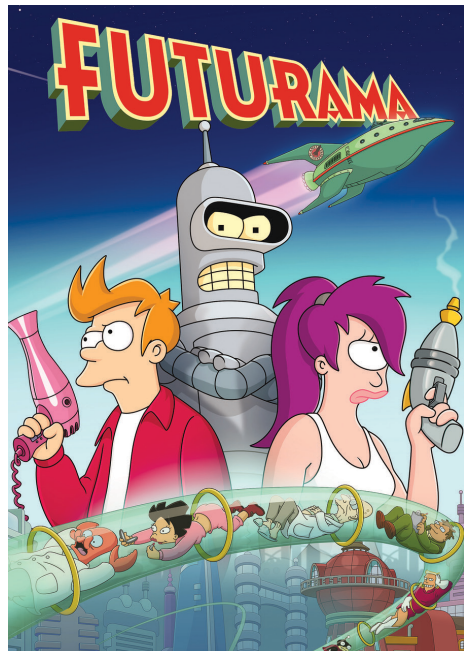
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**"Futurama" - Season 12 (Hulu — July 29, Season Premiere)**

Continuing with its Hulu reboot, this animated series follows Phillip J. Fry (Billy West), a New York City pizza delivery boy who accidentally freezes himself in 1999 and gets defrosted in the year 3000. In this unfamiliar New York City, Fry quickly befriends robot Bender (John DiMaggio) and falls in love with cyclops Leela (Katey Sagal). Finding work at the Planet Express Delivery Company, the trio work together with accountant Hermes Conrad (Phil LaMarr), assistant Amy Wong (Lauren Tom) and alien lobster Dr. John Zoidberg (West) and embark on adventures across the universe.

# Train to nowhere: 'Snowpiercer' returns for final season



Sean Bean in "Snowpiercer"

It's so cold it will freeze you to the bone in the dystopian world of "Snowpiercer," which moves to AMC and AMC+ from TNT for its fourth and final season premiere on Sunday, July 21. Set in a near future where Earth has become an uninhabitable tundra, a luxury train populated with the world's only remaining humans circles the globe, waiting for a thaw that may never come. Catch up on all the chilling action exclusively on AMC+, with all three previous seasons of "Snowpiercer" available to stream now.

Based on the 2013 film of the same name, that was directed by series executive producer Bong Joon-ho ("Parasite," 2019), the series explores the revolution that takes place when the classes clash on the train. After several years onboard the never-ending rail journey, the lowest-class "Tailies" revolt against their living conditions and the train's strict class divisions.

In a brutal, claustrophobic dystopia where a common punishment is the freezing and shattering of limbs by exposure to the elements, it doesn't take long for the oppressed to demand decency, if not equality. The leader of the resistance, Andre Layton, portrayed by Daveed Diggs

("Blindspotting"), has plotted and battled against the system and those who uphold it, such as Snowpiercer's head of hospitality, Melanie Cavill (Jennifer Connelly, "Top Gun: Maverick," 2022), and the billionaire creator of the train, Joseph Wilford (Sean Bean, "World on Fire"), in the hope that a better future is possible.

Hopping on "Snowpiercer" this season are new cast members Clark Gregg ("Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.") and Michael Aronov ("The Americans"). In the official trailer for the upcoming season, Gregg's character is among a small group of armed enemies who force their way onto the Snowpiercer. Taking 100 passengers hostage and putting their lives at risk by exposure, they demand control of the train. While Andre is out for revenge against whoever took his daughter, Melanie must do what she can to resist or undermine the hostile takeover of Snowpiercer.

Last season's finale saw passengers choose sides, split between Melanie aboard Snowpiercer and Andre on the secondary supply train, Big Alice. Snowpiercer would continue on the same track around the world while Big Alice embarked on an adventure to New Eden.

Motivated by a vision he had of dragon blood trees, Andre planned to take Big Alice and any passengers willing to take a chance along some of the most dangerous tracks of the rail system to a valley in the Horn of Africa. Miraculously, despite a derailment, passengers stepped off the train for the first time in years onto solid ground. Meanwhile, back on Snowpiercer, Melanie watched as an explosion went off in the distance, with shells heading in the direction of the train and no idea who had set it off as Season 3 came to a close.

The Season 4 premiere, titled "Snakes in the Garden," takes place nine months after the two trains went their separate ways, as passengers on both locomotives encounter new, unexpected adversaries. After spending so much time battling each other, outside forces are a complete unknown.

Returning this season are Rowan Blanchard ("Crush," 2022) as engineer Alexandra Cavill; Alison Wright ("Feud") as resistance member Ruth Wardell; Mickey Sumner ("Frances Ha," 2012) as lead brakeman Bess Till; Iddo Goldberg ("Peaky Blinders") as engineer Bennett Knox; Kate McGuinness ("Hollywood") as Tailie and resistance member Josie Wellstead; Lena Hall ("Becks," 2017) as performer Miss Audrey; and Sam Otto ("The State") as former brakeman John Osweiler.

Also reprising their roles are Chelsea Harris ("The Neighborhood") as Wilford's former head of security, Sykes; Mike O'Malley ("Glee") as brakeman Sam Roche; Roberto Urbina ("Recovery Road") as engineer Javier de La Torre; and Sheila Vand ("A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night," 2014) as Andre's ex-wife, Zarah Ferami.

The final season of "Snowpiercer" is on the right track now at AMC, but the series faced derailment in early 2023, when Warner Bros. Discovery scrapped original scripted programming on TNT, putting the already-filmed fourth season of the show in limbo. Tomorrow Studios rallied and shopped the series around to other networks, eventually landing a deal to air on AMC.

A statement released by the studio's CEO, Marty Adelstein, and president, Becky Clements, shared high hopes for the upcoming season amid the cancellation drama: "We love 'Snowpiercer' and believe Season 4 completes a story with incredible talent that will entertain viewers while exploring issues of climate change and class warfare."

Tomorrow Studios holds the rights to the story, so there is a chance that there may be sequels in the future of the Snowpiercer franchise.

Don't miss the final revolution as "Snowpiercer" rolls into the station for its final season premiere, airing Sunday, July 21, on AMC and AMC+.

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# Munchies worth millions: 'Sugar Rush: The Baking Point' offers a hefty reward in Season 2

Brace your sweet tooth for Season 2 of "Sugar Rush: The Baking Point," available to stream now on Netflix.

Led by returning host Capi Pérez ("Veinteanera, divorciada y fantástica," 2020), this Mexican expansion of the Sugar Rush franchise sees six baking duos take on a gauntlet that has them creating extraordinary confectionery masterpieces as they fight for a life-changing one million pesos (about US\$55,000) by presenting dishes to a pair of judges — chocolatier Luis Robledo Richards and pastry chef Gris Verduzco (or "Mis Pastelitos") — and some exciting guest taste-testers.

At the start of each season, the teams begin with 24 hours on the clock. This will be the only time the bakers can utilize throughout the season, with two rounds of competition — six hours of baking — to complete each day. When the clock runs out, so does that team's baking time, and whatever the bakers have completed must be presented to Robledo and Verduzco, who evaluate each dish's taste, appearance and closeness to the given brief. Only one team can win each challenge, but the teams that

place in the bottom of each round will face an additional penalty, with 30 minutes of time deducted from their clock and one duo eliminated at the end of each episode.

By the finale, only two teams remain standing, and whichever "takes the cake" will earn itself the grand prize and be crowned this season's winner.

According to a trailer shared ahead of Season 2's premiere, this round of gameplay will feature "many surprises," with unexpected teams joining in, challenges seeing the bakers "replicating reality" by crafting lifelike cakes, facing their fears with some spooky creations and, in one episode, even defying gravity with some jaw-dropping desserts.

Last season (spoilers ahead!), "The Baking Point" saw its first champions in bakers Ruth Cabeza and Rubi Esparza, after the final teams were asked to create "desserts inspired by the mystical creatures of Mexico" in a magical final episode. Despite a stuttering start — with the duo placed in the bottom during the season's initial round — the two came around as a surprising pair of underdogs, earning their million pesos before



Capi Pérez hosts "Sugar Rush: The Baking Point"

going on to become successful bakers and influencers, with hundreds of thousands of followers on their Instagrams (@ruth\_cabeza and @brulee.pasteleriacreativa, respectively).

With 12 new bakers ready to make their mark — and earn a million pesos — Season 2 of "Sugar Rush: The Baking Point" is now available to stream on Netflix.

## lifestyle

BY CAROLINE COLLACUTT

### Coastal canary: Docuseries shares how Gulf of Maine is predicting our future

Coming from acclaimed underwater photographer Brian Skerry ("Secrets of the Whales"), the eye-opening, three-part docuseries "Sea Change: The Gulf of Maine" premieres its first episode Wednesday, July 24, on PBS.

Part of a larger project helmed by Skerry — documenting how warming waters are affecting global ecosystems — this special presentation dives deep into the Gulf of Maine, where the water is warming at a rate 97% faster than the rest of the global ocean. This area, which spans 36,000 square miles and spans from Cape Cod to Nova Scotia, serves as a "canary in the coal mine" (so to speak), allowing us a glimpse of what's to come for the rest of the world as global warming rages on.

According to PBS, the docuseries "blends science, exploration, stunning natural history, and stories of human experience, to illuminate how what happens

here could have profound global implications," utilizing stunning footage alongside informative conversations with scientists, Indigenous populations and fishers who live and work along the coast.

Coursing with nutrient-rich water and seeing a vast combination of sediment bottoms (in some places sand, others mud or gravel), the gulf temperate climate has resulted in "an extraordinary proliferation of life" (per GBH), with over 3,000 species living within — from microscopic plankton to massive right whales — together making one of the world's richest marine ecosystems, that more than 1.3 million people depend on for their livelihoods and countless more appreciate every day.

"But for all its storied bounty — and because of it — the gulf is also in peril, with some of its fisheries now depleted to extreme levels," explains PBS.

Speaking with PBS affiliate GBH, Skerry



A gray seal as seen in "Sea Change: The Gulf of Maine"

noted: "I remember going to Eastport, Maine, back in the '80s and '90s and it used to be like going into an aquarium. I did two trips over the past few years and it was like a ghost town.

"What once provided a seemingly endless supply of cod fish, lobsters and clams now allows us to witness firsthand the devastating changes brought on by climate change," he continues. "It's my hope

that this series serves as a cautionary tale, as well as a tribute to one of my favorite places."

With episodes dissecting the impact of international trade, the marine life living within the gulf and the people leading efforts to protect it, "Sea Change: The Gulf of Maine" premieres Wednesday, July 24, on PBS, the PBS App, and on the NOVA YouTube channel.

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- 3:30 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series TSPORT 200, Qualifying.** From Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park in Brownsburg, Ind. (Live)
- 5:30 p.m. FS1 ARCA Menards Series IRP.** From Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park in Brownsburg, Ind. (Live)
- 8:30 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series TSPORT 200.** The NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series moves to the Hoosier State for the TSPORT 200. (Live)
- 10:30 p.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing Northwest Nationals, Qualifying.** From Pacific Raceways in Kent, Wash.

### SATURDAY

- 6:25 a.m. ESPN2 Formula 1 Racing Hungarian Grand Prix, Practice 3.** Third free practice of the Hungary Grand Prix at Hungaroring in Budapest, Hungary. (Live)
- 9 a.m. FS1 ARCA Menards Series IRP.** From Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park in Brownsburg, Ind.
- 9:55 a.m. ESPN2 Formula 1 Racing Hungarian Grand Prix, Qualifying.** Qualifying of the Hungary Grand Prix at Hungaroring in Budapest, Hungary. (Live)
- 12 p.m. USA NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Pennzoil 250, Qualifying.** From Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. (Live)
- WJAX (47.1) FIA Formula E World Championship Racing London ePrix, Race.** The 2024 Formula E season enters its final weekend with the first leg of the London E-Prix. (Live)
- 1 p.m. USA NASCAR Cup Series Brickyard 400, Qualifying.** From Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. (Live)
- 3:30 p.m. USA NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Pennzoil 250.** The Pennzoil 250 returns to the NASCAR Xfinity Series schedule with the ninth running in Indiana. (Live)

### SUNDAY

- 8:55 a.m. ESPN Formula 1 Racing Hungarian Grand Prix.** Round 13 and the second half of the 2024 Formula One season heats up with the Hungarian Grand Prix. (Live)
- 12 p.m. WJAX (47.1) FIA Formula E World Championship Racing London ePrix, Race.** The 2024 Formula E season is completed with the second of two runnings of the London E-Prix. (Live)
- 1 p.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing Northwest Nationals, Qualifying 2.** From Pacific Raceways in Kent, Wash.
- 2 p.m. WTLV (12.1) NASCAR Cup Series Brickyard 400.** The NASCAR Cup Series continues its Midwest swing with the Brickyard 400 in Indianapolis. (Live)
- 4 p.m. WFOX (30.1) NHRA Drag Racing Northwest Nationals.** From Pacific Raceways in Kent, Wash. (Live)
- 10 p.m. ESPN2 Formula 1 Racing Hungarian Grand Prix.** Round 13 and the second half of the 2024 Formula One season heats up with the Hungarian Grand Prix.
- FS1 NHRA Drag Racing Pro Stock Motorcycle All-Star Callout.**

### WEDNESDAY

- 11 p.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing Pro Stock Motorcycle All-Star Callout.**

## BASEBALL

### SATURDAY

- 7 p.m. WFOX (30.1) Boston Red Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers.** From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. (Live)

### SUNDAY

- 7 p.m. ESPN Boston Red Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers.** From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. (Live)
- ESPN2 MLB Statcast Edition: Boston Red Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers.** From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. (Live)

### TUESDAY

- 7 p.m. TBS New York Mets at New York Yankees.** From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (Live)

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## WEDNESDAY

- 7 p.m. ESPN New York Mets at New York Yankees.** From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (Live)

