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Charter Review panel recommends BCC pay hike

By Debra W. Buehn
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — In an effort to correct what they see as a punishment to the wrong people, the Charter Review Commission will present the voters of Clay

County with a ballot issue in November designed to bring Clay County commissioners' salaries more in line with their peers across the state. Members of the CRC present at the commission's Jan. 4 meeting voted 9-0 unanimously to put on the November gen-

eral ballot an item that would raise Clay County commissioners' salaries from their current \$37,000 a year to about \$51,580 a year. The pay hike would be done in 5 percent increments over a four-year period. Six Charter Review Commission members were absent from the meeting.

That option won out over two others that were brought before the full CRC by a subcommittee that was formed specifically to look at the issue of commissioners' salaries. One of those options would have raised commissioners' salaries to state

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The center building at Kings Tree Apartments on Kingsley Avenue burns while residents watched and snapped photos much like these on Jan. 6.

Building a total loss

Blaze displaces local families

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK — Elise Gonzalez, 37, used to have nightmares about her childhood home catching on fire. She would wake up every night in cold sweats, frightened that the house she called home would be ablaze. As she grew older, these nightmares happened less frequently until they stopped happening at all. On Jan. 6, at around 6 p.m., her nightmare became real. Gonzalez had walked to a convenience store down the road to pick up some groceries. As she walked past the front of the Kings Tree Apartments sign everything was as it had always been. Kingsley Avenue was still busy. Her apartments were

still quiet. Gonzalez made her way into her home, apartment 44, and just moments after putting her stuff down, heard screaming and yelling urgently commanding everyone to leave. "Everyone was yelling, 'get out, get out,' and that's when I realized there was a fire," Gonzalez said. About a tenth of a mile down the street in a neighborhood called Fox Valley, Debby Terry watched from her back deck as the sky



Elise Gonzalez

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Discovery Oaks Elementary boundaries set

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

FLEMING ISLAND — Clay County’s newest elementary school has a new set of attendance boundaries after a Jan. 4 vote from the Clay County School Board.

The board voted 5-0 to advertise a 21-day notice of the board’s intent to adopt an Attendance Boundary Plan that district staff presented to the community in a meeting in December.

This plan shapes the attendance boundaries for Discovery Oaks Elementary, which is on track to open this coming August for the 2018-19 school year. The board also accepted a plan to add sixth grade to both Plantation Oaks and Oakleaf Village Elementary schools, which currently serve Pre-K to fifth grade. Oakleaf Junior High will also be re-aligned to offer only seventh to eighth grades, whereas, the school currently is grades sixth through eighth.

According to a presentation given at a previous meeting, the goal in the Oakleaf redistricting are to open Discovery Oaks Elementary with a sustainable student

population and have no relocatable classrooms, reduce enrollment at Plantation Oaks Elementary and Oakleaf Junior and realign the grade structure.

The rezoning also aims to minimize disruption to all students and schools involved and the busing required, all while providing safe walking and biking routes to the new school which is in the Eagle Landing section of Oakleaf.

Two options were presented in the redistricting for the Oakleaf area. Option 1 sees the zoning expand westward, with option 2 expanding more south. Both options allow Discovery Oaks Elementary to relieve Plantation Oaks Elementary’s enrollment, have students already qualified for busing and keep neighborhoods together. Those are the only similarities between the two options.

Option one maintains boundary proximity to schools and allows Plantation Oaks Elementary and Discovery Oaks Elementary to experience equal growth, while also allowing a reduction in transportation requirements. All of this comes at a cost of



This drone aerial photo shows the construction progress at Clay County’s first school in a decade, Discovery Oaks Elementary.

walkers and bikers having to cross at Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, which would require a traffic signal and a crossing guard.

Option two eliminates the need for walkers and bikers to cross Oakleaf Plantation Parkway but came with a quite a few cons, according to the presentation. Option two sees the rezoning losing boundary proximity to schools, a potential overgrowth of Discovery Oaks Elementary as there will be three growing neighborhoods

in this area, and no savings on transportation costs. This option also requires buses to take a left turn onto Oakleaf Plantation Parkway.

As far as attendance goes, option one has Discovery Oaks Elementary with a projected 826 students and Plantation Oaks Elementary with 802. Option two puts Discovery Oaks Elementary’s attendance at 805 and Plantation Oaks

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Medical marijuana moratorium to end?

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Although given a reluctant green light, medical marijuana treatment centers may be closer to a reality in Clay County.

The Clay County Board of Commissioners discussed two courses of action at its Tuesday meeting regarding medical marijuana, one of which will be voted on for approval at the next meeting.

On Jan. 9, the board was reminded that the one-year moratorium — essentially, a temporary ban —

expires on Jan. 24, and that moving forward, the board has two options, in the form of ordinances, to choose from.

The first ordinance presented to the board was an ordinance that, if put into place, would ban medical marijuana facilities in the county for 24 months. The second ordinance presented to the board allows medical marijuana facilities in the county under conditional use. Those conditions state that a medical marijuana facility is allowed in any zoning district where pharmacies are allowed and that these fa-

cilities can only be open between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The proposal also calls for these facilities to have a set of rules to follow when determining signage for the business. Signs may not be visible from streets and sidewalks and a sign may only be affixed to the building itself or act as a window sign. The signs are also not allowed to use common words, phrases or images used in signage for recreational marijuana use. Finally, the facility may not be within 500 feet of a school.

At the meeting, the board was not expected to choose an ordinance that they prefer, as this was simply a first reading of the two options. At the next board meeting, the two ordinances will be read again and the commission will make a motion to vote on which ordinance they want to approve.

This discussion of ordinances comes from a previously-held meeting where the Board of Commissioners instructed the Planning Commission to determine two potential courses of action the board could take in moving forward with medical marijuana discussions in the county. At a

Jan. 2 meeting, the Planning Commission discussed the same two ordinances that the Board of Commissioners discussed Jan. 9. At the Jan. 2 meeting, the Planning Commission voted 3-2 to recommend the second ordinance, which allows facilities to operate in the county under conditional use.

In other business, Finance Director Clayton Meng requested the transfer of \$7 million from the general funds reserve to be used for the unanticipated costs of Hurricane Irma recovery and debris cleanup.

“As you all know, our only unrestricted revenue source is general funds,” Meng said. “Although spending \$7 million or \$10 million, whatever the final cost is, is not a happy story to tell, I do know from discussions with me and my colleagues around the state that a lot of counties are having to take out loans, or bonds, to front what ends up being a delayed turnaround from FEMA.”

Meng assured the BCC that because of their reserve, they won’t have to look at receiving help from a bank — in terms of a loan or a bond — to cover the costs they

have forthcoming. “We are very fortunate that we have those reserves available to pull on in a situation like this,” Meng said.

As far as reimbursing the general funds reserve, when reimbursement money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency is received, the money will be allocated back to where it was originally taken. The county has received \$185,000 in total state and federal money in reimbursement from Hurricane Matthew costs, proof that reimbursement is a slow process. The county is expecting around 75 percent of their costs to be reimbursed, or in the case of Hurricane Matthew costs, \$1.5 million.

Meng said that he is under the impression that final costs for Irma recovery will go above \$7 million.

“An easy number is \$10 million and if that’s the cost, we would end up shouldering \$2.5 million at the end of the day if we ever get fully reimbursed,” Meng said.

After about 10 minutes of discussion, the BCC voted 5-0 vote to transfer the \$7 million.

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Sheriff drug bust video goes viral

By Kile Brewer
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels has gone viral.

Following a raid on a home in near Orange Park's Hickory Glen neighborhood on Jan. 5, Daniels filmed a vlog-style video to send a message to the public.

"As the sheriff of Clay County I'm telling you that if you want to commit crimes in Clay County, you've got options," Daniels said. "You can stop what you're doin', you can leave Clay County or you too will be on the receiving end of this," Daniels said before turning his back to the camera and heading toward the house. Casually dressed in a cable-knit sweater, peacoat

and jeans, Daniels stopped once he made his way through the front door.

"One day you'll be sleeping at night, or early one morning and you'll hear a bang and a lot of noise and the end result and the outcome will be: me, standing in your living room, like I said, drinking my morning coffee," Daniels said. After taking a long drink from his CCSO coffee mug, he leaves viewers with a final word, "15 going to jail, three big gulps. Y'all take care, Clay County."

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Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels stands in front of a home on Hickory Glen Drive where the SWAT Team made a drug bust Jan. 5.



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Florida falling behind in criminal justice reform

By Melba Pearson, Shalini Goel Agarwal
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Florida is falling behind on criminal justice reform. While a majority of states – including Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas – have adopted comprehensive criminal justice reforms over the last several years with bipartisan support, Florida has done little to evaluate its existing policies and create a more effective system. Other states are reducing incarceration levels while simultaneously lowering crime rates and saving millions of dollars.

Meanwhile, Florida spends more than \$2.3 billion a year to incarcerate nearly 100,000 people in prison. From 1970 to 2014, our population has roughly tripled; but the number of people in prison increased by more than 1,000 percent. Between 1990 and 2009, the length of sentences increased by 166 percent – more than any other state.

It's clear that Florida is sending too many people to prison for too long, and in doing so, wasting our tax dollars. It's time that our legislators do something to stop as well as reverse Florida's ineffective reliance on mass incarceration.

Florida's failure to overhaul its system has nothing to do with lack of opportunity or popular support. Year after year, our lawmakers fail to move forward proposals that would undoubtedly improve the criminal justice system. They cannot shift their complacency onto the backs of constituents, claiming voters want "tough-on-crime" politicians. Floridians are ready for change. A poll recently released by Right on Crime – a conservative advocacy group – found that registered Florida voters, including Republicans, back criminal justice reforms that are being proposed in the 2018 legislative session.

For starters, lawmakers should allow judges to depart from mandatory minimum sentences when they find that level of punishment is not justified. Right now, judges' hands are tied by laws meant to target drug kingpins. Instead, people facing nonviolent, and often first-time, drug



Melba Pearson



Shalini Goel Agarwal

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Outta' the woods

By Tony Young
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Forest fires caused by lightning once played a major role in forming and maintaining much of Florida's palmetto-pine flatwoods, sandhills, scrub, prairies and wetlands ecosystems. Many species of wildlife benefit greatly from fire. Historically, Native Americans, farmers and ranchers practiced controlled burning to clear land and initiate new plant growth for wildlife and livestock. But over time, as more people moved into Florida, development began to take over and fragment many natural areas.

Prescribed fire is the best and most cost-effective tool the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's wildlife managers have for managing wildlife habitat, especially large tracts. Safely-controlled prescribed fire techniques to improve and maintain habitats for deer, quail, turkey and many other wildlife species, have been used for some 75 years.

Some people worry that animals are harmed by prescribed fire. However, the slow-moving flames of carefully planned burns allow animals time to find shelter or move away from the approaching fire. Fire enables habitats to produce enough of the right kinds of food for wildlife by promoting nutritious, tender new growth of plants as well as increasing the production of seeds and fruit. This new growth attracts many insect species, which are great sources of protein for turkey and quail.

Periodic controlled burns also reduce the danger of devastating wildfires developing because the buildup of underbrush on the forest floor has been removed. Prescribed fire is the best way to eliminate such flammable debris, which helps lower the risks of wildfires forming and reduces their intensity if they do occur. Burning also allows animals to move through areas



Tony Young

that would otherwise be impassable and unusable.

Controlled burns release and recycle nutrients back into the soil and allow more sunlight to reach the ground. This stimulates seeds to sprout, which produces tender, low-growing vegetation that provides food and appropriate shelter for wildlife. Prescribed fire also reduces the number of parasites and pests such as ticks.

Rigorous training and mandatory safety gear ensure that safety is the top priority for burn crew staff and the public on every prescribed burn the FWC conducts. Controlled burns are planned months in advance by skilled teams of experienced wildlife biologists and land managers who identify and prioritize areas that need it the most. Each burn unit has a specific plan, or "prescription," that describes the area to be burned, optimal weather conditions, humidity levels and wind direction, personnel and equipment needed, and specifics necessary to conduct a safe and effective burn. When weather conditions are appropriate, the FWC obtains a burn authorization External Website from the Florida Forest Service External Website and notifies people living nearby before starting a burn.

The FWC conducts prescribed burns at various times of the year to produce the best-desired results. Burning during the spring and summer increases the growth of native grasses and hardwoods. Burning during the winter is less damaging to shrubby plants.

When conducting a prescribed burn, the FWC makes every effort to minimize impacts to the public. You might see smoke plumes travelling high into the air, where they quickly dissipate. It is normal for the area around a burn to smell smoky for a day or two.

Right after a prescribed burn, the area may appear charred and bare but will attract deer and turkey, which can often be found in a burned area the very next day.

A few weeks to months following, the area will be lush with all kinds of thriving wildlife. By using prescribed fire as a management tool, the FWC can keep Florida's wildlife populations and their habitats healthy.



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.

Paucity: A noun meaning "the presence of something only in small or insufficient quantities or amounts; scarcity."

"In the event of a fire, there is usually only a paucity of information available as to its causes."

Letter to the Editor

**If it Ain't Broke Fix It?
Addressing Evolution
in Clay County Schools**

My daughter is a seventh grader at Wilkinson Middle School. Recently she came home and asked some very smart questions about genetics, evolution and how it fit with our faith verse other religious traditions. This is nothing new in our home, we discuss topics like these all the time. The discussion passed and so I was happy to have had time with my daughter discussing her school experience, answering her questions and where I couldn't, guiding her to a source to find the answers.

At the most recent School Board meeting Mrs. Gilhousen suggested a change to the framework of Evolution curriculum in our district.

Parents, teachers and students have been exposed to our current methodology of teaching evolution for years with no issues, as was pointed out by the chairwoman.

The suggestion was that we teach all the theories and/or that we teach the controversy.

I would suggest that this is a direct challenge to teacher autonomy and an unnecessary action that could confuse students as well as being a possible violation of the establishment clause of the U.S. Constitution.

The fact that there are literally thousands of creation myths, the fact that teaching mythology in science is absurd. All that aside, requiring teachers to address even a small amount of creation myths challenges the autonomy of science teachers in their classrooms.

It would also put teachers in the precarious position of attempting to

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offenses are now captured in a system with long sentences and no rehabilitation. Imprisonment is not appropriate for people who suffer from addiction or mental health issues.

Treatment is the more effective path in the short and long-term, and the less expensive option. Two-thirds of Florida voters believe judges should have the discretion to depart from these sentences when appropriate. Legislators should support two bills in this legislative session, Senate Bill 694 and House Bill 481, as these bills will allow a judge the discretion to impose an appropriate sentence that fits the crime.

Further, we should also raise the monetary value threshold at which theft becomes a felony. The amount hasn't been updated – even for inflation – since 1986. At \$300, we have one of the lowest thresholds in the country; in Georgia, it's \$1,500 and in Texas, it's \$2,500. This outdated law burdens people charged with theft of items like bicycles, an article of clothing, or small electronics with lifelong consequences that don't fit the crime.

Each conviction could end up costing Florida taxpayers up to \$100,000 – the average amount it costs to house someone in a state prison for five years. Senate Bill 928 and House Bill 713 would raise the monetary threshold to \$1,500, which a majority of Floridians support. While that amount is still lower than some other Southern states, passing this legislation would be a much-needed step in the right direction.

Lastly, we should encourage pre-arrest diversion programs that keep people from cycling into the criminal justice system in the first place and save money. A majority of arrests in Florida are for misdemeanor offenses. We shouldn't be sending so many people to jail for low-level crimes and burdening taxpayers with the cost of housing, meals, health care and supervision. Nearly three in four Florida voters believe counties should be encouraged to create civil citation programs that would provide law enforcement officers an alternative to arrest. Fortunately, several leading legislators have proposed these reforms and are taking to heart that Floridians say the primary purpose of the criminal justice system should be to rehabilitate, not punish. Now is the time for the entire legislature to support their effort. It is time for our leaders to adopt smart policies that will prevent crime and reduce recidivism, while saving taxpayer dollars and keeping us safe.

No more excuses. It is time we had better justice in Florida.

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Yeoman to retire from Air Force

GOLDSBORO, N.C. – Master Sgt. Angela C. Padgett Yeoman will retire from the U.S. Air Force on Jan. 19 at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. During her career, Yeoman, a 1997 graduate of Middleburg High, was deployed five times to Afghanistan. She was also stationed in Georgia, Italy, Korea, North

Carolina, Spain, South Carolina, Texas and Turkey.

While serving in Italy, Yeoman met her husband Carl Yeoman, who retired from the Air Force in 2016 after a 24-year career. After



Angela Yeoman

her retirement, Yeoman and her family, which includes children Dustin, 14, and Linzey, 8, will live in North Carolina. Yeoman is the daughter of Leslie and Patsy Padgett of Middleburg, who along with about 30 family members and friends from seven states, are planning to attend her retirement ceremony.

Evolution

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balance the secular teachings of science with the mysticism of multiple cultures and religious traditions if not inadvertently promoting particular religious beliefs – a clear violation of the establishment clause of the Constitution.

This suggestion also chances our students of being confused. Being exposed to extraneous information for no other reason than the religious beliefs of a single board member seems a high price to pay.

Where would we draw the line of which creation myths have “value” and how do we avoid the implication of bias and/or the favoring of particular religious traditions over others – a direct challenge to the findings in Edwards v. Aguillard.

Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District was a case very similar to

what the board discussed. The decision in this case was “Teaching intelligent design in public school biology classes violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States because intelligent design is not science and “cannot uncouple itself from its creationist, and thus religious, antecedents.” While this case was heard in Pennsylvania the precedent seems clear.

We don't teach about Vishnu in Biology for the same reason we don't teach mitosis in ELA.

Thus, it is a violation of the public trust for a single board member to exceed their mandate and push a personal issue absent a public outcry. The saying goes vox populi vox dei, the voice of the people is the voice of God.

As parents we have a spiritual obligation to raise our children to follow the right path. That means taking an active part in their education as well as discuss-

ing where curriculum and personal belief intersect. I, for one, do not want teachers filling the role of spirituality, particularly if such a role would only serve to marginalize one's religious beliefs in order to promote secular teachings.

It would be my hope that students not be subjected to the thousands of creation myths in a science class, that teachers not have their autonomy challenged, that our district take into account the precedent of the past several years as well as the cases across the country throughout the past 50 years and make no change to the methodology we currently use to teach evolution.

**Roel Escamilla Jr.
Middleburg**

Editor's Note: Roel Escamilla has filed paperwork as a candidate for the District 3 seat on the Clay County School Board, the seat currently held by Ashley Gilhousen.

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Bird count gets kids acquainted with nature

By **Kile Brewer**
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – When wintry weather hits, Floridians take shelter, but Saturday a couple dozen Clay County adventurers headed outside into the cold to be with the birds.

Through its Christmas Bird Count for Kids, the Duval Audubon Society hopes to get kids out of the house and into the woods of Camp Chowenwaw, even if it was only for a half-day.

For the past four years the organization has hosted the kid’s version of the society’s bird count. The Christmas Bird Count, adult version, is one of the longest standing ventures by Audubon, with volunteers going out to collect census-like data on birds every year since the early 1900s. In more recent times, the kid’s count came about as a means of spawning volunteers for the next generation’s official count, as well as just getting kids in nature.

“It’s always nice to get kids involved in things outside, especially when so many things today are geared toward being inside,” said Debra Hill Duval Audubon’s CBC4Kids director. “We’re hoping to introduce kids to nature and birding, and we do that by putting them on a trail with experi-



Participants in the Duval Audubon Society’s annual Christmas Bird Count for Kids look for a red-bellied woodpecker Jan. 6 at Camp Chowenwaw.

enced birders.”

Hill noted that a lot of people don’t understand birding, but those who do typically love the activity. The day began early with a quick rundown of what is involved in birding. The kids are taught some of the basic types of birds they might see, and

the ways to tell similar-looking birds apart. They were also provided with a basic set of binoculars and taught how to use and focus them.

After their briefing, the kids went outside

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A red-bellied woodpecker sits perched in a tall tree at Camp Chowenwaw. The bird was spotted and marked on the list of several young birders Jan. 6 during the annual Duval Audubon Society-hosted Christmas Bird Count for Kids.

