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Commission takes up private shelter ordinance

By Debra W. Buehn
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Everyone’s heard of rescue dogs and cats, but a rescue zebra? It, and other exotic animals in need of help, could be in the future for Clay County as officials begin looking at private animal shelter zoning regulations.

The subject was on the agenda at the Dec. 5, meeting of the county’s Planning Commission as commissioners took up discussion of adding private animal shelters to the PS-2 (private services) zoning district as a conditional use. The county’s planning staff was approached recently by members of the Animal Rescue Movement Inc., a nonprofit 501(c) 3 corporation that wants to operate as a private animal shelter under PS-2 zoning.

The group currently is located at 5744 Maverick Rd. and has eight kennels and runs with concrete and play yards with hard-grassed surfaces. Right now, there are six dogs, two pigs, three goats, 15-20 cats, three roosters and seven chickens at the location, according to a staff memo. There are no adoptions at the 5.89-acre site and it is not open to the public. Pets are generally taken to PetSmart for adoptions as the Animal Rescue Movement helps animals find their forever homes.

“We were approached by the applicant about the possibility of having privatized animal shelters and rescue-type situations. In the code, we didn’t really refer to any of the private, not-for-profit operations. We deal

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Christmas comes early for Orange Park child



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Melody York of Orange Park, at right, expresses joy as her son, Oliver Lockwood sits in his new adaptive toy at the University of North Florida on Dec. 1 for the first time.

Toys that improve lives

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

JACKSONVILLE – The third story ballroom in the University of North Florida Student Union was quiet while

families outside in the lobby sat anxiously for the doors to open so they could end months of waiting. At the same time, teams of engineering and

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Lake appointed Keystone Heights mayor

By Kile Brewer
Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – After four months of debate, the Keystone Heights City Council voted unanimously Monday to appoint Karen Lake as its mayor.

The Dec. 4 action came after former mayor Tony Brown stepped down in August, leading the city to open up the application process three times to find his replacement who would serve on a temporary basis until the Super Tuesday election in April when a permanent mayor will be elected.

Lake was one of two original applicants whose application was passed over before the council opted to re-open the application process. After the two original application periods came to a close, the city received a third application from Planning and Zoning board member Bill Dixon, who resigned from his position on that board to throw his name into consideration.



Karen Lake



Tony Brown

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Clay County Memories



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Clay County Christmas holiday memories of first half of 1900s

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Christmas time in Clay County used to be very different than it is today. In the first half of the 1900s most in the county were still watching the radio and living in a cash poor, barter and credit rural economy. The difference between needs and wants was crystal clear.

Christmas presents were usually only a stocking with nuts, fruit and hard candy as this longtime resident of Green Cove Springs remembered. She was already asleep on Christmas Eve when a strange noise woke her, and she slipped out of bed into the parlor to see walnuts bouncing

and rolling across the wood floor from the hole in the toe of her own thigh high black stocking.

Out in the deep woods, one family celebrated with an annual hunting expedition of men and boys that left way before daylight. Later in the day, the women packed up the food and younger children and met

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At Grace Episcopal Church in the 1940s, parents held their collective breath while the children performed the annual candlelight parade to the altar. The church, built in 1880, had cured to the state of lighter wood and the slightest lapse of a youngster's attention promised a conflagration. None ever ensued but any who participated for sure remembered.



Residents get road update

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Engineers from the Florida Department of Transportation recently assured Orange Park residents that a \$13.7 million plan to improve traffic flow at Wells Road and Park Avenue is still in the planning.

Set to begin construction in 2022, residents were given an opportunity on Nov. 30 to provide FDOT staffers with more input about the project that will be funded with both state and federal dollars when construction begins. The goal of the construction is to improve the operation of the highway, rather than increase the capacity.

"The issue with [U.S.] 17 is that there is a lot of traffic backup at [Interstate] 295, which a good portion of that traffic stemming from those trying to get from Wells to the interstate," said Sara Pleasants, FDOT public information officer.

The project, which is currently in the design phase, plans to detour those traveling on Wells Road to Eldridge, all in an effort to reduce the stress on the light at Wells and Park Avenue/U.S.17, which is

where the majority of traffic backup occurs in rush hour. While the detour won't be mandatory, it will provide a new option for those driving on to Wells Road to get to I-295. The project also aims to repaint bicycle lanes, modify turn lanes and better synchronize traffic signal lights.

With these changes, the FDOT hopes to see a reduction in the time commuters spend sitting idle in traffic.

According to Jim Knight, the urban planning administrator for the FDOT, at a previously held meeting, a car idling for an hour burns roughly a quarter of a gallon of gas. While that number doesn't seem like much, it certainly adds up. If traffic flow improvements saved 10,000 hours a day, that equates to saving 2,500 gallons of gas a day.

For residents with property near this end of U.S. 17, the FDOT might request a price for land that might be needed in the construction process. Property owners will first be contacted by the FDOT requesting a price. The property owner and the FDOT

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Chuck Pavlos, Town of Orange Park's public works director, at left, talks with Town Council Member Gary Meeks and others about the Park Avenue and Wells Road improvement project at the Nov. 30 Florida Department of Transportation community update held at town hall.

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Preparing for Hanukkah

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Now that December is here, many Clay County families are preparing for Christmas by donning their house with dancing lights or decorating a Christmas tree. A growing number of Clay families, however, aren't putting up a tree or hanging stockings, but rather, they're hanging a Star of David and setting up the family Menorah.

In an effort to welcome in the holiday of Hanukkah, which officially begins Dec. 12, Rabbi Shmuly Feldman, the co-director of the Chabad of Clay County, with help from the Lowe's near Orange Park, hosted a Menorah-making event last Sunday. As nearly a dozen kids made their way to the back of the lumber aisle in Lowe's, they were treated to donuts, selfie stick fun and the story of Hanukkah.

The event began with donut decorating. Sure, donuts are a delicious food that most people love but they also have significance with the holiday.

"Because of the significance of oil, we bring in the holidays by eating foods cooked in oil," Feldman said. "So, potato pancakes, donuts and other foods fried in oil usually accompany our meals around this time of the year."

After decorating and eating their donuts, the children were able to don a kippah – also known as a yarmulke – and take a selfie. Once everyone's selfies were done,

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– Rabbi Shmuly Feldman

Feldman asked them to join him for the story of Hanukkah.

"In the ancient temple of Jerusalem, there was a menorah that was lit each and every day," Feldman said. "When the Syrian Greeks took Jerusalem, they defiled the ancient temple and destroyed everything, including the sacred oil used to light the menorah."

After some time, the Jewish people were able to take Jerusalem back. When they returned to the temple to light the menorah, they found only one container of oil.

"This oil wasn't just any oil," Feldman continued. "It was ritually pure and carried the seal of the high priest to signify its purity."

The one container of oil they found should have only lasted one day and one night but according to Feldman, it miraculously lasted eight days and eight nights.

"That's why we celebrate Hanukkah for eight days," Feldman said. "Each day is

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Rabbi Shmuly Feldman, second from left, assists children with making menorahs in preparation for the annual celebration of Hanukkah at a workshop held Dec. 2 at Lowe's on Kingsley Avenue.

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The truth and facts about live greyhound racing in Florida

By Jack Cory
FloridaPolitics.com

Mark Twain is credited by some as saying: A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.

Live greyhound racing is good for Florida and good for the greyhounds!

Over \$80 million was bet on live greyhound racing at the tracks last year, with no reported compulsive gambling.

Over \$2 billion was bet at out-of-state Advanced Deposit Wagering facilities, untaxed and unregulated, a portion on live greyhound racing in Florida.

Eleven million dollars was generated in state revenue, over 3,000 Florida jobs, and over 8,000 beautiful greyhounds with over 95 percent adopted to loving families or returned to the farms to live out their lives.

These are the standards for the “no kill” animal movement.

The “false” information is being put forth by very radical out-of-state animal rights groups and their misinformed supporters, that take care of NO animals in Florida. They are the same groups that put on the sad puppy commercials over the holidays. They use this “false” information for fundraising, not to take care of any animals in Florida!

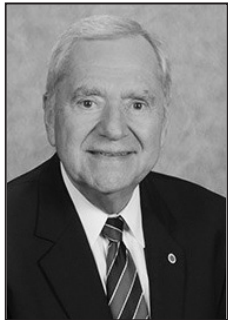
These groups support the high-kill animal shelters in Florida that will kill 250,000 pets this year, that is over 700 today.

Greyhounds are well trained and well treated. Greyhound owners do not get paid unless the greyhound comes in first, second, third or fourth in a race. Therefore, greyhound owners take immense pride in ensuring that greyhound athletes receive the very best treatment.

Everything from the size of the crate, the quantity and quality of food, veterinary care to the amount of walking, exercises and play time is closely monitored for optimum athletic performance. The greyhound's performance puts food on the tables for the trainers, owners and breeders and their families. Some of the greyhound men and women have been in the industry for generations. They love their animals and love their jobs.

The State of Florida inspects all greyhound kennels at all tracks. The Florida Greyhound Association and the National Greyhound Association have zero tolerance for any animal abuse.

One animal dying prematurely is too many, but all athletes, human or animal can get injuries and even die. In order to



Jack Cory

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Lies cast in iron

Although he is best known for his 1995 book, *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong*, author James Loewen's *Lies Across America: What Our Historic Sites Get Wrong* is another highly-acclaimed book.

In researching both books, Loewen spent countless hours digging, searching, reading and finally finding the truth.

It took Loewen two years to comb through 12 leading American high school history textbooks and begin his book. What he found was something described as “an embarrassing blend of bland optimism, blind nationalism, and plain misinformation.” The works he read – all 888 pages – weighed almost five pounds.

Lies Across America teaches historic marker visitors to read between the lines and deconstruct the sculptures on monuments and memorials. He said, the lies and omissions across the countryside suggest times and ways that the United States went astray as a nation. The book covers more than 100 historic sites in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. In his introduction, Loewen gives the reader a snapshot of some of the absurdity he encountered while researching and writing the book.

“Americans like to remember only the positive things, and communities like to publicize the great things that happened in them. One result is silliness: the first airplane was invented not by the Wright Brothers but by Rev. Burrell Cannon, and the first flight was not in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, but in Pittsburg, Texas. And markers



Eric Cravey

... One result is silliness: the first airplane was invented not by the Wright Brothers but by Rev. Burrell Cannon, and the first flight was not in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, but in Pittsburg, Texas. And markers in Brunswick, Georgia and Brunswick County, Virginia battle over where Brunswick stew was born.”

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While the only Florida chapter in the book surrounds the missing town of Rosewood, Florida, Clay County may have a marker to offer Loewen if he ever considers a volume two of his book.

On Sept. 30, local history buffs and others turned out for a ceremony to unveil Clay County's newest historic marker at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church on Fleming Island.

Despite a steady downpour that Saturday morning, the church was filled to capacity. During the ceremony, the Clay County Historic Preservation Board walked attendees through the church's history by having a former docent explain the meanings of the sanctuary's pristine stained-glass windows.

The event culminated with a rainy unveiling of the classic iron marker that sits just outside the picket fence of the church that was originally built in 1897 in coordination with Episcopal Bishop John F. Young and named after Saint Margaret of Scotland.

Descendants of the Fleming family traveled from as far away as Texas to take part in the festivities.

Within days after the unveiling,

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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.

Uxorius: An adjective meaning “doting upon, foolishly fond of, or affectionately submissive toward one's wife.”

“Norman's uxorious actions made many of the dinner party guests feel awkwardly uncomfortable.”

This week in History

5 years ago, 2012

With the help of the nonprofit Dreams Come True, Alexis Tato of Middleburg got to fly to New York City to see a New York Jets game and meet its star quarterback, Tim Tebow.

Adrian Andrews was sworn in to serve on the Penney Farms Town Council after incumbent Richard Dodds chose not to run for re-election, so he could focus on a debilitating bout with Lyme Disease.

Twenty-three-year-old Anthony Michael Margadonna pleaded guilty in a case involving a vehicle accident that killed Brien Andrew Alvezios, 13, of Middleburg in 2011.

10 years ago, 2007

An administrative law judge ruled that St. Vincent's Healthcare can move forward with plans to build a \$128 million hospital near Branan Field-Chafee Road and Blanding Boulevard after Orange Park Medical Center sued to stop the plan.

Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler presented a check for \$22,392.44 to Green Cove Springs Police Chief Robert Musco at a city council meeting for the city's role in helping in the war on drugs. The funds came from confiscated drug seizures.

School Superintendent David Owens named Dale Eichhorn to be the principal of Shadowlawn Elementary and Colette Wyant to be the principal of Oakleaf Village Elementary effective April 1, 2008.

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20 years ago, 1997

Authorities charged Ronald W. Wing II, 30, of Middleburg with DUI manslaughter in connection with a single-vehicle accident that killed Pamela K. Panek, 29, also of Middleburg. Panek was a passenger on Wing's motorcycle.

After receiving multiple heated complaints from customers cable provider Media One dropped plans to close its Green Cove Springs office and have Winn Dixie serve as a payment location for its cable customers' bills.

Mike Elliott, director of facilities planning for the Clay County School District, announced that Centex had donated 150 acres on Fleming Island where new schools can be built as new homes are constructed.

30 years ago, 1987

Green Cove Springs City Manager Kim Leinbach urged city council to increase the beginning salary for its planning and zon-

ing director. He said five applicants for the job would have to take a pay cut to take the \$22,800 a year job.

Orange Park Vice Mayor Carrol Nix introduced a measure to remove a budgeted \$3,000 raise for the town fire chief.

Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee said Margie Ireland and her husband Elwood died in an apparent murder-suicide at their Lake Geneva home.

40 years ago, 1977

Clay County Public Works Director Jimmy Weeks presented county commissioners with a list of proposed sidewalk projects totaling \$998,000 to accompany a list of road paving priorities.

Former Clay County resident Talmadge Stuckey pleaded guilty to a \$725,000 wire fraud scheme in a Jacksonville courtroom.

Mary Thacker, John Ruffini and Susan Frazer were elected to serve on the Keystone Heights City Council in an election in which 186 voters cast ballots.