## THURSDAY

- 10 a.m. ESPN Little League Softball Little League softball coverage.** (Live)
- 12 p.m. ESPN Little League Softball Little League softball coverage.** (Live)
- 1:45 p.m. ESPN Little League Softball Little League softball coverage.** (Live)
- 3:30 p.m. ESPN Little League Softball Little League softball coverage.** (Live)
- 5:15 p.m. ESPN Little League Softball Little League softball coverage.** (Live)
- 7 p.m. ESPN Little League Softball Little League softball coverage.** (Live)
- 8:45 p.m. ESPN Little League Softball Little League softball coverage.** (Live)

## BASKETBALL

### FRIDAY

- 6 p.m. NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball Atlanta Hawks vs. Chicago Bulls.** From Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. (Live)
- 7 p.m. ESPN NBA Summer League Basketball New York Knicks vs. Detroit Pistons.** From Cox Pavilion in Las Vegas, Nev.
- 8:30 p.m. NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball Philadelphia 76ers vs. San Antonio Spurs.** From Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. (Live)
- 9 p.m. ESPN 2024 WNBA 3-Point and Skills Challenge** WNBA players compete in 3-point shooting and skills competitions during All-Star weekend. (Live)
- 10:30 p.m. NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball Golden State Warriors vs. Oklahoma City Thunder.** From Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. (Live)
- 11 p.m. ESPN2 NBA Summer League Basketball Portland Trail Blazers vs. Charlotte Hornets.** From Cox Pavilion in Las Vegas, Nev. (Live)

### SATURDAY

- 6:30 a.m. FS1 The Basketball Tournament All Good Dawgs vs. Fail Harder.** Round one.
- 9 a.m. NBA TV EYBL Peach Jam Basketball** Twenty-five of EYBL's top teams, including two from the EYCL, compete for the Peach Jam title.
- 10:30 a.m. NBA TV EYBL Peach Jam Basketball** Twenty-five of EYBL's top teams, including two from the EYCL, compete for the Peach Jam title.
- 12 p.m. NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.
- 1 p.m. FS1 The Basketball Tournament AfterShocks vs. Midtown Prestige.** Round one. (Live)
- WFOX (30.1) The Basketball Tournament The Ville vs. UKnighted.** Round one. (Live)
- 1:30 p.m. NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.
- 3 p.m. NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.
- WFOX (30.1) Basketball USA Showcase: United States vs. South Sudan.** From O2 Arena in London. (Live)
- 4 p.m. ESPN NBA Summer League Basketball Teams TBA.** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.
- WJAX (47.1) BIG3 Basketball Week 6.** Week 6 action from Moda Center in Portland, Ore. (Live)
- 5 p.m. FS1 The Basketball Tournament Red Scare vs. DaGuys STL.** Round one. (Live)
- NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.
- 6 p.m. ESPN NBA Summer League Basketball Teams TBA.** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League. (Live)
- 7 p.m. FS1 Basketball USA Showcase: United States vs. South Sudan.** From O2 Arena in London.
- NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.
- 8:30 p.m. WJXX (25.1) 2024 WNBA All-Star Game Team USA vs. Team WNBA.** The U.S. Olympic Team squares off with the best of the WNBA in the All-Star Game from Phoenix. (Live)
- 9 p.m. NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.
- 11 p.m. NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.

### SUNDAY

- 8 a.m. FS1 The Basketball Tournament The Ville vs. UKnighted.** Round one.
- 10 a.m. FS1 The Basketball Tournament AfterShocks vs. Midtown Prestige.** Round one.
- NBA TV EYBL Peach Jam Basketball** Twenty-five of EYBL's top teams, including two from the EYCL, compete for the Peach Jam title.
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- 1 p.m. NBA TV Basketball USA Showcase: United States vs. South Sudan.** From O2 Arena in London.

- 2 p.m. ESPN NBA Summer League Basketball Teams TBA.** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.
- WFOX (30.1) The Basketball Tournament Round 2: Teams TBA.** From Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky. (Live)
- 3 p.m. NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.
- 4 p.m. ESPN NBA Summer League Basketball Teams TBA.** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League. (Live)
- FS1 The Basketball Tournament Round 2: Teams TBA.** From Fertitta Center in Houston. (Live)
- 5 p.m. NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.
- 6 p.m. FS1 The Basketball Tournament Round 2: Teams TBA.** From Fertitta Center in Houston. (Live)
- 7 p.m. NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.
- 8 p.m. FS1 The Basketball Tournament Round 2: Teams TBA.** From Fifth Third Arena in Cincinnati. (Live)
- 9 p.m. NBA TV NBA Summer League Basketball** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.

### MONDAY

- 7 p.m. FS1 The Basketball Tournament Round 2: Teams TBA.** From Petersen Events Center in Pittsburgh. (Live)
- 9 p.m. ESPN NBA Summer League Basketball Teams TBA.** Basketball action from the NBA Summer League.
- FS1 The Basketball Tournament Round 2: Teams TBA.** From Charles Koch Arena in Wichita, Kan. (Live)
- 11 p.m. FS1 Basketball USA Showcase: United States vs. Germany.** From O2 Arena in London.

### TUESDAY

- 7 p.m. FS1 The Basketball Tournament Butler Regional, Final: Teams TBA.** From Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. (Live)
- NBA TV NBA TV Marquee Matchup 2023-2024: Denver Nuggets at Dallas Mavericks.**
- 9 p.m. FS1 The Basketball Tournament Lexington Regional, Final: Teams TBA.** From Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky. (Live)
- 10 p.m. NBA TV Basketball USA Showcase: United States vs. Germany.** From O2 Arena in London.
- 11 p.m. FS1 Women's Basketball USA Showcase: United States vs. Germany.** From O2 Arena in London.

### WEDNESDAY

- 7 p.m. FS1 The Basketball Tournament Louisville Regional, Final: Teams TBA.** From Freedom Hall in Louisville, Ky. (Live)
- NBA TV Hardwood Classics Utah Jazz vs. Houston Rockets.** John Stockton scores 25 points and has 13 assists as the Jazz advance to the NBA Finals.
- 9 p.m. FS1 The Basketball Tournament Wichita Regional, Final: Teams TBA.** From Charles Koch Arena in Wichita, Kan. (Live)
- NBA TV Hardwood Classics Chicago Bulls at Utah Jazz.** Karl Malone (37 points and 10 rebounds) leads the Utah Jazz to victory over the Chicago Bulls.

### THURSDAY

- 5 p.m. NBA TV Basketball USA Showcase: United States vs. South Sudan.** From O2 Arena in London.
- 8 p.m. NBA TV Basketball USA Showcase: United States vs. Germany.** From O2 Arena in London.

## FOOTBALL

### FRIDAY

- 6 p.m. NFL 2024 NFL Flag Championships Girls 18U, Round of 16: Teams TBA.** From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio. (Live)
- 8 p.m. NFL 2024 NFL Flag Championships Boys 15U, Round of 16: Teams TBA.** From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio.
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- 11:20 p.m. WJXT (4.1) Teal the Show** Insider stories and analysis from yesterday's Jaguars game.

### SATURDAY

- 6 a.m. NFL 2024 NFL Flag Championships Girls 18U, Round of 16: Teams TBA.** From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio.
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- 2 p.m. ESPN 2024 NFL Flag Championships Girls 18U, Second Quarterfinal: Teams TBA.** From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio. (Live)
- 3 p.m. ESPN 2024 NFL Flag Championships Boys 15U, Second Quarterfinal: Teams TBA.** From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio. (Live)
- 4 p.m. NFL 2024 NFL Flag Championships Boys 15U, First Quarterfinal: Teams TBA.** From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio.
- 5 p.m. NFL 2024 NFL Flag Championships Boys 15U, Second Quarterfinal: Teams TBA.** From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio.
- 6 p.m. NFL 2024 NFL Flag Championships Boys 15U, Third Quarterfinal: Teams TBA.** From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio.
- 7 p.m. NFL 2024 NFL Flag Championships Boys 15U, Fourth Quarterfinal: Teams TBA.** From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio.
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### SUNDAY

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- 3 p.m. DISN WJXX (25.1) 2024 NFL Flag Championships Boys 15U Championship.**

## Sudoku Solution Puzzle on Page 9

8	7	2	4	3	1	6	9	5
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# Sports

**Teams TBA.** From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio. (Live)

**4 p.m. DISN WJXX (25.1) 2024 NFL Flag Championships Girls 18U Championship: Teams TBA.** From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio. (Live)

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**10 p.m. NFL 2024 NFL Flag Championships Boys 15U Championship: Teams TBA.** From Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio.

## MONDAY

**4 p.m. NFL 2023 AFC Wild Card: Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Buffalo Bills.** From Jan. 15, 2024.

**11:20 p.m. WJXT (4.1) Teal the Show** Insider stories and analysis from yesterday's Jaguars game.

## TUESDAY

**4 p.m. NFL 2023 AFC Wild Card: Miami Dolphins at Kansas City Chiefs.** From Jan. 13, 2024.

## WEDNESDAY

**4 p.m. NFL 2023 NFC Divisional Playoff: Green Bay Packers vs. San Francisco 49ers.** From Jan. 20, 2024.

## THURSDAY

**4 p.m. NFL 2023 Divisional Playoff: Kansas City Chiefs vs. Buffalo Bills.** From Jan. 21, 2024.

## GOLF

### FRIDAY

**5 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Barracuda Championship, Second Round.** From Tahoe Mountain Club in Truckee, Calif. (Live)

**8 p.m. GOLF Golf U.S. Girls' Junior, Semifinals.** From El Caballero Country Club in Tarzana, Calif.

### SATURDAY

**6 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Barracuda Championship, Second Round.** From Tahoe Mountain Club in Truckee, Calif.

**7 a.m. WTLV (12.1) 2024 Open Championship Third Round.** The chase for the Claret Jug heats up during the third round of the 2024 British Open. (Live)

**10 a.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Dana Open, Second Round.** From Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio.

**1 p.m. GOLF Golf U.S. Girls' Junior, Semifinals.** From El Caballero Country Club in Tarzana, Calif.

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## SUNDAY

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**7 a.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Dana Open, Third Round.** From Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio.

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**1 p.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Dana Open, Final Round.** From Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio. (Live)

**2 p.m. WJAX (47.1) LPGA Tour Golf Dana Open, Final Round.** From Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio. (Live)

**6 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Barracuda Championship, Final Round.** From Tahoe Mountain Club in Truckee, Calif. (Live)

**9 p.m. GOLF 2024 Open Championship Final Round.** The Claret Jug is on the line during the final round of the 2024 British Open in Scotland.

## MONDAY

**8 p.m. GOLF 2024 Open Championship Final Round.** The Claret Jug is on the line during the final round of the 2024 British Open in Scotland.

## TUESDAY

**8:30 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Barracuda Championship, Final Round.** From Tahoe Mountain Club in Truckee, Calif.

**11:30 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Barracuda Championship, Final Round.** From Tahoe Mountain Club in Truckee, Calif.

## WEDNESDAY

**1 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf Barracuda Championship, Final Round.** From Tahoe Mountain Club in Truckee, Calif.

## THURSDAY

**6:30 p.m. GOLF LPGA Tour Golf CPKC Women's Open, First Round.** From Earl Grey Golf Club in Calgary, Alberta. (Live)

**10:30 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour Golf 3M Open, First Round.** From TPC Twin Cities in Blaine, Minn.

## HORSE RACING

### SATURDAY

**3 p.m. FS1 Horse Racing Saratoga Live.** Live horse racing from Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs, New York. (Live)

**5 p.m. WFOX (30.1) Horse Racing FOX Saratoga Saturday.** (Live)

**WTLV (12.1) Horse Racing Breeders' Cup Challenge Series.** Following all the action from the world of horse racing. (Live)

## SUNDAY

**3 p.m. FS1 Horse Racing Saratoga Live.** Live horse racing from Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs, New York. (Live)

## MOTORCYCLE RACING

### SATURDAY

**11 a.m. FS1 Motorcycle Racing MotoAmerica King of the Baggers Rewind: Laguna Seca.** Coverage of motorcycle racing action from around the world.

**3 p.m. WTLV (12.1) Pro Motocross Championship Washougal National.** From Washougal MX Park in Washougal, Wash. (Live)

## OLYMPICS

### WEDNESDAY

**9 a.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Men's Soccer: Argentina vs. Morocco.** Group B. (Live)

**11 a.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Men's Rugby Pool Play.** Coverage of pool play in the men's rugby tournament at the Paris Olympics. (Live)

**12:30 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Men's Soccer: Egypt vs. Dominican Republic.** Group C. (Live)

**1 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Men's Rugby Pool Play.** Coverage of pool play in the men's rugby tournament at the Paris Olympics. (Live)

**3 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Men's Soccer: France vs. U.S..** Group A. (Live)

**5 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Men's Soccer: Uzbekistan vs. Spain.** Group C.

**7 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Men's Rugby Pool Play.** Coverage of pool play in the men's rugby tournament at the Paris Olympics.

**8 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Men's Soccer: France vs. U.S..** Group A.

**10 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Men's Soccer: Japan vs. Paraguay.** Group D.

**11:45 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Men's Soccer: Iraq vs. Ukraine.** Group B.

### THURSDAY

**8 a.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Men's Rugby Pool Play.** Coverage of pool play in the men's rugby tournament at the Paris Olympics. (Live)

**11 a.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Women's Soccer: Spain vs. Japan.** Group C. (Live)

**1 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Women's Handball: Hungary vs. France.** Preliminary Round, Group B. (Live)

**2:30 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Women's Soccer: U.S. vs. Zambia.** Group B. (Live)

**5 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Rugby Men's Quarterfinals.** The quarterfinal matches for the men's rugby tournament.

**7 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Women's Soccer: Germany vs. Australia.** Group B.

**9 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Women's Soccer: U.S. vs. Zambia.** Group B.

**11 p.m. USA 2024 Paris Olympics Men's Rugby Pool Play, Quarterfinals.** Coverage of the U.S. men's rugby games at the Paris Olympics.