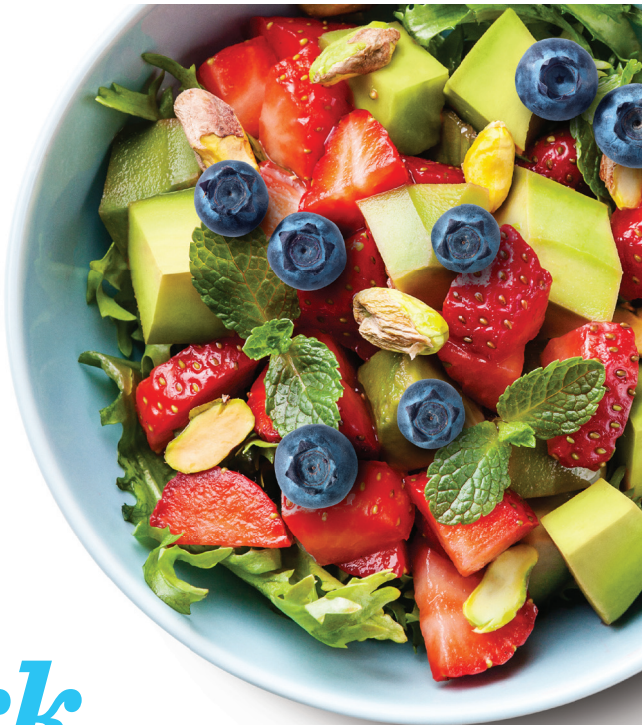


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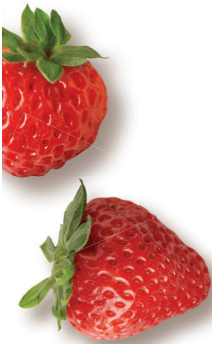


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Political newcomer scores Bradley, Cummings backing

By **A.G. Gancarski**
FloridaPolitics.com

JACKSONVILLE – Republican Wyman Duggan, a Jacksonville lawyer seeking to replace departing Jay Fant in House District 15, scored big in December on two fronts.

Duggan finally hit six figures in fundraising, reporting \$10,124 of new December money, which pushed him up to \$103,674 raised (and over \$92,000 on hand).

Among the donors: the political committee of Clay County Rep. Travis Cummings (First Coast Conservatives).

In addition to hitting a fundraising milestone, Duggan also scored a key endorsement from another Clay County Republican in Tallahassee: Senate Appropriations Chair Rob Bradley.

Bradley described Duggan as “a respected community leader who will serve

with honor, integrity, and commitment to our shared conservative values.”

Duggan, meanwhile, is “honored to have the support of Sen. Bradley who has served as a conservative leader in the Florida Senate. I look forward to working with Sen. Bradley throughout my campaign and in the Florida legislature fighting for a more prosperous and brighter future for Florida.”

Duggan has scored a swath of endorsements from Republican electeds, setting up the “Your leaders trust Duggan ... shouldn’t you?” mail pieces.



Wyman Duggan

Jacksonville City Councilmen Danny Becton, Matt Schellenberg, Greg Anderson, Aaron Bowman, Scott Wilson, Doyle Carter, Jim Love and Sam Newby are on board. So are former Council members Jim Overton and Kevin Hyde. And Rep. John Rutherford, State Sen. Aaron Bean, State Rep. Jason Fischer, Duval Clerk of Courts Ronnie Fussell, Duval Tax Collector Michael Corrigan also back Duggan.

However, Bradley is unique as a regional powerbroker, and his endorsement is key. Especially in recent months since becoming Appropriations Chair, the Fleming Island Republican has shown robust committee fundraising for his Working for Florida’s Families.

In December, Bradley’s Working for Florida’s Families brought in \$173,000, pushing it to \$720,000 on hand.

Among the donors: U.S. Sugar, Walmart,

Florida Blue, Associated Industries of Florida.

Potential access to those deep pockets, whether directly or by proxy, is an asset in what looks to be a competitive general election. Per Daily Kos, HD 15 “was R+8.7 for president after being R+12.6 in ‘12.”

Duggan’s likely Democrat opponent, highly touted Tracie Polson, has some ground to make up to catch Duggan’s \$92,000 cash on hand.

Though December receipts were not available at this writing, Polson closed November with \$50,000 in hard money and an additional \$13,000 in the account of her political committee, Better Jacksonville.

Polson hopes to counteract Duggan’s access to the donor class with canvassing the Westside Jacksonville district; her team is a fixture on HD 15 streets on weekends.

We will update this post with December numbers for Polson once they are filed.

A.G. Gancarski’s story appears courtesy of FloridaPolitics.com.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF ELECTION 2018 SUPER TUESDAY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS City of Green Cove Springs City of Keystone Heights Town of Orange Park

Pursuant to Section 100.021 of the Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the 2018 Super Tuesday Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at each respective Municipality.

City of Keystone Heights

555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Seats Three (3) and Seat Five (5) for a three (3) year term and the remaining Two (2) year term for Seat Four (4) as Mayor on Keystone Heights City Council.

Qualifying for Seats Three (3) and Seat Five (5) will open Monday, January 29th at NOON and remain open until Friday, February 2nd at NOON at the City of Keystone Heights Office.

Town of Orange Park

2042 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073

Seat Three (3) for a three (3) year term of office on the Orange Park Town Council.

Qualifying for Seat Three (3) will open Monday, January 29th at NOON and remain open until Friday, February 2nd at NOON at the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office, 500 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

Those interested in qualifying for Seats on the aforementioned City or Town Councils must be a qualified elector, a citizen of the United States and meet all other qualifying requirements as outline in each respective Municipal Charter.

A Run-off Election, if necessary for any Municipality will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of May.

For further information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office at (904) 269-6350.

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.

Note: Section 286.01105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Legal 40937 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018 in Clay County’s Clay Today newspaper.

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City of Green Cove Springs, Florida



Obituaries

Norman A. Hall

Norman A. Hall, 86, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018 at the Pavilion for Health Care in Penny Farms Florida following a brief illness.

He leaves his wife of 62 years, Gladys (Risley) Hall; His sons, Jeffrey Hall, Kenneth Hall, Steven Hall and Clifford Hall; His daughters Vicki Gee, Linda Hall, Cindy VanLeuven and JoAnn Meyer; Thirteen grandchildren; Seventeen great-grandchildren; Five great-great grandchildren; and many close friends.

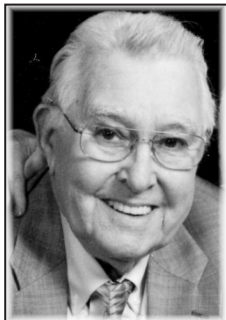
Born and raised in Brewer Maine, the son of Harold and Olive Hazel (King) Hall.

In his early years, Mr. Hall worked at the

Howard family farm in Orrington Maine and attended the Orrington Center Methodist Church and Brewer High School. Leaving Maine in 1954 he moved to Connecticut where he met his wife, Gladys Risley, at the Crystal Lake Ballroom. In 1958 he graduated from Wentworth Institute of Boston and began a lifelong career in the HVAC field. In 1966, Mr. Hall founded New England Mechanical Services Inc. Twenty-eight years later when he retired, the company, with humble beginnings in the basement of the Hall's family home, had grown to over 250 employees in four locations.

Mr. Hall was active for over 20 years in the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. He was a faithful servant in the Gideons International for 37 years; served on the board of Community Baptist Church, Manchester, Conn. and was a benefactor to his beloved Orrington Center Church. Norman was a member at Black Pond Baptist Church in Middleburg.

Norman had a loving, kind and patient nature; and has been a teacher and mentor to many, especially in matters of faith in the Lord. Over the years he enjoyed flying, boating, and motorcycling. He loved the outdoors including hikes and canoe excursions. A great man has gone to his reward! While grieving his passing, his family rejoices that he has gone to be with the Lord and to be reunited with loved ones that went before.



Norman A. Hall

The family received friends from 6:00pm until 8:00pm on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel. Funeral services were held at 11:00am on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at Black Pond Baptist Church with Reverend Charlie Hunt officiating. Interment will be held at a later date in Machiasport, Maine.

Please sign the family's online register book at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, (904) 284-4000.



Larry Ellex Hughes

Larry Ellex Hughes, 66, of Ten Mile, Tennessee, passed away Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Sweetwater Hospital, Sweetwater, Tennessee.

A native of Sweetwater, Tenn., and longtime resident of Ten Mile, Tenn., he was the son of the late Claude and Mildred McElhaney Hughes and was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years, Karen Johnson Hughes; brother, J.C. Hughes; sister, Dorothy Hughes.

He loved his grandchildren and loved drag car racing. His hobby for drag car racing began in 1994, when his son began racing. Larry enjoyed building the drag cars alongside his son and helping at the tracks. He was an employee of Shaw Industries for 15 years and was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Anissa and Tom Kelley of Middleburg, Fla.. One son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Erika Hughes of Ten Mile, Tenn.. Two grandchildren: Mackenzie Kelley and Cassie Kelley.

One sister, JoAnn Miller of Spring City, Tenn.. Two brothers and one sister-in-law, Nathan Hughes of Spring City, Tenn. and Wayne and Pam Hughes of Ten Mile, Tenn.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Curtis Porter officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Teddy Hughes, Adam Hughes, Danny Parton, Ricky Parton, Colin Thompson, and Russell Smith. Honor-

ary pallbearer was Scott Hughes.

The family received friends 6-9 pm Tuesday at the funeral home.

If you were unable to attend the visitation or service, please sign the guest registry at www.zieglerfuneralhome.com.

Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Larry Ellex Hughes.

William 'Bill' Mills

William "Bill" Mills, 75, of Green Cove Springs, passed away January 5, 2018. Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center 904-284-7720.



Betty Whitmire

Betty Whitmire, 71, of Jacksonville, passed away January 5, 2018. Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center 904-284-7720.



Karen Rae Leasure

Karen Rae Leasure, 74, of Jacksonville, Fla., passed away January 6, 2018 Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000



Laura Hopkins

Laura Hopkins, 74, of Middleburg, Fla., passed away January 4, 2018

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Geraldine Johnson Colenda

Geraldine Johnson Colenda, 75, of Orange Park, Fla., passed away December 23, 2017

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Bruce Edward Carlile

Bruce Edward Carlile, 77, of Fleming Island, Fla., passed away January 2, 2018

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Joyce S. Leonhardt

Joyce S. Leonhardt, 85, of Orange Park, Fla. passed away January 8, 2018

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Fire

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just to the east was lit ablaze.

"The entire sky was lit up with this white smoke, which happens when [firefighters] spray water onto burning wood," Terry said. "It was so wide and so much that I would have guessed that multiple buildings were on fire."

Despite looking like multiple buildings on fire, Clay County Fire Department Chief Lorin Mock said it was just one building, albeit a fairly-large building. He said the massive fire caused an estimated \$1 million in damages. Conflicting reports said anywhere between nine and 15 families' homes lost their homes. According to Mock, it was around 6:05 p.m. on Jan. 6 when a Jacksonville Fire and Rescue unit drove by and noticed the fire.

"They saw the fire and immediately stopped," said Mock. "They notified residents and requested assistance."

When this unit stopped, the fire had already extended into the roof. The Jacksonville squad was quickly joined by the Orange Park Fire Department and the Clay County Fire Department.

Meanwhile, Gonzalez stood by a nearby tow zone sign watching her building go up in flames, terrified that the engulfing fire might reach apartment 44. Unable to do anything, Gonzalez, like Terry a tenth of a mile away, watched. According to



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY ELISE GONZALEZ

This aerial drone photo shows the devastation at the Kings Tree Apartments on Kingsley Avenue. The fire caused an estimated \$1.1 million in damages.

Gonzalez, in no time, what seemed like 100 firefighters had made their way to the scene. Shortly after, Kingsley Avenue was closed off to traffic. Even if she wanted to, Terry couldn't leave her neighborhood. Fortunately, her home was safe from the fire. Gonzalez, on the other hand, didn't want to leave — she wanted to see if her apartment would make it through this.

"They were shooting surges and surges

of water, but the fire just wouldn't let up," Gonzalez said. "The fire would be put out in one place but would begin blazing in another part of the building."

Mock said it took the three fire departments about an hour to get the fire under control, but the firefighters fought this fire well into the next day's early hours.

The next morning, Gonzalez was homeless. Told by multiple police officers and more than one fire authority, Gonzalez wasn't allowed into her home — not even to grab her wallet.

"I was told that I would be arrested if I stepped past that yellow tape," Gonzalez said. "They haven't deemed it safe for entry and I won't know if I can go in for at least another one or two weeks they said."

Inside her apartment was Gonzalez's clothes, her toothbrush, her wallet and more.

"It's your home," said Gonzalez. "That's



About 100 firefighters from Jacksonville, Clay County and Orange Park fire departments worked to put out the blaze Jan. 6.

where you keep everything and I can't get anything now."

Gonzalez had to walk down the road to the bank to get money so that she could pay for the hotel she would be calling home for the foreseeable future.

"I don't really know anything about what's to come," said Gonzalez. "I was kind of just tossed out of my home with nothing to show for."

"I'm in a hotel for now but I can't afford that forever," Gonzalez continued.

It's been days since the fire and not one night since the fire has Gonzalez experienced a good night's sleep. The nightmares she thought she outgrew plague her mind every time she closes her eyes, except now, she sees not her childhood home in flames, but the home she had just days ago.

"I don't know what happens now," Gonzalez said. "My whole life is sitting in there and I'm sitting out here."

The fire marshal ruled the fire as accidental saying it was caused by a faulty heating and air conditioning unit.

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Participants in the annual Christmas Bird Count for Kids direct their binoculars to a tree where a bird had been spotted by the experienced birders who led groups throughout the grounds at Camp Chowenwaw to check birds off their list and make their count.

Bird

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and split into groups led by seasoned birders like Hill. The groups wandered throughout the grounds at the Green Cove Springs campsite. Their birding adventures took them around the various lakes and over the wooden walkways that dot the park.

Though the cold weather kept some of the bird count participants away, it might have sparked more bird participants, as the typically bird-lacking January sky was filled with winged visitors of all shapes and sizes Saturday.

Hill said that in typical years they get about 45 participants, but this year kids signed up quicker than they could close the application process. They ended up with 86 signed up, but the weather kept some participants from showing up. However, the interest is there, and next year's count is sure to be a popular activity.

One group of youngsters who braved the cold, Cub Scouts Pack 802 out of Fleming Island, had several members at the count donning winter coats with their hoods cinched. Den Leader Lisa Stroble corralled the group during the bird count, which she said would fulfill a belt loop requirement for the young Scouts.

"I'm pretty sure none of them have been out using binoculars before," Stroble said. "Not all of them were excited to come, but since they have been here they've gotten into it."

After the count had taken place, the kids headed back to one of the camp's main cabins for a presentation by the Jacksonville Zoo Ambassadors.

The event is held annually in the week following New Year's Day. Those hoping to grab a spot next year would be advised to check the Duval Audubon site early as the spots are expected to fill up quickly as they did this year.



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Community Briefs

Play trivia, help a person learn to read

ORANGE PARK – A nonprofit organization that helps adults in Clay County learn to read and become self-sufficient is holding a fundraiser this month.

The public is invited to come out and play trivia to help the Clay County Literacy Coalition.

Trivia Night will be held Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott on Wells Road. Tickets are \$15 for an individual, \$25 for a team of two and \$50 for a team of four. There will also be a Silent Auction and a 50/50 Raffle to help buy materials used to teach adults how to read. The Coalition also holds classes on U.S. citizenship to help prepare those sitting for the U.S. citizenship test.

For more information, call (904) 336-4458 or email clayliteracy548@gmail.com.

Scholarship applications now being accepted

MIDDLEBURG – Calling all Clay County graduating high school seniors and current college students whose family members are involved with Clay County Farm Bureau.

Clay County Farm Bureau is now accepting applications for its 2017-2018 Scholarship Program.

The scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors and current college students whose parents or grandparents have been members of Clay County Farm Bureau for at least two years. The scholarship program is competitive and first preference is given to applicants who will be or are already pursuing a career in agriculture.

The Katy Hendry Memorial Future Agriculture Teacher Scholarship was created to honor a beloved former agriculture teacher and FFA advisor of Clay County.

This special scholarship will award \$1,000 to one recipient who is pursuing an agriculture teaching degree in order to become an Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor.

Scholarship applications must be in the Clay County Farm Bureau office at 3960 Lazy Acres Rd. no later than Feb. 9 to be considered. For additional information you may contact Terri Davis at the Clay County Farm Bureau Middleburg office at (904) 406-8143 or Terri.Davis@FFBIC.com.

Clay County Farm Bureau has awarded more than \$30,000 in academic scholarships in the last six years.

Library book sale

MIDDLEBURG – If you’re looking for a fresh read to begin the new year, the Friends of the Middleburg-Clay Hill Library Book Sale may be the place to start.

Friends of the Library members get to shop early on Jan. 25 beginning at 9 a.m. while the general public comes in from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. On Jan. 26, guests can begin shopping at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Jan. 27, again Friends members shop beginning at 9 a.m., while the public gets in from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Also, on Jan. 27, guests can fill a Friends Book Bag for just \$5.

This sale includes a large selection of books – many on World War II – and DVDs, as well as a huge collection of children’s books.

There’s still time to donate to the sale. For questions or donations, call Ed at (904) 254-7891.

Orange Park Town Council election qualifying begins

ORANGE PARK – Want to get more involved in the community this year or ever thought about running for Town Council?

Town Council Seat 3 is up for election this year. Qualifying begins on Jan. 29 at noon and ends on Feb. 2 at noon. The election will take place on April 10, as part of a multi-municipality “Super Tuesday” election in which Green Cove Springs City Council and Keystone Heights City Council positions are also voted on. For more information, contact the town clerk at (904) 264-9595.

Biologists monitoring sea turtles, manatees during cold weather

LAKE CITY – As Florida residents and visitors manage the current cold-weather conditions, the state’s fish and wildlife species may need some extra care as well. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is prepared and ready to prioritize this critical mission.

“We are committed to conserving our natural resources, and are staged and ready in strategic areas throughout the state,” said Eric Sutton, FWC executive director. “Our team of FWC staff, partners and volunteers are monitoring the status of marine species affected most by the cold, and are prepared in case rescues are needed.”

Sea turtles are one species that can be affected by cold weather. When the water temperatures drop, stunned sea turtles may float listlessly in the water on or near shore. Although these turtles may appear to be dead, they are often still alive. It is important to report these turtles to the FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline as soon as possible.

“Our staff, partners and permitted volunteers are already working to rescue sea turtles in northwest Florida. Nearly 100 turtles have been rescued so far. We are also monitoring the Mosquito Lagoon and other areas of the state to see if sea turtles are being impacted there,” said Kipp Frohlich, director of FWC’s Division of Habitat and Species Conservation.

The Florida manatee is another species that can be impacted by extreme cold weather. When water temperatures drop, manatees gather in warm-water habitats such as discharge canals at power plants and natural springs. The FWC asks boaters to be extra vigilant in watching for manatees in shallow waters near the coast, both inland and coastal and obey all posted manatee speed zone signs.

“Boaters should avoid areas where large numbers of manatees are gathered,” said Gil McRae, head of FWC’s Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. “Aggregated animals should not be disturbed, as this could cause them to leave the warm-water sites that help them cope with cold temperatures.”

To report any dead or distressed animal, call the FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-3922.

Clay kids invited to audition for children’s chorus

JACKSONVILLE – Students in grades two through 12 who live in Clay County are invited to audition for the Jacksonville Children’s Chorus during spring semester.