Clay woman to compete in statewide pageant

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – An Orange Park woman will represent the City of Green Cove Springs in the upcoming Miss Florida USA pageant in Tampa.

Taylor Silveira, who grew up in Green Cove Springs, will compete in evening gown, swimsuit or athletic wear and personal interview in the pageant that is scheduled for Dec. 16-17 in Tampa.

Having served as Miss Clay High 2012-13, Silveira is currently a law student at the Stetson University College of Law. "I plan to continue to lead communities around me to be philanthropic, share the importance of supporting local businesses, and working closely with young girls to help them reach their dreams," Silveira said.

"Children have always held a special place in my heart and I think that competing in Miss Florida USA would allow me to be that role model for young girls that need it." While working on her bachelor's degree, Silveira completed more than 500 volunteer hours, mainly working with children with Autism.



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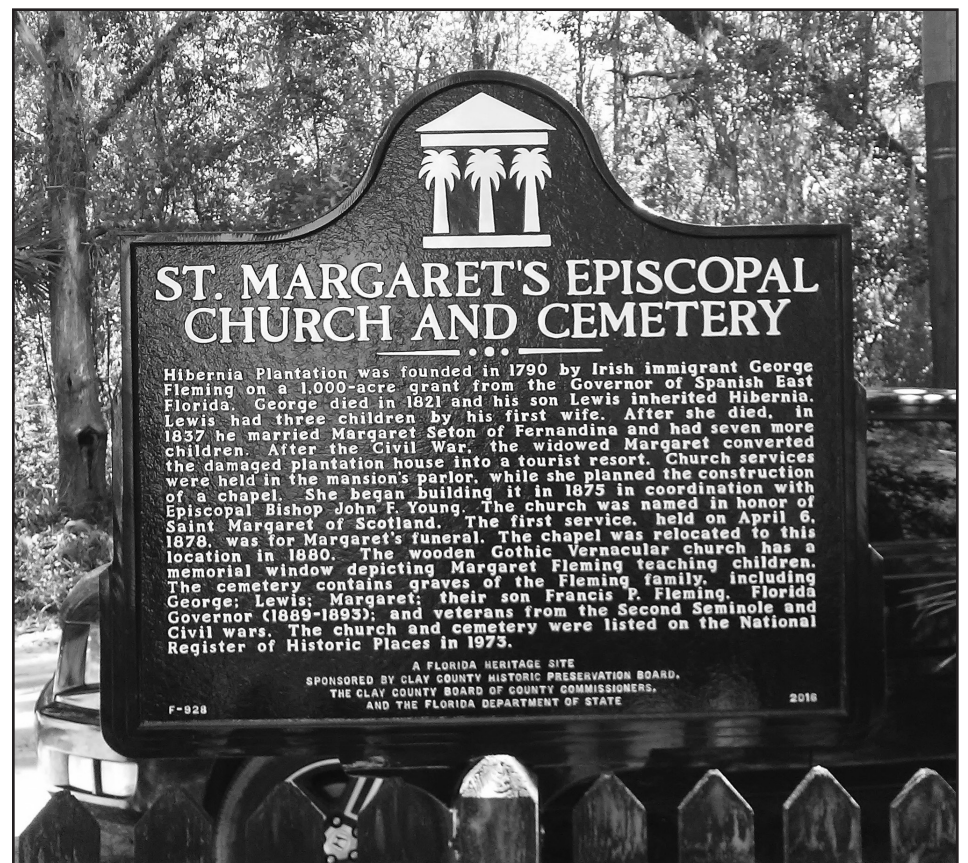
the community chatter started. It seemed that everyone but us here at the paper knew there was an error on the new shiny object. We quickly learned that contrary to what the sign states, former Florida Governor Francis P. Fleming, who served from 1889-1893, is not buried in the St. Margaret's cemetery on Fleming Island. A Google search could have avoided the \$1,900 error, the cost of an historical marker with the same text printed on both sides, according to the Florida Division of Historical Resources. Gov. Fleming is buried in the Jacksonville Old City Cemetery at the immediate right of the main entrance.

Two months later, there is good news. Clay Today was able to confirm Dec. 5 for the first time that a fix is in the works. An official with the state historical archives said he is working with Clay County officials to correct the error that his department spokeswoman originally said did not exist.

So, at least for now, Loewen can be held at bay – for now.



Here is the grave of former Florida governor Francis Philip Fleming where he lay at rest in the Jacksonville Old City Cemetery.



Here is the newly-erected historical marker written by members of the Clay County Historic Preservation and approved by the Florida Historical Archives despite having an error on it. It says former governor Francis Philip Fleming is buried at St. Margaret's cemetery, but he is not.

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avoid this, the greyhound owners have proposed a 3-point safety bill that would have eliminated the vast majority of deaths and injuries at the track, but the

hypocritical animal rights people oppose it. John Adams, the second president of the U.S. said, "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."

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'She loved everyone'

Community mourns the loss of Claire McCool

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

FLEMING ISLAND – A little over two years ago, Claire McCool stepped into the classroom with a demeanor that was quieter than usual. There were no morning jokes. There was no discussion about the previous night's homework. Some students assumed McCool was having a bad day, a rarity for her. Some students assumed she was mad.

McCool wasn't having a bad day and she wasn't mad.

Instead, the more than 20-year veteran teacher stood in front of class and told them she had been diagnosed with breast cancer. She also told them that she was going to beat it.

"I looked around and just everyone had the same look on their face – surprise and sadness," said William Ferrell, a former student of McCool's recalling that morning announcement. "How could something so bad happen to someone so good?"

"It tore me up," Ferrell said. "It tore all of us up."

McCool, 62, of Fleming Island, died Nov. 20. She is survived by her husband, Mike McCool; children, Paige Salstrand (Lane), Mary Michael Charap (Kevin) and Lowry Peaks (Jason) and grandchildren, Elliott, Charlie, Ingram, Jane, Anna, Andrew and Jacob. She was born on August 24, 1955 in Mississippi to parents Robert and Barbara Ingram McCool.

News of her passing caused a wave of sentiment on social media. There were only good things to say about this teacher who had a positive impact on hundreds of Clay County students.

Olivia Sweat, one of McCool's best friends and coworker of almost 20 years, was so proud of Clay High School and their ability to rally together around McCool to raise her up.

"After the news was out, we had shirts made and we all took a picture on the football field wearing them," Sweat said.

"The big takeaway from her life that I will never forget, and I hope nobody ever does, is that no matter what you do, no matter what your job is or what your station is in life, that if you can love people and love them well, you've done humankind a service."

– Justin Faulkner



PHOTOS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA
Upon learning Clay High math teacher Claire McCool had been diagnosed with breast cancer, the school donned special T-shirts and posed for this photograph as a show of support that she was going to beat the chronic disease.

"You've never seen a school more cohesive, more prepared to come together, than Clay High did for Claire."

Justin Faulkner, now the assistant principal at Orange Park High and previously an English teacher at Clay High, was one of many teachers and workers in the Clay County teaching community who do-

nated their paid days off so McCool could undergo cancer treatment.

"It was the least we could do," Faulkner said. "Any resource we could give, we did."

Faulkner and McCool go back farther than coworkers. Faulkner was actually a student at Clay High who avoided taking McCool's classes.



Claire McCool poses with coworker and dear friend Olivia Sweat dressed as Batman and Wonder Woman for Senior Week.

"I called her a mean lady, jokingly, when I was in school but I knew nothing," Faulkner said. "It wasn't until I started teaching that I realized how influential and how incredible this lady was."

"For me, she was more than a teacher in the halls," continued Faulkner. "She became a mentor, a teaching example and my friend."

While Ferrell was away at college, he and McCool discussed a then-recent emergency surgery and how well she was doing after the operation over the phone. The surgery came at the recurrence of breast cancer in McCool. Sometime later, he learned that hospice had been called in.

Three weeks after the arrival of hospice, McCool passed away in the early morning, surrounded by her loved ones.

"It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of my best friend, my girlfriend and my wife of 40 years," said

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Christmas on Walnut Street

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Organized by the Green Cove Springs Business League, this year's parade featured reindeer, puppies, plenty of candy and of course, Santa Claus.

Kids and adults alike lined the curbs of Magnolia Avenue as jeeps, mustangs, floats, sleighs and more passed through town spreading the holiday cheer.



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Community Briefs

Hurricane Irma debris update

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Officials with Clay County Emergency Management report that every road in the county has been visited by work crews tasked with collecting and removing Hurricane Irma debris.

According to John Ward, director of emergency management, a second and final pass through of each county road began on Dec. 5.

Only storm related debris will be picked up during the second pass, which means no green vegetative debris will be picked up. Ward said residents whose debris was not collected during the first pass through or who have a “significant amount of storm related debris” should email emergency.management@claycountygov.com with their address and what type of debris it is, such as construction or vegetative debris.

He said contacting the department will ensure all the storm related debris is picked up.

The County Call Center is operating daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to assist with any unmet storm recovery needs. Reach the center at (904)284-7703.

Parra to serve as medical society president

ORANGE PARK – The chief medical officer at Orange Park Medical Center will serve the next year as president of the Clay County Medical Society.

Physician Joseph Parra, the hospital’s chief medical officer, has been appointed to serve as president for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2018.



Joseph Parra

Parra has been a part of HCA Healthcare, Orange Park Medical Center’s parent company, for more than 15 years. Prior to Orange Park Medical Center, he served as the hospitalist medical director at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas.

Founded in 1960, the Clay County Medical Society is a professional organization that acts as the voice of physicians in Clay County.

Sounds of Christmas coming to Penney Farms

PENNEY FARMS – The rafters of Penney Memorial Church will ring with the joyous refrains of six talented musical groups on Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

Each group will perform two selections of their choosing and then come together for a joint special rendition of “Winter Wonderland.”

The various musical forms featured throughout the concert will demonstrate the ability of the performers and the joy they find performing together. The highlight of the evening is the finale where all



Sheriff’s office receives ‘Excelsior Status’

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation recently awarded the Clay County Sheriff’s Office its highest form of recognition for law enforcement accreditation.

To achieve Excelsior Status, a Florida law enforcement agency must have achieved an initial accredited status and then achieve five successful reaccreditation assessments without any exceptions.

Assessments are conducted every three years, therefore making the Ex-

celsior process take approximately 15 years for an agency to acquire.

The agency underwent a thorough onsite review in July when a three-member assessment team, led by Sgt. Patty Stanton of the Temple Terrace Police Department, ensured compliance with 260 Florida law enforcement standards.

Of the 260 standards, CCSO was found in compliance with all mandatory and applicable non-mandatory standards.

Assessors commended CCSO members for their knowledge and enthusiasm. They also commended several agency programs, including the implementation of “community engagement,”

an initiative that focuses on enhancing open communication with residents from all corners of the county. The Commission made comments that “CCSO has set the bar for accreditation and other agencies should look to them as an example.” The agency received initial accreditation from the CFA in 1998, and has been re-accredited every three years since then. The CCSO was reaccredited with Excelsior Status on Nov. 1 in Weston, Florida.

CCSO Chief Tina Chatmon was named a Certified Accreditation Professional, becoming one of approximately 25 GAPs statewide who have demonstrated advanced knowledge and expertise in every area of accreditation.

six groups participate in a mass choir closing selection.

The church is located at 4465 Poling Blvd. in Penney Farms. Admission is free and free street parking is available.



War on invasive lionfish gets boost

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission received \$25,000 in donations to help improve ongoing efforts to remove the invasive lionfish from Florida waters in 2018.

The funds, which come from six donors, will go to the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida and will be used as cash prizes for

a new and novel lionfish removal incentive program, rewarding harvesters who find and remove lionfish previously tagged by FWC staff.

Lionfish are a nonnative invasive species that can reduce native fish populations and negatively affect the overall reef habitat. The lionfish has no natural predator and their bodies are covered with dangerous long spikes that make catching them unsafe for human hands.

This program will run May 19 through Sept. 3, 2018, and will coincide with the annual summer-long Lionfish Challenge, which rewards recreational and commercial lionfish harvesters with prizes for submitting their lionfish removal efforts.

“The control of nonnative lionfish populations has always been a group effort, and what these companies and organizations came forward with to help encourage removals is simply outstanding,” said FWC Commissioner Bo Rivard.

The FWC board acknowledged donors at its recent December meeting. The donors are the American Sportfishing Association, Yamaha Motor Corp. U.S.A., the Boat Owners Association of the United States, the National Marine Manufacturers Association, the Coastal Conservation Association Florida and Marine Industries Association

of Palm Beach County Inc.

The goal of the 2018 tagged-lionfish removal program is to increase statewide removal efforts by giving divers a greater incentive to harvest lionfish more often while in search of the valuable tagged fish. Additional non-cash prizes are also available for those who harvest and submit a tagged lionfish. The program also will provide FWC with valuable data on the movement of lionfish.

Approximately six to eight lionfish will be tagged at each of 50 randomly-selected public artificial reef sites throughout the Atlantic and Gulf between the depths of 80 and 120 feet. Participants will have access to the reef locations at ReefRangers.com.

Black Creek water project on track

PALATKA – An easement on three acres of county-owned property on Black Creek was approved Nov. 28 by the Clay County Board of County Commissioners to implement the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project.

The project is considered a key component to meeting Northeast Florida’s water supply needs. The easement also allows

Green Cove Springs power issues takes up lengthy debate

By **Kyle Brewer**
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – In its first meeting in a month, the Green Cove Springs City Council closed out its last meeting of 2017 with a four-hour marathon to tackle as much as possible before the Christmas holiday.

Various aspects of the city's electric utility took up the bulk of the meeting, with discussions concerning their membership in the Florida Municipal Power Authority and their contract with the Hooper Corp., as well as the monthly FMPA report by the council's FMPA representative, former council member Bob Page.

The meeting got started with the final reading and approval of the water and wastewater rates for the city, the rates had been discussed at the two prior meetings, so there were no comments and the measures passed.