## SOCCER

### SATURDAY

**8 p.m. ESPN2 USL Championship Soccer Hartford Athletic at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC.** From Highmark Stadium in Pittsburgh. (Live)

**8:30 p.m. FS1 MLS Soccer St. Louis City SC at Sporting Kansas City.** From Children's Mercy Park in Kansas City, Kan. (Live)

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**10:30 p.m. FS1 MLS Soccer Portland Timbers at LA Galaxy.** From Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson, Calif. (Live)

## SUNDAY

**4 p.m. WJAX (47.1) USL Championship Soccer Sacramento Republic FC at Oakland Roots SC.** From Pioneer Stadium in Hayward, Calif. (Live)

## TUESDAY

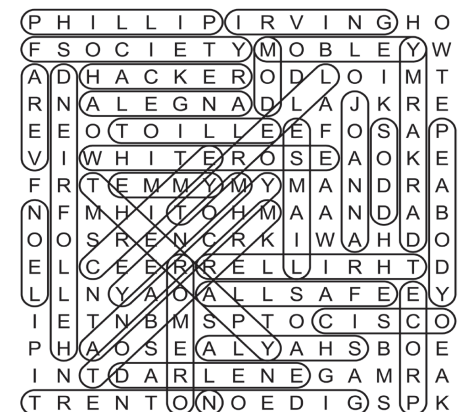
**7:30 p.m. ESPN2 Soccer** All the soccer action from matches around the world. (Live)

## THURSDAY

**7 p.m. FS1 CONCACAF U-20 Championship Soccer Cuba vs. Jamaica.** From Estadio Miguel Alemán Valdés in Celaya, Guanajuato, Mexico. (Live)

**10 p.m. FS1 CONCACAF U-20 Championship Soccer United States vs. Costa Rica.** From Estadio Miguel Alemán Valdés in Celaya, Guanajuato, Mexico. (Live)

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Table with columns for channel, time slot, and program details for Friday, July 19, 2024. Includes programs like Last Man Standing, The Big Bang Theory, and John Wick: Chapter 2.

SATURDAY EVENING

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JULY 20, 2024

Table with columns for channel, time slot, and program details for Saturday, July 20, 2024. Includes programs like The Equalizer, SEAL Team, and The Dark Tower.

# infocus

## “Women in Blue (Las Azules)” (Apple TV+ — July 31, Series Premiere)

Set in 1970 and inspired by true events, this series tells the story of four women who defy the ultra-conservative norms of the time and join Mexico’s first female police force, only to discover that their squad is a publicity stunt to distract the media from a brutal serial killer. As the body count grows, Maria (Barbara Mori), Gabina (Amorita Rasgado), Angeles (Ximena Sarinana) and Valentina (Natalia Tellez) set up a secret investigation to achieve what no male officer has been able to do and bring the serial killer to justice.



## “Batman: Caped Crusader” - Season 1 (Prime Video — Aug. 1, Series Premiere)

Welcome to Gotham City, where the corrupt outnumber the good, criminals run rampant and law-abiding citizens live in a constant state of fear. Forged in the fire of tragedy, wealthy socialite Bruce Wayne (Hamish Linklater) becomes something both more and less than human—the Batman. His one-man crusade for justice attracts unexpected allies within the police and City Hall, but his heroic actions spawn deadly, unforeseen ramifications.



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Audrey Tautou in “Amélie”

## triviaquiz

# Say ‘oui’ to Paris

BY STAFF WRITERS

### Questions:

- Name the Parisian neighborhood where “Amélie” (2001) is largely set.
- What is the name of the (formerly) five-star Parisian restaurant in “Ratatouille” (2007)?
- Which actor played a French policeman who gets entangled with Shirley MacLaine’s character in “Irma La Douce” (1963)?
- True or false: “An American in Paris” (1951) was filmed in Paris.
- Leslie Caron played a courtesan-in-training in another 1950s film set in Paris — what was her character’s nickname? (Hint: It’s also the movie title.)
- Which decade does Gil (Owen Wilson) visit repeatedly in “Midnight in Paris” (2011)?
- As seen in the finale of “The Good Place,” what is the ideal weather for Paris according to Chidi?
- Which “Killing Eve” character has a chic apartment in Paris and a fondness for nice things?
- How many Audrey Hepburn films are (at least partially) set in Paris?
- “We’ll always have Paris.” Who said this famous line from the 1942 film “Casablanca”?

- 1) Montmartre
- 2) Gusteau’s
- 3) Jack Lemmon
- 4) False (it was shot in Hollywood)
- 5) Gigi!
- 6) 1920s
- 7) Overcast and chilly
- 8) Villanelle
- 9) 6
- 10) Rick Blaine ( Humphrey Bogart)

### Answers:



**Across**

- 1. June honoree
- 4. Turning point?
- 8. Zap
- 11. Ransom \_\_\_\_ Olds
- 12. Waikiki wiggle
- 13. Golfer's concern
- 14. Brit's dish, sometimes
- 17. Take in
- 18. Furrow maker
- 19. Way out
- 21. Some addresses
- 24. Popular
- 25. Above
- 26. @
- 27. "10" (1979) actress Derek
- 28. "Damn Yankees" (1958) seductress
- 30. Song for two

- 32. And so on: Abbr.
- 34. Stumped
- 35. Sensitivities to cashews, say
- 41. Support system?
- 42. Corn Belt state
- 43. One of the fuzz
- 44. Red \_\_\_\_
- 45. Responded in court
- 46. One or more

**Down**

- 1. Absolutely, in slang
- 2. Boxer Muhammad
- 3. "Saturday Night Fever" (1977) music
- 4. Top Tatar

- 5. Convent dweller
- 6. Outdated
- 7. "Goldberg Variations" composer
- 8. Ace
- 9. Tear
- 10. Sycophant's answer
- 15. Mexican milk drink
- 16. Presley hit
- 19. Dove competitor
- 20. Not fooled by
- 22. Kind of job
- 23. Advance, slangily
- 29. Free to attack
- 31. Mohawk River city
- 33. Hair holder
- 34. Sheepskin holder
- 35. Magic org.
- 36. Ornamental vase
- 37. Joke response
- 38. Merino mother
- 39. Forever and a day
- 40. Bug someone, e.g.

Solution: Health Ledger



Following the chaos of Season 3, this series now returns to find Melanie Cavill (Jennifer Connelly) leading the remaining passengers aboard the Eternal Engine, while Andre Layton (Daveed Diggs) leads the others off the train and onto "Big Alice" in search of adventure. Nothing will ever be the same once Season 4 of "Snowpiercer" premieres, this Sunday, July 21, on AMC. For an extended look at this final season of the dystopian series, fans can check out [youtube.com/watch?v=-PwnEJ7Yqdw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-PwnEJ7Yqdw)

Tensions rise when Jac'Eil invites the other ladies to an LGBT charity event. What's supposed to be a bright and colorful day turns dreary, as unresolved tensions between Brandi, Evelyn and Brooke threaten to ruin the fundraiser. Meanwhile, Jennifer and Christian march towards their wedding date, but Christian throws an unexpected wrench in Jennifer's plans, causing chaos for all in the latest episode of "Basketball Wives," airing Monday, July 22, on VH1. Missed an episode from Season 11? Relive the year's best moments by visiting [vh1.com/video-clips/4w9nw2/basketball-wives-season-11-most-memorable-moments](https://www.vh1.com/video-clips/4w9nw2/basketball-wives-season-11-most-memorable-moments)

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The season has come to an end, but the scientists have one last experiment they'd like to complete — more massive and multi-focused than any before. With results in hand, the team now looks back on a number of shocking discoveries made at the ranch and discusses what those discoveries could mean for the property moving forward in the Season 5 finale of "The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch," debuting this Tuesday, July 23, on History. To rewatch "Skinwalker" from its start, stream Season 1 episodes at [history.com/shows/the-secret-of-skinwalker-ranch/season-1](https://www.history.com/shows/the-secret-of-skinwalker-ranch/season-1)

When you're a Jonas Brother, everyone knows your name. But when you're a Jonas Brother's second cousin, things get a little more anonymous. In this game show, people conceal their identities and celebrity-adjacent lineage as they compete in challenges, form alliances and play detective, guessing other "near-famous" people's relatives to avoid elimination. Get ready to scrutinize, as Kevin and Franklin Jonas return to host a brand-new episode of "Claim to Fame," premiering Wednesday, July 24, on ABC. See a promo for what's to come at [abc.com/video/23b32b39-e853-4d90-9749-c28f517be133/playlist/PL557769560](https://www.abc.com/video/23b32b39-e853-4d90-9749-c28f517be133/playlist/PL557769560)

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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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### Forest Whitaker of "Emperor of Ocean Park" on MGM+:

He made his first screen appearance of note with an almost-silent performance as a high-school football player in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (1982).



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# celebrityfacts



## Anthony Hopkins of "Those About to Die" on Peacock:

"The Lion in Winter" (1968) — which earned Katharine Hepburn her third of four Oscars — was his first major movie, as it was for fellow co-star Timothy Dalton.



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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: At the Dentist

X	L	V	Y	T	A	S	N	F	Q	J	Y	1.	Braces
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## Gina Rodriguez of "Lucky 13" on ABC:

Her first work on film was in a 2004 episode of "Law & Order." She returned to the series four years later in a different role.



## Sylvester Stallone of "Tulsa King" on CBS:

One of his earliest movie appearances was as a thug who menaces Woody Allen's character aboard a New York subway train in "Bananas" (1971).

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A	D	B	A	D	I	N	K	B
N	A	I	R	A	E	R	A	
A	N	E	L	E		B	T	H
T	O	H						I
E	E	T	E	S	T			S
H	T	R	A	R	N	O	K	C
O	S	I	E	K	M	A	N	O
N	A	I	G	A	V	E	L	X
E	W	E						P

## Bingo Solution

Bingo — Solution					
	D	M	T	K	G
Characters in "Baby Reindeer"	Donny	Martha	Teri	Keely	Gino
Asian countries	Free Space	Malaysia/ Maldives/ Mongolia/ Myanmar	Taiwan/ Tajikistan/ Thailand/ Turkey	Kazakhstan/ Kuwait/ Kyrgyzstan	Georgia
Holidays	Diwali	Memorial Day	Thanksgiving	Kwanzaa	Groundhog Day
Things with pockets	Dungarees	Messenger bag	Tool belt	Knapsack	Gym shorts
Kinds of tape	Duct	Masking	Ticker	Kapton	Gaffer

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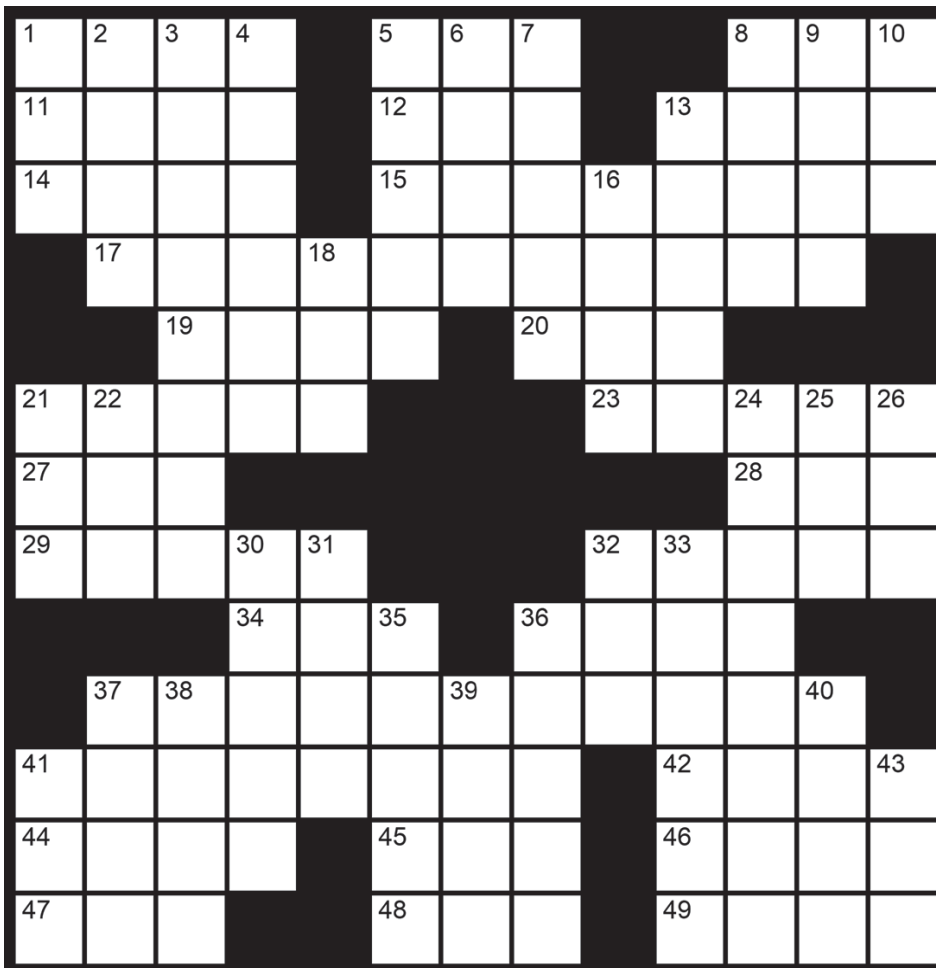
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# gametime

## crossword fun

Solution on page 10



### Across

- 1. Actor Gregory
- 5. "The Masked Singer" prop

- 8. "\_\_\_ Raw" (TV show featuring professional grapplers)
- 11. Wheel turner
- 12. Actress Bartok
- 13. Put on

- 14. It's inert
- 15. Catchphrase of Jean-Luc Picard
- 17. Diane Morgan mockumentary
- 19. Neptune's realm
- 20. High-speed Internet inits.
- 21. Refine, as metal
- 23. Lauder of cosmetics
- 27. Microbrew choice, for short
- 28. "\_\_\_ in Cleveland"
- 29. Opposable digit
- 32. Justice Kagan
- 34. Time
- 36. OPEC member
- 37. Show about TV cooks?
- 41. "Game Of Thrones" setting
- 42. Millstone
- 44. Dirt bike relatives, briefly
- 45. Have markers out
- 46. Destroy
- 47. Twaddle
- 48. D.C. baseballer
- 49. Deli wares
- 2. Firm head
- 3. Inspector played by Peter Sellers
- 4. Boarding site
- 5. Office papers
- 6. "Terrible" czar
- 7. Like mud on one's shoes
- 8. Light bulb unit
- 9. Long (for)
- 10. Rock's Brian
- 13. Lena Dunham show
- 16. Facilitate
- 18. Actress Dennings
- 21. Meet
- 22. Speedometer letters
- 24. Fran Drescher series
- 25. Many chiliads
- 26. Capt.'s guess
- 30. Track events
- 31. Highlands hillside
- 32. A little bit of work
- 33. Keir Starmer's party
- 35. Rubber hub
- 36. Atlas feature
- 37. \_\_\_ carotene
- 38. Invitation request
- 39. "Field of Dreams" (1989) setting
- 40. "\_\_\_ Perfect" (internet comedy group)
- 41. 2020 Cardi B hit
- 43. Call for help

### Down

- 1. Put down in writing?

