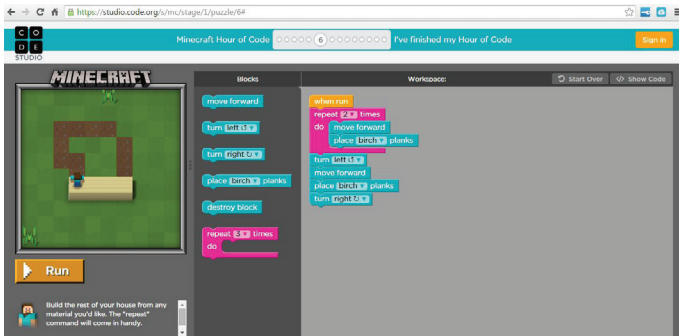


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# Rodeway Inn answers town lawsuit

By Mike Ford  
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – After 11 months of hearings and investigations into criminal activity dating back to a 2012 murder and at least two meth lab busts, the Town of Orange Park has formally asked a county judge to enforce the town’s Nuisance Abatement Board’s order to close the Rodeway Inn and Conference Center.

Town Attorney Sam Garrison said he

filed paperwork on Jan. 5. Meanwhile, this week, attorney Dan Copeland, who represents the motel’s owner, is filing a response to the town’s suit, as well as a countersuit alleging the board only has jurisdiction over criminal matters, not the fire and health code violations for which he said the board issued its order.

“We’re filing an answer and countersuit with six defenses,” Copeland said. “The

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# Girl POWER

Program builds confidence, empowers girls

By Sarah Wakefield Rosser  
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – With an expression of shock, Mercee Queen took the purple sticky note from her teacher and placed it on the Jaguar Jewels board recognizing students’ achievements. Cheers erupted from the other Jaguar Jewels club members as Queen and two

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S. Bryan Jennings Elementary School student Mercee Queen, at left, is a proud member of a club that empowers young girls to succeed.

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# County commission approves park leases

By Debra W. Buehn  
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Play ball!

That’s the word from the Clay County commission who on Jan. 12 made resolving park leases for sports one of its main issues of the New Year so thousands of Clay County youth will be assured of uninterrupted play in 2016.

Commissioners voted 4-0, with Commissioner Wendell Davis absent, to approve a series of lease agreements with county athletic organizations that will allow them to continue using county parks and fields for their athletic endeavors. The groups range from those supporting soccer to baseball, softball, football and a range of other activities.

The leases generally go for \$1 a year, but include requirements of support from those leasing the venues in the form of mowing fields and providing other upkeep and support. The leases vary in length, generally from 10 years for those dealing with

revenues of more than \$50,000, to three years. Those with the higher revenues are required to provide more support and take care of more maintenance.

It’s an issue that has captured the attention of parents, the youth of the county and supporters of young athletes throughout the county for the past several months. The park leases became a hot issue when it was discovered that some of those athletic organizations leasing the parks weren’t in compliance with their lease obligations, and some had even lost their nonprofit, tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service.

That discovery came after the commission instructed Mike Price, the county auditor, in August to conduct an audit report of all the 12 leases then in existence to make sure the associations holding the leases were in compliance with their respective lease obligations. In conducting the audit, Price discovered that the IRS had revoked four of the athletic associations’ nonprofit,

tax-exempt status for failure to file their tax forms for three consecutive years. The IRS requires annual filing.

The tax-exempt status is important to the nonprofit associations because it allows them to rent fields to play on from the county at the low rates and without a competitive bid process. It also allows donors to deduct donations from their taxes each year, and certifies the nonprofit organization to be exempt from payment of Florida sales and uses taxes. Most important, Florida state statutes require the 501(c) (3) nonprofit status, and without it, leases with the county are considered void, Price has said.

Other problems with the then-existing leases were inconsistencies dealing with insurance and background checks for people working with the children.

In addition, the county missed many of the problems and went ahead and renewed leases, probably because staff dealing with such things had been greatly reduced over

the past 10 years due to the recession and budget cutbacks, county officials said.

When the issues first came to light, representatives from organizations who had lost their tax-exempt status said they were essentially unaware of their status problems.

After months of discussing and dissecting the problems, the commissioners came to agreement Jan. 12 to provide some of the remaining organizations – of which some have disbanded or reorganized – with lease agreements and specific field assignments.

Those receiving 10-year leases, and the parks they were assigned include: Clay County Soccer Association at Eagle Harbor Soccer Park, Oakleaf Sports Association at Oakleaf Community Park, YMCA at Plantation Sports Complex and Fleming Island Athletic Association at Paul C. Armstrong Community Park.

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## Rodeway

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first is that the board didn’t have the authority and its action is invalid. The second is similar, but is an alternate pleading – they lack authority over health code and fire codes. They don’t have the authority to shut my client down.”

Copeland said his third point is that the board abused its power by exceeding its authority and by shifting its emphasis from criminal violations to the fire alarm system after Orange Park Deputy Fire Chief Alvin Barker testified to the violations he found upon inspection.

“My client was left with no negotiating ability to defend himself because you can’t hit a moving target, Copeland said.

“This put him under duress, which is the fourth point, and the fifth is impossibility of performance. They required all of these signatures and it was impossible to get all of them because the health department isn’t required to do what they demanded of my client. They don’t have to issue a statement at any given time that there are no health violations at a given property and sign it.”

Barker had inspected the motel and testified before the Nuisance Abatement Board in October. The board gave the Rodeway Inn’s owner, Jitendra Patel, 30 days to put a plan together to bring the motel up to fire and safety code standards. He was

not expected to complete the work in 30 days, but to merely present a plan yet he hadn’t done so when the board met again in November.

At that time, the board gave Patel another deadline extension. He had another 30 days to submit a plan by Dec. 11 or the Rodeway Inn would be ordered to close when the board met on Dec. 14. Because a plan endorsed by Barker was not received by the end of the business day on Dec. 11, the board followed through with its promise when it met on Dec. 14 to follow up.

However, the plan Patel presented after the deadline was signed by Orange Park Police Chief Gary Goble. Copeland’s sixth point of defense is that, having received Goble’s signature and the Rodeway Inn having greatly diminished its criminal activity, the board had no basis to proceed to close the motel because criminal activity was the only thing it had authority to demand an action plan for.

Garrison argues that the board’s order to close the Rodeway Inn isn’t just about health and fire safety – he said it’s about the big picture. Garrison said the motel is so run-down that it attracts criminals. Therefore, meeting the same health and fire safety standards every other public building is held to would merely elevate the motel and help it succeed.

“The board found that the criminal activity is the result of how they run their business. It’s so run-down that it isn’t safe

and those factors all play into it having been declared a public nuisance last February,” Garrison said.

He said the Rodeway Inn’s fire and safety violations are simply part of the underlying issues that create a magnet for criminals. Goble told the board in September that OPPD had received nearly 800 calls to the motel in the 12 months prior to the Nuisance Abatement Board meeting in March 2015. In the same September meeting, he told the board there had been about 350 calls to the motel during the six months between March 1, 2015 and that September night.

By the end of the series of board meetings from September to December, there had been a new alleged drug case. Also, Copeland notes that a married couple wanted on outstanding warrants in another state were apprehended at the Rodeway in late December, but management and security regularly call police when these things are discovered.

“They can’t expect my client to ask everyone who checks in if they have any warrants out for their arrest,” Copeland said.

He went on to say that, at some point, the allegations being thrown at his client outside of their context are without merit and are only being made because they sound as salacious as past allegations that did have merit in light of their context.

He also said the six points of defense he

is making are the basis for Patel’s counter-suit against the Town of Orange Park.

“In our complaint, we’re basically turning those defenses into actionable claims in our counter petition,” Copeland said.

In the meantime, he said Patel is working with an electrical contractor to improve wiring at the motel and is on-schedule to meet fire and safety code standards.

“We’re continuing the process of upgrading the fire system to bring it up to code and the final completion will be by March 14. It’s on schedule and we’re in the process with the electrical contractor,” Copeland said. “We are bringing the Rodeway Inn into compliance and, also, there are no outstanding health code violations.”

There are as many as 100 people at the Rodeway Inn who call it home. The motel charges the cheapest rate in the area and gives a discount as it works with churches and other nonprofits who assist those who would otherwise be homeless. A coalition of such groups are working to connect with the Rodeway Inn’s long-term guests, many of whom have been reluctant to ask for help getting out of the Rodeway Inn.

As of press time, Copeland hadn’t filed his paperwork with the Clay County Circuit Court, but planned to do so during the second half of this week. Garrison said he and Copeland will work with the court to schedule a hearing for a time in which all parties can agree.



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# Robotics growing to new heights in Clay schools

By Sarah Wakefield Rosser  
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Plugging the robot into a computer between rounds, Taylor Oberfoell tweaked the coding instructions slightly to increase the number of wheel rotations her team's robot needed to complete the mission of pushing the Lego octopus back into its circular habitat.

"The octopus has to go straight into the circle," Oberfoell, 12, said. "If it's not in the circle, you don't get the points. Before, it was at 6.1 rotations and that's why it didn't go as far. I increased the rotations to 6.2 so it will go a little bit farther and actually make it inside the circle."

Oberfoell and her team from Tynes Elementary were one of 17 teams competing in the regional First Lego League robotics competition. The fourth annual local event held Jan. 8 at the Thrasher-Horne Conference Center was the largest to date and included teams from Clay, Nassau, Columbia and Duval counties.

After tweaking the code, or directions, and increasing the wheel rotations, the team earned additional points in round three, according to Oberfoell's teammate Kennedy Young, 11.

"Round three went a lot better," Young said. "We got the truck and everything we wanted so this round was much better."

Teams of 10 students prepared for as many as three months or as few as two weeks for this year's regional competition that blends science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM subjects. Students programmed code to weave their robots



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Second from left, Tynes Elementary student Aidan Bair shows concern over a task his team's robot had in a recent robotics competition along with teammate Taylor Oberfoell, center.

through a predetermined obstacle course to earn up to 600 possible points. Most teams at the event scored around 300 points. Missions related to this year's overall theme of Trash Trek determined by the First Lego League, an international organization that encourages children to solve complex tasks with creativity and teamwork. Prior to the competition, each team received a map of the obstacle course and designed the missions accordingly.

"For the people mission, we have to drop the Lego people into the career station," said Kelly Brown, a fifth grader at Middleburg Elementary whose team named

their robot Pirate. "For the truck mission, we have to push the truck and dump the contents. For the turtle mission, you have to take a plastic bag out of his habitat. For the composting mission, you're supposed to push a button and a composting hockey puck will come out and you have to drag it back to home base."

At the heart of the league are values such as inclusion, cooperation and profes-

sionalism. To verify that teammates treat each other respectfully and work together, judges in three separate categories asked students to talk about the coding and to run the robot through a couple of missions. Each team also played a game focused on communication and teamwork to see how well they interact. In the third judging room, teams presented a research project tackling this year's world problem of waste.


"It doesn't have to be a problem in Clay County," said Leslee Bryan, the regional leader of the robotics competition and a STEM curriculum specialist for the Clay County School District. "They could pick something from a third world country and they have to come up with a solution. If there is a solution in place they think they can [make] better, that's okay too."

For their research project, the team from Middleburg Elementary came up with the idea to replace their Styrofoam trays with biodegradable ones.

"The Styrofoam trays will sit in the landfill for 500 years," said student Kaitlin Konnick. "We learned to work together to reduce the amount of waste to get it to where it's not as bad."

If a team has a robot or design capable of earning a high percentage of points or accomplishing a mission, all other teams

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## The biggest story of 2015: cheap and effective gene-editing

By Thomas O'Hara

If you pay attention to the news, you'd think Florida, the nation and the world are doomed.

South Florida is falling into the sea. Disney World is installing metal detectors to thwart terrorists. Jeb, the Donald, Ben and Marco – Florida's presidential wannabes – are predicting that Islamic extremists soon will destroy the West.

But cheer up. The big story of 2015 is Crispr/Cas9 and it's very good news.

For laymen like us, the scientists are calling this a "gene-editing tool."

With Crispr (clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats), scientists have discovered



Thomas O'Hara

covered a cheap and efficient way to cut DNA so they can disrupt bad genes and insert good ones. They compare the technique to having very precise scissors that can slice into DNA.

Until three years ago, cutting DNA was expensive, slow and often ineffective.

Some predict that Crispr may transform food production, allow doctors to cure all kinds of diseases, bring woolly mammoths back from extinction and enable scientists to create designer babies.

"Crispr is causing a major upheaval in biomedical research. Unlike other gene-editing methods, it is cheap, quick and easy to use, and it has swept through labs around the world," according to a June article in Nature.

Scientists hope that the technique "may one day help rewrite flawed genes in people, opening tremendous new possibilities for treating, even curing, diseases," according to a May article in The New York Times.

You know this science is a big deal because investors are plowing tens of millions of dollars into this research and there are legal battles over patents.

Two of the scientists credited with making significant contributions to the Crispr research were awarded \$3 million each in late 2014.

Just to stress how sexy all this has become, actress Cameron Diaz had her photo taken with the winners – Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier — at the Breakthrough Prize ceremony. (Click on the Times link above to see the photo and a good graphic of how the technique works.)

Florida scientists are using the tool. At the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine, researchers are developing Crispr technology to correct genetic mutations in a gene called LRBA.

Patients with the mutation often develop autoimmune disorders such as type

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"No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session."

-Mark Twain



## Guest Column Manatees' future far from certain

By Katie Tripp, Ph.D.

On Jan. 7, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced plans to downlist all West Indian manatees from endangered to threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Given the political inconveniences of manatee protection in the U.S., the move to downlist Florida manatees was expected. The decision to include the whole species is surprising, since there are about as many manatees in the entire rest of the range – Greater Antilles, Mexico, Central America, and South America – as there are in Florida, and "population trends are declining or unknown in 84 percent of the countries where manatees are found," according to the FWS.

The Service's announcement came at an interesting time in Florida. In December, Florida's human population surpassed 20 million, a seagrass die-off affecting 40,000 acres in Florida Bay made the news, and the National Marine Manufacturers Association reported that boat sales could increase 8 percent in 2016, reaching pre-recession levels. Red tide blooms on Florida's west coast began in the fall and claimed manatee lives in the final weeks of 2015 and continue in 2016. When questioned whether the model used for the U.S. manatee population included record mortality events from 2010 and 2013, the Service indicated that analysis was incomplete but they were moving forward based on available information.

The Service's announcement that it believes the risks and threats to manatees are pretty well under control indicates that they're satisfied with the status quo that leaves manatees dying of boat strikes, poisoned by red tide exposure and facing loss of winter habitat. The 12-month finding states, "Within the southeastern United States, the potential loss of warm water at power plants and natural, warm-water

springs used by wintering manatees is identified as a significant threat."

The Core Biological Model, which weighed heavily in the decision-making, "predicts that it is unlikely (less than 2.5 percent chance) that the southeastern U.S. population will fall below 4,000 total individuals over the next 100 years, assuming current threats remain constant indefinitely." But we know that the threats won't remain constant, they'll increase as more than 60 percent of the manatee population is affected by the "pending" loss of artificial warm water. There are no plans yet developed to determine how to replace lost warm-water habitat, how to get manatees to transition to new sites, or how to minimize negative impacts to the manatee population in the process.

Recovery is about much more than just species abundance. While Service officials acknowledged that population numbers aren't always the best way to approach recovery, they seem comfortable in using them to justify downlisting. And what about the pent up coastal development that is about to burst with the recovering economy? The agencies are not prepared to prevent or offset these cumulative effects. In a 2010 Service report on warm-water habitat, the agency stated, "Implementation of management decisions is very much influenced by stakeholder values and public perception of manatee status and protection from threats." How will the Service garner the public and financial support needed to recover manatees if the public thinks the manatees' future is "rosy."

The Service says protections for manatees won't change with downlisting. That's not comforting since some big changes are needed to get the manatees' habitat secured for the future. Unfortunately, the

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## This Week *in History*

### 5 Years Ago, 2011

- The Clay Board of County Commissioners approved Former Florida Transportation Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos to be its next county manager. She would replace Fritz Behring who left to take a job in Arizona.

- ABC Television announced that "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" had selected a Clay County family for its program.

- The Florida Air National Guard promoted Clay County resident Robert Branyon from colonel to brigadier general in a ceremony at the St. Francis Barracks in downtown St. Augustine.

### 10 Years Ago, 2006

- After 13 years on the Board of County Commissioners and two years on the county Planning Commission, BCC member Pat McGovern announced he would not seek re-election. His announcement came in the wake of a Federal Bureau of Investigation and State Attorney's Office investigation into an illegal dumping scandal by county staff.

- Orange Park Police Chief James Boivin said OPPD officer David Eugene Coles resigned from the force after he was charged with driving under the influence by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office in the 6500 block of Ramona Boulevard.

- Assistant School Superintendent for Support Services Mike Elliott cautioned school board about 17,300 housing units planned to be built in the next 10 years in Clay County in order to plan appropriate funding for new school construction.

### 20 Years Ago, 1996

- The Jacksonville-based Metropolitan Planning Organization placed construction of Branan Field/Chafee Road on its three-year list of priority road projects.

- AMC announced it was going to expand its Orange Park Mall theater to a 24-screen movie complex.

- Former Clay County Risk Manager Rafael Diaz the county government and the sheriff's office for the costs associated with an audit and investigations surrounding allegations he stole \$100,000 from the county the previous February.

### 30 Years Ago, 1986

- In a 3-2 vote, Orange Park Town Council agreed to hire Larry Myers of Orange Park as its new town manager replacing Joyce Bryan who had been demoted. Myers' starting annual salary was \$36,000 plus a \$225 per month car allowance.

- The Green Cove Springs City Council decided against establishing a city holiday

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### Correction

In the story on page 16 of the Jan. 7 edition of Clay Today, Cathy Wardlaw was misidentified as Cathy Warlock. Clay Today apologizes for the error.

## Gene

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1 diabetes, inflammatory bowel diseases, lung diseases and rheumatoid arthritis, said Dr. Jia-Wang Wang, the USF researcher who is leading the research.

But even if you don't have a genetic disease or work in agribusiness, Crispr may soon enter your life. Do you want a perfect pet? Easy gene-editing may soon allow you to find the ideal genetically engineered pet. Chinese scientists have already produced special beagles and miniature pigs with the Crispr-Cas9 technology.

The next logical step – customized humans – has many scientists concerned.

They're worried that the tool could be used "to alter genes in human embryos, sperm or eggs in ways that can be passed from generation to generation," The New York Times reported. "The prospect raises fears of a dystopian future in which scientists create an elite population of designer babies with enhanced intelligence, beauty or other traits."

For now, reputable scientists seem to agree that it would be a good idea to temporarily halt research on genes that can be inherited.

"Some scientists want to see more studies that probe whether the technique generates stray and potentially risky genome edits," according to a June article in Nature. "Others worry that edited organisms could disrupt entire ecosystems."

You can't argue with that.

But sooner or later, rich people are going to want taller, smarter, stronger and better looking kids and there will be doctors – probably in China – who will be happy to take their money and produce superior offspring.

My hope is that the Crispr/Cas9 tool eventually will enable scientists to produce more compassionate, less violent humans. Those traits are embedded in our DNA somewhere.

We're going to have to depend on science because so far, religion, education and military force aren't producing a sane and peaceful planet.

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## Manatee

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agencies will be lucky if they can manage to hang on to existing protections in the years to come. The Tampa Tribune reported one manatee foe's beliefs: "there is no longer a need for widespread boating restrictions" or "sanctuaries in which vessels are prohibited..." Another group's website states that downlisting, "may also prevent additional unnecessary regulations and reduce the need for some existing ones..." The latest anti-manatee tactic is to paint them as destroyers of the environment, making statements including, "If we can't do anything to manage the size and location of the herd, we are doomed to sit back and hope the manatee does not over pressure the SAV (submerged aquatic vegetation)..." These same folks are trying to get legislation sponsored in Tallahassee that would destroy the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act and are lobbying for rules to allow the legal take (read: killing) of manatees.

One Service official at their press conference explained that if they didn't reclassify manatees to threatened, they would show no progress. That's really what this

is about. The Endangered Species Act has enemies and if the agencies don't show movement, they come under fire. The agency's director is quoted as saying he sees a "giant clash" between those who favor conservation and those who favor economic development, and believes conservationists "must accept a world with fewer wolves, salmon, and spotted owls" and apparently manatees.

Save the Manatee Club has been working for almost 35 years towards a day when manatees can be downlisted and ultimately delisted from the Endangered Species Act, but the manatees' future is far from certain which means the work is far from over.

*Dr. Tripp has been Save the Manatee Club's director of science and conservation since May 2008. She received her Ph.D. in Veterinary Medical Sciences from the University of Florida where she conducted research on manatee physiology.*



### Volunteer 'Reading Pals' needed

ORANGE PARK – The Early Learning Coalition of North Florida needs new volunteers who will read once a week to preschool students in order to continue growing its Reading Pals program. Volunteers learn how to choose age-appropriate books; child development, including the attention span of preschoolers; presenting books to preschoolers and promoting early literacy through phonetic reading. The next training session is Feb. 12 from 1-3 p.m. at the ELC office at 1845 Town Center Blvd. on Fleming Island. Here, reading volunteer Ken Prest shares the book "Pete the Cat I Love My White Shoes" with the children at O.P.K. Inc. Learning Center in Orange Park. To register or get more information, contact Sandi Dunnavant, outreach assistant, at (904) 213-3999 or sdunnavant@elcnorthflorida.org.

## History

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honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. following the lead of the county and state, which also chose not to observe the holiday, which was signed into federal law in 1983 by Pres. Ronald Reagan.

The Clay County School Board added Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and George Washington's birthday holidays to the 1986-87 school calendar.

### 40 Years Ago, 1976

The Board of County Commissioners considered hiring up to three full-time paid fire chiefs to staff its volunteer fire departments for the first time.

An investigation into alleged misconduct at the Orange Park Police Department

resulted in the resignations of officers William Marshall and Martin Gaspar and a 30-day suspension for officer Ed Van Dyke for "conduct prejudicial to the efficiency, good name and reputation of the department."

• Tunney Robison, an Orange Park attorney, withdrew as a candidate for Orange Park Town Council citing the need to eliminate possible conflict of interest.

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# Schools prepping next generation of computer programmers

By Sarah Wakefield Rosser  
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Using only his computer, Agustin Allala's mission is to chop down three trees and build a house before sunset.

The 10-year-old student at W.E. Cherry Elementary is learning to code – or tell a computer what to do by typing step-by-step computer commands – during a weekly

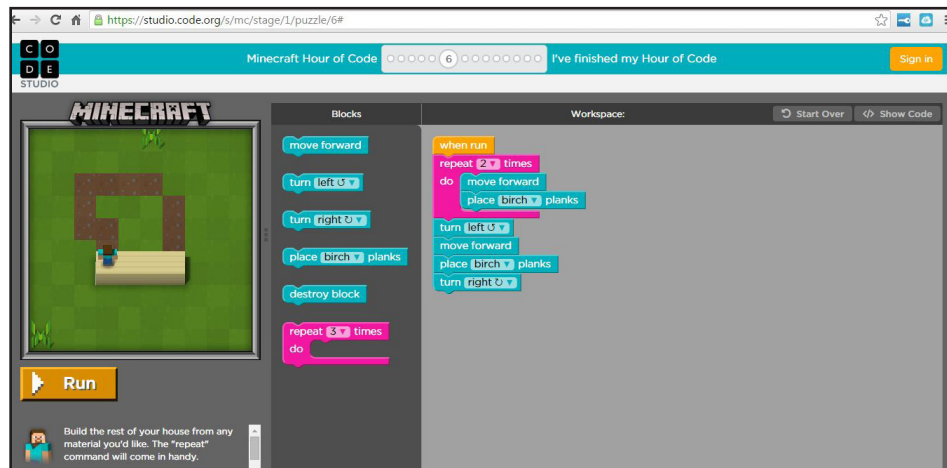
30-minute computer science class period. Allala learned to build code through one of three computer games chosen by Allala's technology teacher through Code.org, an educational nonprofit that's on a mission to expand access to computer science to children around the world including girls.

Allala clicks on one of the coding choices prompting the character to move forward three spaces before turning left to



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Students at W.E. Cherry Elementary in Orange Park work on coding in Julie Smithers computer lab where they spend 30-minutes per week.



Disguised as the popular game Minecraft, Clay County elementary school students are learning how to create computer code through a unique partnership with the nonprofit Code.org, which created the teaching program to provide more students access to technology.

chop down one of three trees to fulfill the level's requirements before advancing.

To complete the mission requires students to write about 10 lines of code. The student builds the code before hitting the play button, prompting the character to act out the script or code.

"What is under these blocks of code is Javascript," Allala, 10, said. "You have to write 'move forward' then two parenthesis and a semicolon and that's what under the blocks so it's really interesting."

Javascript, a language used by computers, is often used to make webpages interactive.

To earn more computer time building code, Allala gets up early every Friday

morning for Code Club, hosted by Julie Smithers, the school's technology teacher. She teaches coding to the school's fourth, fifth and sixth grade students.

"A lot of this is trial and error," Smithers said. "A lot of it is logic skills and solving problems which, to me, is critical in education. And not to give up. They keep trying until they get it and that's when you hear cheering because they get so frustrated when they're first learning. Then they get it and they have the a-ha moment. It's very rewarding."

Like Allala, Code.org Founder Hadi Partovi was 10 when he learned to code living in war-torn Iran. His father brought home a blank computer and a book about coding and he and his twin brother taught themselves to write code and, after moving to America, he graduated from Harvard University with two degrees in computer science. He worked in the technology field before starting the nonprofit that has gained the attention of celebrities and President Barack Obama.

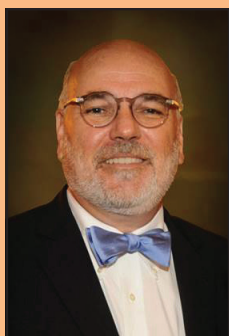
In Partovi's Technology, Entertainment, Design, or TED Talk, he said computers are changing the world and students need to learn algorithms and computer science in addition to dissecting frogs. Most schools do not teach computer science even though most companies will require computer programming in some form in the future. Through games and lessons on Code.org,

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students learn logic skills and creative ways to solve problems.

“In this day and age, computer science is no longer just vocational for getting a job, in this day and age, computer science is completely foundational for any job you many want to have in the next 20- [or] 30-years,” Partovi said in his Ted Talk. “So the real question is can the public school system evolve?”

The goal of Partovi’s nonprofit is to focus on expanding access to computer science and increase participation of girls and minority students. On Smithers’ wall hangs a Code.org poster of Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani advocate for girls’ education.

“Right now, women are so underrepresented in computer programing and I’ve got a feeling that if any of these girls in this

room loved the job, loved what they’re doing, they could get a job like that,” Smithers said and snapped her fingers.

Trinity Koonce, 10, built the code to move R2D2 through the levels of a Star Wars coding game. The goal of the computer game is to collect mouse droids and multiple them to total 20, earning a pass to move to the next level.

Even though Koonce said she is not completely sure she wants to be a computer programmer when she gets older, learning about coding has made her more curious about technology.

“Every time I see a game like this or a controller, it makes me think what kind of code made it happen?” Koonce said. “I play the Wii and I wonder how does it wirelessly connect to the TV?”

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in the year 2020, there will be 4.6 million jobs in computing and information technology.

## Business owner sworn in as council member

**By Eric Cravey**  
*Managing Editor*

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Green Cove Springs small business owner is the city’s newest council member.

At its Jan. 12 meeting, Steven Kelley, owner of Spring Park Coffee at 328 Ferris St., was sworn in to replace former council member Ray Braly who announced Dec. 8 he would be resigning and moving to Pace, Fla. Council members officially accepted Braly’s resignation at a brief special called meeting on Jan. 5 and backdated his resignation as accepted on Dec. 31. It was also at that meeting, where council members discussed bringing forward the names of potential council members who would replace Braly. Under state law, council had 14 days to appoint and seat a new council member after officially accepting the resignation or be subject to a gubernatorial appointment, which they hoped to avoid.