The consent agenda spread over an entire page of the agenda, but council moved through the items quickly. Council member Van Royal pulled out a handful of items to give thanks to the people involved in several community events, organizations and city employees for their work to keep the city growing and changing.

He also set aside some time to talk about the city's new memorial bench initiative that will allow residents to buy one of three types of memorial benches or swings to be placed in Spring Park. For those interested, the benches, memorial plaques and swings can be ordered and paid for at City Hall.

As the council moved onto the agenda, the meeting began to slow its pace as some big issues needed to be discussed. First up was the city's unanimous vote to allow the city of Vero Beach to be released from FMPA.

This means the city will assume some of Vero's responsibility to FMPA's All Requirements Project, which requires FMPA members to pay into the debt against the St. Lucie, Stanton and Stanton 11 power stations. FMPA sells power to its member cities.

Green Cove Springs was one of 19 cities that belong to FMPA, and the power provider requires a unanimous vote to allow Vero to exit their agreement. After Tuesday's vote, eight of the 19 cities have voted to let Vero out.

FMPA CEO Jacob Williams attended the meeting, and thanked the city for its cooperation with the process, and received

thanks from members of the council for providing them with thorough information throughout the process.

"I wanted to thank you guys for making a very complex transaction make sense," said Council Member Steven Kelley to Williams.

After the vote, Page spoke to the council, also thanking them for going through with the Vero Beach deal, and reminding them that this is a process they could follow in the future should they ever want to also get out of FMPA.

Next, City Manager Danielle Judd began a discussion about the work plan for the Hooper Corp. in 2018, which will begin the city's overhaul of its electric system.

The discussion, which lasted for more than an hour of the meeting, eventually led to two separate motions by Mayor Mitch Timberlake, who passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Connie Butler to allow him to make a motion for a vote.

The first motion was made to approve the budgeted base purchase order for work to be done by Hooper, which includes day-to-day expenses and work, as well as changes to staff.

The second motion directed staff to shop around for interest rates for the loan

before coming back with an ordinance. The city would need to take out a loan for up to \$10,780,000 to expedite funding for capital projects including allowing the city to start making moves on the third electrical feed to the Magnolia Point subdivision.

Though Royal was hesitant to put the city into that much debt, he said throughout the meeting that he would vote for it. However, he wanted to speak to the fact that they are expecting Hooper to start fixing the frequent power outages throughout the system, something he doesn't think has changed much since they took over the operations of the city's electric company. Royal said that the average outage time for a customer still hovers around 30 minutes every month.

"I'm gonna vote for \$10 million," Royal said. "But my expectation is that that [30 minutes per month] is gonna go down."

In other council business, the Augusta Savage Cultural Arts Festival, which is slated for Feb. 24, was approved to have all rental fees waived for their use of Spring Park on the day of the festival, in addition to waiving fees for some street closures.

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Orange Park Elementary Media Specialist MaryPat Callihan organizes students from OPE Sunday morning at Oakleaf High School before leaving for the Jacksonville Jaguars game.

Reading Challenge kids treated to Jaguars game

By Kile Brewer
Staff Writer

OAKLEAF – Sunday morning, MaryPat Callihan stood in a parking lot filled with about 800 students from Clay County schools.

Callihan, the Orange Park Elementary School Media Specialist, was in charge of getting every one of those children on a bus and to the Jacksonville Jaguars game as part of the team's Honor Rows program, the second year Honor Rows has given tickets for Callihan's month-long reading challenge.

"Last year we got 500 tickets," Callihan said. "They were impressed with our program and this year they gave us 1,600."

Callihan said when the program began eight years ago at her school, they received donated four-ticket packages that would go out to a couple of kids from each school

who just went to the game with their families.

Last year she got involved with Honor Rows for the first time and realized that this is the route that her reading program should follow to allow the most kids the chance to see the game – the more tickets that are available, the more students see that they have a good chance at going to the game if they participate in the reading challenge.

The tickets were awarded to 1,600 children who participated in the reading program, and the more books they read, the more chances they had at being selected as one of the ticket winners. The chosen participants, all from grades 3-6, were split into two loading zones Sunday – one

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STAFF PHOTO BY KILE BREWER

Student winners from the annual reading challenge gather at Oakleaf High School Dec. 3 before heading to the Jacksonville Jaguars game as part of the Honor Rows program.

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primarily with a more commercial operation," said Chad Williams, zoning chief.

The staff put together language for a conditional use within the PS-2 zoning district with general requirements such as operating hours, fencing requirements and size. It also put in a stipulation that applicants would have to submit a site plan and a written narrative "so that you see and the board (of county commissioners) would see operationally what they (the applicant) do so it can be determined whether or not this use is permissible in that location, that it's compatible with that location," Williams said.

At Tuesday's Planning Commission meeting, staff was asking only for the commission to approve the language presented by the staff to add the private animal shelter zoning regulation to the PS-2 district. The issue will still have to go before the Board of County Commissioners for two public hearings and final approval. At that point, the applicant, in this case, the Animal Rescue Movement, can then come back for its location to be rezoned for the proper use, Williams said.

Williams added the applicant is expected to come back in the "January cycle" for rezoning.

While the language the staff originally presented to the Planning Commission dealt with "domesticated" animals such as dogs, cats, horses and some farm animals, Ralph Puckhaber, a planning commission member, questioned extending the regulations to also include exotic types of animals.

"I very much support animal rescue and it sounds like this is just dogs and cats basically. I'd like to see us have the ability to have any animal rescue in Clay County, and if this language doesn't allow for that, I'd like to propose an amendment to simply 'animal rescue,'" he said.

According to Williams, rescue and aid for exotic types of animals requires separate state permits.

"I know if you're going to have exotics you're going to have certain state permits but I think as a county, my opinion is we should allow them in this county if they have the necessary state permit," Puckhaber said. "You know, exotic birds and other exotics that need rescuing just as much as cats and dogs do."

Vice Chair Belinda Johnson questioned what would happen to the exotic animals and the safety of those nearby if the animals got loose or their owner got tired of them and let them go. Safety was important for her, she said.

"It's a safety issue. If you include all animals, that's my safety concern; the safety issue of it," she said.

But Puckhaber said those were not safety groups who let the animals go, they were individuals, and in most cases, it's better to have more facilities to take them.

"The more rescue facilities you have, the less likely that is to happen because if



Rubin, 5-year-old Lab Retriever mix, is just one example of the dogs at the Animal Rescue Movement's Middleburg facility.

there are places to take them, people will often do that," he said.

Williams added that the idea would not be to have just an "exotic animal capture" facility such as one he is familiar with in St. Johns County, but rather to be able to care for an exotic animal if it needs help. That would still require a separate state permit, but it could allow a rescue group dealing with more domesticated animals to deal with exotics, as well.

"This would be, you know, if you found...a zebra and it needed to be rescued, you could bring that to this location and be able to perform the services that you would need to kind of get it back into the system," Williams said, trying to come up with a way to illustrate such a possible situation.

He added that it would probably largely be up to the applicant as to how far they wanted to go as to what types of animals they would be able to care for.

"I think it's also kind of applicant-driven because it's going to be up to the applicant as to whether they feel qualified to handle those types of animals," he said. "They may be specific into certain types of domesticated animals and that's all they want to touch where as you may have a veterinarian that can operate on the zebra if need be."

Puckhaber said he believed it was important to let people who might want to work with helping exotic animals be able to do so, and mentioned B.E.A.K.S in Jacksonville, which works with birds, as an example.

"There has to be people to do that and we should be providing them a space to do it, as long as they do it in a responsible manner, which I think anybody that asks for permits will do," he said. "You shouldn't have problems with that. It should be OK."

In the end, the Planning Commission passed Puckhaber's motion to accept the staff's report with the addition that it include exotic animals as well as domestic animals. The issue will next move to the Board of County Commissioners, which will conduct two public hearings because the item deals with a conditional use change.

The BCC public hearings will be at its Dec. 12 meeting, and its Jan. 9, 2018, meeting.

Community Calendar

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Meets Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21 and Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. each date in the Zoning Department Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

CLAY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Meets Dec. 8 at 9 a.m. at the Clay County Extension office, 2463 State Rd. 16 W, Green Cove Springs. Open to the public.

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP HOLIDAY

PARTY: Sponsored by Friends of the Green Cove Springs Library, Dec 9 at 1 p.m. Geek out with cosplay and take part in the Nightmare Before Christmas trivia contest. Open to students in grades 7-12 at 403 Ferris St., Green Cove Springs.

SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS: Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at Penney Farm Memorial Church, 4465 Poling Blvd. in Penney Farms. The highlight of the evening is the finale where six musical groups participate in a mass choir closing selection. Admission is free and free street parking is available.



MENORAH LIGHTING: Celebrate the start of Hanukkah on Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. with Chabad of Clay County at Orange Park Town Hall Park at the corner of Kingsley and Park Avenues. Event will feature a Klezmer band, latkes and fried donuts and arts and crafts for the children. More info, (904) 290-1017.

JUST US GIRLS: Holiday Luncheon and Ornament Exchange, Dec. 14 at 11:30 a.m., Country Club of Orange Park, door prizes and presentation by Annabelle of Orange Park. RSVP, Diane at (904) 993-2586 or Joyce (904) 509-3388. You can text or call. Program is \$16.50 at the door.

FLEMING ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Meets Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in Room B at the Orange Park Library located at 2054 Plainfield Ave. The meeting is open to the

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BINGO NIGHT: to benefit the disability programs at Challenge Enterprises, Dec. 12, with 5:30 p.m. registration, 6-7 p.m. buffet and bingo at 7 p.m. Talons Restaurant, 2217 Eagle Harbor Pkwy., Fleming Island. \$25. RSVP at (904) 284-9859.

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION N.E. FLORIDA: Chapter 18 Annual Christmas Dinner, Dec. 20, NAS Jacksonville Officers Club, social hour at 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m., dinner follows with table wine, cash bar, Christmas dinner music with sing-along. Dinner is steak/shrimp and trimmings and is \$14 per plate. Bring an unwrapped gift for a Boy or Girl for Toys for Tots. Also bring a wrapped exchange gift for a game we will play. Coat & tie or uniform for gentlemen and cocktail dresses for the ladies. RSVP to Pat Munn, no later than 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 at (770) 570-0122 or e-mail dpmunn@yahoo.com. Membership is open to all officers active or retired from all military branches.

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

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Artists' work a 'gift from God'

By **Kile Brewer**
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK — Orange Park artist Jeanne Pellegrino never thought she would be an abstract painter.

Like most artists, she started out doing realistic drawing, won some awards in her youth, and enrolled in art school after high school graduation. Pellegrino attended Bowling Green State University in Ohio in the 1950s, and while attending the school she heard the famous artist Helen Fran-

kenthaler speak.

"She was a pioneer in color field painting," Pellegrino said. "And she did it better than anybody else."

Frankenthaler, inspired by the work of abstract expressionist Jackson Pollock and other early painters, devised a technique for diluting her oil paints and spreading them horizontally across an unprimed canvas. She spoke about this in that presentation that Pellegrino attended, but nothing really stuck and she went back to her stud-



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Orange Park artist Jeanne Pellegrino talks with gallery patrons Nov. 30 during the opening of the artist's exhibition "In the Spirit," which is currently on display at the Thrasher Horne Center.

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Eventually, Pellegrino would find herself in Florida attending Florida State University where she received her master of fine arts. During her MFA studies she was selected from a group of her peers to assist English artist Trevor Bell during his residency at the school. This is when Pellegrino discovered her voice as an abstract artist.

"It was just such a wonderful time," Pellegrino said. "When it happened, it happened."

Since then Pellegrino has produced numerous works incorporating techniques that Frankenthaler spoke on in Pellegrino's youth. She works with acrylics, but the influence of Frankenthaler's color field painting is there.

In her current exhibition, "In the Spirit," which just opened at the Thrasher Horne Center, Pellegrino brought together several works she considers to have been driven through her Christian faith, even going as far as to say that God's hand guides her paint to its final resting place on the canvas. "This is God's, not mine," she said while welcoming patrons to the gallery.

The work has an astral quality, specifically the Genesis series which features multiple panels that take the viewer through the Bible's version of Earth's creation.

Pellegrino works almost exclusively with acrylics, but using various thicknesses of paint and pouring it onto the canvas she is able to create a transparency of layers that gives each painting a three-dimensional quality. On close inspection, the viewer can see each layer of paint poured over the others, seeping into every crevice of the textured canvas, spinning and mixing until coming to a halt and drying in place. The paintings seem to have a living quality to them, as if they are not static but still in motion. Further study brings out shapes, planets, mountains, or the sea.

"As much as I've practiced this technique,



STAFF PHOTOS BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Jerry Smith, at left, used the Dec. 2 menorah workshop to officially introduce his children to the Jewish tradition of Hanukkah.

Prepare

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meant to commemorate the miracle of this oil and the Jews over the many and their ability to have taken back Jerusalem.”

The word Hanukkah means “dedication” because it is the time the Jewish people celebrate the rededication of the Holy Temple with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers, and the fried foods Feldman mentioned.

Lowe’s staffers talked the children through the process of making their very own menorah until each kid left with a fully-constructed and painted menorah.

This year marks the second time Feldman and Lowe’s have worked together to host an event like this, but according to Feldman, events like this happen through-

out the country around this time of the year. This year marks the first year that Jerry Smith, a Jewish resident of Clay County, has formally introduced his children to the traditions of Judaism.

“This is the first time exposing them to this,” said Smith. “I think they’re beginning to understand it and the arts and crafts aspect of this event really helps to expose them to the practice and tradition.”

The Chabad, which is one of the largest Jewish religious organizations in the world, and its movement is always looking for ways to get children involved, according to Feldman.

“[Children] love hands-on stuff so doing something like this, having them make a menorah, really speaks to them,” Feldman said. “They’re getting involved and learning about Hanukkah at the same time.”



Here, a completed menorah sits in the afternoon shade behind the Lowe’s on Kingsley Avenue to allow the glue to dry as part of the menorah workshop held by Chabad of Clay County.