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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.

	D	M	T	K	G
Characters in "Baby Reindeer"					
Asian countries	Free Space				
Holidays					
Things with pockets					
Kinds of tape					

## celebritypipeline

BY JAY BOBBIN

### Very sweet 'Days' for Dick Van Dyke

**Q: I was glad to see that Dick Van Dyke won a Daytime Emmy Award recently, but I didn't see his work on "Days of Our Lives." Who did he play? - Keith Miller, via e-mail**

**A:** The television icon made history as the oldest Daytime Emmy winner to date by earning the honor for portraying, over four episodes of the serial (now seen on Peacock), an amnesiac who got help from Dr. Marlena Evans (Deidre Hall) and others in recovering his memory. Van Dyke's wife, Arlene Silver, appeared with him.

In accepting his award for the part, Van Dyke joked that he felt "like a spy from primetime" for being in (and being honored by) a room filled mostly by daytime talents. He already had four Emmys for his prime-time work — three of those for his classic, eponymous 1960s sitcom — and one for a daytime special he did 40 years ago, and the reaction from attendees at the recent awards indicated that they clearly were in favor of his latest accolade.

**Q: I saw that Joe Mantegna had a "Consulting Producer" credit on the latest National Memorial Day Concert. What does that mean? - Robert Tapp, Manchester, N.H.**

**A:** As he has explained it to us, it largely has to do with his sometimes enlisting show-business peers to participate in the annual event televised by PBS. The "Criminal Minds: Evolution" star was first invited to participate in the concert by actor and World War II veteran Charles Durning ("Dog Day Afternoon," 1975), then Mantegna later passed that in by bringing friend Gary Sinise ("Forrest Gump," 1994) into the show. As regular viewers of the program know, Mantegna and Sinise have shared hosting duties for many years, advising on other celebrity participants while continuing their own roles on the special.

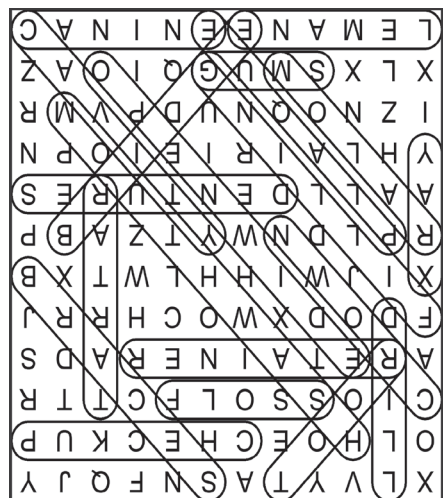
**Q: I watched the recent Lifetime movie "Gaslit by My Husband: The Morgan Metzger Story." Didn't Jana Kramer and Austin Nichols also work together on "One Tree Hill"? - Jamie Sloan, via e-mail**

**A:** They did. In fact, Kramer — who also was an executive producer of the film — said that she asked for Nichols to star with her in the fact-based picture, given the comfort she felt with him from their earlier experience together. In The WB/CW's "One Tree Hill," her Alex Dupré was an actress who had fallen on hard times and was trying to make a comeback with the help of filmmaker Julian Baker (Nichols). When she tried to get personal with him, she discovered that his romantic interests were focused on other female residents of Tree Hill.

Nichols dated co-star Sophia Bush during the run of "One Tree Hill," and her character Brooke Davis ended up with Julian — and they had twin babies together. In recent years, Nichols has also been seen in recurring roles in The CW's "Walker" and Max and Starz's "Minx." While maintaining her singing career, Kramer continues to star regularly in cable movies, principally on Lifetime.



Dick Van Dyke



1. Braces
2. Bridge
3. Canine
4. Cavity
5. Checkup
6. Crown
7. Dentures
8. Drill
9. Enamel
10. Filling
11. Floss
12. Gums
13. Molar
14. Mouth wash
15. Open wide
16. Plaque
17. Retainer
18. Root
19. Tartar
20. X-ray

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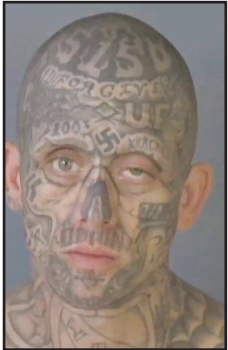
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## White supremacist guilty of distributing methamphetamine

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. Attorney Roger B. Handberg announced that Danny Ray Boree, 39, of Keystone Heights, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Boree faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and up to 40 years in federal prison on the drug charge and up to 15 years imprisonment on the firearm offense. Boree also agreed to forfeit a Raven Arms pistol traceable to the firearm offense. Boree was arrested on Sept. 8, 2023, and ordered detained. No sentencing date has been set.



Danny Ray Boree

According to court documents and court proceedings, Boree is a member of The Unforgiven, a violent white supremacist gang. On June 8, 2023, a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy pulled over a Jeep for a stop sign violation in Keystone Heights. Upon approaching the car, the deputy observed Boree in the passenger seat with a meat cleaver/hatchet directly in front of him and a knife in a sheath by his feet.

For officer safety, the deputy directed Boree to step out of the car. As Boree got out, he observed part of a clear baggie in the waistline of Boree's shorts. During a pat down, the deputy removed the baggie, which contained a large amount of methamphetamine. During a subsequent search of the car, CCSO located a Raven Arms pistol and additional methamphetamine.

At the time of the drug offenses, Boree had previously been convicted in state court in Florida for 10 felonies, including battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer with violence, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in 2007 and 2019. As a convicted felon, Boree was prohibited from possessing a firearm under federal law. Boree was released from the Florida Department of Corrections in January 2023, for his last firearm conviction.

The case was investigated by CCSO and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives – Jacksonville Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin C. Frein is prosecuting it.

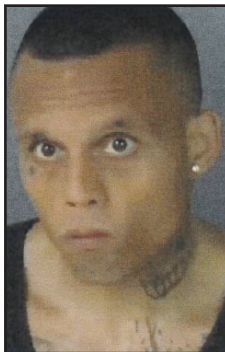
This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence and to make neighborhoods safer for everyone. On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fos-



tering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results.

## Orange Park felon indicted after being caught with handgun

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. Attorney Roger B. Handberg announced the return of an indictment charging Anthony Rodriguez Jr., 32, of Orange Park, with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. If convicted, Rodriguez faces up to 15 years in federal prison. The indictment also notifies Rodriguez that the United States intends to forfeit a Glock pistol and ammunition traceable to the firearm offense.



Anthony Rodriguez Jr.

According to the indictment, on May 11, possessed a Glock pistol. At the time of the incident, Rodriguez had seven previous felony convictions, including two convictions involving a firearm and ammunition. As a previously convicted felon, he is prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition under federal law.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Rodriguez after he was accused of shoplifting a pair of shoes and a pack of soap from the Walmart in Orange Park. According to the arrest report, he bought a video game in the electronics department, and then he put the shoes and soap in the same bag containing the game before leaving the store. The value of the items was \$29.97.

Deputies found a loaded handgun on him when he was searched.

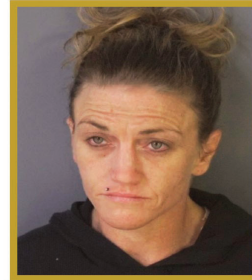
An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed one or more violations of federal criminal law, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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## Woman awaiting trial arrested again for methamphetamine

MIDDLEBURG – A woman awaiting trial for drug charges was arrested on July 10 for trafficking 16.3 grams of methamphetamine after a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy noticed the driver's license tag expired three years ago.

Danielle Connerton, 55, of Green Cove Springs, was also charged with possession of Suboxone, crack cocaine, and drug paraphernalia after she was stopped at the intersection of Blanding Boulevard and County Road 218 for a traffic violation.

According to the arrest report, Connerton was a passenger, and the driver said the car belonged to her. The deputy checked the backgrounds of both and found they had been arrested on various drug charges. He also learned Connerton may have an outstanding warrant in Putnam County.

The car was searched after K-9 Dante alerted deputies of the likely presence of illegal narcotics inside the vehicle. They found the drugs inside Connerton's purse.

Connerton's bond was set at \$165,011. The driver, Orynthyal Williams, was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Connerton was out on bond after being arrested on April 25 for possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. She was scheduled for a pretrial hearing on July 30.

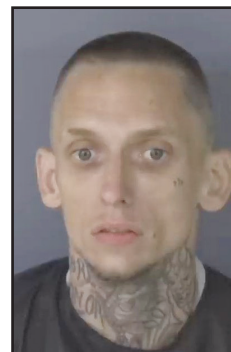
## License plate reader camera leads CCSO to drug busts

ORANGE PARK – An alert from a license plate reader camera for a stolen car led Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies to a Jacksonville man who was arrested for drugs and an illegal handgun and an Elkton woman for drugs and stealing a car on July 11.

Christopher Andrew Thornton, 29, was charged with



Danielle Connerton



Christopher Andrew Thornton

possession of methamphetamine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a loaded handgun by a convicted felon after deputies spotted the car at Zen Living Suites Extended Stay on Eldridge Avenue. The driver was Havana Hockenberry and the passenger was Thornton. A deputy found a handgun in Thornton's right front pocket. Deputies also found the drugs, a used syringe, burnt foil and a glass pipe on the passenger seat.

His bond is \$32,760. Hockenberry, 33, was charged with grand theft auto and possession of lorazepam. Her bond is \$35,006.

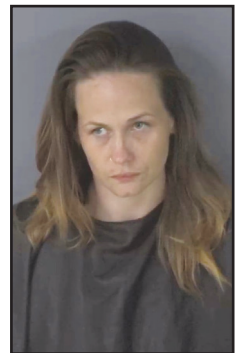
## Mother of 4-year-old who shot herself arrested for child neglect

MIDDLEBURG – A 31-year-old woman was arrested Monday, July 15, and charged with aggravated child neglect after her 4-year-old child had access to a handgun and accidentally shot herself

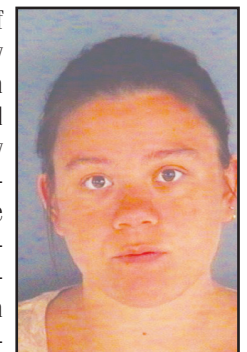
in the hand on July 10. Darien Leigh Johns was booked into the Clay County Jail after an investigation by CCSO, the State Attorney's Office and the Department of Children and Families, Sheriff Michelle Cook said Monday night. "Our investigators determined there was sufficient evidence to support the arrest of the child's mother," Cook said.

John's bond was set at \$50,003. Cook said the child is expected to make a full recovery. She was released from the hospital on Monday and is in the Department of Children and Families care.

"I do want to thank all of the citizens and, obviously, our partners who came forward with information and assisted us in this matter," Cook said.