“In order to comply with the state regulations as far as filling a term, we’re going to appoint somebody from the citizenry of Green Cove Springs that is qualified,” said Mayor Van Royal.

Kelley will serve the remainder of Braly’s term through May 17, Royal said.

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Steven Kelley, second from left, is sworn in Jan. 12 by City Clerk Julie Clevinger, right.

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# Hotel transforming into assisted living facility

By Mike Ford  
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – After purchasing the Astoria Hotel on Park Avenue in 2012 and losing money on the project, Jacksonville doctor Saed Hussein is turning the property into something he knows – a health-care facility.

“Being in healthcare and having connections in Orange Park, he decided to turn it into an assisted living facility,” said Rhonda Alnahdy, a nurse who is overseeing the conversion and will be the facility’s administrator when completed.

The motel – originally built as a Holiday Inn – continues to operate, but some of the rooms are being converted, as is the conference center to make up the new facility. Alnahdy said the remodeling has to be finished before inspections can take place and those inspections are needed before she can apply for licensing with the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. Pending the smooth process of paperwork and licensure, the facility is scheduled to open sometime in March.

“The health department and building inspector need to sign off on it and once

we complete that, we’ll submit the application with FAHCA. Then, they’ll come in and do their inspection and we’ll go from there, she said.

“The inspections will make us or break us. This is an old building, so we’re remodeling it to meet state and county codes for safety and for assisted living facilities. We have to meet the Aging and Disability Act with wheelchair and walker accessibility and there can’t be any rust – there can’t be any potential health hazards. Rooms have to be a certain size and we put up doors to the bathroom areas for privacy.”

Alnahdy said rooms are 365-square-feet, which she said is larger than mandated by the state. They are all converted motel rooms with access from the outside on the ground level from the conference center. The rooms are a mix of single- and double-occupancy, she said.

The assisted living facility will be designed for low-income residents age 55 and older. Alnahdy said while the ALF will be set up to accept Medicaid and other assistance, the facility will offer resort-style amenities.

A putting green will be installed between the rooms and the former swimming



STAFF PHOTOS BY MIKE FORD

Rhonda Alnahdy shows off some of the remodeling work being performed to turn part of the Astoria Hotel on Park Avenue into an assisted living facility. Pending regulatory approvals, she expects to open the ALF in March.

pool, in the center of which a fountain has been installed. A library has been created with books donated from the Clay County Public Library and a home-theater style movie theatre has been created with about a dozen large reclining chairs.

One of the motel rooms has been converted to a hair salon and a satellite dining room near the rooms will accommodate residents who would prefer to eat there, rather than the main dining hall. The main dining hall is inside the former conference center and the satellite dining room was two motel rooms that have been remodeled.

A guard shack will be built at the entrance off Eldridge Avenue. Because the Rodeway Inn and Conference Center has been immersed in controversy and is in close proximity, Alnahdy said it’s not only necessary to have security, but for the Astoria to do its part to change the culture in

the north U.S. Highway 17 area of Orange Park.

“Bringing senior citizens into the area will change the culture of the building,” she said.

She also said the Astoria Hotel has changed how it operates because of the Rodeway Inn and its troubles with criminal activity. No stranger to the crime spotlight, the Astoria was the scene of brutal 2014 murder in which Cmdr. Alphonso Mortimer Doss, 44, a career naval officer, was found dead in his room at the hotel Suites on Feb. 12, 2014. Alnahdy said the Astoria doesn’t receive guests past 4 p.m. except for reservations made earlier and, in the long-run, the portion of the property that continues to operate as a motel may not last long.

“After we get the assisted living facility up and running, we’ll re-evaluate the motel and see what we want to do,” she said.



Rhonda Alnahdy has set up a library in the former conference center of the Astoria Hotel on Park Avenue in Orange Park. Originally built as a Holiday Inn, the hotel is undergoing permitting and remodeling to become an Assisted Living Facility.



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## Former Lee Field Naval Air Station Proposed Plan

### Public Meeting and Comment Period



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The US Army Corps of Engineers invites you to review and comment on the Proposed Plan for an area within the former Lee Field Naval Air Station (now Reynolds Industrial Park). The military used the 1,560-acre site in Clay County between 1940 and the 1960s. The Navy and Marines used Lee Field to train pilots during World War II. Later, the Navy used it to deactivate ships.

We recently completed a Remedial Investigation on an area thought to have been used as a military landfill, and the recommendation is summarized in the Proposed Plan. We will present the Proposed Plan on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 6:30 pm at the Green Cove Springs Police Department Community Room located at 1001 Idlewild Avenue.

Copies of the Remedial Investigation Reports and the Proposed Plan are available for review at the Green Cove Springs Library located at 403 Ferris Street (904.284.6315).

For more information or to comment on the Proposed Plan, please email [FUDS.Florida@usace.army.mil](mailto:FUDS.Florida@usace.army.mil) or call 866.279.4880. Submit written comments to USACE, ATTN: Diana Martuscelli (CESAJ-PM-M), 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207. Mail postmarked by February 29, 2016 will be accepted. Comments received during the public comment period will be considered in the final decision-making process.

# Girl

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others proudly placed the notes on the board.

Queen and 21 other girls at S. Bryan Jennings Elementary School attend weekly meetings of the Jaguar Jewels, a group focusing on positive female relationships and empowerment.

"The best thing I've learned truly is that it doesn't matter what your background is or where you come from or what you look like, you should be treated the same no matter what," Queen said. "When someone's treating you wrong because of your skin color or where you come from is not right. What I've learned here is that everybody should be treated the same." The club's founder, multi-grade teacher Christine Santa-Maria created what she calls the "boost board" to celebrate the girls' accomplishments.

"A lot of the girls can't go to gymnastics after school," Santa-Maria said. "Maybe you want to learn a new language or do something special. It doesn't have to be this major, huge accomplishment but it might be something new to you. We do AB honor roll to celebrate the academic goals. It's being in chorus or field hockey, but it brings out a lot of things they're good at. And they get to take the stickies with them at the end of the year to remind them about what they've done."

The Jaguar Jewels, named for the school's jaguar mascot, focuses on leadership, education, goal setting, empathy and relationship building for sixth grade girls. At the Jan. 7 after-school meeting, the girls recited the Jaguar Jewels' motto in unison, promising to celebrate differences, volunteer and continue their education. Girls entering the program at the beginning of the school year are required to sign



Aliya Sherali, second from right, rocks out to Rachel Patten's song "Fight Song" with her friends during the Jan. 7 meeting of the Jaguar Jewels.

the promise.

"Looking around this classroom, we have the greatest group of gals from all different backgrounds, all different interests," Santa-Maria said. "If we were all the same it'd be super boring."

Santa-Maria started the club last year after seeing at-risk girls struggle to balance school and home life. This year, she opened it up to any sixth grade girl who wanted to join.

"I saw girls struggling with a lot of problems and emotional things, she said. "I was feeling like there needs to be a little extra something to give them more support so they feel like they belong. Even in a small school, some of the girls felt lost."

Before joining the club, Alana Bonilla-Lopez, 11, felt the insecurities most kids endure.

"I used to be shy and did not talk a lot but this group helped me visualize that I have friends that are always going to be there," Bonilla-Lopez said. "They're helping us to ignore the haters."

The girls keep notebooks with goals, inspirational songs, healthy snack ideas,

articles about inspirational girls such as Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai, and ideas on how to help others, which is something the club's co-leader Ilona Hagen said was difficult for tweens to learn.

"Especially going into junior high, it's such a difficult age," Hagen said. "There's so much going on. They either tend to be all-about-me or they don't think about themselves at all and clam up. We're trying to let them know what's out there and what's available and how they can be a help to others."

To serve others, the club recently collected old and unused purses and filled them with toiletries and snacks to deliver to homeless women.

"We thought it would be special that we got all these purses we didn't use or need anymore and we packed them with snacks like granola bars and fruit rolls and put in some toiletries like deodorant, shampoo and conditioner so they could freshen up," said Aliya Sherali, 12.

On the school campus at 215 Corona Dr., the club decorated posters using uplifting phrases and hung them in the girls'

The trainees completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

## The graduates were:

**U.S. Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Ashlynn L. Kinnaird-Lovaas**, daughter of William Thompson III of Brownsboro, Texas, and Holly Kinnaird of Saint Johns, Fla., and step-daughter of Rebecca Thompson of Brownsboro, Texas is a 2015 graduate of 2015 Clay High in Green Cove Springs.

**U.S. Air Force Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Curtis R. Jones II**, son of Christopher T. and Jennifer B. Jones of Keystone Heights, is a 2015 graduate of Keystone Heights Junior Senior High.

of Basel and Laura Elgin, and brother of Troy J. Smith, all of Middleburg, is a 2015 graduate of Middleburg High.

**U.S. Army National Guard Pvt. Nicholas T. James**, is a 2015 graduate of Fleming Island High.

**U.S. Army Pvt. Raymond A. Hernandez Jr.**, brother of Otis and Melissa Chism of Orange Park, is a 2015 graduate of Oakleaf High.

**U.S. Army Pvt. Darrien V. Cuyler**, son of Gus and Jacquelin Cuyler of Orange Park, is a 2015 graduate of Oakleaf High School.

## Two Clay residents complete U.S. Air Force basic training

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – Two Clay County residents recently completed basic training with the U.S. Air Force at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland near San Antonio, Texas.

restroom, taking pride in the shared space.

"We put some air fresheners on the walls and we decorated around the border of the mirrors because they were rusty and old," Queen said. "It was important. We need to know that someone is always looking out or caring for us."

Lessons on empathy led by Santa-Maria and Hagen helped Ta'Niya Townsend, 12, change her attitude about interacting with other girls.

"I used to be rude to people and after I came to Jewels, I started thinking, 'oh, they have feelings too,' so I shouldn't do that because I don't want anyone to do that to me."

Queen sees the club as more than a routine school activity. To her, the club is like a family, but more willing to listen and share her concerns.

"For other girls in this club, it might be different because they might treat girls like they treat their younger brother or sister, but this is like a family where we can express our feelings and actually get to communicate and talk," Queen said. "They have different interests and backgrounds that you should respect. You shouldn't be afraid to accept yourself no matter what your weight is or your skin color or how tall or short you are."

In the coming months, the Jewels will be recruiting "gems" or up-and-coming fifth grade girls to join the club next year.

"It's another generation of inspirational girls, just like when you have generations of family," Queen said.

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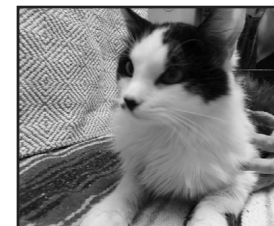
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## Clay residents complete U.S. Army basic training

FORT JACKSON, S.C. – Five Clay County residents recently completed basic training with the U.S. Army National Guard at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, trainees studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

## The graduates were:

**U.S. Army National Guard Pvt. Brian R. Cathey**, son of Richard A. Cathey of Middleburg, is a 2010 graduate of Middleburg High.

**U.S. Army Pvt. Travis J. Elgin**, son

# Obituaries

## Anita Paulette Schumacher

Anita Paulette Schumacher, 61, of Middleburg, passed away January 10, 2016. Anita was born March 29, 1954 in Lima, Ohio to the late Paul and Ruth (Barto) Schumacher.

She retired as a senior chief from the United States Navy after 20 years and worked at Walmart for many years after retirement. The Navy was her passion and she loved her pets.

She is survived by her siblings: Carol (Frank) Southfield, Helen (Gary) Holthaus, James (Nan) Schumacher, Dennis Schumacher, Berniece Miller, Karla Coats, Jay Schumacher, William Schumacher, Robert (Kris) Schumacher, Sandi (Jeff) Blunt, and Ed Schumacher, numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

There will be no services at this time. Arrangements under the care of Helm-Gallagher Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 1811 Idlewild Ave., Green Cove Springs, Fla. [www.helmgallagher.com](http://www.helmgallagher.com)



Anita Paulette Schumacher



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## Ruben Waldon ("R.W.") Cloud

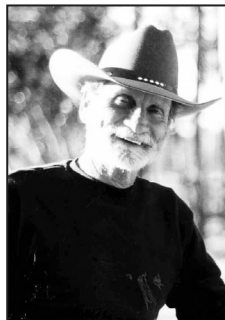
Ruben Waldon "R. W." Cloud, 72, of Keystone Heights, passed away Monday January 4, 2015 at Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center following an extended illness.

He was a native of Bainbridge, Ga. and had been a resident of Keystone Heights for the past 30 years coming from Jacksonville. He was an equestrian trainer, having trained horses and riders. He was an accomplished barrel racer as well as a bowler having won three diamond rings for perfect scores. R.W. loved fishing. He was preceded in death by his parents, Waldon and Nellie Lee Cox Cloud and a brother, Farah Cloud.

Surviving are his companion of 17 years, Annie Baucom of Keystone Heights; his adopted family, son, Dwayne Baucom of Green Cove Springs; two daughters, Shellie Baucom and DeLanda Brumby both of Green Cove Springs; one brother, Ira and Debbie Cloud of Middleburg; two sisters, Lucile Robinson of Wisc. and Callimae Gajewski of Buffalo, N.Y. and seven grandchildren, Alissa, Anthony, Austin, Matthew, Michael, Ashley and Jayden.

Services will be at a later date.

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka assisted Mr. Cloud's family.



Ruben Waldon "R.W." Cloud

## Joe Padgett

Joe Padgett, 82, of Starke, Fla., passed away January 6, 2016. Joe was born to Herbert and Maude Padgett on March 5, 1933 in Clay Hill, Fla.

He served proudly in the US Army and was a Korean War Veteran. He was very proud of his military service. After his service in the military, Joe worked in the construction industry his adult life. Joe was preceded in death by his mother and father, two sons, Todd and Bruce and brothers, Edwin, Raymond and J.D.

He is survived by his loving wife, Frankie; sons, Leslie (Patsy) and Joe, Jr.; daughters, Pam (Steve), Rhonda (Bobby), Brenda (Ernie) and Judy; 23 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and two sisters, Lorene and Frances. A graveside service was held on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at Long Branch Cemetery. Graveside visitation was one hour prior to the service. Honorary pallbearers were Leslie Padgett, Buster Padgett, Jason Padgett, Joe Padgett, Jr., Steve Belt, Bobby Carter and Skeeter Carey. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com). Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, Fla. 32043. (904) 284-4000



## Raeford Perry Bowen

Funeral services for Raeford Perry Bowen, 94, was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 in the chapel at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home, 111 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL. Interment followed in Magnolia Cemetery Orange Park, FL. Raeford was born on February 4, 1921 in Burgaw, N.C.

Through faith he went home to be with the Lord on January 3, 2016 in Jacksonville, FL. Raeford served his country proudly in the United States Army Air Corps. He went on to make a career as a Time Keeper with CSX Railroad and retired.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory a son, a daughter, a brother, and many other loving family member and friends. Raeford touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed.



## Pauline M. Powers

Pauline M. Powers passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2016. Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



## William "Bill" Early Griffin Jr.

William "Bill" Early Griffin Jr., 71, of Fleming Island, Fla. passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Mr. Griffin was a native of Petersburg, Virginia and moved to Fleming Island in 1992 from Richmond, VA. While in Richmond, William worked for R.F. & P. Railroad and then was transferred to Florida where he retired from CSX Railroad after an additional 30 years. Mr. Griffin was a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve where he served for eight years. He was a man of faith and a member of Hibernia Baptist Church where he was a substitute teacher in Sunday School. William loved the railroad, trains and was even known as a "train chaser" when he would race to the crossing to take pictures of the oncoming trains.

He was an author of several railroad related books and enjoyed attending railroad shows and working with model railroads. In William's own words, "We Be Rolling Now."

Mr. Griffin is survived by his wife of 36 years, Jan Griffin; children, Trey (Lorna) Griffin, Nick (Tiffany) Griffin and Trisha (Chris) Futch; brother, Courtney (Sherrie) Griffin; grandchildren, Sydney, Noel, Branson, Larissa, Lindsey, Baylee, Landry, Brittany, Kelsey, and Erika, and three great grandchildren. William was preceded in death by his nephew Clay Griffin.

Memorial Services were held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 in Hibernia Baptist Church with Rev. Scott Yirka officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Family and friends may share their condolences at: [www.RHRFH.com](http://www.RHRFH.com) 904-284-7720



## Jimmy Roe

Jimmy Roe, 42, of Orange Park, Florida passed away January 2, 2016. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com). Arrangements under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 (904) 284-4000.



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I knew she was an angel from the moment I came into this world. She looked down upon me with love in her eyes. She was there in the night to calm my fears, she was there to heal all my hurts and as I got older she was there whenever I needed a shoulder. She was there the day I met and married the man of my dreams and she was there for the birth of both of her grandsons. She was not only a great mother but also a great grandmother. My mother and my angel left this earth on January 4, 2016 I will miss her with all my heart, but I know as I look into the night sky she is there among the stars looking down with love in her eyes.

*I love you Mom.*



Martha Bucko

# Obituaries

## Sandra J. Sanders Hallmark

Sandra J. Sanders Hallmark, 74, of Ocala, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Dec 17, 2015 in Ocala.

She was born to the late AD and Rachel Paul in Perryville, Ark., on April 10, 1941. She leaves to cherish her loving memory her caring and loving husband of 21 years, John Hallmark; brother, Bill Paul; son, Kevin Sanders, Kenny Sanders, Chuck Hallmark; daughter, Sebrina Hallmark; grandchildren, Kerry, Jacob, Josh, Megan, and Sean; two great grandchildren, Cypress and Edin.

Service were private. Arrangements by Baldwin Brothers Funeral Home and Cremation, Ocala Fla.

## Capt. Edwin Earl McDonald Jr.

Capt. Edwin Earl McDonald Jr., USN, Ret., 83, of Jacksonville, FL, passed away January 6, 2016. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com). Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000



## Richard Shedd

Richard Shedd, 90, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away January 7, 2016. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com). Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000



## Daniel David Steger

Daniel David Steger, 36, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away January 6, 2016. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com). Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000



## Elaine K. Scanio

Elaine K. Scanio passed away on Saturday, January 9, 2016. Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



## Valerie Ann Daniels

Valerie Ann Daniels, 54, the former Valerie Linder of Mandarin passed away January 1, 2016 after a brief illness.

Valerie, a nurse, is survived by son Nathan Daniels (wife Misty), three grandchildren, Summer, Gabe, Shawn and son Andrew Daniels of Jacksonville, FL, Mother Beth Manes, sisters Cindy Journey, Carolene Drake and Alison Linder, 4 nieces, 4 nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews of Green Cove Springs and Keystone Heights, FL.

We would like to thank UF Health of Jacksonville for the outstanding medical care and compassion shown our family. Valerie was much loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. A private family memorial is planned for a later date.



Valerie Ann Daniels

## Berwin S. McCray

Berwin S. McCray passed away on Saturday, January 9, 2016. Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



## Elliott "Edward" Lane

Elliott "Edward" Lane, 90, of Middleburg, FL passed away January 10, 2016. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com). Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000



## Henry H. "Hank" Steadman, Jr.

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## Tajah M. Schroff

Tajah M. Schroff, 27, passed away on December 30, 2015 with her loving mother by her side. Tajah was a bright student who completed high school a year early and attended Case Western Reserve University. She also spent a year abroad studying Ecuadorian culture. Her interests were gardening, learning new languages, reading, and caring for young children.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Justice, and her grandparents, Dr. Robert and LaVerne Smith.

Her memory will be cherished by those who survive her, including, her mother, Jeanne Smith; her father, Kenneth Schroff; her aunts and uncles, Chris (Kerry) Chin, Sandy (Roger) Luder, Lynda (Duane) Willborn, Karl Smith (Lisa) Stauber; her cousins, Meg (Tim), Ryan (Jen), Lindzy (Jason), and Eric; her nieces and nephews; and all the friends whose lives she enriched.

A private memorial will be held to celebrate her abbreviated journey in this world. Let us remember her fondly and lift her up with happy memories.



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Jan. 14 at 8:30 a.m., the Clay EDC will hold its monthly Board meeting at the Fleming Island Business Park, 1845 Town Center Blvd., Suite 110. Open to the public. Info, (904) 838-0531.

**MLK DAY IN CLAY:** MLK Diversity Breakfast and Awards Ceremony, Jan. 18 at 8 a.m., Shiloh Church, 939 Blanding Blvd., corner of College Drive, \$20 per person, nonprofit tables are \$200 for 8, corporate tables are \$400 for 8. Includes awards and celebration of the Voting Rights Act. Ends with a food distribution for needy families at 10 a.m. Tickets, (904) 278-4305.

### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Meets Jan. 14, Jan. 21 and Jan. 28. at 10 a.m. in the Zoning Department Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

**TEEN COURT:** Meets Jan. 14 and Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Clay County Historical Courthouse, 915 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs. Teens can volunteer and earn community service hours. Visit website for dress code requirements, [www.clayclerk.com](http://www.clayclerk.com), or call Debbie Mueller at (904) 278-3602 for more information.

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Getting started on something new requires self-motivation and extra energy. It's not easy staring out new. Most organizations have a new employee orientation, or an on-boarding process to train employees faster into their culture and routines. And so the same is true for fitness. New fitness goals, new activities, joining a fitness group or class, all have that same similar feeling and up-start.

For me, it was joining a local running club (and even those gym fitness classes). Every Sunday or Thursday I would see a group of runners on Blanding Boulevard or U.S. 17 in Orange Park. I knew it was the Florida Striders from the yellow tent set-up. Eventually, I worked up the nerve to join last year and overcome some of these feelings of "newness." This month I had the privilege to meet and speak with Florida Strider's Vice President, Michelle McCollough. She's an active runner of 10 years, and a member of the run group for three years.

As somewhat of a new member, I asked her questions some key questions that I had from an outsider looking in.

1) I remember a friend asking me to join the run club back in the early 2000s, but I was hesitant. I finally joined in 2014. What is Florida Striders all about?

The Florida Striders are a nonprofit organization founded in 1978 by running enthusiasts who sought to promote health, fun and competition. Our mission is to promote and encourage running by educating the community on the benefits



Michelle McCollough

of physical fitness and sports, as well as support Children's Run/Walk Programs in more than 60 elementary schools throughout Jacksonville. It doesn't matter if you're a shy beginner or a competitive guru, we welcome all levels.

2) What are some of the benefits of joining a run club like Florida Striders?

In addition to the great company and fellowship provided by run clubs, the Striders also have weekly training runs in different parts of town and times of day. A complete list of runs can be located on the Training Run Schedule page at [www.floridastriders.com](http://www.floridastriders.com). We also have 10 percent discounts at local running stores, \$2 discounts on our own club sponsored

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## Robotics

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are encouraged to inquire about the coding or design.

"If they go to the other team and say how did you do this, then that team is supposed to take it upon themselves to show the design and explain the programming behind it," Bryan said. "Even though they're sharing it, they know our playbook, they'll be as good as us, the idea is they're building yours and catching up to you. Your team should still be progressing. Sharing information is elevating everybody but you should continue to get better yourself."

Even though teams have two coaches, another goal of the competition is to show students that adults are lifelong learners.

"Teachers do not have the answers," Bryan said. "We all learn together. It's important to us as educators because most of our educators are not robotics people. The other thing is that even adults can learn and every person in society should be learning. A lot of times our students don't see adults as learners."

Middleburg Elementary fourth grade teacher and robotics coach Jenny Karably said her role in the club is more of a guide and she is still learning.

"It's their programming so they have to figure it out," she said. "We're not even allowed to go into the judging rooms. We just guide them but they're doing fabulous for their first year."

Preparing for the competition helped Young from Tynes build professionalism, communication skills and self-confidence, things she said translated to her other classes. "I was nervous to go up there but then I started to feel confident in myself and I gave it my all and tried my best," Young said.

Young and Oberfoell earned spots on the Tynes robotic team simply by the luck of the draw. Some schools had as many as 40 applicants to join the school's club and were required to write essays in addition to submitting an application.

"I feel really special that I actually get to be in robotics because they just do a hat drawing," Oberfoell said. "If you put this in front of me two years ago, I would never had realized what this was or how to make it work."



After a brief moment of distress and a tad bit of tweaking, Aidan Bair, second from left, has robot success while teammate Taylor Oberfoell watches with sharp intent. Both Tynes Elementary students competed in the regional robotics event on Jan. 8.

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# In Spirit

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## Spirituality at Work

### St. Vincent's Formation program nurtures leadership and spirituality

By Mike Ford  
Staff Writer

MIDDLEBURG – A Clay County hospital program gives every employee, from maintenance workers to executives, a chance to pause and remember they are not human beings on a spiritual journey, but spiritual beings learning to be fully human.

St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County employees go through a program called Formation, which focuses on workplace spirituality and leadership formation. The program's goal is to improve each employee's life in tandem with offering patients more well-rounded healthcare.



Tracie Cox Loftis

"As people, we all have three callings from God and the first is to be fully human. How do we fully realize who God has called us to be? The second is vocation; what has God called us to do – as individuals and as a community? The third is the calling to ministry – to serve the needs of others. Formation looks at all those things and helps us fully live out who we are as human beings in our work," said Tracie Cox Loftis, chief mission integration offi-



Employees at St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County learn spirituality in the workplace in a program unique to the Catholic healthcare ministry called Formation.

cer for the hospital.

The program begins with training received by top brass and junior executives, who pass it on to associates in workshops or seminar style monthly meetings. Along with St. Vincent's campuses in Riverside and the Southside area of Jacksonville, the Clay County campus is led by Blain Claypool, president of acute care. He said he takes master's level theology courses online as a student of the Aquinas Institute of Theology, a Catholic seminary in St. Louis. He said the coursework has enriched him, not only as a Catholic, but as a healthcare executive.

"My whole career, I've trained to be a

healthcare executive and have worked for public and community-based not-for-profits, but this is the first faith-based hospital I've worked for and it has changed me," Claypool said. "The Formation program has affected my relationships with my family and friends, how I present myself and open myself to them and, as a leader, it has given me the strength to pause."

Claypool said the healthcare industry changes quickly and works at a continuously rapid pace. He said he has been trained to work like a fighter pilot who is responsible to make split-second decisions. Employees are trained to make de-

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### New program aims to break cycle of poverty

By Mike Ford  
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – The cycle is one many teenagers know – it takes a job to get money and it takes money to get a car, but it takes a car to get to a job unless mom or dad play taxi or buy the teen a car.

A nonprofit organization is launching a program on Jan. 18 to assist Clay County residents living on the edge of poverty and struggle purchase less-expensive used cars as a help to pull themselves out of poverty and get to work.

Spearheaded by Rev. Bill Randall, Rides for Work is a new program of Miller Street Renewal, a nonprofit organization he started a few years ago to renew the Orange Park area around St. Simon Missionary Baptist Church at 1331 Miller St.

"The first thing we're going to do is convince corporations, individuals and government to donate used cars for low-income working-poor people to assist them in getting out of poverty, he said.

"Then, Rides for Work will resell the cars to the individuals at a cost below wholesale

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Rev. Bill Randall has been working on setting up Rides for Work for the past two years. The hand-up program aims to provide affordable transportation to residents who face poverty or other financial challenges.

# Woman makes Catholic pilgrimage

By Mike Ford  
Staff Writer

LAKE ASBURY – In September, Margo Hay flew to Europe for a two-month-long 500 mile hike from the French border to the northwest corner of Spain. Hay, who is Catholic, said she went on the pilgrimage simply because she felt it was her duty.

For five years, the 71-year-old said God “nudged her” about the El Camino pilgrimage, which was made popular in the 2010 film “The Way” starring Martin Sheen. The final nudge came when she went to her mailbox last year on Sept. 9.