While prior musical training is not necessary to participate in the Jacksonville Children’s Chorus, an audition is required. Singers will be placed in the appropriate choir group based on their skills, maturity and readiness.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Make ale
5. Residue
8. Female parent
12. Succulent plants
14. OJÓs judge
15. Czech river
16. Embarrassing predicament
18. NHL legend Bobby
19. Sunfish
20. One who acclaims
21. On the __; running away
22. Oklahoma’s ‘Wheat Capital’
23. The Golden State
26. Merry make
30. Siberian nomads
31. Pock-marked
32. Baleen whale
33. Leaf-footed bug genus
34. Treasure
39. Tanzanian shilling
42. Changed
44. Intestinal pouches
46. Walked in a celebratory way
47. South American mountain chain
49. Jai __, sport

50. Consumed
51. Firm
56. Pubs
57. Leafy drink
58. Cured
59. Northern wind of France
60. Tax collector
61. Respite from the sun
62. American spy Aldrich
63. Central Standard Time
64. Myanmar ethnic group

CLUES DOWN

1. Crush
2. Razorbill genus
3. ‘Full House’ actress Loughlin
4. Bluish green
5. Garlic mayonnaise
6. Attacks repeatedly
7. Secretion
8. Special instance
9. A handsome youth loved by Aphrodite
10. Tree genus in the mahogany family
11. Israeli city
13. Formed a theory

17. Remove
24. Type of light
25. Repeats
26. Certified public accountant
27. River in eastern France
28. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
29. Special __; military group
35. Ribonucleic acid
36. Not even
37. Power transmission belt
38. Doctor of Education
40. Type of nerve
41. Types of tops
42. Large primate
43. Flooded, low-lying land
44. Gritty
45. Gets up
47. Stake
48. Not the most
49. Swedish rock group
52. Expresses pleasure
53. Expression of boredom
54. Queen of Sparta
55. Where Adam and Eve were placed at the Creation



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City ponders \$10 million loan to fix power system

By Kile Brewer
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – In its first meeting of 2018 the Green Cove Springs City Council made moves toward improving its electric utility in the New Year.

In the first of two electric company-related agenda items, the council heard the first official reading of a proposal from City Attorney Jim Arnold and Manager Danielle Judd that would, if passed, allow the city to borrow up to \$10.7 million to fund improvements to its electric system. The potential loan would go toward the city's capital projects, which have already been planned through the next few years. Should the city actually borrow money, it would be out of necessity due to the fact that most of the repairs are high priority and need to be completed as soon as possible.

"You could decide to not do that entire amount," Judd said. "But I would recommend you to not exceed that [\$10.7 million] outer limit."

The council will have a second reading of the ordinance at its Jan. 23 meeting, and concerned members of the public or those with questions can attend in order to address council before the vote. Should council vote to pass the ordinance after the second reading it wouldn't be any indication they are borrowing money, only providing them with the option to do so if it is deemed necessary.

"What we're, in essence, doing here is taking a number of capital projects that are slated for out years and we're bring-



Green Cove Springs Mayor Mitch Timberlake read a proclamation Jan. 9 at the council's regularly meeting recognizing Arbor Day as being held statewide on the third Friday in January. The city has been an official Tree City USA Community for almost 30 years.

ing them in to get them done faster which will improve the reliability of the electric in the city," Mayor Mitch Timberlake said. "This ordinance is basically authorizing us to start that process."

Council member Steven Kelley requested that before the city borrows any money that the city's electric utility management company, Hooper Corp., would go through the list of projects slated for capital projects in the coming years and prioritize those from highest to lowest. This, according to Kelley, would allow council members to see which projects would need the most attention, and which ones might not be urgent enough to warrant borrowing money for their completion.

Immediately following the unanimous

vote to push that item through to second reading, Danielle Judd presented an option to the council for a new position within the city's electric utility – a Utility Line Locator.

"The thought would be that this would take this off of the operators and the line-men," Judd said.

This position would free up the rest of the electric employees from taking time out of other projects and calls to do line locates for various purposes such as construction or digging. The position is expected to pay just over \$30,000 per year, shared between the city's utilities, and, after the 5-0 vote to add the position, will be open for applications soon. Judd and Assistant City Manager Mike Null said they

expect the position could be filled through an internal promotion.

In other business, council members heard a year-end report from last year's operations at the newly-remodeled Spring Park Pool and voted to approve suggested hours of operation for the 2018 swimming season.

Last year got off to a late start as the city waited until June for the pool's construction to be completed, which was well after the initial proposed deadline. However, the pool still saw just under 10,000 visitors and brought in about \$26,000 in revenue.

Going off last year's schedule, staff recommended similar pool hours for this year. The board voted unanimously to approve the suggested hours which will see the pool's operation season going from May 1 to Oct. 1.

Starting in May, the pool will be open 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on weekends only until Memorial Day, on May 28 when the pool will be open the same hours but every day of the week excluding Mondays when the pool will be closed for cleaning and maintenance. This daily schedule will continue through Labor Day, Sept. 3 when the pool reverts back to weekends-only through the end of the season on Oct. 1. The splash pad will be open free to the public daily from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. just outside the pool fence.

Lessons and other extraneous details for this year's pool offerings will be hashed out as swim season gets closer.

School

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Elementary at 823 students.

Much discussion had been held in previous meetings, and even a community meeting held in December, according to Superintendent Addison Davis. However, the Jan. 4 meeting saw a board in agreement, leading to virtually no discussion before the 5-0 vote.

"Option one was the option for us because it protects neighborhoods and keeps them together," Davis said. "Option two saw kids across the street from each other attending different schools."

"It just didn't make sense to us to have a school visible, within walking distance, but because of zoning, you can't go there," Davis said.

At the end of the meeting, District 3 board member, Betsy Condon, asked to revisit the school district's participation in the controversial House Bill 7069 statewide lawsuit. She wants to remove her school board district from the lawsuit at the February meeting.

HB 7069 became effective July 1 last year after being passed in the 11th hour of the Florida Legislature. It requires districts to share local property tax money

with charter schools. The lawsuit challenges the bill's constitutionality.

Last September, the Clay County School Board became the 15th Florida school district to join the lawsuit following a 3-2 vote, with District 5 board member Ashley Gilhousen and Condon voting no.

Condon sees potential difficulties in securing funds for her district due to her district's involvement in the lawsuit.

"I talked with Senator Rob Bradley, who is chair of appropriations, and typically, this person is able to find some money to fund some projects in their home areas that can be supported by other legislators," Condon said. "The difficulty comes in where we are suing the legislature, so for him to be able to go to his colleagues and say, 'I want to do this for my home county,' we are only one of 13 counties suing the state legislature."

District 2 board member Carol Studard asked Condon if any promises were made to which Condon answered with a no.

In other business, the board passed the Controlled Open Enrollment Plan for 2018 with a 5-0 vote. This plan sets the capacity to be used by the district in determining which schools have available seats for students wishing to attend the school of their choice next school year.




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statutes' levels of a little over \$70,000 in one fell swoop as soon as legally possible, presumably Jan. 1, 2019. The other would have raised the salaries to the state formula level, but over a period of five years. (The state formula is known as section 145.031 or "145" for short.)

The third option, which won out, was a slight modification of the second option. It stated that the CRC would not have to put salaries at 100 percent of the state statute formula's amount, but could use any percentage of that formula it deemed proper.

The option that the CRC approved to bring before the voters of Clay County would put commissioners' salaries at 70 percent of the state formula level, instead of the 50 percent at which it now is.

"I feel like this is reasonable looking out for both the citizens and the commissioners," said Larry Kirkman, who chaired the subcommittee.

Kirkman said he was originally going to support going to 80 percent of the state formula level, but after hearing from many

people who were "in opposition to all or some increase" decided 70 percent was a good number.

The 70 percent level, if approved, would not go up over the years, but the pay level could because of a state stipulation associated with rising population levels, said CRC member Art Hooker.

Officials have repeatedly said county commissioners have not asked for the raise. It came up for discussion because it was one of the top three items members of the Charter Review Committee thought should be dealt with during the CRC's 2017-2018 session.

A Charter Review Commission is appointed every four years to review the county's charter and determine if there are items that need to be revised or amended. The 15 members of the CRC are nominated by the Board of County Commissioners.

The problem members of the CRC saw with the county commissioners' salaries is that their salaries fall near the bottom of the pay scale compared to the majority of other commissioners in the state. Because Clay County is one of 20 charter counties in the state (the other 47 counties are known as "constitutional" counties and are ruled by state statute), it is governed by

what is called "home rule."

The commissioners' current salaries were set by a voter initiative passed in the 2008 general election. That initiative amended the county charter.

Most other Florida county commissioners' salaries are determined by the state's formulas. In a report recently issued through the Office of Economic and Demographic Research for 2017-2018, the amount paid to Clay County commissioners should be \$73,686, said Hooker.

That's a bump up according to figures previously supplied by county auditor Mike Price, who said in a Nov. 8, 2017 memo in answer to CRC questions that following 145, "the salary for sitting commissioners today would be \$70,505."

In comparison, constitutional officers in the county, who are paid through the state formula, currently receive the following annual salary for what is considered full-time work: the clerk of courts, supervisor of elections, property appraiser and tax collector receive \$128,874 while the sheriff receives \$137,837, Price said in the same memo.

The reason behind the voter initiative that lowered county commissioners' pay was a large part of the general review of the commissioners' salaries at the Jan. 4 meeting. Hooker had invited Price to attend and went over a 47-page document Price wrote titled "Internal Inquiry Final Report" and dated Nov. 17, 2005.

In the report, which is public record, Price went over what had happened that led voters to lower commissioners' pay. Price also went over the basics of the situation in a recent memo to the CRC answering its questions concerning the history of the time.

Basically, Price said during the mid-2000s, the public came to view the county government as "basically dishonest." This came on the heels of "scandals" involving county government that resulted in a Federal Bureau of Investigation and state attorney's office investigations, a grand jury being convened in 2006 and two senior management-level BCC employees being terminated.

There was also the indictment and trials of an elected official and a senior manager. In addition, another scandal had occurred in 2004 that alleged an elected official had misused a county credit card.

Looking to make the county government more accountable, the 2006 Charter Review Commission came up with the idea to add two at-large members to the county commission, paying for the new members by cutting the existing members' salaries. Even though that idea was passed by voters and two new members elected, they never took office as a citizen's initiative group that voters supported in 2008 resulted in the two new members being cut and commissioners' salaries being lowered to \$37,000 a year, where it still remains.

For Price, the whole thing essentially resulted in punishing future commissioners for what previous commissioners had done, something he did not agree with. Price — a Certified Public Accountant — also

said on Jan. 4 that he wanted to make sure people understood no county commissioner had ever complained to him about their salary or asked him to write a memo to the CRC concerning the salary history (that was written in response to a CRC question, he said).

"No member of the BCC asked me to write a memo to you guys. No member of the Board of County Commissioners has ever discussed their pay or expressed any dissatisfaction with their pay in my presence, ever," he said.

At the end of the review, Hooker thanked Price and said he thought it was important for people to understand how things had gotten to the point they are today and "also to understand that's in the past and that does not involve these current county commissioners and if we're smart as voters, it won't involve future county commissioners."

The other CRC members present agreed with him.

"We cannot continue as a county, as a community and as human beings to make others suffer for someone else's sins," said Tamara Brandt, who added she believed the commissioners put in a tremendous amount of time — much more than a part-time job — and deserved a pay hike.

Much of the resulting discussion revolved around whether the commissioners' jobs were part time or full time, and how to present a pay hike to the public so it would understand why it was being suggested. Among the methods discussed were meeting with civic groups or home owners associations and others to answer questions and utilizing various forms of publicity. Brandt is president of Ridgecrest Civic Association.

"I think we have to make sure that we educate the citizens and that we bring them on board to understand how important it is if we're going to get the caliber of people that we want on the commission," said Glo Smith.

As for how much time commissioners put into their job, the consensus was that the jobs are much more than part time.

"I'm guessing that it's a full-time or more than full-time job," said Paul Sarto, who took the place of David Cheers, who had to resign.

Ronald Stotler, a former county commissioner, said it's definitely not a job where you punch in from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., but rather one where a person is constantly on call. "There's no set hours," he said.

CRC Vice Chairman Charles R. "Scotty" Taylor Jr. suggested inviting current and/or former commissioners to appear to let the CRC know how they view their jobs. "I think we need to have that on record," he said.

Brandt also suggested getting calendars from the past couple of months for current commissioners to see what their schedules are like.

The Charter Review Commission will meet again at 7 p.m. Jan. 29 in the county commission chambers to discuss single district representation versus at-large representation.

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School superintendent to present 'State of Schools Address'

GREEN COVE SPRINGS —Clay County School Superintendent Addison Davis will hold the county's first "State of Schools Address" next week.

The address will feature a 30-minute presentation in which Davis will provide an overview of Clay County Schools, highlight important goals and data and discuss the district's top priorities for the upcoming year.



Addison Davis

"This is an opportunity for me to give employees, parents, community members, civic leaders, and legislators an inside look of the transformational and innovative work that is happening within Clay County District Schools. This forum will afford me an opportunity to publicly reflect on the overall impact that I have had as the leader of this school district. Over the last year, there have been a number of changes across our school system and this is a perfect time to showcase our progress from the past year and prepare for what's to come in 2018," Davis said.

The event is invite only, but the public can watch the presentation live on the district's Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. The address will take place Jan. 18 from 6-7 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center.



Derek Hatcher is shown here in this 2014 file photo.

Foundation to host 'A Drug Free Day in Clay'

ORANGE PARK — A nonprofit foundation that educates the public about drug addiction has teamed up with City Streets to Student Athletes to present a symposium about the opioid crisis.

The Derek Hatcher Foundation will host the free event on Feb. 3 from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center. The event will feature real life stories, door prizes and interactive discussions about working together to keep the community safe. The foundation will also give a presentation about college scholarship opportunities for Clay County students at the event.

"As you may have heard, we are in the middle of an opiate epidemic and Clay County is not an exception. Deaths from opioids have been rising sharply for years,

and drug overdoses already kill more Americans under age 50 than anything else, and it is predicted to get worse before it gets better," states Debbie Rizer, president of the Derek Hatcher Foundation, in a press release.

Rizer is also Hatcher's mother.

During his senior year at Ridgeview High, Derek Hatcher threw more than 2,300 yards and 18 touchdowns and, as a freshman, walked on as a punter at the University of Arkansas. He died at the age of 24 in February 2016 from a drug overdose. A video about Hatcher's story will be shown at this event.



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Saul of Tarsus had the chance to turn away from Jesus. Blinded for three days after his Damascus road experience, he waited for an answer from the Lord. Saul decided to stay with Jesus. He became the great apostle Paul.

During his time of service to the Lord Jesus, many men rallied to the aid of the apostle Paul and ministered to him as servants. Paul's epistles are full of the names of these men.

Among the records of these many men, there is one very sad comment. This statement is made about one of them: "Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica." Paul wrote that report in his second letter to Timothy. Demas was a man they both knew very well. When Paul wrote to the church at Colossae, he told them Demas was with him. When Paul wrote his loving letter to Philemon, he spoke of Demas as a fellow worker. Demas was with Paul in prison. He stayed with him through hardships and suffering. And then there came a day when Demas decided he would not finish the course. He gave up. He surrendered to the enticements and pleasures of the world. That was Paul's report. It must have brought great sadness to his heart. Demas was a quitter. When you face struggles and hardships you have to make a decision. Demas made the wrong decision. You can make the right one.

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Brief

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ability to match pitches, to learn a simple tune and to hold their voice part against others. Auditions are by appointment only.

Auditions began Jan. 9 and will run through Jan. 18. Auditions will be held in downtown Jacksonville, but rehearsal sites are also available in Arlington, Fleming Island, Mandarin, Orange Park and Westside areas. There is no fee to audition and need-based full and partial scholarships are available. Visit www.jaxchildrenschorus.org/audition to request an audition time or call (904) 353-1636, ext. 1.

Wanamaker named chief strategy officer

JACKSONVILLE — Hanania Automotive Group promoted Howard Wanamaker to the newly-created position of chief strategy officer of the company.

Wanamaker, a 26-year Navy veteran and former commanding officer at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, joined the auto group in August 2016 as director of human resources where he developed and imple-

mented new culture and employee work-life balance policies and procedures that reduced employee turnover by 15 percent.

In his role as CSO, Wanamaker will assist the CEO with developing, communicating, executing, and sustaining corporate strategic initiatives. "Howard Wanamaker is a highly accomplished leader with proven leadership experience, and outstanding performance across a diverse portfolio of challenging assignments," said Jack Hanania, founder and chief executive officer. "His creative and strategic thinking, strong business acumen, and ability to achieve organizational objectives in a dynamic, fast-paced environment is a tremendous asset."

Wanamaker holds a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering from University of Florida and a master of business administration from the Naval Postgraduate School.



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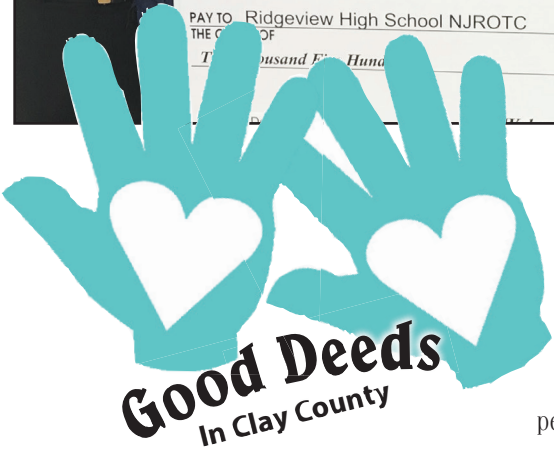


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in the program, the largest in Clay County. Last May the cadets were recognized as a Distinguished Unit by Navy Junior ROTC Headquarters, ranking it among the top 20 percent of all units nationwide.

Walmart pitches in for cadets

MIDDLEBURG — Ridgeview High School's Navy Junior ROTC Unit recently received a \$2,500 donation from the Middleburg Walmart to support cadet activities. Pictured above from left are Unit Commanding Officer Kenneth Mora, Associate William Brown, Store Manager Corey Holder, Co-Manager Ian Bradley and Cadet Lt. Joshua Benveniste, unit operations officer. The Walmart donation will help pay for travel to and from ROTC competitions this spring. There are currently 150 cadets

Your Pie helps food pantry

FLEMING ISLAND — The Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs holds various food drives during the year, often asking for peanut butter.

Recently, and for the second year in a row, Your Pie off County Road 220 on Fleming Island, collected peanut butter for those who face food insecurity during the Christmas holiday season. Your Pie patrons who brought in a jar of peanut butter received a pizza for \$3.14 and donated a portion of sales to the Food Pantry as well.



Sheriff

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The video spread quickly, being shared more than 30,000 times as of the morning of Jan. 10, where it has already racked up 3.3 million views on Facebook.

About a dozen of the 15 people mentioned by Daniels can be seen at the beginning of the clip, lined up on the curb wrapped in blankets and joking with each other. They had been pulled from the house at 3080 Hickory Glen Dr., a house that has become commonplace for CCSO deputies in the last year.

In late October 2017, the house was raided by U.S. Marshals, resulting in the arrest of Khiry Aurian Lee Lindsey, 25, for possession of heroin and possession of MDMA. Lindsey still sits in Clay County Jail awaiting an expected May 31 court date with no option for bond.

According to the description on the video, a previous raid on the house resulted in the recovery of trafficking amounts of heroin and MDMA. The description also noted that deputies have responded to the house 30 times in the last six months for a variety of things including gunshots and fights. It was also stated that several medical calls have been received from the house that are believed to be overdose related.

The recent sting operation has resulted in five arrests that could be found at the time of publication, including: Haley Autumn Thompson, 21, Joseph Abraham Hand, 21, Aviron William Lippus, 18, for marijuana possession more than 20 grams, and Devontae Joseph Robert Gibson, 21, for marijuana possession of not more than 20 grams. The fifth arrest was on William Edward Endres, 30, who faces a felony for owning or renting a home that is a known drug manufacturing or

trafficking facility. At press time, on Jan. 10, Endres remained in jail with bond set at \$75,003.

During the operation, deputies employed their full array of tactical vehicles and body armor, equipment that the Sheriff's Office said was necessary for their own safety due to the violent nature of recent dispatches to the house.

"We call this Operation: You Were Warned," Daniels said during his monologue. "These individuals, all 15 of them that came out of this residence, were warned before that if they kept up then we'd come back."