Havana Keona Hockenberry



Darien Leigh Johns

# Arrests & Bookings

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

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

## Monday, July 15

Frankie Schreffler, 36, Green Cove Springs, VOP fraudulent use of credit cards  
Darien Leigh Johns, 31, Middleburg, aggravated child neglect

Andrew A. Ables, 25, Keystone Heights, aggravated assault with intent to commit felony

Lyndon T. Johnson, 24, Middleburg, vandalism

Edwin V. Haire, 68, Orange Park, DUI  
Joseph P. Kane, 41, Green Cove Springs, FTA petit theft

Racheal M. Shuman, 33, Middleburg, two counts forgery of bank bill/heck/draft/note

Jeanelle R. Dunn, 60, Keystone Heights, selling methamphetamine

Zacchaeus D. Williams, 37, Green Cove Springs, violation of condition of release for battery on law enforcement, violation of condition for criminal mischief

Rashad B. Williams, 35, Orange Park, burglary, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, trespassing, giving false name/ID

Aaron M. Mink, 44, Middleburg, battery

Jose M. Mugiya, 66, Orange Park, two counts aggravated battery on pregnant woman

## Sunday, July 14

Nicholas D. St. Peter, 26, Middleburg, domestic battery

Milford G. Oakes, 53, Middleburg, domestic battery

David M. Cartier, 28, Middleburg, trespassing

Dominic D. Rossi, 25, Middleburg, trespassing

Christopher J. Pelletier, 29, Fleming Island, trespassing

Nathaniel Harrell, 47, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

David Dorvilus, 23, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, trespassing

Michael J. Shepherd, 64, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Christopher C. White, 34, Orange Park, non-support

Joshua O. Rowe, 25, Middleburg, DUI

Kevin R. May, 68, Middleburg, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, domestic battery

Eddie L. Gardner, 46, Orange Park, possession methamphetamine, possession drug paraphernalia, trespassing

Randall J. Fincher, 64, Keystone Heights, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

## Saturday, July 13

Jason J. Crawford, 49, Orange Park, domestic battery

Alexander J. Blue, 56, Middleburg, DUI with property damage/injury

Foulematou M. Sylla, 20, Green Cove Springs, FTA petit theft

Joshua C. Reid, 33, Orange Park, flee/elude law enforcement with lights/siren active, DWLSR

Matthew R. Brady, 40, Green Cove Springs, dating battery, vandalism

Austin R. Dillon, 20, Middleburg, DUI

## Friday, July 12

Nicole M. Dallas, 41, Middleburg, violation of pretrial release conditions for domestic violence

Kevin A. Burt, 58, Middleburg, domestic battery, violation of pretrial release conditions for domestic violence

Jesse W. Quigley, 47, Middleburg, VOP community control

Christina E. Blumel, 35, Fleming Island petit theft

Michael E. Riggins, 64, Orange Park, giving false name/ID, solicitation on public road/right of way

Haleigh M. Smith, 23, Middleburg FTA DWLSR

Rachel L. Armington, 41, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Jason R.P. McKinney, 32, Orange Park, trespassing

## Thursday, July 11

Terrell D. Grissett, 35, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Timothy M. Castle, 53, Orange Park, vio-

lation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Havana K. Hockenberry, 33, Orange Park, grand theft auto, possession lorazepam

Christopher A. Thornton, 29, Orange Park, possession methamphetamine, possession marijuana, possession drug paraphernalia, possession firearm/ammo by convicted felon

Michael T. Sommise, 26, Orange Park, possession cocaine, two counts selling cocaine

Arnold A. Alvarez, 59, Green Cove Springs, VOP vehicle theft

Donald J. Stone, 31, Green Cove Springs, VOP intimidation/threat/serious bodily injury on law enforcement, VOP trespassing, VOP resisting law enforcement

Stavien K.G. Counts, 47, Orange Park, VOP resisting law enforcement with violence, three counts VOP battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, VOP carrying concealed unlicensed firearm

Carlos Rodriguez, 34, Middleburg, DUI

## Wednesday, July 10

Michael S. Rojas, 28, Middleburg, possession marijuana

Danielle Connerton, 55, Middleburg, trafficking methamphetamine, possession crack cocaine, possession suboxone, possession drug paraphernalia

Brian K. Anderson, 27, Orange Park, aggravated battery on pregnant female

Gary L. Luis, 43, Green Cove Springs, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, DUI, flee/elude law enforcement with disregard to safety to person/property

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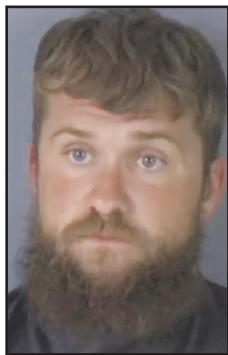
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### Confidential informant helps CCSO arrest man for cocaine

ORANGE PARK – With the help of a confidential informant, the Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested a man for possessing cocaine and two counts of sale and delivery of cocaine on July 12.

According to the arrest report, Michael Thomas Sommise, 26, was booked into the Clay County Jail following a controlled purchase on Valderia Drive on June 6.

CCSO obtained a felony arrest charge for the sale and delivery of cocaine. They conducted a traffic stop at Blanding Boulevard and Orange Park Northway on June 18. A search of his car uncovered a plastic bag with more cocaine.



Michael Thomas Sommise

Deputies and Sommise returned to Sommise's home with a search warrant. They found narcotics, a handgun, and cocaine in Sommise's bedroom and cocaine residue in the car of one of Sommise's house guests.

The investigation led to charges and an arrest on July 12. His bond was set at \$105,009.



### Kiwanian of the Month

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Lake Region Kiwanis Club President Tina Santillo, left, announced Tina Bullock was selected as the July Kiwanian of the Month. She said Bullock quietly went about the work of a Kiwanian and cited her parade announcing duties as being valuable to the club. And, on the fly, she organizes the club's scholarship activities every year without being asked to do so.



### Fleming Island's Yoerges completes basic training

FORT SILL, Okla. - Fleming Island High graduate, PFC Nathan Yoerges, a 2023 Eagle Scout, completed US Army Basic Training at Fort Sill and 32 weeks of AIT, THAAD, Patriot Missile. He has been deployed to Camp Carroll, South Korea, 35th ADA Brigade, D-2 Defenders.

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## BEST OF OAKLEAF

Brown triple jump shocked Florida, 'Charlie' double dangerous on diamond

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OAKLEAF – Oakleaf High's sports programs produced numerous outstanding finishes in the 2023-24 seasons; state champion weightlifter, region baseball and softball finishes, boys and girls wrestlers to state and a boys basketball team that had one of its best seasons in a decade of strong finishes, but, it was two athletes that made the biggest displays of raw athletic talent and grittiness that highlighted a strong year of sports for the Knights.

For track star triple jumper Takoda Brown, a senior, the trek to following in the footsteps of a history of state titles in the jumping events; Merlin Briley, two-time triple jump state champion, and Loren Johnson, long jump state champion, second in triple jump in Class 3A, came with two weeks of anxiety as he stayed within inches of not being in position to go after his eventual state title.

Brown, ranked just sixth in Class 4A behind a cadre of talent that had bests well beyond his March 16 season best of 14.42 meters; 47'-3.7", with a Class 4A best jump of 15.70 meters (51'-5" feet), kept his focus on the task at hand at the University of North Florida for the Class 4A championships to walk away with his first state title in four years of finishing in the top 10 of numerous high-powered track meets.

Statewide, in all classes, Brown was ranked 13th in Florida with the 15.70-meter jump from Jaden Lippett of Winter Haven the top measure for the entire regular season.

With a fourth-place finish at regions and a third-place finish at districts; both with jumps well under his 14.42 meters jump from the Bob Hayes Invitational set on March 16, Brown watched as his higher-ranked competitors; mainly Anim Gyamfi of Bartram Trail, took advantage of Brown's first round foul to put him at the bottom of the round two rosters.

In his second round jump, with Gyamfi leading with a 13.95 meters jump (45'-9.25"), Brown answered with his eventual winning jump of 14.01 meters (45'-11.75")



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Oakleaf High triple jumper Takoda Brown outjumped a stellar field of challengers in the biggest track meet of his four years at Oakleaf to leave as a state champion athlete. Below: Oakleaf High pitcher Charlotte "Charlie" Maddox was a two-way power player for the Lady Knights softball team with her strong pitching as well as her prowess as one of top batters for Oakleaf.



then had to hope the measure would hold. As the rounds progressed, Brown hit 14.00 meters (45'-11.25") on his third jump, then 13.85 meters (45'-5.25") on his fourth jump.

The lone scare to Brown's mark came in the final round with Gyamfi fouling on his fourth attempt with three jumps under 14.0 meters. Still, Lake Mary's Lester Williams III made the field hold their breath with a jump that looked tantalizingly close to Brown, but, fortunately, was 13.95 meters to secure Brown's title.

Bari William of Largo hit 13.94 meters (45'-9") on his second jump to keep the fans on their toes.

In another strong region run for the Oakleaf High softball team under the direction of coach Heather Han, the Lady Knights, once again, had their dangerously strong batting lineup in crucial games that took near-losses to dramatic late-inning wins, it was pitcher/sluggger Charlotte "Charlie" Maddox, that proved to be the catalyst on both sides of the pitch; as a pitcher and as a batter, that fueled many of the Lady Knights games that got them to another deep region playoff run.

Maddox, a returning senior in the fall, was a lethal flamethrower on the mound for Han with an overall 13 wins, four loss record with 115 strikeouts to be the Knights' top hurler, but Maddox also was one of the strongest bats in the lineup with a .409 batting average with a second-on-team 18 runs batted in and a team-leading 36 hits; both with catcher Meshayla Petaway her wingman as the one-two dynamo punch in the batting lineup.

With a commitment to Dartmouth University, Maddox finished with seven doubles with just three strikeouts and five times walked.

Off the mound, Maddox hammered 11 strikeouts against the likes of the vaunted Middleburg High (5A region semis) lineup, 11 strikeouts against Jensen Beach (4A region finals) and 12 strikeouts in their district championship game against Nease.

From the batter's box, Maddox had her most productive game with three hits and three runs batted in against Lake Howell

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The 1-2 combination of quarterback Baylor Ford, left, and wide receiver Jackson Parmeter, right, will bring an exciting offensive package for the Keystone Heights football team as the 2024 season gets closer.



## Keystone Heights takes on second Clay football powerhouse

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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – After a recent visit to Fleming Island High for his Keystone Heights football team, Indians coach Steve Reynolds is seeing a bit of maturity and toughness emerging from the football team as 2024 approaches.

“I want to let them see the size, speed and power of the bigger schools in the area to give them confidence for the season,” said Reynolds who invited Clay High to his practice field last week for a little 7 on 7 passing action against a very fast Blue Devil secondary. “When they see that they can play and be competitive against the best teams in Clay County which we have great football in our county, then it works to get them motivated to prepare themselves at a higher level. It’s a win-win for both teams, I think.”

Reynolds, who will have one of the best 1-2 offensive tandems in the area; quarterback Baylor Ford and wide receiver Jackson Parmeter, to morph the usually rugged Keystone Heights run game; holstered behind the power running of Zane Leger and Colton Hollingsworth, with a potent passing game.

“We get six yards on first downs and then we got a whole playbook to choose the next two plays,” said Ken Mudge, Keystone Height offensive coordinator, who has mentored Ford into his junior season. “I think our offense will be very tough and keep moving the chains behind both aspects. It’s exciting for everyone.”

With wideout Tallon Campbell having a solid summer with a productive spring game a month ago and Taylor Sapp both emerging with key roles as the second targets for Ford, Mudge likes the choices his offenses will make opposing defenses face.

“We should be able to spread it around,” said Mudge. “Baylor has gotten better with his reads and progressions and should be making good decisions.”

For Clay, coach Kyle Kennard has of-



Clay High has their own 1-2 punch with a wrinkle as wide receiver Antonio Thomas could be a major impact player for the Blue Devils with offensive coach Brian Flaherty grooming two solid quarterbacks; Landon Chadwick, right, and Landon Martin. Bottom left: Clay’s defensive front will have two solid linebackers; here Kade Williamson with interception against Keystone Heights, while Keystone Heights has a second pass catching threat in Tyler Sapp.



ten commented that Blue Devil football is more forward running with power than occasional vertical passes and saw his two young quarterbacks; Landon Martin and Landon Chadwick, both take shots downfield with success though the first series of plays proved empty with some dropped passes.

“That’s correctable,” said Kennard. “We got guys open today and the ball got there. It’s up to them to catch the ball and we’ll be

working on that.”

Clay had Antonio Thomas again as a top target with Ryder Thomas getting some touches to keep the Indians’ secondary on their heels. On defense, with Keystone Heights looking to hit the center of the field with their passes, dropback knockdowns from linebackers Cade Williamson and Javaris Roberts were often with both showing excellent coverage skills on short patterns.

“Both of those guys will be keys for us

because we are going to have a good defensive front; Omar Goosby and Aaron Stacy on the defensive line, and we are hoping quarterbacks won’t have a lot of time to throw,” said Clay defensive coach Craig Nosse. “We have good athletes deeper in the secondary with Javon Cobbert, Vonte Burke and Gavin Bailey covering deep.”

Clay will travel to Webber International for a full team, contact camp later this week.



# RHS Girgis snags winning Kingfish in final half hour

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JACKSONVILLE – After a solemn morning on the Atlantic Ocean just east of Fernandina Beach, the 44th Annual Vystar Greater Kingfish Meda Tournament looked like a quiet, no-bite Kingfish quest that would produce just a “Guys” morning in the boat wishing something would bite.

“We weren’t getting a bite all morning where we were and decided to move with about an hour left on the tournament clock,” said Ryan Kanobroski, the captain’s mate to captain Ron Hilliard who, on his boat “Jax Coastal”, escorted Clay Today Sports Editor Randy Lefko, Stuart Webber of Action News Jax and Ridgeview High baseball star Billy Girgis, now playing for Florida State College-Jacksonville, to the north Florida shoreline in a matter of minutes with his 38-foot Fountain Center Console monster boat rigged with 3 x 400 horsepower Mercury engines pushing the water. “We sat there for a couple hours and had just one bit; a big one, because whatever it was bit our ribbon fish in half. That was the only nibble we had. So, Ron and I made an executive decision to go the Jacksonville jetty near Sister’s Inlet for a final hour.”

Little did the crew know that Girgis would become the hero of the media tournament as Kanobroski and Hilliard decided that no bites on their lines at the jetties up to the 11:30 a.m. mark would allow for enough time to get back to dock for the noon deadline for the tournament.

“We were holding tight and I was kind of calculating how fast we could get to the dock (Jim King Park and Boat Ramp) if we had a fish to weigh,” said Hilliard, a sponsor for the Vystar Greater Kingfish Tourna-



ment professional ranks for the week of July 10-20. “I think they got two of the five lines in before the Girgis kid, whose granddad Fred, was a basketball coach of mine in high school at Forrest High, got a snag and started to move to get what looked like a big fish on the boat.”

For Girgis, who snatched the reeling reel as the unknown fish on the other end decided to throw the gauntlet down on Hilliard’s crew, grabbed the reel, tucked the rod under his right arm and started the battle.

“All I knew is I didn’t want to mess up and lose the only fish we had for the day,” said Girgis. “I had Ryan at the bow with the gaff directing the captain to keep the line from going under the boat and snapping and Randy to my left keeping me alert when the fish was moving so I could move parallel with him up and down the side of the boat. It was exhilarating and exhausting, but they were both giving me good di-



Billy Girgis, right, shows off his winning Kingfish with Clay Today Sports Editor Randy Lefko.



