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Board advances medical marijuana ordinance

By Kile Brewer Staff Brewer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – After a focused debate and reviewing a county planning staff report, the Clay County Planning Commission voted 3-2 Tuesday in favor of an ordinance to allow medical marijuana treatment centers to set up shop in Clay.

The vote comes almost a year after the Board of County Commissioners – to whom the planning commission answers – passed a moratorium on medical marijuana treatment centers and all associated zoning regulations until the state sorted out its own regulations for the budding industry.

"It sounds like, in grandeur, that we could have them all over the county," said

Joe Anzalone, planning commission chair. "In essence we'll be lucky to even get one or two."

Planning Commissioners reviewed a report from county Planning Director Ed Lehman, which provided two options — an outright ban that would come with a two-year sunset allowing the BCC to revisit the issue in the future if their minds had

changed while the second was an ordinance that would allow treatment center to set up with some contingencies in place.

This conditional acceptance would require the facilities to be at least 500 feet from schools, as allowed by the state, as well as ceasing operation between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., and requiring

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DRONE FILE PHOTO BY KEVIN GREGORIUS

This historic photo, shot by using a drone and camera, shows the massive area flooded by Hurricane Irma. This is the intersection of County Road 218 and Blanding Boulevard. Just a few feet away to what would be the left in this photo, days after the storm, divers would find the pilings in a nearby bridge unsafe causing the bridge to be shutdown for repairs.

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Clay County Memories









By Mary Jo McTammany tamctammany@comcast.net

This month in Clay County history

182 years ago, 1836

Florida was a territory of the United States, the area at the prongs of Black Creek was known as Gary's Ferry and the Second Seminole War was raging. That January, 16 area plantations were burned to the ground and the first contingent of 70 U.S. soldiers, arrived to establish Fort Heileman.

The fort served as the Quartermaster's depot for the entire U.S. Army in Florida, a military post, armory, a medical facility and afforded much need protection for locals.

138 years ago, 1880

While steam boating up the St. Johns River, former President Ulysses S. Grant and his entourage visited briefly in Orange Park and Green Cove Springs. In Orange Park, he and his party enthusiastically praised a diverse display of area seasonal agricultural products.

133 years ago, 1885

New Year's Day in Green Cove Springs was celebrated with the eruption of impromptu horse races in the dirt streets. Women of the Green Cove Springs Village Improvement Association served refreshments to special guests at their clubhouse near the corner of Palmer and Palmetto

Streets

Wealthy tourists, local businessmen, loggers and farmers rubbed shoulders placing wagers and shouting odds. They provided their own refreshments from pocket flasks, out of sight of the ladies.

130 years ago, 1888

The train christened the New York to Florida Special made her maiden trip from the Big Apple to the Sunshine State in 30 hours. Railroads dominated tourist travel until overtaken by the automobile and the construction of enough decent roads to drive them on sometime in the late '30s or early '40s.

128 years ago, 1890

In January 1890, what has been called "the biggest and best party ever in Clay County" was held by John McCrea to celebrate the grand opening of his newly built Santa Fe Hotel in Melrose.

The event was planned to last all day and night, beginning with luncheon picnics on the grounds and exterior porches.

Guests could choose boating or fishing on Lake Santa Fe, horseback riding and hunting. Night brought formal dining and a masquerade ball.

Big wigs from all over the state and beyond showed up. The reporter from the



Gen Roy Geiger is referred to today as the "Father of Marine Aviation." He is a Marine Corps legend and ranks with the likes of John A. Lejeune, Holland Smith and "Chesty" Puller. He was born in Middleburg in January of 1885.

big Jacksonville paper arrived but didn't make it much further than the impromptu welcome wagon of a local moonshiner at the train station.

112 years ago, 1906

The paint was barely dry on the Bank of Green Cove Springs one night when it became the target of a dangerous gang of thieves who had racked up an impressive list of bank robberies all over Georgia.

Before the sun was up good, Sheriff James Weeks and Deputy Arch Murrhee trailed the three into the woods north of town and after a brief gunfight returned with the thieves, the \$1,800 from local depositors and an additional little over \$2,000 which was returned to Georgia victims.

The county paid Duval County to handle it from there and the gang was tried, convicted and dispatched to state prison. There was some concern that justice might not be quick enough to satisfy some locals who briefly lost their hard-earned money.



Samantha Frehulfer, left, takes the oath of office to join the ranks of the Orange Park Police Department from Police Chief Gary Goble, at right.

Council debates best way to modify spending plans

By Welsey LeBlanc Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Orange Park Town Council continues to explore ways to fund drainage and flood maintenance and improvements.

At the Jan. 2, council meeting, members debated two options provided by staff on how to go about modifying the town's current Capital Improvement Plan in order to free up funds that can be used to improve drainage flow in the town.

Council and staff agreed to hold a pub-

lic hearing on the CIP at its Feb. 6 meeting and then hold a separate public hearing on Feb. 20 to amend the budget to reflect the new modified CIP.

Discussions about modifying the CIP began in earnest at a special meeting held Dec. 19. It was at that meeting where the council went through the CIP line-by-line to make budgetary recommendations in an effort to free up funds to be used for the town's storm and flood maintenance.

During the Feb. 6 public hearing, those

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Airport plan causes tension

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Board of County Commissioners gave Clay County Port President Ted McGowan the go ahead to continue the fact-finding process of establishing a commercial airport on the property at Reynolds Industrial Park despite objections from four members of the Green Cove City Council.

City council members attended the July 25 BCC meeting to express their opposition to the plan that was resurrected last year

after more than $30\ years$ in the mulling.

"That's what I don't understand, why are you all are engaging in this conversation?" said Van Royal, Green Cove Springs council member. "Maybe the county wants to own the airport or whatever, but the reality of that is it's a taking. It's a flat taking of the property tax rolls."

The process to turn the airport into a regional airport would mean converting the private property into a public aviation authority, effectively stripping tax dollars from the city.

"There's a lot of moving parts to making this happen, if it ever does, but Clay County would then have a facility with an expressway... an airport, a gas line and a railway all in one place. From an industrial outlook it doesn't get any better," said Wayne Bolla, then-chairman of the BCC. "Especially if we have a willing partner to work with."

Currently, Reynolds Airpark's 5,000-foot runway services only Reynold's Industrial Park tenants, and was formerly constrained by limitations placed on it by the Federal General Service Administration that limited the number of takeoffs and landings at the location.

Last September, those restrictions were removed, leaving the underutilized Airpark in a prime position to create a regional airport in a centralized location nearest to the proposed construction route of the First Coast Expressway.

At the Green Cove City Council meeting that same evening after the BCC meeting, the council directed the town attorney to draft a cease and desist notice to the BCC to halt proceedings between the county and McGowan.



This aerial shot of Reynolds Industrial Park shows the landing strip that could be transformed into a new county airport if 2017 plans to do so are not scrapped.

Council members want McGowan to talk the process over with city officials before going to the county.

Civil citations for youth

JACKSONVILLE – Northeast Florida justice and law enforcement officials signed new landmark sentencing rules May 10 to expand the list of misdemeanors covered

under a program, experts say, could lead to a lower recidivism rate among juvenile offenders.

The new rules – long awaited by juvenile justice advocates – expand the use of civil citations for certain juvenile infractions in the



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John Morgan as spoiler in governor's race?

By Scott Powers *FloridaPolitics.com*

new poll from Gravis Marketing finds that if Orlando lawyer John Morgan gets into the Florida Governor's race as an independent candidate, he could spoil the chances of Democrats, and might present the strongest independent challenge in memory.

The poll finds that, in head-to-head matchups, leading Republican candidate Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam runs dead-even against either of the top Democratic candidates, former

U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham or Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum.

Gravis Marketing, of Winter Springs, then introduced the third candidate, Morgan, who declared earlier this month he would not run for governor as a Democrat but left



Scott Powers

the door open, slightly, for an independent challenge. The poll found Morgan would take far more votes away from either of the top two Democrats and Putnam wins handily.

Yet the poll also shows that without campaigning, Morgan already appears as an independent with contender-caliber support against the two major parties' candidates

The Gravis poll finds that nine months out from the primaries, 18 percent of Democrats prefer Graham and 12 percent favor Gillum, while former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine gets 6 percent, Winter Park businessman Chris King receives 3, and noncandidate Jeff Greene, a South Florida businessman, 2 percent.

On the Republican side, Putnam draws 23 percent while U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis of Ponte Vedra Beach, who has not announced his intentions to run, would get 12 percent. The only other major declared candidate, state Sen. Jack Latvala, who submitted his resignation from the Senate last week amid allegations and investigation of sexual misconduct, would get 3 percent.

House Speaker Richard Corcoran, who, like DeSantis, has made no move yet, would get 2 percent. Republican candidate Bob White drew 1 percent.

The poll also finds Democratic U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson leading Republican Gov. Rick Scott 44-39 in a potential contest for the U.S. Senate election next November.

The poll, conducted Dec. 19-24 of 5,778 registered voters across Florida, has a 1.3 percent margin of error,

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

Internecine: An adjective meaning "destructive to both sides in a conflict."

"Political parties undergoing internecine battles have a way of repelling potential new members."

This week in *History*

5 years ago, 2013

Daniel Richard Bakaley, 22, of Middleburg was arrested on one count of receiving child pornography over the Internet and was indicted in the Middle District of Florida in U.S. District Court.

An off-duty Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy approached Cahari Jahquan Anderson, 17, of Jacksonville, after Anderson was seen entering through an exit door of the AMC Theatre. A pat-down search uncovered a loaded nine-millimeter handgun in his pants waistband containing four rounds of .380-caliber ammo.

Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Jacob Paul Priest, 22, of Orange Park for indecent public exposure after he was seen in the middle of the 1200 block of Tumbleweed Drive in the Ridgeview area wearing nothing but a white pair of shoes.

10 years ago, 2008

Orange Park Assembly of God Rev. Armand Egnew told a group of angry parents that Orange Park Christian Academy on Kingsley Avenue would close on Jan. 15. after months of continued financial problems.

The Clay County School Board prepped for a Jan. 17 public hearing on school boundary changes needed to allow the opening of Shadowlawn and Oakleaf Village Elementary Schools in the fall of 2008.

Special Magistrate Wayne Helsby ruled that Sheriff Rick Beseler does not have to go through binding arbitration each time a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy is disciplined. The ruling said the agency's current disciplinary process was adequate.

20 years ago, 1998

George Donald "Don" Guy, 56, of Orange Park, was arrested and charged with attempted murder and unlicensed concealed weapon possession after he allegedly admitted shooting Frank Henry Gerwe Jr. in the chest.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office reported that burglars pried open the

back door of a home in the 5000 block of County Road 214 in Keystone Heights and made off with \$1,900 in jewelry.

Retired Lt. Cmdr. Bill Goss of Fleming Island gained national notoriety for his book "The Luckiest Unlucky Man Alive," which chronicled his battle with malignant melanoma.

30 years ago, 1988

Clay County Board of Commissioner members joined Transit Authority members to hop aboard the Jacksonville Transportation Authority's Orange Park Flyer that runs from downtown Jacksonville to pick up Clay residents at the old Kmart store on Blanding Boulevard.

The Clay County Council on Aging moved into its news senior citizens center in Keystone Heights.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Julia Simpson, 33, of Green Cove Springs, for shooting her husband, Dale S. Simpson, 47, three times in the chest and stomach area. She was charged with murder.

Student Dispatches

FLEMING ISLAND – Launching January 1, 2018, Student Dispatches will be written by students in grades three through 12 and printed with parents' permission. Each student who submits a dispatch will also submit a consent form along with their writing. Student Dispatches will also be printed in Clay Today and on our website so kids can then share their posts via social media, so their friends can see it on their device(s).

Here's what we're asking for. Students in grades 3-12 who attend public, private, charter, home or parochial school will write us and tell us what they are doing in school. Sounds

simple, right? Well, it is.

It could be as simple as:

"On Monday, Oct. 23, my class took a tour of the Museum of Science and History where we got to see a presentation about the Milky Way in the museum's planetarium. If you've never been to the planetarium before, I'd recommend a visit. It's as if you're outside looking at the stars but you're learning because there is narration going on that teaches you a lesson. It also made me want to learn more about Astronomy."

-Cindy Doe, 5th grader, Maple Street School We're also asking students to send us a photo to go along with their piece as well. The photo could be a group photo or a photo of kids doing stuff, in the case of this example, looking through a telescope.

Parents, here's where you come in. We have developed a consent form for students under age 18 that parents must sign for the student. The form will be available for download on our website, www.claytodayonline.

Student Dispatches should be emailed to Managing Editor Eric Cravey at eric@opcfla. com.

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County looks at reserve fund for Irma cleanup

By Kile Brewe Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — With months of debris cleanup coming to a close following Hurricane Irma, Clay County has started receiving invoices for work completed in the storm's aftermath.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Board of County Commissioners' Finance and Audit Committee, comprised of BCC members Mike Cella and Gayward Hendry, staff presented a proposal to move \$7 million from the county's reserve fund into the county's Disaster Recovery fund.

"This is what we anticipate our needs will be as they currently stand," said Clayton Meng, county finance director. He said that the money would mostly go toward paying back contractors who handled storm debris cleanup and removal.

So far, the county has received invoices for about 120,000 of the 500,000 cubic yards of storm debris that was picked up, stored, and taken to landfills in the months that followed Irma. At the height of the cleanup, temporary landfill-like sites — which are now being closed and cleaned — were opened up throughout the county to store both vegetative and construction debris to allow crews to remove as much as they could as fast as possible.

Hendry asked for the total dollar amount that the storm would end up costing, which Meng quoted at around \$10 mil-



FILE PHOTO BY KILE RREWER

This temporary debris storage site off County Road 215 near Middleburg was just one site used to collect a mix of construction and vegetative debris in the wake of Hurricane Irma.

lion. Of that amount, the county will end up being responsible for about \$2.5 million, with the other \$7.5 million being reimbursed through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

However, that reimbursement might take up to two years as some of the money from 2016's Hurricane Matthew has yet to be paid out. Meng remained optimistic, though, when comparing Clay to other areas impacted by the most recent of the two storms.

"We're fortunate, it might not seem like we're fortunate, but we are," Meng said. "A lot of counties around the state are having to take out debt to front this reimbursement, we're fortunate that we have it available."

As is the duty of the committee, Cella and Hendry agreed that this item would not be placed on the consent agenda as many of the Finance and Audit items are. Instead this would be heard by the full BCC as an agenda item at one of their two January meetings.

"This definitely has to go to the full board, so everybody isn't surprised by where we are," Cella said. "The most important aspect of that is for our citizens to know that there are certain things that we may not be able to move forward on this year because of that."



Chef Tom Gray, left, and Grill Guy Blake Moody

Chef Tom Comes to Save the Day

The Grill Guy

Everyone could use a little help going into 2018. There are kids to feed and parties to throw and Chef Tom Gray of Moxie Kitchen & Cocktails, Town Hall and Culivino is here to help. In addition to being one of the most respected and decorated chefs in the Southeast, he is also a father and husband. Let's get you headed in the right direction as we cruise in 2018.

Feeding your children is the adult version of solving a Rubik's Cube. You want your kids to enjoy what they are eating but "don't assume they only want monotone flavor and foods of one color. We started off by feeding our son whatever it is we were eating. He loved scallops, duck, shrimp and fish. As he got older, his own preference kicked in," Gray said in a recent interview.

"Some of the cooking at home, you are subject to whatever I am working on at the moment. Luckily, my family loves fish so if I'm doing that, he's thrilled. My son's favorite is linguine and clam sauce and a nice garlic bread to go with it. He loves vegetables, but he loves them more raw and crunchy than cooked. For school, he always has a packed lunch so at the gro-

cery store he has a lot of influence."

Everybody would like to throw a great party. By doing a little prep work and focusing on simplicity, you can make things a lot easier on yourself. Take inspiration from things that you personally enjoy and go from there. Tom said, "I love nachos. So, for a huge game we hosted at the house I made an In-N-Out cheeseburger dip, which is ground beef, cheese, mustard and you scoop it up with a chip. Beer is included in the snacks, right?"