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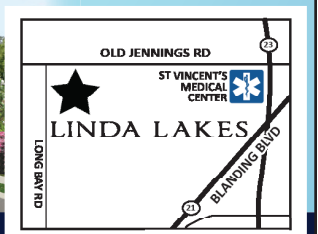
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Briefs

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for the construction of a kayak and canoe launch site and connected parking for future public access to Black Creek.

"Many thanks to the Clay County BCC for unanimously recognizing the regional importance of this project to replenish the Floridan aquifer in Northeast Florida," said Ann Shortelle, executive director of the St. Johns River Water Management District. "The commissioners' approval is a major step toward acquiring the land rights for construction of the transmission system."

"This project will help with flooding and recharging the aquifer so future generations will have clean drinking water," said Gavin Rollins, BCC chairman. "It will also be a kayak launch for residents of the Middleburg area to enjoy the beauty of Black Creek."

The BCC unanimously approved granting a perpetual easement to the district over the county's property near the intersection of State Roads 16 and 21, encompassing a portion of Black Creek. The Black Creek WRD Project is one of several projects identified in the North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan to help meet future water supply demands while protecting natural resources. The plan was approved in January 2016 after three years of collaborative development in a public process.

This project, which will be built over four years in southwest Clay County between Penney Farms and Camp Blanding, focuses on providing recharge to the Upper Floridan Aquifer in the Keystone Heights region and Lower Santa Fe basin.

The project will capture up to 10 million gallons per day of flow from the Black Creek South Fork when water levels allow. The water will then be pumped through a transmission system toward Camp Blanding in the Keystone Heights area and discharged to an Upper Floridan Aquifer recharge system adjacent to Alligator Creek.

The project is currently in the design and engineering phase.

Funding for the estimated \$41 million project includes \$5 million a year from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, funded through Amendment One, the Florida Land and Conservation Initiative.

The funds are part of a 2017 legislative appropriation championed by Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Fleming Island), Rep. Bobby Payne (R-Palatka) and Rep. Travis Cummings (R-Orange Park) and administered by the district.

SBA offers disaster loans to Florida small businesses

ATLANTA – Small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations located in the declared counties of Florida that have suffered financial losses as the result of

Hurricane Irma, should consider applying for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Clay County is a declared county.

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are designed to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage. These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits. Examples of eligible industries include but are not limited to the following: bait and tackle shops, charter boats, commercial fisherman, crabbers, fishing guides, hotels, and marinas, owners of rental property, restaurants, retailers, souvenir shops, travel agencies, and wholesalers.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 3.305 percent for small businesses percent and 2.5 percent for private nonprofit organizations and, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

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The deadline to return economic injury applications is June 11, 2018.

St. Johns River State College conducting human services survey

ORANGE PARK – St. Johns River State College's workforce programs are aligned with state and national priorities and practices as well as the college's mission, the educational and career goals of its constituents, and the area's workforce needs.

To ensure that the programs consistently meet these criteria, the college conducts periodic, strategic reviews of its offerings, including analyses of the need for new programs. In 2016-2017, the college conducted a new programs analysis across 12 career clusters.

This analysis included a community survey to gather feedback and assess ongoing need and demand as well as an examination of labor market demand data.

Using the data, informed recommendations were developed which included the potential design of new program in social and human services.

This presentation will outline current workforce development offerings, the proposed new program in social and human services and solicit feedback from stakeholders who would like to be a part of the program development process.

Gaining feedback is a critical part of SJRSC's proposal process for the new Human Services program because it is important that the program is structured in a manner that will best meet the needs of the community.

To complete the survey, go online at <http://baseline.campuslabs.com/sjrsc/sjrstateholdershumanservices>.



Advent Lutheran celebrating 'Art and Heart'

ORANGE PARK – Does the holiday season have you feeling rushed, stressed, or overwhelmed? Is your to-do list growing longer as the time grows shorter? Do the expectations of the Advent and Christmas season leave you wondering what happened to the wonder?

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There will be handbell music in the courtyard, carol singing and a nativity presentation in the sanctuary. Have some warm soup or Christmas cookies and enjoy the company of friends and family both from our church and from our community. Take a deep breath and rediscover the joy of preparing to celebrate the birth of our Savior! Advent Lutheran Church is located at 2156 Loch Rane Blvd. behind Old Time Pottery. For more info, go to www.adventop.org or call (904)272-6370.

Hotel stays extended through Jan. 6 for eligible Irma survivors

ORLANDO – Eligible Hurricane Irma survivors receiving Transitional Sheltering Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency may receive an extension to stay temporarily in hotels while they look for an alternative place to live.

The Transitional Sheltering Assistance program, which pays for short-term hotel stays, has extended eligibility from Dec. 3 to Jan. 6, with hotel checkout on Jan. 7. Participants in the program will receive a phone call telling them whether they are

eligible for the extension and what they need to do to remain at their current hotel or find a new hotel. Applicants must meet certain requirements to remain eligible.

Hurricane Irma survivors who are not currently in the program but who may be eligible are notified automatically. TSA participants must be registered with FEMA and be eligible for disaster assistance.

FEMA pays directly for the room and any applicable taxes. Applicants are responsible for all other incidental costs, such as meals and transportation. Hotels may require a credit card for incidental expenses.

A household of four or fewer members is authorized one hotel room and a household of five or more is authorized additional rooms based on a limit of four people per room. One member of each household 18 or older must reside in each room.

TSA-eligible applicants must find and book their own hotel rooms. The list of par-



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ticipating hotels is on DisasterAssistance.gov, under the link Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program or by phoning the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362. For TTY, call 800-462-7585. For 711 or Video Relay Service, call 800-621-3362.

FEMA is hiring Florida residents to support Hurricane Irma recovery

ORLANDO – The Federal Emergency Management Agency is hiring local residents to assist in the disaster recovery effort in the Jacksonville area in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

Residents of Florida who wish to apply can find details at <http://www.employ-florida.com>; search using keyword Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FEMA is looking for workers with work experience in floodplain management, cost analysis, civil engineering, site inspections, flood or casualty insurance and historic preservation.

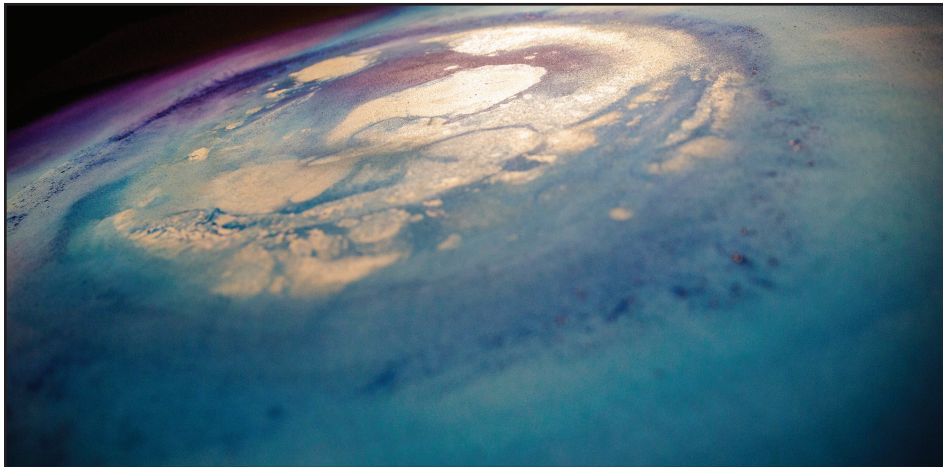
It is the policy of FEMA to provide equal opportunity to all employees and applicants in every aspect of their employment and working conditions. FEMA supports the concept of affirmative employment to ensure that personnel policies and practices provide equal employment opportunity without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, or retaliation/reprisal.

Those hired will join the recovery team already in place, which is composed of local and federal workers, voluntary agencies, and community organizations. Through temporary local employees, FEMA gains valuable community insights, provides jobs, and allows Floridians to be on the front lines working to rebuild their community.



STAFF PHOTO BY KILE BREWER

Patrons browse "In the Spirit," an exhibition by Orange Park artist Jeanne Pellegrino that is currently on display at the Thrasher Horne Center.



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Orange Park artist Jeanne Pellegrino uses poured painting techniques in most of her works, embracing the abstract nature of using various thicknesses of paint and pouring them directly onto the canvas.



STAFF PHOTO BY KILE BREWER

A man walks through the "In the Spirit" exhibition by Orange Park artist Jeanne Pellegrino that is currently on display at the Thrasher Horne Center.

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it's still an experience every time," Pellegrino said. "And it's just so darn exciting!"

Pellegrino is offering up every piece for sale, as well as some archival prints of her piece "America's Grace," which was completed in the hours following the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. She sent a print to the White

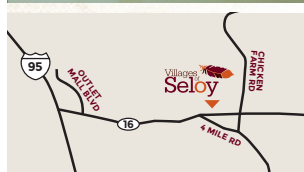
House and received a letter from then-President George W. Bush thanking her for the artwork. Those prints, an edition that Pellegrino said mirrors the print sent to Washington, are for sale at the Thrasher Horne Center's front desk.

The exhibition will run through the month of December until January 15 before all shows and during intermissions at the TH Center, as well as during regular business hours from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.

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Mayor

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When the council met in November, they opted to again open up the position to applications, and validated Dixon's application at the same time, which was turned in late. The month-long application period saw no additional residents apply to lead the city up to April. Dixon was present at Monday night's meeting to present his case for being chosen as mayor, and answered a set of questions the council used to screen Lake and Catherine Southard in October.

However, before the meeting began, Lake walked into the council chambers and presented a blue card to acting mayor Steve Hart. Once the meeting got un-

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– Karen Lake

derway, Hart invited Lake to the podium during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Lake said that by throwing out her application without giving it any consideration to begin with, and then asking her to

reapply was redundant. She said the move also penalized her and Southard who had originally filed applications once the position was announced.

"If it had indeed been this council's objective to have a larger pool of applicants, the right thing to have done was to roll over the two timely-filed applications into round two, and, ultimately, this third round," Lake read from a prepared statement. "Why were [our applications] removed? We didn't request for them to be removed."

Lake said she had been hearing accusations throughout the city of sexism through the selection process, being that the two original applicants were both women.

"Immediately rejecting two female applicants, but accepting a late-filed male applicant speaks to me on gender discrimination," Lake said. "Whether it was inten-

tional or not, this council is responsible for that message."

She went on to speak on a recent report from a local news channel that the city had thrown out two "unqualified" candidates. Lake felt that this misrepresented those candidates, and read the qualifications for mayoral candidacy, with all of which she is compliant, in the city into the record.

The agenda continued, and eventually the city reached the item that dealt with the mayor.

"If the council has no objection, if you want to go through the process again tonight, I don't see any reason why we couldn't do that for you," Hart said.

After hearing Dixon's presentation and interview, the council voted 4-0 to allow Lake to be, again, considered as a valid candidate for mayor before a brief discussion of the pros and cons of the candidates.

Hart asked for a motion to vote for Dixon as the new mayor. The vote hung at 2-2, and Dixon was not appointed to the position.

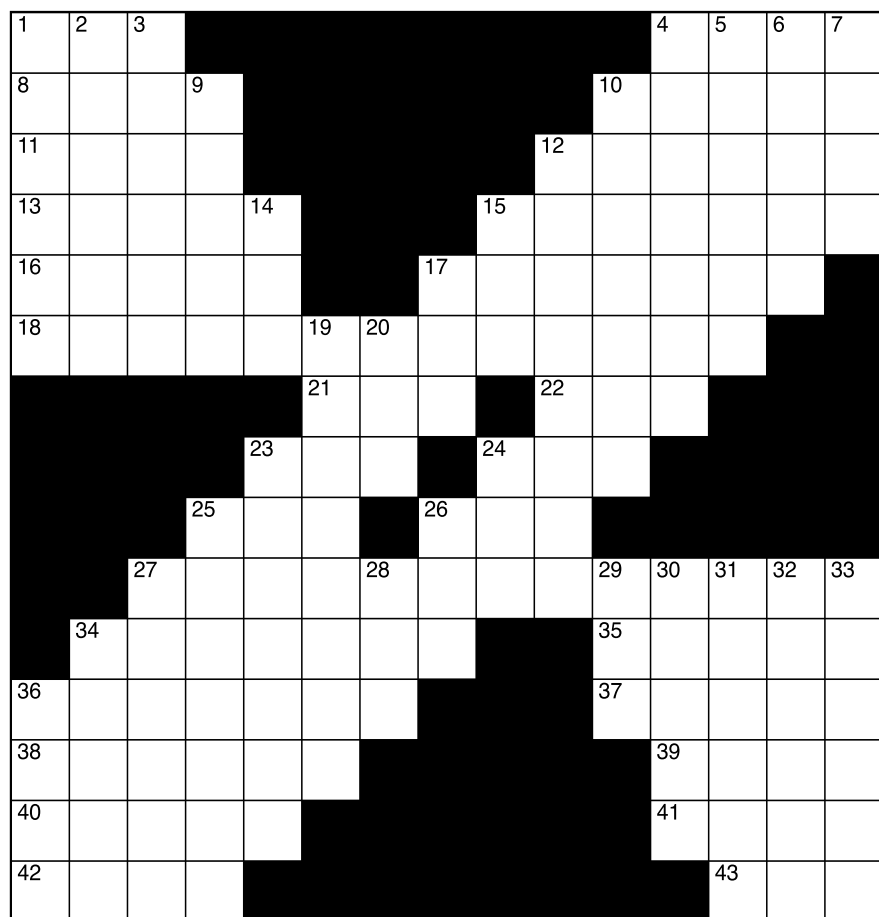
Next, Hart asked for a motion to accept Lake as mayor, Lewandowski made the motion with Hart and Marion Kelly voting yes immediately, Dan Lewandowski and Steve Brown, the two yes votes for Dixon, eventually spoke up and made the vote 4-0.

At the Oct. 2 council meeting, Lewandowski launched a lengthy discussion in which he asked for more time to get more applicants, effectively throwing out the August process and Lake's and Southard's who applied.

"I'll tell you right now, I'm going to vote no on both candidates," Lewandowski said Oct. 2, referring to Lake and Southard, the only two residents to apply to fill Brown's seat.