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Above: Former Ridgeview High baseball standout Billy Girgis got his first Kingfish with a 25 pounder winning the Vystar Greater Jacksonville Media Tournament last week.



Jax Coastal captain’s mate Ryan Kanobroski hooked the tournament winner of Billy Girgis’ reel to give captain Ron Hilliard’s Clay Today team the tournament’s biggest fish at Wednesday’s Vystar Greater Jacksonville Media Tournament.

rections.”

As Girgis kept agile on the boat with Kanobroski and Lefko barking instructions, Girgis, on his first Kingboat excursion, showed the true athleticism of his sporting days by deftly moving and positioning his reel to coax the fish closer to the boat for Kanobroski’s hook.

Girgis made three trips up and over the bow of the boat as the fish, which surfaced two or three times and could be seen to be a pretty big 20-25 pound Kingfish, tried coyly to get under the boat where the line could be snapped on the bottom of the boat, the game with Kanobroski and Lefko was to keep Girgis a step ahead of the fish intentions.

“I was trying to keep Billy calm because he was in a battle and we were telling him to be patient and just wear the fish out,” said Lefko, who has had success numerous times with Hilliard and Kanobroski in past Kingfish outings. “Billy was doing great and after about nine minutes the fish was close

enough to the boat that Ryan could snag him. Game over.”

On the trip to the dock for the weigh-in and traditionally great Low Boil Shrimp lunch, Hilliard put the hammer down through the inlet to get his boat home and let Girgis be the hero.

Final tally: Girgis and Clay Today crew first place at 23.84 pounds, 1010XL Radio second at 15.19 pounds and Rocket Shade third at 15.18 pounds.

Benefiting the Community through Jacksonville Marine Charities, Inc., The Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament, held each year in July at Jim King Park & Boat Ramp on the ICW, is one of the largest kingfish tournaments in the Southeast. In addition to the General Tournament, this spectacular event also includes a Junior Angler Offshore Tournament, presented by Summit Contracting Group; a Food Festival, live entertainment, and much, much more.

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for a region playoff 8-3 win for Oakleaf. Oakleaf lost in their region semi to Hagerty 11-0 with Hagerty losing 4-0 in the region final to eventual Class 6A champion Pace High.

For their outstanding seasons and outstanding efforts in producing big results for their teams, Takoda Brown and Charlotte Maddox are selected as the Clay Today/Oakleaf High athletes of the year for seasons 2023-2024.

## Fall

Starting with cross country, Oakleaf was led by Morgan Wade in cross country with strong finishes throughout the season with splits near 20 minutes and a solid senior season to come.

For the boy's cross country, Grant Keppel and Jack Strombeck are strong returners; Keppel, a sophomore, Strombeck, a freshman, with Strombeck moving his times lower and lower as the season progressed. Strombeck could be a major factor next fall with his region split of 16:49.8.

Football rolls into year two under coach Chris Foy, who has a history of solid second seasons at teams he has coached in the past; most notably Andrew Jackson where he earned two region playoff berths in his second and third years.

Foy brings a wealth of size and talent back and will bank on his underclass class of athletes including Michael Conner III, James Kitchen and Jordyn Price as play-makers anywhere on the field with senior running back Chris Foy II plus a senior crew of linemen on both sides of the line of scrimmage; Mykel Mayo, Amari Thomas, and Khalil Matthews.

Quarterback for Foy will be between returner Jayven Moreno, who learned under Brandon Wallace last year, and transfer Jack McKissock who brings a strong season last year at The First Academy (19 TDs, 1,503 Yds passing).

Oakleaf's football schedule is one of the toughest in north Florida with the likes of Riverside, Hawthorne (2-time state champs), Bolles, Fletcher and Mandarin (state runner-up).

For volleyball, a 10-15 regular season can improve with a solid group of underclass players despite four senior graduates; most notably senior DeMyah Jackson.

In golf, where Oakleaf battles with powerhouses Fleming Island (girls and boys state qualifiers, boys state champions), the Lady Knights had senior Hailey Evans and junior Emma Farrar top two at districts with the Lady Knights losing a handful of seniors; Emily Acosta, Taylor Bing, Christen Wallace.

For the boy's golf, freshman Jacoby Kelly was the top finisher at districts with senior Tanner Thompson five strokes back. The next two golfers; Salomon Pelayo, Ryan Szypra and Elijah Perez, all freshmen, will offer a solid team next year.

In the pool, Oakleaf's girls finished strong fifth with boys ninth in a district loaded with Ponte Vedra, Nease and



Left: Oakleaf basketball, pictured Jelani Wright on breakaway layup, had fast, furious attack to for outstanding season while, right, the Shevchuk brothers, Elijah and Noah both came home with weightlifting state medals; gold for Elijah.



Oakleaf wrestler Kailani Barrientos was state medalist and a Fargo nationals finisher just a week ago while the Oakleaf soccer team had strong season with late season wins over Wolfsona and Bolles with Oakleaf baseball senior Jordan Parkes a catalyst for team that had wins over St. Johns Country Day School and Trinity Christian.

Fletcher.

Underclass girls with strong relay finishes included Alexis Huxohl, Delicia Coleman and Peyton Moore with senior Jazzmine Moore a strong anchor leg in medley relay action.

Strombeck doubled up with fast times in the 200 free and 100 free events as well as Lucius Manley, a sophomore.

Junior Peyton Loving is the top returner, and will be a senior, with an eighth in districts at 50 free with freshman Brylle Wood just a second behind her.

Coleman was a strong fifth in the 100 butterfly and will be a factor next season.

Oakleaf's girls' medley relay got seventh in the region with junior Anna Bredeson anchoring the quartet and 10th in the 200 free relay with Loving individually seventh in the 50 free, and eighth in the 100 free.

Oakleaf sent 25 to the Class 3A championships with top finishes from girls' relays; 15th in medley relay girls, Loving 14th in

100 breaststroke and 20th in 50 free.

## Winter

Girls basketball had the roughest of seasons after a reign the last few years under coach Fred Cole and the Lady Knights figure to reverse course and get back to fast and furious hoops next year with just two seniors leaving; Armaany Mullins and Ja' Nease Bender. Junior Makiya Trusel led the scoring with 7.2 points per game.

For the boy's hoopsters, coach Jason Price rolled through the regular season with strong wins over the likes of Bishop Kenny, Ribault (20Ts), Gibbs and Bartram Trail behind a fast-paced attack led by guard Aaron Rivers, who graduates but leaves a legacy of attack on the court with a slew of seniors; Michael Compere, Travis Knox, Jr., and Austin Davenport, all leaving. Price groomed a strong team of underclassmen for 2024 with nearly 15 players on the floor over the season; a 19-7 final finish with a district final loss to Ponte Ve-

dra, who finished in Class 6A Final Four, and a region opening loss to Gainesville, who lost to Ponte Vedra in region semis.

Boys and girls soccer had strong seasons with the boys going 6-3-3 with the boys getting late wins over Wolfson and Bolles, but falling in overtime to Nease in district play after a 1-1 tie.

Cole Perez, a sophomore, and Jackson Pallen, a senior, led the scoring with five goals apiece to lead the Knights scoring.

Girls soccer had to deal with Fleming Island in their final game, a 4-2 loss, and taking region finalist Clay to a 3-1 loss in the prior game. Senior Ellie Thompson was the top cannon for the Knights who finished 4-8-1.

In girl's weightlifting, in one of toughest regions featuring Pace, Navarre, Niceville teams that are annual powerhouses, the Lady Knights got top 10 finishes in both disciplines; Olympics (10th) and Tradition

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(7th) with G'Amiyia Aiken top finisher with third in Tradition with Ilda Simons, Nya Russell, Ilanan Benayon, DeJean Mote and Danielle Ibe all top 10 district finishers.

The list of Tradition top 10s was also top 10 in the Olympics joined by Danielle Gilbert and Zyaire Lovett-Scott joining the list. Ibe was second in the Olympics at 199.

The same group became one of the largest contingents from Oakleaf to compete at the Class 2A championship meet.

In wrestling, coach Mark DeToro engineered a strong program of athletes that included a third place in girls' state championships from Kailani Barrientos at 135 and a 23rd place team finishes from the boys who also won their district title.

DeToro put five athletes in the Class 2A championships and came home with sophomore Sebastian Bonachea taking third in his 126 weight class while Connor Barnes, Micah Thomas, Jeremiah Baker and Keon Barrientos also competed. Bonachea wrestled back to third after losing his semifinal to the eventual state champion.

## Spring

For the spring sports, it was all Shevchooks for the highlights beyond Takoda Brown's track final with the brothers Shevchook; Elijah and Noah, taking on the state's best weightlifters and coming home with a bucket load of medals.

Elijah Shevchook, who made the strategic move to lose 10 pounds from his 2023 time in the 169 weight class to come back in as one of the lightest 154 pounders; nearly 150-151 pounds for most of the season, proved that dynamite does come in small packages as he stormed past much more seasoned competitors to take the state title in Tradition in the very tough Class 3A ranks.

Shevchook's totals as a 169 in 2023 were 440 in Olympics (195/245) and 510 in Tradition (245/265) turned to massive totals at 154 as a 151-pound competitor with totals of 485 in Olympics (220/265) and 560 in Tradition (265/295) to win the Tradition state title and finish fourth in the Olympics with the top five being separated by just 25 total pounds. Shevchook, who won the state title in Tradition with a best bench of 295 on his final lift, was also the district and region champion in Tradition along the way.

At 129, Noah Shevchook, Elijah's younger brother, squeezed out a third-place finish in Tradition and a second-place finish in the Olympics.

At state, Oakleaf also had Ray Williams at 119, Ethan Simmons at 238 and Tony Gray at Unlimited.

In baseball, senior pitcher hitter Jordan Parkes was the point man for a Knights team that had upset wins over 2A champions St. Johns Country Day School, 5A region finalist Clay and 3A Final Four finisher Trinity Christian Academy, 2A region finalist North Florida Christian, but found

the going rough in the final two games; 6A runnerup Buchholz and 6A region finalist (lost to Buchholz 1-0) Hagerty, to halt a season promising to be a strong finish.

Oakleaf coach Matt Carter had an exciting lineup with JP Espinosa, Jeter Farina, Jaythan Arriaga and Giancarlo Calderon all hitting double figures for runs batted in. Arriaga was a menace on base with 20 stolen bases adding to the chaos.

In softball, with Maddox as the point person for coach Han, Oakleaf had one of the more dangerous leadoff batting lineups with Jaydyn Beall (18 steals), Avery Garcia, Pettaway, Maddox and slugger Amya Mirelez facing off against the top pitchers. Pettaway (.400BA, 22RBIs, 7 2Bs, 2 3Bs) and Mirelez (.375BA, 26RBIs, 10 2Bs, 2 3Bs, 2 HR), both the most prolific batters in Knights recent history, won't return but the rest of the Oakleaf lineup will return next season.

In flag football, Oakleaf 9-5 overall, blitzed the final few weeks of the season with high-scoring games; 26-0, 20-6, 37-0, 27-14, but ran into Fleming Island in their first round of playoffs to end the season with a 27-6 loss.

In tennis, coach Greg Martin loses three seniors; Terfel Wayne, Ehan Shah and Liamwski Hejmano with four returners for 2025.

For the girl's tennis, just one senior, Abby Downs, will leave the team with juniors Lauren Cugno and Adassah Prevost most prolific last year.

For a track, Oakleaf fielded one of the most explosive combinations of sprinters and jumpers with the lineup including Devin Collins, Takoda Brown, Jospier Stimphil and sophomore Trinton Bryant to be added to the list next year with all but Brown returning.

On the track, Collins (8th in long jump 4A) was sub-11 100 meter man while Stimphil was sub-50 400 meter guy (11th in 4A); both sub-23 200s also, to add points to Oakleaf totals.

Junior Ca'Mari Davis manned the hurdles with strong races through regions.

For the girl's track, distance ace Morgan Wade was the top threat for team points in 800, 1600 and 3200 with freshman Alaina Outram making some noise early in her career.

In the sprints, freshman Timia McMillian got close to the 12-second mark in the 100 while junior Kaymin Sales was near the 25-second mark in her 200s and under 60 seconds for 400s with another upcoming freshman, Skylar Smith, posting near one-minute marks.

One big loss will be senior hurdler Keira Smalls (7th in 4A) while freshman Brooke Linscomb and sophomore Brooklynn Jenkins manned the 400 hurdles just 4-5 seconds away from the first place spots; Linscomb also a top jumper with junior sister Madison and her both near 17 feet and 38 feet in triple jump.

Madison Linscomb was the top javelin thrower from the area (10th in 4A) with Gloria Lewis, a sophomore, top five in discus and shot put.



Oakleaf flag football quarterback Raya Carr was playmaker for Knights team that finished 9-5.



Oakleaf senior catcher Meshayla Pettaway was one of more exciting players in area with her play as catcher and base stealer for Lady Knight. Right: Swimmer Diego Pelayo was top freestyle sprinter for Knights in strong district.



Weightlifter Nya Russell led strong contingency of state top 10 finishers for girls weightlifting.

# FIHS Campbell takes JTC Mile crown

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JACKSONVILLE – Having just returned on Monday from a running camp month in Utah with Fleming Island High's Angry Eagles running team, Jacob Campbell was not quite sure what his body would be capable of as he took on a hot, steamy mile run sponsored by the Jacksonville Track Club Saturday on the track at Bolles.