Since its posting, and subsequent

spread, the video has received both positive and negative feedback on social media. The CCSO Facebook page is a mix of those praising the officers for removing drugs from residential neighborhoods and those claiming the Sheriff's Office used excessive force to make a handful of marijuana arrests. The page has since garnered numerous one-star reviews on the platform, from locals as well as viewers across the country, describing deputies as paramilitary and the video as propaganda, in addition those who seem to think their rights have been called into question by the sheriff's stern warnings and threats to criminals.

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Police Briefs

Woman charged with child pornography

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – An Orange Park woman turned herself in on an active warrant that had been issued for her arrest for possession of child pornography.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Kaylee Cieara Wilson, 22, after she came to the sheriff's office headquarters on Jan. 4 to turn herself in.

A warrant for Wilson's arrest had been issued on Jan. 3 after officers received a tip from a social media site where Wilson had uploaded an image of an adult male having sexual intercourse with an underage female victim in October of last year.

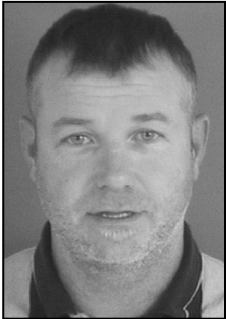
Wilson was transported to the Clay County Jail following her arrest and faces a felony charge for possession of child pornography. She has been released since her arrest.

Axe threat ends in arrest

MIDDLEBURG – A Middleburg man was arrested after allegedly threatening two other men with an axe outside his home.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Jared Benjamin Wagner, 42, on Jan. 7 after responding to a disturbance call in the 3000 block of County Road 220. Police found Wagner to had threatened two men.

According to the report, Wagner's wife had been at a friend's house and became heavily intoxicated. Police said she had friends take her back to the home she shares with Wagner and his brother. After returning the woman to her house, Wagner approached the two men



Jared Wagner

and started yelling and cursing at them before picking up a nearby axe, said the police report.

Police said Wagner walked toward the men with the axe in his hands before raising the axe and throwing it back toward his residence. According to the report, both men feared for their lives.

Wagner was arrested and transported to the Clay County Jail. He faces two felony charges for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and has been released from the jail on bond.

Drunken assault results in felony charge

ORANGE PARK – An Orange Park woman was arrested after allegedly assaulting her boyfriend and a young girl while intoxicated.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Lisa Heather Sapp, 42, on Jan. 3 after responding to a domestic disturbance call at her home in the 400 block of Sigsbee Road near Orange Park town limits.

Sapp and her boyfriend had been drinking and began arguing about their relationship, according to the report. Sapp then hit the man in the face with a closed fist and threw a cigarette into his face before a young girl in the home tried to stop Sapp, police said. Sapp then targeted the girl, eventually biting her finger and ripping out a chunk of hair before Sapp's boyfriend could separate the two. The girl and the boyfriend then removed Sapp from the house and locked the door. Sapp threw things at the door and begged the two not



Lisa Sapp

to call the police.

Sapp was transported to the Clay County Jail and faces a felony for child abuse and a misdemeanor for domestic battery. Sapp has been released since her arrest.

Police make child abuse arrest

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A Keystone Heights man was arrested after allegedly assaulting a child in his home.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Terry Edward Sorensen, 62, on Jan. 3 after responding to a 911 hang up call.

According to the report, Sorensen became angry with a child in his home in the 7000 block of Twin Lakes Road when the boy had left something on the counter. Sorensen made him put the item away and then pushed the victim on to the ground, police said.

Sorensen then knelt onto the victim's abdomen and began punching and slamming his head into the floor, in addition to choking the boy. The victim then threatened Sorensen with a screwdriver he had in his pocket before Sorensen would stop.

Sorensen was taken to the Clay County Jail following his arrest and will face a felony charge for child abuse. He has since been released from jail.

Middleburg man part of federal child sex sting

TAMPA – Federal authorities have lodged more than 1,000 child exploitation charges against individuals in the Middle District of Florida, including a Middleburg



Terry Sorensen

man.

Andrew Ryan Leslie, 22, of Middleburg, is set for sentencing on January 30 in U.S. District court in Jacksonville. He faces a minimum mandatory penalty of 15 years, up to 60 years, in federal prison.

Leslie was an information technology specialist and part-time babysitter in Middleburg. During an investigation by ICE-HSI into websites known to host images and videos depicting child pornography, Leslie was identified as a member of one of the sites.

When law enforcement officers executed a federal search warrant at his home, Leslie had a two-year-old child in bed with him, who the agents then rescued. A digital camera located next to Leslie's bed had an SD card containing a series of images depicting Leslie engaged in sexual acts with two different children. Several of the images were of the child that had been in bed with Leslie that morning.

Other images depicted a different child, who was less than a year old, being sexually abused by Leslie. Forensic analyses of Leslie's other digital media items revealed that he had produced, received, distributed and possessed numerous images and videos depicting child pornography. Last October, Leslie pleaded guilty to two counts of producing child pornography.

"Child predators are using more cunning and persuasive techniques and technologies to lure and exploit innocent children," said Acting U.S. Attorney Muldrow. "The individuals who prey upon children are becoming bolder and more violent and must be stopped. As a community, we also must educate ourselves and raise awareness on how to best protect our children against these threats. We are thankful to the men and women who investigate, prosecute, and seek justice for these victims."

Arrests & Bookings

Tuesday, January 9

Zachary Ryan Gray, 18, Lake Asbury, Failure to Appear for Court

Lashara Shandreika Mickens, 32, Grand Theft \$300-4,999, Making False Statement to Obtain Credit or Property

Erin Elizabeth Todd, 23, Middleburg, Failure to Appear for Court

Ninoslava Zec McElveen, 37, Orange Park, Two Counts of Petit Theft

Robert Wayne Nolan, 55, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Katelynn Lee Childress, 21, Orange Park, VOP-DUI

Christina Leann McCain, 36, Orange Park, Child Neglect Without Great Bodily Harm

Rodney Jason Puckett, 32, Orange Park, Petit Theft, Possession of a Controlled Substance Without a Valid Prescription, Drug

Equipment Possession

Michael Allen Branning, 40, Green Cove Springs, Four Counts of Dealing Stolen Property, Four Counts of Giving False Info to a Pawn Broker

David Gregory Mount, 40, Green Cove Springs, Fleeing and Eluding an Officer and Disregarding Safety of Others

Whitney Lane Stoddard, 31, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Dylan Craig Hurt, 18, Keystone Heights, Aggravated Battery, Shooting or Throwing a Missile Into a Dwelling or Vehicle, Child Neglect Without Great Bodily Harm, Vandalism \$201-999

Kristy Lynn Brannen, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP- Possession of a Controlled Substance

Herman Lee Mickles, 22, Orange Park, Petit Theft, Possession of Not More Than

20 g. Cannabis

Hector Vincente Hernaz Gomez, 52, Green Cove Springs, Sexual Battery By Person 18 or Older on a Victim Under 12, Molesting a Victim Under 12 by Offender 18 or Older

Jesse William Quigley, 41, Lake Asbury, Grand Theft Auto, Resisting an Officer

Rhys Jason Wharton, 33, Green Cove Springs, Out-of-County Warrant

Monday, January 8

Renard Antonie Douglas, 37, Orange Park, Trespassing

Jimmy Truelae Brooks, 43, Orange Park, Simple Battery

Kamryn Derrick Wynn, 18, Green Cove Springs, Violate Probation-Community Control

Shawn Paul Bear, Fleming Island, FTA-

No Valid Driver's License

Jamie Jo Calhoun, 52, Orange Park, Petit Theft

John Glenn Starr, 40, Green Cove Springs, Non-Support

Christopher Michael Langley, 41, Green Cove Springs, Two Counts of VOP-Sale, Manufacture or Deliver Cocaine

Tracy Collins Baxter, 45, Green Cove Springs, FTA-Petit Theft

Desaree Marie Midyette, 24, Green Cove Springs, Court Order Transport

Justin Robert Quade, 29, Green Cove Springs, Violate Probation-Community Control

Charles Donald Henry Darby, 26, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Evidence Tampering

Elizabeth Diane Napier, 26,

Arrests

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Middleburg, DWLSR
Damien Alexander Stitt, 20, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR
Belinda Bowman Kalina, 50, Orange Park, Petit Theft
Cassius Glenn Gammons, 43, Orange Park, Simple Battery
Michael Anthony Dammeyer, 20, Middleburg, DWLSR
Griffin Thomas Burrow, 18, Orange Park, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Sunday, January 7

Eduardo Buenaventura Macedo, 27, Keystone Heights, No Valid Driver's License
Edgar Santiago Sanchez, 27, Fleming Island, No Valid Driver's License
Michael Amnon Ohayon, 25, Orange Park, Simple Domestic Battery
Thomas Mayo Fenn, 30, Green Cove Springs, Grand Theft \$300-4,999, Dealing Stolen Property
Brenda Sue Godwin, 33, Orange Park, DWLSR, No Vehicle Registration Required, Attached Unassigned Tag
Mayester Lewis, 54, Orange Park, Petit Theft
Jared Benjamin Wagner, 42, Middleburg, Two Counts of Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon Without Intent To Kill
Crystal Ann Giddens, 31, Orange Park, DWLSR
Robert Joseph Graham, 33, Orange Park, DWLSR, No Vehicle Registration

Saturday, January 6

James Frank Tomacelli, 51, Middleburg, Two Counts of Simple Battery
David Gregory Mount, 40, Orange Park, Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement With Lights & Siren Active
Neco Ezekiel Lewis, 32, Argyle, Domestic Battery
Cynthia Fenoff Barber, 57, Green Cove Springs, Violate Injunction-Stalking
Elise Nicole Newsome, 25, Green Cove Springs, FTA-Petit Theft, Two Counts of FTA-DWLSR
Terrence Eugene Cameron, 39, Fleming Island, Petit Theft, Grand Theft \$300-4,999
Forrest Bradley Neeld, 22, Oakleaf, Domestic Battery
Sandy Dawn Franssen, 37, Middleburg, Violation of Condition of Release
Michael Damon Chiellino, 50, Middleburg, DUI, Refusing to Submit to Balance Test
Daniel Brian Jenkins, 35, Middleburg, DWLSR

Friday, January 5

Devin Curtis Goethals, 23, Fleming Island, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Alexander Jason Nelson, 40, Middleburg, DWLSR
Haley Autumn Thompson, 21, Orange Park, Possession of More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Joseph Abraham Hand, 21, Orange Park, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Rashaan Aikeen Swain, 20, Middleburg, Distribution of Amphetamine Within 1,000 Feet of a Place of Worship or Business, Possession of Heroin With Intent to Sell

Devontae Joseph Robert Gibson, 21, Orange Park, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
William Edward Endres, 30, Orange Park, Owning or Renting a Structure or Vehicle With the Knowledge that Drugs Will Be Manufactured There
Michael Leon Hilton, 34, Green Cove Springs, Six Counts of Dealing Stolen Property, Six Counts of Giving False Info to a Pawn Broker
Aviron William Lippus, 18, Orange Park, Possession of More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Terry Lee Robinson, 50, Green Cove Springs, Two Counts of Dealing Stolen Property, Two Counts of Giving False Info to a Pawn Broker, Burglary, Grand Theft \$300-4,999
Matthew Harry Wade, 44, Orange Park, Failure to Report Name or Residence Change, Failure to Report Vacating Permanent Residence
Laquashia Danielle Minion, 28, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Battery
Daniel Steven Radford, 47, Green Cove Springs, Grand Theft \$300-4,999
Alexander Jefferson Campbell, 24, Green Cove Springs, DUI
Donna Ann Randant, 54, Orange Park, Possession of More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Advertising Drug Paraphernalia

Thursday, January 4

Justin Christopher Samuels, 18, Green Cove Springs, Petit Theft
William Raymond Finch, 49, Green Cove Springs, For Public Aid \$200 or More
Thomas Mayo Fenn, 30, Lake Asbury, Grand Theft \$300-4,999, Dealing Stolen Property, Giving False Info to a Pawn Broker
Jenna Lynn Martin, 21, Green Cove

Springs, FTA-Possession of a Controlled Substance
Kaylee Cieara Wilson, 22, Green Cove Springs, Showing or Producing Pornography to or with a Minor Via Computer
Deonte Tremaine Bobbitt, 24, Orange Park, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
Kayla Brienne Freebird Castor, 23, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR, Drug Equipment Possession, Presenting False ID to Law Enforcement
Adriene Nicole Griffis, 29, Oakleaf, VOP-Possession of Cocaine
Garrett Tyler Cornell, 26, Orange Park, Possession of More Than 20 g. Cannabis
Alexandra Nicole Blakeslee, 18, Orange Park, Petit Theft, Drug Equipment Possession
Shaun Allan Thornton, 37, Middleburg, Fraudulent Use of Credit Card
Trevon Anthony Rice, 20, Middleburg, Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon

Wednesday, January 3

Lisa Heather Sapp, 42, Orange Park, Child Abuse Without Great Bodily Harm and Domestic Battery
Wesley Alan Sweat, 26, Green Cove Springs, Lewd Molestation and Capital Sexual Battery
John Demetri Krushinski, 31, Green Cove Springs, Burglary, Grand Theft \$300-4,999
Terry Edward Sorensen, Keystone Heights, 62, Child Abuse Without Great Bodily Harm
Cindy Michele Parrott, 39, Middleburg, VOP-Possession of a Controlled Substance Without a Valid Prescription
Jonathan Lee McCoy, 35, Orange Park, Possession of More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Calendar

SOCIETY OF MIXED MEDIA ARTISTS: The Vandroff Art Gallery at the Jewish Community Alliance, located at 8505 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville hosts "Artist Visions" will showcase pieces by many of the award-winning members of the organization. Regular hours at the center are: M-Thurs. 5:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.; Fri. 5:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. and Sun. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. The show runs through Jan. 31.

ROUND ROBIN SHAKESPEARE: January 11 at 6:30 pm, Fleming Island Public Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Join us as we begin our monthly aloud, round robin style reading of "Coriolanus." Free Admission. No experience necessary. Everyone welcome. Come to read or listen. Some copies available, or free downloads. More info at roundrobinshakespeare.com.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Meets Jan. 11, at 7 p.m., in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ORANGE

PARK: Kicks off the new year Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Clarke House on Kingsley Avenue. Featured speaker is. Elaine Smith, founder and artistic director of Clamour Theatre Company, and install our new officers for 2018.

PRESERVING BLACK CREEK: The Nature Center at Camp Chowenwaw County Park presents guest speaker Genevieve Fletcher of the North Florida Land Trust who will present "Preserving Black Creek," Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. The event is free and open to the public, and includes interactive nature displays along with naturalist hosts to answer questions. Featured speaker. The park is located at 1517 Ball Rd., north of Green Cove Springs. For more info, call the park office, at (904)529-8058.

COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT: January 14 at 7 p.m., Penney Memorial Church, 4465 Poling Ave, with the Lopez Tabor Duo, comprised of violinist Alfonso Lopez and pianist Michelle Tabor. The concert and parking are free.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE: Meets Jan. 16 at 3:30 p.m. in the

BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

PENNEY FARMS HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Meets Jan. 17 at 7 p.m., in Town Hall council chambers, 4100 Clark Ave., Penney Farms. Clamour Theatre presents its porch play, "Passing the Baton." Come out and hear Dr. Applegate tell you about the heyday of Green Cove Springs. More info, call Cathie at (904) 529-9078.

GOT CATS? TOO MANY CATS?: Learn about how trap, neuter, return works, Jan. 20 from 2-4 p.m., Fleming Island Public Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Presented by Community Critter Care of Clay County Inc., 5C. Free and open to the public. For more info, claycrittercare@gmail.com.

INVASIVE PLANTS: Dan Dorosheff, a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission biologist, will discuss Invasive Water Plants and Plant management on Jan. 24 at Trinity Episcopal church in Melrose. A free spaghetti dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by the presentation at 7 p.m. The address is

204 FL-26, Melrose. For more info, John Katterhenry at jkaterr@aol.com.

BOOK SALE: Middleburg Clay Hill Public Library's Friends of the Library members get to shop early on Jan. 25 beginning at 9 a.m. while the general public comes in from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. On Jan. 26, guests can begin shopping at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Jan. 27, again Friends members shop beginning at 9 a.m., while the public gets in from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Also, on Jan. 27, guests can fill a Friends Book Bag for just \$5. There's still time to donate to the sale. For questions or donations, call Ed at (904) 254-7891.

HELLCAT RACES: Fourth Annual Hellcat 10K, 30K and 50K races, January 27, 2018, Military Museum of North Florida at old Lee Field Navy base. Register at www.hellcatrace.com or contact Chris Rodatz, race director at (904) 655-6511.

JUST US GIRLS LUNCHEON: Feb. 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Moosehaven, with a \$5 Fashion Show. Lunch, door prizes, Inspirational Speaker. \$16.50. RSVP to Diane at (904) 993-2586 and pay at the door!

Dealing with damage after a freeze

By Wayne Hobbs

Environmental Horticulture Agent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – It seems winter finally arrived in Florida. Overnight, I saw my own perennials wilt down after some very persistent flowering but last week's hard freezes have left many of our tender landscape plants in a state of brown decay. If your less cold-tolerant plants are not protected from the frost, here are some tips to weather them through the damage.



Wayne Hobbs

Irrigation in Winter

Watering before a freeze can help moderate soil temperatures, protecting the roots, so a good rain the day before a hard freeze can be a blessing. Make sure the soil around damaged plants stays somewhat moist and does not dry out completely. If temperatures ever stay below freezing for a prolonged period, watering may help defrost the soil and give plants some available water. On a side note, never leave

hoses pressurized with water during cold weather, it makes them likely to split or burst.

Do Not Fertilize

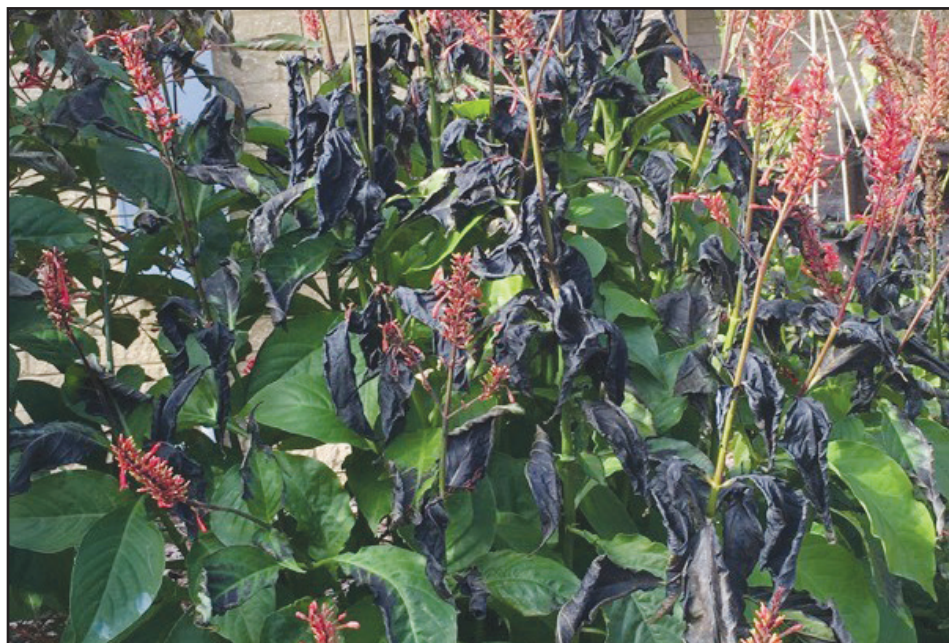
Injured plants make people want to baby them – don't. Do not fertilize until spring, when the plants begin actively growing again. Fertilization with nitrogen in the winter can lead to even more damage as the young growth that nitrogen promotes is very cold sensitive.

Do Not Prune It Back

While it may be ugly, the wilted, brown, and dead plant material associated with frost or freeze damage protects the rest of the plant that is still living. Leave it there until the danger of cold is gone in the spring, then check for fresh growth. Woody plants can be checked by scratching the surface with a fingernail and seeing the color of the wood underneath: black or dark brown wood can be a sign of cold damage. Tender, fleshy plants like begonias or impatiens can be pruned back after cold so they don't rot and lead to disease.