Mayor Karen Lake was sworn in immediately and asked Steve Hart to serve as her Vice Mayor before closing the meeting. Lake went on to lead the meeting until adjournment.

Weekly Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Female deer
- 4. Unfashionable people
- 8. Entranceway
- 10. Courteous
- 11. Level
- 12. Deli meat
- 13. Details
- 15. Stole
- 16. A genus of bee
- 17. Expressed as digits
- 18. Your child's daughter
- 21. ___ and flow
- 22. Small amount
- 23. Revolutions per minute
- 24. Criticize
- 25. Snake-like fish
- 26. Cooling mechanism
- 27. Inquiry
- 34. Engage in political activity

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Adventurous
- 2. Deliverer of speeches
- 3. Skin condition
- 4. Widened
- 5. James Cameron film
- 6. The 3rd letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 7. Moved along a surface
- 9. Pharmacological agent
- 10. Charity
- 35. The lowest adult male singing voice
- 36. Endings
- 37. Irises
- 38. The highest parts
- 39. Kimono sashes
- 40. Bewilders
- 41. Mentally healthy
- 42. Used to traverse snow
- 43. Inflamed

- 12. Seeing someone famous
- 14. Not happy
- 15. Farm animal
- 17. Give a nickname to
- 19. Uses up
- 20. Type of missile (abbr.)
- 23. Criticizes
- 24. Midwife
- 25. Entwined
- 26. Supervises interstate commerce
- 27. A way to convert
- 28. Female sibling
- 29. TV network
- 30. Tropical Asian plant
- 31. Line on a map
- 32. Denotes songbirds
- 33. Made publicly known
- 34. He devised mud cleats for football
- 36. Trends



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Lloyd and Kathleen McSheehy

Lloyd and Kathleen McSheehy, husband and wife, eternally together. Holiday plans were abruptly interrupted by an unfortunate car accident that claimed the lives of both Lloyd and



Kathleen McSheehy on Thanksgiving Day. Survived by their children, Theresa Hayes (Georgia), Beverly Collins (South

Dakota), John McSheehy (Florida), Tim Miller (Florida), Kimberly Tauch (Texas), Collin McSheehy (Texas) and James Tritten (North Carolina), Lloyd and Kathleen, through their blended families, were blessed with 12 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Faithful Christians and Patriots through and through, Lloyd and Kathleen served their country and their community. Most notably, Lloyd's career was highlighted by his 23 years of service in the United States Marine Corps, where he achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. Kathleen's dedication to education was never more rewarding to her than when she was in the classroom. It was here that she shared her gift of empowering others to be the best at everything they do. Together, they were quite the pair. Memorial Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3 at the First Baptist Church of Van Alstyne, Texas. Burial services will follow on Monday, Dec. 4 at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery at 1 p.m.

Patricia Agnes Carpenter

Patricia Agnes Carpenter, 65, left this life to be with our Lord on November 25, 2017. She was born in Hoboken, New Jersey on Feb. 12, 1952 to Agnes and Daniel Hannagan. She is now residing in Heaven with her parents, husband Tracy, sister Marguerite Higgins, brothers Thomas Hannagan and Daniel Hannagan, niece Christine Higgins and best friend/adopted sister Bernice Wright. She is survived by her daughter Christine Marguerite Carpenter, grandson Sean Michael Carpenter, niece Gwyneth Hannagan, nephews Daniel Hannagan, Michael Higgins, Marty Higgins, and many close adopted family and friends. She moved to Green Cove Springs



Patricia Carpenter

in the late 1970's with Tracy Carpenter, whom she married a few years later. She had spent several years employed as a nurse aboard cruise ships and was a nurse at Clay Memorial Hospital for some years after moving here. She was a charter member of the local Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 4505, and a member of the Hoboken chapter of Loyal Order of Elks Lodge No. 74. Her years aboard the cruise ships fostered her love of travel and she had recently visited St. Maarten. She made a great number of friends here and remained close with her childhood friends up north. She truly loved them all and she was happiest spending time talking and socializing with every one of them. Her occupation as a nurse stayed with into her retirement as she was always trying to take care of her friends and help them any way she could. She was known as "The most REAL person anyone knew," and offered her friends honest straightforward advice. She was an awesome mother, and grandmother, and thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with her daughter and grandson. Even though she is no longer with us, she leaves her family and friends with many wonderful and loving memories. Memorial services will be held in her honor at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel with Fr. Michael Pendergraft officiating. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000.



Alan Douglas Curtis Sr.

Alan Douglas Curtis, Sr. passed away on Nov. 23, 2017 in Orange Park, Fla. He was born on Jan. 11, 1954 in Ft. Myers, Fla. to Lilla Hendrix and the late Charles M. Curtis.

Alan worked in masonry construction and ran a landscaping nursery. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and enjoyed fishing, motor cycling, boating, playing the guitar, painting, writing and telling stories. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles M. Curtis.

Surviving Alan is his loving wife, Linda Curtis; children, Shannon (Richard) Hildebrand and Alan D. (Brandy) Curtis, Jr.; grandchildren, Evan and Liam Hildebrand; sisters, Donna Szarowicz and Karen Loderhose, and a host of family members and friends. A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017. The family has a Go Fund Me account—"crazy ole man Al's final farewell" and would like to thank all family, friends and anyone who has donated.

Obituaries

Dorothy Mae Lee Ballard

Dorothy Mae Lee Ballard passed away on Nov. 24, 2017. Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



Beatrice Fuller Hampton

Beatrice Fuller Hampton passed away on November 13, 2017. Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



Everette Jeffers

Everette Jeffers, 79, of Middleburg, Fla. passed away November 29, 2017.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com.

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Ernest 'Gene' McLendon

Ernest "Gene" McLendon, 79, of Middleburg, Fla. passed away November 30, 2017.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com.

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Johnnie William Hill

Johnnie William Hill, 65, of Jacksonville, Fla., passed away November 29, 2017.

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Francis 'Bo' Glisson

Francis "Bo" Glisson, 79, of Keystone Heights, Fla., passed away December 1, 2017

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CPO Stewart Covey

CPO Stewart Covey, 77, of Middleburg, FL, passed away December 2, 2017

Broadus Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000



Ronald H. Thornton

Ronald H. Thornton, Sr., 75, of Green Cove Springs, Fla., passed away December 3, 2017

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Reading

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split into two loading zones Sunday – one at Fleming Island High School and the one at Oakleaf High where Callihan was working.

After loading the busses and heading to the game, the students sat in the Honor Rows seats where they were shown on the live CBS broadcast during the game. Lunch was provided through the program, in addition to a T-shirt and other merchandise. Even the bus drivers got jerseys to wear for the day and lunch at the stadium, which Callihan noted as being extra special for the drivers, who have to give up their entire Sunday to make the trip to EverBank

Field and back.

The reading program lasts 30 days and requires students to read books, fill out a questionnaire and submit a slip into a bucket at their school showing that they had finished a book and entered for a chance to win. The reader who tallied up the most books, and the reader who read the most total words were automatic winners, which helped fuel competition and kept the kids interested in striving not only to read books, but to read more than their classmates across the county.

“Not only do they have to read, but they have to show they are understanding the books, and that they are on their reading level,” Callihan said. “The children develop strategies to finish the most books and some only read big books to try

and get the most words.”

The program has been massively successful, with kids at almost every Clay County school reading more than a million words, and some totaling 60-80 books over the course of the 30-day competition. This competitive atmosphere provides students with a platform that encourages them to succeed and achieve goal through incentivizes, such as the Jaguars game.

“I think for some of them, they don’t believe that they have the ability to do what they can do,” Callihan said. “It’s so good to see them coming in [the library] every day, read a book, take a test and by the end of the reading challenge they’ve read over 30 books.”

Teacher

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Mike McCool, her husband, in a Facebook post on Nov. 20.

McCool used to joke with her classroom about her boyfriend, who everyone knew was secretly her husband.

Students and teachers alike were out of school for the week when they heard of her passing. When they returned to school the following Monday, a moment of silence was held but this moment of silence stayed for the rest of the day.

“We had a moment of silence over the intercom the Monday we got back,” said Gary Dicks, the principal of Clay High. “The rest of the day was quiet and somber but even though it’s sad she is no longer with us, she made an impact on us that we will never forget.”

In her passing, Hunter Alexander, a previous student of McCool, laments the loss of what he calls a once-in-a-lifetime person.

“You don’t run into people like her on an everyday basis,” Alexander said. “She was easily one of the best people I have ever been around.”

“Me and so many others lost a mother figure, a second mom,” finished Alexander. “She was there for me when I needed someone to talk to, no matter what it was about, no matter what time.”

Weeks after her passing, Faulkner continues to follow the example McCool set for him many years ago.

Even when hiring a new teacher, Faulkner looks to McCool. She showed him what a teacher can be in a student’s life, showed him that teachers can transcend the classroom and be a force of positive change in people’s lives.

Faulkner hopes that despite her passing, people remember the legacy and foundation for change McCool laid out for those who knew her, and even those who didn’t.

“The big takeaway from her life that I will never forget, and I hope nobody ever does, is that no matter what you do, no matter what your job is or what your station is in life, that if you can love people and love them well, you’ve done human-kind a service,” Faulkner said.

Sweat said with McCool’s death, she lost one of her best friends. Despite that loss though, she promises to never forget the love she had for McCool, the love the community had for her and the way that McCool reciprocated it tenfold.

A memorial service will be held for McCool at 2 p.m. on Dec. 15 at Hibernia Baptist Church on Fleming Island with Pastor Scott Yirka officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to Haven Hospice at 745 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, FL 32065 or www.beyourhaven.org/how-you-can-help/donate-now

“She loved us all. I loved her,” Sweat said through trembling words and tears. “I think that everyone loved her.”

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Toys

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physical therapy students inside the ballroom were just as anxious, ready to unveil projects they've been working on all semester.

When the doors opened, families rushed in to greet the teams they've only seen a few times since the start of the project. In no time, a chaos akin to children on Christmas morning replaced tranquility in the ballroom.

The Dec. 1 event marked the end of a semester-long class that brought eight children happiness in the form of an extremely specialized toy meant to cater to their specific need or physical condition. Formally known as the UNF Adaptive Toy Project, the month-long class is a way for 40 students to not only get hands-on work, but get involved in the community while doing it. This marks the project's fourth year and because of a recent \$500,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health, the project will continue on for at least another five years.

While the majority of recipients were younger and received electric cars, six high school students received assistive technology, such as a customized walking cane and a sensory wall.

Last time they met, student teams measured the height, weight and range of motion of their assigned child, so they could design and build an electric car just for them.

Two of the eight children that received specially-designed electric cars were from Orange Park. Jedidiah Quick, a three-year-old who among his 30 diagnoses, lives with Cri-du-chat, a rare condition in which a piece of chromosome 5 is missing. Because of this condition, Quick, despite being three, has developed about as much as a 9-month-old mentally. Physically, he has a low muscle tone and a lapse in physical development.

Physical therapy student Michael Golden is the brains behind the healing aspect of Quick's car. In his initial meeting with the child, Golden met with Quick's physical



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Jedidiah Quick, 3, of Orange Park, gets a ride in his adaptive toy made by students at the University of North Florida, including Michael Golden, at right.

therapist and family and learned about the three-year-old's special needs he would address in designing the car.

"Our car needed to address Jedi's posture control, the shifting of his weight and his ability to sit up and stay up," Golden said. "I had to take this information I had learned and relay it back to the engineers so that they could design the car specifically to meet these needs."

A second meeting occurred at UNF with the entire team soon after Golden's first meeting with Quick. It was here that the engineers on the team assessed physical measurements such as height, weight, his placement when seated in the car, the size of Quick's oxygen tank and more. Using this data, they adapted the car into the car Quick found waiting for him in the ballroom last Friday. The final product had an adaptive support system to ensure his posture is being controlled, a flashing joystick to help teach Quick the connection between the joystick and the vehicle's motion and a trunk spot to hold Quick's oxygen tank, which not only affected the space available but the weight as well.

After getting Quick settled in to the car, both parties were excited about the final product.

"You have no idea how incredible this is," said Lindsey Quick, Jedidiah's mother.

"This will give him the freedom to move, the freedom to play with his brothers and sister, instead of sitting on our laps watching."

For Golden, the opportunity to put his education to work and help someone in need was what made this class so attractive.

"It's so rewarding to see Jedi this happy," Golden said. "That's the reason I went into physical therapy – I'm doing work that will change people's lives, make them better and to see Jedi like this, to know he has a new way to explore his environment, is something you can't beat."

Another Clay County child, Oliver Lockwood, was treated to an experience he's

never had before behind the wheel of his new electric car.

"He's deaf and blind so he's never had an electric car like this to drive around in," said Oliver's mother, Melody York. "For him to have something like this, and be able to control it by himself is so awesome."

The challenge behind designing Lockwood's car was making it drivable for someone who has both complete hearing and sight loss. According to Stephanie Habyrl, the physical therapy student on the team assigned to Lockwood, a contrast sensor was mounted to the undercarriage of the vehicle. When the sensor locates contrast – in this instance, a line of white tape surrounded by lines of dark tape – the car will move automatically to follow the line.

The mechanical engineer on the team, Michael Hevert, said the electrical engineering students focused on making the sensor work while he and the other mechanical engineering students worked to attach the sensor to the car and widen the vehicle's turn radius.

For Habyrl, the experience of this project was just as new as Lockwood's experience behind the wheel of his new electric car.

"I never thought about doing something like this, but this class taught me that there is an entirely different side, especially with kids with disabilities," Habyrl said. "It's so awesome seeing my work affect someone in this way."



Oliver Lockwood of Orange Park, gets a ride in his adaptive toy at the University of North Florida while his physical therapy student Stephanie Habyrl assists in calming him.

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"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.com. Student Dispatches should be emailed to Managing Editor Eric Cravey at eric@opcfla.com. Photos should be high-resolution and in-focus. Be sure to include who, what, where, when and why in each Student Dispatch.