“Amongst the junk mail was my monthly copy of Catholic Extension magazine. On the front cover was the title of an article inside the magazine called ‘The priest who walked 500 miles.’ My mouth gaped open and I thought ‘no way,’” she said.

“I opened the magazine and it was the story of a priest who walked the El Camino a few years prior to raise funds for yet another ministry. That was the moment I suddenly recognized all the nudges God had been giving me over the previous five years. That was also the moment that I lifted up my hands in surrender to the heavens and said ‘OK, God, if this is what you want me to do, I’ll do it.’”

El Camino, which means “the way” is short for the way of St. James, a pilgrimage of physical endurance that ends at the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, where the remains of St. James the Apos-

tle are said to be buried. Hay had planned on walking the entire way, but her hip had other ideas.

“I was brought to a grinding halt. On foot, I only completed about a third – around 180 miles. I could have come home, I guess, but it never crossed my mind. I made it to Leon and was having so much pain in my hip that I went to the hospital. They took X-rays and when the doctor looked at them he said ‘stop walking now.’ He didn’t mean I couldn’t walk to the bus stop, but I couldn’t continue the El Camino,” Hay said.

She prepared for a year by walking and by eating differently. She lost some weight and had her first hip replacement in 2014. The implanted hip did fine over the course of nearly 200 miles of walking, but the other one was bone-on-bone, causing her to stop. Reflecting on her journey, Hay said she never considered giving up.

“I had started at Pamplona and I knew I had to get to Santiago de Compostela. I could have come home, I guess, but it never entered my mind. When the doctor told me I had to stop, I went back to my hotel and had a five-minute hissy fit, then asked ‘what’s next,’” she said.

When the doctor told her to quit walking, she was discouraged, at first.

“From my hotel room in Leon, I got my maps and guides out and figured out how to get to Santiago de Comostela. I completed the remainder of the pilgrimage by bus,



Margo Hay of Lake Asbury recently traveled to Europe to hike a 500-mile pilgrimage from the near the French border to the northwest corner of Spain. And although her hip gave out during the journey, she completed the pilgrimage by train, bus and taxi.

train, taxi when there was no other public transportation, and got lifts a couple of times from different people, she said.

“From then on, the focus became the churches in the various towns I visited. I lit candles and prayed for people and I prayed for world peace. There were some remnants of disappointment because I had worked hard for this. For a year, I walked anywhere from three to nine miles a day. I read books from people who did the pilgrimage, but nothing prepares you for it.”

Hay said the long hike across northern Spain is physically and mentally challenging. She said she had to watch every step – only getting a chance to take in the scenery if she stopped walking and looked up to enjoy it.

“On the first day of walking, I fell climbing a hill called the Mountain of Pardons.

It’s pretty steep and when you get to the top, there are gigantic metal silhouettes of pilgrims there,” she said. “You stop and take your shoes off to give your feet some air, take a breather, cross a road and start down the other side. It’s a 40-degree decline and it was like a dried-out old river bed that you might see in old westerns.”

Hay is now preparing for her second hip replacement surgery. She wonders if the pilgrimage prepared her for the complications she’s had with her hip, though she didn’t make the hike for any specific reason.

“I wasn’t seeking God and I didn’t go with a specific goal other than to find out if there was anything more God wanted of me in this life and, if there was any other goal, it was to simply get through it,” she said.

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# Spirituality

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-cisions simply out of habits – emotional habits, set ways of thinking and other components of daily life that should be reexamined from time to time.

“Formation has given me an ability to say ‘stop. Get off the treadmill and pause.’ Then, we can take that to the associates and say ‘stop. I hear you; let me listen,” he said. “Then, we can think through why we make the decisions we make as a team, who benefits and who we reflect upon in making those decisions.”

Cox Loftis said the program is sensitive to the wide range of backgrounds employees come from, but is firmly rooted in the organization’s Catholic identity.

“Formation nourishes the inner life and is rooted in theological and spiritual teaching, but not everyone who receives Formation is Catholic. Many times, Formation begins with opening our eyes differently to



PHOTO SPECIAL TO CLAY TODAY

Blain Claypool, left, said the Catholic ministry’s program Formation has helped him be a better employee and allowed him to improve relationships with friends, family and co-workers.

our experiences to see what God is doing, she said.

“This deepens our relationship with ourselves, as well as others and as we live

it out, it transforms our work and our ability to live out our identity as a ministry of the Catholic Church.”

For Claypool, applying faith formation

to his work has taught him what he describes as servant-based leadership skills that have moved him toward the approach of total quality management and away from scientific management, where leaders lord their authority over others and treat them as subjects.

“As a leader, Formation has brought me to a place where I’m comfortable with who I am – my strengths and weaknesses and my ability to share them – to be vulnerable with my team so they know it’s okay for them to do the same,” Claypool said.

Building such a community within the hospital’s walls allows St. Vincent’s leaders to convey the organization’s faith-based mission to its employees, who then live it in front of patients and their families.

“We aren’t just a hospital treating illnesses – we treat the whole person because we lead with our faith and our faith compels us to deliver healthcare. We aren’t just an acute care hospital, we truly are a ministry,” he said.

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# Cars

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and help them get financing for the maintenance and warranty. The payments will never be more than \$100 per month and will be financed by VyStar Credit Union."

VyStar wouldn't confirm details, which Communications and Public Relations Manager Sandy Baker, said are being worked out with Randall. She said the credit union will make a public announcement when details are finalized.

Randall has connected with regional car dealerships and said getting vehicles won't be a problem. Rides for Work will not purchase inventory that will sit on its lot waiting for drivers to take them home, but the program is looking to collect a few cars at its 1145-8 Miller St. lot.

Rides for Work participants will have to purchase their car insurance and pay for tag and title fees. Randall said the program is far from a hand out and will serve only those who have a job. VyStar will process participant loan applications, while Randall will fundraise to guarantee the loans.

"This is about getting people out of poverty by helping them get transportation to work and building their credit. Rides for Work is not for people on welfare sitting at home or for drug pushers – they have to have a legitimate job. If they've only been on the job for a week, that's okay but they need to be taking positive steps that make a difference," Randall said.

If a client is a young person who has never learned to drive, the program Work will teach them how to drive. Randall said the program will also teach participants the importance of car maintenance and oil changes and tire rotations are important. Rides for Work will also teach basic financial management to help clients set budgets and make payments on time, so they increase their credit scores.

"We're talking about low-income people who've most likely not had a car in the past or had one and abused it, so they need to be taught – that's why it's so important for us to do this," Randall said.

There is no income eligibility requirement with Rides for Work because Randall understands those who've never been told to pick themselves up by their bootstraps can also have financial footing ripped out from beneath them by a job loss, divorce or other circumstances.

"Someone making \$30,000, \$40,000 or \$50,000 per year could have fallen on hard times. Their car may have been repossessed and they're having to start over. We want to help those people because there's a need there," he said.

Randall said the program will be staffed in a way that helps give those with time on their hands a way to use it for the common good.

"Rides for Work will be managed by seniors – all seniors – through AARP and the Experience Works program. We're not hiring anyone from the outside and these are all seniors who will work no more than 20



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Rev. Bill Randall stands in the lot at 1145-8 Miller St. in Orange Park that will house the cars to be used in a new program called Rides for Work.

hours per week, Randall said.

"I call them volunteers, but they're in training through AARP and they provide them a stipend. That way, as a nonprofit, I don't need employees."

Randall is also planning to turn an adjacent lot into a salvage business that will provide a few jobs. He said he has to apply for the appropriate licensing with the state, but would like the salvage yard to provide cars from which parts can be used to repair vehicles for Rides for Work.

Randall already has the license for Rides to Work. He is launching the program in conjunction with the Jan. 18 MLK Day celebration at Shiloh Church, south of Orange Park. The 8 a.m. program will include a 10 a.m. food distribution for needy families and Everest University Campus President Jeff Sherman will issue five \$5,000 scholarships as part of the college's American Dream Scholarship Program. Sherman said three of the five recipients live in Clay County.

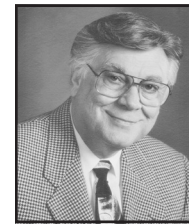
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Is not that the kind of person you want to be? I have chosen to be a person of my word. I know it is a testimony to the strength of my character. And I know that truthfulness is essential to our growing in Christ. The psalmist had it right. He said, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)

Are you guilty of making promises you have not kept? Ask God to forgive you and help you to strengthen your resolve to become the person to whom this important character trait matters.

There are times in life when you promise something and things happen to make it impossible for you to fulfill something you have promised. That has happened to all of us. God understands that.

If you do not keep your promises to others, you will have difficulty keeping your promises to God. Our faithful God ascribes to Himself this wonderful example. He says He will always keep His word. What God has said, He will do! Always! If God did not keep His promises, we would have no basis for our faith.

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# Stride

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racers: River Road Resolution, Run to the Sun, Memorial Day, and Hog Jog Cross-Country. Monthly, we provide the "StrideRight" newsletter, and host several run clinics, coaching advice and social events including great speakers, such as Donna Hicken, Hal Higdon, Todd Williams and Jay Birmingham to name a few, at no charge.

3) What about those new to running. How can your running club help?

We have many members with competitive coaching experience and we all started somewhere, so if you are thinking about joining and need a little convincing, the Striders are a great place to get involved. We hold two 8-week adult running classes each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Both classes lead up to one of our 5K events and we have coaching groups for all levels from "Walking" to "Advanced."

4) In March, Jacksonville will host the largest 15k in the U.S. once again. How are the Striders involved with the Gate River Run?

The Striders have been a mainstay at the Gate River Run for many years. Since 1992, we have hosted a private hospitality tent for Striders members at the annual race. We provide a place to stow your belongings during the race, as well as

post-race food, drink and massage tables provided by Heartland Rehab. It's a great place to recover, eat and swap race stories.

5) How can the "shy" runner join?

Our membership covers the full spectrum of runners, walkers, serious competitors and some that just join to work our events or socialize. Any new or potentially new member is warmly welcomed at any of our gatherings – a group run, a monthly social or becoming a volunteer at any one of our races would be a great way to get to know people and become involved – even for the 'shy' ones.

My insider-view looking out: I'm glad I joined. This local run club is top notch and welcomes any and all runners. I've gained great running friends, but important to me is I learned better forms and techniques. Membership cost is low for both individuals and/or families. As for overcoming new fitness classes: spin is easy for me, but still feel a little awkward in total body classes. And no...I haven't tried Zumba.

*It's Your Turn. Have a personal fitness or nutrition success story that you would like to share? Ran or competed in your first race or exercise program? Lost or losing weight? Gained some muscle or mass? Email or contact me at bernie.rom828@gmail.com. Tag/follow me on Instagram @berni3trirun. Facebook Clay Today Newspaper. Instagram @claytodaynewspaper #claytoday #claytodayfitness*

# Parks

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Three year leases went to Keystone Recreation Association at Little Rain Park, Keystone Youth Soccer Club at Twin Lakes Soccer Park and Tanglewood Athletic Association at Tanglewood Community Park, Police Activity League at Walter Odum Community Park and Green Cove Baseball/Softball Association at Carl Pugh Community Park.

The Middleburg Athletic Association has received much attention over the parks situation. Theresa Simmons, who has headed up the organization, now called the Middleburg Association of Athletes, has appeared frequently before the commissioners to try to keep the young people in the MAA able to play ball without missing a step. Part of the problem with that group was that they thought they were listed in a subordinate status through its football program with another tax-exempt nonprofit, the Mills Association of Plainfield, Ill. But the Mills group lost its IRS status in April 2014, leaving Middleburg without status as well, although it did not know it until recently, Simmons has said.

Simmons appeared before the commissioners Jan. 12 and said her group has partnered with Oakleaf Sports Association until Middleburg receives its own proper status, allowing the young

people of Middleburg to continue with their athletic programs.

"We have developed a fantastic partnership and after this is over with we will continue that partnership and we will do great things for Clay County," Simmons said.

The commission assigned Oakleaf Sports Association/Middleburg Association of Athletes a one-year lease at Omega Park.

"As painful as this was, and I don't think any of us didn't go without angst on that, I can see some real leadership and that our county stepped up and some collaboration is starting and I've been inspired by the way that the organizations have come to each other to help out," said Commission Chairwoman Diane Hutchings.

Commissioners also voted 4-0 to hire a staff member to help ensure the parks stay compliant.

"At the last meeting I think I was more than clear that we are not getting the job done today," said County Manager Stephanie Kopelousos.

Kopelousos said Price had actually recommended hiring four more employees, but it could be done by one staffer.

Commissioner Wayne Bolla asked how much the staff member would be paid, eventually arriving at the figure of \$35,000 without benefits and between \$50,000 and \$60,000 with benefits. Bolla said he would like to see the new staffer better promote the county fairgrounds.



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# Pickleball

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**By Maria Carter**  
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FLEMING ISLAND — Nets stretched across the Barco-Newton YMCA gym. Fletcher Turner, 70, grabbed his paddle and headed to the blue-lined court with his partner. He stepped behind the baseline, stretched his paddle out behind him with one hand and held out a plastic, whiffle-type ball with the other. He dropped the ball and swung, sailing it diagonally across the net into his opponent's service box.

And after a few more serves and volleys, Turner and his partner won their game of pickleball.

"Well my wife is the athlete," he joked on the sideline, "but I've been playing over a year now. It's high energy, but it's low impact and there's no age limit."

Pickleball has been described as one of the fastest-growing sports in the U.S., with leagues popping up and tournaments being played more all over the country.

"Anyone who plays falls in love with it right away," said Edith Hardee, 71, another pickleball devotee.

Former Congressman Joel Pritchard and his friend Bill Bell created the game for their families one afternoon in 1965 on the Pritchards' badminton court. They didn't have badminton racquets or a birdie, so they made do with pingpong paddles and a plastic, perforated ball.

Now, it is one of the most rapidly-growing sports in the United States with more than 2,000 places to play — double the amount of places just five years ago.

A few of those locations are here in Clay County, including the Barco-Newton YMCA. In the fall of 2014, Sports Director

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PHOTOS BY MARIA CARTER

Fletcher Turner, far right, is among the many devoted pickleball players who frequent the Barco-Newton YMCA on Fleming Island. Here, he watches four friends take part in a game of pickleball, which is one of the fastest-growing sports in the U.S.

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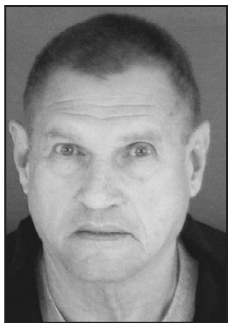

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# Former McAlister's Deli owner owes \$50,000 in state sales taxes

By Sarah Wakefield Rosser  
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Missouri man turned himself in to the Clay County Sheriff's Office headquarters on charges of failing to pay \$50,601.85 in sales tax for his failed Fleming Island business.



Bruce Swisshelm

Shortly after his Jan. 12 arrest on one count of failure to remit state sales tax, Bruce D. Swisshelm, 69, of Battlefield, Mo., bonded out of the Clay County Jail by posting a \$25,003 bond. He was arrested using a warrant signed by Fourth Circuit Court Judge John H. Skinner.

Between May 2010 and October 2011,

Swisshelm "did with intent to unlawfully deprive or defraud the state of its moneys or the use of benefit thereof, fail to remit taxes collected," according to the judge's information document charging him with the second degree felony. His charges stem from former ownership of the Fleming Island McAlister's Deli on County Road 220. The restaurant – and several other fast food franchises he and his company owned in Missouri – was closed after Swisshelm filed for bankruptcy in 2012.

In July 2015, in a separate case of fraud allegations, Swisshelm, who was 68 at the time, and his son, Bruce Swisshelm II, then 43, pleaded guilty in separate appearances before U.S. Magistrate Judge David P. Rush, according to a Federal Bureau of Investigation press release from 2015.

"Swisshelm pleaded guilty to bank fraud and money laundering," states the release.

Swisshelm was the owner of Horned Frog Deli Inc. and Swisshelm Properties Inc. The two corporations "owned and developed commercial properties in Springfield and elsewhere," the FBI document states. Under the corporate umbrella, Swisshelm owned and operated Burger King restaurants, Macaroni Grill restaurants, San Francisco Oven and the Fleming Island location of McAlister's Deli.

McAlister's Deli on Fleming Island was located at 1615 County Road 220, just behind O'Charley's restaurant on the west end of a strip mall. It closed abruptly in the fall of 2011 along with two other branches in Jacksonville, including one location on Beach Boulevard and the third location on Deer Lake Court in the Tinseltown area.

According to documents, Swisshelm submitted false financial documents to Great Southern Bank to receive more than \$5.5 million in loans in 2011. According to

the FBI, "Swisshelm submitted financial statements to the bank that claimed his businesses earned a net income of more than \$780,000 in 2010," but Swisshelm's tax documents stated those business "had losses that exceeded \$1.8 million in 2010," according to the FBI.

Federal law states that Swisshelm may be sentenced to up to 40 years in federal prison without parole and a fine of up to \$1.2 million and an order of restitution. Swisshelm's son was aware of his father's fraud and, because he failed to contact authorities, may be sentenced for up to three years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine of up to \$250,000.

Under the terms of the 2015 plea agreement, Swisshelm must forfeit to the government \$5,592,583, which constitutes the proceeds obtained from his criminal activity, states the FBI press release.

## Police Briefs

### Couple escapes evening fire

FLEMING ISLAND – The American Red Cross has stepped in to assist a Fleming Island family in the wake of a house fire the evening of Jan. 12.

Clay County Fire Rescue was called at 4 p.m. to respond to the home on Pine Hammock Trail. The cause of the blaze is unknown, but officials said, the home was severely damaged as the flames were so intense it caused the home's chimney to collapse.

No one was injured in the fire, but the family – a woman and her daughter – have been displaced.

### Clay woman charged with striking cop

ORANGE PARK – The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested and charged a Clay County woman on Jan. 8 with battery on a person age 65 or older after a three-day drinking binge.

Penny Williamson Cunningham, 50, had been depressed due to her husband leaving her in the past and began drinking three days prior to the victim's call to authorities. According to the police report from the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Cunningham was sitting in the victim's home "speaking with foul language" when the 71-year-old victim told her to leave. When Cunningham refused, the victim picked up the phone to call a friend to pick up Cunningham. Cunningham "became upset and grabbed [the



Penny Cunningham

victim's] face with her hand causing her fingernails to dig into her face," the report stated. Officials allegedly observed redness around the victim's eyes who also said her teeth hurt.

Cunningham was allegedly found lying on the floor wearing only a nightgown and refused to put on clothes. She was too intoxicated to support herself and her speech was slurred and inaudible. She was transported to Orange Park Medical Center for medical clearance but received another felony charge when she allegedly committed battery against a nurse working in the emergency room while intoxicated. Cunningham pulled off some leads and when the nurse tried to put them back on, Cunningham allegedly grabbed the nurse by the shirt. Seeing Cunningham grab the nurse by the shirt, an officer held down Cunningham's arm, "at which time she kicked [the nurse] in the head with her foot. She was then fully restrained to the bed," the report stated.

Once cleared for transport, Cunningham was transported to the Clay County Jail where her bond was set at \$50,006.

### Baseball attack ends in arrest

OAKLEAF – An Orange Park man received a felony assault charge after he allegedly tried to hit another man with a baseball bat.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Nick Nemanja Runjaic, 23, of Orange Park, on Jan. 7 after a traffic stop in which he was spotted driving erratically near the intersection of County Road 220 and Knight Boxx Road.

After cutting off a victim in traffic, Runjaic was followed by the victim at a distance until they arrived at the intersection of Challenger Road and Old Jennings Road in the Oakleaf area. According to the CCSO

report, "the victim got out of his car to get the tag number off [Runjaic's] vehicle" and was approached by Runjaic who allegedly asked what he was doing. The victim said he was getting his tag number to call the police and as the victim was walking back to his car, he "turned around to see the suspect running at him with a bat swinging the bat at him," the report states. After wrestling Runjaic to the ground, the victim got back into his car and fled according to the report. Allegedly, Runjaic, his car and the bat were found at his residence and was transported to the Clay County Jail by officials. He is out of jail on an undisclosed bond.

### Juvenile charged with sexual battery

OAKLEAF – An Oakleaf teen faces allegations of sexual battery after an investigation by the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

According to the police report, John Isaiah Butts, 14, is charged with one felony count of sexual battery on a victim age 12 or older by a person under age 18. He was arrested Jan. 7.

According to the CCSO report, Butts forced the victim to have sex with him in December "when he started taking things too far."

The victim's mother first went to police to report the incident on Dec. 16 after the girl said she was assaulted on Dec. 11.

Butts was booked on the charge and transported to a juvenile detention center in Jacksonville.



John Butts

### No injuries in school bus accident

MIDDLEBURG – The Florida Highway Patrol reports that a Clay County School bus driver was at fault for a minor accident that occurred on Jan. 7.

According to the FHP press release, bus driver Dawn M. Thomas, 46, of Orange Park, had stopped the bus facing northbound on South Dolphin Avenue to let students off at 3:02 p.m. The bus struck a 2013 Suzuki SX4 driven by Catherine A. Hayden, 33, of Orange Park.

"The bus backed up in order to turn left onto Angora St. and struck the front of the Suzuki with the rear of the bus," states the release.

No charges were filed.

### Sexual battery charge for teen

MIDDLEBURG – A Middleburg teen faces one count of sexual battery on a victim under age 18 following an investigation by the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Officers arrested Stephen Michael Cossich, 19, on Jan. 6 at 11:30 a.m. after they interviewed the female victim.

According to the police report, the victim told police she feared Cossich "and felt she may be hurt if she fought the defendant off," states the CCSO report.

Police said that on Dec. 19, Cossich picked up the victim from her home and drove her in his truck to the dead end of a street in Middleburg and forced her to



Stephen Cossich

# Police

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have sex with him.

Cossich was booked into the Clay County Jail, where his bond was set at \$100,003.

## Meth charge for Clay Hill man

CLAY HILL – Using a search warrant, Clay County Sheriff’s Office narcotics officers recently arrested a man for allegedly making methamphetamine in a Clay Hill home.

Police arrested David Franklin Green Jr., 33, at his Louie Carter Road home on Jan. 6 at 8:16 p.m.

According to the police report, officers seized a dish containing methamphetamine residue, glass with filters inside, crack and meth pipes and a receipt for ingredients used to make the illegal drug.

Five detectives were involved in searching the home, which also required a hazardous materials cleanup due to the toxic nature of the meth manufacturing process.

Green was booked into the Clay County Jail where his bond was set at \$250,003.



David Green

## Jax woman faces auto theft charge

ORANGE PARK – Authorities have charged a Jacksonville with stealing a rental car last fall from a home in Orange Park.

Vontoya Dionta Brown, 24, was arrested on Jan. 6 at 11:37 a.m. after Clay County Sheriff’s Office investigators obtained a warrant for her arrest.

According to the warrant, the victim reported last Oct. 24 that a rental car he had at his home in the 3000 block of Litchfield Drive had been stolen.

Police said the victim went into his home to take a shower and left Brown in the rental car. While he was in the shower, he said, Brown allegedly drove off with the car without permission. According to the report, the victim attempted to contact Brown’s family, who in turn, told him “she had been pulled over and was in jail.” Police said the victim contacted the sheriff’s office after Brown unfriended him on Facebook, which is where they first met.

Brown was booked into the Clay County Jail where her bond is set at \$25,003.



Vontoya Brown

## Tues., Jan. 12

Bernier, Joseph, 31, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Blount, Freddie, 25, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, DWLSR, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Boyer, Shawn, 38, Jacksonville, CCSO, Grand Theft \$300-4,999, Resisting an Officer

Champion, Tina, 44, Jacksonville, CCSO, Grand Theft \$300-4,999, DWLSR

Dukes, Adam, 41, Orange Park, CCSO, Refusing to Submit to Balance Test, DUI, Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting an Officer With Violence

Foerst, April, 25, Melrose, CCSO, VOP - Grand Theft

Frazier, Larry, 60, Orange Park, CCSO, Petit Theft

Jordan, Lena, 25, Jacksonville, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court

Juvenile, 14, CCSO, FTA - Battery on Person 65 or Older

Juvenile, 17, CCSO, Burglary, Possession of Burglary Tools, Resisting an Officer

Lenza, Kyle, 27, Orange Park, CCSO, Sell or Delivery of Cocaine Within 1,000 Feet of a Specified Location, Possession of a Counterfeit Schedule I Drug With Intent to Sell

Locklear, Sheila, 31, Jacksonville, CCSO, FTA - Petit Theft

Mitchell, Renee, 54, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Mystkowski, Jessica, 22, Jacksonville, CCSO, Two Counts of FTA - DWLSR

Parker, Katie, 19, Middleburg, CCSO, Petit Theft

Simmons, Paul, 44, Middleburg, CCSO, Knowingly Giving False Info to a Law Enforcement Officer

Smith, Brittany, 25, Middleburg, CCSO, Out of County Warrant

Swisshelm, Bruce, 69, Battlefield, Mo., CCSO, Failure to Remit Sales Tax \$20,000-100,000

Thornton, Dwight, 26, Middleburg, CCSO, Petit Theft

Youmans, Conner, 18, Jacksonville, CCSO, Violating an Injunction for Protection

## Mon., Jan. 11

Crosby, Michael, 21, Fleming Island, CCSO, Aggravated Battery

Harris, Justin, 24, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Burglary

Harrison, Shawn, 30, Middleburg, CCSO, Tattooing a Minor Under Age 18, Operating Unlicensed Tattoo Establishment

Hurst, John, 33, Orange Park, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court

Jones, Christopher, 22, Jacksonville, CCSO, DWLSR

Juvenile, 17, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Laidler, Madeline, 21, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Marmolejo, Edgar, 43, Middleburg,

CCSO, Battery, Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon

McMillion, Stefan, 19, Jacksonville, CCSO, Simple Battery

Oladeji, Olakunle, 60, Middleburg, CCSO, Trespassing After Warning

Proctor, Tyrik, 18, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Ramos, Ubaldis, 41, Orange Park, CCSO, Driving Without a License

Smith, Brittany, 25, Middleburg, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Thomas, Taylor, 21, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Grand Theft

## Sun., Jan. 10

Arias, Marie, 68, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Domestic Battery

De Jesus Ortiz, Jose, 23, Jacksonville, OPPD, DWLSR

Jones, Jeremy, 25, Orange Park, CCSO, FTA - Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Three Counts of Grand Theft \$300-4,999, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Juvenile, 17, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Lummel, Cyril, 33, Middleburg, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Medina, Marcus, 42, Fleming Island, FHP, Refusing to Submit to Balance Test, Leaving the Scene of a Crash With Damage, DUI With Property Damage

Nicholson, Althea, 42, Jacksonville, OPPD, Two Out of County Felony Warrants

Peacock, Justin, 38, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Crack Cocaine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, DWLSR

Quinones, Ricardo, 24, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis, Possession of a Controlled Substance - Ecstasy

Reeves, Reginald, 31, Jacksonville, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Vitale, Hope, 29, Middleburg, CCSO,

Petit Theft

## Sat., Jan. 9

Ashford, Torrance, 28, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Barber, Jeremy, 27, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Violate Probation - Community Control

Bowden, Nataleia, 32, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Boyer, Richard, 21, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Clark, Grantonio, 20, Orange Park, OPPD, VOP - Domestic Battery

Duvivier, Rudy, 27, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Felser, Patricia, 46, Interlachen, Fla., CCSO, VOP - Petit Theft

Gomez, Franklin, 33, Middleburg, CCSO, Petit Theft

Huot, David, 26, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Merrett, Anthony, 50, Orange Park, CCSO, Concealed Firearm

Miller, Joshua, 19, Middleburg, VOP - Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis

Nolan, Kevin, 35, Fleming Island, OPPD, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Quigley, Jesse, 39, Middleburg, CCSO, Criminal Mischief \$200

Taylor, Larry, 39, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Schemes To Defraud Property, Grand Theft \$20,000-99,999

Thirumalai, Mackenzie, 19, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

## Fri., Jan. 8

Banks, Amber, 26, Orange Park, CCSO, Trespassing, Criminal Mischief

Blount, Carlos, 36, Fleming Island, CCSO, Petit Theft

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### Clay County Sheriff’s Office Most Wanted

As of Monday, January 11, 2016

 April Leyann Forest VOP Grand Theft	 Anna Marie Lowry VOP Possession of Cocaine	 Elijah Woodrow Moore Possession of a Controlled Substance	 Dustin Jared Waters FTA Intro and or Poss of Contraband into Detention Facility	 Shawn Michael Harrison Tattooing a Minor Under 16	 Matthew Leshawe Walker Non-Support
 Ambry Viola Brickey VOP Domestic Battery	 Courtney Allen Frierson VOP Battery	 Nathaniel Alan Stokes VOP Domestic Battery 3 cts.	 Jason Andrew Turner OP Domestic Battery	 Thomas Kendall Crawford Non-Support	 Ontario Deon Reid Non-Support

**\*EDITOR’S NOTE:** The Clay County Sheriff’s Office provides photographs and related information about suspects appearing in Clay Today’s Most Wanted section. Anyone with information on these subjects is asked to call CCSO at 284-7575.