"When you are having a party, I am all about setting up a nice bar at the house. I figured out that the smartest thing to do is that I'll batch 1 cocktail if not 2, one brown and one clear. It might be a batched bourbon drink and a batched gin or tequila drink. I'll have them in bottles or in pitchers and will make a simple little sign like "3 ounces of this over ice." In addition, I'll set out something simple such as a few tonic sodas, a couple of liquors, beer and wine. The last thing you want to do when you have friends over is to sit there measuring an ounce of this, an ounce of that. Have your fruit or garnish ready to go in order to make it as self-serve as possible. Keep it simple and you'll enjoy the party."

Governor

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according to Gravis.

In head-to-head Republican-Democratic contests for the governor's office, Putnam and Graham tie at 32 percent, while Putnam and Gillum tie at 31 percent.

With Morgan in the race, Putnam draws 27 percent, Graham 23, and Morgan 17. With Gillum representing the Democrats instead of Graham, Putnam draws 26 percent, Gillum 22; and Morgan 18. In head-to-head matchups with Corcoran as the Republican, Graham leads 33 percent to 24 percent, while Gillum leads Corcoran 33 to 22 percent.

With Morgan in those races, Graham and Gillum still lead, but by only 3 or 4 points, while Morgan enters right behind, essentially creating tight three-way packs, 24 to 20 to 18 in the Graham question, and 23 to 20 to 19 in the Gillum scenario.

Gravis did not test DeSantis in head-to-head or three-way general election contests.



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4th Judicial Circuit – Clay, Duval and Nassau counties – and gives law enforcement the discretion on whether to issue citations for battery.

The Juvenile Civil Citation Program ensures that qualifying offenders – children who have no more than two citations, no felonies on their record and are not a gang affiliate – can bypass incarceration through diversion.

State Attorney Melissa Nelson joined regional law enforcement, education and other justice officials' signatures on a Memorandum of Understanding affirming their commitment to the program's expansion.

So long as the minor did not possess a firearm and did not commit certain traffic offenses among other exceptions, prosecutors will shuttle the child to a diversionary program without a review of their citation.

Some juveniles can wait in jail for weeks without bond while a judge reviews their case for entry into a diversionary program. This program seeks to streamline that process and save money.

Nelson called the transition a triumph for "smart justice," one of the key facets of her 2016 election campaign.

"We know that the data shows that issuing youth an opportunity to take accountability for their actions while staying out of the criminal justice system leads to lower recidivism rates," she said.

Instead of the traditional court process, children will receive community service hours, counseling or other similar punishments and pay restitutions when required.

In Clay County, these cases will move to the Clay County Teen Court, where their peers can argue over appropriate punishments exclusive of state intervention.

"They understand it was bad behavior, but they don't always understand it was criminal," said Deborah Mueller, director of Clay County Teen Court. "I believe in giving kids a second chance and not hurting their record in the future. Once you explain the situation and give them a chance to understand and see things from a different point of view, they'll under-



State Attorney Melissa Nelson

stand."

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice data shows only four percent of children who received sanctions instead of jail time became repeat offenders.

Greyhounds test positive for cocaine

TALLAHASSEE – A Jacksonville greyhound trainer who raced at bestbet of Orange Park received an emergency suspension notice of his operating license after a state investigation

found 12 of his greyhounds tested positive for a primary cocaine metabolite.



tested positive 17 times for a substance called benzoylecgonine, the main cocaine metabolite screened for in drug tests, according to the June 9 suspension order.

According to the emergency notice from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, between March 1 and April 29, one female dog, "WW's Flicka," tested positive six times and in two of those races came in first place. The dogs were housed at Steve M. Serras Kennels at the time of testing. By law, the winning dog in a race and a separate, random dog are tested for foreign substances.

The state has never issued an emergency order such as this according to GREY2K USA, a national nonprofit organization that lobbies against greyhound racing.

"This is the biggest greyhound drug case in American history," said Carey Theil, GREY2K executive director. "I've never seen an emergency order like we saw in this case — as far as I know, this is unprecedented."

A bestbet spokesperson said trainers are independent contractors and the business does not directly employ them. The spokesperson added that McClellan was removed from the premises as soon as bestbet was notified of the state's order.

"Bestbet Orange Park completely supports the swift action taken by the state in this matter and as always, fully cooperated with state officials as they conducted their random and routine tests. Bestbet Orange Park maintains a zero-tolerance policy for any trainer or staff member that does anything [that] puts one of the dog's health at risk. In this instance, the process carried out by the state of Florida and the regulators was carefully followed under state law," a bestbet spokesperson stated in a prepared statement.

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WW's Flicka, shown here, was the center of controversy in 2017 after testing positive for a cocaine derivative after winning a race at Orange Park Kennel Club.



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Council

recommendations will officially be brought to motion, one-by-one.

The town is working to clean out waterways in the town limits that restrict the flows in hopes of preventing flooding in the event of another devastating hurricane like Irma.

In other business, council voted 5-0 to amend land development regulations governing signage in order to comply with state statutes.

"We haven't changed the policy, per se, at all," said Sam Garrison, Town of Orange Park attorney. "My only concern in renewing this ordinance to make sure we are in compliance is to eliminate the areas of constitutional concern."

As a result of this amendment, all resi-

dential property signs will now be treated the same. For example, before the amendment, election signs followed a different set of rules than other types of signs.

"From a legal standpoint, the term 'election signs' no longer exists," Garrison said. "It's just signs."

Also in other business, council voted 5-0 to approve an amendment to its existing ordinance governing dangerous dogs. The amendment establishing a process for classifying dogs as dangerous based on dog behavior and not breed. The ordinance also establishes that the Special Magistrate will serve as the hearing officer for all cases involving dangerous dogs.

Garrison introduced the amendment in order to bring the town ordinance in line with state law and outlines a process that a dog and its owners must go through when they're being considered for "Dangerous Dog" classification.

"We haven't changed the policy, per se, at all. My only concern in renewing this ordinance to make sure we are in compliance is to eliminate the areas of constitutional concern."

- Sam Garrison, Town of Orange Park attorney

According to the ordinance, an animal control authority will investigate reports of a dog that might be considered dangerous. During that investigation, the animal control authority can decide to confiscate the dog, which will require the owner to pay any housing fees for the pet, or confine the dog to a securely fenced area under the owner's control.

The statute continues on by describing what rules a Dangerous Dog and its owner just follow, any fees that might come as a result and more. The classification is not based on breed or any other characteristic alone, but rather, incidents involving a dog that might deem the dog dangerous to the safety and well-being of other animals and people in the area.

The town re-appointed former council member J.B. Renninger, to serve another two-year term on the Fire Pension Board in a motion that passed 5-0.

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hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., and requiring minimal signage for the businesses. None of the three regulations are placed on traditional pharmacies throughout the county.

In addition to tight regulations, there is no promise that Clay County would even get a dispensary should the BCC pass the ordinance to allow them.

County Attorney Courtney Grimm noted that legislators are only allowing 25 facilities statewide. There are already 13 entities in the state who have been licensed. and seven of those 13 are already in operation. Two of those seven are in Duval County and one is in Alachua, and the Town of Orange Park voted last year to allow them within the town limits.

Immediately following Lehman's report and discussion with Grimm, Anzalone asked for discussion or a motion. Commission member Michael Bourre immediately offered a motion for a ban, which was met with a quick second from fellow planning commissioner Brenda Kicsak. Before any further action, commission member Ralph Puckhaber wanted a chance to discuss the issue.

"This was a statewide vote that passed three to one," said commission member Ralph Puckhaber. "In Clay County, I went and looked this up because I wanted to know, it was 70.6 percent, that means the citizens in Clay County by a three to one margin said they want this. So, the idea that we would put any kind of ban in place is again a legislative elitism that we've seen out of Tallahassee too many times."

Puckhaber continued, stating that this, in the eyes of the average Clay County voter, is a medicine. He said that we would see it being distributed out of big name pharmacies like CVS and Walgreens were the medicine not still illegal on a federal level

"The medicine is already in Clay Coun-

ty," Puckhaber said. "They're getting it from dispensaries in Alachua County and in Duval County, why would we force our citizens to go out of the county to get something that's legal? Why wouldn't we want to take advantage of that, at least get a little property tax out of a business and make it more convenient?"

Following Puckhaber's comments, commissioners Belinda Johnson and Anzalone also spoke in favor of treatment centers, both recounting personal experiences where they have seen children affected by chronic illnesses being helped by the use of marijuana-based medicines.

"If it can only help one child I think that's what we should do," Johnson said. "You've got 50 percent of people hooked on legal pain medication. I'd like someone to tell me, has somebody died having regular marijuana, much less the medical marijuana?"

Kicsak then spoke up to voice her reason for not allowing the medicine to be dispensed in the county. In her research, the home delivery option for medical marijuana patients seemed convenient enough, and her concerns centered around the fact that the facilities would only be required to be 500 feet from schools, but forcing dispensaries to be further from schools would place the same regulations on other types of pharmacies, in accordance with state law. "I don't know if the 500 feet concerned anyone else, but it concerned me," she said. "It's not that I don't want anyone to

Michael Bourre declined to comment, saying that Kicsak "hit it," before Anzalone called for a vote on Bourre's original mo-

The vote to suggest a ban to the BCC failed at 2-3. Puckhaber moved to approve their recommendation to the BCC to allow treatment centers in the county, which passed with a 3-2 vote.

The ordinance will now be considered by the BCC at their meetings on January 9, and 24, according to Grimm.

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39. Jazz singer Irene

41. Hellenistic governors

43. Brownish-green fruit

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Alcohol sales at Clay County Fairgrounds

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Board of County Commissioners Aug. 8 voted 3-2 to advance an unprecedented measure allowing beer and wine sales at

the Clay County Fairgrounds.

In its first of two readings before approval, the ordinance establishes a permitting process that

ting process that allows vendors to setup secure "alcohol zones" where patrons of legal age could purchase alcoholic beverages.



The Northeast Florida Scottish Games & Festival is one of two groups that have been asking to be able to serve alcohol at events at the Clay County Fairgrounds. A new county ordinance passed in 2017 will allow that to happen now, but with certain restrictions.

Consumers could not leave the premises of the "alcohol zone" with their beverage and would be limited in the amount they could purchase to prevent alcohol fueled public safety incidents.

Since its establishment more than 30 years ago, the Clay County Fairgrounds has never had an event that sold alcohol.

The annual Clay County Agricultural Fair will not be one of the events where alcohol is permitted. "It is our position that we remain an alcohol-free fair, regardless of the county's decision to allow alcohol on the fairgrounds or not, we have no desire to allow for the consumption or sale of alcoholic beverages at the fair," read a statement from the Clay County Fair Board. "We will continue to be a family affair."

The Clay County Agricultural Fair, a weeklong springtime draw to the area, is not the only event hosted at the Clay County Fairgrounds, however. Commissioners who support the ordinance hope

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 Audie Gibson, president of the Scottish Games Board

that by loosening restrictions on the sale of beer and wine, that the fairgrounds could attract more events and see an uptick in use and revenue. They already have one event ready and willing to sell alcohol. The coordinators of the annual Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival at the fairgrounds has advocated for the sale of alcohol since the event moved there from the University of North Florida 16 years ago.

"We are a family-oriented group," said Audie Gibson, president of the Scottish Games Board. "But, we're Scots also."

"We would like to be able to give more back to the county through more money coming into us, we are a weather-dominated organization or an event — one year, we almost lost it...this would help us with seed money to keep presenting our event in Clay County," he said. Organizations seeking to sell alcohol at any fairgrounds event will be required to obtain a permit, set up the alcohol zone with a physical barrier and secure an adequate police presence and medical personnel to ensure the event goes smoothly.

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County's first charter school closes

ORANGE PARK – After receiving its second consecutive "F" school grade, the State Board of Education said the Clay County School District is required to end its contract with Orange Park Performing Arts Academy, the county's first-ever charter school.

OPPAA was two points shy of making a "D" letter grade based on its 2017 scores on the annual Florida Standards Assessment. The school received an "F" in 2016 as well.



"A school subject to this level of accountability may request from the State Board of Education a waiver from automatic termination if it can show that the learning gains of its students on statewide

assessments are comparable to or better than the learning gains of similarly situated students enrolled in nearby district public schools," stated Audrey Walden, press secretary for the Florida Department of Education in a prepared statement. "Such a waiver is valid for one year and may only be granted once, and may only be granted to charter schools that have been in operation for fewer than five

OPPAA had spent the last year on a state-mandated turnaround plan and now. Walden said, it is up to the Clay County School District to monitor progress of the second appeal before terminating its contract with the privately-operated school.

"OPPAA was eligible to seek this waiver, but they were unable to demonstrate that their learning gains were comparable to or better than the learning gains of similarly situated students enrolled in nearby district public schools. Therefore, the State Board denied this waiver request," Walden stated. "The school district of Clay County must terminate the contract for OPPAA."



Clay County School District employees load up bleachers that had formerly been used at Orange Park Performing Arts Academy and were purchased by the district using state charter school funding. After the district decided to sever ties with OPPAA, Michael Kemp, assistant superintendent of operations for the district, prepared a list of all remaining items at the school purchased with state taxpayer dollars. The list was presented to the school's principal, Kelly Kenney, in hopes that everything would be boxed up and ready for reclaiming before Tuesday afternoon. Though the school will no longer receive charter school funding, they are still offering enrollment to students and plan to continue as a private school.

"It is disappointing whenever you hear that a school is struggling and failing to meet the needs of our community and the students they serve. OPPAA is currently reviewing their options in terms of filing any appeals with the state but at this point, the state is automatically revoking their charter for receiving two consecutive F grades," said Janice Kerekes, then-chairman of the Clay County School

"We feel very strongly we have a good chance in this appeals process because we have students who performed very well on pre-tests but we saw they didn't have the same values in the testing process. So, we are pursuing the appeals process," said Alesia Ford-Burse, who spearheaded the creation of the school in 2012. The school re-opened as a private

Judge: Trauma center should not have been permitted

school in August.

TALLAHASSEE – Judge W. David Watkins of the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings ruled that the Florida Department of Health should deny Orange Park Medical Center's provisional Level II trauma center.

Watkins filed the 57-page ruling Jan. 27 after sifting over testimony from a final hearing held Oct. 17-19 of 2016. Both OPMC and UF Health Jacksonville which challenged the trauma center's application and provisional approval – were given until Nov. 3 to file final comments after the hearing.

In operation since May 1, 2016, the ruling states there is "a need for only one trauma center" in Trauma Service Area 5, Baker, Clay, Duyal, Nassau and St. Johns counties. The state currently caps the number of trauma centers in Florida at

In the hearing, Leah Colston, bureau chief, for emergency medical oversight at the Florida Department of Health justified why the department approved OPMC's trauma center application. However, Watkins characterized her testimony as "inconsistent and

lacked credibility."

"Not only is the Department's new policy of accepting letters of intent and ensuing applications in the



absence of an available slot contrary to statute and its existing rule, it also unreasonable and nonsensical," Watkins writes in his ruling.

Watkins questioned how DOH could have allotted OPMC a trauma center when there was not "a slot" available.

Chad Patrick, chief executive officer of Orange Park Medical Center, said the hospital will continue to offer trauma services

"We are disappointed in Administrative Law Judge Watkins' recommendation, however it is simply that - a recommendation for the Department of Health's consideration," Patrick said in a prepared statement. "UF Health Jacksonville appealed to protect their financial interests. not the health interests of this community.

"Our goal remains to serve our community and in their greatest time of need - when a major trauma or emergency strikes – to have skilled professionals easily accessible and close by. It is well documented that in trauma situations. minutes matter."

Patrick said the long travel time from Orange Park to Eighth Street in Jacksonville is one reason the DOH granted the trauma center permit.

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Obituaries

Joshua Tyler Adams

Joshua Tyler Adams, 28, of Jacksonville, Fla. passed away Dec. 22, 2017.

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William "Richard" Hicks

William "Richard" Hicks, 76, of Orange Park, Fla. passed away Dec. 26, 2017.

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Dorothy Chrisman

Dorothy Chrisman, 80, of Jacksonville, passed away Dec. 25, 2017. Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center 904-284-7720.



Paul Randall "Randy" Dotson

Paul Randall "Randy" Dotson, 62, of Green Cove Springs, passed away Dec. 24, 2017. Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center 904-284-7720.