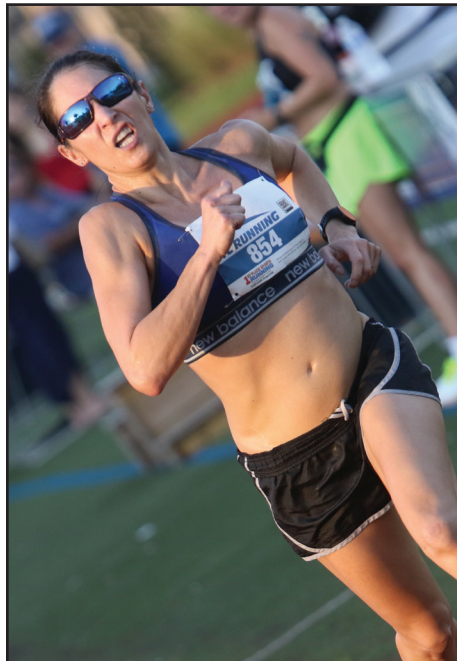
"It's hot, I'm a little tired from our camps in Utah, a lot of higher mileage, and I don't know if jet lag will play a part," said Campbell, part of the Fleming Island High boys track team that took titles in the 4 x 800 relay in Class 3A in May as well as top finishes in the 3200 for Campbell throughout the season. "I'm hoping for 67 seconds for each quarter to get me in about four minutes, 30-35."

Campbell, who had teammate Marcos Serrano as his wingman for the first three of the four quarters of the mile, shook off a game Serrano in the final two laps and blasted in in his usual tough running style with a first-place time of 4:48 to win his age group; Serrano second at 5:02.19, as well as the overall best mile time for the entire festival which featured 150 runners of age groups eight years old to and astounding 75 years old.

"We had been putting on track meets and this mile festival for quite a while," said JTC event director Bob Jones. "This is our first mile festival since COVID in 2020 and I think the numbers we have and the performances we have seen show us that the track scene in Jacksonville is still strong."

Jones defended the choice of a mile festival per the iconic nature of the mile itself.

"Since the world went metric with track and field, the mile has been the lone event that has been maintained as a major track event," said Jones. "The mile is kind of iconic and most major track events including the Wanamaker Mile, the First Street Mile and the Bob Bowerman Mile in Oregon and runners are always excited about



Area masters runner Elizabeth May was hoping for a mile time under six minutes and pushed her way to a near-miss at 6:02 for the age group win.

running a mile on the track."

As the night progressed on the Bolles track, exciting finishes and, predictive looks at up-and-coming potential track stars from Fruit Cove's state elementary school champions No Excuses track team popped in as nationally ranked Brianna Motycka, 11, ripped a 5:48.53 winning mile. Chase Patrick, 13, went 5:39.10 won win his division by almost a minute and Elliot Lasota, 10, shook off a shoulder-to-shoulder battle with Amaya Grace Mader, 10, in the closest race of the night to win the 10-under categories by just three seconds; 6:24.81 to 6:27.38.

Motycka is the elementary school state champion in the 1500 and 800 and is ranked in the top 10 of middle schoolers although just a sixth grader.

"Our club is a building block for the young runners in the St. Johns County area with our club sending runners to many of the high school teams," said No Excuses coach Jill Benavides, mom to



Fleming Island senior Jacob Campbell had top mile time among veteran road runners at JTC Mile Festival.

Creekside High standout Jesse Benavides, a 4:18 sixth place miler in 2022 and part of Creekside's 4 x 800 state champion relay team and now a standout at University of South Florida. "We've had 14 kids from the club since it started in 2020 to run college track or cross country with Nease standout Matt Ryan going to Duke next year."

In the second fastest mile of the night, Elijah Oquendo, 23, of Tallahassee, made his drive to Jacksonville worthwhile with a strong 4:57.65 win over former Creekside High standout John "The Wrecker" Decker, who was second in 5:04.59.

"I do track workouts once a week and just did a 5K this week so this was a good test," said Oquendo. "This was a tough race with the guy behind me (Decker) putting pressure on for the whole race."

Another tough race an effort to break the six-minute mark by master's ace Elizabeth May, 44, fell just short at 6:02.85 as May grinded away lap after lap with an eye on breaking the elusive mark.

"I knew I was close and I was pushing the final lap," said May. "I guess I will have to run another mile at some point to break that mark."

May was followed by Orange Park masters veteran Lysaira Del Valle, 42, who chased gallantly until the fourth lap to fin-

ish second at 6:54.01 with Maria Edgell, 44, third at 7:45.87. Orange Park's Becky Wood, 59, was fifth in 8:34.37.

In the men's masters race, Jacob Irwin, 43, pulled away from area veterans Mills Ramseur and Robert Wood to win in 5:41.30.

Two runners ran in the 60-plus division with 61-year-old William Gillespie taking the title in a quick 6:35.12 with 75-year-old veteran Neil Horn second but first grand master in 9:13.55.

"I run miles because I can still run miles," said Horn, after his effort.

In other age groups, Mandy Luft, 35, won in 30-39 in 6:16.34 with a final surge away from Rachel Barksdale, 30, second in 6:26.14. Matt Kaiser, 32, won in 5:30.97 over Dane Bardroff, 30, with a strong finish with Bardroff in at 5:52.97.

Two new competitors to the track mile scene competed head to head in the 19-29 division with Arianna Hawthorne, 23, winning over her friend, Victoria Kobrem, 24, 7:20.55 to 10:56.96.

"Small steps, we start with a mile, then sign up for a 5K," said Kobrem. "We've never done this kind of race."

In the girls 14-18, Rebeca Aguiar, 18 won in 8:30.25 over Emma McCutcheon, 15, in at 8:50.95.



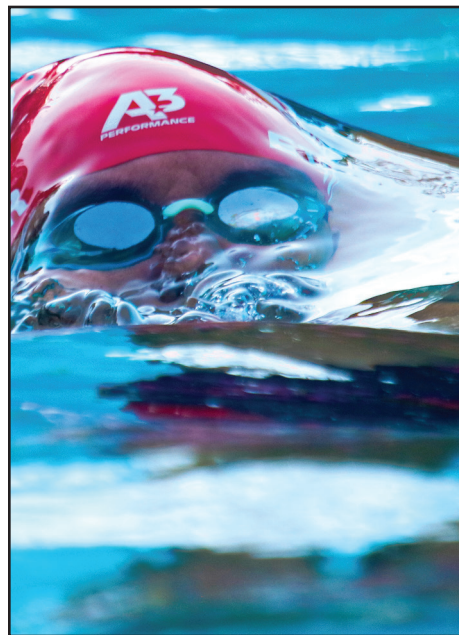
Left: Masters women from Orange Park; from left, Becky Wood, Lysaira Del Valle, Maria Edgell and Elizabeth May take off from start line. May won division. Right: Masters men included Orange Park's Robert Wood, center, who finished third.





### Area swimmers ready for championship meet

Pace Island and Timuquana swim clubs had their final meet of the summer season on Sat., July 13 in the First Coast Summer Swim League schedule and are now headed to Ponte Vedra Beach's Planet Swim facility on Sat., July 20 for the championship meet. Planet Swim is at 300 Davis Park Road. Meet starts at 9:30 a.m. Teams include Pace Island, Eagle Harbor, Eagle Landing, Oakleaf, Putnam Sharks, PSA Green Cove Springs, PSA Argyle, Timuquana and PSA Ponte Vedra.



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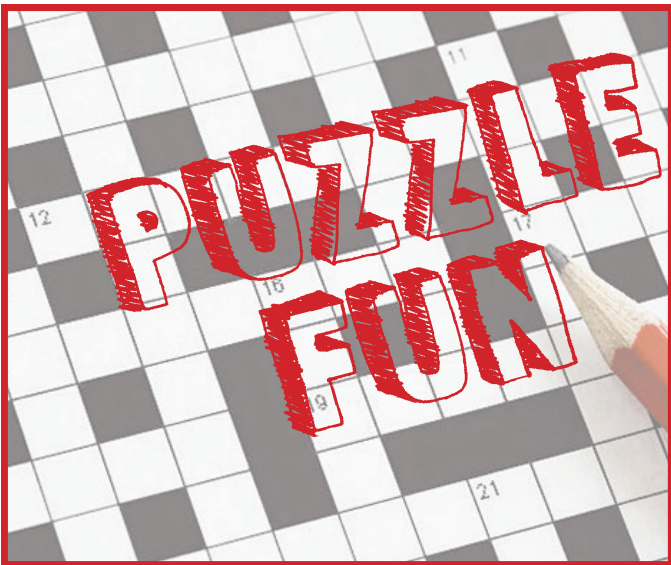
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## Ridgeview prepping for new season



New Ridgeview High football coach Merlin Smith, in white, preps up his Panther offense guys for a dynamic passing game in recent practice with some offensive line sessions.





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Level: Beginner



Ridgeview will have a two-way QB system with Jordan Mesa, above, and Jack Buchholz, below behind center.



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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to vacations.

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Answer: Relax

Solve the code to discover words related to vacations. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 20 = A)

A. 20 16 2 8 10 20 26 23

Clue: Flying vehicle

B. 1 16 11 12 23 1

Clue: Proof of ride

C. 1 2 16 8

Clue: Journey

D. 25 23 20 11 3

Clue: Sandy location

Answers: A. airplane B. ticket C. trip D. beach

### Guess Who?

I am a country singer born in Georgia on July 17, 1976. I played with local bands since age 14 and gained greater recognition in 2014 when I was named "Entertainer of the Year" at the CMA Awards. I have many hit singles, and now I share my music knowledge as a judge on "American Idol."

Answer: Luke Bryan

## TAKE A TRIP WORD SEARCH

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

### WORDS

- AIRPORT
- ALL-INCLUSIVE
- CRUISE
- DEPARTURE
- DESTINATION
- EMBARK
- HIGHWAY
- HOLIDAY
- HOTEL
- INTERNATIONAL
- ITINERARY
- LANDING
- LUGGAGE
- MEMORIES
- PACKING
- POSTCARD
- RELAXATION
- RESORT
- ROAD TRIP
- ROOM
- SIGHTS
- TAKE-OFF
- TRAIN
- VACATION

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# Clay County alums soccer up with Armada

By Randy Lefko  
randy@claytodayonline.com

FLEMING ISLAND – In a unique display of local soccer talent versus season professionals, the Clay County Soccer United Soccer Alliance boys soccer team took on the Jacksonville Armada U-23 team in a showcase game played at Fleming Island High on Saturday.

“The game was part of a National Invitational Showcase tournament that is open to all pro club teams, but also allows amateur teams to enter,” said Clay County Soccer Complex director Matt Hollyoak. “We just happened to have our top amateur team; a roster of local athletes from Clay County and around the area, against the Armada’s professional soccer team.”

For the game score, the Armada took the win 4-1 with United Soccer forward Sam Atherton, a Fleming Island High and Belmont Abbey College standout, heading in a corner throw-in for the lone score for the locals.

“I think we held our own against a professional team,” said Hollyoak, noting that his roster was filled with former players from Fleming Island, Oakleaf, and Ridgeview and coached by Orange Park High coach Adam Dement, also a former Raider player. “Our guys showed off the incredible talent that we produce in Clay County.”

The United Soccer Alliance roster featured Ridgeview’s Adam Mineo (Warner University) in goal with defender Liam McDonald (Daytona State College) in front of him, Fleming Island forward Connor Davis (Berry College) and Oakleaf players Gio Abreu (UNF) and Akin-May-Parker (Warner University) with former Fleming Island players Matt Male (Florida Southern College), Logan Dailey (Grove City College), Trevor Broadbridge, Noah Eaton and former St. Johns Country Day School standout Luke Graston (Brewton-Parker College).



United Soccer Alliance forward Noah Eaton, left, gets sliding save from Club De Lyon goalie Hector Melendez in showcase match won by De Lyon 4-1 at Fleming Island on Sunday. Right: Fleming Island High grad Sam Atherton had lone goal for United Soccer Alliance and celebrates here after his header.



Above left: Former Fleming Island High standout Connor Davis, right, blasts Armada header attempt while, right, Ridgeview defender Liam McDonalds gets an airborne header in front of shot attempt on goal. Below: United Soccer Alliance team is full of Clay County stars from recent years.













CLAY COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

assed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 2463/2022
Legal Description: LOT 2 MEADOW-BROOK UNIT 4 AS REC O R 3769 PG 978
Parcel ID No.: 060426-011060-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,316.34
Physical Address: 112 MEADOW-BROOK DR , ORANGE PARK
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: KEILA ROSADO
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 11th day of September, 2024 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
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Certificate No.: 2655/2022
Legal Description: LOT 35 & 36 BLK 13 FLEMING ISL ESTATES AS REC O R 117 PG 96 & 1833
PG 1983
Parcel ID No.: 380526-014921-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,466.30
Physical Address: 0 FLORIDA ST , FLEMING ISLAND
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: ASILA HOLDINGS LLC (TRUSTEE) ET AL, FLORIDA STREET LAND TRUST
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Certificate No.: 2774/2022
Legal Description: SE1/4 OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 S187R26 AS REC O R 4072 PG 37
Parcel ID No.: 180726-015933-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,068.92
Physical Address: 0 SCREWORM , GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: NA/MX60/69
Name in which assessed: IR RE HOLDINGS LLC
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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Certificate No.: 1462/2022
Legal Description: PT OF S24,25 & 26T5R24 AS REC O R 2129 PG 1171,2226 PG 1823, 3310 PG 1019 & 3513 PG 1013 EX PT O R 3513 PG 1010,3775 PG 548,4051 PG 74132 PG 256 & 4251 PG 1614
Parcel ID No.: 260524-006611-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,344.90
Physical Address: 0 BLACK CREEK DR , MIDDLEBURG
Classification: TMBR 80/89
Name in which assessed: BRENDA HAYS
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC & OCEAN BANK, 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.: 2022/2022
Legal Description: LOT 449 CREEKVIEW @ OAKLEAF PLANTATION O R 2490 PG 2135, 4596 PG 801
Parcel ID No.: 070425-007869-002-20
Opening Bid Amount: \$100,951.61
Physical Address: 860 SONGBIRD DR , ORANGE PARK
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: ROSE MARIE ROKUSKIE EL/E
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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Certificate No.: 985/2022
Legal Description: PT OF LOT 9 BLK A LONGBAY AS REC O R 232 PG 271,4592 PG 410 EX PT CUT OUT PER SURVEY
Parcel ID No.: 350424-005712-001-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$6,858.00
Physical Address: 4001 OLD JENNINGS RD , MIDDLEBURG
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: JONATHAN S CARTER P/R, JOHNNIE CARTER (ESTATE OF)
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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Certificate No.: 2484/2022
Legal Description: LOT 26 BLK 32 MEADOWBROOK 10 AS REC O R 3989 PB 1578
Parcel ID No.: 010425-011758-061-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$46,473.57
Physical Address: 528 W BLAIRMORE BLVD , ORANGE PARK
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: STACEY LOUISE JOHNS
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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Certificate No.: 2524/2022
Legal Description: LOT 26 BLK 1 SEVEN OAKS AS REC O R 1386 PG 2259
Parcel ID No.: 180426-013086-027-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$74,091.50
Physical Address: 2045 SEVEN OAKS CT , ORANGE PARK
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: KENNETH T & CYNTHIA S WILLIAMS, CYNTHIA S WILLIAMS
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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Certificate No.: 1949/2022
Legal Description: PT OF SW1/4 S30T8R24 AS REC O R 2624 PG 1208; 2817 PG 944 3127 PG 1558; 3155 PG 178 & 3925 PG 874
Parcel ID No.: 300824-007838-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$32,381.57
Physical Address: 5317 ALMOND CT , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: WAYNE W