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If we keep all God gives us, the content of our "cup" becomes stagnant. When we overflow, all those around us are blessed.

God blesses us, so we can bless others. Our desire for the blessings of God should be so we can share the blessings. The more we give, the more God gives to us. That's why God gives us an overflow.

Fill my cup, Lord, so I will have blessings to distribute to others. My desire to receive is so that I can give!

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Police Briefs

Woman injects heroin in arm while driving

OAKLEAF — A Jacksonville woman child neglect charges after allegedly injecting heroin into her body while in custody of her two children and while in control of her motor vehicle.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Stephanie Ryann Hammond, 28, on Dec. 3 at 3:15 p.m. while she was found in her car traveling on Southwood Way across from Oakleaf Plantation Parkway at a low rate of speed.

According to the CCSSO report, witnesses ran toward the vehicle, opened the driver seat door and found Hammond unconscious behind the wheel. Secured in the back seat were Hammond's two children. The witnesses promptly brought the vehicle to a stop. Hammond needed CPR as she was not breathing. She was transported to St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County for medical treatment. Hammond's children were unharmed.

Police found a spoon in the vehicle that tested positive for heroin. According to the police report, Hammond became incapacitated while driving as a result of the heroin.

After Hammond was cleared by the medical staff at St. Vincent's, and when she was released, she was arrested and transported to the Clay County Jail, where



Stephanie Hammond

she was charged with two counts of neglect of a child by willfully injecting heroin into her body while in custody of two children and while in control of a motor vehicle. She was bailed out on an undisclosed bond.

Child abuse charge for Oakleaf woman

OAKLEAF — An Oakleaf woman faces charges of child abuse after an investigation by the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

On Dec. 2 at 8 p.m., police responded to a reported juvenile complaint after a 17-year-old girl was left with a knot on the back of her head and a small scratch on her right hand as a result of an attack by her mother, Johanna Gil, 54.

The victim refused medical attention, which both Gil and the victim's grandmother, confirmed to police, according to the police report.

Gil was arrested and charged with committing the offense of child abuse without great bodily harm. She was transported to the Clay County Jail where she was bailed out on an undisclosed bond.



Johanna Gil

Confidential source leads to multiple drug charges

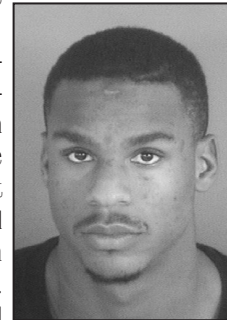
ORANGE PARK — A Jacksonville man faces multiple drug charges after allegedly selling drugs to a confidential source on three separate occasions.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Jaxon Jerron Thomas, 21, on Dec. 1 after he allegedly sold fentanyl, heroin and crack cocaine to a confidential source dating back to June this year.

On Jun. 12, according to the arrest warrant, a confidential source and Thomas met at a pre-determined location to perform a drug transaction. The confidential source was safely transported to the area by police and given money from the Clay County Drug Task Force funds to pay for the drugs.

The confidential source gave Thomas \$100 in exchange for what tested positive as four-tenths grams of fentanyl during a transaction that occurred by the gas station next to KFC on Blanding Blanding, according to the arrest warrant. After the transaction, the confidential source was transported back to a safe location where the source handed over the fentanyl purchased.

Later that month, on Jun. 26, the confidential source and Thomas agreed to



Jaxon Thomas

meet again, this time at the Kangaroo gas station located on Wells Road. This time, Thomas asked the confidential source to lift up their shirt and pull down their pants to prove that they weren't wearing a recording device before he sold the drugs. After proving they weren't wearing a wire, the confidential source gave Thomas \$100 in return for what was later tested to be 1.1 grams of heroin. After the transaction, the confidential source was brought to a safe location where the source would hand over the heroin purchased.

On Aug. 3, the confidential source and Thomas met at the gas station next to KFC on Blanding Boulevard where the source paid Thomas \$50 for what was later tested to be five-tenths grams of crack cocaine, according to the warrant. After the transaction, the confidential source was transported to a safe location where the source handed over the crack cocaine purchased. This was the final transaction that occurred between the confidential source and Thomas.

Thomas was arrested Dec. 1 and charged with the sale and delivery of fentanyl, the sale of cocaine and the sale of a hallucinogen, in this case Heroin. Thomas is currently in the Clay County Jail with bond set at \$225,009.

Arrests & Bookings

Tuesday, December 5

Gregory Deatrick Beard, 40, Orange Park, Habitual Traffic Offender, Attaching Tag Not Assigned, No Vehicle Registration

Jason Edward Michael, 42, Green Cove Springs, Assault and Battery During Burglary Felony Battery

Lesa Rena Tison, 46, Green Cove Springs, Violate Probation-Community Control

Elise C. Armistead, 51, Clay Hill, Fugitive from Justice

Aubrey Daye Davis, 18, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Walter Harold Cary, 53, Fleming Island, Grand Theft \$300-4,999

Anthony Joseph Campau, 21, Green Cove Springs, DUI, Refusing to Submit to DUI Test

Michael Anthony Dammeyer, 20, Lake Asbury, DWLSR

Denaud Jarod Valmyr, 18, Lake Asbury, Domestic Battery

Eric Merton Mongar, 29, Orange Park, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession

Sunday, December 3

Aaron Jason Driver, 21, Middleburg, 8 Counts of Violate Probation-Community Control

Damien Alexander Stitt, 20, Middleburg, Failure to Appear for Court

Michael Harvey Shand, 36, Green Cove Spring, Courtesy Hold

Stephanie Ryann Hammond, 28, Oakleaf, Two Counts of Child Neglect Without Great Bodily Harm

Sierra Dawn Taylor, 22, Orange Park, Petit Theft, Displaying Blank or Possibly Forged or Stolen Driver's License or ID, Giving False Name or ID

Joe Nathan Benjamin, 18, Orange Park, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession

Monday, December 4

Marlon Vashon Robinson, 44, Green Cove Springs, Two Counts of Failure to Appear for Court

Richard Woods Reynolds, 38, Orange Park, Out-of-County Warrant

Ja'quinn Antonio Bell, 21, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

Edward William Renaud, 49, Green Cove Springs, Non-Support

Brandi Nichole, 23, Middleburg, Petit Theft

Dawn Michelle Culliton, 45, Orange Park, Failure to Appear for Court

David Martin Odehn, 22, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Battery on Detention Officer

Spencer Douglas McGinnis, 21, Middleburg, Burglary, Grand Theft \$100-\$300

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Arrests

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Tyler Cole Musgrave, 23, Middleburg, Simple Domestic Battery

Saturday, December 2

Kenneth Camacho, 41, Orange Park, Aggravated Battery

Danny Ray Boree, 32, Keystone Heights, Driving Without a Valid License

Clyde Westmoreland, 58, Green Cove Springs, Out-of-County Warrant

Briana Shanice Chatman, 24, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Lucas James Lawrence, 31, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Aaron Libert Lalla, 18, Middleburg, Simple Domestic Battery

Megan Andrea Cordova, 34, Fleming Island, Petit Theft

Johanna Gil, 54, Oakleaf, Child Abuse Without Great Bodily Harm

Summer Gale Gruner, 23, Fleming Island, Retail Theft, Simple Battery, Use of Antishoplifting Control Device Countermeasure

Justin Dean Garter, 26, Fleming Island, Retail Theft, Known Intent of Unlawful Possession of Fraudulent ID, Drug Equipment Possession, Drug Possession, Use of Antishoplifting Control Device Countermeasure

Thomas Joseph Fredrickson, 39, Orange Park, Alcohol Consumption Within 300 Feet of Package Store

William Jude Rafferty, 20, Fleming Island, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession, DWLSR

Friday, December 1

Juellian J. Letts, 29, Orange Park, Concealed Weapon Law Violation, Armed Trafficking MDMA 10 g. or More, Possession of Marijuana With Intent to Sell Manufacture or Deliver, Drug Equipment Possession

Richard Ricardo Corpus, 63, Middleburg, Simple Battery

Keith Lawrence Crowder, 25, Green Cove Springs, Violate Probation-Community Control

Steven James Brown, 36, Green Cove Springs, Violate Probation-Community Control

Jaxon Jerron Thomas, 21, Green Cove Springs, Sale of Cocaine, Sale and Delivery of Fentanyl, Sale of Hallucinogen

Jeffery Kyle Harmon, 27, Green Cove Springs, Contempt-Dealing Stolen Property, Contempt-Grand Theft, Contempt-Fraudulent Use of Credit Card

Christina Leigh Crews, 37, Orange Park, VOP-Possession of a Controlled Substance

Teresa Renee Brewer, 47, Orange Park, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Harmful New Legend Drug, DUI With Property Damage, DWLSR

Clyde Westmoreland, 58, Oakleaf, DWLSR

Thursday, November 30

Maximillian Lockwood, 23, Orange Park, Felony Battery, Domestic Battery By Strangulation, Grand Theft \$300-4,999

James Barnard Johnson, 36, Keystone Heights, Fugitive From Justice

Anthony Joseph Breda, 37, Orange Park, DUI With Property Damage

Donald James Claxton, 25, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

Terry Lee Miller, 40, Green Cove Springs, Failure to Appear for Court

Laura Lee Smith, 61, Middleburg, DWLSR

James Curtis Medlin, 46, Jacksonville, Manufacturing Methamphetamine Within 1,000 Feet of a School

Erik Christopher Barfield, 37, Middleburg, Non-support, Domestic Battery, Simple Battery

Oriana Ashley Broadus, 23, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

Benjamin James, 38, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

Damion Demond Young, 19, Green Cove Springs, Failure to Appear for Court

James Lee Meece, 42, Orange Park, Simple Battery, DUI

Wednesday, November 29

Angela Michelle Brunson, 38, Green Cove Springs, FTA-Petit Theft

Kristen Ann Hinson, 19, Middleburg, Grand Theft Auto

Allen Lee Rickey 35, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR, Attached Tag Not Assigned, DWLSR

Olivia Allison Robbins, 38, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Inhale or Ingest Harmful Chemicals, VOP-Drug Paraphernalia

Mark Steven Allen, 32, Orange Park, FTA-Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis

Amy Lynn Henry, 35, Fleming Island, Retail Theft

Danny Lynn Gilbreath, M, Fleming Island, Retail Theft

Lennell Jerray Powell, 23, Orange Park, Failure to Appear for Court

Bridget Michelle Bronson, 31, Orange Park, VOP-Fraud, FTA-DRWLSR

Smith, Kenneth Shan 41, DWLSR, No Vehicle Registration Required

Tewodros Getachew Asfaw, 30, Middleburg, Battery

Tracy Quinn King, 56, Orange Park, Disorderly Intoxication

Property tax exemptions deadline announced

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County property owners have until March 1, 2018 to file property tax exemptions, according to Property Appraiser Roger A. Suggs.

Homestead exemption applicants must have legal or equitable title to the property as of January 1, 2018, provide two documents to establish proof of residency, such as a driver's license or identification card, voter registration card or utility bill, and provide the Social Security numbers of all applicants. Mobile home owners should also bring the titles or registrations to the mobile home.

Applications may be filed at the main office in Green Cove Springs on the second floor of the Administration Building in Green Cove Springs, at its Orange Park branch office at 1518 Park Ave. or at one of our remote locations listed on their website.

Once the initial application has been filed and granted, the exemption will be automatically renewed each January and a renewal notice will be mailed to residents. For residents who still live in their home and qualify for the exemption, no action is required – keep the renewal notice as a receipt and continue to enjoy the benefits of lower taxes. Property owners are required to notify the Property Appraiser if their eligibility for exemptions change.

Florida law provides for a number of ad valorem property tax exemptions, classifications and assessment reductions which will reduce the taxable value of property. The property owner must qualify as of January 1 of the current assessment year. For more information, please visit www.ccpao.com, or contact our office at (904) 284/269-6305 to speak with an exemptions specialist.



Council

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and I know how much effort goes into putting on one of these," Royal said.

The council also heard an update on a proposition to provide wireless internet in Spring Park, as well as Vera Francis Hall Park and the Augusta Savage Arts Community Center. The total startup cost for all three was budgeted at \$40,000 by the city's network administrator Angel Alicea.

Though the proposition isn't in next year's budget, city officials said they would look favorably on the idea next summer when laying out its 2019 budget.

Council members also voted to move forward to recruit a communications coordinator position for the city, and expects to start taking applications as soon as the job description can be added to the city's job postings.

Newly-appointed chief Police Chief Derek Asdot presented a budget neutral

proposal to reorganize the department, a measure was approved 5-0 by the council.

"I think I have a pretty good grasp on why we should do this," Asdot said, explaining that when he got to the department there were two captains, then two lieutenants, then the positions were combined into one assistant chief. For Asdot, having three people at the head of the department is a better system for spreading out their high-ranking officers in the community. Asdot's proposal was to eliminate the assis-

tant chief position and replace it with two lieutenants who would pull responsibilities from the assistant chief position as well as some duties currently carried out by the department's four sergeants. In addition, Asdot asked for the option to hire a part-time records clerk who can deal with the growing amount of records requests the department receives monthly.

The council will pick back up in the new year at 7 p.m. on Jan. 9.



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Finding the perfect tree

By Wayne Hobbs
Environmental Horticulture Agent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The holiday season is here and for many it is a time to bring a bit of the landscape into the home with a Christmas tree. My family’s tree has been up and decorated for a couple of weeks and fresh greenery is an excellent option for those who like the appearance, smell and tradition of a live or cut tree with the added bonus of supporting the local economy.

Cut Trees

While the tradition of going into the forest to find a Christmas tree is gone for most, fresh cut trees are readily available. You can find a good selection of different varieties that are brought in from around the region at roadside stands and local stores that can be great in your home. There is even a Christmas tree farm in Middleburg (Songers Christmas Tree Farm) and you can find other local farms at <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Marketing-and-Development/Consumer-Resources/Buy-Fresh-From-Florida/Christmas-Tree-Farms>. This can be a great way to support an often-overlooked segment of our agricultural industry. However, there are some things to consider before choosing the perfect tree.