# Arrests

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Brown, Anneliza, 27, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Grand Theft

Carter, Randall, 64, Middleburg, CCSO, Misusing 911 or E911 System

Chancey, John, 43, Jacksonville, OPPD, DWLSR

Cunningham, Penny, 50, Orange Park, CCSO, Violence On Officer Firefighter EMT, Etc., Battery On Person 65 or Older

Duplessy, Hirsen, 19, Orange Park, OPPD, DUI, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Fales, Kyle, 24, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Trespassing

Gommer, Richard, 25, Orange Park, CCSO, Violating Condition of Pre-Trial Release

Google, Marcus, 27, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Possession of More Than 20 g. Cannabis, VOP - Resisting an Officer

Haynes, Michael, 43, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of Methamphetamine With Intent to Sell or Manufacture

Huffman, Ian, 23, Orange Park, OPPD, Open Carry of a Firearm

Johnson, Paige, 24, Middleburg, CCSO, FTA - Possession of Less Than Than 20 g. Cannabis Lopes, John, 30, Jacksonville, CCSO, FTA - No Motor Vehicle Registration, FTA - DWLSR

Melvin, Stephanie, 27, Middleburg, CCSO, Resisting an Officer

Merrett, Anthony, 50, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Battery

Moring, Michael, 35, Lake City, Fla., CCSO, VOP - DUI

Rutland, Jeffery, 43, Orange Park, OPPD, Accident Involving Damage to Vehicle, DWLSR Taber, Michael, 43, Jacksonville, CCSO, Violation of Probation

Taylor, Melissa, 38, Middleburg, CCSO, Non-Support

Taylor, Zacchaeus, 19, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Velleca, Robert, 26, Orange Park, CCSO, Dealing Stolen Property, Giving False Info to a Pawn Broker

Weeks, Johnny, 41, Jacksonville Beach, CCSO, Fugitive From Justice

York, Susan, 38, Sanderson, Fla., CCSO, Petit Theft, Giving False Name or ID

**Thurs., Jan. 7**

Atkinson, Stacey, 44, Titusville, Fla., CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control

Buffalo, Robert, 33, Middleburg, OPPD, Simple Battery

Ditto, Rae, 51, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, VOP - Domestic Battery

Foresto, Philip, 56, Orange Park, CCSO, Petit Theft

Gerber, Jeffrey, 59, Orange Park, CCSO, Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Damage Gommer, Richard, 25, Orange Park, CCSO, Grand Theft \$300-4,999, Dealing Stolen Property, Giving False Verification of Ownership to a Pawn Broker

Hunt, Lorenzo, 33, St. Augustine, Fla., Judge, DWLSR

Juvenile, 14, CCSO, Sexual Batttery on a age 12 or Older by Person Under 18

Juvenile, 16, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Padgett, Kristopher, 30, Bostwick, Fla., CCSO, Possession of a Listed Chemical With Intent to Manufacture Methamphetamine, Conspiracy to Manufacture Methamphetamine, Petit Theft

Randolph, Katherine, 45, Middleburg, CCSO, Two Counts of FTA - DWLSR

Runjaic, Nick, 23, Orange Park, CCSO, Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon

Sidwell, Michael, 45, Orange Park, CCSO, Roadway Solicitation

Smith, Fallon, 32, Jacksonville, OPPD, DUI

Thomas, Deandre, 29, Jacksonville, CCSO, DWLSR

Tinney, Jalamb, 24, Orange Park, CCSO, Petit Theft

Wilcox, Karen, 56, Fleming Island, CCSO, VOP - DWLSR, VOP - Duty Upon Damaging Unattended Vehicle, VOP - DUI With Damage Property

**Wed., Jan. 6**

Belk, David, 30, Jacksonville, OPPD, Warrant - Attach Tag Assigned, Warrant - DWLSR Bridges, Darnell, 29, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Petit Theft

Bright, Justin, 28, Keystone Heights, CCSO, FTA - Petit Theft

Brown, Vontoya, 24, Jacksonville, CCSO, Grand Theft Auto

Camplesi, Jared, 24, Keystone Heights, CCSO, VOP - Domestic Battery

Coffey, Cordellia, 28, Orange Park, CCSO, VOP - DUI

Coleman, Chaz, 28, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Cossich, Stephen, 19, Middleburg, CCSO, Sexual Battery on a Victim Under 18

Doolittle, Justin, 30, Orange Park, CCSO, Violating Condition of Pre-Trial Release

Durning, Arthur, 25, Middleburg, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court

Eddins, Christopher, 27, Middleburg, CCSO, Three Counts of VOP - Grand Theft \$300 - \$20,000, Three Counts of VOP - Giving False Ownership Info to Pawn Broker

Ertley, Caleb, 24, Middleburg, CCSO, Habitual Traffic Offender, DWLSR

Flowers, Tresan, 29, Orange Park, CCSO, Resisting an Officer, DWLSR

Green, David, 33, Jacksonville, CCSO, Manufacturing Methamphetamine

Ingram, Kenneth, 56, Orange Park, CCSO, Consumption of Alcohol Within 300 Feet of Package Store

Jenkins, Alyson, 21, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Grand Theft

Lautner, Katherine, 46, Orange Park, CCSO, Consumption of Alcohol Within 300 Feet of Package Store

Meyer, James, 52, Orange Park, CCSO, Consumption of Alcohol Within 300 Feet of Package Store

Michelson, Aaron, 27, Pompano

Beach, Fla., CCSO, Grand Theft \$100-\$300, Burglary

Miles, Alana, 34, Jacksonville, CCSO, Failure to Appear in Court

Parnell, Kirsten, 34, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Petit Theft

Rollins, Henry, 22, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Sallas, Christopher, 35, Middleburg, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control

Sizemore, Sarah, 51, Keystone

Heights, CCSO, VOP - DUI

Svitek, Adam, 31, Keystone Heights, CCSO, VOP - Burglary of a Structure, Three Counts of VOP - Burglary of a Dwelling

Thompson, Edward, 52, Orange Park, CCSO, VOP - DUI, VOP - DWLSR

Watts, Sophia, 43, Homerville, Ga., CCSO, Petit Theft

West, Jacob, 19, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

CRIME WATCH

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	<b>Community Relations: 213-6114</b>

**Thefts**

1/12 a utility trailer was stolen from the front of Circle H Equipment in Keystone Heights.

1/12 a Florida license plate was stolen from a utility trailer at a home on Acacia Street in Middleburg.

1/11 a Florida license plate was stolen from a vehicle that was parked overnight at a home on Ruddy Lane in Middleburg.

1/11 an unattended wallet and cell phone were stolen from the AMC Theater at the Orange Park Mall.

1/10 a traffic sign and post was stolen from the intersection of Horsetail Avenue and N. Mimosa Avenue in Middleburg.

1/10 control equipment was stolen from a pump house of a home on Rowell Road in Green Cove Springs.

1/09 a cellphone was stolen from an unattended gym bag at the Oakleaf High School on Plantation Oaks Drive.

1/06 exterior body damage and wheel tampering was reported on a vehicle at an apartment on Blanding Blvd in Middleburg.

**Burglary to Structures**

1/11 a bicycle was stolen from the front of a home on College Drive in Doctors Inlet.

**Burglary to Autos**

1/12 personal electronics items were stolen from a vehicle that was parked overnight at a home on Canopy Oaks Drive in Oakleaf Plantation.

1/11 miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen from a vehicle at Orange Park Ale House on Wells Road.

1/10 response to a vehicle fire resulted in the discovery of the theft of electronic equipment from the vehicle, which

was parked on Maplewood Lane in the Ridgecrest subdivision west of Orange Park.

1/10 miscellaneous personal tools and electronics items were stolen from an unattended vehicle that was stuck off the road edge on Hogarth Road in Green Cove Springs.

1/10 a damaged window resulted in miscellaneous personal and electronic items to be stolen from a vehicle, which was parked on Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park.

1/08 an unlocked vehicle was ransacked and miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen while parked at the Orange Park Mall.

1/06 miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle at a residence on Royal Pines Drive inside Eagle Landing in Oakleaf Plantation.

**Criminal Mischief**

1/11 several concrete barricades and a telemetry pole were damaged at a well testing site located at Sungarden Road and State Road 17S.

1/09 cosmetic paint damage and all four tires were flattened on an unlocked vehicle parked at a residence on Campo Drive in Keystone Heights.

1/09 a tire was damaged on a vehicle parked at the Orange Park Mall.

1/09 a front window was damaged at an apartment on Spencer Road in Middleburg.

1/06 tires were flattened on a vehicle at a home on Summer Springs Drive in Middleburg.

1/06 traffic regulation signs were defaced on Wood Stork Trail inside the Spencer Plantation community in Argyle.

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# Calendar

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**ARBOR DAY:** Jan. 15 at 1 p.m., the City of Green Cove Springs, the Garden Club of Green Cove Springs and VFW Post No. 1988 celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree at the south end of the VFW building at 421 S. Orange Ave. honoring the service of those who fought in the Persian Gulf War that began Jan. 16, 1991.

**TREE PLANTINGS:** The Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District Board will plant magnolia trees on Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. at W.E. Cherry Elementary School and 1 p.m. at Orange Park Junior High. Two trees will be planted at each school. Wes Taylor, (904) 635-5869.

**FOOD DRIVE:** The Middleburg Black Creek Lions Club will be hosting food drives for local food banks on Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Winn Dixie on Henley Road in Lake Asbury and the Winn Dixie in Middleburg. Hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**TRAVELING ART EXHIBIT:** The Faces of HIV, a Florida Department of Health public mobile art exhibit depicting the lives of Florida residents living with HIV and AIDS through portraits, video interviews and journal writing. Jan. 17 from 8 a.m.-noon, St. James AME Church, 1324 Kingsley Blvd., Orange Park.

**REVENUE WORKSHOPS:** The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a Workshop on Revenues on Jan. 19 from 5-8 p.m. and a Workshop on Priorities on Jan. 21 from 5-8 p.m. Both Workshops will be held in the Tax Collector's Meeting Room on the first floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Meets Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. in the BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

**HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY:** Meets Jan. 20 at 9 a.m. in the County Commission

meeting room, 4th Floor, County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. Open to the public.

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** The Clay Co. Development Authority holds committee meetings on Jan. 20 at the Clay Chamber of Commerce board room, 1734 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park. IRB, Project & Organization Financing Committee at 2 p.m., Organization Development and Marketing Committee at 3 p.m., Policy Committee at 4 p.m. Open to the public.

**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:** MOAA N.E. Fl. Chapter 18 will swear in new officers at its Jan. 20 luncheon at 11 a.m. at the NAS Jacksonville Officers' Club. The Installing Officer will be Col. Brian D. Anderson, USAF (Ret.), Col. Anderson is with the National MOAA's Career Transition Services and is the deputy director of the Council and Chapter Affairs Department. Lunch is breast of chicken with supreme

sauce or roast pork tenderloin. \$14 per plate. Required RSVPs, Dick Chadwell, (904) 264-5589 no later than Jan. 13.



**SPECIAL MAGISTRATE HEARING:** Clay County Code Enforcement will hold a Special Magistrate hearing Jan. 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The public can attend.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Gayward Hendry will share a presentation about Robert Morris, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m., Penney Farms Historical Society, Penney Farms Town Hall, 4100 Clark Ave. Everyone is welcome. Info, (904) 529-9078.

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**BINGO FUNDRAISER:** To benefit the Youth Ministry at St. Luke Catholic Church, 1606 Blanding Blvd., Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in the church parish hall. Includes food, refreshments and

Bingo Fun. All proceeds support activities for the group including mission trips, retreats and service projects. Info, (904) 282-0439 or [cym@stlukesparish.org](mailto:cym@stlukesparish.org).

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS:** Clay County Board of Commissioners hosts a quarterly luncheon meeting with Clay County Constitutional Officers Jan. 26 from noon-1:30 p.m. in the Tax Collector's Meeting Room on the first floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. Open to the



public.

**FUN WITH FLOWERS:** A Garden Club of Fleming Island educational workshop open to the public that will feature simple flower arranging demonstrations on Jan. 27 from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the Fleming Island Public Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Free; No Registration Required.

**POKER TOURNAMENT:** The Fleming Island Lions Club hosts a poker tournament, Jan. 28 beginning with dinner at 6 p.m. and tourney at 7 p.m. at BestBet on Park Avenue. Proceeds benefit Quigley House and The Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs. Tim Rust, (904) 710-8909 or Bill Evenson, (904) 504-0180 for questions or register at [flemingislandlionsclub.org](http://flemingislandlionsclub.org).

**YESTERDAYS FESTIVAL:** Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park hosts this festival Jan. 30 from, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the park off State Road 21. Free festival admission with \$5 per vehicle parking fee up to eight passengers. Food, entertainment, wildlife displays, 1800s-era demonstrations, family-friendly fun. (352) 473-4701.

**CAR SHOW:** To benefit Special Olympics Clay County, Jan. 30 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Clay County Fairgrounds, 2497 State Rd. 16 West, Green Cove Springs. Pre-registration is \$25 per

car; \$30 day of show; Bring 3 cars, 4th is Free! Craft vendors, live music, food & drinks, kids games, silent auction. Greg DuCharme, (904) 233-5979.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Meets Feb. 2 at 7 p.m., Board of County Commissioners meeting room, Fourth Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. Open to the public.

**FREE CONCERT:** Jacksonville Harmony Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adeline's International promoting women's four-part harmony, performs Feb. 3 at 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Free; Sponsored by Fleming Island Friends of the Library.

**GARDEN CLUB:** Michael Barwald of The Flying Dragon Citrus Nursery will be the guest speaker at the Feb. 5 Middleburg Garden Club at 9:30 a.m. at Watson Realty Building 2239 Blanding Blvd. in Middleburg. Everyone is invited. Info, Connie at (904) 282-4268 and visit us on Facebook for garden related articles.

**BOOK SALE:** Friends of Orange Park Library hosts a Book Lovers sale Feb. 11 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for members only, 1-7 p.m. for the public. Feb. 12 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Feb. 13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Conference Room A, Orange Park Library, 2054 Plainfield Ave. Proceeds benefit the Orange Park Library.

**VOLUNTEERING CLASS:** Learn about the numerous volunteering opportunities at Haven Hospice on Feb. 19 from 2-3 p.m., Haven Hospice, 8301 Cypress Plaza Dr., Suite #119, Jacksonville. Info, Carol Waters (904) 733-9818 or apply online [HavenHospice.org/volunteer](http://HavenHospice.org/volunteer).

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** March 24 at 11 a.m. at the Golf Club at Fleming Island Plantation, the Third Annual Haven Hospice Golf Tournament benefits unreimbursed programs and services for patients and families in the Clay County area. Single player registration is \$100. Info, Lauren Ferguson, (904) 465-7208.



# Council

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Qualifying – the period in which candidates declare they are running for an elected office – for this year's city council election runs from Feb. 1-5 with election day being April 12. Council Member Mitch Timberlake, who offered Kelley's nomination, described Kelley as a long-term resident of the city who would be an asset to the council.

"I think most of the council members know him," Timberlake said. "I think he'll be a really strong addition to the council and bring another set of ideas that will benefit the city of Green Cove [Springs]."

After an almost 20-minute discussion on the issue, council members voted 3-1 to appoint Kelley with Council Member Felicia Hampshire casting a no vote. How-

ever, Hampshire said her vote was not personal. Hampshire kicked off the discussion by offering the nomination of Constance Butler, a licensed practical nurse at the Clay County Health Department and city resident, as Braly's replacement. She cited Butler's community involvement in the arts, women's organization and her church to characterize Butler's local involvement.

Hampshire read a prepared statement from Butler citing her desire to serve on council: "Her interests – 'to see that our community remains a family atmosphere, to see that the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center become whole once again with functional activities within the city and correlate a plan to involve more people to be concerned about our city, strengthen and support our local businesses,' and those were just a few things," Hampshire said.

Hampshire said Butler may also be interested in running for the council seat.

Meanwhile, Council Member Pam Lewis nominated Magnolia West resident Pasquale Wojciechowski whom she described as "nice, honest and enthusiastic." "I think we have three very fine, honest candidates," Lewis said. "I think that's a compliment."

It shows there are people who'd really like to bring our city forward."

Part of the council discussion involved when to officially seat Kelley, so they voted to swear him in as the last item of business before adjourning. In accepting the appointment, Kelley said he was honored and thankful to be considered.

"I do appreciate you guys – ever since we started to put businesses here and I brought the kids and everybody down here, it's been my goal to wind up here eventually and I feel like now's finally the time and I've been considering this for quite some time and I planned on running anyhow in the spring, so this kind of gives me a pretty

good opportunity to get in and get my feet wet and hopefully contribute," Kelley said.

A three year member and current chairman of the city's Planning and Zoning Board, Kelley also announced for the record his resignation from that position as he accepted the nomination. Council will elect a vice mayor from among the council at its Jan. 26 meeting.

## In other business:

Council appointed a Citizens Advisory Task Force to serve and provide input as part of the city's application process for a Community Development Block Grant. Under federal guidelines, the task force must be comprised of city residents who meet certain income levels described as low-to-moderate to be considered. Council appointed Martha Sims, John Reese, Lloyd Haight, Jennifer Baily and Lori Witham to the task force.

# Pickle

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Megan Casson oversaw the sport’s humble beginnings. She said it caught on first with the seniors because it is low-impact but still action-packed and interactive.

“It really exploded down in The Villages. It got popular at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, and then a little later two guys put a net up in the gym here and started playing. Ever since then it’s caught on, now we have as many as three courts set up during the week,” she said.

Barbara Martin, Barco-Newton mem-

ber experience maker, helped get the program started. She said she’s seen an awesome response from members and the Clay area in general.

“It’s a really welcoming and friendly environment, people want to learn how to play and everyone wants to help you learn,” Martin said.

The overwhelming spike in popularity has Clay County Parks & Recreation Manager Jeff Boyer trying to add to the five parks that already have pickleball courts.

“All future renovations and repainting projects for tennis courts will include pickleball lines,” he said.

So how is it played? It is a cross between tennis with a half-size court and badminton with a low net, played with

pingpong paddles. Players can only win points on their serve, and play to eleven. It involves a lot of strategy, especially in doubles, trying to cover the entire court with a partner. Most of the game is played close to the net and in the air.

“It’s invigorating and exciting to play with other people,” said Edith Hardee.

As for the name, there are a few theories on the USA Pickleball Association website. According to Joel Pritchard’s wife Joan, she started calling the game pickleball because “the combination of different sports reminded me of the pickle boat in crew where oarsmen were chosen from the leftovers of other boats.”

In the game’s beginnings, it didn’t have an official name. A year or two after the

game was invented, the Pritchards got a cocker spaniel and named it Pickles. As the game progressed, an official name was needed and “pickleball” was it, presumably because Pickles the dog would run off with the ball when they were playing in the backyard.

The Barco-Newton Y offers a clinic for beginners on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The courts are set up on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The YMCA provides all the equipment and guest passes for people who want to learn how to play.

And Fletcher Turner can attest the sport offers more than just exercise. “It’s a great community. People form friendships from it,” he said.



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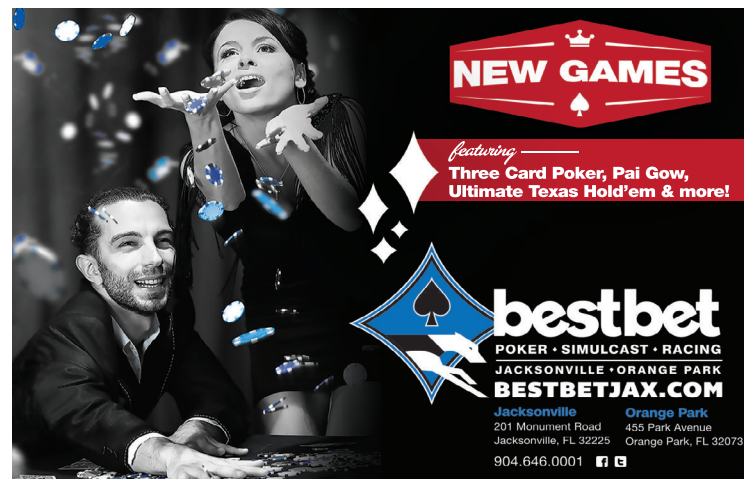
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## Hoopsters fall in district showdowns

### Raiders go toe-to-toe with unbeaten Wolfson

By Doug Deters  
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK – Orange Park Raiders head basketball coach Derek Kurnitsky was looking for the “it” moment for his team. He hopes the Jan. 8 close loss to the unbeaten Wolfson Wolfpack turns into that “it” moment and sparks his team to a state playoff run and a third opportunity to play the Wolfpack again in the post season district tournament.

The Raiders, who lost earlier in the year to Wolfson by 30 points found themselves within two points entering the final quarter but couldn't hold off the Wolfpack in a 66-53 district 4-5A loss Friday night at Orange Park High School. Wolfson rockets to 25-0, 10-0 while Orange Park falls to 8-8, 4-3 in district play. Orange Park would go one game up on Baker County (2-4) in district play with a 60-42 win Saturday night at Baker County High School. Wolfson would win a non-district game 66-53 over East Ridge High on Saturday as well.

"Our mindset and mentality was great tonight and we are playing better team basketball" said Kurnitsky, who maintains second place in district 3-6A with Wolfson on top. "We are trying to build a winning mentality here and although we have only been here 18 months there is a lot of growth. We would love to have a third opportunity to play this team again."

#### District 4-5A lineup

**Wolfson** 25-0, 10-0  
**Orange Park** 8-8, 4-2  
**Baker County** 6-10, 2-3  
**Westside** 4-13, 2-5  
**Ridgeview** 6-13, 0-7

The Raiders opened the game in their typical active zone and forced Wolfson to take long range shots in the first quarter as nine of Wolfson's first 10 points would be behind the three point arch. Orange Park's Darrell Vann had eight first quarter points to keep the Raiders close. Wolfson would hold a 16-12 lead after one quarter



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Orange Park High center Jamarcus Richardson battles hard for a shot against Wolfson in the Raiders' district 4-5A thriller Jan. 8 at the Raider Dome.

"We are trying to build a winning mentality here and although we have only been here 18 months there is a lot of growth. We would love to have a third opportunity to play this team again."

– Orange Park Raiders head basketball coach Derek Kurnitsky

### Knights' comeback falls short

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ST. JOHNS, Fla. – With the district 4-7A tournament slowly creeping into the schedule of area basketball teams, Oakleaf High had battled back to a 54-54 tie with less than five minutes to go before stalling and falling 64-57 Jan. 8 at Creekside High.

Creekside takes over the top spot in district 4-7A with their 14-4, 5-1 season record with Bartram Trail and Oakleaf both locked at 3-2 in district play. Oakleaf, with an earlier season win over Creekside, has Bartram Trail on Tues., Jan. 12 with Fleming Island coming to Oakleaf on Fri., Jan. 15 to complete their district slate.

"We have been starting slowly in our last couple of games with bad first quarters and third quarters putting us behind and making us fight to get back," said Oakleaf High coach Jason Price, prior to the Creekside game. "We have our two lead shooters; Jonathan Bryant and Nassir Little, out there, but we need our three seniors; Deshaun Sherwood, Brandon Aponte and Christian Larson to step up and take some pressure off. It happens in spurts, but good teams can weather the spurts on us."

#### District 4-7A

**Creekside** 14-4, 5-1  
**Bartram Trail** 9-7, 3-2  
**Oakleaf** 8-6, 3-2  
**Buchholz** 6-8, 2-4  
**Fleming Island** 6-14, 0-4

Oakleaf returned to their regular season schedule after a torrid holiday tournament schedule that featured matchups with 5A-Hallandale (11-2) of Miami (80-71 loss), 6A-Northwestern of Miami (71-50 win), 4A-Bradford (50-38 win) and their annual sojourn to Orlando's Amway Arena to face undefeated (16-0) Class 7A power Melbourne (68-61 loss).

"Melbourne is the defending champs and still undefeated and we played them tough with some guys missing," said Price. "I have to believe that on any given night, we can play with any team in Florida."

# Fleming Island rolling into deep region run



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Oakleaf High senior Sam Henderson orchestrates from his midfielder position the outside speed of the Knights attack. Key game of season was 2-2 tie with Fleming Island.

## Oakleaf on upset mission

### District 4-4A

*District tournament at Nease, Jan. 18-22.*

**2015:** 4-4A-Ocala Forest (now 5A) champs, East Ridge runners-up; Fleming Island 3-4A champs, Atlantic Coast (now 3-4A) runners-up. FIHS and ACHS both lost to Ocala Forest in region play.

**2014:** 3-4A Fleming Island champions, Atlantic Coast runner-up, Fleming Island finishes as 4A state runner-up to Melbourne.

**2013:** 3-4A Fleming Island champions, Ridgeview runners-up. Fleming Island lost to Forest in region semifinal 1-0.

**2012:** 3-4A Fleming Island champions; Ridgeview runners-up. Fleming Island wins state title 2-1 (2))OT over Seminole.

**2011:** 4-5A Fleming Island champions; Buchholz runners-up. Fleming Island loses in state semifinal to St. Thomas Aquinas, eventual champions.

Fleming Island has had region appearances back to 2004 with a 2012 state title (4A), a state runner-up (2014) and Final Four losses (2011, 2008).

### Fleming Island 13-0-2, 5-0-1 (3-4A champs, lost in region semifinal to Ocala Forest)

**Outlook:** The Golden Eagles, with ties to 5A-Mandarin and 4-4A's Oakleaf, had a shot to take on the other unbeaten team in the area with 3A-Ponte Vedra 15-0 originally set for Wed., Jan. 6, but weather knocked out the showdown of titans. Coach Frank Pontore does not shy away from a good scrap and Bolles came to town Fri., Jan 8 (FIHS won 4-0) with key region powers Tallahassee Chiles (2-4A, 12-6-3, 4A defending state champs) visiting January 13 and district 3-4A's Fletcher



Fleming Island's Alex Cruz adds an element of speed to an already fast Golden Eagle attack.

(3-4A, 12-2-3) the season finale on January 15.

Fleming Island has a cannon full of big-shooters in J.B. Alvarez, Hakeem Reid and Mark Suhrer who mix and match to perfection with Pontore making the reads and adjustments from the sideline. At goalie, Jurian Edelenbos is a rock and is a loud quarterback setting up defenses and pushing forward the Golden Eagles' offense.

Against Oakleaf, the Knights' scored off second half penalty kicks deep in Fleming Island territory before the Golden Eagles retooled their attack and pushed in for the tie off a flurry that earned three corner kicks. Suhrer nearly iced the game in the final minute, but the shot hit the post.

The Oakleaf rivalry is good in all sports and this could be the championship game.