India Shiel Baker

India Shiel Baker, former resident of Green Cove Springs, gave up her struggle with dementia on Dec. 6, 2017 at 95 years of age. India was born and raised in Wesson, Mississippi, She retired as the assistant personnel manager for the Navy Exchange in Jacksonville, Fla. after 22 vears. She is preceded in death by her 8 siblings, her daughter Joane Baker, her son Buck Baker and her husband Sam Baker. She is survived by one daughter Diane Baker Simmons, 3 grandchildren: Danielle Baker, Scott Simmons, Kacey Simmons, 5 great grandchildren: Hannah Scarberry, Zach Scarberry, Gabe Border, Silas Morter, Myra Simmons and 1 great great grandchild: Stella Todd.

Mildred Eunice Padgett (Roberts)

Mildred Eunice Padgett (Roberts), age 83 passed away Jan. 1, 2018. She was a life long resident of Clay County, born in Green Cove Springs then moving to

Middleburg where she met Charlie Padgett and married July 1, 1950. They had a simple life for 61 years but none less grand as love makes a special bond. Frequently they would be seen together walking Everett Avenue and Mildred Eunice Main Street hand in Padgett (Roberts) hand, Charlie with



his white hat and Mildred with her visor. Mildred was a member of Black Pond Baptist Church. Predeceased by husband Charlie and is survived by 2 sons, Roger Padgett (Patty), Travis Padgett (Jan), 2 daughters Velva Chapman (Dennis), Tina Jolley. Also survived by a brother C.L. Frisbee (Linda). She was blessed with 7 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren. Family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Hardage Giddens- Holly Hill Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Rd, Middleburg a.m. Friday January 5, 2018 at Padgett Cemetery, 4500 Hattie Nolan Rd, Middleburg, FL with Pastor Charlie Hunt of Black Pond Baptist Church officiating. Please post words of comfort at www.hollyhillfunerals.com

Walter H. Rountree

Walter H. Rountree, 82, of Middleburg, passed away Jan. 1, 2018. Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery. Funeral Home and Cremation Center 904-284-7720.



Laura Lynn Hickox

Laura Lynn Hickox, 56 of Jacksonville, passed away Saturday (Dec. 30, 2017) at Orange Park Medical Center following an extended illness. Born in Jacksonville, Fla., her parents are the late Benjamin Franklin Hickox and Peggy Hutson Hickox, of Jacksonville. Along with her father she was preceded in death by two brothers, Marshall Hickox and Kevin Hickox; and her nephew, Cody Hickox.

Laura worked many years as a Hospital registration specialist, and was a member of New Mount Zion Church in Jacksonville, Fla. She loved the Lord and her family, and also enjoyed gardening, yard sales, and taking care of her cats. Survivors include her mother, Peggy Hickox, of Jacksonville; 5 brothers, Maxie Hickox, of Lawtey, FL., Victor Hickox, of Clay Hill, FL., Glenn Hickox, of Denver, CO., Richard Hickox, of Clay Hill, FL, and Johnny Hickox, of Middleburg, FL. Also several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Funeral Services will be held Friday (Jan. 5, 2018) at 12 p.m. at Frye Funeral Home with Rev. Gene Dillon officiating. Visitation will be held an hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in New Hope Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Maxie Hickox, Richard Hickox, Johnny Hickox, Johnny Hickox, II, Chad Hickox, Corey Hickox, and Jamie Potwin. Arrangements are with Frve Funeral Home. Nahunta. Sympathy may be expressed by signing our online registry at fryefh.com.

Linda Gail Cocklin

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Larry Edward Giggey, Sr.

Larry Edward Giggey, Sr., 72, of Orange Park, Fla., passed away Dec. 27,

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Sarah "Tokey" Whitener

Sarah "Tokey" Whitener, 82, of Middleburg, Fla. passed away Dec. 29, 2017.

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Alda Benotti Carmisciano

Alda Benotti Carmisciano, 94, of Orange Park, Fla., passed away Dec. 29,

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Judge David W. Watkins ruled in 2017 that the trauma center at Orange Park Medical Center should have never been permitted because there was not a slot open in the state, which caps the number of trauma centers at 44. However, OPMC is now No. 45.

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Watkins said DOH "relied on an unadopted rule" to approve OPMC's trauma center application.

"Agencies may not rely upon unadopted rules to justify agency action," Watkins writes.

UF Health officials testified that the Orange Park trauma center has caused a 17 percent drop in trauma cases going to the Northside hospital. UF officials also claim that this sharp drop in trauma cases has "reduced educational opportunities" for the hospital's nurses to treat, therefore, lowering the quality of teaching medicine at the UF teaching hospital.

"UF Health Jacksonville projects that a contribution margin loss of approximately \$3.5 million to \$5.9 million annually will be caused by Orange Park's operation of a trauma center," states the Watkins ruling.

Green Cove Dragway closes

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A long-running dispute between the Green Cove Dragway and its opponents in town came to an end March 11.

Peter Scalzo, dragway owner, said the lease for the dragway was not renewed by Reynolds Industrial Park. According to Scalzo,



the decision to not renew the lease for the dragway was strictly financial.

"We've always been here on a yearto-year lease, so we knew that something like this could happen," Scalzo said.

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No more revving engines and squealing tires at the old airfield site in Reynolds Industrial Park in Green Cove Springs as the Green Cove Dragway ceased operations in the first quarter of 2017.





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Police briefs

Investigation ends in multiple sex charges for Middleburg man

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Police arrested Wesley Alan Sweat, 26, on Dec. 29 for lewd and lascivious bat-

tery on a victim ages 12-16 and using an electronic device to send pornographic pictures and videos to a minor under the age of 16. On Jan. 2, CCSO added a new charge of lewd and lascivious battery on a victim ages 12-16.



Wesley Sweat

The investigation began December 28,

2017 when "information was discovered," that Sweat was having intercourse with the victim, according to the CCSO report.

During an interview at the CCSO Orange Park substation, Sweat gave officers consent to search through his cell phone. During the search, police found several text conversations between Sweat and the victim, in which Sweat asked the victim for nude pictures. In the same search, police also uncovered nude pictures and videos, including at least one of Sweat pleasuring himself. Police also said Sweat enticed the victim to send him at least 10 pictures of herself in the nude.

Later that day, officers spoke to the victim and the victim's mother. The victim told officers that she and Sweat had sexual intercourse, as well other sexual activities. The victim stated that this occurred two weeks before Halloween, according to the police report.

Because Sweat was already arrested and in the Clay County Jail for prior charges, this arrest was delivered to the jail. Sweat was then further charged with lewd and lascivious conduct and battery with a minor victim between the ages of 12 and 16. On Jan. 2, his bond was set at \$95,009, but at press time on Jan. 3, his bond had been increased to \$245.012.

Middleburg man arrested in federal crime sweep

JACKSONVILLE — A Middleburg man is among a group of 125 people who have been charged with firearm and violent crime offenses as part of what's being called the Violent Crime Reduction Initiative in the Middle District of Florida, in federal court.

Andrew James Ward, 29, Middleburg, was charged with one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon after authorities seized one firearm from him. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in federal prison. Federal court officials made the announcement about the sweep on Jan. 2.

In the initiative, which began August 23, 2017, police seized 227 firearms and

arrested Florida residents who live in an area stretching from Jacksonville to the Tampa area and points in between.

In Jacksonville, the district court launched a joint initiative with the State Attorney's Office for the Fourth Judicial Circuit and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to locate and seize unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecute the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

Of the 125 individuals charged so far, offenses include possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime or a crime of violence, possession of a stolen firearm, robbery, and bank robbery.

Battery charge for striking pregnant girlfriend

ORANGE PARK – An Orange Park man faces charged of allegedly striking his pregnant girlfriend in the face.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office ar-

rested Arthur Christian Couch, 30, on Dec. 29 after he and his longtime girlfriend had an argument that resulted in Couch assaulting the woman, who is a few weeks into her third pregnancy.



Arthur Couch

According to the report, Couch began arguing with his girlfriend after she t

girlfriend after she took multiple positive pregnancy tests and told him she did not want to keep the baby, which would be the third for the couple. She moved to the bedroom to retrieve something from the bathroom and knocked glass items onto the floor which broke.

As Couch began cleaning up the glass the, two continued arguing with Couch eventually hitting the woman in the face causing two cuts near her upper lip.

Couch was transported to the Clay County Jail following his arrest where he faces a felony for assaulting a pregnant woman. Couch has since been released from the jail.

Grand theft auto charge for Orange Park man

MIDDLEBURG – An Orange Park man faces one count of grand theft auto after allegedly driving a stolen vehicle in Middleburg.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Tyler Orion Casillas, 25, on Dec. 29 after he was



Tyler Casillas

pulled over in the 2700 block of Blanding Boulevard while driving a stolen vehicle.

Officers approached Casillas' car which was parked outside the Winn Dixie in Middleburg, and arrested the man after dispatchers identified the car as being stolen from an owner in Duval County. They also discovered that Casillas had two non-extraditable warrants out of Virginia. During the arrest, police used drug-sniffing dogs to search the car.

The search uncovered drug paraphernalia on the driver's side of the vehicle which turned out to be crack pipes, as well as a small amount of marijuana in Casillas' pocket.

Casillas was transported to the Clay County Jail following his arrest where he faces a felony for grand theft auto and two misdemeanors for possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana. He is being held on about \$10,000 bond and will appear in court on Jan. 31.

Keystone man facing robbery charge

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A Keystone Heights man is charged with allegedly assaulting another man and stealing his cell phone.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested James Isiah Martin, 20, on Dec. 27 after he assaulted a man at Keystone Nature Park at 550 Lawrence Blvd. The victim was standing at the edge of the park charging his cell phone when



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Martin began walking toward him threatening him with a gun in his waistband, according to the CCSO report.

The victim said that he was not afraid so Martin continued toward him. Martin then started hitting the man in the back of the head and the victim responded by kicking Martin in the testicles multiple times until he fell onto the ground.

Martin then pointed the handgun at the victim and robbed him of his backpack and cell phone, and immediately smashed the cellphone on the ground before running away. Officers arrested Martin at his home in the 7000 block og Lakeview Street after being contacted by the victim.

Following his arrest, Martin was transported to the Clay County Jail where he faces three felonies – armed robbery with a firearm, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and armed grand theft. He also faces a misdemeanor for vandalism over \$200 for destroying the man's phone.

He is being held on about \$100,000 bond and is set to appear in court on Jan. 31.



Arrests & Bookings

Tuesday, January 2

Gary Lynn Vernon, 21 Fleming Island, Drug Equipment Possession, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Conner Evan Scott, 18, Fleming Island, **Drug Equipment Possession**

Wesley Alan Sweat. 26. Orange Park. Lewd and Lascivious Behavior on a Victim Age 12-16

Anthony Quentin Jackson, 33, Orange Park, VOP-Domestic Battery

Garrett Lee Gray, 30, Green Cove Springs, Dealing Stolen Property, Giving False Info to a Pawn Broker

Garrett Lee Gray, 30, Green Cove Springs, Three Counts of Dealing Stolen Property, Three Counts of Giving False Info to a Pawn Broker

Davene Amanda Bennett, 28, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Possession With Intent to Sell Cannabis

Teara Tayell Scott, 23, Green Cove Springs, Court Order Transport, FTA-Possession of an Anti-Shoplifting Countermeasure Device, FTA-Petit Theft, FTA-Resisting While Committing Theft

Frank Gene Holland, 66, Green Cove Springs, Violate Probation-Community

Richard Ricardo Corpus, 63, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Domestic Battery

Brandon Michael Bissonnette, 25, Middleburg, Failure to Appear for Court

Thevenot Teddy Gourdet, 50, Middleburg, DWLSR

Tyler Garret Thibodeaux, 21, Orange Park, Drug Equipment Possession

Lawrence David Moore, 58, Orange Park, DWLSR

Monday, January 1, 2018

Douglas Ashlev Lofton, 50, Green Cove Springs, Aggravated Battery

Gregory Allen Walker, 26, Doctors Inlet, Battery

Kathleen Michelle Lyons, 30, Orange Park, Trespassing

Miles Dean Hudson, 28, Keystone Heights. Leaving the Scene of an Unattended Vehicle or Other Property

Taurus Leetrell Perry, 30, Orange Park, Simple Domestic Battery

Israel Harris Banda, 38, Keystone Heights, Fugitive From Justice

Joshua Andrew Barnett, 31, Green Cove Springs, Grand Theft Auto

Sunday, December 31

Charles Donald Henry Darby, 26, Green Cove Springs, Burglary

Kenneth Jason Parker, 33, Argyle, Simple Domestic Battery, Possession of a Controlled Substance Without a Prescription

Richard Anthony Bragg, 35, Fleming Island, Non-Support, Drug Equipment Pos-

Darius Lamar Sibley, 25, Doctors Inlet, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Carlos Alberto Gutierrez, 33, Orange Park, DUI .15 or Higher With Person Under 18, DWLSR, Using False ID Adversely Affects Another

Michael Gabriel Gutierrez, 26, Orange Park, DUI With Person Under 18, DWLSR

Timothy James Riley, 36, Argyle, Simple Domestic Battery

Saturday, December 30

Richard Ricardo Corpus, 63, Middleburg, Violating Injunction for Protection-Domestic Violence

Brenda Joyce Wheatley Owens, 66, Middleburg, Two Counts of Petit Theft

Jack Talmage Petty, 57, Middleburg, Trespassing

Jennifer Michelle Karneol, 31, Orange Park. Petit Theft

Robin Renee Gibson, 47, Fleming Island, Petit Theft

Joshua Evan Bentley, 25, Fleming Island. Grand Theft \$100-\$300

Charlotte Ann Smith, 63, Orange Park,

Ryan Christopher Cohen, 31, Fleming Island, DUI

Friday, December 29

Howard Laurence Weisberg, 51, Orange Park, Resisting an Officer, Trespass-

Wesley Alan Sweat, 26, Middleburg, Transmitting Harmful Material to a Minor Via Electronic Device By Offender 18 or Older, Using a Computer to Seduce Solicit Lure Child, Lewd and Lascivious Battery on Victim Age 12-16

Arthur Christian Couch, 30, Oakleaf, Aggravated Battery on Pregnant Female

Joseph Edward Thornton, 49, Green Cove Springs, Contempt of Court

Erik Christopher Barfield, 38, Middleburg, Grand Theft Auto, Resisting an Of-

Matthew Allen Bowers, 23, Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon

David Gregory Mount, 40, Orange Park, Violate Probation-Community Control

Teal Phillips Simmons, 52, Orange Park, Simple Battery, Simple Domestic

Edgar Edward Sammons, 24, Orange Park, Violence on an Officer Firefighter EMT, Resisting an Officer With Violence, Burglary

Tyler Orion Casillas, 25, Middleburg, Grand Theft Auto, Drug Equipment Possession, Possession of Not More Than 20 g.

Trisha Upton Reid, 37, Green Cove Springs, Out-of-County Warrant

Thursday, December 28

Luis F. Saavedra Perez, 27, Orange Park, DUI With Property Damage

Hunter Robert Davis, 18, Middleburg, Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer

Cody James Kinney, 34, Green Cove Springs, Resisting Without Violence, DWL-

Jucory Randell Kirtsey, 37, Green Cove Springs, Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Damage to Property, Driving Without a Valid License

Shelley Kate Teixeira, 29, Middleburg, Aggravated Domestic Battery

Tania Jo Cordwell, 32, Green Cove Springs, Two Counts of Grand Theft \$100-\$300. Three Counts of Giving Pawn Broker False Owner Info Pawned Items, Three

Counts of Dealing Stolen Property

Kristy Lynn Brannen, 33, Orange Park,

Misty Regina Howard, 36, Orange Park, VOP-Possession of a Controlled Substance Without a Valid Prescription

Anthony Alfonso Berrios, 35, Middleburg, Petit Theft

Jonathan Kyle Cox, 25, Keystone Heights, Failing to Report Name or Residence Change, Failing to Report Vacating of Permanent Residence

Shannon Jady Dow, 26, Orange Park, VOP-Possession of Heroin

Joe Arthur Turner, 27, Keystone Heights, Burglary, Grand Theft \$300-4,999

Jeanie Rebekah Anderson, 51, Middleburg, Domestic Battery, Resisting an Offi-

Wednesday, December 27

James Isiah Martin, 20, Keystone Heights, Robbery-armed Firearm/other Deadly Weapon, Aggravated Battery With a Deadly Weapon, Armed Grand Theft \$300-4,999, Vandalism Over \$200

Jonathon Anthony Banville, 27, Orange Park, Drug Equipment Possession

Stanley Mathieu, 24, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Home Invasion Robbery

Daniel Scott Abbgy, 38, Orange Park, Simple Domestic Battery

Christopher Rhett Sanders, 35, Middleburg, Order of Contempt-Writ Of Attach-

Travon Jamil Taylor, 25, Orange Park, Simple Domestic Battery

Seth Michael Herring, 36, Green Cove Springs, Non-Support

Pamela Kay Foreman, 58, Middleburg, Accessing a Computer or Electronic Device Without Authority

Tyler Sebastian Rodriguez, 25, Orange Park, Possession of a Controlled Substance Without a Valid Prescription, Drug Equipment Possession, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Alyssa Christian Moss, 26, Fleming Island. Petit Theft

Calendar

SOCIETY OF MIXED MEDIA ARTISTS:

Hosts an opening reception and awards presentation, which is open to the public, from 3-5 p.m. on Jan. 7 in the Vandroff Art Gallery at the Jewish Community Alliance, located at 8505 San Jose Blvd. Jacksonville The exhibit "Artist Visions" will showcase pieces by many of the award-winning members of the organization. Regular hours at the center are: M-Thurs. 5:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.; Fri. 5:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Sun. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. The show will run through Jan. 31.