A Browning Lawn is Normal

With cold weather, many lawns will

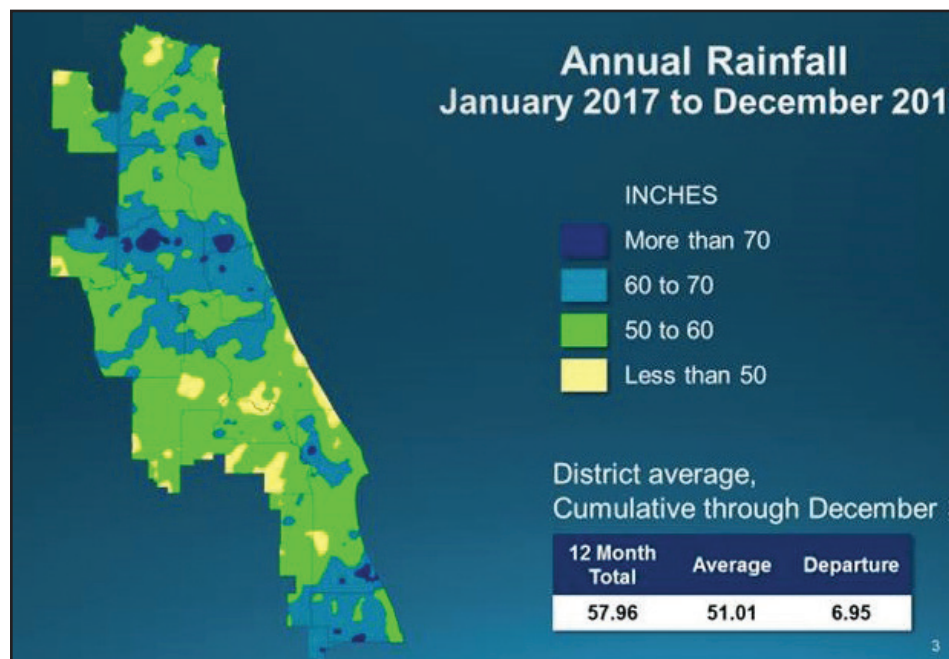


turn brown as they head into full dormancy – don't worry, this is normal. Some lawns will even take on a purplish tint in the cold.

However, if temperatures drop too low it can cause some permanent damage which can be observed by wilting, turning to a brown or white color, and then a rotting smell. If growth does not resume in the spring, you will likely need to replace dam-

aged areas.

If you have any more questions about horticulture, any landscape topics, or need plant or pest materials identified, contact the University of Florida/IFAS Extension Office online at <http://www.clay.ifas.ufl.edu>, follow us on Facebook, or call by phone at (904) 284-6355.



Hurricane season rainfall balanced by drier conditions

PALATKA – While 12-month rainfall totals are still above average throughout the St. Johns River Water Management District's 18-county service area, December rainfall was below average, especially through the southeastern corridor from southern Lake County through Orlando to Daytona.

A full report outlining hydrological conditions was presented at the district's January Governing Board meeting on Jan. 9.

"Florida is known for this type of volatility when it comes to rainfall, which makes water conservation that much more important," said Ann Shortelle, executive director of the St. Johns River Water Management District. "We'd like to encourage homeowners to skip every other week of

irrigation during this season when lawns go dormant and need less water. Collectively, homeowners in north and east-central Florida could help save more than 1 billion gallons of water."

The counties with the highest rainfall for the month included Nassau with 2.74 inches, Duval with 2.64 inches and Alachua with 2.07 inches. When looking at annual rainfall totals, 12-month rainfall totals are nearly 7 inches above average across the district. Upper Floridan Aquifer conditions at the end of December were in the high range except in the north, and portions of central Florida, which were in the normal range.

More information about the district's hydrological conditions visit www.sjrwmd.com.

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Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey lays out to make game-ending interception in front of Buffalo Bills wide receiver Deonte Richmond to seal Jags' 10-3 wild card playoff win with 32 seconds left in game. Jags advance to AFC division playoff game against Pittsburgh Steelers in Pittsburgh on Sun., Jan. 14 at 1:05 p.m.

Bortles gets playoff win for Jaguars

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE — Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles rushed for a game-high 88 yards and threw a fourth and one touchdown pass to lead the Jags to a 10-3 wild card playoff win over the Buffalo Bills in the first playoff game in 10 years at Everbank Field.

"I kind of reference it to a pitcher who is not quite on; can't hit the fastball or curveball, but has to find some way to win,"

said Bortles, in a post game interview. "I was fortunate to be able to run around out there and have an option B."

Jacksonville (11-6) will next travel to Pittsburgh (13-3) to take on the Steelers for the AFC Division championship. Pittsburgh had a bye week. Jacksonville beat Pittsburgh 30-9 earlier in the season with the Jags secondary intercepting Steeler quarterback Ben Roethlisberger five times.

After a hard-fought 3-3 tie at the halftime

SEE JAGS, 30

DISTRICT GIRLS WEIGHTLIFTING

Clay gets four titles, RHS one at districts

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MACCLENLY — Powered by four individual champions, the Clay High girls weightlifting team threw their hat into the ring of state teams looking to upend Baker County High as the powerhouse lift team in north Florida as the Blue Devils finished second overall in district 5-1A Jan. 6 at Baker County High School.

Teams will reconvene at Clay High School on January 20 for the region

championships with top lifters heading to the state championships in Panama City Beach on Feb. 2-3. Top six lifters from districts advanced to the region meet.

River Ridge won the Class 1A title last year with a dominant 29 points with Nature Coast second at 17 and Clay fourth with 14; powered by state titles from Erykah Murray and Ashleigh Dean, both now graduated. Baker County was fifth with 12 points.

Middleburg compete Thurs., Jan. 12

SEE WEIGHTLIFTING 23



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Clay High's Brooke Berger sets for her clean and jerk in district 5-1A championships held Jan. 6 at Baker County High School. Berger won title at 129 pounds.



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Fast Broncos start holds off Knights’ finish

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG – In a contest hyped to be a battle of steal-strong defense and fast break offense, Middleburg blitzed the Oakleaf High defense with eight straight points off the first quarter whistle off three steals, two layups and a three-pointer that led to a 12-1 early lead before Oakleaf coach Frank Jenkins called a time out to assess the damage. In the fourth quarter, Middleburg had to hold off a gallant Oakleaf rush to eventually win 69-62 Friday night at Middleburg High School.

“You can’t let a good team like that get ahead that fast,” said Jenkins, who falls to 11-3, 1-1 in district 4-8A with a Saturday district game at Gainesville Buchholz and a rematch on Fri., Jan. 12 with Fleming Island. “Playing catch up is to hard at that

point.”

Middleburg continue the assault to the halftime break with Range, Mallory Roney and guard Macie Faucett as the Lady Broncos rolled to a 28-5 lead at the first quarter break.

“We have had three losses where we were way ahead going into the fourth quarter and we didn’t finish and I saw this game going that way,” said Middleburg High coach Michael Hayward, who improves to 12-3, 4-1 in district 3-7A with the lone loss to Nease High School. “We are still trying to find which player will become the one who wants the “rock” (ball) in tight situations and can control the game. In games like this, someone has to step up.”

Middleburg is schedule to play Nease (12-3, 4-0) Fri., Jan. 12.

SEE BRONCOS, 27



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO
Middleburg High guard Mallory Roney gets ball swatted away by Oakleaf High defender Jalisa Lee in Broncos 69-62 non-district win on Jan. 5.

Raiders ‘tough love’ beats Knights

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

OAKLEAF – Down for the first three quarters in their non-district, but rivalry game with Oakleaf High’s Knights basketball team, the 6A-Orange Park High Raiders blazed a 23 point fourth quarter to upend the 8A-Knights 63-60 in a clash Friday night at Oakleaf High School.

“We had a little come to Jesus meeting in the locker room” said Raider Head Coach Derek Kurnitsky. “A little tough love.”

Breaking out to a four point lead after one quarter, then holding that lead at half, Oakleaf, who needed overtime to defeat a strong Clay High team the previous night,

seemed to have the game in control.

The Raiders played a step behind in the first half and kept it close, only down by four in the first quarter. A three-pointer from Raider Kadin Elmore at the right time helped the cause. Down 11-15 after one, Kurnitsky became animated several times as he watched his players make simple mistakes that were killing any drive that started. Things began to heat up as noted by only three total fouls shots in the first, and 14 in the second quarter alone. The teams kept the almost capacity crowd well entertained as the teams equaled scoring in the second at 13 points.

SEE RAIDERS, 27



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO
Fleming Island High guard Hope Rozier makes break with steal in game against Oakleaf. Fleming Island, a 51-50 overtime winner in first meeting, will host Knights Jan. 12.

Lady Raiders fall to Golden Eagles

By Dennis Bergin
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK – Fleming Island introduced a 2-1-2 zone defense last night to prevent being exposed in the middle. That lasted all of three minutes after Orange Park connected on four 3-pointers to grab an early 12-11 lead.

“That was the first time we played that zone all season,” said Fleming Island head coach Joey Williams. “We were worried that opponents were getting too many points in the paint.”

The Golden Eagles switched to a 3-2 zone, and went on a 20-5 run, to close out the opening half and cruise to a 60-40 victory over Orange Park Friday night at Orange Park.

Junior guard Tia Robinson scored a

game high 19 points, grabbed seven rebounds and registered four steals to lead the Golden Eagles (14-3) balanced scoring attach which featured four girls scoring in double figures.

Aubrey Burke added 15 points, Hope Rozier had 11 points while Moriah Martin had 11 points including three 3-pointers. Martin was making her first start of the season for Fleming Island.

“We stated Moriah because we wanted to spread the floor, said Williams, whose team made six 3-pointers for the game. “We wanted to spread the court and wear them down on defense.

The Raiders (11-4) connected on seven 3-pointers for the game. Harlee

SEE EAGLES, 27



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA
Oakleaf High guard Deonte Sherwood flies for layup in Knights 63-60 non-district loss to Orange Park High School on Jan. 5 at Oakleaf High.



Clay High's Carli McRae settles in her clean and jerk en route to gold medal in 139 pound weight division. McRae totaled 325 pounds with second a distant 245 pounds.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO
Clay High's Jade Berger was top lifter at 154 at district 7-1A championships held Saturday at Baker County. Berger had tough battle with Baker County's Emma Self, both tied at 295 pound totals with Berger less misses.



Ridgeview High's Sydney Davis won the 169 pounds division with a 305 pound total ahead of Baker County's Emily Carpenter who lifted 290.



Ridgeview High's Nava Hall, a state qualifier last year, finished fourth in Unlimited, and finished fourth with a 335 total. Winning total was 365.



Clay High's Meghan Gibson finished fourth at 129 pounds with a lift total of 245 pounds. Clay High teammate Brooke Berger won the division with a 310 total.



Orange Park High's Addyson Mauldin finished third at 169 with a total of 280. Winner Sidney Davis of Ridgeview totaled 305.



Orange Park High's Carrington Robinson, with her 200 total, finished five pounds off a title to Clay's Hannah Forbes in the 110 pound division.

Weightlifting

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at Oakleaf High School in their district 4-2A championship. Keystone Heights competes January 12 at Interlachen High School in the district 7-1A championships.

At Baker County, with the Wildcats taking the team title with 82 points ahead of Clay's 68, Clay came home with gold medals from Hannah Forbes in the 110-pound class; Brooke Berger at 129; Carlie Mcrae at 139 and Jade Berger at 154. Mcrae and both Bergers were state meet qualifiers with Brooke Berger finishing 12th at

129, Mcrae no-lifting in clean and jerk at 139 and Jade Berger finishing 19th at 154 pounds.

Baker County countered with individual titles from Savannah Stafford at 101, fourth at 101 last year, who edged Clay's Sereniti Forkey; Ryah Davis at 119, second at 119 last year, who beat Clay's Katie James, who competed at state but no-lifted in clean and jerk; Quinci Hand at 183 who teamed with teammate Brandi Taylor for a 1-2 finish and Eva Gray at 199. Hand finished 12th at 199 last year with Gray 16th also at 199.

Also winning an individual title was Ridgeview High's Sydney Davis at 169

pounds who beat out Baker County's Emily Carpenter with a total of 305.

Finishing with top six finishes and advancing were, at 101, from Clay; Sereniti Forkey (2nd) and Sierra Forkey of Clay (fourth); at 110, from Orange Park, Carrington Robinson (2nd) and Emma Hashtak (4th); from Ridgeview, Vishwa Patel (6th); at 119, from Clay, Kameron Peters (4th); at 129, from Clay, Meghan Gibson (4th); from Ridgeview, Crystal Hunter (3rd) and Joanna Fowler (5th), from Orange Park, Kayla Saunders (6th); at 139, from Clay, Jordyn Ferguson (2nd), from Ridgeview, Jenna Henderson (4th) and Alanna Bonifacio (6th);

at 154, from Clay, Sabrina Huete (3rd); from Ridgeview, Tania McCormick (4th) and Jayla Hall (5th); from Orange Park, Ramsy Phillips (6th) at 169, from Orange Park, Addyson Mauldin (3rd), from Clay, Ahna Marti (4th), from Ridgeview, Tabytha Rickett (6th); at 183, from Orange Park, Shehavah Williams (3rd), from Clay, Morgan Silvis (5th); at 199, from Ridgeview, Grier Burrows (4th) and Laura Deliscar (5th); from Clay, Dakota Worley (6th); at Unlimited, from Clay, Madilyn Rossetti (3rd), Lindsay Brooks (5th) and, from Ridgeview, Nava Hall (4th). Hall was 17th in unlimited last year.

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RESOLUTION RUN 5K IN ORANGE PARK



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Jacksonville's Alejandro Hernandez, 22, won the Florida Striders Resolution Run 5K in 16:36 ahead of 490 runners on Saturday.



Jack Ganoe, 11, was eighth in age group, with time of 24:15, a 7:48 per mile pace.



John Keester, 11, powers to finish for first place in age group in 19:10 and 14th overall.



Ten year old Nick Santana jumps for joy at finish in 32:41 at Resolution Run 5K.



Ageless wonder Tom Graham, 74, got second in his age group in an impressive 26:27.



Women's winner Crystal Davis, left, battles with Kameron Wallizada at finish. Wallizada edged Davis for seventh overall in 18:28 with Davis in at ninth in 18:28.

Clay, Ridgeview join Fleming Island wrestlers for duals titles

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – Ridgeview and Clay high school joined Fleming Island as District Duals wrestling champions with wins on Thurs., Jan. 4 and Sat., Jan. 6 as area wrestlers were set to crowd home gyms on Thurs., Jan. 11 (6 p.m. starts) for a shot to wrestle in the first FHSAA Duals Wrestling championships set for Jan. 19-20 at Osceola High School.

Florida recently joined Georgia to have a duals state championships meet ahead of the traditional individual state wrestling to be staged in March. Unlike traditional individually bracketed competitions based on weight divisions, the duals matchups pit teams against teams to determine a final state champion.

The Panthers (19th in 2A in 2017) and the Blue Devils (2nd in 1A in 2017), with their wins last week, join Fleming Island (2nd in 3A in 2017) in advancing to their respective duals regions championships on January 11.

Fleming Island, the district 1-3A champion over Flagler Palm Coast two weeks

ago, will host the region 1-3A championships with the Golden Eagles facing Orlando Evans and Flagler Palm Coast (10th in 3A in 2017) facing Apopka High (26th in 3A in 2017) in round one. Winners from those two matches face off in the region final with the winner advancing to the state meet.

In the traditional region 1-3A championships last year, Fleming Island won over Winter Springs and Flagler Palm Coast with Apopka sixth and Orlando Evans 13th.

Ridgeview, with their win over Orange Park (28th in 2A in 2017) in the district 3-2A championship, will host matches between the Panthers and Matanzas while Orange Park will face off against Creekside High, winner of district 1-2A. Matanzas was district 1-2A runnerup. Middleburg, with a lineup missing athletes in weight classes from 160 and up, and Terry Parker, who had just seven wrestlers also competed in district 3-2A. The final tally had Ridgeview beating Middleburg (26th in 2A in 2017), Terry Parker and Orange Park for the championship. Orange Park beat Terry Parker and Middleburg.

Last year, Tallahassee Lincoln won the



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO
At the district 3-2A duals state qualifier won by Ridgeview over Orange Park, at 106, Middleburg High's Tazz Hampton cradles up Ridgeview Brad Saam in their opening dual match.

traditional region 1-2A championship over Pace and Tate high schools with Creekside fifth, Ridgeview ninth, Orange Park 11th and Matanzas 16th.

Clay, with wins over Baker County and West Nassau, won district 3-1A and will host Bolles in the region 1-1A tournament on Thurs., Jan. 11 with Bishop Kenny (17th

in 1A in 2017) matching up with West Nassau in the second match.

Last year, Clay won region 1-1A in the traditional region championships over Wakulla and Florida High with Bishop Kenny seventh, Bolles ninth and West Nassau 18th.



Middleburg High's Storm Mercado, left, is all tangled up with Ridgeview's Saeid Ejmali in one of the more thrilling matches of the night with Ejmali taking a 7-6 win in the 138 pound division.



Ridgeview High's Tanner Belden is head's down with Middleburg's Chris Burch in their opening round duals match won by Burch at the district 3-2A state qualifier held at Ridgeview on Jan. 3. Ridgeview won duals titles over Orange Park and will host their region 1-2A championships on Jan. 11.



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Boys Soccer Update

District 4-4A

Fleming Island (9-0-1, 3-0-0)

St. Augustine (2-5-1, 2-1-1)

Nease (3-9-1, 1-1-1)

Middleburg (2-6-0, 0-4-0)

Bartram Trail (7-2-1, 0-0-1)

Creekside (7-3-1, 0-0-0)

Oakleaf (6-2-0)

Recent games:

Fleming Island: FIHS 2, Bartram Trail 0;

FIHS 12, Andrew Jackson 0

Oakleaf: FIHS 6, Oakleaf 1; Oakleaf 1,

Creekside 1; Oakleaf 7, Atlantic Coast 1

Middleburg: MHS 9, Baldwin 1; MHS 0,

Baker County 1; MHS 0, St. Augustine 3

Upcoming games:

Fleming Island: Jan. 15 at Leon (8-3-1);

Jan. 16 vs. Creekside; Jan. 17 vs. OPHS; Jan.

19 vs. Ocala Forest (8-2-1); Jan. 23 vs. Ponte

Vedra (8-3-1); Jan. 26 at Fletcher (12-0-1)

Oakleaf: Jan. 9 vs. Bartram Trail; Jan. 12

vs. St. Augustine; Jan. 17 at RHS; Jan. 23 vs.

OPHS

Middleburg: Jan. 8 at St. Augustine; Jan.

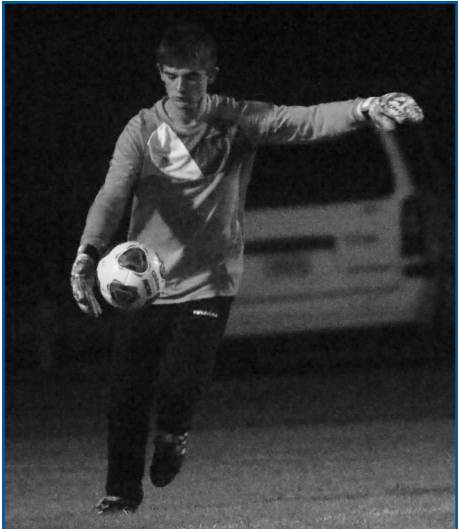
12 vs. RHS; Jan. 16 at OPHS; Jan. 17 at CHS;

Jan. 19 at Baker County

District 4-3A

Ridgeview (7-0-0, 4-0-0)

Ponte Vedra (8-3-1, 4-1-0)



Keystone Heights sophomore goalie Caleb Cushman was recently awarded a Maxpreps national player of the week for his goalkeeping efforts for Indians.