### Oakleaf 9-1-5, 4-0-2

**Outlook:** Oakleaf's lone loss was to 3-4A's Atlantic Coast (14-2) in a cold, rainy setting that was followed by a 3-3 tie to 5A-Flagler (9-7-3) in a Christmas tournament.

That being said, and as mentioned before, the Knights' speed, behind striker Manny Perez in the middle with his eight goals, is the key. Perez started the season a tad late having traveled to South American to play in the first two weeks. The Knights had some moments behind offensive leadership from lead scorer Sam Henderson with 17 goals and Andrew Henderson adding 12. Scrappy defense comes from Gio Abreu who got the ball downfield often in the Atlantic Coast game but the Stingray goalie hit some quality saves to squelch the Knights' attack late in the game.

"Sam is leader of the team that finds himself in the right spot at the right time to make things happen for the team," said Oakleaf coach Carlos Celis. "On defense, Edgui Serrano has the speed to compete with many of the top forwards while Kyle McDaid creates many opportunities. Gio is the passer of the team and he distributes with precision."

Oakleaf falls into the category of young program needing to learn to win big games. Fleming Island was as big a game test for the season and Oakleaf had to hold off a late Golden Eagle rush at the end. Celis has to get early goals then keep the goal box clear to get past teams like Fleming Island and, further, down Fletcher or Atlantic Coast.

"We should face Fleming Island at

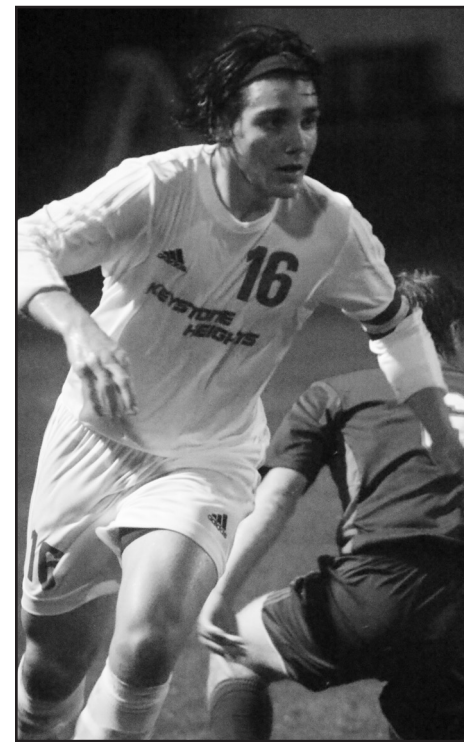


Orange Park senior Thomas Rankin is lead goal scorer for scrappy Raiders attack.

the district's final, which after the 2-2 tie, should give us the confidence that we can compete against them, but first we have to face Nease," said Celis. "Atlantic Coast

caught us sleeping in the first 17 minutes. We learned a lot from that."

### Nease 10-5-4, 5-1-2



Keystone Heights senior Karl Dionisi moved into center field and has been an assist leader for Indians' attack.

### (2007, 2008 4A state champs, state runnerups 2009, 2003 (2A), region appearances back to 1987)

Bartram Trail 4-6-3, 2-3-2 (4-3A runnerup 2015, 2A Final Four 2002)

Creekside 7-9-0, 3-5-0 (Regions 2011, 2013)

St. Augustine 3-8-0, 1-5-0 (last region 2007)

Middleburg 0-10-0, 0-6-0 (last region 2007, 4A runnerup 2006, 3A Final Four 1984)

### District 4-3A

*District Tournament at Orange Park, Jan 18-22*

**Outlook:** Ponte Vedra is clearly the target with Matanzas top draw for number two with Ridgeview coach Paul Tomaro having district success in the past against Fleming Island in 4A. Tomaro pushed Orange Park into regions from 2004-2009 before taking over Ridgeview. Orange Park is always scrappy and plays tough in tough games. Coach Wale Leyimu can get the Raiders into big games, it's up to the players to grab the win. Clay's program has improved immensely with new personnel and could be higher in the standings in the next few years.

**Ponte Vedra 15-0-0, 5-0-0 (3A state champs 2013) regions since 2010 with finals losses 4A-2011, 3A-2012, 3A-2014).**

**Matanzas 10-1-0, 5-1-0 (Two region appearances; 4A semifinals, 3A finals)**

# McColl, Allen top finishers at Resolution 10K

FIHS Martocci second in 5K

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – Middleburg resident John McColl said he had been working a lot and trying to keep in race shape.

McColl may have been sandbagging his opponents as the 33-year-old took top Clay County finisher with a 38 minute, 53 second effort for the Florida Striders' annual Resolution Run 10K Jan. 9 in Orange Park.

McColl, 32, finished second in his age group behind Atlantic Beach's Robert Walker who surged in at 38:07.

The overall winner was Jacksonville's Matthew Devillers, 27, who ran a strong 34:55 to outrun Justin Jacobs, 32, a Jacksonville resident and Orange Park High graduate. Jacobs recently finished third overall at the 2016 Jacksonville Bank Marathon held Jan. 3.

For the women, Fleming Island grand master runner Shelly Allen, 52, took top female finisher from Clay County with a 45:08 effort that topped the grand master's roster by nearly a minute.

The overall women's winner was Jacksonville veteran Michelle Krueger, 40, who won in 39:16.

Master's champions were Neil Chandler, 43, and Regina Sooeey, 44, both of Jacksonville. Bill Phillips, 61, of St. Augustine, was grand master's champion with Allen.

In the adjoining 5K run, Robert Vojnovski, 26, of Jacksonville, edged out Fleming Island High cross country runner Sam Martocci, 16, with his 17:46 split topping Martocci's 18:32 time.

For the women, K.J. King, 20, of Jack-



Fleming Island grand master champion Shelly Allen finished in 45:08 to take crown.



Tiny Allie Knotts surveys the final turn of the Resolution Run 5K Saturday in Orange Park.



Fleming Island's Tyler Howell, No. 184, grimaces on final turn of Resolution Run 5K.



Resolution Run water guys Cole Springer, front, and Austin Szala hand off a cup of water to running pal Fisher Hamilton at five mile mark of Resolution Run 10K race on Saturday.



Middleburg's Alden Estep gives thumbs up after nearing finish line of 5K race.

sonville, beat out Maggie Hovda, 36, of Fleming Island, in 50:06; Matthew Stratton, 11, of Orange Park, in 41:40; Ben Hathaway, 16, of Green Cove Springs, in 39:43 and Robert Wood, 49, of Orange Park, in 41:10.

Master's titles went to Elena Davis, 45, of Middleburg, in 21:47 with Bill Beaumont, 59, of Jacksonville, winning the men's title in 19:59. Michael French, 58, of Orange Park, and Diane Jacobs, 61, of Orange Park, won the 5K grand master's titles.

Area age group winners for the 10K were, for the men, Caden Swartz, 8, of Fleming Island, in 58:58; Garrett Sheets,

10, of Fleming Island, in 50:06; Matthew Stratton, 11, of Orange Park, in 41:40; Ben Hathaway, 16, of Green Cove Springs, in 39:43 and Robert Wood, 49, of Orange Park, in 41:10.

For the women, 10K age group winners were Rebecca Stratton, 8, of Orange Park, in 57:03; Sophia Versage, 9, of Orange Park, in 1:01:20; Grace Adams, 11, of Fleming Island, in 55:14; Jessica Jewell, 34, of Orange Park, in 45:28 and Lisa Adams, 41, of Fleming Island, in 46:21.

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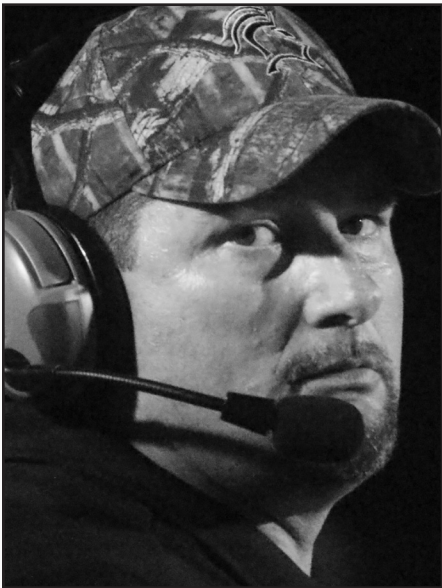
# Chipoletti steps down

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF – Citing a desire to work in the private sector, Oakleaf High head football coach Derek Chipoletti abruptly announced that he would be stepping down. Chipoletti is the fourth Clay County high school coach to vacate recently with Fleming Island’s Frank Hall, Orange Park’s Craig Nosse and Ridgeview’s Charlie Libretto all leaving the football sidelines.

“I have an opportunity to do something in the private sector that will be better for my family,” said Chipoletti. “I can honestly say I will miss football like crazy and I am not totally discounting returning in the future at some level.”

Chipoletti, who was at Fleming Island High School with his dad, Neal, from the opening day, returned to Clay County



four years ago to guide Oakleaf to seasons of 6-4, 4-6, 12-1 and 8-2 with a first district title, unbeaten regular season and region finals berth in 2014.

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## Orange Park

Name	Age	Time	Place
Joi Troutt	38	3:51:33	38th
Joel Troutt	39	3:59:25	178th
Nathaniel Wenz	30,	4:43:34	425th
Brian Woodford	38,	5:05:52	722nd
Larae Baker	4	5:35:0	579th
Tarin Araujo	38	6:08:49	995th
Michelle Daege	49	6:09:12	596th
Richard Daege	48	6:09:12	917th
Renee Araujo	46	6:51:46	875th
Micki Woodford	40	6:53:56	1284th
Chrys Zaragosa	34	6:55:35	1388th
Denise Graham	54,	6:55:37	635th
Febus-Traphagen	21	7:00:29	861st
A. Traphagen	50	7:06:35	679th

## Fleming Island

Millie Thrasher	44	3:59:24	33rd
Vanessa Lain	42	4:04:06	41st
Tim Laderach	25	4:16:18	148th
David Pizarro	36	4:20:14	311th
Tracy Pfuntner	49	4:28:13	63rd
Jessica Japzon	29	4:31:20	221st
Jacqui Kroggel	35	4:37:30	221st
Christine Duhon	49,	4:56:15	153rd
Kristina French	40	5:14:58	398th
Kendall Perkins	20	5:28:15	348th
Chiqui Hartman	52	5:48:57	323rd
Steph O’Cain	40	5:50:36	723rd
Jade Pizarro	36	6:00:34	911th
Derek Bintz	35	6:03:42	1185th
Kim Schaefer	49	6:10:26	606th
Jodi Major	48	6:10:28	609th
Caroline Smith	22	6:34:20,	728th
Cynthia Baker,	41	6:59:233,	1323rd
Autumn Ziegler,	35	7:32:11	1697th
Charlie Taliaferro,	41	7:37:09	1579th
Adam Reed,	36	7:54:25	1633rd

## Green Cove Springs

Deanna Foreman	44	5:03:38	324th
T.J. Mahan	37	5:43:22	1022nd
Brit Ledbetter	26	5:45:43	796th
Anne Hodges	45	5:48:57	462nd
David Hodges	40	5:56:49	1136th
Gina Williams	38	5:59:23	897th
Nancy Harvey	53	6:48:31	604th

## Middleburg

Wanda Irizarry	47	6:23:32	697th
James Gray	52	6:55:36	846th

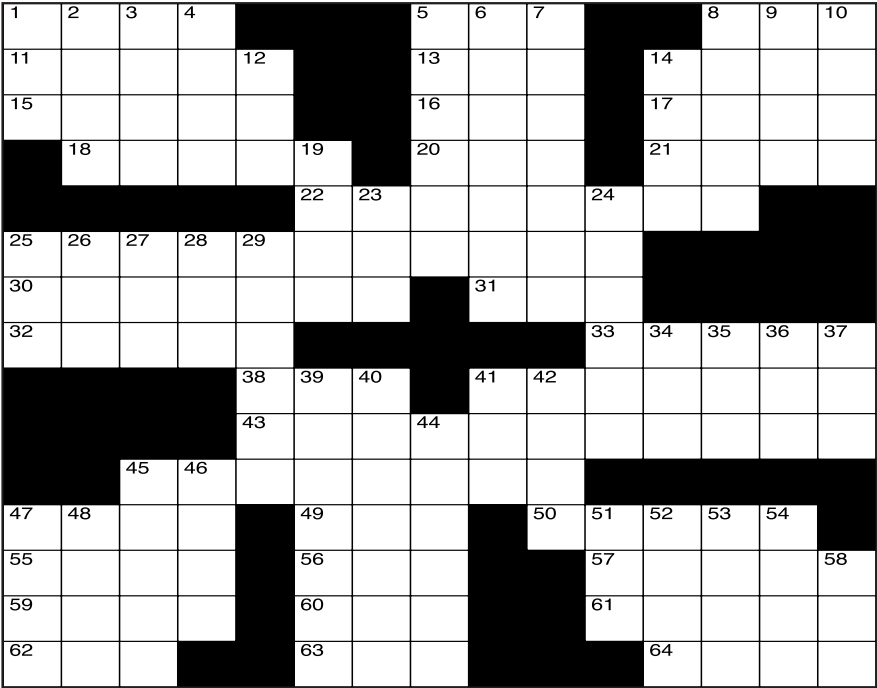


Chiqui Hartman



Millie Thrasher

# Weekly Crossword



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Women (French)
- 5. Hyrax
- 8. Distress signal
- 11. Trade
- 13. Large northern deer
- 14. The 3 Wise Men
- 15. Marten of N Asian forests
- 16. Hoover’s agency
- 17. Received an A
- 18. 2nd Islamic month
- 20. Light brown
- 21. Clarified butter used in Indian cookery
- 22. Frankness
- 25. Argentina’s capital
- 30. Citizen of Kenya or Zimbabwe
- 31. Noah’s boat
- 32. Family of languages in So. Africa
- 33. Inappropriate
- 38. Scientific workplace
- 41. Hungriness
- 43. Say to talk about an annoying topic
- 45. Sing and play for somebody
- 47. Strike buster
- 49. A citizen of Thailand
- 50. Civil Rights group

- 55. Honest Company’s Jessica
- 56. ‘\_\_\_ death do us part
- 57. Malarias
- 59. Claim against another’s property
- 60. Mined metal-bearing mineral
- 61. Dashery
- 62. Capacity unit
- 63. Primary color
- 64. Indian dress

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Manuscripts (abbr.)
- 2. Netherlands river
- 3. Italian island
- 4. One’s own being
- 5. More adroit
- 6. Balkan country
- 7. Psychologist B.F.
- 8. Investment group Goldman
- 9. Double curve
- 10. The plane of a figure
- 12. Ocean
- 14. Public presses
- 19. Civil Rights activist Parks
- 23. Cooking container
- 24. Arctic native
- 25. Founder of Babism

- 26. Bashkortostan capital
- 27. Bulky grayish-brown eagle
- 28. Louise egg
- 29. About sight
- 34. \_\_\_/Tuck: TV drama
- 35. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 36. Chest muscle (slang)
- 37. Expression of disappointment
- 39. One who assists
- 40. Antilles island
- 41. Served food
- 42. Egyptian Sun god
- 44. Performed successfully
- 45. Cavalry-sword
- 46. Abba \_\_\_, Israeli politician
- 47. Jonas \_\_\_, cured polio
- 48. The Muse of history
- 51. Express pleasure
- 52. Turkish leader titles
- 53. Castro country
- 54. Nobleman
- 58. \_\_\_ Lanka

# Soccer

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**Ridgeview 5-6-1, 4-4-0**  
*(Regions 2000-2013, last two with Tomaro)*

**Outlook:** Panther coach Paul Tomaro seems to be the only guy that has had the ability to get to the big matchup; several against Fleming Island in the past two years, several with Orange Park years ago, but the target will more be Matanzas for number two then unbeaten Ponte Veda for number one. The Panthers this year have some seasoned veterans at the front and may figure out how to pace through the districts to be proficient in the region openers. Ridgeview got their shot at Ponte Veda on Thurs., Jan. 7 and lost an 8-0 decision with games with Orange Park and Clay remaining in district play though unable to move up in the district lineup.

**Menendez 6-5-2, 5-3-0**

Orange Park 2-9-1, 1-4-0 (Four regionals 2001-2008 (Tomaro 2004-2009)(Regions 1983-2009, 4A state champs (Pontore) 2001, state runnerups 1988 (Bob Cozart), 1996 (Udo Radloff), Final Four 1992 (Mike Ruff), 2002 (Pontore))

**Outlook:** Raiders have two big legs in Thomas Rankin (10 goals) and Matt Clark with Drew Bartley (8 goals) a good attack-man on the sidelines.  
"Thomas Rankin is our key player with his wicked left foot," said Raider coach Ayomid Leyimu, "Matt Clark has the engine and gets up and down the field quickly."  
This gives Leyimu a shot to control a game from the middle.

The sidelines are patrolled by Cody Wolfenbarger and Milan White, both capable and with enough speed to slow down opposing attackers.  
"Milan, just a sophomore, is our fastest player and can play anywhere up and down the left side of the field," said Leyimu. "Clark is our best defender one on one because he's annoying meaning he gives attackers no rest or time to set up an



Oakleaf High outside midfielder has speed and vertical to get ball downfield quickly and in the opposing team net as Knights prepare to be playoff player in upcoming district tournament.

offense."  
Orange Park has history for the playoffs, yet just seem to clog up with near misses. They could be the surprise of the district.

**Palatka 6-11-0, 1-6-0**  
*(No region appearances)*  
**Clay 3-8-1, 1-6-0 (Regions back to 1997, last 2009)**

**Outlook:** Clay pushed their troubled program to respectable this season with some new faces in the coach box. The Blue Devils have always been rugged with a handful of soccer-skilled players. Give the team some time and they will return to playoff prospects.

**District 5-2A**  
***District Tournament at Crescent City, Jan 18-22***  
**2015:** Eastside champions (now 3A), Keystone Heights runnerups  
**2014:** Eastside champions (now 3A), Keystone Heights runnerups  
**2013:** Santa Fe champions, Keystone Heights runnerups  
**2012:** Santa Fe champions, P.K. Yonge

runnerups  
**2011:** Crescent City champions (4-3A, no 2A), Keystone Heights runnerups (4-3A)

**Crescent City 14-4-0, 11-0**  
*(Last region 2013)*  
Keystone Heights 13-5-0, 10-2-0 (Regions back to 2000, region semifinals 2014)  
Outlook: Keystone Heights is the top drawer as it pertains to playoff experience, but Crescent City is a local rivalry that had given headaches to Indians coach Trevor Waters. Waters has battled in recent years with now-3A Gainesville Eastside with Crescent City unseating the Indians in 2011 in district 4-3A.  
"Let's get by Fort White and, more than likely Santa Fe in our second game, then we worry about Crescent City in the final," said Waters.

The Indians haven't figured out Crescent City in regular season play with two losses; 1-0 and 3-1, both early in the season.  
"We've been rolling since the holiday break," said Waters. "I think the seniors are tired of second places."  
Keystone Heights, with freshman goalie Caleb Cushman and defender Ray Trimble up front, rattled off a string of six shutouts in the last seven games and Waters says

the team is now as strong as ever with the right people in the right position.  
"We are forcing the ball forward and not giving teams a chance to get in front of our goal," said Waters. "Ray is tremendous up front."  
Waters has four scorers, all seniors, with 14 goals; Chance Clemons, Endrich Dama, Mark Berendt and Karl Dionisi making the Indians capable of scoring from anywhere on the field.  
"We have been working to get all four guys on the same page so that each one is as dangerous to score," said Waters. "Bradshaw Fuller has added a little bit of a flex position as of late to make our front attack even stronger."  
Dionisi is the primary playmaker with 19 assists from his center mid position.  
"He's the most experienced and we had to coach him into more seeing the whole goal box and finding open guys on the perimeter," said Waters.

**Santa Fe 10-5-3, 7-4-0**  
*(Regions back to 1996, last region 2013)*  
**Newberry 6-8-0, 5-6-0 (Regions back to 1998, last region 2010)**  
Interlachen 3-9-1, 3-7-1 (No region appearances)  
P.K. Yonge 4-10-2, 1-8-2 (Regions back to 1998, last region 2012, Final Fours 2000, 2001, 2005, 2007)  
Fort White 0-16-1, 0-10-1 (Regions back to 2002, last region 2008)

**District 2-1A**  
St. Josephs Academy 9-2-1, 6-0-0  
University Christian 7-5-0, 5-2-0  
St. Johns Country Day School 3-3-4, 3-2-1 (Regions back to 2007. Lost in quarters 2014)  
Outlook: With two shutout losses and two shutout wins, the Spartans are a hot and cold team that can spring on any given night. With the closeness of records, any of the top four teams can vye for the top two finishing spots.

**Christ's Church Academy**  
**5-5-1, 3-3-0**  
Oak Hall 6-5-2, 3-3-2  
Hamilton County 4-11-2, 1-5-1  
St. Francis 1-11-0, 1-7-0



Ridgeview High coach Paul Tomaro is experienced in plenty of district playoffs for both Orange Park and Ridgeview and could be a wild card bet to take a top two spot in district 4-5A.

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# Fleming Island, Clay, Keystone Heights win openers

In girls soccer district tournament openers on Monday, Fleming Island won their district 4-4A opener 10-0 over Middleburg with Nicole Schoenfeld scoring three goals; Clay won an 8-0 district 4-3A opener over Palatka with Brooke Green scoring four goals and Lissy Stoffel netting three; Keystone Heights won 8-0 over Williston in district 5-2A and St. Johns Country Day School advanced on a bye as top seed in district 2-1A. Menendez beat Ridgeview 5-2 in 4-3A play while Bartram Trail beat Oakleaf 5-2 in 4-4A play.

Play continues on Wednesday with semifinals in the area with Fleming Island playing Nease at 5:30pm at Creekside and Creekside playing Bartram Trail in 4-4A. Clay travels to Menendez to play Menendez, an 8-0 winner over Orange Park, while top seed Ponte Vedra plays Matanzas in the 4-3A semifinal. St. Johns travels to Christ's Church Academy for their semifinal against the Hamilton County v. St. Francis winner (Jan. 12).



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Fleming Island's Maryssa Koosman blasts shot on goal in Golden Eagles 10-0 win over Middleburg.



**Left:** Oakleaf defender Micaela French blasts ball out of Knights zone in 5-2 loss to Bartram Trail.

**Right:** Oakleaf had plenty of opportunities for scores with six corner kicks against Bartram Trail.



Oakleaf High junior midfielder Nikki Conte blasts ball past Bartram Trail defenders in first half action of Knights 5-2 4-4A loss to Bartram Trail.



Oakleaf High senior Lindsay Patton scored first goal for Knights but found passing lanes crowded as Bartram Trail won 5-2 to end Oakleaf's season.



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# All State Football

## All State Class 8A

**First Team**  
**Area athletes:** Logan Wright, RB, Sandalwood, Jr.; Tori English, DL, Mandarin, Sr.; Aundre Kearney, LB, Mandarin, Jr.; Sincere Davis, OL, Sandalwood, Jr.

**Second Team**  
**Area Athletes:** Fernando Casanova, UT, Mandarin, Sr.



Ridgeview High senior linebacker Jennings Jackson had 152 tackles in a 10-game season.

**Third Team**  
**Area Athletes:** Brad Jennings, LB, Sandalwood, Jr.; Devinn Waters, DB, Mandarin, Jr.

**Honorable Mention**  
Tyler Greenlee, QB, Mandarin, Sr.; Eli Peters, QB, Sandalwood, Sr.; Philip Benker, WR, Sandalwood, Sr.

## All State Class 7A

**First Team**  
Je'Vionte Nash, Oakleaf OL  
Shaq Quarterman, Oakleaf LB

**Area athletes:** Roger Cray, DB, Columbia, Sr.; Jordan Helm, DB, Bartram Trail, Sr.

**Second Team**  
**Area Athletes:** Latrell Williams, WR, Columbia, Sr.; Dallon Washington, WR, Columbia, Sr.; Demetris Harris, OL, Lee, Jr.; Coby Weiss, K, Buchholz, Jr.; Laquavious Paul, LB, Columbia, Sr.

**Third Team**  
**Area Athletes:** Davin Schuck, RB, Columbia, Jr.; Luke Whittemore, WR, Buchholz, Jr.

## Honorable Mention

Keylan Brown, RB, Oakleaf, Sr.

**Area Athletes:** Jackson White, QB, Buchholz, Sr.; Blake Morgan, RB, Creekside, Sr.; Kevin Stepherson, WR, First Coast, Sr.; Barry Moore, WR, Buchholz, Sr.; AJ Bolden, WR, Bartram Trail, Sr.; Kalen Williams, LB, Lee, Sr.; Jay Wheeler, LB, Buchholz, Jr.



Clay High senior linebacker Jeremy Beaulieu had 148 tackles for the Blue Devils playoff season.

## All State Class 6A

**First Team**  
**Area Athletes:** Jordan Johnson, OL, Ed White, Sr.; Deonte Sheffield, RB, Niceville, Jr.

**Second Team**  
**Area Athletes:** Jahquise Russell, RB, St. Augustine, Jr.; Tyric Reid, LB, Nease, Sr.; Michael Leisle, P, Nease, Jr.

**Third Team**  
**Area Athletes:** Ian Sequi, OL, St. Augustine, Jr.; Bradley Meeks, P, St. Augustine, Sr.

**Honorable Mention**  
Caelan Christian, QB, Gainesville, Sr.; Dock Luckie, WR, Gainesville, Sr.; Nick Kubiet, DL, Matan-



Oakleaf High senior offensive lineman Je'Vionte Nash anchored a young line for the Knights powerful offense.



Keystone Heights senior tailback Ray Trimble ran for nearly 1,700 yards and was also a defensive back for the Indians.

zas, Jr.; Connor Evans, LB, St. Augustine, Sr.

## All State Class 5A

**First Team**  
Bilal Ally, RB, Clay, Sr.

**Area Athletes:** Deshawn Smith, RB, Nature Coast, Sr.; Keith Gavin, WR, Wakulla, Sr.; Trysten Hill, OL, Suwannee, Sr.; Tyler Keegan, OL, Wakulla, Sr.; Cameron Mackey, UT, North Marion, Sr.; Jordan Woods, DL, North Marion, Sr.; Monterious Loggins, LB, Wakulla, Sr.; Elijah Vuckovich, LB, North Marion, Sr.; Jacob Finn, P, Paxon, Sr.

**Second Team**  
Jeremy Bealieu, LB, Clay, Sr.

**Area Athletes:** Feleipe Franks, QB, Wakulla, Sr.; Desean McNair, RB, Ribault, Sr.; Kyle Weaver, OL, Wakulla, Sr.; John Mays, OL, Ribault, Sr.; Sherman James, DL, North Marion, Sr.; Chris Roberts, DL, Yulee, Sr.; Eron Carter, LB, Palatka, Sr.;

**Third Team**  
Jennings Jackson, LB, Ridgeview, Sr.

**Area Athletes:** Freddie Swain, WR, North Marion, Sr.; Connor Robbins, OL, Menendez, Jr.; Leon Huey, LB, Ribault, Jr.; Chris Beverly, DB, Wakulla, So.; Kavin Pressley, DB, Palatka, Sr.

**Honorable Mention**  
Jacob Conrad, OL, Clay, Sr.

**Area Athletes:** Nick Tronti, QB, Ponte Vedra, Jr.; Justin Watkins, RB, North Marion, So.; Demarcus Lindsey, RB, Wakulla, Jr.; Hunter Rhineberger, OL, Nature Coast, Sr.; Ian McLean, OL, Menendez, Sr.; Mike Olak, OL, Westside, Sr.; Amari Dubose, UT, Westside, Sr.

## All State Class 4A

**First Team**  
**Area Athletes:** Ronald Patterson, WR, Raines, Sr.; Cody Mercer, OL, Bolles, Jr.; Jaquan Bailey, DL, Raines, Sr.; Micheal Pinckney, LB, Raines, Sr.; Kyle Johnson, LB, Bolles, Sr.; Caysaun Wakely, LB, Santa Fe, Sr.; Ke'Shan Pennamon, DB, West Nassau, So.; Willie Wright, UT, Raines, Jr.