GARDEN CLUB OF FLEMING ISLAND:

Jan. 8 at 10 a.m., at the Fleming Island

Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Guest speaker Jon Terri, who has worked as a wildlife biologist for local, state and federal agencies and private consulting companies, will discuss marcotting, or air layering, and propagating and caring for bonsai. Info, (904) 264-3055.

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

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open to the public.

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

COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT:

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

PENNEY FARMS HISTORICAL

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

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"McGowan was offered an amount and a deal that they absolutely could not turn down"

"We have another tenant that wants the space," said McGowan, declining to give details.

For more than a year, the dragway and some residents of Green Cove Springs have been at odds due to the noise the dragway generates.

Peter Swanson, a vocal opponent of the dragway, believed the dragway should have never been allowed.

"It is a shame that the track has to close, but it's been obvious for a while that it never should have been allowed to locate in Green Cove Springs to begin with," Swanson said.

Swanson, on multiple occasions, has called for the dragway to be closed, saying it has an overall negative impact on the city.

"Had they been clever and diligent, the track's owner may well have moved on to another, more suitable location where his business could thrive," Swanson said.

Scalzo said the dragway noise issue was solved, per city regulations in cooperation with the Green Cove Springs Police Department, and that closing had nothing to do with the noise levels generated by hotrod racing.

According to Scalzo, this isn't necessarily the end either.

"When the new lease is done, we are going to be invited to come back again," Scalzo said. "McGowan has assured me that if its available, I will have first right of refusal"

Racist comments end in police chief firing

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Green Cove Springs Police Chief Robert Musco retired in late February 2017 after an investigation into racially charged comments he made to a black officer in early January.

Third party investigators hired by the city found that on Jan. 12, while

an appointment or stop in today.



Former Green Cove Springs Police Chief Robert Musco stepped down last year after an investigation revealed he had made multiple racist comments to a black female officer in the department, as well as tried to get colleagues to intervene on his behalf while he was on leave of absence.

scheduling assignments for upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day festivities, Musco referred to Public Information Officer Kimberly Robinson as his "token," and that it was therefore necessary for her to

be at the festivities. Robinson is black.

He then mocked the day held to honor the work of the slain civil-rights leader

by using what was described as a decidedly "African American tone" [of voice] during further conversations on the topic, according to City Manager Danielle Judd.

"To say that I was shocked when all this came out would be an appropriate statement – this was not something I expected to hear," Judd said. "You don't want those kinds of comments coming from your chief."

In public documents, Robinson stated Musco had made a number of inappropriate comments to her in her eight-year career at GCSPD, but this incident "was the straw that broke the camel's back," she wrote in an email to a co-worker.

"I'm hurt because if he says these

things to my face what is he saying behind my back? He obviously feels this way toward African Americans. I thought I knew him but apparently it was a façade," Robinson wrote.

She said she feared that filing a complaint would jeopardize her job, and as a single mother, she could not afford that to happen.

Investigators with the Tallahassee-based law firm, the Krizner Group, found Musco also "injected" him self into the investigation by asking his subordinates to ask Robinson to rescind her complaint. She did not.

New tools aim to improve teaching

"There were conversations that he had with the assistant chief to have him intervene in some manner," Judd said.

Drug dealer charged with first-degree murder

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – In an unprecedented move, the Clay County Sheriff's Office charged a drug dealer with first-

degree murder in the death of a young woman who overdosed on the drugs he allegedly sold her friends.

On May 23, Sheriff Dar-

ryl Daniels announced that Trumaine Devone Muller, 32, of Jacksonville had been charged with the murder of Ariel Jade Brundige, 18, who died of a drug

dose on November 10, 2016 in Orange Park. Toxicology reports revealed she had a lethal dose of fentanyl-laced heroin in her systems of the control of the co

Brundige's friends – Tyler Hamilton, 26, and Christopher Williams, 32, purchased

Brundige's

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boyfriend, Hamilton, and friend Williams were also indicted for

manslaughter related to her death. Hamilton was with her during the overdose and called 911 to report the overdose, attempting to save her life.

According to the CCSO, all current and future drug overdose cases will be investigated as homicides.

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Community briefs

Rotary Club collecting blankets for homeless

ORANGE PARK - With this month's temperatures expected to dip significantly, a local civic group has joined in to help aid those who may not have shelter from the cold.

The Rotary Club of Fleming Island is taking part in a regional event called "Covers for the Coast" to collect blankets for area homeless shelters.

Clay County residents are urged to donate blankets for the cause. The blankets may used or new, organizers only ask that the blankets be clean upon donation.

Blankets can be dropped off now daily Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. through Dec. 19 at 784 Blanding Blvd., Suite 108.

If donors do not have blankets to give, organizers said, they can donate clean socks instead.

For more information, call 904-512-7447 or email info@fcfsjax.com.



Michelle Tabor and Alfonso Lopez

Lopez Tabor Duo to perform in Penney Farms

PENNEY FARMS - On Jan. 14, Penney Memorial Church will open the 2018 portion of the Commemorative Concert Series with a performance by the Lopez Tabor Duo.

The Commemorative Concert Series offers a wide array of musical experiences, at no cost, to all who love music. The concerts are free and are dedicated to the memory of former residents of Penney Retirement Community.

Comprised of violinist Alfonso Lopez and pianist Michelle Tabor, the Lopez Tabor Duo has performed and toured in the southeastern U.S. and Venezuela since 2004.

Lopez is concertmaster of the Venezuela Symphony Orchestra, where he regularly conducts each season. He also conducts a folk-music youth orchestra and guest-conducts other ensembles. His busy music schedule is rounded out as a composer, and teacher of violin at the Emil Friedman School.

Tabor grew up in Venezuela and now lives in Tallahassee. She holds music degrees in piano and theory from Tulane University and the University of Denver, including a doctorate from Florida State University. She has researched Latin American art music of the 20th century and published articles about two Argentine composers: Alberto Ginastera and Juan Carlos Paz, also giving other research papers, lectures, and recitals at regional and international conferences. In the U.S., the duo has performed regularly in concert series. In Caracas, Lopez and Tabor have performed in chamber music series and festivals.

For more information, contact Nancy Moore at (904) 529-9232.

Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices Florida Network Realty adds two associates

FLEMING ISLAND - Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty welcomes Cynthia "Cyndy" Ratliff-

Bufford and Kay Lyerly to the Fleming Island-Orange Park office.

Originally from Ohio, Columbus, Cynthia "Cyndy" Ratliff-Bufford worked in the restaurant and hospitality industry for over 20 years, and her experiences have taught her the importance of attention to detail and to ensure quality customer service.



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Kay Lyerly

the best Realtor she can be. Her passion for helping others is evident from the first time you meet her, and her work ethic and values are right in line with our company's values. I'm sure she will shine here at Florida Network Realty." said Linda Benson, broker/manager of the Fleming Island-Orange Park office.

Benson said Lyerly is eager to help her clients find not only a house but a home in a community where they can put down roots.

"As a former CPA and Internal Auditor, she has the 'financial' side of the real estate business down, and her caring personality and passion for helping others will help ensure her success as a Realtor," Benson said.

Resolve to buy flood insurance in the new year

ORLANDO - The Federal Emergency Management Administration urges homeowners to buy flood insurance before a flood event occurs.

Although it is too late to protect homes against the damage caused by Hurricane Irma, buying and maintaining flood insurance now will help protect you financially from damage from future storms.

Floods are the most common and costly natural disasters in the United States. While there are currently more than 1.7 million National Flood Insurance Program policies in force in Florida, about 50 percent of the state's homeowners inside Special Flood Hazard Areas had insurance against flooding before Irma made landfall on Sept. 10, 2017.

As of Dec. 26, 2017, more than 27,690 NFIP claims for damage caused by Hurricane Irma had been filed, with 80.63 percent closed. More than \$609 million has been paid to policyholders.

NFIP is a federal program created by Congress to mitigate future flood losses nationwide through communityenforced building and zoning ordinances. It provides access to affordable, federally backed flood insurance protection for property owners.

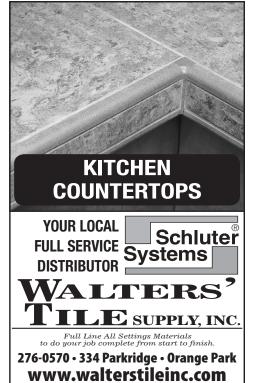
NFIP cannot pay a claim to homeowners who do not have a policy in effect when damage occurs. Typically, a new flood insurance policy takes 30 days to be effective after purchase.

Flood damage is not typically covered by a homeowner's insurance policy; check with your agent or company to get flood policy and coverage details.

Almost 25 percent of flood-insurance claims come from low-to-moderate risk areas and receive one-third of all federal disaster assistance for flooding. Flooding can occur almost anywhere.

For information on flood risk and flood insurance visit www.fema.gov/nationalflood-insurance-program or call 800-427-4661 for voice, 711 and Video Relay Service.

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New things

baby is born. A couple marries. A famlly moves to another state. A young person graduates from college. There are always new beginnings. And another segment of the future stretches before us.

It seems natural to think of things like these at this time in our calendar. We call the beginning of every year the "new year." Without having to do it only at the start of another year, God looks at our lives and is always ready to help us "start over again."

Someone said, "He is the God of a second chance." And He is. He is also the God of third chances... fourth chances... fifth chances. In fact, His "love allowance" for us is unlimited.

He permits us to forget the past. I don't mean He just allows us to forget. I mean He enables us to forget the troubles and treacheries of the past and serve Him with a new start!

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

This is the Apostle Paul telling us that the Lord gives us a new start, or new beginning, when we come to Christ. This same servant of the Lord wrote, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me." (Philippians 3:13-14)

Forgetting the past. Pressing forward to the prize God has for us. That is the direction we are being given by the Spirit of the Lord every day. "The future is as bright as the promises of God." When you accept a new start in your life and begin the pursuit of God's will, plan and purpose for you, you are walking into a bright new light.

"Put on your new nature, created to be like God – truly righteous and holy." (Ephesians 4:24 NLT) This is not just a self-help resolution. This is a calling of the Spirit which He enables us to fulfill. Walk in the Spirit this new year!

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Hurricane Irma

Hurricane Irma left a lasting mark on Clay County as some 1,300-plus homes were damaged by rising floodwaters along Black Creek and other areas of the county, including the San Robar area inside the town limits of Orange Park.

Homes were not alone in Irma's wrath. From the Clay County Animal Care and Control shelter on State Road 16 near Penney Farms

to St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Green Cove Springs to Club Continental and the Safe Animal Shelter, the

storm's floodwaters caused hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars in damage and displaced families and animals.

For the most part, Clay County residents took evacuation warnings more seriously than in previous years when the county was threatened by a hurricane. However, the downside was that some families living in rural areas of the county did not evacuate with their animals. Animal control officials reported the drowning of at least one horse due to Black Creek flooding and rescued a second one struggling to swim to safety.

As many as 700 Clay County residents took refuge in a Clay County shelter during the storm whether or not they would



CLAY TODAY FILE PHOTO

John Griffiths has lived on Black Creek since 1976 and while he said he has never endured anything like Hurricane Irma, he would never live anywhere else.

find their home in one piece. Residents who did not evacuate ended up on rooftops where they were rescued by crews from various agencies who came here to help, including the Florida National Guard and the U.S Coast Guard.

The county animal shelter had to evacuate more than 100 dogs and cats in short order as Black Creek swelled rapidly into the aging facility the morning of Sept.

11. "The water wasn't quite in the cat area, but it was coming in the back door," said Christina Sutherin, shelter director. "Within 45 minutes, the water rose to a point where we were swimming animals out of our shelter. I'm just thankful that our staff was there – our people risked life and limb to get out there.'

Teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency descended on

Clay County to begin efforts to help the hardest-hit families who could not return to their flooded homes. Residents began the arduous process of filing damages with their homeowners' insurance providers and FEMA. Meanwhile, the community also came together to create Recovering Clay, a nonprofit to raise funds to help those without financial means get their lives back on track.





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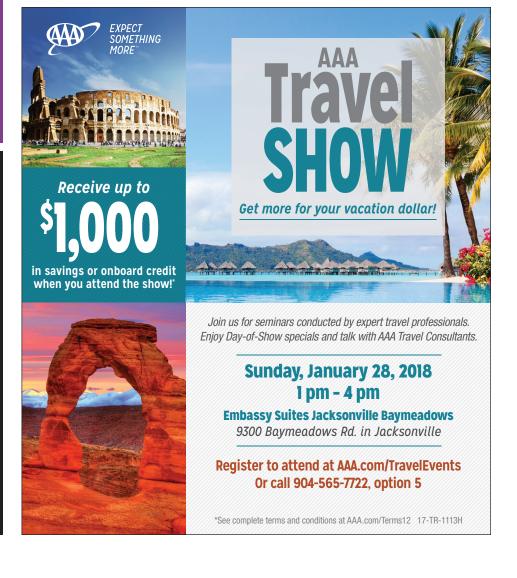
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Savage dunk



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Oakleaf High center Kameron McKenzie finishes off rim-rattling dunk with excited teammates Kenny Thomas, right, and Saich Williams in Knights' 56-16 win over Robert E. Lee High School at the Bernard Wilkes Christmas Invitational held Tues., Jan. 2 at Ribault High School. See more holiday basketball action, page 18-19.

English, Detwiler get knockout titles

Fleming Island third; within one point after day one

By Randy Lefko Sports Editor

KISSIMMEE – Fleming Island High wrestling got two champions out of a singular gathering of some of the toughest wrestlers in the southeastern United States with Georgia and Florida powerhouses Camden County and South Dade high schools once again punching out a top two finish just slightly ahead of Fleming Island in the annual two-day slufgest at Knockout Christmas Invitational at Osceola High School in Kissimmee.

"My philosophy when it comes to us getting a lot of semifinalists and facing off against the best wrestlers around is with hopes that they get a little tougher each time," said Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbert, who saw two of his three finalists; 134-pounder JaQuan English and 172-pounder Paul Detwiler

District Duals State Qualifiers/Regions

Thurs., Jan. 4 District 3-2A at Ridgeview (Ridgeview, Orange Park, Middleburg)

Thurs., Jan. 11 Region 1-3A Fleming Island hosts Region 1-3A (Fleming Island district champ v. Apopka)

Sat. Jan. 6 District 3-1A (Noon start) Clay at Yulee High School

earn individual titles, while 115-pounder Briar Jackson lost a grueling 1-0 decision to a Camden County state champion in his finals match. "It's a tough thing to keep getting beat up in semifinals and then having to wrestle four or five more times to get a medal. We got three in; two champs this time."

English and Detwiler join Jason Davis, a graduate of Fleming Island who won the Class 3A 182 pound title last year, as Knockout champions from Fleming Island.

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Oakleaf hoops eyeballing Eagles district rematch

By Randy Lefko Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — If a 51-50 overtime district loss to Fleming Island stung, Oakleaf High's girls basketball team took that sting to heart with emboldened wins in four straight straight games with a 51-24 torching of a solid 8A-Atlantic Coast High team the final holiday hit of the week at the Saturday final game at the Clay High Christmas Tournament.