Menendez (5-6-1, 1-1-1)

Matanzas (6-5-0, 2-4-0)

Orange Park (4-5-1, 1-3-1)

Palatka (7-10-0, 1-3-0)

Clay (3-8-0, 0-1-0)

Recent games:

Ridgeview: RHS 2, Matanzas 1; RHS 2,

SJCDS 0; RHS 3, OPHS 0

Orange Park: OPHS 1, Menendez 1; OPHS

1, Matanzas 4; OPHS 1, Keystone Heights 2

Clay: Clay 0, Menendez 6; Clay 0, Palatka 1;

Clay 1, Matanzas 8

Upcoming games:

Ridgeview: Jan. 10 at Clay; Jan. 12 at MHS;

Jan. 17 vs. Oakleaf; Jan. 20 at OPHS

Orange Park: Jan. 8 vs. Nease; Jan. 9 vs.

West Nassau; Jan. 10 vs. St. Augustine; Jan.

12 vs. Bishop Snyder; Jan. 16 vs. MHS; Jan.



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Fleming Island High forward Lucas Hauth has emerged as key player alongside Reed Davis in Golden Eagles scoring prowess in their still-unbeaten season record.

17 at Fleming Island; Jan. 20 vs. Ridgeview

Clay: Jan. 8 vs. OPHS; Jan. 10 vs. RHS; Jan.

12 at Menendez

District 5-2A

Santa Fe (10-0-1, 7-0-0)

Crescent City (9-5-0, 7-1-0)

Newberry (7-3-1, 4-3-1)

Keystone Heights (11-6-2, 4-4-1)

Interlachen (2-8-2, 2-6-2)

Fort White (2-9-1, 1-6-1)

P.K. Yonge (0-7-3, 0-5-3)

Recent games:

Keystone Heights: Keystone Heights 3,

Fort White 0; Keystone Heights 2, Orange

Park 1; Keystone Heights 3, P.K. Yonge 2

Upcoming games:

Keystone Heights: Jan. 9 at Santa Fe; Jan.

11 at Interlachen; Jan. 12 vs. Suwannee;

Jan. 16 vs. St. Francis Catholic; Jan. 17 at

Newberry

District 2-1A

St. Josephs Academy (4-2-1, 1-0-0)

St. Johns Country Day School (5-2-0, 1-0-0)

University Christian (4-3-1, 0-1-0)

St. Francis Catholic (1-9-0, 0-1-0)

Christ's Church Academy (5-0-2, 0-0-0)

Hamilton County (1-8-0, 0-0-0)

Oak Hall (4-6-0, 0-0-0)

Recent games:

St. Johns Country Day School: SJCDS 4,

University Christian 2, SJCDS 0, RHS 2

Upcoming games

Jan. 8 vs. St. Francis; Jan. 8 at University

Christian; Jan. 10 vs. St. Joseph Academy;

Jan. 11 vs. Duval Charter; Jan. 16 at Provi-

dence

Girls Soccer Update

District 4-4A

Nease (13-2-0, 6-1-0)

Bartram Trail (11-2-2, 5-1-1)

Creekside (8-3-4, 4-1-1)

Fleming Island (5-4-0, 4-3-0)

Oakleaf (5-6-1, 2-4-0)

St. Augustine (3-6-1, 0-4-1)

Middleburg (3-8-1, 0-5-1)

Recent games:

Fleming Island: Creekside 2, Fleming

Island 1; Fleming Island 2, 3A-Menendez 1;

Fleming Island 8, 3A-Ponte Vedra 1

Oakleaf: Oakleaf 8, Ridgeview 0; Creekside

3, Oakleaf 1; SJCDS 8, Oakleaf 0

Upcoming games:

Fleming Island: Jan. 9 vs. Stanton (11-2-2);

Jan. 11 vs. Episcopal (3-6-0); Jan. 15 at Leon

(9-5-1); Jan. 17 vs. OPHS (1-9-0); Jan. 18 at

Bolles (11-4-1); Jan. 19 vs. Ocala Forest (7-2-

0); Jan. 23 vs. Ponte Vedra

Oakleaf: Jan. 8 vs. Middleburg; Jan. 16 at

RHS; Jan. 18 vs. Trinity Christian

District 4-3A

Ponte Vedra (9-5-2, 6-0-0)

Ridgeview (3-6-2, 2-1-0)

Menendez (7-5-0, 4-3-0)

Orange Park (1-9-0, 1-3-0)

Clay (5-2-0, 0-1-0)

Matanzas (5-8-0, 0-3-0)

Palatka (5-7-3, 0-4-0)

Recent games:

Ridgeview: RHS 9, OPHS 1; RHS 3, MHS 2;

RHS 4, Mandarin 4

Orange Park: Menendez 6, OPHS 1; Yulee

4, OPHS 3

Clay: Ponte Vedra 7, Clay 1; Clay 6, Matan-

zas 5



St. Johns Country Day School is still unbeaten thanks to fleet feet of forward Abbey Newton, here about to score in Spartans 6-1 win over Bolles.

Upcoming games:

Ridgeview: Jan. 8 at Fernandina Beach (8-

0-1, 7-0-1); Jan. 9 at MHS; Jan. 11 at Menen-

dez; Jan. 16 vs. Oakleaf (5-6-1, 2-4-0); Jan.

18 at Episcopal

OPHS: Jan. 9 vs. West Nassau; Jan. 11 vs.

Clay: Jan. 16 at MHS; Jan. 17 at FIHS

Clay: Jan. 9 vs. Menendez; Jan. 11 at OPHS;

Jan. 12 vs. Keystone Heights; Jan. 16 vs.

SJCDS; Jan. 18 vs. MHS

District 5-2A

P.K. Yonge (11-0-0, 3-0-0)

Santa Fe (10-5-0, 3-0-0)

Keystone Heights (6-7-2, 2-0-0)

Interlachen (4-7-1, 4-5-0)

Fort White (4-6-1, 3-4-1)

Crescent City (4-7-4, 2-3-0)

Newberry (4-9-0, 1-3-0)

Williston (0-9-0, 0-3-0)

Bradford (0-0-0)

Recent games:



Clay High's Lea Plante will be top goal getter for Lady Blue Devils who must contend with superstrong district 4-3A foes.

Keystone Heights: P.K. Yonge 5, Keystone

Hts. 0; Keystone Heights 1, Fort White 1

Upcoming games:

Keystone Heights: Jan. 9 at Williston; Jan.

11 at Interlachen; Jan. 12 at Clay; Jan. 17 at

Newberry

District 2-1A

St. Josephs' Academy (3-2-0, 2-0-0)

St. Johns Country Day School (14-0-0,

2-0-0)

Hamilton County (3-6-1, 1-2-0)

St. Francis Catholic (1-9-1, 1-2-0)

University Christian (0-4-0, 0-2-0)

Christ's Church Academy (4-3-0, 0-0-0)

Oak Hall (1-7-1, 0-0-0)

Recent games:

SJCDS: SJCDS 4, Montverde Academy 1;

SJCDS 4, Merritt Island 2; SJCDS 6, Bolles 1

Upcoming games:

SJCDS: Jan. 8 vs. St. Francis; Jan. 10 vs. St.

Joseph's Academy; Jan. 10 at Bartram Trail

(11-2-2); Jan. 16 at Clay (5-2-0); Jan. 18 at

Creekside (8-3-4)

Eagles

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Sharp had two 3's while Dyronna Harris added three 3's and scored a team high 11 points.

Fleming Island mixed up their defense all night throwing a 3-2 zone and straight man to man while forcing 14 turnovers which led to easy transition baskets.

"We want to create offensive opportunities off of our defense," said Williams. "We did a good job doing that tonight."

Sophomore center Tori Cole added six

points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds for Orange Park.

"I told the girls that we have a bullseye on our backs because we went to the final four last year, said Williams. "Theses girls all know each other from AAU and they see each other at the malls. I thought they did a good job handling the rivalry game tonight."

STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island High guard Tia Robinson has the eye from coach Joey Williams as Golden Eagles step into treacherous second half of season after Final Four campaign last year.



Raiders

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Down 44-40, Kurnitsky knew it was time for some changes at the half.

"We had to go inside to Davontai (Crutch), we had to go inside to John Abate," said Kurnitsky. "I thought we could dominate inside and we went inside and that kind of got us going."

The third quarter seemed like a whole new game. Obvious was Orange Park taking the ball inside time and again. Gone were the outside shot attempts that didn't yield much in the first half. After drawing 12 team fouls in the first half, Orange Park now made Oakleaf the offender and it was adding up fast. Although the scoring was equal, this time with 16 apiece in the third, Oakleaf was building team fouls quickly.

"We were soft the first half and I told them that at halftime," said Kurnitsky. "I don't mince my words with them now."

The fourth quarter was full of fouls, mostly in Orange Park's favor. The tactic of going inside was killing the Knights as they would commit fouls over and over, losing Donte Smalls with over five minutes left on the clock. Oakleaf finished the second half



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Orange Park High guard Kadin Elmore flies between a trio of Oakleaf High defenders in first half action of Raiders' 63-60 come-from-behind win Friday night.

with 14 team fouls, handing the bonus to Orange Park that helped turn the game.

"Just too many fouls" Oakleaf Head Coach Jason Price said. "We had foul difficulties. We did that last night at Clay and we escaped with big shots late. We let it

slip away and got into foul trouble."

Orange Park ended up shooting 22 of 31 free throws where the Knights could only cash the check 12 of 23 times. That difference alone could have turned the game. With six minutes left in the game,

Orange Park tied the game at 47-47.

At that point, it was like laying bricks for the Raiders. Point by point, they would add another brick in the wall until they stretched it to a three point, then a four point, then nine point lead with 47 seconds left in the game. Oakleaf turned to intentional fouls to try and get the ball back for three-pointers. That worked twice, and Orange Park would miss several free throws. Oakleaf hit a few unanswered scores that pulled them to 61-58 with eight seconds left in the game.

With 6.9 seconds left to play and another intentional foul, Orange Park's Ty McBride hit one of two free throws to go up 63-58. When Oakleaf put the ball back in play, they were able to hit one final shot at the buzzer, but without time left on the clock, the fairytale ending they had one night prior would not have a repeat and the Orange Park would bring the Friday night win home, 63-60.

"We did a good job," said Kurnitsky. "We got in the weight room, we went on the track, that's why we do all these kinds of things. It was a good win for our program."

Broncos

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In the first quarter, Middleburg had 12 steals; three from Range; 14 points from guard Jamyah Harkins and six rebounds from senior Katie Bryan.

Oakleaf's only response was a jumper from Jazlyn Dukes, a layup and free throw from Andrea Diaz-Merced.

In the second quarter, Middleburg de-throttled slightly to end the first half up just 41-24.

After the break, Oakleaf decided to hit fire with fire with guard Sabria Littles the point man and Diaz-Merced the shooter.

"We knew they were going to keep feeding the Sabria girl and let her drive the lane and we tried to be careful with fouls," said Hayward. "We also knew the Andrea girl was the corner three point shooter. We just didn't play defense."

With Littles running the floor at both

ends and Diaz-Merced finding her sweet spot on the floor, Oakleaf chipped away at the Bronco lead to 48-38 with three minutes left in the third.

"Oakleaf is good and I knew they would make a come back," said Hayward. "I made a move to put Jamyah on their Sabria just to try and slow her down."

In that span, Littles hit two jumpers and a three-pointer with Diaz-Merced getting two breakaway layups and a three pointers. At 1:53, Diaz-Merced hit another three-pointer to close the gap to 50-41 and put new life in the Lady Knights' attack.

A time out from Hayward pre-empted a jumper from Harkins and back-to-back three-pointers from Harkins and Oakleaf's Chancellor Lee that looked to make the final quarter a barnburner.

Oakleaf's up tempo defense had an effect on Middleburg's backcourt as Littles was pressing either Faucett or Roney at halfcourt and creating some turmoil in the Bronco offensive attack.

"We started off not being very aggressive," said Jenkins. "At the half, I just told them to play the game; listen and play the way we play. If we don't start full throttle, we can't beat a team that comes out full throttle."

Oakleaf opened the fourth quarter with Diaz-Merced hitting two free throws to put the Knights just eight points away when Hayward called a time out to strategize the rest of the game.

Two free throws from Oakleaf center Jalisa Lee who followed with a jumper put the Knights within striking distance at 56-51 with six minutes left in the game.

Littles would pressure again at half-court and come up with a breakaway layup to push the score to 56-53 and Middleburg looking disjointed by the Knights surge.

Hayward took another time out and "implored" his squad to settle in and play out the game like they started.

A steal from Faucett and two layups from Harkins who showed off some vivid

break speed pushed the Broncos up 60-55 quickly with a questionable collision in front of the Bronco bench giving officials a discussion at halfcourt to decide who would get the ball with two minutes to go and the score at 63-57.

Middleburg would get the ball on the inbounds with Range feeding Harkins for a layup that seemed to pop the Knights' balloon.

Forced to foul to save ticks on the clock, Oakleaf gave up free throws around a Chancellor Lee three pointer as Middleburg held court to the finish and the final 69-62 score.

Roney finished with 25 points for Middleburg with Range adding 20 points with four blocked shots, three steals and four assists. Harkins had 14 points with three steals.

Littles topped Oakleaf scoring with 22 points with seven rebounds, four steals, two assists and two blocked shots. Chancellor Lee had 11 points.

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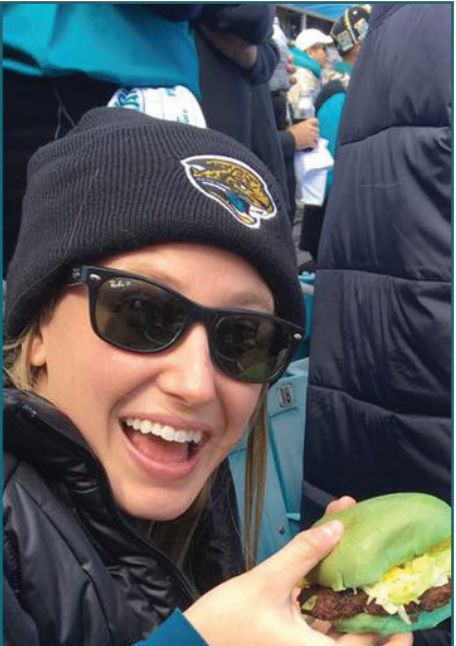
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Fleming Island grad and soccer ace Janese Quick chomps a "Teal-Burger." (see below)



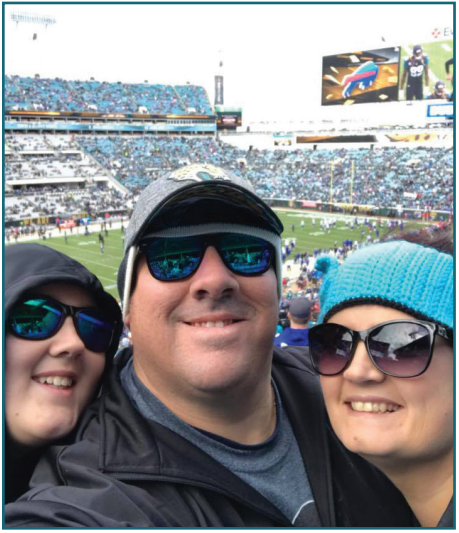
Justine Quick-Glaston, sister to Janese Quick above, has her own "Teal-Burger" in section 104 in the south end zone.




Ridgeview High track coach Al Nesi with son Joel and friends in nosebleed 410 section.




Amy Shaheen, left, has her favorite player next to her, Jalen Ramsey, in cardboard with son Christopher, right, in 105 section.



Fleming Island High athletic director Travis Cunningham with son Braden and wife Carrie up high at "The Bank."



Security tough guy Lee Merrill, an OPHS hoops coach, monitors the 25 second clock in end zone.



"T-Rex" mom Angie Whiddon sports fashionable eyewear in front of Bills blanket?

LAKESIDE VS. GCS HOOPS ACTION

Lakeside Junior high took wins over Green Cove Springs Junior High in Monday night action at Lakeside Junior High School. Gator girls won 51-15 with the boys holding off a tough match with the Cougars, who led at the half, but lost 42-35.



Left: Lakeside's Gavin Goldblatt, right, battles for loose ball with Green Cove Springs' Ahman Greenidge.
Above: Green Cove Springs guard Ashley Nowland breaks with ball for layup.



Lakeside guard Andrew Suhrer hit key three pointers at end of game to preserve win for Gators.



Lakeside forward Mykayla Maddox powers up layup against Green Cove Springs defender in Gators 51-15 win.



Green Cove Springs coach Doug Deters had the magic formula for half time lead, but his Cougars fell prey to streak shooting three-pointers from Lakeside.



Lakeside point guard Colton Zapp tries to slip past Green Cove Springs defender D'Maurion Frazier in Gators win Monday night at Lakeside Junior High School.



Lakeside center Kevin Goolsby goes up for strong jumper in the paint in Gators win over Cougars on Monday.

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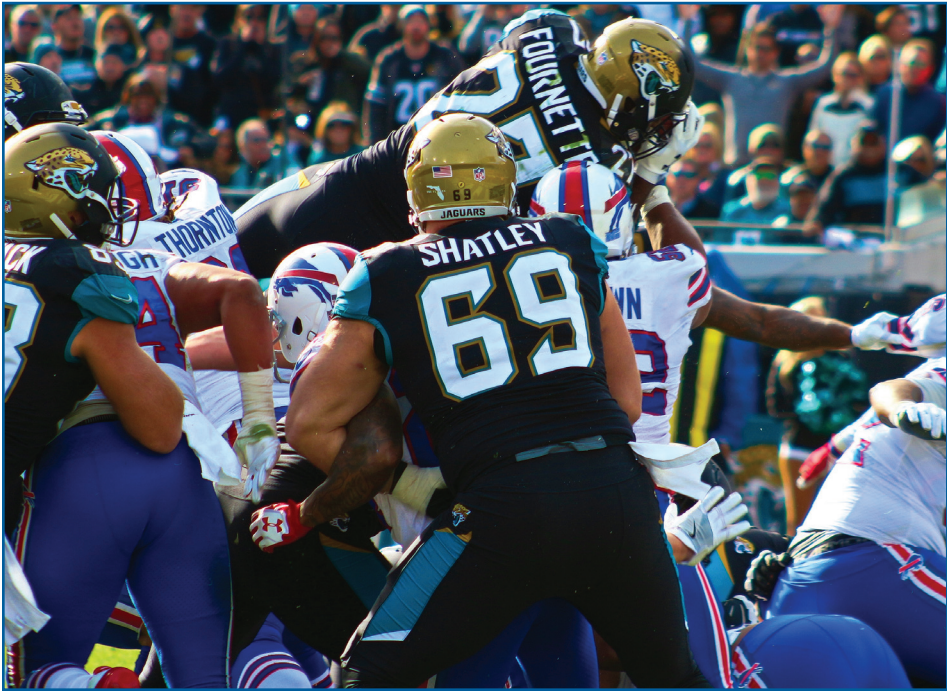
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Jacksonville Jaguars running back Leonard Fournette dives over short of end zone in third quarter. Jags scored on Blake Bortles to Ben Koyack fourth and goal pass on next play.

Jags

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break, the Jaguars remained stellar on defense in front of the sellout Everbank Field crowd with defensive back Aaron Colvin intercepting Bills' quarterback Tyrod Taylor in the third quarter and Jalen Ramsey picking off Bills backup quarterback Nathan Peterman with a tip and catch spectacular with 32 seconds left in the game that sealed the game for the Jaguars.

"The energy in the stadium was outstanding; better than what coach Tom Coughlin said it would be," said Jaguars coach Doug Marrone. "Colvin woke up with a little flu bug, but he toughed it out out there."

Ramsey snagged his interception in front of Bills wide receiver Deonte Thompson with a tip up and diving catch that ignited the Everbank crowd.

"Peterman (Bills quarterback Nathan



Jacksonville Jaguars defenders Yannick Ngakoue, top, and Myles Jack fly over Buffalo Bills quarterback Tyrod Taylor in Jags 10-3 wild card playoff win Jan. 7 at Everbank Field.

Peterman) threw the same hitch pass on the other side a couple of plays before and I recognized the same formation on my side," said Ramsey. "I figured they were running the same route. I took a read step and jumped the route."