**Second Team**  
**Area Athletes:** Davion Dubose, RB, West Nassau, Sr.; Alex Rutledge, RB, Raines, Sr.; Zack Crosby, TE, Bolles, Sr.; Jamai Markham, OL, Santa Fe, Sr.; Joshua Bailey, OL, Raines, Sr.; Jake Hall, OL, West Nassau, Jr.; Solomon Kindley, OL, Raines, Sr.; Ron Fairley, DL, Santa Fe, Sr.; Ahman Ross, DB, Bolles, Jr.; Shawn Aaron, UT, Bradford, Sr.



Clay High senior running back Bilal Ally was a record-breaking ball carrier for Blue Devils with a near-record 496 yard effort.

**Honorable Mention**  
Ray Trimble, RB, Keystone Heights, Sr, Rian Prieto, DB, Keystone Heights, Jr.

**Area Athletes:** Augie DeBiase, QB, Raines, Sr.; Mack Jones, QB, Bolles, Jr.; Jordan Jackson, DL, Bolles, Sr.; Joe King, DB, Bolles, Sr.; Erika Clark, K, Bolles, Sr.

## All State Class 3A

**First Team**  
**Area Athletes:** Jamauri Wakefield, RB, Providence, Jr.; Andrew Boselli, OL, Providence, Jr.; Kendrick Norton, OL, Trinity, Sr.; Victory Alexander, LB, Trinity, Sr.; Jeffery Holland, LB, Trinity, Sr.; Kevin Tolliver, DB, Trinity, Sr.; Tyreke Johnson, DB, Trinity, Fr.; Ben Edwards, DB, Trinity, Sr.

**Second Team**  
**Area Athletes:** Jaylen Miller, OL, Providence, Jr.; Kenneth Coleman, DB, Providence, Sr.; Doentai Williams, DB, Trinity, Sr.

**Honorable Mention**  
**Area Athletes:** Daniel Fisher, RB, Episcopal, Sr.; Chris Barr, WR, Trinity, Sr.

# Knights

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we can play with any team in Florida."

Against Creekside, the Knights slow start was very apparent as Creekside rocketed to a 12-1 first quarter lead with Oakleaf scoring their first points with three minutes to go.

Down 12-3 after one quarter, the night did not improve as Creekside kept the throttle up and left the half up 19-8.

Near the six minute mark of the third, Oakleaf started to build some momentum by switching to a half court man press de-



Oakleaf High's Christian Larson tries to pass by Creekside defender on baseline in Knights district 4-7A loss.

fense that seemed to confuse the Creekside backcourt personnel.

A jumper from Bryant started a barrage of Oakleaf points with Littles hitting a jumper, Larson finding guard Kemuel Ramos for a layup and Littles blocking a shot that turned into two free throws as Oakleaf fought to cut the deficit to 25-19. Larson hit a set of free throws with Little following with a jumper to get Oakleaf to 27-23 before Bryant slashed a pass to Littles for



Oakleaf High guard Deonte Sherwood soars for jump shot at top of key with Creekside defenders a step late on defense.

a layup and free throw for a 29-26 score.

In the final 1:35 of the third, a Littles spin move to the basketball and a Bryant hard layup put Oakleaf within a bucket 33-31.

A Bryant jumper tied the game at 33-33 before disaster struck with inopportune turnovers and missed shots as Creekside slowly pulled away behind three buckets from guard Chris Richardson pushed the score to 46-41 to deflate the Oakleaf momentum. Creekside would continue their hot streak to a 53-45 fourth quarter lead.

A Littles dunk and two Larson free throws got Oakleaf to 53-52 before Aponte snuffed a Creekside shot and Bryant broke for a layup and free throw to get the score tied again at 54-54.

Richardson again delivered the death knell for Creekside with a layup plus one pushing Creekside up to a 60-55 lead. Fouls spelled disaster for Oakleaf to the final 64-57 score.



Oakleaf High top scorer Jonathan Bryant got bumped and battered every time he drove through the lane as Creekside bottled up the middle in their 4-7A win.



Oakleaf High guard Andrew Harper gets mauled as he attempts to split two Creekside defenders.



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Oakleaf High forward Brandon Aponte came in as a key sixth man for the Knights and came up with big plays late in the second half.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA  
Orange Park guard Darrell Vann tries to avoid big hands of Wolfson defender in first half action of Raiders district 4-5A loss Friday night in the Raiderdome at Orange Park High School.

# Raiders

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but it was clear both teams looked evenly matched and the Raider Dome had a post season atmosphere in the air. Vann would finish as top scorer for the Raiders with 17 points with team Ty McBride also hitting 17 with two three-pointers. Vann was top scorer against Baker County with 20 points off three three-pointers.

At the Raider Dome, the Wolfpack would look inside and use their size advantage to extend their lead early in the second quarter. Enter 6'6 Junior forward Shannon Glanton. He immediately made an impact with a blocked shot and then diving on the floor for a loose ball. Next Glanton would grab an offensive rebound and find sharpshooter Blake Partin for a three pointer that brought the crowd to their feet.

"I thought Shannon was the key to the game tonight. He got our toughness going and those are characteristics you can't coach. The scary thing is he has only been playing basketball a couple of years" said Kurnitsky.

Glanton would get another offensive rebound two possessions later and find Dar-

rell Vann for another three pointer to give the Raiders a 22-18 lead midway through the second quarter. Orange Park would extend the lead to six points on a Ty McBride layup. However Wolfson would close the final four minutes on a 9-0 run to take a three point halftime lead.

The Wolfpack picked up where they left off to start the third quarter and extended the lead early; mostly off second chance opportunities. The Raiders would settle down and a McBride three pointer with 3:30 left in the quarter would pull Orange Park to within two points at 34-32. Glanton would tie the game ninety seconds later on a (You guessed it) layup after an offensive rebound. McBride would hit another three pointer and suddenly the Raiders had a 37-34 lead and a gymnasium full of momentum. The Wolfpack would respond scoring six points in the final minute of the quarter and cling to a 40-38 lead.

Orange Park would tie the game at 45-45 on a Blake Partin three pointer at the 5:38 mark. Unfortunately for the Raiders, that would be as close as they would come as the Wolfpack would find their groove the final 3:30 and score 26 fourth quarter points to earn a hard fought 66-53 win.

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# County grapplers fill state wrestling ranks

**Class 1A Rankings**  
*(from Scout.com, Jan. 7)*

**Teams**

1. Lake Highland Prep (champs 2015)
2. **Clay (9th 2015, back in district 3-1A)**
3. Cardinal Gibbons (2nd 2015)
4. Arnold (5th 2015)
5. Tampa Prep (3rd 2015)
6. Indian Rocks (8th 2015)
7. Bishop Moore
8. Somerset Academy (7th 2015)
9. Weeki Wachee (20th 2015)
10. American Heritage (Delray) (27th 2015)
11. Florida
12. Key West (13th 2015)
13. Wakulla (12th 2015)
14. Astronaut (22nd 2015)
15. Clewiston (15th 2015)
16. Nature Coast (10th 2015)

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Lake Highland Prep sophomore Ryan Chauvin at number one with Clay freshman Louis Gagliardo sitting at fourth. Arnold freshman Ethan Pickeren was outstanding last year and sits as a region target at six. Episcopal has an eighth grader at nine in Kyle Hopkins with Suwannee junior state qualifier Brandon Trask at 12.

**113**

Clay High junior state qualifier Chris Merring is number two behind region opponent Larry Smith, a Wakulla junior sixth placer last year. Lake Highland Prep's guy is an eighth grader in Noah Castillo at five. Yulee junior state qualifier Dylan Youmans is at nine as a region target with Daniel Porter, a sophomore sixth placer at University Christian, at eight also a regional opponent.

**120**

No Clay guys here. Lake Highland Prep junior state champ at 106 Mason Wohltman is at one with Cardinal Gibbons senior Dom Gibson at two. Arnold's William Pickren, fifth last year, is at four with Max Metcalf of Florida, Jawuan English of Raines and Rolin Malik, a state qualifier of Wakulla, at 12-14.

**126**

Clay senior Dale Browning, at number two, is a veteran of the state meet and must chase Lake Highland Prep sophomore state champ at 113 Joe Silva for the top spot. Below Browning is Tampa Prep freshman third placer Ashton Habel then Key West and Astronaut athletes. In the region, Wakulla junior Johnathan Hunter is 16.

**132**

Clay senior Derek Miller is a three behind Arnold's Richie McClanahan, champ at 126, and Key West senior Caleb Ashe, who lost to McClanahan in semifinals, at 1-2. Miller has two region targets in Max Owen, a Wakulla state qualifier senior at 13 and Delmonte Davis, a Westside junior, at 14.

**138**

Clay junior Julian Summa returns to the lineup



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Clay High 132 pounder Derek Miller, right, and Fleming Island High 132 pounder Xaiver Sampsel are in the top 10 state wide; 1A for Miller, 3A for Sampsel as wrestlers start to ramp up for March's state championship meet in Lakeland.

with a vengeance and has the number two spot behind Miami Pace senior fourth placer Alex Perez. In region play, Bolles senior state qualifier Connor Cronk is at 10 with Suwannee junior state qualifier Tanner Clark at 14.

**145**

Lake Highland junior Jake Brindley, who lost to McClanahan at 126, is ruling at number one with Tampa Prep sophomore state champ Anthony Artalona at two. Clay's Keith Sawdo, transferring from 2A-Middleburg as a state qualifier, is at five with Arnold senior Dylan Tuttle and Wakulla senior state qualifier Hunter Royce the top region targets, at seven and eight. Florida sophomore Jake Richardson is at 11.

**152**

Clay sophomore Connor Green is getting his shot at varsity and, at nine, is making some headway in a strong lineup with Erich Byelick, Lake Highland Prep sophomore state runnerup at 145, at one, and Paul Patterson, Arnold third

place senior, at three. Suwannee junior state qualifier Joseph Borrell is right on Green's tail at 10.

**160**

Lake Highland Prep junior 145 champ Bryce Rogers is tops here with Tampa Prep sophomore Leo Tarantino, who lost to Clay's Adam Breindel in the 152 title match last year, at twol. Cardinal Gibbons sophomore state qualifier Michael Lopuchanski is at three. Wakulla has senior state qualifier Chris Surace at seven with Florida and Suwannee manning eight and nine. Godby senior Cornelius Brown is at 11.

**170**

Lake Highland Prep senior Elijah Cleary is back as state champion and at number one with Gibbons' Julian Georgescu at two. Clay senior Caleb Steinmetz is at five with Bolles' senior state qualifier Michael Surenyan at seven. One other region challenge comes from Episcopal junior Christian Rickey at 10.



Orange Park sophomore Saeid Ejamli is in the top 16 state wide at Class 2A and with teammate Marcus Reid, number one at 120, a training partner, both should figure in their respective weight classes as districts and regions loom in February.

**182**

Indian Rocks senior Connor Allhouse is one, Kevin Ford of Lake Highland Prep, a state qualifier, is two with Cardinal Gibbons junior Christopher Williams at three. That's a strong lineup. Arnold senior state qualifier Brian Girard is top region threat with Yulee, Wakulla and Bolles in bottom five.

**195**

Clay junior fourth placer Kaleb Collins has faced some tough Georgia and Florida opponents in the early part of the season and is a threat at three here. Ryan Thomas of Heritage is one with Satellite senior Christopher Ralson at two. Regional challenges to Collins will be from Florida High junior Cam Brown, a state qualifier.

**220**

Clay High senior Jeremy Beaulieu was a strong presence for the Blue Devils last year and has had a late start after a sterling football season. Beaulieu is at eight with Nature Coast senior state runnerup Anthony Contegiacomo at one ahead of Lake Highland Prep sophomore fifth placer Ben Goldin at two. Episcopal senior Scott Dollison is at three with Arnold senior state qualifier Randy Koscak above Beaulieu at six. Baker County senior Corey Paine is at 14.

**285**

Clay senior state qualifier Roland Samec finished off a great football career for the Blue Devils and wants a medal at state. The giant grappler is at three with a late start with Coral Shores senior state champion Dante Jiovenetta at one and Weeki Wachee senior Dean Brooks, sixth last year, at two. Episcopal senior state qualifier Conor Chepenik is at five with Wakulla sophomore Jacob Marin at nine. Westside has junior Tariz Hoofkin at 16.

**Class 2A Wrestling Ranks**

**Teams**

1. Brandon (2A champions 2015)
2. Riverdale (5th 2015)
3. Tampa Jesuit (4th 2015)
4. Lake Gibson (3rd 2015)
5. Bellevue (27th 2015)
6. Jensen Beach (6th 2015)
7. Pasco
8. Olympic Heights
9. Dixie Hollins (34th 2015)
10. Fort Myers (8th 2015)
21. **Orange Park (26th 2015, District 3-2A)**
24. **Middleburg (17th 2015, District 3-2A)**
- Oakleaf now in 3A (24th in 2015).**
- Ridgeview (67th 2015, District 3-2A)**

**106**

Brandon freshman Trey Lane is number one with Springstead state qualifier Tommy Barker number two. Only area regional wrestlers are Kris Smith of St. Augustine at seven and Nicolas Vugman of Bartram Trail at 16.

**113**

Top of list is James Monos of Riverdale, a 106 runnerup senior defeated by 3A-Fleming Island

# Wrestling

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freshman Deandre Demus at Bill Scott Invite. Area regional wrestlers include Rocky Samples of Matanzas, a senior at eight, and Traevon O'Neil, a senior state qualifier at Gainesville High, at 10.

**120**

Orange Park junior Marcus Reid, sixth last year due to injury, is number one with Belleview junior Kyle Irwin at number two. Area regional challenges will come from Matanzas senior Carter Goodman and Gainesville state qualifier senior Tahj Brennan at 12.

**126**

Middleburg's Dylan Rosetti, a state qualifier that Monos of Riverdale beat at 106 in round two, sits at 12 with tkey players at 1-2 in Kyle Norstrem, a Brandon senior and state champ at 120, at one, and Jacob Conrad, a freshman state runnerup at Tampa Prep now at Jesuit , at two. At three is former Clay High wrestler Andrew Klopman, now at Matanzas and fourth last year at 120, a regional target along with two from Tallahassee; Sean Hendley, a senior at Lincoln at 13 and Logan Mellor, a junior at Chiles, at 14.

**132**

Orange Park sophomore Saeid Ejamli is at 13 with a handful district and region challengers surrounding him including Trevor Belden of Ridgeview at 15. Above Ejamli are Colten Thomas of Fort Myers at one and Konnor Mchale of Jensen Beach at two. Regional targets include Tristen Lucessi, a Nease state qualifier senior at 126, at nine and Darien Tucker, a senior state qualifier at 138 at Ed White, at 10. The 132 class was dominated by seniors last year with four underclassman in the 16 man roster.

**138**

Brandon senior Frank Bruno, state runnerup at 126, is tops at 138 with Hunter Weeks of Riverdale, sixth in 2015, at two. Regional athletes include Tristan Krause, a Matanzas senior, at sefen and Ed White senior Juwan Lee at nine. Creekside senior David Tyer is at 14.

**145**

Tampa Jesuit senior Adam Lewis, state champ at 145, is number one. Regional athlete David Jackson, a Tallahassee Lincoln senior, is 11.

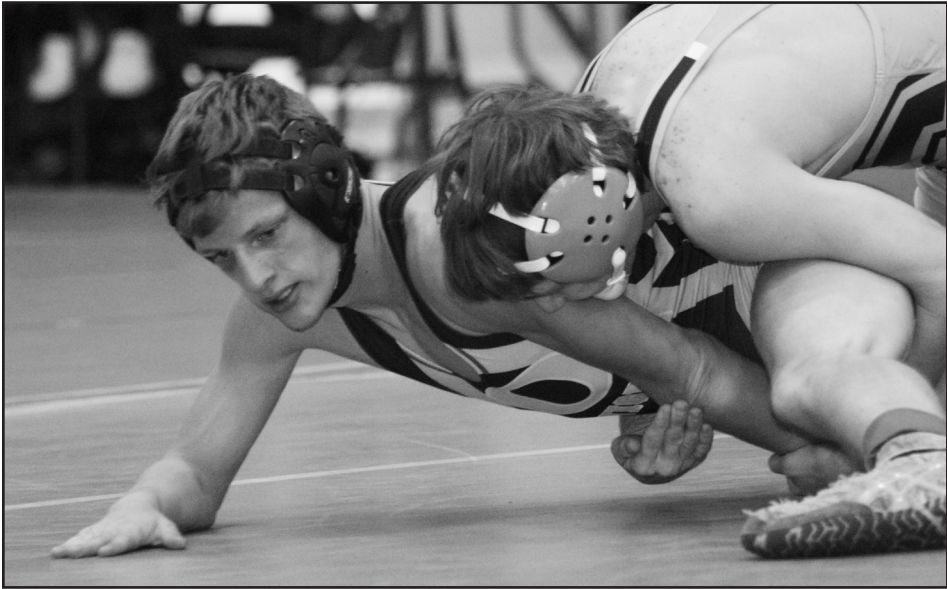
**152**

Tampa Jesuit freshman Julian Ramirez is tops with Tallahassee Leon sophomore Justin Grant at number two. Leon is a regional opponent with Columbia's Austin Chapman, a senior at eight. Matanzas has number 14 with senior Eddy Leon de la Cruz.

**160**

Orange Park junior Natorian Lee, who almost beat Flagler state runnerup Kaz Maia a month ago, is at 15 and relatively off the radar of those above him. Lincoln senior Jaycie Rudd, a state qualifier, sits at four with Creekside sophomore state qualifier Brandon Dickman at seven. Ed White senior Sergio Jordan is 12th.

**170**



Oakleaf High's Vincent Karl, along with big brother Luke, will be two Knights capable of pulling out district titles and region berths for the young Knights squad. Oakleaf moved from Class 2A to the Class 3A ranks with Fleming Island in district 1-3A.

Lauren Kosoy of Olympic Heights is clear number one here with Middleburg senior Jonathan Shoen, sixth last year at 170, offering a challenge at number two. Chiles junior Gavin Hoard is a region target at six with Ridgeview senior Daryn Tucker Brown at 15.

**182**

Brian Buser of Jesuit, a senior runnerup at 170, is number one with five seniors from south Florida behind him. After that, region opponents for area 2A teams include Matanzas senior state qualifier Maverick Dennis at eight, Lincoln senior Isaac Gutierrez at 10 and Creekside senior Willy Lulias at 15.

**195**

Brandon junior Joe Marcano, third at 195, is number one with region challenges from Atyrus McDonald, an Ed White senior state qualifier who lost to Marcano in consolations last year, at seven and Matanzas senior Jordan Castanheira at 12. Leon junior Henry Segura is at 14.

**220**

South Florida has the top four with Creekside senior Gus Fisher at five and Lincoln and Leon at six and seven for region targets.

**285**

Leon senior Gabe Beyer, state runnerup last year, is at the top here with Ed White's Kelton Johnson, a senior, at 10 and Columbia's Marcus Ziegler, a senior, at 11.

**Class 3A Wrestling Ladder (Thur., Jan. 7) (Fleming Island, Oakleaf in Class 3A)**

**Teams**

- 1. South Dade (2015 state champs)
- 2. Southwest Miami (4th 2015)
- 3. Southridge of Miami (6th 2015)
- 4. **Fleming Island (District 1-3A, Region 1-3A, 12th 2015)**
- 5. Osceola-Kissimmee (Region 1-3A, 3rd 2015)
- 6. Flagler Palm Coast (District 1-3A, Region 1-3A, 5th 2015)
- 7. St. Thomas Aquinas (11th 2015)
- 8. Sarasota and Winter Springs (Region 1-3A, 2nd 2015)
- 10. Cypress Bay (34th 2015)

**106**

Top ranked is Malyke Hines, a freshman from Osceola-Kissimmee. Fleming Island sophomore Albie Snedaker is eighth behind South Dade, Southridge of Miami, Killian, Sarasota, Strawberry Crest and Timber Creek. Snedaker would have seen Hines, Elijah Varona of South Dade, Sebastian Sanches of Southridge and Michael Bush of Sarasota at the Osceola Knockout two weeks ago but was absent due to holiday.

**113**

Deandre Demus, Fleming Island freshman, was a dragon slayer in first four matches with big wins over state-ranked guys and is slotted at number six. Demus, with his losses at Osceola Knockout from Class 1A Lake Highland Prep and Camden County, GA, is one of two freshmen on the top 15 with St. Thomas Aquinas' Gianni Guerriero at 12. Flagler Palm Coast sophomore Avery Holder, at two, is a key district and region target.

**126**

Fleming Island senior Tracy Davis is sixth ranked with the wrestlers above him mainly state meet prospects from south Florida. In the region and district area, Palm Harbor's Joe Capone is ninth with Winter Springs' Marcos Nieves at 12 and Buchholz' Artyom Howell at 13. Davis won at Osceola against 1A Tampa Jesuit, but lost to Joey Silva of 1A Lake Highland Prep before beating Capone to face 3A-Southwest's Franco Valdez in the consolation final where he lost a 3-1 decision. Valdez is number two in Class 3A. Davis beat Vinny Sessa of St. Thomas Aquinas, ranked eighth, at Osceola by pin to win fifth place.

**132**

Fleming Island senior Xaiver Sampsel has battled with a shoulder ailment all season, but still sits at number six above Winter Springs' Cole Mitchell at seven. Buchholz and Flagler Palm Coast sit at 13 and 14 with John Locksmith of Osceola on top and Brevin Balmededa of South Dade second. Locksmith beat Balmededa at Osceola for the 132 title. Southwest Miami's Alex Urquiza, who lost to Locksmith in Osceola's

semifinal, is at four.

**138**

Fleming Island sophomore Paul Detwiler sits at number five with Winter Springs arch-rival Dimitri Alicea (3-0 vs. Detwiler in two events) the initial target for regions. Detwiler never got to wrestle against number one Grant Aronoff of St. Thomas Aquinas, who is top-ranked, but he watched Aronoff wrestle. Detwiler has to get past Alicia and Tariq Johnson, of Flagler, who is at 13.

**170**

Fleming Island senior John Martorano is fourth ranked and has faced number one Jared Hardinger of Sarasota. At Osceola, Martorano lost to defending 1A champion Elijah Cleary of Lake Highland Prep then rebounded to lose to Hardinger 8-4 for fourth place. Treadwell, a region target for Martorano at number three, did not wrestle at Lyman's Bill Scott where Martorano finished second.

**180**

Fleming Island sophomore Ryan Smenda sits at fifth behind a pretty good south Florida lineup in Josiah Gittman of St. Thomas Aquinas at one, Steven Mercadante of Sarasota at two and Adolfo Sotolongo of Southwest Miami at three. Smenda never got to Gittman at Osceola, the eventual champion, but did beat Devon Quisenberry of Winter Springs in consolations before facing wrestlers from mainly 1A and 2A schools to finish fifth.

**195**

Fleming Island junior Jason Davis, ranked second, had all he could handle at Osceola with top ranked Chei Hill of South Dade, the top ranked guy at 195. Plain and simple, with Davis torching nearly everyone in his path, Hill in March should be for the state title. Davis's primary adversaries come from south Florida so, as 2A third placer, cannot hiccup along the way against lesser ranked opponents if he wants to meet Hill again for all the marbles.

**220**

Fleming Island sophomore Jose Concepcion, at seven, has battled against taller guys, but not necessarily stronger guys and slipped up to lose against number two Darius Hamilton of Miami Southridge at Osceola in their semifinal. The other guy, number one, is Dylan Meeks of Dr. Phillips, who did not wrestle at Osceola. Concepcion wrestled back to win third over Sarasota's Austin Gould who is ranked above Concepcion at six. Concepcion also has a win and a loss against Flagler's Justin Haaf who is at 12.

**285**

Fleming Island junior Brandyne Mackey is unranked and unheralded but worth keeping an eye on despite giving up nearly 50 pounds on his 285 lineup. Mackey is a survivor, but hot beat twice by TJ Boyd of Winter Springs at Osceola. The top of the 285 food chain is Osceola champion Kyron Taylor of South Dade at one and Atlantic Coast's DeAngeles Harris at two. Tajh Glemaud of Dr. Phillips, who beat Boyd 1-0 at Osceola, is six with Flagler's Vincent Ebanks at 12, all region targets for Mackey.

# Fleming Island, Clay lose key district contests



Fleming Island guard Hannah McGrory sprawls while trying to steal a ball from Bartram Trail's point guard. Golden Eagles had strong first half, but lost with a dismal second half shooting effort.

## Lady Eagles go cold in second half

By Doug Deters  
Correspondent

FLEMING ISLAND — The Fleming Island Lady Eagles have big expectations for the post season: A trip to Lakeland and the state Final Four tournament.

With rival Oakleaf High sitting on top of district 4-7A with five wins and a solo loss to Bartram Trail, a Fleming Island win over Bartram Trail on Tuesday would have guaranteed the number two seed. The desired ending did not happen as Bartram Trail blasted into the second half to pull away from a two-point halftime lead to win 53-38.

"I had three seniors show up nearly a half hour late to our shoot around today so I changed my lineup," said Fleming Island coach Joey Williams, visibly frustrated during and after the game. "It was very frustrating but as the head coach I have standards that must be met and we were forced to send a message."

Williams also added that his team will need to do a better job of prioritizing what is important to the success of his team.

"We emphasized how important this game was in terms of seeding for the district tournament," said Williams. "I'm concerned some players outside interests may be affecting us in a negative way. We will meet as a team, regroup and hopefully our senior leaders will step up for us."

Both teams showed how well coached and disciplined they are in the opening quarter by playing mistake free basketball early and leaning towards their strengths. Bartram Trail leaned on the inside post presence of Kirsten Clement (A U of North Florida signee) and the Golden Eagles lightning quick ball movement leading to open perimeter shots. The Bears took a 12-7 lead and appeared to be gaining momentum until Fleming Island guard Summer Baer hit a corner three pointer to spark a 6-0 run to give the Golden Eagles a

13-12 lead after one quarter.

Defense would be the theme of the second quarter with Molly Ragle leading the charge in shutting down Clement. Ragle had a hand in her face whenever she touched the ball and drew a charge that forced Clement to the bench to avoid foul trouble and regain her composure. Ragle would hold Clement scoreless for the entire second period to keep the Golden Eagles close. However the Bears would go on a 6-0 run to take a 22-15 lead with just under three minutes until halftime. Baer would score two of the next three baskets to tie the game at 23. Ragle would draw her second offensive foul to give the Golden Eagles the ball back late in the half with a chance to tie or take the lead going into halftime. Unfortunately they would not capitalize and Bartram Trail would cling to a 25-23 lead. Baer would lead the Golden Eagles scoring with eight first half points.

The Bears would take over the third quarter and outscore the Eagles 14-6 with Clement taking control of the Lady Bears attack.

Their lead was extended to nine points until a corner three pointer from Mallory Sinsel cut the lead to six. Bartram would regroup though and take an eight point lead heading into the final eight minutes. The momentum was all Bartram Trail with a 41-31 lead until Molly Ragle would strip Clement then hustle down the floor and hit a deep three pointer to pull the Eagles within seven with 6:42 remaining. Unfortunately for Fleming Island the momentum would be short lived as missed open shots and a 9-0 Bartram Trail run would give the Bears a 50-34 lead. The Bears wouldn't look back and left Fleming Island Plantation with a 53-38 win. Clement would lead all scorers with 20 points and completely took over the second half while Fleming Island was led by Molly Ragle and Hannah McGory with nine points.

The Golden Eagles will have to regroup quickly as they will visit top seeded Oakleaf this Friday night.



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Clay High guard Kaitlyn Kumpf created some early scoring opportunities for the Lady Blue Devils but the district unbeaten Ponte Vedra Lady Sharks gained momentum after the first quarter to win 58-34 in Clay's final district game of the season.