Oakleaf has responded with impressive wins of 62-9 over Cook County High (Ga.) on Dec. 16, 55-26 over Robert E. Lee High on Dec. 18, 58-27 over Paxon on Dec. 20, and, at the Clay High tournament, 68-18 over Deltona, 70-9 over Bishop Snyder and 51-24 over Atlantic Coast.

Knights coach Frank Jenkins intimated that the Fleming Island loss on September 7 should be different when the two teams meet Jan. 12.

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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO
Oakleaf High guard Chancelor Lee is part of
steal-happy Knights' attack at 11-2.







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Broncos go big in Orlando

2-1 in KSA Holiday Tournament

By Randy Lefko Sports Editor

ORLANDO - Middleburg High's girls basketball team finished fifth with two wins and a tournament opening loss to a Brooklvn squad in the KSA Events Holiday Tournament on Dec. 28-30 at Disney's Wide World of Sports Arena in one of the biggest holiday gatherings on the East Coast.

In the opener, against Fontbonne Hall Academy (N.Y.), the Lady Broncos lost 50-47 with Fontbonne eventually finishing as bracket runnerup and Hardin Valley (Tenn.) the bracket champion.

Middleburg, (now 10-3 overall) would answer back with a Friday 56-34 win over Sunlake (Fla.), and a 62-42 win over Garfield (Calif.) for their fifth place finish.

The Broncos' bracket featured teams from Huntsville (Ala.). Fountainbleu (La.).

Against Fontbonne, (6-1, a New York 2A school), Middleburg opened fast to a 14-9 first quarter lead, but stalled to a 17-7 fourth quarter effort for the 50-47 loss. Mallory Roney led all scorers with 19 points with Britany Range adding 11. Roney hit just two three pointers.

Against 7A-Sunlake (7-4), a 56-34 win, Range got the hot hand with 23 points with Roney adding another 17 and guard Jamyah Harkins putting up 10 points. Roney again had two three pointers.

In the final game, for fifth place, a 62-42 win over Garfield High of Los Angeles (2-9, a California Division III school). Range and Roney both got above 20 points with Range knocking down 29 and Roney hitting for 20. Range had three three pointers as the Lady Broncos rifled to a 29-11 first quarter lead. Garfield was 24-9 last year and lost in the first round of the California state playoffs.

In the yellow bracket, 7A-Nease (12-2), the top seed in Middleburg's District 3-7A, won that group with a 59-45 win over West Torrance (Calif.) while 8A-Bartram Trail, in battle with Fleming Island in the District 4-8A standings, finished fifth with a win over Homestead. Bartram Trail lost their opener to Tampa Catholic, Nease won games over Homestead (45-32) and Rockledge (63-40).

In the red bracket, 6A-Ponte Vedra (9-3), a key opponent to Clay in District 5-6A, had a first round bye, but lost 48-27 to Governor Mifflin (Penn.). Ponte Vedra lost 80-22 to Harrison (Ga.) to finish fourth.



Middleburg High guard Britany Range has had the hot hand for Broncos who fared well at prestigious KSA Christmas Tournament at ESPN's Wide World of Sports Arena Dec. 28-30.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Clay High guard Kijan Boone slices through two defenders from Fernandina Beach in Clay Christmas Tournament win Thursday afternoon.

Clay blasts Christmas tourney

By Ray DiMonda Correspondent

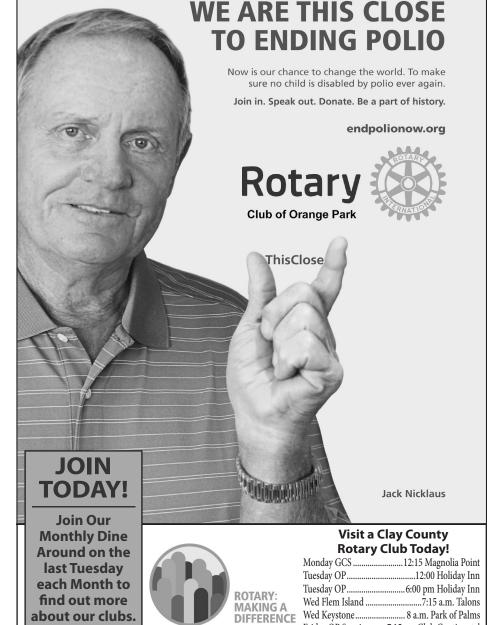
GREEN COVE SPRINGS – At the 6th annual Blue Devils Winter Classic, the Clay Blue Devil Boys Basketball team broke out the heavy-duty hand tools to dig themselves a nice 31-26 hole to put themselves in during the first half of play against the Fernandina Beach Pirates (7-6). "Going into the Holiday break. I gave them a little bit more time off than I normally do, so I was a little leery of that and I think it showed in the first half" said Clay Head Coach Jared

At the half, Moses challenged his crew cal. In the second half, it was a completely

different Clay team on the court. Clay used pure brute strength to play the boards, come down with the ball over and over again, and rebounded their way to a blistering 60-47 stomping of the Pirates on the opening evening of tournament play on Thurs., Dec. 28.

On Friday, Clay beat Cornerstone Christian 58-43 to set up a third game with Franklin County (Fla.).

Fernandina Beach was beat by Bartram Trail 58-36 before beating Cornerstone 66-64 on Saturday. Bartram Trail had a 60-24 win over Ridgeview on Saturday. Ridgeview finished with a 51-37 win over Franklin County with Franklin County dressing out



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Panthers heroic effort falls short at Clay Christmas hoops

Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - On the opening night of the 2017 rendition of the Clay Winter Classic Basketball Tournament, fans that thought the night couldn't get any better than the Clay comeback victory over Fernandina Beach only needed to wait 90 minutes until that was old news.

With winless Ridgeview High sitting in the stands as Clay put up a fourth quarter comeback for a thrilling win, the Panthers, led by Orange Park High graduate and basketball ace Jerome Clyburn, managed to put on their own comeback show only to fall short in the end.

"It's tough being the new coach and getting kids to buy into the program," said Clyburn. "I want them to believe in the system because I've seen three levels of competitive basketball in my lifetime. I may be a little old school, but I think the kids have to buy in at some point and forget what has happened here in the past."

Clyburn liked his Panthers against Cornerstone as a tough matchup.

"Cornerstone gets underestimated. They are a tough group of kids over there," said Clyburn before the game. "They're going to (figuratively) come in here and punch you in the mouth." When the catfight (Cougars vs. Panthers) was all over, it took hours to clean all the fur off the court. Ridgeview showed everyone they have done



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Ridgeview High defenders Anthony Troupe, left, and Jaden Roy reverse a layup attempt by Franklin County High guard in Panthers Clay Christmas Tournament win Friday.

their homework and went on an offensive tear as well as built a defensive brick wall. The Panthers struck hard with a 10-0 lead that would last to the 3:05 mark when the Cougars could get the first point on the board. The intensity didn't last long enough though as the Cougars clawed their way back into the game and at the end of regulation, tied the Panthers at 47. With momentum on their side, the Cougars slashed

through the four-minute overtime and took home a night one 59-53 overtime victory.

"They (Cornerstone)came out and pressed and the guys just got antsy and started slinging the ball," Clyburn said. "All the credit to those guys for doing what they needed to do to us by pressing us.'

The Panthers were stymied several times as they simply tried to get the ball back in play. Cornerstone continually swatted at the ball, knocking it out of bounds as many as four times before Ridgeview could get it in play. Although they still had possession, the tactic frustrated the Panthers and got them out of their rhythm. In the second quarter, both teams took a defensive posture, slowed the game down and were held to single digit scoring. Cornerstone won the second quarter 7-6, but were still down 20-15 going into the half.

In the third quarter, the Cougars scratched their way inside and began to find the weak areas of Ridgeview's defense as the Panthers lost that quarter 12-7. The same magic that happened to end the first quarter continued in the third as the Cougars drained a buzzer beating jumper, tying up the game at 27-27.

With eight minutes left to find a way into victory's door, the Panthers had to

The tie was not what Ridgeview worked this hard for and in the fourth quarter, they went on an offensive free for all. The problem was no one told the Cougars they were not invited, and they responded as well with both teams going on a 20-point, single quarter offensive attack. With 5:05 left, Ridgeview was down by five, 36-31. At 2:31, tied again at 40. With 1:11 left, Ridgeview was up 46-42. After a three-pointer and a drive to the basket, the Cougars again

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Fleming Island third at Baker County hoops

By Randy Lefko

Sports Editor

MACCLENNY – Fleming Island got rocked in their own Battle on the Island Christmas tournament a week ago, but chose to travel to Baker County the week after (Dec. 28-30) to challenge a six man team at the Baker County Christmas Tourna-

"We were down a couple of guys because of Christmas and New Year's stuff for families, but Baker called and asked me if I could fill in and we got in," said Fleming Island coach Traavis Chandler, now 8-6 overall after his Golden Eagles lost in the Baker County semifinal 61-50, but won a third place trophy with a 61-52 win over the host Wildcats on Sat, Dec. 30. "I'd rather be here than practicing in a gym anytime and it gives some kids extra playing time."

In their tournament opener, a 68-54 win over Suwannee High, Chandler's hot hand was at the three-point stripe with

Fleming Island hitting 11of the long range bombs with five Golden Eagle shooters; Marc Inman, Zach Gagne, Christian Young, Joshua Deleon and Khalid Pogue, nailing two apiece. Deleon was top scorer with 13 points with Young hitting for 12 and Pogue adding 10.

In the semifinal, a 61-50 loss to Madison County (7-3), Fleming Island came out hot with Deleon bombing for six three pointers, including his first shot of the night and three in the first quarter, as the Golden Eagles tried to stay even with the Madison County athletes; four off the Class 1A champion football squad.

"We knew they would be athletic and fast," said Chandler. "The point guard is heading to FSU as a defensive back and the quarterback is a shooter."

Fleming Island stayed the course at 13-13 after one stanza, but Madison County surged to a 37-17 halftime lead as the Fleming Island basket got a lid put



Fleming Island High guard Zach Gagne goes for one-hander in Golden Eagles' semfinal game against Madison County at Baker County Christmas Tournament.

Out of the locker room, Fleming Island break pace and maintained a 49-37 third reignited the three-point popper with Deleon again hitting his first attempt with Sebastian Astor and Zach Gagne both pushing to keep the game close.

Madison County kept with their fast-

quarter lead.

Behind strong rebounding from Gagne, Fleming Island pushed to as close as 57-48 with 2:49 to go in the game, but the Cow-

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Clay

just five players and losing one to fouls in the fourth quarter.

Against Fernandina Beach, Clay started very slow with no one scoring for almost two minutes and Clav held off the scoreboard until the 5:20 mark left in the first quarter of play. Clay found itself down as far as nine points more than once before finally finding a few key three pointers. Slowly the sleeping giant was awakened.

"I got with a couple of my seniors... we kind of had to right the ship," said Moses about his halftime chat. "We've got athletes and we want to play fast. We made one or two quick adjustments and got back on the floor and warmed up".

Moses chat worked as the Blue Devils came out guns blazing to start the second

The Blue Devils began slashing apart the Pirate defense with quick sharp passes, finding the open man and moving the ball inside for quick scores. At the other end of the court, Clay caught fire by going beast mode. Anytime the Pirates tried to go inside again, Clay slid defenders and

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doubled the shooter. Fernandina used several time outs to try to adjust to the Clay attack, but Clay stayed a step ahead and shifted tactics over and over. The result was missed Pirate shots and Blue Devil rebounds.

Once Clay had the ball, the blazing passes up court spun the Pirates heads backwards. Before they knew what hit them, with one-minute left in the third, the Pirates watched an Ajay Belanger three-pointer drain to tie the score at 38. With 22 seconds left in the quarter, Kijan Boone hit a three-pointer from the top right of the field to finally get Clay ahead 41-38. Belanger would add another rebounded inside shot to give Clay a 43-38 lead at quarter's end.

In the fourth, Clay tightened their grip, walking the Pirates right down the plank. The physical play stepped up again and Clay found themselves up three, then five and finally by a dozen as the Pirates lost their aim and missed the target over and over. Before getting subs into the game, Clay had built a 15-point lead. Belanger accepted the challenge Coach Moses proposed and led his team with 21 points including four 3-pointers. Kijan Boone was right behind with nine points on the night, two 3-pointers.

Hoops

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At the tournament, Oakleaf (11-2) showed off their halfcourt press prowess with a ton of double-pressed turnovers turned into layups from guard Sabria Littles, Andrea Merced-Diaz and Jalisa Lee with in-thepaint boards prowess from Mar'ria Davis, Jalisa Lee and Dajah Oden as neither of the four teams could mount any offense through the three-day ordeal at Clay.

Lee, Merced-Diaz and Littles are top scorers for Jenkins at just about 10 points per game with Littles putting up 13, 9, 15 and 13 points for each game while Lee has added 4, 5, 12 and 6 and Merced-Diaz, the three-point threat for Jenkins popping for 13. 18. 2 and 10 with four three-pointers against Deltona and two against Atlantic Coast. Davis has 11 three pointers for the season with Merced-Diaz leading with 17. Littles and Merced-Diaz are top stealers with 56 and 46 dominating the midcourt defensive effort.

Under the boards. Lee has been dominant with 94 rebounds with an also teamleading 11 blocked shots. Oden is second with rebounds with 56.

Oakleaf returns to their regular season schedule with a January five match at Middleburg, then district games with Buchholz and Creekside, a January 10 game with Orange Park with Fleming Island on January 12 and Bartram Trail on January 16.

In an second trip to Georgia, Oakleaf heads to Camden County (11-2) on Janu-

At the Clay Christmas Tournament, Clav's girls (2-6) won over Deltona 68-18. but lost to Atlantic Coast 46-38.



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Wrestling

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For the team finishes, Camden County got their third crown in a row with a hard-fought 226.5 points to edge South Dade at 223.5. South Dade last won at Knockout in 2014 with Fleming Island 11th. Camden County beat Lake Highland in 2015 with South Dade third and Fleming Island 11th. Fleming Island, fourth last year behind Southwest Miami, hung on for third at 181.5. In fourth, Lake Gibson was a distant 137.0 with Union Grove, GA, at 107, and Southwest Miami, at 103.0 the rest of the 100-plus points finishers in the 38-team format.

Union Grove senior Justin Ruffin, a 33-0, 145 pound Georgia state champion, had the most impressive day of the meet with two wins over two Florida superstars at 152 pounds; Tampa Prep's Anthony Artalona, an overtime semifinal win, and South Dade's Brevin Balmeceda, in the final also in overtime. Artalona and Balmeceda are both defending state champions and both nationally ranked wrestlers with recent national titles. With six semifinalists; English, Detwiler, Jackson, Lou Gagliardo at 108, Albie Snedaker at 122 and Jose Concepcion at 287, Cobbert had his team positioned for a strong finals' run that could have upset the Camden County/South Dade powergrab at the top. The three teams were within eight points of each other after the first day of competition; 102.5 for Camden County, 101.5 for Fleming Island and 100.5 for South Dade.

For perspective, Camden County and South Dade are both multiple times state champion programs; Camden County with more than a dozen region titles and four state titles back to 2012 under coach Jess Wilder while South Dade has dominated the Class 3A-5A ranks back to 1997 with 11 state titles; the last four in a row, under coach Victor Balmeceda. South Dade won its first state title in 1995 under coach Mike McCoy with Balmeceda taking over in 1997 and finishing second in his first year and first in his second year in 5A.

Fleming Island has inched up closer with their second last year to South Dade under Cobbert with finishes of seventh, 12th, sixth and second in the past four years. Fleming Island also had a second in nation finish at the AAU Scholastic Duals national championships.

"They (Fleming Island) have been on the radar for a while," said Balmeceda, prior to the semifinal rounds at Knockout. "Now, they are seasoned and poised to take a shot at a state title. That's good to see. We like the competition when we come to a meet like this."

Balmeceda reiterated comments from Wilder, also prior to the semifinal round, that the key to success is pretty simple.

"The wrestler has to be passionate about putting in the work in the offseason and you have to have coaches willing to coach longer than four months out of the year," said Balmeceda. "P.J. (Cobbert) has been taking his team to the Disney Duals



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Knockout Christmas Wrestling champions Paul Detwiler, left, and JaQuan English, show off winner's prizes; trophy and Christmas singlet, with Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbert.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island High 108 pound wrestler Lou Gagliardo gets South Dade's Luis Peraza about two inches from pin in their Knockout Tournament semifinal match on Saturday.