In the third period, Bortles moved the Jaguars inside the Bills Red Zone, but a stop by the Bills defense on a third down diving effort from Jaguars' running back Leonard Fournette seemed destined to

stall the drive, but Bortles came back and slinged a touchdown pass in the back of the end zone to tight end Ben Koyack to push the edge to 10-3 with a minute left in the third period.

"We didn't convert on the first turnover and I was thinking that would come back to haunt us and we need to either score or keep them bottled up down there," said Marrone. "It's not a beauty contest out there. We just played to win."

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Knights look to make district run

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE — Oakleaf High School's boys basketball team waited around for an extra 30 minutes as Robert E. Lee High's bus found its way to Ribault High and their noon game in the Bernard Wilkes Christmas Classic on January 2 before igniting to a fast-start 18-7 lead en route to a 56-16 win that capped a strong holiday two weeks for coach Jason Price.

"We get back into district play when we resume school after games with Clay and Orange Park (Jan. 4-5), but the second half of the season starts next week with Bartram Trail (January 11)," said Price, 6-2, with a 2-1 slate in district 4-8A trailing leader Creekside (11-2, 3-0). "Bartram Trail is the meat of the second half schedule. If we can't knock off Creekside; we have a nice rivalry, then I hope someone else can get them."

Price's lament centered around the district 4-8A championship tournament last year that Creekside knocked Oakleaf out of in the semifinal round. After exchange-

ing regular season wins over each other, Creekside beat Oakleaf in the district semifinal then won the district title over Gainesville Buchholz then lost in the region finals against eventual 8A runnerup Tallahassee Lincoln in the state semifinal round. Buchholz lost to Robert E. Lee in the region quarterfinal.

Over the holiday, Oakleaf traveled to take on opponents far and wide and came away with wins in Georgia at the Cook County Hornet Classic over Fitzgerald (75-61) and Cook (55-21) high schools after a big 73-54 win over 7A-Lake Region at the Jenkins Arena in Lakeland and district wins over Fleming Island (51-50) and Buchholz (53-41).

Price saw senior Deonte Sherwood, a guard, as the focal point of the energized Knights attack.

"Against Cook, Deonte scored 33 points with Kenny Thomas adding another 20 as we are not beholden to one or two key guys for wins," said Price. "Kenny also is leading our team in assists from a wing man

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Oakleaf High guard Saich Williams high-steps to layup in Knights win over Robert E. Lee at the Bernard Wilkes Invitational held at Ribault High School Dec. 28-30.



Orange Park High forward Willie Edwards battles down low with Paxon High defender in Raiders loss at the Bernard Wilkes Invitational.



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Orange Park High guard John Abate landed 23 points to lead Raiders to 69-52 win over Ribault High on Tues., Jan. 9 at Orange Park High School's Raiderdome. Ribault, the defending district 3-6A champion, was a Class 6A state semifinalist team last year, losing to Leesburg High, the eventual state champion. Orange Park is the defending district 4-6A champion and lost in the region quarterfinals to Terry Parker High.



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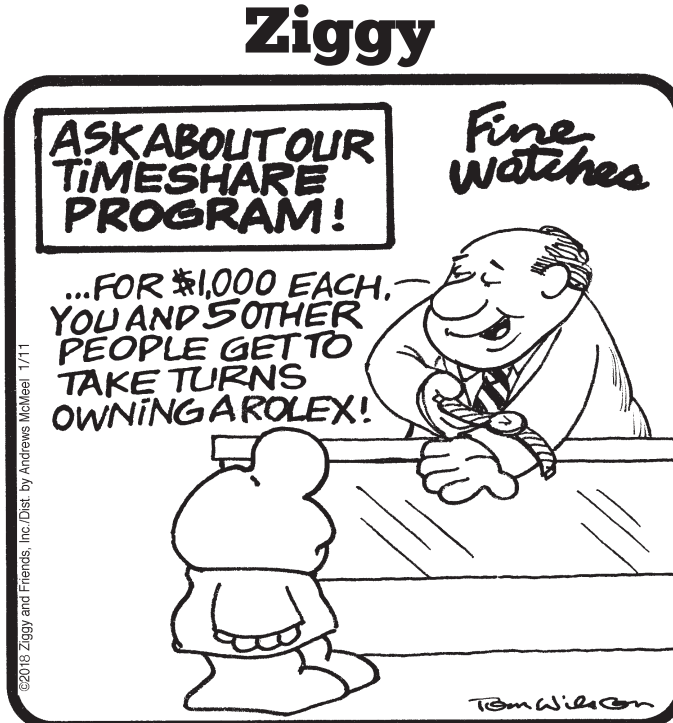
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Knights

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position. We're doing a better job of moving the ball around and getting better shots."

Against Lee, Oakleaf opened with steal to layup display that started with Sherwood pickpocketing Lee's point guard and riffling a scoring pass to Willie Edwards to open the game. From there, Thomas had a steal, Sherwood again with another assist to Edwards, center Chantz Williams with two blocked shots and Thomas with a three pointer at the first quarter buzzer and the score at 15-5.

"We planned to run five or six guys on their point guard; Jones, who is the leading area scorer with five 30-point games to this point," said Price.

Thomas would land his second three-pointer, get a steal to a Saich Williams layup before the stands got lit with a steal from Quintez Johnson that set up a savage dunk from 6'-4" Kameron McKenzie that scored the game 25-7 with two minutes left in the half.

Oakleaf continued the onslaught for the 56-16 win.

Price has seen his up-tempo attack as fruitful and pointed to a video session for the team after the Creekside loss and before the Fleming Island win; 51-50 buzzer-beater at Fleming Island High School.

"We didn't practice between the Creekside loss and the Fleming Island game," said Price. "We watched the video of the Creekside game. It was eye opening. We saw the evidence of the two or three things we have to do. After that, they came out and did those two or three things better and we beat Fleming Island."

Price said the team took from the Creekside loss and moved forward much quicker than previous teams and also produced the current five game win streak.

"In year's past, the loss to Creekside would have taken a week to recover from," said Price. "The video showed a lot that the kids could take and refocus with."

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IN RE: ESTATE OF THELMA MARIE TRUTNA Deceased

The administration of the estate of THELMA MARIE TRUTNA, deceased, whose date of death was November 11, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of the first publication of this notice is January 11, 2018 Signed on this 9th day of December, 2017.

John I. Fishburne, III Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 0977578 Purcell, Flanagan, Hay & Green, P.A. 1548 Lancaster Terrace Jacksonville, Florida 32204 Telephone (904) 355-0355 Telecopier (904) 355-0820 Email: jfishburne@pfhglaw.com Secondary Email: bbbenton@pfhglaw.com

JOHN TODD WIDERGREN Personal Representative 1859 Salt Myrtle Lane Fleming Island, Florida 32003 Legal 40975 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2017-CP-413 DIVISION: E

IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY RUTH MEEKS Deceased.

The administration of the estate of BETTY RUTH MEEKS, deceased, whose date of death was March 2, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Personal Representative: William Robert Meeks II 4394 County Road 15A Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 Legal 40942 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2017-CP-503 DIVISION: E

IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES ERNEST DINGMON Deceased.

The administration of the estate of CHARLES ERNEST DINGMON, deceased, whose date of death was October 28, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Personal Representative: Karen Daniels 199-C Owl Creek Road St Augustine, Florida 32092 Legal 40936 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2017-DR-1472 James Pendelton Jr.

Petitioner, and Caroline Alleyne Respondent,

TO: Caroline Alleyne 212 Haven Rd B Ave Green Cove Springs FL 32043

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on James Marvin Pendleton Jr. whose address is: 422 South Robert St Green Cove Springs Fl 32043 on or before February 16, 2018 and file the

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original with the clerk of this Court at 825 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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(seal) Tara S. Green CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Taylor Solomon Deputy Clerk

Legal 40960 published Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25 and Feb 1, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2016-DP-207 DIVISION: JV-A

IN THE INTEREST OF: J.R. A CHILD

THE STATE OF FLORIDA

TO: David Leslie Riley, Jr., father

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above named child, J.R. who was born on July 15, 2013. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Michael S. Sharrit at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 1:30 P.M. o'clock on January 23, 2018, A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crtintrp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 13th day of December, 2017.

(seal) Tara S. GREEN as Clerk of Said Court By: Denise Haselwood As Deputy Clerk

Legal 40865 published Dec 21, and Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4 and Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 2017-CP-466 DIVISION: A

IN RE: ESTATE OF AMY A. KENT Deceased.

The administration of the estate of AMY A. KENT, deceased, File Number 2017-CP-466, Division A, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 698 Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The names and addresses of the

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Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is January 11, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Barry J. Fuller Florida Bar Number: 161927 Fuller & Associates 2301 Park Avenue # 404 Orange Park, FL 32073 Telephone: (904) 264-0585 Facsimile: (904) 264-1714 Primary email: bfuller@lawfuller.com Secondary Email: twegmann@lawfuller.com

Personal Representative: Sharyn Kent Manning 166 Foxridge Road Orange Park, Florida 32065

Legal 40945 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS PENDING ADOPTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-2017-DR-2085-FMXX-

MA DIVISION: E

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A MINOR CHILD: PEYTON ELIZABETH MARTIN, DOB: 03/12/10

TO: DESTINI NICOLE HUNTER

Age: 27 years old

DOB: November 15, 1990

Race: white

Approximate Height: 5 foot, 4 inches

Approximate Weight: 150

Hair Color: formerly brown, currently unknown

Eye Color: Blue

Current Residence Address: unknown

Last Known Residence Address: Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Adoption by Step-Parent has been filed by Summer N. Boyd, Esquire, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, regarding a child born on March 12, 2010, in Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida. The father has vpluntarily executed a written Consent to Adoption of the child and the birth mother is Destini Nicole Hunter, as listed on the child's Florida birth certificate.

A Petition for Adoption by Step-Parent has been filed. There will be a Status hearing on the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights for the Proposed Adoption of a Minor Child during ex parte on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Don H. Lester, Clay County Courthouse, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043.

If you elect to file written defenses to the Petition you are required to serve a copy on the attorney for the adoption intermediary, Summer N. Boyd, Esquire, P.O. Box 17377, Jacksonville, Florida 32246, Phone number: (904) 962-4355, and file the original response or pleading in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Phone number: (904) 269-6302.

YOUR FAILURE TO RESPOND WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THIS NOTICE WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE COURT AS YOUR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH YOUR RIGHT TO CONTEST OR OTHERWISE OBJECT TO THE INTENDED ADOPTION AND WILL LIKELY

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RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office located at 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. You may review these documents upon request. WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 3rd day of December, 2017.

(seal) TARA S. GREEN, Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Alisha Peebles Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtintrp@coj.net or (904) 269-6302 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 40941 published Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25 and Feb 1, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

Clay County BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: The license to practice Nursing

Wilanda Eden Akil, R.N.

1740 Canopy Oaks Dr.

Orange Park, Florida 32065

4696 Camp Creek Lane

Orange Park, Florida 32065

CASE NO.: 2016-27894

LICENSE NO.: RN 9338383

The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Susan K Bodner, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 558-9817.

If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by February 15, 2018 the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing in an informal proceeding.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4444, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

Legal 40923 published Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18 and Jan 25, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Impounded Livestock

To whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that the following described livestock a black male pig is now impounded at 3984 West SR 16, Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida. The above described livestock will, unless redeemed within 3 days from date hereof, be offered for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash.

Sheriff Darryl Daniels of Clay County Florida

Legal 40971 published Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FLORIDA FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY File No. 2017-CP-490 Probate Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF SUSIE MAE MCRAE, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Susie Mae McRae, deceased, whose date of death was June 9, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is January 4, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Beth K. Roland, Esquire (FBN 103674)

Friedman & Friedman, P.A.

766 N. Sun Drive, Ste. 4030

Lake Mary, Florida 32746

Telephone: (407) 830-6331

Fax: (407) 878-2178

E-Mail: broland@ff-attorneys.com

Personal Representative: James Henderson McRae, Sr.

2446 Moody Avenue

Orange Park, Florida 32073

Legal 40928 published Jan 4 and Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

SARAH SEW GEEKY

Located at 1422 WALNUT CREEK DRIVE in the County of CLAY, in the City of FLEMING ISLAND, FLORIDA 32203 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 3rd day of January, 2018.

Owner's name/corporation: SARAH E. UTTING

Legal 40939 published Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The 2017/2018 Clay County Charter Review Commission (CRC) will hold a meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend and be heard at the meeting.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 269-6347, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given.

Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Notice is hereby given, that any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Clay County Charter Review Commission with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing that is the subject of this advertisement/notice, will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Charter Review Commission Clay County, Florida

Legal 40956 published Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 2017-CA-001085

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVING LLC

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Plaintiff, vs. **ANDREW A. LEE, et al.** Defendant(s) **TO: ANDREW A. LEE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANDREW A. LEE.,** whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: **LOT 1, BLOCK 2 OF TANGLEWOOD VILLAGE UNIT EIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 3 AND 4, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 27th day of December, 2017.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Jaimie Pippin
DEPUTY CLERK
Legal 40924 published Jan 4 and Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 17-086545

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2017-CA-0860
BERTICA O. HUBSCH, an individual, Plaintiff, vs. **ED MCDOWER, Deceased, individual, Any Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries of Ed McDower Jr., THOMAS DRYER, a Deceased individual, Any Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries of Thomas Dryer, NAMON FENNELL, a deceased individual, Any Unknown heirs or Beneficiaries of Namon Fennell, DELLA B. MCDOWER, an individual, Defendants,** **To: ED MCDOWER, Deceased, Any Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries of Ed McDower, Jr., THOMAS DRYER, a Deceased, Any Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries Thomas Dryer, NAMON FENNELL, deceased, Any Unknown Heirs of Beneficiaries of Namon Fennell** **And DELLA B. MCDOWER, an individual** YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on that certain real property located in Duval County, Florida, which is more particularly described on the following real property: See attached Exhibit A. (the Property") Has been filed against you, and you are required to serve copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff's counsel, Jonathan M. Smith, Esq. Duss, Kenney, Safer, Hampton & Joos, P.A., 4348 Southpoint Blvd, Suite 101, Jacksonville, Florida 32216, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's counsel or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court on December 15, 2017.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE COURT
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jaimie Pippin
as Deputy Clerk
Exhibit "A"

A parcel of land consisting of a portion of Lots 1 and 2, Section 8, Orange Park, Clay County, according to plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, page 23 of the public records of said county, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the northwest corner of said Lot 2; thence on the north line thereof run South 89 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds East, 308.28 feet to a point on the northerly extension of the east line of those lands described in Official Records Book 262, page 336 of said public records;

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thence on said northerly extension and then on said east line South 01 degree 43 minutes 40 seconds East, 200.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 01 degrees 43 minutes 40 seconds East, 200.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds East; 419.00 feet to the west line of Miller Street, as now established; thence on said west line, run the following two courses: (1) North 02 degrees 00 degrees 00 minutes 51 seconds West, 121.05 feet; (2) North 02 degrees 23 minutes 08 seconds West, 79.02 feet; thence North 89 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds West, 417.49 feet to the Point of Beginning. **Legal 40897 published Dec 21 and 28, 2017 and Jan 4 and 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2017-CP-406
Division F
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOANNE CLAIRE LAVALLIERE, Deceased. The administration of the estate of JOANNE CLAIRE LAVALLIERE, deceased, whose date of death was August 19, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is January 11, 2018. Attorney for Personal Representative: Geraldine C. Hartin Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar Number: 0015201 4729 Highway 17, Suite 203 Fleming Island, FL 32003

Petitioner
Debra K. Franklin
4729 Highway 17, Suite 203
Fleming Island, FL 32003
Legal 40947 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Notice of Meeting

Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District is scheduled to be held **Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Splash Park, 1510 Calming Water Drive, Fleming Island, Florida.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. The meeting may be continued to a date, time and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from Severn Trent Services, 210 N. University Drive, Suite 702, Coral Springs, Florida 33071. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (954) 753-5841 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office at least two (2) days prior to the date of meeting. Each person who decides to appeal

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any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. Janice Eggleton Davis District Manager **Legal 40957 published Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

Florida Girl at Home

Located at 1304 Flicker Drive in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32065 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 8th day of January, 2018. Owner's name/corporation: Creative Venture Group, LLC **Legal 40976 published Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinance: **ORDINANCE NO. 0-01-2018 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO BORROW UP TO \$11,000,000.00 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AND EXPANSION OF OUR ELECTRIC UTILITY SYSTEM; PROVIDING THAT DETAILS OF THE LOAN BE APPROVED BY SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance: City Council: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through (904) 284-4849 (TDD). Said Ordinance is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing. City of Green Cove Springs Julia W. Clevinger, City Clerk 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 Danielle, J. Judh, City Manager **Legal 40909 published Jan 11, 2018, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CLAY COUNTY

The School Board of Clay County will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, Feb 1, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Teacher In-service Center at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Orange Park, Florida, for the purpose of public comment on recommended instructional materials for Science Adoption for Grades K-12. Authority for the adoption of these revisions is Florida Statute 1006.283. Anyone having any legal objection to the substance or propriety of this action is encouraged to notify the Superintendent's Office prior to the Public Hearing. All persons wishing to speak on this process may do so at this Public Hearing. The economic impact on all affected persons is \$ 1,813,270.70.

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All objections and questions on legal issues should be brought to the attention of the Superintendent of Schools in Green Cove Springs, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. until noon, and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and an attempt made to resolve these objections and questions prior to the Public Meeting. **Legal 40970 published Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Cay Today newspaper**

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

APS Group

Located at 7063 Artis Rd, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 3rd day of January, 2018. Owner's name/corporation: Creative Venture Group, LLC **Legal 40940 published Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

LEGAL NOTICE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY REVISIONS FOR:

O A K L E A F V I L L A G E ELEMENTARY, PLANTATION OAKS ELEMENTARY, OAKLEAF JUNIOR HIGH The School Board of Clay County is considering revisions to the attendance boundaries of the above listed schools to be effective at the start of school year 2018/19. The proposed realignments are necessary to accommodate the new Elementary School, Discovery Oaks Elementary. A public hearing will be scheduled on this topic on Thursday, February 1, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Teacher Training Center at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Orange Park, Florida. Maps may be viewed on the School Board's web page at Oneclay.net under Featured District News. For additional information, please contact Dr. Michael Kemp, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, (904) 336-6825 or email michael.kemp@myoneclay.net. **Legal 40954 published Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on January 26, 2018 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. **2013 Dodge 2C3CDXBG5DH701515** Scott's Affordable Towing Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. **Legal 40972 publish Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

Legal Public Notice Clay County School Board

The Clay County School Board will hold a Workshop on **Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.** in the District Office Accounts Payable Conference Room at 814 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, for the purpose of reviewing the draft agenda for the February 1, 2018, Regular meeting. The workshop is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. Copies of the proposed agenda will be available on line at www.oneclay.net or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. **Legal 40973 published Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2016-CA-000567
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff vs. **MARK SHANNON WOFFORD A/K/A MARK WOFFORD; LAURA B. WOFFORD A/K/A LAURA WOFFORD; JP MORGAN CHASE BANK AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel Sale set for December 29, 2017 dated December 27, 2017 entered in Civil Case No. 2016 CA 000567 of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff; and WOFFORD, LAURA AND MARK, et al, are defendants. The Clerk TARA GREEN shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Clay County's On Line Public Auction website: www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM on February 7, 2018, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described property located in CLAY County, Florida as set forth in said Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure, to wit: **LOT 1, BLOCK 162, BLACK CREEK PARK, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, AT PAGES 21 THROUGH 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4785 HEDGEHOG ST MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068** Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such accommodation, please contact the Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone: (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crintrp@coj.net. Dated this 29th day of December , 2017.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
by Marla Albert
Deputy Clerk
Legal 40930 published Jan 4 and Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 04-080341-F00

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
DIVISION: PROBATE
CASE NO.: 17-CP-452F

In re the estate of PAULA LOUISE BRADLEY, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Paula Louise Bradley, deceased, whose date of death was September 5, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is January 11, 2018. Attorney for Personal Representative: William A. O'Leary, FL Bar #846007 bill@legacyplanninglawgroup.com Jennifer Singh, FL Bar #113117 jennifer@legacyplanninglawgroup.com LEGACY PLANNING LAW GROUP 9957 Moorings Drive, Suite 301

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Jacksonville, Florida 32257
Phone No.: (904) 880-5554
Fax No.: (904) 239-3298
Person Giving Notice: Meribah Ratliff
Personal Representative
1032 W. Silver Creek Rd.
Gilbert, AZ 85233
Legal 40938 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Meeting

Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Ridge Plantation Amenity Center, 4200 Pine Ridge Parkway, Middleburg, Florida 32068.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office. Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. James Oliver District Manager

Legal 40946 published Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice of Public Sale or auction of the following vehicles located at Mitchell's Towing, 3175 Dothan Road Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 will be conducted at Mitchell's Towing on. **FEBRUARY 2, 2008 at 7:00 A.M. 2016 ZHNG L5YACBPA0G1158373** **Legal 40933 publish Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

LEGAL NOTICE (SECTION 98.075 F.S.)