## Clay girls start strong, then fizzle

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — With a shot to secure a strong second place in their district 5-5A lineup before next week's district tournaments begin, the Clay High Blue Devils girls basketball team roared out of the locker room to 15-10 first quarter lead, but district leader Ponte Vedra High prevailed with a 16-2 second quarter and a final 58-34 win Tuesday night at Clay High School. Ponte Vedra stays unbeaten in district play at 5-0 to take the number one seed while Clay is at two at 3-3-0 ahead of Menendez at 2-5-0.

Clay coach John Stilianou implored

his girls to stay low, hands up and take good shots and the Lady Blue Devils responded with a 9-2 scoring run from the opening whistle behind strong offensive rebounding from Sarah Cruise who grabbed six rebounds for the stanza to put Clay in position for easy buckets. Point guard Alexis Stilianou quarterbacked the Clay offense with center Sha'Nia Rendall nailing three jumpers for the early lead.

Down 26-17 at the half, Clay could not slim the gap in the third despite Evans and Cruise battling with Ponte Vedra's tall inside players with the score at 38-28 going into the fourth quarter.

Ponte Vedra got hot and bolted to the final 58-34 score with a 20-6 scoring run.

Clay ends with Keystone Heights on January 14, Fletcher on January 19 and St. Joseph Academy on January 21.



Clay High point guard Virginia Stephens moves quickly to get downcourt in first half action of Clay's 58-34 district 5-5A loss to unbeaten district leader Ponte Vedra High School on Tuesday.

Junior High tournament schedules



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*Saturday, January 30*  
Northeast Florida Wrestling Championships  
at Fleming Island High School (All day)



**Soccer**  
*January 21, 25, 28:* All games at Clay County Soccer Complex, Eagle Harbor (4:15pm, 6pm)



**Basketball**  
*January 21, 25, 28*  
Higher seeds host quarterfinals Thurs., Jan. 21 6pm  
**Semifinals:** Mon., Jan. 25 (Boys at Green Cove Springs)(Girls at Keystone Heights HS)  
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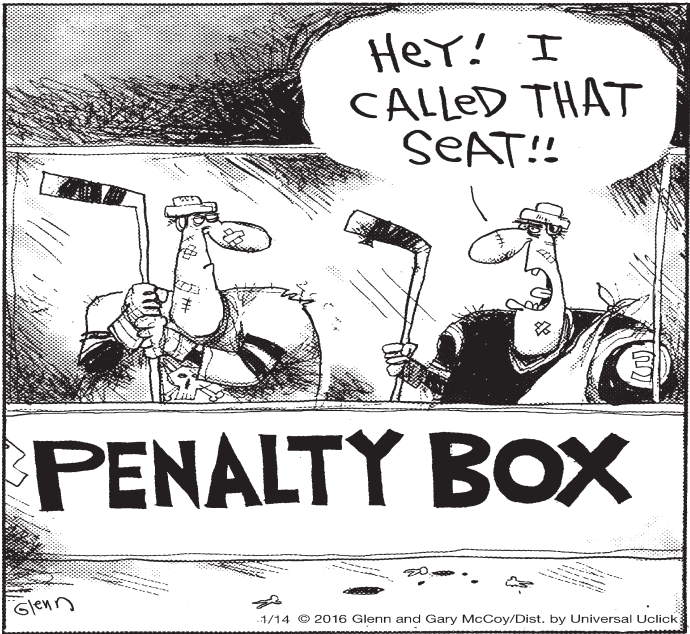
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Oakleaf High grad Kevin Thomas-Griffin has added points and blocked shots to nationally-ranked Georgia Highlands College's attack.

Knights Thomas-Griffin adds skill to nation No. 4 hoops team

Special to Clay Today

ROME, GA. – Oakleaf High graduate and basketball standout Kevin Thomas-Griffin, a 6-foot-10 center, has appeared in 15 games and he had a career high 10 points for the fourth-ranked Georgia Highlands College men's basketball team.

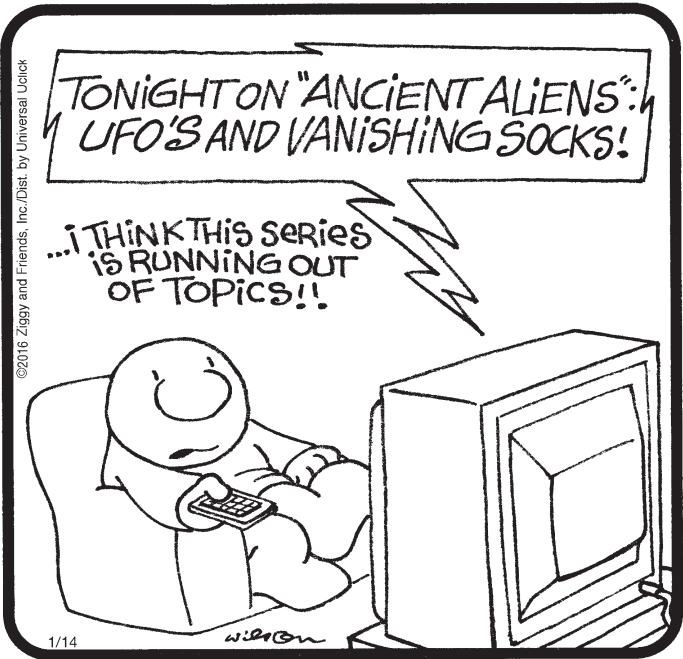
Highlands is currently 15-1 and ranked fourth in the country in the National Junior College Athletics Association.

"Kevin is a great kid and we all enjoy having him be a part of our school and program," said Highlands assistant coach Matt Williams. "If he continues to work hard to develop his body and his skill set he could have a very productive career at Georgia Highlands. Kevin has improved his shooting and ball handling and he also gained weight since he has arrived at our school." Williams said that a handful of four year schools have taken notice of Thomas-Griffin.

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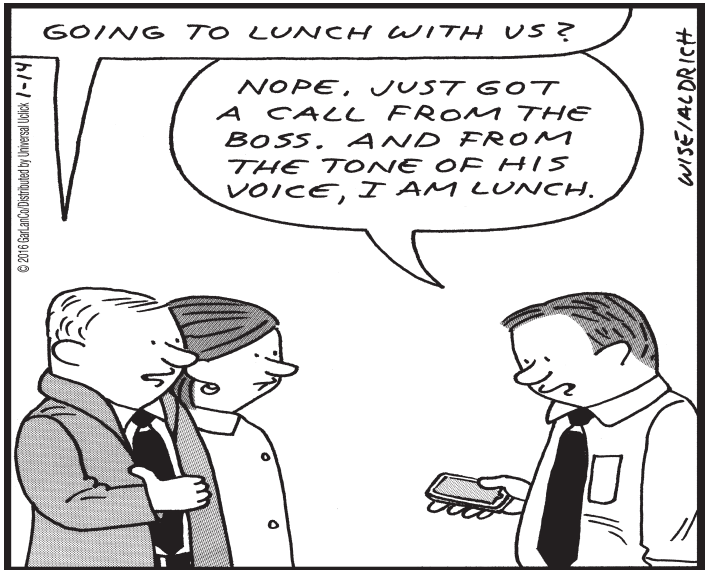


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**Legal 36312 published January 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

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**Legal 36325 published Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

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**Legal 36331 published Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

## PUBLIC SALE

E-Z TOWING & REPAIR INC gives notice or lien entitled to sell:

**04 BUIC 1G4HP52K74162230**  
**06 VOLK 3VWRF71K66M747541**  
**94 FORD 1FTCR10AARUA16385**  
**03 FORD 1FTYR44V83PA81525**  
**FEBRUARY 4TH 2016 10:00 AM**  
**04 TOYT JTLKT334640148390**  
**FEBRUARY 8TH 2016 10:00 AM**  
2864 Blanding Blvd Middleburg, FL 32068 Pursuant to subsection 713-7.8 of the Florida Statutes. E-Z TOWING & REPAIR reserves the right to accept or reject any/or all bids

**Legal 36319 published Jan 14, 2016 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:

**Community Treasures Thrift Store**

Located at 999 Blanding Blvd. Suite 13, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 12th day of January, 2016.

Owner's name/corporation:

Dragonfly Partner Investments

**Legal 36333 published Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Northeast District Office  
Draft Air Permit No. 0190056-013-AC  
New NGC, Inc.  
dba National Gypsum Company  
Clay County, Florida

**Applicant:** The applicant for this project is New NGC, Inc. dba National Gypsum Company. The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is: Mr. George Koslowski, Plant Manager, New NGC, Inc. dba National Gypsum Company, 1767 Wildwood Road, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043.

**Facility Location:** New NGC, Inc. dba National Gypsum Company is located in Clay County at 1767 Wildwood Road, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

**Project:** An Air construction permit for the construction of two (2) new fly ash storage silos and bin vent filters, a fly ash receiver, and fly ash mixing bin/hopper.

**Permitting Authority:** Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Department of Environmental Protection's Permitting Program in the Northeast District Office. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 8800 Baymeadows Way W., Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida

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32256. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: 8800 Baymeadows Way W., Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The Permitting Authority's phone number is 904/256-1700.

**Project File:** A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the physical address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S.). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp>.

**Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit:** The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air construction permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of proposed equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

**Comments:** The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of this 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

**Petitions:** A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. A petition for administrative hearing must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) with the Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

**Agency Clerk@dep.state.fl.us** before the deadline. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, any email address, telephone number and any facsimile number of the petitioner; the name, address any email address, telephone number, and any facsimile number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for

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service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

**Mediation:** Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

**Legal 36314 published Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **RMC TL 2013, LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No. **1258**  
Year of Issuance **2013**  
Legal Description: **PT. OF LOT 18 BLK D LONGBAY AS REC O R 1903 PG 306 & 2537 PG 1845 EX PT O R 1903 PG 193**  
Parcel ID No.: **350424-005844-000-00**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$3,018.68**  
Physical Address: **4139 Bronco Rd, Middleburg**  
Classification: **Mobile Home**  
Name in which assessed: **Jacinta A Blackmon Trustee**  
Said property being in the County of CLAY, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the **24th day of February, 2016 at 9:30 AM.**

Dated this 11th day of January, 2016.  
Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
of Clay County, Florida  
**Legal 36327 published Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 and Feb 4, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **WAPN as Custodian for TC 13 Subsidiary LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No. **3298**  
Year of Issuance **2013**  
Legal Description: **PT. OF NW 1/4 S31T5R25 AS REC O R 3050 PG 2082**  
Parcel ID No.: **310525-010135-004-00**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$14,823.16 + \$66,125.00**  
Physical Address: **3060 Thunder Rd, Middleburg**  
Classification: **Mobile Home**  
Name in which assessed: **Sonya D Floyd White**  
Said property being in the County of CLAY, State of Florida.  
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the

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property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the **24th day of February, 2016 at 9:30 AM.**  
Dated this 11th day of January, 2016.

Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
of Clay County, Florida  
**Legal 36328 published Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 and Feb 4, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to consider the adoption of an ordinance bearing the following title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CLAY COUNTY ORDINANCE 04-58 WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE REDUCTION IN THE ASSESSED VALUE OF EXISTING HOMESTEAD PROPERTY WHICH RESULTS FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING HOUSING FOR ONE OR MORE NATURAL OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS OF THE OWNER OF SAID PROPERTY OR OF THE OWNER'S SPOUSE, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4(E) OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND SECTION 193.703, FLORIDA STATUTES, IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE ANNUAL APPLICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard by the Board on matters pertaining to the ordinance. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be inspected by members of the public at the County Commission Offices, Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of legal holidays.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing 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 number (904) 269-6376, 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).

Board of County Commissioners  
Clay County, Florida  
**Legal 36310 published Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No: 2015-CA-1053

Division: E  
**EDWIN GENE FARNER and VINH HOANG, Plaintiffs,**  
vs  
**KEMBERLY A. REHKOPF, if alive, and if deceased, the respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against said Defendant, Defendants**  
**To: KEMBERLEY A. REHKOPF,** whose current residence is unknown

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but whose last known residence address is:  
Kemberley A. Rehkopf  
6719 Shands Road  
Keystone Heights, Florida 32656  
and to all parties claiming interests by, through, under or against her; and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title to certain real property in Clay County, Florida more particularly described as follows:

**Part of the Northeast 1/4, a/k/a Lot 6, Block 1, as recorded in O.R. 2407, page 695, as described in Tax Deed dated November 19, 2014 and recorded in O.R. Book 3697, page 1225 of the public records of Clay County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:**

**A parcel of land located in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 23 East, Clay County, Florida, designated on a survey prepared by Roy L. Watkins, Surveyor on February 16, 1971 as Lot 6 of Block 1, more particularly described as follows:**

**Commence at a concrete monument located 200 feet North and 50 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Section 3, and run thence North and parallel with the section line, 2664.99 feet to a concrete monument at the point of beginning; thence from said point, continue North and parallel with the section line, 288.0 feet; thence run North 43°-38' West, 535.2 feet; thence run due South, 288.0 feet; thence run South 43° 31' 33" East, 535.03 feet to the point of beginning.**

**TOGETHER WITH** that certain 1996 FLEETWOOD triple wide mobile home bearing identification numbers **FLFLT70A24000-SK21; FLFLT70B24000-SK21** and **FLFLT70C24000-SK21**; and Florida Title Number **70753199, 70753200 and 70753201** situated thereupon and permanently affixed thereto has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to said action on PAUL D. NEWELL, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 1369, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, within 30 days after the date of the first publication of this Notice in the Clay Today, and file the original with the Clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this court this 17th day on December, 2015.

(seal)  
Hon. Tara S. Green  
as Clerk of the Court  
By: Alissa Demay  
as Deputy Clerk

**Legal 36232 published Dec 24 and Dec 31, 2015 and Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the St. Johns River State College Foundation, Inc. will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Augustine Campus Library, Room L112, 2990 College Drive, St. Augustine, Florida. Further notice is given that two or more members of the St. Johns River State College District Board of Trustees may be present. Any inquiries should be made to the Vice President for Development and External Affairs at (386) 312-4270.  
**Legal 36300 published Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO: 15-CP-443

DIVISION: E  
**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN S. FITCHER, deceased.**

The administration of the estate of JOHN S. FIGHTER, deceased, whose date of death was November 16, 2015, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 825 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

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claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS 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 14, 2016.

**MARY C. COBB, Esquire**  
Cobb & Cobb, P.A.  
431 Stowe Avenue  
Orange Park, Florida 32073  
(904) 269-5800  
Florida Bar No.: 23972  
Email: [maryc.cobb@gmail.com](mailto:maryc.cobb@gmail.com)  
Attorney for Personal Representative

JEANNE F. LIGHTCAP  
141 South Wilderness Trail  
Ponte Vedra, FL 32082  
Personal Representative

**Legal 36298 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2016, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

## RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

(Pursuant to F.S. Chapter 45) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY

CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO: 2013-CA-000437

Flagstar Bank Fsb; Green Tree Servicing Llc  
Plaintiff(s),  
v.  
Thomas Buturla; Unknown Tenants; Unknown Parties; Unknown Spouse Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Order Granting Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated January 4, 2016, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the front entrance of Clay County Courthouse, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL on the 4th day of February, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. the following described real and personal property:

**LOT 5, BLOCK 9, HERITAGE HILLS UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 29, 30 AND 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, 2016.

(COURT SEAL)  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By Alissa Demay  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 36302 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

## NOTICE OF ACTION OF PETITION AND HEARING TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS PENDING ADOPTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 16-2015-DR-008855-FMXX  
DIVISION: FM-C

**IN RE: BABY LOFTUS**  
In the Matter of the Termination of Parental Rights for the Proposed Adoption of a Minor child.

**To: Mr. Luis Nieves**  
Current Address Unknown  
Last known address: 2217 Minorcan Street, Middleburg, Florida 32068  
Information believed to be a correct description of the individual listed above:

Physical description: Age: 38 Race: Hispanic Hair color: Brown Eye Color: Green Approximate height: 5'09" Approximate weight: 140lbs  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights pending adoption of your minor child, Samantha Marie Loftus, a female child, born on December 17, 2015, at Jacksonville, Florida has been filed in the above-styled cause. There will be a hearing on the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights Pending Adoption on the 22nd day of February, 2016, at 10:00

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o'clock a.m., before the Honorable John Guy, at the Duval County Courthouse, Room 742, 501 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. The Court has set aside ten (10) minutes for the hearing. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on it to the Adoption Entity whose name and address is Michael A. Shorstein, Esquire, Shorstein & Kelly, Attorneys at Law, P.A., Post Office Box 10007, Jacksonville, Florida 32247, telephone (904) 348-6400, and file an original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court at 501 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, telephone (904) 630-2111, on or before February 8, 2016.

UNDER SECTION 63.089, FLORIDA STATUTES, FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE AND THE PETITION WITH THE COURT AND TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING CONSTITUTES GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE COURT SHALL END ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE OR ASSERT REGARDING THE MINOR CHILD. Witness my hand and seal this 8th day of January, 2016.

(seal)  
RONNIE FUSSELL  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
by: Kim Burns  
As Its Deputy Clerk  
Legal 36320 published Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 and Feb 4, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

A public sale of the contents of the following storage units located at Morgran Mini Stor-it, 369 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, FL 32073. The sale will be on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Units contain household goods.

Unit #/Tenant or BusinessName  
A97 Mark Mitchell  
A112 David Lee Sander  
D13 Shawn Furgeson  
D55 George Lewis  
E15 Tim Vollink  
G01 Johnnie Ball  
G31 George Lewis  
G33 Susan Granger  
J22 Tamara Greenwalt  
J41 Kevin Scott  
N210 Erik Griffin  
Sale being held to satisfy Landlord's lien. Seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. Cash only. Contents to be removed within 24 hours.  
Legal 36294 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO: 15-CP-448  
DIVISION: F

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES B. EDMONDS, deceased.

The administration of the estate of JAMES B. EDMONDS, deceased, whose date of death was November 29, 2015, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 825 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 WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS 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 14, 2016.

MARY C. COBB, Esquire

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431 Stowe Avenue  
Orange Park, Florida 32073  
(904) 269-5800  
Florida Bar No.: 23972  
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Attorney for Personal Representative

NOAH EDMONDS  
3139 Groveland Drive  
Orange Park, FL 32065  
Personal Representative

Legal 36308 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2016, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that WAPN as Custodian for TC 13 Subsidiary LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No. 1235  
Year of Issuance 2013  
Description of Property: PT LOT 11 BLK A LONGBRAY AS REC O R 2037 PG 381, 2088 PG 86, 2785 PG 1543 & 2790 PGS 1412-1415  
Parcel ID No.: 350424-005714-001-00  
Opening Bid: \$4,910.75  
Physical Address: 4013 Old Jennings Rd. Middleburg  
Classification: Mobile home  
Name in which assessed: Curtis Gill & Rose R Gill  
Said property being in the County of CLAY, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 17th day of February, 2016 at 9:30 AM.  
Dated this 29th day of December, 2015

Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
of Clay County, Florida  
Legal 36269 published Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2016 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: 2014-DP-120  
DIVISION: JV-B

IN THE INTEREST OF:

L.G.  
F.W.  
A CHILD  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA

TO: KRISTIE BRADY a/k/a KRISTINE BRADY, MOTHER

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 children: L.G. who was born on August 26, 2008 and F.W. who was born on August 21, 2013. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable John H Skinner 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 February 16, 2016, 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 THE CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN 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 Administrator at (904) 630-2564 at the Green Cove Springs Courthouse, 825 North Orange Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 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

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Court and the Seal thereof, this 5th day of January, 2016.

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

Legal 35774 published Oct 22, Oct 29, Nov 5 and Nov 12, 2015 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that WAPN as Custodian for TC 13 Subsidiary LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No. 4618  
Year of Issuance 2013  
Description of Property LOT 6 BLK 1 MINIATURE ACRES U I AS REC O R 1623 PG 2099, 1881 PG 1899, 1881 PG 1900, 3272 PG 717 & 3272 PG 719  
Parcel ID No.: 400425-020704-000-00  
Opening Bid: \$2,922.83 + \$24,369.00  
Physical Address: 3730 Loango Rd. Orange Park  
Classification: Mobile Home  
Name in which assessed: Christine L Jackson  
Said property being in the County of CLAY, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 17th day of February, 2016 at 9:30 AM.  
Dated this 29th day of December, 2015

Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
of Clay County, Florida  
Legal 36274 published Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that WAPN as Custodian for TC 13 Subsidiary LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No. 3907  
Year of Issuance 2013  
Description of Property PT OF GOV LOT 2 S34T6R26 A/K/A LOT 16 TWIN OAKS UNREC AS REC O R 1405 PG 460 & 1889 PG 2158-2161 EX PT O R 1889 PG 2163  
Parcel ID No.: 340626-015715-001-13  
Opening Bid: \$3,448.72  
Physical Address: 1362 Lost Acre Rd. Green Cove Springs  
Classification: Mobile Home  
Name in which assessed: Jason Caustic  
Said property being in the County of CLAY, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 17th day of February, 2016 at 9:30 AM.  
Dated this 29th day of December, 2015

Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
of Clay County, Florida  
Legal 36275 published Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CLERK NO.: 102016CA000013AXXXMX

DIVISION: CVE  
S.A. CASE NO.: 16CA000681AC

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

\$480.00 U.S. CURRENCY  
RICK BESELER, AS SHERIFF OF THE CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, PLAINTIFF

vs.  
GREGORY COLE TAYLOR CLAIMANT(S)

TO: ALL PERSONS CLAIMING A SECURITY OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY

The above-described property was seized pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, Florida Statutes 932.701-707, by

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the Clay County Sheriff's Office on December 3, 2015, at or in the vicinity of Clay County, Florida. The Clay County Sheriff's Office is currently in possession of said property and has filed a Complaint for the purpose of forfeiture of said property in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In order to protect your rights you must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Clay County Courthouse, Green Cove Springs, Florida, within twenty (20) days of this publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer on Plaintiff's Counsel, Jeffrey Davenport, Assistant State Attorney, 311 West Monroe Street, 4th Floor, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. Failure to do so may result in the entry of a default against you and a Final Order of Forfeiture of the above-described property.

Legal 36340 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) gives notice that it proposes to approve a No Further Action Proposal with Institutional Controls or with Engineering and Institutional Controls and issue a Site Rehabilitation Completion Order with controls for a contaminated site. Speedway LLC is seeking this order in reference to FDEP Site ID 10/9801811 located at 3254 US Highway 17 North, Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida 32043 (Speedway Store #6856) and intends to restrict exposure to contamination in the following manner: there shall be no use of the groundwater under the property; there shall be no drilling for water conducted on the property, nor shall any wells be installed on the property other than monitoring wells pre-approved in writing by FDEP's Division of Waste Management (DWM); there shall be no construction of new stormwater swales, stormwater detention or retention facilities or ditches on the restricted property without prior written approval from FDEP's DWM; for any dewatering activities on the property, a plan approved by FDEP's DWM must be in place to address and ensure the appropriate handling, treatment and disposal of any extracted groundwater that may be contaminated; there shall be a cover of impermeable material over the soil in the engineering control area portion of the property; there shall be an Engineering Control Maintenance Plan; excavation and construction in the engineering control area is not prohibited provided any contaminated soils that are excavated are removed and properly disposed of pursuant to Chapter 62-780, F.A.C. (or subsequent contamination site cleanup criteria rule(s)) and any other applicable local, state and federal requirements.

Complete copies of the No Further Action Proposal, the draft restrictive covenant, and the FDEP's preliminary evaluation are available for public inspection during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except legal holidays at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Lynal DeFalco, Northeast District FDEP, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. Local governments with jurisdiction over the property subject to the institutional control, real property owner(s) of any property subject to the institutional control, and residents of any property subject to the institutional control have 30 days from publication of this notice to provide comments to FDEP. Such comments must be sent to Lynal DeFalco, Northeast District FDEP, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

Legal 36332 published Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF LOUIS PARADA Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Louis Parada, deceased, whose date of death was November 19, 2015, 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 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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the following locations on: **January 27, 2016 at the times and locations listed below: 1:00 pm. at the Extra Space Storage**

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facility located at 5550 Timuquana Rd Jacksonville FL 32210 904-580-0983  
#108 Luis Joel Ventura-Homegoods  
#120 Brandi Tuch-Homegoods  
#214 Walter Jones-Homegoods  
#305 Leandra Davis-Homegoods  
#315 Anthony Herrick-Homegoods  
#330 Ehoyn Sirmons-Homegoods  
#407 Tyler Harold-Homegoods  
#414 Jessica Guyton-Homegoods  
#417 Michael Laakkonen-Homegoods  
#422 Stephanie Brauchle-Homegoods  
#429 Christian Winstead-Homegoods  
#430 Gerica Smith-Homegoods  
#437 Ebony Harris-Homegoods  
#520 Tony SealsReed-Homegoods  
#1027 Peggy Graham-Homegoods  
#1046 Rodneshia Thomas-Homegoods  
#1054 Rosetta Gordon-Homegoods  
#1061 Kenneth Jackson-Homegoods  
#1147 Keyonna Brown-Homegoods  
#1150 Lauren Graham-Homegoods  
#1165 Kristi Leppard-Homegoods  
#3006 Delvin Haskell-Homegoods  
#3025 Bertha Johnson-Homegoods  
#4017 Lawonda Muhammad-Homegoods  
#4036 Quanisha Knightenroberts-Homegoods  
#4104 Jasmine Davis-Homegoods  
#4105 William Ransom-Homegoods  
#4200 Jessica Negron-Homegoods  
#4304 Centralia Whitfield-Homegoods  
The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.  
Legal 36290 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and / or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at **Uncle Bob's Self Storage** located at: 918 Blanding Blvd., Store #67, Orange Park, FL 32065, (904) 272-3705 and, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold at public auction at the above stated address to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of on Monday, January 26, 2016 at 11:45 a.m.