(AAU Scholastic Wrestling Nationals, 2nd in 2017) and that has paid off for their program."

Balmeceda was well aware of Cobbert's four state titles, but extended his view into having the athletes buy into the system.

"At the beginning, my arrogance started rubbing off on the kids because right from the beginning I was confident we were going to win a state title," said Balmeceda, who admitted not being a high school wrestling standout, but excelled as a college wrestler at Appalachian State. "Once we won that first title, the success just started building from there. P.J. is following the same path with the youth programs and everything he does up there. He obviously knows how to wrestle from his history."

For Cobbert, brimming with a little anxiety of facing up with the perennial powers, the time just before the semifinals

was a little tense. "This is the moment that counts," said Cobbert. "We got here, now we have to push some guys though. Right now, our kids got the jitters. Like I said, the more they are in the mix, the more those nerves go away. I tell them there is no match any different than the last match. There's a wrestling mat and another guy; plain and simple. We try to not elevate the opponent."

Wilder's success at Camden County has become legendary with his frequent treks into Florida measuring up his team against his southern opponents.

"I'm not really surprised to see Fleming Island up here with us and South Dade in a match of this caliber," said Wilder. "We train and compete with them a lot. It's smart to utilize our proximity to maximize training. Also, if we can wrestle them and see different styles, it helps up in Georgia

when our state meets are staged earlier than Florida. We have everything to gain by competing in Florida."

Wilder sees Cobbert's rise into state prominence as a product of his time in the program; four years, a key for Wilder.

"Time, it takes a couple of years to get the foundation of juniors and seniors to beat up on freshmen and sophomores and then those guys getting better and it cycles itself each year," said Wilder, whose son Rayden, a Georgia state titleist, won the Knockout 154 pound title. "I think the kids respond to P.J. because he's in the corner fighting for them. Some kids compete harder and it's a combination of a lot of things; coaching, home, school that drives it."

In the championships matches for Fleming Island, Jackson, who had to defeat Virginia state champion Devin Sweeney to advance, took an 8-3 win over Sweeney, from Potomac Senior High School, before losing a second time this season to Camden County's Nicholas Krug, a 106 Georgia champion last year, 1-0. Jackson was fourth at Knockout last year at 108.

At 134, English, 36-1, who lost his first match of the season last week in Georgia to Georgia state champion Ricardo Santana of Toombs County with just three seconds left in the match, stormed through his lineup to win his first title at Knockout with a 5-3 win over Union Grove, GA, 113 state champion Bryson Nease, who was 20-2.

Detwiler, at 170, remained unbeaten at 38-0 and muscled through three pins to the semifinal then one of his closest matches of the year against Tallahassee Lincoln's Justin Grant, a 2A third placer last year who was unbeaten prior to the match. Detwiler, who suffered his first scored take down against him, won with the brute strength of two defensive whizzers to take a 4-2 match. In his final, against Lake Gibson's 2A 145 pound champion Ashton Habell, Detwiler won convincingly at 10-6. Detwiler finished fourth last year to South Dade's Todd Perry.

In the first semifinal of the day, Gagliar-do faced off against South Dade newcomer Luis Peraza, at 27-2, and lost a tough 6-4 decision despite having Peraza inches from a pin. Gagliardo responded to take third with a 9-2 win over Camden County's Nathan Orum. Peraza won the final.

At 122, Fleming Island's Albie Snedaker drew South Dade state champion Bretli Reyna in his semifinal and had Reyna nearly tilted in the second period before falling 16-4. Snedaker wrestled back to a fourth place finish with Dylan Kohn of Hagerty winning 6-1 for third. Reyna won the final.

At 287, Jose Concepcion, got to the semifinal to face South Dade's Trayvonne Jackson, who was fourth at 285 in 3A last year for Miami Killian with Concepcion finishing sixth. Concepcion had upper control of the massive Jackson into the second period before Jackson, who eventually finished second, put Concepcion on his back for a pin. Concepcion fought back to a fifth place finish with an overtime win over Dion Bergan of Osceola, 5-3. Concepcion beat Bergan in the quarterfinals 3-2 to advance. Concepcion was fourth last year.

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Panthers

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Ridgeview was up 46-42. After a three-pointer and a drive to the basket, the Cougars again led 47-46. Panther's Brandon Maloney was on his way to a game winning layup with 11 seconds left to play and was fouled. As he went to the line, Maloney drained the first shot to tie the game. In what would have won the game, the second shot hit the rim and bounced away. Off the rebound, the Cougars had three tries to sink a basket for the win, but the ball went no where near going in and game went to overtime.

In overtime, the Cougar offense was on their mark, the Panthers; not so much. Defensively, the Cougars came down with every Panther shot, turning it into money. Ridgeview just couldn't counter the attack and after four extra minutes of play, were six points short, losing opening night 59-53.

"We just need to execute down that final stretch. I think if we can execute, we'll be alright." Clyburn said.

In the second game for Ridgeview, against an outmanned Franklin County team, the Panthers won handily 51-37 for the first win of the season.

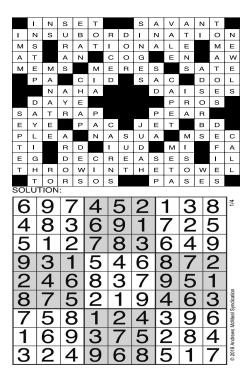
Eagles

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boys closed the game off free throws at 61-50. Deleon finished with 18 points.

On Saturday, in the third place game against Baker County, Fleming Island flew off the bench to a 37-8 first quarter lead and an 18-12 second quarter to put up a 55-20 halftime lead, but Baker County countered with 11 points each in the third and fourth quarter while Fleming Island scored just two and four for the final two periods during the running clock half.

Young led the scoring with 17 points with Gagne adding 15 with three three-pointers. Deleon had just four points.



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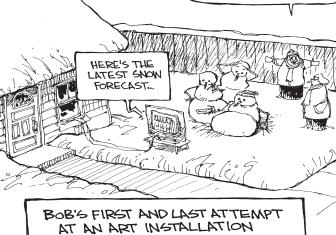
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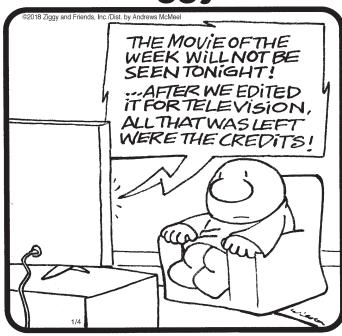
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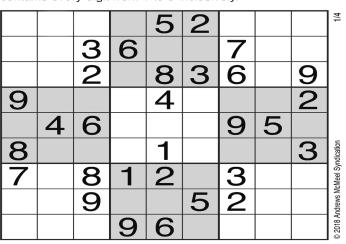


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Taxslayer Bowl football

Bulldogs Thompson outduels Louisville's Jackson

By Ray DiMonda Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE – Mississippi State freshman quarterback Keytaon Thompson stormed into the 2017 TaxSlayer Bowl on a team that was minus a head coach and against a team that huddled with the 2016 Heisman Trophy at quarterback in Louisville phenom Lamar Jackson.

Thompson simply ran 27 times for 147 yards with three scores in the Bulldogs run-strong offense and threw for 127 yards to lead Mississippi State to a thrilling 31-27 win that saw the lead change numerous times and Jackson with the ball at midfield with a minute to go.

"They are really physical up front. That number 94 (Jeffrey Simmons), their nose guard, is a really, really good player."

- Louisville coach Bobby Petrino

"We knew he had to run the ball today. We had to put the ball in his hands," said Mississippi State (9-4, ranked 23rd) interim head coach Greg Knox, filling if for University of Florida departed coach Dan Mullen. "When we first started him, (Quarterback Keytaon Thompson) I gave him a game plan sheet. I had him mark the plays he felt comfortable with. He marked about 60 plays, then we narrowed it down from there as we went through the practice sessions."

Defensively for MSU, game Most Valuable Player, safety Mark McLaurin, had a

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field day on Cardinal quarterback Lamar Jackson. McLaurin would pick off the Heisman winner three times with the final pick the crucial blow to the Cardinals.

"(The interceptions) start sometimes with protection," said Louisville head coach Bobby Petrino (8-5), in a post-game interview. "They are really physical up front. That number 94 (Jeffrey Simmons), their nose guard, is a really, really good player."

Simmons finished with three tackles with a sack and tackle for loss; both in the fourth quarter. Simmons' sack Jackson on the last play of the game.

Jackson countered that the interceptions were all on him.

"That was just miscommunication by me," said Jackson. "That is on me, nobody else."

With 3:39 left to play, Jackson stepped up to catch a receiver on a slant route. Running a corner blitz, McLaurin was to stay home and protect deep.

"I saw the slant. I really didn't think he was going to throw it. I stepped up." Said



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Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson gets upended on his way to short gain in TaxSlayer Bowl match with Mississippi State won 31-27 by MSU.

McLaurin. McLaurin also led his team with 11 tackles, eight of those solo, and also broke up another pass. MSU defense recorded interceptions on back-to-back pass attempts from Jackson during the second quarter to snap his streak of 114 consecutive pass attempts without throwing a pick. MSU defense closed the game with four

total interceptions, the most Jackson has thrown in a single game.

Despite McLaurin's defensive exploits, Louisville led most of the game and late in the fourth quarter, on fourth and 20 yards to go, Jackson found Jaylen Smith open for a 22 yard strike that earned another set of downs. Louisville already burned their time outs to save play time during the Bulldogs previous drive and could not stop the clock

Off a Bulldog timeout to get everything set right, with six seconds remaining, the only thing left was for a no time left on the clock scramble by Jackson where he dodged three different defenders to find an open square of real estate to step into, set his feet, and throw one last pass into the end zone.

With only one receiver there, and four Bulldogs surrounding him, the batted ball would end the game and any hopes of Louisville taking the 2017 TaxSlayer Bowl trophy home

Jackson finished the game with 329 yards of total offense. He rushed 24 times for 158 yards and one touchdown, while completing 13-of-31 passes for 171 yards and two touchdowns. Jackson broke Pat White's TaxSlayer record for rushing yards by a quarterback. Jackson surpassed 5,000 yards of total offense for the second-consecutive season (5,261). He broke his own school record for total offense in a season, set last year. His three rushing scores tie Vick Ballard and Dontae Walker for the MSU bowl record.

Thompson's 18 points scored also tie for the MSU bowl record.

Clay High graduate Colin Wilson, a freshman running back for Louisville with six carries during the regular season, was injured and in the stands for the contest. Louisville senior defensive end De'Asian Richardson, a former player at Orange Park High under coach Danny Green, but a graduate of First Coast High School, had two tackles.



Mississippi State quarterback Keytaon Thompson had a banner day at the Taxslayer Bowl matchup with Louisville with 147 yards rushing with three scores and 127 yards through the air as the Bulldogs won a fourth-quarter shootout 31-27 Saturday at Everbank Field.





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Eagle Harbor Polar Plungers, from left, Andrea Harris, 9; Brandon Downing, 8, Jennifer Martocci, and Adam Hernandez, take the leap into 57 degree pool waters New Years Day.

Polar Plungers brave 57 degree water

By Randy Lefko Sports Editor

EAGLE HARBOR - "Why Not?"

That was the answer from Oklahoma sweatshirt-wearing Ryan Paris, of Fleming Island, who was doing an impromptu celebration of his 46th birthday prior to watching his Sooners football team in their afternoon NCAA playoff game against Georgia by crashing into the 57 degree Eagle Harbor Water Park pool on Mon., Jan. 1 during the annual New Year's Day Polar Plunge.

Eagle Harbor event director Cory Kirk, after having the nearly 50 plungers listen to her safety speech of about six minutes,

"I think they regretted standing and listening to me in the cold more than the water," said Kirk. "I think that was the fastest plunge and get out of the water stuff that I've ever seen here."

With visitors from Buffalo, Michigan, a resident from the United Kingdom and a few Citadel area plungers, the Polar Plunge offered its challenge to youngsters down to eight years old and adults near 50.

John Shakelton, born in the United Kingdom and now a resident in Fleming Island, was with son Noah, said the cold water challenge was not quite up to British standards.

"We're usually breaking ice to do this at home," said Shakelton.

One family of lifeguards, dad Charlie Akins and son Drew Akins, had coerced friend Cassie Solms to join them in the annual event.

"I'm from here, my connection is my son is a lifeguard and I lifeguarded as a youngster, " said Charlie Akins, who was wearing a Summerall Lifeguard.

From Buffalo, Florida snowbirds John Weisenborn and Michelle Breun brought some NFL Buffalo Bills mojo to the area for next week's Jacksonville Jaguar playoff game on Sun., Jan. 7, but Breun was



Fleming Island dad Nick Chop signals the "No-go" from daughter Lilly Chop, 5, who opted out of Eagle Harbor Polar Plunge.

to venture into the waters as Weisenborn played photographer.

"I've done these in Buffalo so that tells you what I've done," said Breun. "This is an odd day for Florida, don't you think?"

Two area runners; Lisa and Dan Adams, finished off a seven mile run with a splash with daughter Grace, with a newly-earned driver's licence, on hand.

"She was supposed to drive and meet me here with clothes for after," said Dan Adams. "Maybe she'll forget."

Locally, 16 year veterans Victor and Whitney Murray, a father/daughter duo, have been at the Eagle Harbor event since arriving in 2002. Victor Murray was dressed with his 2012 Polar Plunge shirt as he "warmed up."

"I really don't know why we do this particular event, but it is something we've done together since coming here," said Victor Murray. "This shirt is vintage Polar Plunge attire."



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Legal Notice

FAMILIES for termination of FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above named child, J.R. who was born on July 15, 2013. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Michael S. Sharrit at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue. Green Cove North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 1:30 P.M. o'clock on January 23, 2018, A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.

the date and time specified.
FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. If you are a person with a disability

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

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

TARA S. GREEN as Clerk of Said Court By: Denise Haselwood

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

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida. In accordance with the Americans

In accordance with the Americans In accordance with the American With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend.

For further information, call (904)

For further information, call (904) Legal 40927 publish Jan 4, 2018 in

Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

FICTITIOUS NAME

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

Jacksonville Dawgs

Located 3171 Silverado Circle, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Green County of CLAY, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 28th day of December, 2017

2017.

Owner's name/corporation: Norman Christian Mann

Legal 40921 published Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, STATE
OF FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NUMBER: 16-CA-769

M c D I L L C O L U M B U S CORPORATION,

Plaintiff.

DESIREE SHINGLER, her unknown

Legal Notice

under, and against the herein named individual defendant who are known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim interest as spouses, heirs, devise grantees, or other claimants, a UNKNOWN TENANT(S).,

UNKNOWN TENANT(S).,
Defendant(s)
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant
to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure
entered in the above styled cause, in
the Circuit Court of Clay County,
Florida, I will sell the property
citysted in Clay County, Florida situated in Clay County, Florida

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash on January 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. after first given notice as required by Section 45.031, in an online sale at the following website: http://www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes (1979). Witness my hand and the seal of said Court on this 18th day of December.

Court on this 18th day of December, 2017.

(court seal Clerk of the Circuit Court Jaimie Pippin Deputy Clerk

Exhibit A

F-80-2

follows:

Description: Tract SP-12
(8.317 acres more or less)
A tract of land situated in the South One Half (S1/2) of Section 10 and the North One Half (N1/2) of Section 15 of Township 8 South, Range 24 East, Clay County, Florida; said tract being more particularly described as

Commence at the Northwest Corner Commence at the Northwest Corner of Section 15 and run N 89 deg 36 min 52 sec E, along the North line of said Section 15, a distance of 240.0 feet to an Iron Pipe; thence run S 00 deg 49 min 14 sec E, 246.96 feet to an Iron Pipe on the Northerly right-of-way line of Ridge Trail Road; thence run N 88 deg 53 min 37 sec E, along said Northerly right-of-way line 171.08 feet to a Concrete Monument; thence run S 35 deg 14 min 31 sec E. along run S 35 deg 14 min 31 sec E, along said Northerly right-of-way line and an extension thereof 310.46 feet to an Iron Pipe in the center-line of Station Freeway; thence run N 86 deg 12 min 46 sec E, along said center-line 220.58 feet; thence run S 72 deg 08 min 57 sec E, along said center-line 400.62 feet to the Point of Reginning; thence continue S 72 deg Beginning; thence continue S 72 deg o8 min 57 sec E, along said centerline 249.21 feet; thence run N 89 deg 17 min 39 sec E, along said centerline 153.49 feet; thence run N 00 deg 56 min 02 sec W, 1296.36 feet; thence run S 89 deg 34 min 36 sec W, 170.60 feet: thence run S 09 deg 16 thence run S 89 deg 34 min 36 sec W, 170.60 feet; thence run S 09 deg 16 min 00 sec W, 1235.66 feet to the Point of Beginning, SAID tract containing 8.317 acres more or less. Legal 40898 published Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2017-CP-508 DIVISION:

IN RE: ESTATE OF LARRY GENE MILLS

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

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

All other creditors of the decedent 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 AND DEMANDS NOT ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER

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

BARRED.