Notice is hereby given to the following person(s) with the last known address of:

BREWER, ELWOOD M
1 CLAY COUNTY
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

BROWN, STEPHEN P
1 CLAY COUNTY
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

CATHER, CHARLES L
1 CLAY COUNTY
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

CKATZ, AHMON
1 CLAY COUNTY
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

DAVIS, SABRINA R
1 CLAY COUNTY
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

DAVISON, JAKE H
2478 COUNTRY SIDE DR
FLEMING ISLAND, FL 32003

DENNIS, SHELLY K
1 CLAY COUNTY
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

HAMMONS, JULIE A
955 LAKE ASBURY DR
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

HARGNETT, JAMES K
5255 COUNTY ROAD 209 S
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

HARRIS, RICHARD A
462 CRABAPPLE CT APT C
ORANGE PARK, FL 32073

HODGES, FREDERICK C
1 CLAY COUNTY
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

JOHNSON, ADRIANA D
605 KIRK ST
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

KOLB, CAROLYN M
1 CLAY COUNTY
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

Legal Notice
MASON JR, JOHNNIE R 1 CLAY COUNTY GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
MASON, EWA 1 CLAY COUNTY GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
MASON, KEVIN R 1 CLAY COUNTY GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
MEALMAN, MARK A 1 CLAY COUNTY GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
MILLER, IVONNE D 1 CLAY COUNTY GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
MOSES, JESSE A 1974 SILVER BIRCH PL MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068
MUDAFORT, EDNA 1 CLAY COUNTY GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
PIERCE, JOHN S 1 CLAY COUNTY GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
SHAEFER, LEON J 1 CLAY COUNTY GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
STOKES, JAMIE E 312 HAVEN AVE APT B GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
WILLAUER, WILLIAM B 1 CLAY COUNTY GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
STILIANOU, CHRISTIAN A 1863 WELLS ROAD APT 97 ORANGE PARK, FL 32073

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Green Cove Spring, Florida, no later than thirty (30)days after the date of the this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor of Elections and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. You may contact the Supervisor of Elections in Clay County, Florida to receive information regarding the basis for the potential ineligibility and procedures to resolve the matter.

Chris H. Chamblless
Supervisor of Elections

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO: 2017-CA-000498
Division: F

IN RE: ESTATE OF LESLEY ALBERT LAWSON
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Lesley Albert Lawson, deceased, whose date of death was September 10, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is January 11, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Alexandria Mederos, Esquire

Legal Notice
Florida Bar Number.: 1002510 OWENBY LAW, P.A. 2105 Park Avenue, Suite 2 Orange Park, Florida 32073 Telephone: (904) 359-5115 Fax: (904) 359-5116 E-Mail: law@OwenbyLaw.com Secondary E-Mail: associate@OwenbyLaw.com
Lesley Brian Lawson, Petitioner Christopher Lawson, Petitioner
Legal 40935 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE

As of January 1, 2018, Dr. Linda Sylvester will be retiring from practice with 21st Century Oncology. Patients may continue to seek service with other physicians at the Orange Park office.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your medical records, please contact the office directly at (904) 427-1270, fax (904) 427-1299 or write to 2141 Loch Rane Blvd., Suite 116, Orange Park, FL 32073.

21st Century Oncology complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Por favor, póngase en contacto con su oficina médico o llame al 239-938-9391.

ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Tanpri kontakte biwo doktè ou a oswa rele 239-938-9391.

Legal 40867 published Dec 21 and Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4 and Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION FOR TOWING AND STORAGE COST. **2005 CHEVROLET 2G1WF52E059126167.** ALL AUTO SERVICE PLUS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT AND REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2017 AT ALL AUTO SERVICE PLUS 1964 CASSAT AVE JACKSONVILLE, FL 32210.

Legal 40948 published Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Bid Notices
Invitation to Bid B18-001
The Clay County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide promotional test development. Interested parties should download a bid package from www.claysheriff.com under the Do Business section of the Finance Department page or call (904) 213-6029. Deadline for submission of proposals is Monday January 29, 2018 at 12:00 p.m., followed by an evaluation period of up to 30 days.
Legal 40958 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Sale

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2015-CA-000416

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R6, Plaintiff,

Vs.

DONNA CLARK A/K/A DONNA C. CLARK; GEORGE CLARK, A/K/A GEORG S. CLARK, ET AL. Defendants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 3, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2015-CA-000416, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R6 (hereafter "Plaintiff") is Plaintiff and DONNA CLARK A/K/A DONNA C. CLARK; GEORGE CLARK A/K/A GEORGE S. CLARK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF THE

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TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; are defendants. Tara Green, Clerk of Court for CLAY, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via Internet at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com, at 10:00 a.m., on the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 70, WALNUT CREEK AT EAGLE HARBOR, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 28, PAGES 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 AND 23, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2018.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Jaimie Pippin
As Deputy Clerk

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000688

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2016 SC6 TITLE TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

CALIZ MARRERO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; FANIO MARRERO; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OF AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendant(s).

TO: FANIO MARRERO
Last Known Address
2631 HOLLY POINTE RD W
ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
Current Residence is Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Clay County, Florida:

LOT 7 BLOCK B, HOLLY POINT REPLAT NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 67 AND 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and your are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on SHD LEGAL GROUP PA, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is PO BOX 19519, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318, (954) 564-0071. answers@shdlegalgroup.com within 30 days of the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on January 4, 2018.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Court
By: Marla Albert
As Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Clay County Courthouse. Telephone 904-269-6317 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

Legal 40965 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 1460-164971

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000517

VYSTAR CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs.

MELINDA J. ELKINS F/K/A MELINDA J. HENDRIX; ET AL, Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated the 3rd day of January, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017-CA-000517, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein VYSTAR CREDIT UNION is the Plaintiff, and MELINDA J. ELKINS F/K/A MELINDA J. HENDRIX; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MELINDA J. ELKINS F/K/A MELINDA J. HENDRIX; WELLS RIDGE THREE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; TENANT #1 AND TENANT #2 AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via electronic sale at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes on the 2nd day of February, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A**

Property Address: 85 Debarry Ave., Unit 3081, Orange Park, FL 32073

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business day prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crtntrp@coj.net.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2018.

(seal)
TARA S GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Stacie Towns
Deputy Clerk

Exhibit "A"
Condominium Unit No. 3081 of WELLS RIDGE THREE, A CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium recorded in Official Records Book 878, Page 611, as amended by First Amendment recorded in Official Records Book 904, Page 270, as amended by Second Amendment recorded in Official Records Book 909, Page 510, as amended by Third Amendment recorded in Official Records Book 919, Page 87, as amended by Fourth Amendment recorded in Official Records Book 922, Page 628, as amended by Fifth Amendment recorded in Official Records Book 926, Page 469, as amended by sixth Amendment recorded in Official Records Book 947, Page 166 of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida, together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto.

Legal 40961 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 10-2015-CA-000197

U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2006-ACC1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-ACC1, Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID L. HOBSON A/K/A DAVID LEE HOBSON; CARMEL FINANCIAL CORP; OAKLEAF PLANTATION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID L. HOBSON A/K/A DAVID LEE HOBSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURIE L. WILSON-HOBSON A/K/A L A U R I E L A T R E L L E

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WILSON-HOBSON; LAURIE L. WILSON-HOBSON A/K/A LAURIE LATRELLE WILSON-HOBSON; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 2nd day of January, 2018, and entered in Case No. 10-2015-CA-000197, of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2006-ACC1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-ACC1 is the Plaintiff and and DAVID L. HOBSON A/K/A DAVID LEE HOBSON CARMEL FINANCIAL CORP OAKLEAF PLANTATION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID L. HOBSON A/K/A DAVID LEE HOBSON UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURIE L. WILSON-HOBSON A/K/A L A U R I E L A T R E L L E WILSON-HOBSON LAURIE L. WILSON-HOBSON A/K/A LAURIE LATRELLE WILSON-HOBSON UNKNOWN TENANT; and IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. TARA S. GREEN as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at https://clay.realforeclose.com/ at 10:00AM on the 19th day of March, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 325, SILVER LEAF AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 41, PAGES 52 THROUGH 59, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF AN, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2018.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Jaimie Pippin
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 2017-CA-000192

U.S. BANK NA SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA NA SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK NA AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES WMALT SERIES 2005-4, Plaintiff,

vs.

HARISH D. BHAKTA A/K/A HARISH BHAKTA; SHOBHNA BHAKTA A/K/A SHABHNA B H A K T A ; A M E R I C A N ENTERPRISE BANK OF FLORIDA; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; EAGLE HARBOR ASSOCIATION, INC., et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 16, 2017, and entered in 2017-CA-000192 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NA SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA NA SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK NA AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE WASHINGTON M U T U A L M O R T G A G E

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PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES WMALT SERIES 2005-4 is the Plaintiff and HARISH D. BHAKTA A/K/A HARISH BHAKTA; SHOBHNA BHAKTA A/K/A SHABHNA B H A K T A ; A M E R I C A N ENTERPRISE BANK OF FLORIDA; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; EAGLE HARBOR ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on February 12, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 79, WATERFORD LANDING AT EAGLE HARBOR, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 33 THROUGH 43, OF PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Property Address: 1762 BRITANY CT. ORANGE PARK, FL 32003

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2017.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
by Stacie Towns
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Legal 40931 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 15-022702

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2017-CA-000845

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

vs.

PAMELA M. WATSON, AS TRUSTEE OF THE WATSON LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 27, 2003; PAMELA M. WATSON; CARY C. WATSON, AS TRUSTEE OF THE WATSON LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 27, 2003; et al., Defendants(s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 3, 2018, entered in Civil Case No.: 2017-CA-000845 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, and PAMELA M. WATSON, AS TRUSTEE OF THE WATSON LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 27, 2003; PAMELA M. WATSON; CARY C. WATSON, AS TRUSTEE OF THE WATSON LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 27, 2003; CARY C. W A T S O N ; U N K N O W N BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE WATSON LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 27, 2003; WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 N/K/A STEPHANIE SPANO; are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on the 5th day of March, 2018, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit: **SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" A/K/A 1295 LOVETT RD, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065**

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If

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you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus. WITNESS my hand and the seal of the courts on January 4, 2018.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: Taylor Solomon
Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF CLAY IN THE STATE OF FL A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE ON THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTE 30 SECONDS EAST, 210.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREE 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 594.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREE 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 35.10 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTE 30 SECONDS EAST, 60.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREE 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 184.10 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 189.11 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREE 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 219.31 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTE 30 SECONDS WEST, 249.11 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, COVERING A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE ON THE WEST LINE THEREOF, RUN NORTH 00 DEGREE 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 630.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREE 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 35.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTE 30 SECONDS EAST, 189.11 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREE 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 52.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTE 30 SECONDS WEST, 224.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREE 13 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 52.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTE 30 SECONDS WEST, 235.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Legal 40962 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2017-CC-638
DIVISION: D

THE RAVINES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
ERICA J. SMITH; et al,
Defendants.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that under an Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 2, 2018 in case number 2017-CC-638 of the County Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, in which THE RAVINES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. was the plaintiff and ERICA J. SMITH; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ERICA J. SMITH; THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 2384 SOPHIE PLACE, MIDDLEBURG, FLORIDA 32068; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE. WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES,

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HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS were the defendants, Tara S. Green, Clay County Clerk of Court, shall offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on Clay County's Public Auction website (www.clay.realforeclose.com) Clay County, Florida on February 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., the following described property: LOT 39, RAVINES REPLAT NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGE 19-25 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Property Address: 2384 Sophie Place, Middleburg, FL 32068
PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNERS AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
DATED on January 3, 2018 in CLAY COUNTY, Florida.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Court
By: Melissa Wilder
As Deputy Clerk

Legal 40952 published Jan 11 and Jan 18, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2017-CA-1014

LYNK INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Plaintiff,

vs.
ROUND 3 PROPERTIES, INC., a Florida corporation; ALLAN TODD ATKINSON, an individual; DAVID PERUCH, an individual; and ALL WAYS PROPERTY SERVICES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Partial Summary Judgment dated January 3, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017-CA-1014 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida wherein Link Investments, LLC, is Plaintiff, and Round 3 Properties, LLC, Allan Todd Atkinson, David Peruch and All Ways Property Services, LLC, are Defendants. The Clerk of the Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at public sale on February 22, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. to the highest bidder for cash, in an online sale pursuant to Section 45.031, at https://clay.realforeclose.com/, the following describes property as set forth in said Partial Summary Judgment, to wit:

Certain real property, hereafter referred to as the "Real Property" and more particularly described as follows:

A part of Lot 24, TARA, according to the Map recorded in Plat Book 7, page 47, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows: For a point of reference commence at the Northwest corner of said Lot 24, from the Point of Reference thus described run South 0 degrees, 14 minutes, 35 seconds East, along the Westerly line of said Lot 24, a distance of 251.93 feet to an angle point in the said West line of Lot 24; thence continuing along said West line of Lot 24, South 45 degrees, 13 minutes, 45 seconds East, a distance of 200.08 feet to the Point of Beginning; from the Point of Beginning thus described continue South 45 degrees, 13 minutes, 45 seconds East, a distance of 259.92 feet to a point in a curve, said curve being concave to the Southwest and having a radius of 50.0 feet; thence Southeasterly along and around said curve, an arc distance of 46.36 feet to the Southwesterly corner of said Lot 24, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 71 degrees, 48 minutes, 30 seconds East, 44.72 feet; thence North 44 degrees, 45 minutes, 25 seconds East, along the Southeasterly line of said Lot 24, a distance of 598.04 feet to the most Easterly corner of said Lot 24; thence North 45 degrees, 13 minutes, 45 seconds West, along the Northeasterly line of said Lot 24, a distance of 123.63 feet; thence South 60 degrees, 41 minutes, 12 seconds West, a distance of 642.68 feet to the Point of Beginning.

All improvements and structures now or hereafter erected on the Real Property (including all replacements and additions); All easements, rights of way, rights (including air, mineral, riparian, and development rights), franchises, tenements, appurtenances, leases,

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permits, licenses, powers and privileges in any way now or hereafter belonging, relating or pertaining to the Real Property or the buildings and improvements now or hereafter erected thereupon; All agreements, contracts, certificates, permits, licenses, plans, specifications, and other documents related to the development, contraction, renovation, or operation of the Real Property or the buildings and improvements now or hereafter erected thereupon; All furniture, fixtures, equipment, supplies, and materials now or hereafter located on or attached to the Real Property (including, but not limited to, construction materials, tools, furnishings, machinery, ranges, refrigerators, dishwashers, heating and air conditioning units, washing machines, dryers, maintenance equipment, awnings, shades, blinds, and carpeting), including replacements and additions thereto; All proceeds paid under any insurance policies covering any of the Real Property, all property tax refunds or rebated received in regards to the Real Property, all condemnation proceeds, and all settlements or awards resulting from any suit or claim pertaining to any of the Real Property; All reserves, escrows, and deposit accounts maintained with respect to the Real Property.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THEN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hear of hearing and require as ASL interpreter or an assisted listening devise to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at crtintpr@coj.net

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Marla Albert
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000542

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC KFKA GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.
PERLITA GOCHOCO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PERLITA GOCHOCO; D.R. HORTON, INC.; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWHEQ INC., CWHEQ REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-E; ADMIRALS INLET P R O P E R T Y O W N E R S ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT 1, UNKNOWN TENANT 2, UNKNOWN TENANT 3, UNKNOWN TENANT 4 the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession, Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on January 3, 2018 in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-000542, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, DITECH FINANCIAL LLC FKA GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC is the Plaintiff, and PERLITA GOCHOCO; D.R. HORTON, INC.; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWHEQ INC., CWHEQ REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-E; ADMIRALS INLET P R O P E R T Y O W N E R S ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT 1 are Defendants.

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The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at https://clay.realforeclose.com/ on February 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 37, OF ADMIRALS INLET, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 47 THROUGH 52, 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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on January 3, 2018. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the circuit court system at crtintpr@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

(seal)
TARA S GREEN
CLERK OF THE COURT
Marla Albert
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 10-2017-CA-000515
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FNMA"), Plaintiff, vs.
WILLIAM JOSEPH CHASE, III, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed January 3, 2018 entered in Civil Case No. 10-2017-CA-000515 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Green Cove Springs, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 5th day of March, 2018 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 29, Fairway Village, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 33, Pages 26 through 31, 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 within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 4th day of January, 2017.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Jaimie Pippin
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crtintpr@coj.net.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

Case No. 2016-CA-000105
Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff,

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VS.
FLA Trust Services, LLC, as Trustee of Florida Land Trust No. 675 Wells Landing Dr., Orange Park FL; Unknown Beneficiaries of Florida Land Trust No. 675 Wells Landing Dr., Orange Park FL; Gregory Eugen Scott a/k/a Gregory E. Scott; Wells Landing Association, Inc. a/k/a Wells Landing Association; Bucks Financial, LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 3, 2018, entered in Case No. 2016-CA-000105 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC is the Plaintiff and FLA Trust Services, LLC, as Trustee of Florida Land Trust No. 675 Wells Landing Dr., Orange Park FL; Unknown Beneficiaries of Florida Land Trust No. 675 Wells Landing Dr., Orange Park, FL; Gregory Eugene Scott a/k/a Gregory E. Scott; Wells Landing Association, Inc. a/k/a Wells Landing Association; Bucks Financial, LLC are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, www.clay.realforeclose.com

beginning at 10:00AM on 3rd day of May, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 24, WELLS LANDING UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGES 76 & 77 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 within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 4th day of January, 2018.

(seal)
Tara Green
As Clerk of the Court
By: Stacie Towns
As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the circuit court system at crtintpr@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 10-2017-CA-000451

MIDFIRST BANK
Plaintiff,

vs.
JOHN P. SMITH; MARINA SMITH; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; SWEETBRIAR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS, G.P. Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 03, 2018, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, the clerk will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:

LOT 25, SWEETBRIAR, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGES 17, 18 AND 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. a/k/a 3677 MORNING MEADOW LN, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073-7602

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com., on February 20, 2018 beginning at 10:00 AM.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. Dated this 4th day of January, 2018.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Jaimie Pippin
Deputy Clerk

If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program or activity, you are entitled, at no cost

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to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To Request ADA accommodations at the Clay County Courthouse contact: Family Court Services, Room 1035; (904) 255-1695 (or 711-Florida Relay Service); Crntintpr@coj.net
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000854
VYSTAR CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs.
STEVEN C. ESIES A/K/A STEVEN C. ESTES; ET AL, Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated the 3rd day of January, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017-CA-000854, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein VYSTAR CREDIT UNION is the Plaintiff, and STEVEN C. ESIES A/K/A STEVEN C. ESTES; JANE M. ESIES A/K/A JANE M. ESTES; DEERFIELD POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 AND TENANT #2 AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via electronic sale at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes on the 22nd day of February, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 129, DEERFIELD POINTE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGES 62 THROUGH 65, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 299 Springfield Ct, Orange Park, FL 32073

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, disabled persons who, because of their disabilities needs should contact the ADA Coordinator at 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 or Telephone Voice TDD (904) 630-2564, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service not later than five business days prior to such. Dated this 8th day of November, 2017.


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TARA S GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Stacie Towns
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