HODGE EL/E
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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Certificate No.: 1729/2022
Legal Description: LOT 34 OAK LAKE ESTATES AS REC O R 3070 PG 888
Parcel ID No.: 080824-006919-608-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$21,861.47
Physical Address: 4782 GADARA RD , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: STEVE GACIOCH & TERESA LONG
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
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ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET(S); AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Rolling Hills Community Development District ("District") will hold a public hearing and regular meeting as follows:
DATE: August 13, 2024
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Rolling Hills Amenity Center
3212 Bradley Creek Parkway
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments and objections on the adoption of the District's proposed budget(s) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025 ("Proposed Budget"). A regular Board meeting of the District will also be held at the above time where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it. A copy of the agenda and Proposed Budget may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, (904) 940-5850 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours, or by visiting the District's website at rollinghillscdd.com.
The public hearing and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearing and/or meeting may be continued in progress to a date, time certain, and place to be specified on the record at the public hearing and/or meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.
Any person requiring special accommodations at the public hearing or meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours

prior to the public hearing and meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.
Marilee Giles, District Manager
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (LEVY)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the COUNTY Court, Clay County, Florida, Case No. 2020SC001065 on January 16, 2024 in the matter of Vystar Credit Union, plaintiff, and Jesus Francisco Urriola Brewster, defendant, I, Michelle Cook, As Sheriff of Clay County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant(s) Jesus Francisco Urriola Brewster, to-wit: Description of Property 2018 ACURA ILX VIN # 19UDE2F49JA004568 and on AUGUST 8, 2024, at 0900 Hours, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, at location of sale, SCOTT'S TOWING, 2909 BLANDING BLVD, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, I will offer the property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above-described execution. The above described property may be viewed up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sale time. In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Clay County Sheriff's Office Civil Unit 904-529-6390.
MICHELLE COOK,
As Sheriff of Clay County, Florida
BY: SERGEANT S. DUGGER #6224
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NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 10-2023-DR-000880
DIVISION: F
IN RE: THE MATTER OF: DALLAS AIDEN COBB, Child, SHERRIE BELLVILLE and JUSTIN BELLVILLE Petitioners
AARON ALLEN MOORE, Respondent.
To: Aaron Allen Moore
801 Donto Ln
Middleburg, Florida 32068
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for temporary custody by extended relative has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Maria Aguilu, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner at 2318 Park Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32204 email: maguilu@immigrationlawfla.com, phone: 904-385-9377 on or before August 1, 2024, and file the original with the clerk of this court at: Clay County Courthouse, 825 N Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and

information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: June 18, 2024
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Jennifer Brosky
DEPUTY CLERK
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Meeting Dates of the Clay County Utility Authority

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Persons requiring auditory assistance may access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).
If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend.
For further information, call (904) 213-2464.
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RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2023CA001416
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. DONALD SMITH A/K/A DONALD S. SMITH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD SMITH A/K/A DONALD S. SMITH; CEDAR BEND PATIO-HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendant(s)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale filed June 20, 2024 and entered in Case No. 2023CA001416, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is Plaintiff and DONALD SMITH A/K/A DONALD S. SMITH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD SMITH A/K/A DONALD S. SMITH; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; CEDAR BEND PATIO-HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are defendants. TARA S. GREEN, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash BY ELECTRONIC SALE AT: WWW.CLAY.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at 10:00 A.M., on August 7, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 6, CEDAR BEND UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE 51, OF THE 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.
Dated this 10th day of July, 2024.
TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of said Court
By /s/Taylor Tison
As Deputy Clerk
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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 170.07, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY THE ROOKERY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL PURSUANT TO SECTION 197.3632(4)(b), FLORIDA STATUTES, BY THE ROOKERY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROOKERY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Rookery Community Development District ("District") will hold public hearings on **August 13, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.**, at the **Cross Creek North Amenity Center, 2895 Big Oak Drive Green Cove Springs, FL 32043**, to consider the adoption of an assessment roll, the imposition of special assessments to secure proposed bonds on benefited lands within the District, a depiction of which lands is shown below, and to provide for the levy, collection and enforcement of the special assessments.

The District is located entirely within the City of Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida. The lands to be improved are generally north of First Coast Expressway, west of US 17, east of CR 15A and south of Green Cove Avenue, and are geographically depicted below and in the *Engineer's Report Capital Improvements for Infrastructure*, dated June 18, 2024 ("Engineer's Report"). The public hearing is being conducted pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes. A description of the property to be assessed and the amount to be assessed to each piece or parcel of property may be ascertained at the office of the District Manager c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc., at 2806 North Fifth Street, Unit 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084, or mail at 3434 Colwell Ave., Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614 or phone: (904) 436-6270 ("District Manager's Office").

The District is a unit of special-purpose local government responsible for providing infrastructure improvements for lands within the District. The infrastructure improvements are currently expected to include, but are not limited to, roadways, water, reuse and sewer utilities, stormwater management, hardscape and landscape, recreational amenities, electric and street lighting improvements, and other infrastructure ("Improvements"), all as more specifically described in the Engineer's Report on file and available during normal business hours at the District Manager's Office. According to the Engineer's Report, the estimated cost of the Improvements is \$126,775,605.

The District intends to impose assessments on benefited lands in the manner set forth in the District's *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report*, dated July 8, 2024 ("Assessment Report"), which is on file and available during normal business hours at the District Manager's Office.

The purpose of any such assessment is to secure the bonds issued to fund the Improvements. As described in more detail in the Assessment Report, the District's assessments will be levied against respective benefited lands within the District. The Assessment Report identifies maximum assessment amounts for each assessment area and land use category that is currently expected to be assessed. The lien for assessments is proposed to be allocated on an equal assessment per acre basis, and will be levied on an equivalent assessment unit ("EAU") basis at the time that such property is platted or subject to a site plan or sold.

The annual principal assessment levied against each parcel will be based on repayment over thirty (30) years of the total debt allocated to each parcel. The District expects to assess and collect sufficient revenues to retire no more than \$174,000,000 in principal debt, inclusive of fees and costs of collection or enforcement, discounts for early payment and interest. The proposed annual schedule of assessments is as follows:

PRODUCT	UNITS	EAU FACTOR	TOTAL EAU'S	% OF EAU'S	PRODUCT TOTAL PRINCIPAL (2)	PER UNIT PRINCIPAL	PRODUCT ANNUAL INSTLMT. (2)(3)	PER UNIT ANNUAL INSTLMT. (3)
Townhome	615	0.50	308	19%	\$33,201,986	\$53,987	\$3,137,497	\$5,102
Single Family	1,304	1.00	1,304	81%	\$140,798,014	\$107,974	\$13,305,028	\$10,203
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$174,000,000</b>		<b>\$16,442,525</b>	

(1) Represents maximum assessments for the District and allocated by EAU.  
 (2) Product total shown for illustrative purposes only and are not fixed per product type.  
 (3) Includes estimated Clay County collection costs/payment discounts, which may fluctuate.

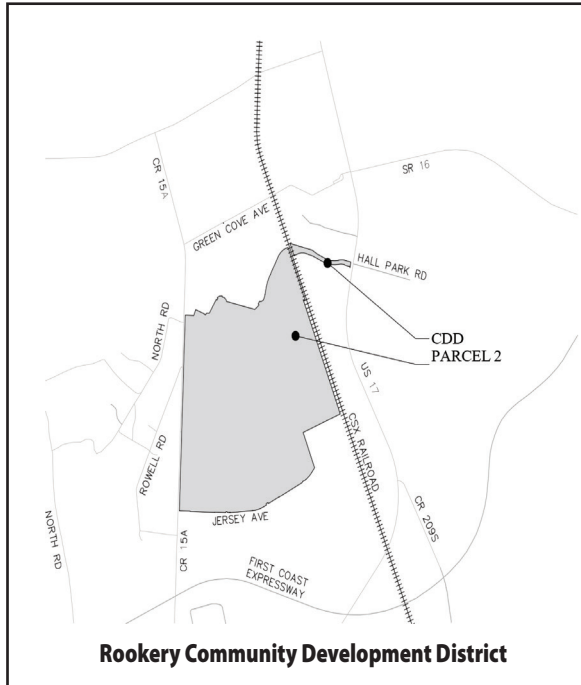
The assessments may be prepaid in whole at any time, or in some instances in part, or may be paid in not more than thirty (30) annual installments subsequent to the issuance of debt to finance the improvements. These annual assessments will be collected on the Manatee County tax roll by the Tax Collector. Alternatively, the District may choose to directly collect and enforce these assessments. All affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearings and the right to file written objections with the District within twenty (20) days of the publication of this notice.

Also, on **August 13, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.**, at the **Cross Creek North Amenity Center, 2895 Big Oak Drive Green Cove Springs, FL 32043**, the Board will hold a regular public meeting to consider any other business that may lawfully be considered by the District. The Board meeting and hearings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The Board meeting and/or the public hearings may be continued in progress to a certain date and time announced at such meeting and/or hearings.

If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearings, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the meeting or hearings because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District office.

### ROOKERY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



### RESOLUTION 2024-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ROOKERY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; INDICATING THE LOCATION, NATURE AND ESTIMATED COST OF THOSE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WHOSE COST IS TO BE DEFRAYED BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE DEFRAYED BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; PROVIDING WHEN SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE PAID; DESIGNATING LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT; ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION; RESCINDING PRIOR ASSESSMENT RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the Rookery Community Development District (the "District") hereby determines to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain the infrastructure improvements (the "Improvements") described in the District's Engineer's Report Capital Improvements for Infrastructure, updated June 18, 2024, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to pay the cost of the Improvements by special assessments pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes (the "Assessments"); and

WHEREAS, the District is empowered by Chapter 190, the Uniform Community Development District Act, Chapter 170, Supplemental and Alternative Method of Making Local Municipal Improvements, and Chapter 197, the Uniform Method for the Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments, Florida Statutes, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain the Improvements and to impose, levy and collect the Assessments; and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that benefits will accrue to the property improved, the amount of those benefits, and that special assessments will be made in proportion to the benefits received as set forth in the Master Special Assessment Allocation Report, updated July 8, 2024, attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference and on file at 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614 (the "District Records Office"); and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that the Assessments to be levied will not exceed the benefit to the property improved.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ROOKERY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- Assessments shall be levied to defray a portion of the cost of the Improvements.
- The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the Improvements are described in **Exhibit A**, which is on file at the District Records Office. **Exhibit B** is also on file and available for public inspection at the same location.
- The total estimated cost of the Improvements is \$126,775,605 (the "Estimated Cost").

4. The Assessments will defray approximately \$174,000,000 which amounts include the Estimated Costs, plus financing-related costs, capitalized interest and a debt service reserve.

5. The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in **Exhibit B**, including provisions for supplemental assessment resolutions.

6. The Assessments shall be levied, within the District, on all lots and lands adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon the Improvements or specially benefited thereby and further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.

7. There is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed, with certain plans and specifications describing the Improvements and the estimated cost of the Improvements, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.

8. Commencing with the year in which the Assessments are levied and confirmed, the Assessments shall be paid in not more than (30) thirty annual installments. The Assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad-valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non ad-valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law.

9. The District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.

10. The Board shall adopt a subsequent resolution to fix a time and place at which the owners of property to be assessed or any other persons interested therein may appear before the Board and be heard as to the propriety and advisability of the assessments or the making of the Improvements, the cost thereof, the manner of payment therefore, or the amount thereof to be assessed against each property as improved.

11. The District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within Clay County and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

12. Previously adopted assessment resolutions including Resolutions 2024-25, 2024-26, regarding the imposition of special assessment and setting a public hearing thereon are rescinded in their entirety.

13. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of July, 2024.

ATTEST: ROOKERY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lesley Gallagher \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Porter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary/Assistant Secretary Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:**  
*Engineer's Report Capital Improvements for Infrastructure, updated June 18, 2024*

**Exhibit B:** *Master Special Assessment Allocation Report, updated July 8, 2024*

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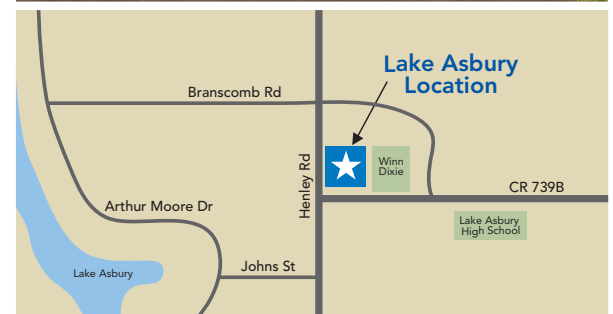
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