Legal Notice

this notice is December 28, 2017. this notice is December 28, 2 Attorney for Personal Representative: Thomas C. Santoro Attorney for Yvonne Pomme Florida Bar No. 0784915 1700 Wells Road, Suite 5 Orange Park, Florida 32073 Telephone: (904) 278-8713 Fax: (904) 278-8768 tsantoro@santoro-law.com

tsantoro@santoro-law.com
Personal Representative:
Yvonne Pommerville
Legal 40910 published Dec 28, 2017
and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay
Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC SALE
SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING
INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lier on January 18, 2018 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

2001 Mercedes WDBKK65F41F221732 WDBKK65F41F221732
2002 Daewoo KLAJC52Z92K727849
Scott's Affordable Towing Inc.
reserves the right to accept or reject
any and/or all bids.
Legal 40925 publish Jan 4, 2018 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 Life Storage located at: 918 Rlanding Rlyd Store #67. Orange Blanding Blvd., Store #67, Orange Park, FL 32065, (904) 272-3705 and. 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. or otherwise disposed of on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 11:45 a.m.

Robert Boles Tools/Applnces Matthew Burke Hsld gds/ furn/gas

Theresa Burke Hsld gds/ furn William Cox Hsld gds/ furn; trunk; Christmas decorations Christmas decorations
John DiSpiroto Hsld gds/ furn
Shawn Dixon Hsld gds/ ft
TV/Stereo Equip, Tools/ Applnces
Vanessa Fernandez Hsld gds/ ft
TV/Stereo Equip; Tools/Applnces
Zanetta Guest Hsld/furn
Henry Hill Hsld gds/fu
Tools/Applnces Office furninged

Henry Hill Hsld gds/furn, Tools/Applnces, Office furn/machine s/officeequip

Jackson Hsld gds/furn: Deshawn

Deshawn Jackson Hsld gds/furn; TV/Stereo Equip Linda James Hsld gds/ furniture; Tools/Applnces Kassie Jeffries Hsld gds/furn Stephen Jiggets Bike, Box w/dishware, grill, patio tble & umbrel, turtle sandbox, microwave Kerry Lightfoot Hsld gds/ furn; TV/Stereo Equip

TV/Stereo Equip Lisa Lisenby Hsld gds/furn Hadi Makhlouf Hsld gds/furn Ricky Martin Jr Hsld gds/ furn Mandy Nason Hsld gds/furn Diane Weaver Hsld gds/ furn Keshia Whitehead Hsld gds/ furn

TV/Stereo Equip Keshia Whitehead Hsld gds/ furn Kesnia Whitenead Hsid gds/ furn Velton Williams Hsid gds/ furn Legal 40917 published Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay

NOTICE OF **PUBLIC SALE**

Today newspaper.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, pursuant to SECTION 83.801-809 Florida Statutes SECTION 83.801-809 Florida Statutes
"Storage Facility Act" will sell to the
highest bidder the contents of the
following storage units located at the
following locations. Said contents
consisting of personal property,
household and other goods,
furniture, etc., or as otherwise
indicated.
Sale will take place on January 13th.

Sale will take place on January 13th, 2018 @ 10:00am @ 445 2018 @ 10:00am @ the locations listed below. This sale is being made to satisfy a statutory lien. Registration will begin at 9:00am at 7378 Sunrise Blvd Keystone Heights FL. 32656 and then will proceed to the location listed above as the

auction site.
7350 State Road 100, Keystone
Heights, Fl. 32656 and name(s) of Unit number(s) and tenants are as follows:

KM004 Latina Slocum 1029 SE State Road 100, Keystone

Heights, Fl. 32656 Unit numbers and names of tenants are as follows

Legal Notice

charges according to Fl. Statues 83.806. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw any unit from such sale.

Open bids only.

CASH PAYMENTS ONLY. ALL

Sales Are Final. 10% Buyers

Premium. For any winning bid the buyer must present a \$50.00 cleaning fee for each winning unit and is refundable upon returning the unit broom swept. Contents to be removed by close of business 01/13/2018

Legal 40915 published Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay Today

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

DW's Mower Repair & Outdoor Power

Located at 4995 Highway 17S in the County of CLAY, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Division of Corporations Florida Department of State,

Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Green Cove Springs, Dated Florida, this 6th day of December. 2017.

Owner's name/corporation: OWNER'S name/Corporation.

DW's Mobile Mower Repair, LLC

Legal 40889 published Jan 4, 2018 in

Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION Clay County BEFORE THE BOARD OF

NURSING
IN RE: The license to practice Nursing

Wilanda Eden Akil. R.N. Wilanda Eden Akil, R.N.
1740 Canopy Oaks Dr.
Orange Park, Florida 32065
4696 Camp Creek Lane
Orange Park, Florida 32065
CASE NO.: 2016-27894
LICENSE NO.: RN 9338383
The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained

you, a copy of which may be obtained contacting, Susan K Bodner Esquire, Assistant General Counsel Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 558-9817.

Florida 32399-3265, (850) 558-9817. If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by February 15, 2018 the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing in an informal proceeding. proceeding.

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

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

FICTITIOUS NAME Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida

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

R&R AMUSEMENTS

Located at 2725 RAVINE HILL DR in the County of CLAY, in the City of MIDDLEBURG, FLORIDA 32068 the County of CLAY, in the City of MIDDLEBURG, FLORIDA 32068 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 29th day of November, 2017.

Owner's name/corporation:

Owner's name/corporation:

XAVIER RAY RAMOS XAVIER RAY RAMOS Legal 40934 published Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Probate Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF SUSIE MAE MCRAE,

Decedent.

The administration of the estate of K144 Rae Ditto
Entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien & other

Susie Mae McRae, deceased, whose date of death was June 9, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay

Legal Notice

County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or

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

DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this

The date of first publication of this notice is January 4, 2018.
Attorney for Personal Representative:

Beth K. Roland, Esquire (FBN 103674) Friedman & Friedman, P.A. 766 N. Sun Drive, Ste. 4030 Lake Mary, Florida 32746 Telephone: (407) 830-6331

Fax: (407) 878-2178 E-Mail: broland@ff-attorneys.com Personal Representative James Henderson McRae, Sr 2446 Moody Avenue Orange Park, Florida 32073 Legal 40928 published Jan 4 and Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: JARED A CURTISS 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: 2243/2013 Legal Description: LOT 14 BLK 1
LAKESIDE TERRACE AS REC 0 R

369 PG 308
Parcel ID No.: 140824-007054-000-00
Opening Bid: \$1,402.55
Physical Address: 7208 CARDINAL
ST, FLORAHOME
Classification: VACANT

Name in which assessed: LOUISE HUTCHINSON Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Clay, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 28th day of February, 2018 at 9:30 AM.
Dated this 11th day of December, 2017

TARA S. GREEN Clerk of the Circuit Court Clay County, Florida By: Jewel Baskin Deputy Clerk

Legal 40848 published Dec 14, Dec 21 and Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE

First Coast Workforce Development, Inc., (DBA CareerSource Northeast Florida), intends to release an Invitation-to-Negotiate on Monday, January 8, 2018 for Website Design, Construction, and Maintenance services to be provided March 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 with an annual option to renew for up to 3 additional years, effective July 1 through June

years, effective July 1 through June 30, based on performance and funding availability. A copy of the request will be available beginning Monday, January 8, 2018 at http://www.careersourcenefl.com/partner_vendor/request_for-proposals_aspy_or_at_1845_Town. proposals.aspx or at 1845 Town Center Blvd., Suite 250, Fleming Island, FL 32003. For additional information contact: D. Nevison 904/213-3800, x-2010. DEADLINE TO SUBMIT 2:00 PM (EST) February 8,

2018. Legal 40906 published Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today n

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

COUNTY,
FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2017-CA-000776
THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW
YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF
CWABS, INC., ASSET RACKET CERTIFICATES. SERIES 2005-BC2.

V.
SHARRONDA ROBERTS;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
SHARRONDA ROBERTS; ALL
UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING
INTERESTS BY, THROUGH,
UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED
DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR
HAVING OP CLAIMING TO HAVE HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; MAYFIELD OWNERS DESCRIBED; MAYFIELD OWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.; BEACH
BOULEVARD AUTO FINANCE,
INC.; US BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN
TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT

#2, Defendant(s). To the following Defendant(s): SHARRONDA ROBERTS

3240 Talisman Drive Middleburg, FL32043 SPOUSE 0 F SHARRONDA ROBERTS

SHARRONDA ROBERTS 3240 Talisman Drive Middleburg, FL 32068 UNKNOWN TENANT #1 3240 Talisman Drive Middleburg, FL 32068 UNKNOWN TENANT #2 3240 Talisman Drive

3240 Talisman Drive Middleburg, FL 32068 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action

for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOT 87, MAYFIELD, ACCORDING TO PLAT BOOK 36, PAGE 52, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY

THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Property Address: 3240 Talisman Drive, Middleburg, Florida 32068 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, upon Kelley Kronenberg, Attorney, for Plaintiff

Kronenberg, Attorney for Plaintiff whose address is 8201 Peters Road Fort Lauderdale, FL 33324, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in

which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in Clay Today and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 904-630-2564 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired call 1.800-955.877 (TDD): notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 20th day of December

(seal)

TARA GREEN
AS Clerk of the Court
By Stacie Towns
AS Deputy Clerk
Legal 40911 published Dec 28, 2017
and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

CLEVIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 10-2017-CP-510 IN THE

IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGIA PATRICIA MYERS Deceased.

administration of the estate The administration of the estate of GEORGIA PATRICIA MYERS, deceased, whose date of death was November 25, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the 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 on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR

Legal Notice

BEFORE THE LATER OF MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER 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.

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 DECEDENTS DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this notice is December 28, 2017. Attorney for Personal

Attorney for Personal Representative: Nancy M. Sutton, Esquire Nancy M. Sutton, Esquire Florida Bar Number.: 654841 OWENBY LAW, P.A. 2105 Park Avenue, Suite 2 Orange Park, Florida 32073 Telephone: (904) 359-5115 Fax: (904) 359-5116 E-Mail: law@OwenbyLaw.com Secondary E-Mail: Service@OwenbyLaw.com Attorney for Petitioner

Attorney for Petitioner Personal Representative:

Matthew Myers 235 Riverwood Drive Fleming Island, Florida 32003

Legal 40907 published Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION
- CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY

COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION

DIVISION
CASE NO: 2017-CA-001085
DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff Plaintiff,

ANDREW A. LEE, et. al.

Defendant(s)
TO: ANDREW A. LEE and
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANDREW

A. LEE,.
whose residence is unknown and all

whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 1, BLOCK 2 OF TANGLEWOOD VILLA GE UNIT EIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 3 AND 4, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY

THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the

complaint or petition filed herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 27th day of December, 2017.

TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Jaimie Pippin
DEPUTY CLERK

Legal 40924 published Jan 4 and Jan 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 17-086545

AMENDED NOTICE

OF ACTION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2017-CA-0860

BERTICA O. HUBSCH. individual, Plaintiff,

vs.
ED MCDOWER, Deceased, individual, Any Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries of Ed McDower Jr., THOMAS DRYER, a Deceased individual, Any Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries of Thomas Dryer, NAMON FENNELL, a deceased individual, Any Unknown heirs or Beneficiaries of Namon Fennell, DELLA R MCDOWER, an DELLA individual, B. MCDOWER,

Legal Notice

ED MCDOWER, Deceased, Any Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries of Ed McDower, Jr., THOMAS DRYER, a Deceased, Any

Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries Thomas Dryer, NAMON FENNELL, deceased, Any

Unknown Heirs of Beneficiaries
Namon Fennell
And DELLA B. MCDOWER,

an individual YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on that certain real property located in Duval County, Florida, which is more particularly described on the following real

property: See attached Exhibit A. (the

See attached Exhibit A. (the Property")
Has been filed against you, and you are required to serve copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff's counsel, Jonathan M. Smith, Esq. Duss, Kenney, Safer, Hampton & Joos, P.A., 4348 Southpoint Blvd, Suite 101, Jacksonville, Florida 32216, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs counsel or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court on December 15, 2017.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN

CLERK OF THE COURT

CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Jaimie Pippin

By: Jaimie Pippin as Deputy Clerk
Exhibit "A"

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

to a point on the northerly extension of the east line of those lands described in Official Records Book 262, page 336 of said public records; thence on said northerly extension and then on said east line South 01 degree 43 minutes 40 seconds East, 200.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 01 degrees 43 minutes 40 seconds East, 200.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds East; 419.00 feet to the west line of Miller Street, as now west line of Miller Street, as now established; thence on said west line established; thence on said west line, run the following two courses: (1) North 02 degrees 00 degrees 00 minutes 51 seconds West, 121.05 feet; (2) North 02 degrees 23 minutes 58 seconds West, 79.02 feet; thence North 89 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds West, 417.49 feet to the Point of Beginning

seconds West, 417.49 feet to the Point of Beginning. Legal 40897 published Dec 21 and 28, 2017 and Jan 4 and 11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE
WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC
AUCTION FOR TOWING AND
STORAGE COST. 2000 HONDA STORAGE COST. 2000 HONDA 2HGEJ6446YH103970. TONY AUTO REPAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT OT ACCEPT AND REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2017 AT 12:00 P.M. AT TONY AUTO REPAIR 5933 LENOX AVE JACKSONVILLE, FL 32205.

Legal 40714 published Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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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 Life Storage formerly Uncle
Bob's Self Storage located at: 600
Blanding Blvd., Store #409, Orange
Park, FL 32073, (904) 773-6331 and,
due notice having been given, to the 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 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 15, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.

Michelle Peralta - Hsld gds/Furn, TV/S tere o E q u i p, Off/Furn/MachEquip
Kira Wear - Hsld gds/Furn, TV/Stereo Equip

Equip Howard Wyche - Hsld gds/Furn Terri Gilpin - Hsld gds/Furn Legal 40869 published Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CASE NO: 2016-CA-000567 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

.. MARK SHANNON WOFFORD A/K/A MARK SHANNON WOFFORD A/K/A
MARK WOFFORD; LAURA B.
WOFFORD A/K/A LAURA
WOFFORD; JP MORGAN CHASE
BANK AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE;
UNKNOWN TENANT #1;
UNKNOWN TENANT #2,
Defendants

Defendants.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel Sale set for December 29, 2017 dated December 27, 2017 entered in Civil Case No. 2016 CA 000567 of the Case No. 2016 CA 000567 of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff; and WOFFORD, LAURA AND MARK, et al, are defendants. The Clerk TARA GREEN shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Clay County's On Line Public Auction website: www.clay.realforeclose.com. at 10:00 www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM on February 7, 2018, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida AMaccordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described property located in CLAY County, Florida as set forth in said Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure, to wit:

to wit:
LOT 1, BLOCK 162, BLACK CREEK
PARK, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO
THE PLAT THEREOF, AS
RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, AR
PAGES 21 THROUGH 33, OF THE
PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PROPERTY ADDRESS. 4785

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4785 HEDGEHOG ST MIDDLEBURG, FL

32068
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such certain assistance. To request such accommodation, please contact the Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone: (904) 630-2564; Fax: (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crintrp@coj.net. Dated this 29th day of December , 2017

TARA S. GREEN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

by Marla Albert
by Marla Albert
Deputy Clerk
Legal 40930 published Jan 4 and Jan
11, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today
newspaper 04-080341-F00

PUBLIC SALE

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and /or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at Life Storage Store #408 located at 1709 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg, FL 32068, (904) 282-6341 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 therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be

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 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
Carolyn S. Dempsey: Hsld Gds/Furn, Tools/Appnces, Off Furn/Mach/Equip Troy D. Alderman: Hsld Gds/Furn, Tv/Stereo Equip., Tools/Applnes
Legal 40892 published Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2017-CP-511 DIVISION:

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWARD
GRADY HALCOMB **Deceased.** The administration of the estate

Edward Grady Halcomb, deceased, whose date of death was July 2, 2017 is pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, Probate Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal

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representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court 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

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 WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENTS DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of

The date of the first publication of this notice is December 28, 2017.

this notice is December 28, 2017. Attorney for Personal Representative:
Thomas C. Santoro Attorney for Yvonne Pommerville Florida Bar No. 0784915 1700 Wells Road, Suite 5 Orange Park, Florida 32073 Telephone: (904) 278-8713 Fax: (904) 278-8768 tsantoro@santoro-law.com

tsantoro@santoro-law.com

Personal Representative:
Alice Halcomb
Legal 40916 published Dec 28, 2017

and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Notice of Sale of Impounded Livestock

To Whom It May Concern: You are hereby notified that I will offer for sale and sell at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash the highest and best bidder for cash the following described livestock: Black and white male pig, at 10 o'clock, a.m. on the 11th day of Janaury, 2018 at the following place: 2463 SR 16 West, Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida, to satisfy a claim for fees, expenses for feeding and care and costs hereof.