Wayne Hobbs

First of all, make sure to get the right size that will fit in the desired location. Also, check the tree for dryness or deterioration, usually noted by browning on needles or excessive needle loss, a sign of it being old or dry, when you gently shake the specimen. Once you get the tree home, make sure it is mounted in a sturdy stand that should be checked daily to ensure it is full of water. If allowed to dry out, you could have a brown Christmas that can be quite dangerous. Keep the tree away from heat sources and fireplaces in your home and use only indoor lights that have been checked for loose or broken bulbs and connections. These are good safety tips for artificial and live trees as well, which can also catch fire.

Live Trees

If you do not like the idea of a cut tree, you may be able to find a containerized or ball and burlapped live tree for your living room. The key to these trees is finding the proper species, such as Arizona Cypress, Sand Pine, or Red Cedar that can survive our climate. Stay away from Norfolk Island Pines (too cold) and more Northern-adapted varieties such as Douglas Fir or Spruces that cannot take our heat.

Buy the tree at least a week before you move it inside, placing it in a shady location to make sure it is adapted to the low light setting of your home. Check the tree for any browning of needles and be careful not to damage the roots. It is best to bring it inside for around 7-10 days; any longer and it will be less likely to survive once planted. Keep the roots moist, but not overly wet, while it is indoors.



SOURCE: UF/IFAS

Live or fresh cut Christmas trees can be a great choice and support our agricultural industry.

It is also important to select the proper site to plant your living tree after the holidays. Most varieties will grow to around 40-to-60 feet tall at maturity so make sure they have room to grow. Plant in a wide and shallow hole, with the root ball slightly above the ground level. Make sure to provide the tree with water and extra care through the first two years. Live Christmas trees will often have a very small root

mass in relation to the tree size and will need some attention.

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

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Holiday

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them in the woods for an open air feast.

In Orange Park, a young girl anticipated the arrival of Christmas Eve with mixed feelings – trepidation and eagerness. She was chosen to play the role of Mary in the church Nativity scene. But this year it was proposed that a live baby be used for the part of Baby Jesus and her costume was to be a rich robe with draping sleeves perfect from the front but ... with a fierce, multi-colored dragon embroidered over the entire back. It was a gift for his local sweetheart from a soldier's tour in Japan.

Who knows if anyone caught a glimpse of that technicolor dragon she worried about? Everyone in the audience was in some way involved in the show so they already knew it was lurking there.

Christmas memories were made on the St. Johns River too.

In these times, outside decorations other than a wreath on the door were rare. Outdoor lighting displays were never seen because people still weren't too sure about having electricity in the house and some still used kerosene lamps and wood stoves.

So, one Christmas in the early 40s, the Navy surprised everyone and unwittingly caused major traffic jams along the shores of the river.

Even before the massive docks were built to house the Mothball fleet as World War II was winding down, Naval ships of all sizes anchored off shore of Green Cove Springs. The Navy tricked out all the vessels with miles of lights and put a glow on the water and into the sky for miles around.

Residents were a little shaken at first and then again when as days went by hordes of sightseers flocked into town. Narrow streets became parking lots as people simply bailed out of vehicles and wandered toward the light. The same thing was happening across the river and on the Allie Shands bridge. The Navy MPs worked with local law enforcement and soon had everyone whipped into shape.

In these days, the gifts were simple but the memories rich and sweet revolving around church, family, friends and the U.S. Navy.

Library Happenings

Visit your local library in December

One on One - Internet Basics Tutorial for New Users

Fridays at 11 a.m. each date. Dec. 8, 15, 22 and 29. Call to reserve your spot - 45 min. Laptop available, or bring your own device. Keystone Heights Library, 175 Oriole St. (352)473-4286

One on One - Computer Basics Tutorial for New Users:

Mondays at 11 a.m. each date. Dec. 11, 18. Call to reserve your spot - 45 min. Laptop available or bring your own device. Keystone Heights Library, 175 Oriole St., (352) 473-4286

Keystone Crafty Kids: Arts and Crafts for ages 6-12. Saturdays at 11 a.m. each date. Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30 Some weeks art, and some weeks craft. ... but always fun! Keystone Heights Library, 175 Oriole St. (352)473-4286

Christmas Cookie Sale: Dec. 9 from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Select from a wide variety of homemade goods just in time for the holidays. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Fleming Island Library. Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. (904) 278-2234

Make & Take: Birdseed Ornaments:

Join us in the Story Room on Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. and create a birdseed ornament to hang outside this holiday season. This free program is for ages 6-12. Call Victoria or Debbie at (904) 278-4751; Children's department @Orange Park Branch Li-

brary. 2054 Plainfield Ave.

Family Movie: Family movie about a magical train ride to the North Pole on Dec. 12 from 6-7:30 a.m. All ages welcome. Cookies, hot chocolate and a movie. Dress in your pajamas! Middleburg-Clay Hill Branch Library, 2245 Aster Ave., Middleburg, (904)541-5855

Winter Wonderland @ Fleming Island:

Dec. 13 from 6-7 p.m. Come see Santa, hear stories and songs and enjoy cocoa with us at this new family event. Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd., (904) 278-3721

Dance performance: Join us in Meeting Room A on Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. To enjoy a holiday performance by Destiny's Dance. This is a free program for all ages! Call Victoria or Debbie at (904) 278-4751; Children's department @Orange Park Branch Library 2054 Plainfield Ave.

Movie marathon: Christmas Movie Marathon. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 18-21 at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 22-23 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. All ages invited to enjoy new and classic iconic Christmas movies. All titles rated G or PG. Call branch for titles. Middleburg-Clay Hill Branch Library, 2245 Aster Ave., (904) 541-5855

Jazz performance: Noteworthy Jazz Combo on Dec. 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. All

ages welcome to come enjoy sounds of the season with local jazz combo. Middleburg-Clay Hill Branch Library, 2245 Aster Ave., (904) 541-5855

Dinner and a show: Join us in Meeting Room A on Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m. for Family Dinner & a movie as we watch a holiday favorite about a magical train ride to the North Pole. For this fun event, you provide the dinner and we provide the movie. This is a free program for all ages! Call Victoria or Debbie at (904)278-4751; Children's department @Orange Park Branch Library 2054 Plainfield Ave.

Visit with Santa: Join us in Meeting Room A on Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. for a visit with Santa! This is a free program for all ages! Call Victoria or Debbie at (904)278-4751; Children's department @Orange Park Branch Library, 2054 Plainfield Ave.

Road

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will negotiate until both parties are satisfied the land will be purchased. Property owners who think they'll be affected can expect to hear from the FDOT in the coming years.

While not many Orange Park resi-

dents showed up to the open house, according to Pleasants, that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"So far, the reaction has been positive," Pleasants said. "Usually, if there's opposition they would have been there, and we would have heard about it."

Residents who missed the open house, and would like to comment on the construction, have until Dec. 11 to mail or

email comments to Eric Shimer, FDOT engineer at eric.shimer@dot.state.fl.us or mail him directly at 2198 Edison Ave., MS 2815, Jacksonville, FL 32204-2730.

Road updates and more information, is also available at www.nflroads.com/295@17. While final plans won't be approved until closer to the start of construction, construction is expected to begin in 2022 as planned.




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Luckily, we are so thankful to all the amazing volunteers helping us out in person at the shelter and items already donated to help. In addition, the Petco Foundation has partnered with us to help fuel our recovery process by offering to match all donations we receive up to \$10,000*, which means that your donation will be doubled to help with our lifesaving efforts for these fur babies.

Thank you to each and every one for supporting us through the storm in any way you could and we look forward to your partnership as well through these exhausting recovery efforts!



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Fleming Island grapplers hang with Georgia's best

By Randy Lefko
 Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND – Powered by four individual champions, the Fleming Island High wrestling team scored a strong second

place team finish at their own Keystone Invitational on Dec. 2 behind Georgia powerhouse Camden County High School.

“We used to get a handful of teams to this meet, but this weekend we had 17 teams come with four from Georgia in-

cluding one of the best high school programs probably in the southeastern United States,” said Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbert, who guided the Golden Eagles to a second place team finish in Class 3A last year behind South Dade High School.

“Camden County has four state titles in the past four years and for them to come here is an honor for our program. We still wanted to beat them, but we were without three of our varsity athletes that just

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Panthers take out three biggies

By Randy Lefko
 Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – Two first half goals fueled a 2-1 district 4-3A win for Ridgeview High over Matanzas on Dec. 1 that keeps the Panthers at least back in the conversation as top team in the district with Orange Park and Ridgeview both unbeaten in district play in the early part of the season. Ridgeview took on three region playoff teams from 2017 and came away with a 1-1 tie with Paxon in the season opener

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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO
 Ridgeview High's Andy Prestridge blasts goal in 2-1 district win over Matanzas.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Orange Park High guard Yolyvette Rosado splits three Wolfson defenders for basket in Lady Raiders district win November 28 at Orange Park High School.

Lady Raiders snap revenge win on Wolfson

By Ray DiMonda
 Correspondent

ORANGE PARK – After getting ousted from post season play by the Wolfson High School Wolfpack last year, the Orange Park High girls basketball team evened the score just a little bit with a 67-32 blowout district win on November 28 at Orange Park High School.

“We had a good pre-season and the first game was kind of rough and we got back into our groove in the second game on Creekside (a 58-45 win Nov. 16).” said Raider coach Fred Cole, now 5-1 with a loss to 8A-Bartram Trail in their season opener. “I told them if you can't get up for the first home game; first district game; first game of the season; if you can't get up for that, then something is wrong.”

Orange Park continued its winning swing with wins over Westside (55-42) and, at the Turkey Shootout at Keystone Heights on Sat., Dec. 2, Keystone Heights (58-23) and Menendez (46-31)

Against Wolfson, Orange Park was tied at the end of the first quarter, 13-13. Then the Lady Raiders showed they were up for opening night as they put on a defense clinic to hold Wolfson to two second quarter points, going into the locker room up 33-15

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Nadler makes second U.S. Olympic Trials marathon

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GAINESVILLE – Keystone Heights High graduate and standout track and cross country runner Enoch Nadler, now 33 years old, set forth a six month plan to earn the right to run in the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials race for a possible shot at the 2020 Summer Olympics Marathon in Tokyo.

Nadler, a standout as a Keystone Heights High athlete, then a standout as a University of Florida runner and now, a standout as the elite team coach of the Florida Track Club in Gainesville, ran the 26.2 mile California International Marathon on Dec. 3 in two hours, 18 minutes and 17 seconds to get under the U.S. Olympics Trials Marathon “B” Standard of 2:19.00, thus earning a ticket to the U.S. Olympics Marathon Trials race, set for either late 2019 or January 2020.

In an emotional video response to his achieving the goal, Nadler noted that the challenge was far more difficult than he originally thought.

“I have a much deeper respect for marathoners and the marathon race itself after this effort,” said Nadler, who qualified for the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon with a half marathon qualifying time of 1:03.55 at 31 years of age, but did not compete in the Trials race while establishing his career. “The hills on the course made it very difficult.”

Nadler noted that his preparation both physically and mentally helped him to maintain his pace for the qualifying standard.

“At about eight or nine miles, my legs were feeling all the hills and I was getting a little worried that things may go downhill from there,” said Nadler. “I just thought about all the people who have supported me to be in that moment and kept going. My hamstrings were really starting to give out.”

Nadler persisted and finished in 33rd place overall of 7098 runners; seventh in his age group of 496 30-35 males and 33rd male of 3770 male runners.

Nadler had split times of 32:31 for the



Keystone Heights High graduate Enoch Nadler celebrates his U.S. Olympic Trials marathon qualifying finish time at the California International Marathon held Sun., Dec. 3. Nadler’s 2:18:17 second time was under the U.S. Olympic qualifying standard of 2:19.00.

10K (6.2 miles) mark, 1:08:32 for the half marathon split and 1:44:38 at 20 miles.

“I snuck in about 45 seconds under my goal,” said Nadler. “It was definitely touch and go at some points.”

The winning time was 2:11:56 from Tim Ritchie, 30, of New Haven, CT with the run-

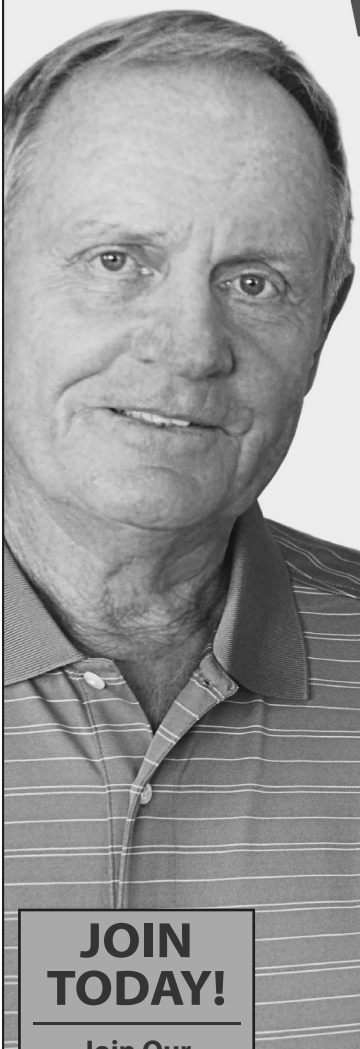
nerup, Tyler McCandless, 31, of Boulder, CO, at 2:12:28.

Note: Time is the only requirement for making it into the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials; a 2:19 for a marathon or 1:05 for a half marathon (male) or 2:45 or 1:15 (female) or faster on a sanctioned course.



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Enoch Nadler won the prestigious Run for the Pies elite race in June in 14:39 to show that his high school and college speed, at University of Florida, is still fast at age 33.



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CHS Valmyr, MHS Erwin part of Flagler volleyball NCAA bid



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The Flagler College volleyball team recently won the NCAA Division II Southeast Region tournament to earn a spot in the national tournament. From Clay High is Taja Valmyr, second from right in back row, and from Middleburg High, third from left, is Maddie Erwin.