William Parks - Household gds/Furniture  
Chelsea McDonald - Household gds/Furniture

Bryant Lewis - Hshld gds/Furn, TV/Stereo Equip, Tool/Applnces  
Amy Borgstedte - Hshld gds/Furn, TV/Stereo Equip, Tools/Applnces  
Legal 36282 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO: 2015-CP-000453

Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF LOUIS PARADA Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Louis Parada, deceased, whose date of death was November 19, 2015, 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 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

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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 14, 2016.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

DUSS, KENNEY, SAFER, HAMPTON & JOOS, P.A.  
Eliot J. Safer

Florida Bar No. 0194511  
4348 Southpoint Blvd., Suite 101  
Jacksonville, FL 32216

Telephone: (904) 543-4300  
Fax: (904) 534-4301  
Primary Email: [esafer@jaxfirm.com](mailto:esafer@jaxfirm.com)

Secondary Email: [Pleadings@jaxfirm.com](mailto:Pleadings@jaxfirm.com)

Personal Representative:

Xinia Parada  
3311 Burgandy Branch Drive  
Orange Park, FL 32065

Legal 36299 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that WAPN as Custodian for TC 13 Subsidiary LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No. 4007  
Year of Issuance 2013  
Description of Property: ST. JOHNS RIVER SHORES WEST OF CR 209 & NORTH OF CR 214 O R 265 PG 395 EX RDS & ESMTS  
Parcel ID No.: 290727-016104-000-00  
Opening Bid: \$24,572.96  
Physical Address: CR 209 S. Green Cove Springs  
Classification: NO AG ACREAGE  
Name in which assessed: Kaiser Development Corp  
Said property being in the County of CLAY, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 17th day of February, 2016 at 9:30 AM.  
Dated this 29th day of December, 2015

Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
of Clay County, Florida  
Legal 36270 published Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

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

Case No.: 2015-DR-2366

Daniel Parrish  
Petitioner

and

La Vonda Parrish

Respondent

TO: LaVonda Parrish  
whose last address was:

3841 Floyd Rd.,

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 Daniel Parrish whose address is: 198 Arora Bvd., Apt. 33106, Orange Ave., Room 1049, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 on or before January 11, 2016 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and

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information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: Dec 29, 2015

(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Alison Dewey  
Deputy Clerk

Legal 36278 published Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **WAPN as Custodian for TC 13 Subsidiary LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No. **4111**  
Year of Issuance **2013**  
Description of Property **LOTS 1 & 2 DEWITTS AS REC O R 1122 PG 444**  
Parcel ID No.: **380626-017089-000-00**  
Opening Bid: **\$2,763.53 + \$22,645.50**  
Physical Address: **1048 Ennison Ave, Green Cove Springs**  
Classification: **Single Family Residence**  
Name in which assessed: **Matthew Tinney Jr.**  
Said property being in the County of CLAY, State of Florida.  
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the **17th day of February, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.**  
Dated this 29th day of December, 2015

Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
of Clay County, Florida  
Legal 36272 published Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **WAPN as Custodian for TC 13 Subsidiary LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No. **1962**  
Year of Issuance **2013**  
Description of Property **LOT 35 BLK 3 BLACK CREEK PARK UNIT 4 AS REC O R 2474 PG 64**  
Parcel ID No.: **320524-006700-372-00**  
Opening Bid: **\$2,285.48 + \$25,257.00**  
Physical Address: **4825 Elizabeth Ct, Middleburg**  
Classification: **Mobile Home**  
Name in which assessed: **Ronald J. Anderson & Stephanie Anderson**  
Said property being in the County of CLAY, State of Florida.  
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the **17th day of February, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.**  
Dated this 29th day of December, 2015

Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
of Clay County, Florida  
Legal 36271 published Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO: 2015-CP-000465  
DIVISION: E  
IN RE THE ESTATE OF: MARION BURGESS  
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of MARION BURGESS, deceased, whose date of death was October 23, 2015, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Ave., P.O. Box 698, 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

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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 OF 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 WITH 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 14, 2016.  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
INTEGRITY LAW. P.A.  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
Aaron J. Irving, Esq.  
FBN: 0084288  
Troy M. Farquhar, Esq.  
FBN: 0063269  
2008 Riverside Ave., Ste. 200  
Jacksonville, FL 32204  
P: 904/224-2100  
F: 866/630-6328  
pleadings@integritylawjax.com

Personal Representative:  
Wendy A. Claybaugh  
4828 Fireweed Street  
Middleburg, FL 32068

Legal 36313 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **RMC TL 2013, LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No.: **258**  
Year of Issuance: **2013**  
Legal Description: **PT OF E 1/2 A/K/A LOT 8 SPENCER TRAILS UNRECA S REC O R 1462 PG 1608**  
Parcel ID No.: **130523-000560-003-00**  
Opening Bid Amount: **\$13,332.97**  
Physical Address: **5340 Otter Ln, Middleburg**  
Classification: **Mobile Home**  
Name in which assessed: **Marge Kemp Heirs**  
Said property being in the County of CLAY, State of Florida.  
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the **24th day of February, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.**  
Dated this 11th day of January, 2016.

Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
of Clay County, Florida  
Legal 36326 published Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 and Feb 4, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the following locations on:  
**January 27, 2016 at the times and location listed below:**  
**10:00 A.M. at the Extra Space Storage** facility located at 3585 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003 (904) 466-1031

#F020 - Mark Hodge - household goods #E304 - Matthew M Bennett - household goods #F155 - Steve Shavers - household goods #F168 - Steve Shavers - household goods #B008 - Achieve Fitness - fitness equipment #B044 - Veronica Chery-Rosa - household goods  
The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Legal 36283 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **RMC TL 2013, LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No. **622**  
Year of Issuance **2013**  
Description of Property: **LOT 10 & PT 11 PINECREST 2 O R 176 PG 144**  
Parcel ID No.: **180823-002224-000-00**  
Opening Bid: **\$4,145.59**  
Physical Address: **6624 Woodland Dr, Keystone Heights**  
Classification: **Single Family Residence**  
Name in which assessed: **Robert D. Mattox**  
Said property being in the County of CLAY, State of Florida.  
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the **17th day of February, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.**  
Dated this 28th day of December, 2015

Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
of Clay County, Florida  
Legal 36262 published Dec 31, 2015, Jan 7, Jan 14, and Jan 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the following locations on:  
**January 27, 2016 at the time and location listed below:**  
**11:00 A.M. at the Extra Space Storage** facility located at 2000 Wells Road Ste A Orange Park, FL 32073 (904) 276-0012

#128 Wesley Bellamy - Household Goods, #141 Elizabeth Hatcher - Household Goods, #157 Elizabeth Hatcher - Household Goods, #165 William Higgins - Boxes, #327 John Gygli - Household Goods, #335 Krystal Mitchell - Boxes, #524 Nathaniel Kohn - Household Goods, #533 Boyd Jackson - Household Goods, #643 Tiffany Jackson - Household Goods.  
The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.  
Legal 36287 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **WAPN as Custodian for TC 13 Subsidiary LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No. **3294**  
Year of Issuance **2013**  
Description of Property **LOT 22 IVY WOODS AS REC O R 2761 PG 87**  
Parcel ID No.: **190525-010121-023-00**  
Opening Bid: **\$4,123.78 + \$40,902.50**  
Physical Address: **3862 Darlene Rd, Middleburg**  
Classification: **Mobile Home**  
Name in which assessed: **Thomas B. Finney III & Mary Jane Finney**  
Said property being in the County of CLAY, State of Florida.  
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the **17th day of February, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.**  
Dated this 29th day of December, 2015

Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
of Clay County, Florida  
Legal 36273 published Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

## Bid Notices

## INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the School District of Clay County until **Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 2:00 PM** in the Business Affairs Conference Room, 814 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of: **Orange Park High School Smoke Corridors Buidling 1- Phase II SDCC Project Number C-8-14/15**  
All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by:

**Bhide & Hall Architects, P.A.**  
1329 Kingsley Avenue, Suite C,  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
Email all questions to [plutton@bhide-hall.com](mailto:plutton@bhide-hall.com) or [bmcveigh@bhide-hall.com](mailto:bmcveigh@bhide-hall.com) include project number in subject line  
Plans are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Architect/Engineer and are also on file in the following Plan Rooms:

**LDI Reproprinting Center**  
550 Wells Road, Suite 100  
Orange Park, FL 32073.  
(904)579-4027 (904)579-4154 FAX  
[orangepark@ldireproprinting.com](mailto:orangepark@ldireproprinting.com)  
Only Contractors having been pre-qualified by the School District of Clay County are eligible to submit bids for this project. No Contractor who has not been pre-qualified should submit bids for this project (Florida Statutes)

Florida Statutes require that all contractual personnel who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present must meet Level 2 screening requirements as described in S1012.32, Florida Statutes.

General Contractors may obtain sets of Drawings and Specifications directly from LDI Reproprinting Center, 550 Wells Road, Suite 100, Orange Park, FL 32073. Tel: 9 0 4 / 5 7 9 - 4 0 2 7 ( e m a i l : [orangepark@ldireproprinting.com](mailto:orangepark@ldireproprinting.com)) at the Contractor's expense.

General Contractors who choose not to submit a bona fide bid and who fail to return the Bidding Document prior to Bid Date shall forfeit their deposit.

Bidding Documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit and (\$300.00) per set for postage and handling, or upon request, will be forwarded by U.P.S. Collect.

**There will be a mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting at the site on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 2:00 PM per Section 00100, Part 9.2. Bidders not attending the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid.**

DISCRIMINATION: An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, a Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid price, payable to the Owner.

**The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted Bid amount.**

No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the Invitation To Bid, Contract Award, or Recommendation for Contract Award, shall file a Notice of Protest with the Superintendent of Schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid award, and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the Notice to Protest.

Failure to observe such timelines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The School Board requires a protestor to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S.  
Bond Requirement:  
Should a contractor wish to protest

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the bid recommendation, the protestor shall be required to post a bond as follows:

- Five percent (5%) of the recommended award for all projects valued less than \$500,000.00; and
- Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) for all projects in excess of \$500,000.00.

Conditioned upon payment of all costs and fees which may be adjusted against the protestor in the Administrative Hearing. If at the Hearing the School Board prevails, it may recover all costs and attorney's fees from the protestor; if the protestor prevails, the protestor shall recover from the School Board all costs and attorney's fees.

Bid Tabulations shall be posted outside the Reception area at 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 after the intended recommendation is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid opening and after the Board's decision is made. The Bid Tabulation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours.

Charles Van Zant, Jr.,  
Superintendent  
School District of Clay County  
Legal 36316 published Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the School District of Clay County until **Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 2:15 PM** in the Business Affairs Conference Room, 814 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of: **Keystone Heights High School Roof Replacement Building 20: Field House**

**SDCC Project Number C-8-14/15**  
All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by:

**Bhide & Hall Architects, P.A.**  
1329 Kingsley Avenue, Suite C,  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
Email all questions to [plutton@bhide-hall.com](mailto:plutton@bhide-hall.com) or [bmcveigh@bhide-hall.com](mailto:bmcveigh@bhide-hall.com) include project number in subject line  
Plans are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Architect/Engineer and are also on file in the following Plan Rooms:

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Orange Park, FL 32073.  
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General Contractors who choose not to submit a bona fide bid and who fail to return the Bidding Document prior to Bid Date shall forfeit their deposit.

Bidding Documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit and (\$300.00) per set for postage and handling, or upon request, will be forwarded by U.P.S. Collect.

**There will be a mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting at the site on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 9:00 AM per Section 00100, Part 9.2. Bidders not attending the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid.**

DISCRIMINATION: An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all

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bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, a Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid price, payable to the Owner.

**The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted Bid amount.**

No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the Invitation To Bid, Contract Award, or Recommendation for Contract Award, shall file a Notice of Protest with the Superintendent of Schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award, and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the Notice to Protest. Failure to observe such timelines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The School Board requires a protestor to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S.  
Bond Requirement:

Should a contractor wish to protest the bid recommendation, the protestor shall be required to post a bond as follows:

- Five percent (5%) of the recommended award for all projects valued less than \$500,000.00; and
- Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) for all projects in excess of \$500,000.00.

Conditioned upon payment of all costs and fees which may be adjusted against the protestor in the Administrative Hearing. If at the Hearing the School Board prevails, it may recover all costs and attorney's fees from the protestor; if the protestor prevails, the protestor shall recover from the School Board all costs and attorney's fees.  
Bid Tabulations shall be posted outside the Reception area at 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 after the intended recommendation is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid opening and after the Board's decision is made. The Bid Tabulation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours.

Charles Van Zant, Jr.,  
Superintendent  
School District of Clay County  
Legal 36315 published Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

## REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received until 4:00 P.M., **Friday, February 12, 2016**, at the Clay County Admin Bldg, Purchasing Dept, 4th floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, for the following:

**BID NO: 15/16-10, Repairs to Ball Field Lighting at Carl Pugh Park Fields #2 and #4**

Bids will be opened at 1:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, on **Tuesday, February 16, 2016** in the Clay County Admin Bldg, Conference Room "B", 4th floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Bids will not be valid unless received by the proposal deadline.

All communications with the County regarding this Bid should be directed to Donna Fish, Purchasing Division, (904) 278-3761or by email: [donna.fish@claycountygov.com](mailto:donna.fish@claycountygov.com)

The County reserves the right to waive formalities in any bid, to reject any or all bids with or without cause, including the lack of availability of adequate funds, regulatory agency requirements, and/or to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the County of Clay.

**FOLLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID" or a "NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE I N T E R N E T A T : <http://www.claycountygov.com/departments/purchasing-division/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids> THIS WEB PAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) BY FOLLOWING THE "NOTICE OF INTENT BIDS" LINK UNDER THE "BUSINESS" ROLLOVER BUTTON ON THE COUNTY'S HOMEPAGE. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE**

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TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE, A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, IF REQUIRED FOR THIS SOLICITATION, OR THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 8. (N), OF SAID POLICY, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID SOLICITATION, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER SAID POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.

IF A PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS SOLICITATION REQUIRES A BID BOND, SUCH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRY.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Legal 36323 published Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**INVITATION TO BID**  
Individual sealed bids for Village Way and Chelsea Place Water Main and Roadway Improvements in Orange Park, Florida will be received by the Town Clerk, the Town of Orange Park, 2042 Park Avenue, Orange Park, Florida until 11:00 a.m., local time, 12th day, February, 2016.  
Envelopes must be clearly marked with the project title, time and date of bid opening. If mailed, bids must be addressed to the Town Clerk at the above address. Bids must be submitted in the format as outlined in the specifications.  
The Project is located on Village Way, Kensington Lane, and Chelsea Place. The Project is approximately 0.47 miles in length. The Project limits are on Village Way, from the intersection with Kensington Lane, then northeast along Kensington Lane to the intersection with Chelsea Place, then southeast along Chelsea Place, then south, then west to the intersection with Village Way, then northwest to the intersection with Kensington Lane in the Town of Orange Park. The major work elements include, but are not limited to, the following:  
a. Replace existing 6-inch asbestos cement (AC) water main with new 6" PVC water main.  
b. Replace existing water services and meters with new water services and meters.  
c. Replace existing fire hydrants with new fire hydrants.  
d. Abandoned in place existing 6-inch asbestos cement (AC) water main by grout filling.  
e. Pavement removal and reconstruction by recycled asphalt product (RAP) resurfacing.  
f. Construct new curb and gutter.  
g. Construct new underdrain.  
h. Remove and replace residential concrete driveways.  
Bid documents will be made available by 11:00 a.m., January 15, 2016, at the Town of Orange Park, 2042 Park Ave Orange Park, FL 32073 (904) 278-3011. Contractor must contact the Town Clerk and register before plans will be made available. A link to a "drop box" will be made available to download plans and specifications at no cost to the contractor.  
**Mandatory PRE-BID is scheduled for January 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., at the Town of Orange Park, 2042 Park Ave Orange Park, FL 32073. YOU MUST ATTEND IN ORDER TO SUBMIT BID PROPOSAL.**  
Bidders must submit with the Bid,

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documentation that they have constructed similar type work completed during the past five years with references.  
The bidders will be required to submit a Bid Bond equal to 5% of the bid with their Proposal. The successful bidder will be required, upon award, to furnish a 100% Performance and Payment Bond, with a Surety acceptable to Owner. Each bid proposal shall remain binding for at least 90 days after the scheduled bid date.  
The Owner shall have the right to reject any or all bids or to reject bids, which are in any way incomplete or irregular. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to reject all bids and re-advertise, or to reject all bids without further action, in the Owner's best interest. Any questions regarding the bid documents shall be in writing and directed to Rusty Grimes email rgrimes@townop.com or by fax (904) 278-3030.  
Chuck Pavlos, Public Works Director  
Legal 36301 published Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**INVITATION TO BID**  
Sealed bids will be received by the School District of Clay County until **Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 2:00 PM** in the Business Affairs Conference Room, 814 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of: **Middleburg High School Flooring Replacement Phase II SDCC Project Number C-7-14/15**  
All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by: **Bhide & Hall Architects, P.A.**, 1329 Kingsley Avenue, Suite C, Orange Park, FL 32073  
Email all questions to [plutton@bhide-hall.com](mailto:plutton@bhide-hall.com) or [bmcveigh@bhide-hall.com](mailto:bmcveigh@bhide-hall.com) include project number in subject line  
Plans are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Architect/Engineer and are also on file in the following Plan Rooms: **LDI Reproprinting Center**, 550 Wells Road, Suite 100, Orange Park, FL 32073. (904)579-4027 (904)579-4154 FAX [orangepark@ldireproprinting.com](mailto:orangepark@ldireproprinting.com)  
Only Contractors having been pre-qualified by the School District of Clay County are eligible to submit bids for this project. (Florida Statutes)  
Florida Statutes require that all contractual personnel who are permitted access on school grounds when students are present must meet Level 2 screening requirements as described in S1012.32, Florida Statutes.  
General Contractors may obtain sets of Drawings and Specifications directly from LDI Reproprinting Center, 550 Wells Road, Suite 100, Orange Park, FL 32073. Tel: 904/579-4027 (email: [orangepark@ldireproprinting.com](mailto:orangepark@ldireproprinting.com)) at the Contractor's expense.  
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Charles Van Zant, Jr., Superintendent  
School District of Clay County  
Legal 36317 published Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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Charles Van Zant, Jr., Superintendent  
School District of Clay County  
Legal 36318 published Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO: 10-2015-CA-1185  
DIVISION: E  
**DTK ASSETS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company**  
Plaintiff,  
Vs  
**CHRISTOPHER ANDREW DENEGAL**, if alive, and if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees other persons claiming by, through, under or against him, and all unknown persons, if alive, and if dead, or not known to be dead or alive, their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees,

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grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees other persons claiming by, through, under or against the unknown persons, or any other claimants,  
**Defendant(s).**  
To: **CHRISTOPHER ANDREW DENEGAL**, if alive, and if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees other persons claiming by, through, under or against him, and all unknown persons, if alive, and if dead, or not known to be dead or alive, their unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees other persons claiming by, through, under or against the unknown persons, or any other claimants, or interest in the property herein  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title to real property in the Circuit Court in Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida styled as Case No.: 10-2015-CA-1185, DTK Assets, LLC, etc., v Christopher Andrew Denegal, etc., et. al to the property described as:  
**LOT 5, BLOCK 1, GREENWOOD, UNIT FOUR, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGES 61-62, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
**A/K/A 1672 ANNE DRIVE, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068**  
has been filed by DTK Assets, LLC, Plaintiff and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses if any, to it on William S. Frazier, 1919-8 Blanding Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, 904-384-1441 on or before 30 days after first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on this Plaintiff or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default and judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.  
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 5th day of January, 2016.  
(seal)  
Tara S. Green  
As Clerk of the Court  
by Julia Wilcox  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 36321 published Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 and Feb 4, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO 102015CA000588A001XX  
**FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**  
vs.  
**RYAN E. LITTLE; AMY L. LITTLE; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendants.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated January 4, 2016, and entered in Case No. 102015CA000588A001XX of the Circuit Court in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein **FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION** is Plaintiff and **RYAN E. LITTLE; AMY L. LITTLE; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED** are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Steps of the Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043., 10:00 a.m. on March 1, 2016, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:  
**LOT 133 OF WOODBRIDGE UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 51, PAGE(S) 1 THROUGH 9, 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

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OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
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 the Florida Relay Service.  
Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida on January 4, 2016.  
(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
As Clerk, Circuit Court  
By Jaimie Blake  
As Deputy Clerk  
Legal 36297 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 1440-151733 EA1

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No. 15-CA-518  
**PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Plaintiff,**  
vs.  
**ARTHUR H. STILL, SR., DORIS M. STILL, THE INDEPENDENT SAVINGS PLAN COMPANY, d/b/a ISPC, UNKNOWN TENANT #1 and UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled case, number 15-CA-518 in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, that I, Tara S. Green, Clay County Clerk, will sell the following property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:  
**Lot 22, Block 181, BLACK CREEK PARK UNIT TWO, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 11, Pages 34 through 49, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.**  
**Together with that certain 2009 Scottbilt doublewide mobile home VIN #02816A/B**  
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, on the front steps of the Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, at 10:00 a.m. on March 16, 2016.  
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 29th day of December, 2015.  
(seal)  
Tara S. Green  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Julia Wilcox  
Deputy Clerk  
Legal 36286 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO. 10-2015-CA-000076  
**BANK OF AMERICA M N.A., Plaintiff,**  
vs.  
**VICKI L. MAXWELL, KATHERINE LEONE ANDOE A/K/A KATHERINE L. ANDOE, JENNINGS POINT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., OAKLEAF PLANTATION WEST PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KATHERINE LEONE ANDOE A/K/A KATHERINE L. ANDOE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICKI L. MAXWELL, Defendants.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed August 6, 2015 entered in Civil Case No. 10-2015-CA-000076 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Green Cove Springs, Florida, wherein **BANK OF AMERICA M N.A.** is Plaintiff and **VICKI L. MAXWELL, KATHERINE LEONE ANDOE A/K/A KATHERINE L. ANDOE, JENNINGS POINT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., OAKLEAF PLANTATION WEST PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF**

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KETHERINE LEONE, ANDOE A/K/A KATHERINE L. ANDOE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICKI L. MAXWELL, are Defendants, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Clay County Clerk of Courts, 825 North Orange Avenue, on the front steps, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 at 10:00 A.M. in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 23rd day of February, 2016 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit: **Condominium Unit 305, Jennings Point, a Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 2833, Page(s) 641 through 843, and any amendments and/or supplemental declarations thereto, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida, together with an undivided interest in the common elements.**

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 8th day of January, 2016.

(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
As Clerk of the Court  
BY: Marla Albert  
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

(Pursuant to F.S. Chapter 45) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO. 2015-CA-000143 **DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE PLAINTIFF(S),** VS **GARTRELL DANIELS; LEOLA DANIELS; UNKNOWN TENANT; FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC DEFENDANT(S)**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 8, 2015, and on Order on Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated January 6, 2016, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the front entrance of the Clay County Courthouse; 825 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL on the 31st day of March, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. the following described real and personal property:

**LOT 6 OF THORNHILL UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGE(S) 32-40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Property Address: 1825 SEA PINES LANE ORANGE PARK, FL 32003  
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 this 7th day of January, 2016.

(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Julia Wilcox  
Deputy Clerk  
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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.: 2015-CA-000692 **SHARONVIEW FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,** vs. **ERIC CARNEGIE, et al., Defendants.** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 4, 2016,

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and entered in Case No.: 2015-CA-000692, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein **SHARONVIEW FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,** is the Plaintiff, and **ERIC CARNEGIE and AMY TOPEY-CARNEGIE a/k/a AMY L. CARNEGIE,** are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Clay County Courthouse, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, at 10:00 a.m. on the 16th day of February, 2016, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 39, EAGLE WATCH AT EAGLE HARBOR, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 32, PAGES 23 THROUGH 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

which has the address of: **2200 Wide Reach Drive, Orange Park FL 32003.** IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST OR RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF 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 THE SURPLUS.

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 no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone 1 (800) 955-8771; (TTD) 1 (800) 955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Services. DATED this 5th day of January, 2016, at Clay County, Florida.

(seal)  
Tara S Green  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Julia Wilcox  
As Deputy Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO: 10-2014-CA-000838 DIVISION: A

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,** vs.

**RON LIGHT, et al, Defendant(s).** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 4, 2016, and entered in Case No. 10-2014-CA-000838 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida in which **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,** is the Plaintiff and **Ron Light, Stacy Light a/k/a Stacey Light,** are defendants, the Clay County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the front steps of the Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, Clay County, Florida at 10:00 a.m. on the 16th day of February, 2016, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure: **A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN LOT 66 AND LOT 67 OF DUCK POND, ACCORDING TO AN UNRECORDED PLAT THEREOF, PREPARED BY LOUIS H. MCKEE, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1221, ON MAY 6, 1969, SAID LOTS BEING A PORTION OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1 AND RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 4040.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 1400.00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 67; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 67, A DISTANCE OF 1063.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID**

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**WEST LINE, 129.54 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 339.21 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST, 129.67 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 333.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS 2005 CAVALIER DOUBLE WIDE BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 97122122 AND 97122366 AND VIN NUMBERS BL05GA0136739A AND BL05GA0136739B A/K/A 5544 SQUAW LANE, 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. Dated in Clay County, Florida this 5th day of January, 2016.

(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Clay County, Florida  
By Julia Wilcox,  
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at (904) 630-2564, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. To file response please contact Clay County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Tel: (904) 269-6302x6566; Fax (904) 278-3653. **Legal 36303 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper NR-14-145851**

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE No.: 2013-CA-001620

**VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., a Tennessee corporation authorized to transact business in Florida, Plaintiff,**

vs. **PHILLIP W. OTT, II A/K/A PHILLIP WILLIAM OTT, II and DEBORAH E. OTT, husband and wife; Defendant(s).**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 4, 2016, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on April 4, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. on the front steps of the Clay County Courthouse located at 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL.

**A PART OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**COMMENCE FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 34; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 34, A DISTANCE OF 1,000 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 36 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 3,255 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOUIE CARTER ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOUIE CARTER ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTERLINE OF THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 532, PAGE 501 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN WESTERLY ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID EASEMENT TO A POINT LYING NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO A 60 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, AND UTILITIES LYING ACROSS THE NORTHERLY 30 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED**

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**LANDS RECORDS IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 532, PAGE 501, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT DISTRIBUTION RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT LYING PARALLEL, ADJACENT, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE NEW WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LOUIE CARTER ROAD, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1426, PAGE 1508, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PART CONVEYED AS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE LOUIE CARTER ROAD AS PER OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1426, PAGE 2298-2300, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**TOGETHER WITH A 1998 HORTON HOMES, SUMMIT 76X16 MANUFACTURED HOME, ID#H207366G.**

Property Address: 5935 Westwood Road North, Jacksonville, FL 32234  
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: January 4, 2016

(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN, CLERK  
CLAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Rebecca Crews  
Deputy Clerk

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

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: 2014-CA-001402

**NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,** vs.

**JOHN A. KRUPICA; CATHERINE E. KRUPICA; OAKLEAF VILLAGE CENTER ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE INDEPENDENT SAVINGS PLAN COMPANY D/B/A ISPC, Defendants.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 4, 2016, entered in Case No. 2014-CA-001402 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Navy Federal Credit Union is the Plaintiff and John A. Krupica; Catherine E. Krupica; Oakleaf Village Center Association, Inc.; The Independent Savings Plan Company d/b/a ISPC are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, the front steps of the courthouse at 825 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, beginning at 10:00 AM on the 16th day of February, 2016, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 3, OAKLEAF VILLAGE CENTER UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 49, PAGE 36, 37 AND 38, 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, 2016.

(seal)  
Tara Green  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Alissa Demay  
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

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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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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2015-CA-00084

**NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,** vs.

**KATHLEEN ELIZABETH DITTO A/K/A KATHLEEN E. DITTO, SPENCER'S PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed January 4, 2016 entered in Civil Case No. 2015-CA-00084 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 Clay County Clerk of Courts, 825 North Orange Avenue, on the front steps, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 1st day of March, 2016 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

**Lot 88, SPENCER PLANTATION UNIT ONE, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 45, Page 13-20, 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, 2016.

(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
As Clerk of the Court  
BY: Alissa Demay  
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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RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 2012-CA-001251

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,** Vs

**JON EDMONDSON, MISUK EDMONDSON, MARGARET'S WALK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC., FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT #1, ET AL, Defendants.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 22, 2015 and entered in Case No. 2012CA001251 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, is Plaintiff and JON EDMONDSON, MISUK EDMONDSON, MARGARET'S WALK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC., FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT #1; ET AL, are Defendants, the Clay County Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the front steps of the Clay County Courthouse, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to begin at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 31st day of March, 2016, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 128, MARGARET'S WALK AT FLEMING ISLAND, ACCORDING**

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**TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 34, PAGES 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, AND 57, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Property Address: 2949 Grande Oaks Way, Fleming Island, Florida 32003 and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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 at Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida, this 6th day of January, 2016.

(seal)  
Tara S. Green  
Clerk of said Circuit Court  
By: Jaimie Blake  
As Deputy Clerk  
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NOTICE OF SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO: 2015-CA-000027

**SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,** Vs.

**MANUEL LANZA-VEGA, et al,** Defendant(s)

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment dated 4th day of January, 2016, entered in Civil Case Number 2015-CA-000027, in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, wherein **SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.** the Plaintiff, and **MANUEL LANZA-VEGA, et al.,** are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:

**LOT 108, RETREAT UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 49, PAGES 17 THROUGH 23, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY.**

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at Clay County Courthouse, Front Steps, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 at 10:00 AM, on the 7th day of March, 2016. 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: January 5, 2016

(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clay County Clerk of Court  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Julia Wilcox  
Deputy Clerk

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