Sheriff Darryl Daniels Of Clay County, Florida Disclaimer: Buyer understands they must have trailer or means of

must have trailer or means of transporting sold livestock at time of transporting sold livestock at time of sale. Buyer understands that little is known about the livestock's health and behavior. Buyer understands that whatever preventative treatment given to protect the livestock's health is not conclusive and buyer may need to seek further precautionary treatment to ensure the livestock's health. the livestock's health. Legal 40929 published Jan 4, 2018 in

Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

The following vehicle(s) will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs

2008 Hyundai 5NPEU46F48H362862 2008 Hyundai 5NPEU46F48H362862
G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept and reject any and all bids. The auction will be held on 01/22/2018 at 9:00 a.m at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Legal 40932 published Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
JARED A CURTISS 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: 4063/2014
Legal Description: PT OF LOTS & &

Legal Description: PT OF LOTS 8 & 10 BLK 28 GOLDEN GATE MANOR AS REC O R 1459 PG 1470, 1621 PGS 1790-1793, 2094 PG 2088 & 2653 PG 1647

Parcel ID No.: 380626-018413-009-00 Parcel ID No.: 380626-018413-009-00
Opening Bid: \$2,332.09
Physical Address: WALNUT (OFF)
ST. GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: YACANT
Name in which assessed: TAX LIEN
STRATEGIES LP
Said property being in the County of

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 28th day of February, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

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Dated this 11th day of December

TARA S. GREEN Clerk of the Circuit Court Clay County, Florida By: Jewel Baskin Deputy Clerk

Legal 40847 published Dec 14, Dec 21 and Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

We Stor of Middleburg will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder on their premises at 4404 County Road 218. 218, Middleburg, FL 32068, enforcement of Florida Sta Statutes enforcement of Florida Statutes section 83.806 on Friday, January 12, 2018, at 5:30pm on the following units: The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted: Clayton Allen, Sean Ayers & Maureen Perkins, Travis Baker, Jonathan Barker, Jessica Brockel, Patricia Bullington, Nathan Byerly, Rena Cain, Dale Cawley, Byerly, Rena Cain, Dale Cawley, James Day, Janice Duren, Betty Ennis, Pamela Fields, Michael Haun, Ennis, Pameia rieius, michael Hacu, Christy Hicks, Christopher Hovey, Sr., Chanda & Billy Hunt, Tabetha Kite, Richard Loftus & Cheryl Selph, Kite, Richard Loftus & Cheryl Selph, Lillian & Randy McMillon, James Mosley, Terri Mosley, Lourina Osteen & Tony Scoville, Haleigh Parrish, Misty Powless, Barbara Reeves, Patricia Rodman, Mark Schleiger, Alfred Selph, Brandie Scottor, Hareld Sheffield & Kolly Senters, Harold Sheffield & Kelly Williams, Christopher Sims, Debra Sleeth

Legal 40868 published Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

THE BOARD OF THE CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WILL HOLD ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING ON THE FOLLOWING
DATE AND TIME:

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17.

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

Time: 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: HAVEN HOSPICE
BOARD ROOM, 745 Blanding Blvd,
Orange Park, FL, 32065

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTICED,
ANY SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF

ANY SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WILL

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WILL BE HELD AN HOUR PRIOR TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATES AND TIMES OR, AS SOON THEREAFTER AS MAY BE CONDUCTED.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, AGENCY, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING OR HEARING. TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING OR HEARING, HE/SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE/SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

BE BASED. SUCH RECORDS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY THE CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL MAKING

gal 40858 published Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION IN EMINENT DOMAIN AND NOTICE OF HEARING **OF CONSTRUCTIVE** SERVICE OF PROCESS

SERVICE OF FRUCESS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2017-CA-1108 Division: F

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPART-MENT OF TRANSPORTATION. Petitioner,

vs.
JOHN E. GRIGGS II, as Trustee of
the Griggs Living Trust dated
September 30, 2005; BRENDA C.
GRIGGS, as Trustee of the Griggs
Living Trust dated September 30,
2005; and JIMMY WEEKS, Clay
County Tax Collector;
Defondants

Defendants. STATE OF FLORIDA TO:

To the above named Defendants and to all said defendants who are living, and if any or all defendants are deceased, the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by,

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through, under or against any such deceased defendant or defendants, if alive, and, if dead, their unknown alive, and, if dead, their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, legatees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any such deceased defendant or defendants, and all other parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in have any right, title or interest and to the property described in the

Item # 4229382

SR 23 (First Coast Outer Beltway) -

SK 25 (F115. -Clay County Section No. 71493 State Road No. 23

Clay County F.P. No. 4229382

F.P. No. 4229382
Parcel No. 165
Fee Simple
A Part Of The G.I.F. Clarke Grant,
Property Of The Clinch Estate, As
Recorded In Plat Book 1, Pages 31 34,
Of The Public Records Of Clay
County, Florida, In The Clarke's Mill
Grant Socion 29 Township 6 South Grant, Section 38, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, And The Clarke's Mill Grant, Section 47, Township 6 South

Grant, Section 47, Township 6 South, Range 27 East, All Lying In Said Clay County, Florida, Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Commence At The Southeast Corner Of The Clarke's Mill Grant, Section 38, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, Clay County, Florida; Thence North 09°40′41″ East, Along The East Line Of Said Section 38, A Distance Of 18,656.39 Feet To The Baseline Of 18,656.39 Feet To The Baseline Of Survey Of State Road No. 16 (As Per Survey Of State Road No. 16 (As Per Florida Department Of Transportation Right Of Way Map Section 71100-2501); Thence North 74°46'44" West, Departing Said East Line Of Section 38, Along Said Baseline Of Survey Of State Road No. 16, A Distance Of 326.16 Feet; Thence North 15°13'16" East, Departing Said Baseline Of Survey Of State Road No. 16, A Distance Of 60.00 Feet To A Point On The Northerly Existing Right Of Way Line Of Said State Road No. 16 (A Variable Width Right Of Way As Per Line Of Said State Road No. 16 (A Variable Width Right Of Way As Per Florida Department Of Transportation Right Of Way Map Section 71100-2501), Said Point Being On The Westerly Existing Right Of Way Line Of Shands Pier Road (A 66.00 Foot Right Of Way As Now Established) And A Point On A Curve, Concave Northerly, Having A Radius Of 559.72 Feet, A Chord Bearing And Distance Of North 83°50'10" East, 68.65 Feet; Thence Easterly, Departing Said Northerly Existing Right Of Way Line Of State Road No. 16, Along Said Westerly Existing Right Of Way Line Of State Road No. 16, Along Said Westerly Existing Right Of Way Line Of Shands Pier Road, And Along The Arc Of Said Curve, Through A Central Angle Of 07°01'56", An Arc Length Of 68.70 Feet To The Point Of Beginning; Thence North 10°22'44" West, Departing Said Westerly

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Existing Right Of Way Line, A Distance Of 106.51 Feet To A Point On A Curve, Concave Northwesterly, On A Curve, Concave Northwesterly, Having A Radius Of 902.00 Feet, A Chord Bearing And Distance Of North 53°36'12" East, 659.30 Feet; Thence Northeasterly, Along The Arc Of Said Curve, Through A Central Angle Of 42°52'21", An Arc Length Of 674.94 Feet; Thence South 57°49'59" East, A Distance Of 16.52 Feet To Said Westerly Existing Right Of Way Line Of Shands Pier Road: Of Way Line Of Shands Pier Road Thence Southerly Along Said Westerly Existing Right Of Way Line Westerly Existing Right Of Way Line Of Shands Pier Road, The Following 2 Courses And Distances: (1) South 31°59'16" West, A Distance Of 273.46 Feet To A Point On A Curve, Concave Northwesterly, Having A Radius Of 559.72 Feet, A Chord Bearing And Distance Of South 56°09'14" West, 458.28 Feet (2) Southwesterly, Along The Arc Of Said Curve, Through A Central Angle Of 48°19'56", An Arc Length Of 472.16 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Of Beginning

Containing: 1.158 Acres, More Or

Less.

Being a Part of Tax Parcel No.

38-06-26-016457-000-00

A petition in eminent domain has been filed to acquire certain property interests in Clay County, Florida.

Each defendant is required to serve written defenses to the petition on

written defenses to the petition on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are shown below, on or and address are shown below, on or before February 1, 2018, and to file the original of the defenses with the clerk of this court either before service on petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter, showing what right, title, interest or lien defendant has in or to the property described in the petition and to show cause why that property should not be taken for the uses and purposes set forth in the petition. If any set forth in the petition. If any defendant fails to do so, a default will be entered against that defendant for the relief demanded in the petition

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a declaration of taking has been filed in this cause and that petitioner will apply for an order of taking and any other order the court deems proper before the Honorable Gary Wilkinson, one of the Judges of this Court, on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 130 nm. (1) hour reserved) in 1:30 p.m., (1 hour reserved) in hearing room 4-097 at the Clay County Courthouse, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida. All defendants to this suit Florida. All defendants to this suit may request a hearing at the time and place designated and be heard at the time and place designated and be heard. Any defendant failing to file a request for hearing shall waive any right to object to the Order of Taking.

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of this Court on the December, 2017.

TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Alissa Peebles Deputy Clerk

Ralph P. Maxon, Esq. Florida Department of Transportation 1109 S. Marion Avenue, MS 2009 Lake City, Florida 32025-5874 Telephone: 386/758-3731 Ralph.Maxon@dot.state.fl.us Legal 40912 published Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay

PUBLIC NOTICE

Today newspaper

of January 1, 2018, Dr. Linda vester will be retiring from Svlvester

Sylvester will be retiring from practice with 21st Century Oncology. Patients may continue to seek service with other physicians at the Orange Park office.

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

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

basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

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

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

kontakte biwo doktè ou a oswa rele 239-938-9391.

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

Bid Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Cross Creek North Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018 with an option for two additional annual renewals. The District is a local unit of special-purpose government created

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under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District was created by Clay County Ordinance and has an annual operating budget of approximately \$189,825.00. The District anticipates issuing bonds fiscal year 2017/2018. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for Fiscal Year 2018 be completed no later than February 1, 2019. under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes

than February 1, 2019.
The Auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 473, Florida Statutes and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards", as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General. Auditor General.

Auditor General.
Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below.
Proposers must provide seven (7) hard copies of their proposal and one (1) Adobe PDF file on flash drive to the District Manager, 2806 N. Fifth Street. Suite 403. St. Augustine. Street, Suite 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084, in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services Cross Creek Community Development District. Community Development District." Proposals must be received by January 26, 2018 at 12:00 p.m., at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager. Any protest regarding the terms of this Notice, or the proposal packages on file with the District Manager, must be filed in writing at the offices of the District Manager within

must be filed in writing at the offices of the District Manager within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding weekends) after publication of this Notice. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to object or protest with respect to aforesaid Notice or proposal package provisions

Cross Creek North Community Cross Creek North Colliminary
Development District
Lesley Gallagher, District Manager
Legal 40896 published Jan 4, 2018 in
Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2016-CA-000392
GUARANTY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff.

DAVID KILCREASE A/K/A DAVID L. KILCREASE; et al.,

L. KILCREASE; et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE IS hereby given that, Tara
S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Clay County, Florida, will on the
5th day of February, 2018 at 10:00
a.m., ET, via the online auction at
www.Clay.RealForeclose.com, in
accordance, with Chapter, 45, FS accordance with Chapter 45, F.S. offer for sale and sell at public outery to the highest and best bidder

outery to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Clay County, Florida, to wit: A parcel of land situated in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Township 4 South, Range 24 East, Clay County, Florida, being more particularly Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 22, thence on the

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Easterly line thereof run North 00 Easterly line thereof run North 00 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds West 1590.42 feet, thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds West 1344.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds East 15.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds West 1313.00 feet to the West Line of seid Southeast 1/4. West line of said Southeast 1/4; thence on last said line North 00 thence on last said line North 00 degrees 15 minute 00 seconds West 411.42 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue on last said line North 00 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West 137.14 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds East 349.40 feet; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds Eat 137.14 feet; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes and 00 seconds 89 degrees 57 minutes and 00 seconds West 349.40 feet to the point of beginning, being 1.10 acres, more or

less.
Together with and subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities covering the following described parcel of land.
Commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 22; thence on the Easterly line thereof run North 00 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds West 1560.42 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue North 00 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds West 30.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes minutes 30 seconds West 30.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds West 1314.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds West 15.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds West 973.54 feet; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West 510.56 feet, thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds West 40.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East 563.56 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds East 563.56 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds East 563.56 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds East 2327.62 feet to the point of beginning.

point of beginning.
Together with the certain 2012
Jacobsen mobile home located thereon bearing model no. IMP-7604
and serial no. JAC FL 30405 ABC

and serial no. JAC FL 30405 ABC Imperial.

Property Address: 976 McLaughlin Lane, Middleburg, FL 32068 pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style and case number of which is set forth case number of which is set forth

above. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the circuit the ADA Coordinator for the circuit court system at crtintrop@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Honorable Court, this 20th day of December, 2017.

day of December, 2017.

TARA S. GREEN Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Alissa Peebles

Deputy Clerk Legal 40920 published Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CASE NO: 2016-CA-000580 CASE NO: 2016-CA-000580
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE
ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A
CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND
EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF
THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

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VS.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS,
DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES,
GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES,
LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL
OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN
INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER
OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF
DANIEL L. OSBORNE A/K/A
DANIEL LEE OSBORNE,
DECEASED, ROBERTA OSBORNE, DANIEL L. OSBORNE A/K/A
DANIEL LEE OSBORNE,
DECEASED; ROBERTA OSBORNE
A/K/A ROBERTA LYNN OSBORNE;
GARY L. WILKINSON, AS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ESTATE OF DANIEL L.
OSBORNE A/K/A DANIEL LEE
OSBORNE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN
PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF
THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendant(s)

Defendant(s)
NOTICE IS HEREBY
Order Resci NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 6, 2017, and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-000580, of the Circuit Court 2016-CA-000580, of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is Plaintiff, and UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES,
GRANTEES, ASSIGNESS,
LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL
OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN
INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER
OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF
DANIEL L. OSBORNE A/K/A
DANIEL L. EE OSBORNE,
DECEASED; ROBERTA OSBORNE
A/K/A ROBERTA LYNN OSBORNE;
GARY L. WILKINSON, AS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ESTATE OF DANIEL L. DEVISEES. THE ESTATE OF DANIEL L.
OSBORNE A/K/A DANIEL LEE
OSBORN, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OSBORN, DECEASED; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. TARA S. GREEN, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash BY ELECTRONIC SALE AT: WWW.CLAY.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at 10:00 AM on the 5th day of February. 10:00 AM, on the 5th day of February 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final udgment, to wit:
OT 7, BLOCK 1, HERITAGE

LOT 7, BLOCK 1, HERITAGE FARMS UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO

FARMS UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGES 49, 50, 51, 52 AND 53, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A 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 18th day of December, DATED this 18th day of December.

TARAS. GREEN As Clerk of Said Court
By Jaimie Pippin
As Deputy Clerk
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