By Flaglerathletics.com

INDIANAPOLIS – Flagler College, the Southeast Region champion, received the No. 4 seed in the NCAA Division II National Volleyball Tournament, which will be held Dec. 7-9 at Pensacola, Florida.

Flagler College volleyball has two Clay County athletes; Clay High's Taja Valmyr, an outside hitter, and Middleburg High's Maddie Erwin, a defensive specialist.

Flagler (27-3) will take on No. 5 seed Rockhurst University (31-7), the Midwest Regional champion, on Thursday at 6 p.m. (Eastern). This is the second year the NCAA has re-seeded the final eight teams for the national tournament. Before, region champs were paired up on a rotating basis (i.e. Southeast vs. Midwest one year and Southeast vs. South the next).

"We are incredibly excited to have brought back the NCAA Southeast Region championship to Flagler College and we are honored that the NCAA has selected us as the No. 4 seed for the national championship," said head coach Matt Affolder. "Although we have not played Rockhurst, I am very familiar with their outstanding program and have followed them from afar this year as they have played an incredibly tough schedule."

The Saints rolled through the Southeast Regional with sweeps in the quarterfinal and final matches. Flagler is buoyed by a pair of consensus all-region players in middle hitter Sara Davis and outside hitter Taja Valmyr. Davis, the D2CCA Southeast Region Player of the Year, is sixth in the nation in hitting percentage with a .406 mark. Valmyr, a graduate of Clay High School, is 27th in D2 in attacks per set (11.59) and is 45th in total attacks (1240). Junior setter Tara Savisky ranks 35th in assists per set (10.74) and is 49th in assists.

Flagler has won 22 consecutive matches, which is the longest streak since the

Thursday, Dec. 7

No. 3 Florida Southern vs. No. 6 Cal State-San Bernardino, 1 p.m.
No. 2 Regis (Colo.) vs. No. 7 Gannon, 3:30 p.m.
No. 1 Concordia-St. Paul vs. No. 8 New Haven, 8:30 p.m.

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2009 team won 29 in a row. That team advanced to the final four and is still the only team in the region to win a match at the national tournament. The last time the Saints advanced to the elite eight was in 2011 when they fell to Cal State-San Bernardino, who hosted the tournament.

Rockhurst, a member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference, has won 13 of its last 14 matches going into the national tournament. The Hawks won the West Division of the GLVC with a 14-4 record, but fell to national power Lewis University in the conference tournament championship match. Rockhurst got its revenge in the regional final with a 3-1 victory over No. 4 (AVCA Division II Top 25) Lewis.

"To be the champions of the Midwest Region, and to defeat Findlay and Lewis on back-to-back nights is all you need to know when it comes to their high level of play," added Affolder. "We do have that common opponent (Findlay) so there is a little bit of connection, and we are very aware of the great players that they have. I have seen a few of them during their prep/club careers and it will be good to see them on video to get an understanding of what makes them one of the top programs in the country."

Miami volleyball falls at second-seeded Florida, 3-1

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The University of Miami volleyball team pushed No. 3 University Florida to the limit, but fell 3-1 at the Gators' Exactech Arena in the first Second Round matchup of the 2017 Division I Women's Volleyball Championship.

St. Johns Country Day School graduate Madison Dill had eight kills and five blocks for the Hurricanes.

The Hurricanes (22-6) rebounded in the best way possible from a tough first-set loss to go into the intermission on level terms, and were then just a point away from forcing extra points in the fourth set, before the second-seeded Gators (27-1) closed out the match at 25-14, 19-25, 25-11, 25-23. The defeat ended Miami's second streak of seven or more victories this season as the Hurricanes close out the campaign with a win percentage of .786, the program's highest since 2012.



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St. Johns Country Day School's Madison Dill had eight kills and five blocks for Miami.

Hurricanes fall in ACC title game to Clemson

By David Villavicencio
HurricaneSports.com

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The University of Miami fell in its first appearance in the ACC Championship Game, dropping the Sat., Dec. 2 matchup to defending NCAA champion Clemson, 38-3.

In a game that figured to have College Football Playoff implications, the No. 1 Tigers (12-1, 7-1 ACC) made the most of every opportunity that presented itself at Bank of American Stadium and proved to be too much for No. 7 Miami (10-2, 7-1 ACC).

The Tigers showed why they were the top-ranked team in the country entering the game, engineering a 10-play, 68-yard scoring drive on their opening possession that ended in a four-yard touchdown run by Travis Etienne. Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant was a major contributor on the opening drive, completing all four of his pass attempts for a total of 48 yards while adding 11 yards on three rushes to help the Tigers take a 7-0 lead less than five minutes into the game.

Oakleaf High graduates Shaquille Quarterman and Darrion Owens are linebackers for the Hurricanes. Quarterman, who led the Hurricanes' defense with 10 tackles, recently earned a second team All-ACC selection as linebacker.

Miami will play in the Capital One Orange Bowl against Wisconsin on December 30 in Hard Rock Stadium in Miami.

The Hurricanes (10-2), who were ranked No. 10 in the final CFP rankings released Sunday afternoon, own a 20-20 overall record in 40 previous bowl games. Miami's appearance in the Capital One Orange Bowl marks the fifth consecutive year in which the Hurricanes will compete in a postseason game.

Miami is playing in the Orange Bowl for

the 10th time in program history; the Hurricanes own a 6-3 all-time record in the game, including a 16-14 win over Florida State in their last trip to the Orange Bowl in 2004.

Smenda's Jackrabbits head to historic second playoff game

Courtesy of Gojacks.com

BROOKINGS, S.D.— On a record-setting day by South Dakota State quarterback Taryn Christian, the Jackrabbits scored on all five of their offensive possessions in the first half and went on to defeat Northern Iowa, 37-22, in second-round action of the Football Championship Playoffs Saturday afternoon at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

On the Jackrabbits defense as a linebacker is Fleming Island High School graduate Austin Smenda. With their sixth consecutive victory, the fifth-seeded Jackrabbits improved to 10-2 overall, reaching the 10-win mark for the first time in program history. SDSU will host New Hampshire in quarterfinal action at 2 p.m. next Saturday (Dec. 9). New Hampshire knocked off No. 4 seed Central Arkansas, 21-15, Saturday.

Wofford advances with win over Furman

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The Wofford College football team defeated Furman 28-10 on Dec. 2 at Gibbs Stadium to advance to the NCAA FCS Quarterfinals. The Terriers scored first and took a 14-10 lead into the half. Wofford scored two touchdowns in the second half and held the Paladins scoreless for the win. Wofford will play North Dakota State in the FCS quarterfinals on December 9 at NDSU.

Wofford, ranked seventh in the nation at the FCS level, is 10-2 overall. Furman ends the season at 8-5. Fleming Island High graduate Bryce Motes is a senior wide receiver at Wofford.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Middleburg High junior Mallory Roney gets tangled between two Bartram Trail defenders.

Late fouls doom Middleburg girls hoops

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ST. JOHNS — Late fouls pulled junior sharpshooter Mallory Roney from the Middleburg High girls basketball lineup late in the fourth quarter and gave host Bartram Trail enough breathing room to take a 60-53 non-district win on Thurs., Nov. 30 in a game played at Liberty Pines Academy.

"I need the younger girls to come around and help the starting lineup because teams will know Mallory will be our top offensive weapon," said Middleburg coach Michael Hayward, now 2-1 overall with wins over Mandarin and Bishop Kenny to open the season.

"Guard Jamyah Harkins has improved her ballhandling skills and helps to get the ball up the court quickly."

Middleburg hosts Bradford County on Mon., Dec. 4 with a steady stream of district 3-7A opponents in the next two weeks with Englewood (Dec. 6), St. Augustine (Dec. 12) and Nease (Dec. 14) all up on the schedule. Orange Park squeezes in on December 7.

Against Bartram Trail (5-2), a top-ranked district 4-8A team trying to stay pace with unbeaten Fleming Island, Middleburg opened with leads of 12-4, 19-8 and 20-14 through the first quarter with Roney pushing the pace with drives to the basket and scoring passes to Harkins and

Britany Range who hit two three-pointers in the opening salvo.

Middleburg slowed the pace in the second quarter and Bartram Trail snuck up to a 23-23 tie before Macie Faucett took a feed from Roney for two and Harkins snagged an offensive rebound to start a 3-0 surge that scored the game at 32-25 in the final five minutes of the half as Middleburg went into the lockers up 34-25 with two free throws from Roney.

Bartram Trail started the third quarter with a full court press putting pressure on Middleburg getting the ball into the scoring paint easily and giving the Bears a three pointer to close the gap to 34-30 before Roney took a feed from Range for two.

Roney and Range continued to pick up buckets off the Broncos own full court press as the score got to 41-32 and 48-41 as the third quarter ended.

In the fourth, Bartram Trail continued to badger the Broncos prior to the half-court line and turnovers got the game to 50-50 at 4:16 to go before Hayward called a time out to try and settle his team.

A Bears steal and three pointer put Bartram Trail up 54-51 with three minutes left as Roney fouled out with Bartram Trail up 55-51. Harkins would foul out 23 seconds later to leave the Bronco backcourt up to freshman Emma Mussante as the Bears finished the game winning 60-53.

Raiders

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at the half. The Raiders, with just seven varsity players, would continue to pillage the Wolfpack to go on to an awesome 68-32 opening night district win.

Guard Yolyvette Rosado, a sophomore, went on a tear right out of the box as she racked up 22 points on the night. Rosado would hit five three pointers on nine attempts and only be fouled once, hitting one of two free throws.

Tori Cole was right behind Rosado bringing home 13 points using two field goals on her two attempts and hitting three of four foul shots.

The Raider defense was on fire in the second quarter.

"My thing is I want to preach defense" Coach Cole said. "I mean, we shoot the ball a lot. The three's look

good and all that, but at the end of the day, defense wins games. That's what we work on everyday in practice."

That defense stepped up bigtime in eight minutes of play of the second quarter with the only points allowed being two foul shots. The Wolfpack were held to three attempts on the basket for the entire quarter!

Out of the locker room in the third, the Raider defense again put on a show, holding Wolfson to six shots that yielded only nine points as the Raiders had their best offensive quarter racking up 21 points.

"I thought we got a little rhythm going and the offense did well," said Cole. "We played predominantly zone and wanted to work our man defense, especially in the third quarter. I thought we turned the ball over allot, we did it without reaching, we slid our feet, I thought we did pretty good."

Also in district 4-6A, Ridgeview sits at 1-2 overall with a win over Trinity Christian, 34-25, in their season opener with losses to Menendez (42-16) and Oakleaf (69-18).



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Orange Park High guard Harlee Sharp soars between Wolfson defenders for layup.

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Keystone Heights fields first wrestling team

Orange Park, Oakleaf 5-0

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE – Keystone Heights High School unveiled its first ever wrestling team at Saturday's North Florida Duals at Bishop Snyder High School, and, according to coach Richard Marshall, the team knew they were going to be competing at a disadvantage right from the beginning. Top performance came from 145 pounder Brandon Spivey who was 5-1 with five pins. Spivey was second in Class 1A in boys weightlifting last year.

"I call it a Baptism by Fire for us just to be here and compete against some of

these teams," said Marshall, whose son Brandon, was a standout wrestler at Bishop Snyder High School while the Marshall family lived in Keystone Heights. "It has been about two years since I started generated interest in getting a high school team and here we are. The team did not what to expect when we got here."

According to Keystone Heights High School Athletic Director Chuck Dickinson, there was a club wrestling team in Keystone Heights in the early 1990s but never an official team at the high school.

"There was a bunch of kids and some coaching and they competed at the club level," said Dickinson. "They competed throughout on their own all year long."

Brandon Marshall, now at medical



Oakleaf High's C.J. Escoreal pushes to get shoulder of Keystone Heights' Matt Booth in 152 pound match at North Florida Duals at Bishop Snyder. Escoreal won by pin.



Keystone Heights High 220 pounder Brandon Hoffmeyer works to get a pin against Oakleaf High's Ojuan Whitfield. Hoffmeyer got the pin, the first pin for Indians' wrestling.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Keystone Heights High School's first-ever wrestling team survived a "Baptism by Fire," according to coach Richard Marshall, in first wrestling competition Dec. 2 at Bishop Snyder.



Keystone Heights High wrestling coach Richard Marshall consoles Indian wrestler who did not fare well in first bout as Keystone Heights wrestler.

school at University of Central Florida, has been the most celebrated wrestler out of Keystone Heights with his second place finish as a senior at 182 pounds in Class 1A for Bishop Snyder. Marshall then wrestled at the Northern Michigan University where the U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman team trains. Marshall has competed worldwide in Austria and Panama as well as earned top 10 finishes at the Junior Nationals in

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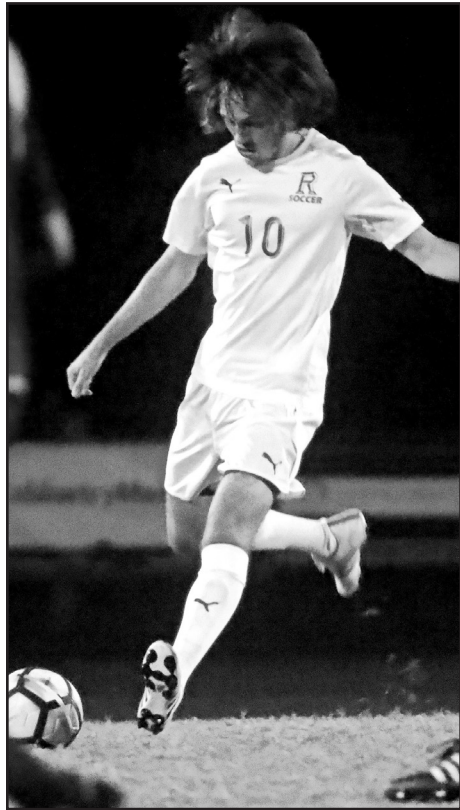
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Panthers

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on Nov. 9, a 2-1 win over Ponte Vedra on Nov. 13 and a 2-1 win over Matanzas on Dec. 1 to open the season with three huge wins. Ponte Vedra, the 2016 Class 3A champion, is the defending district



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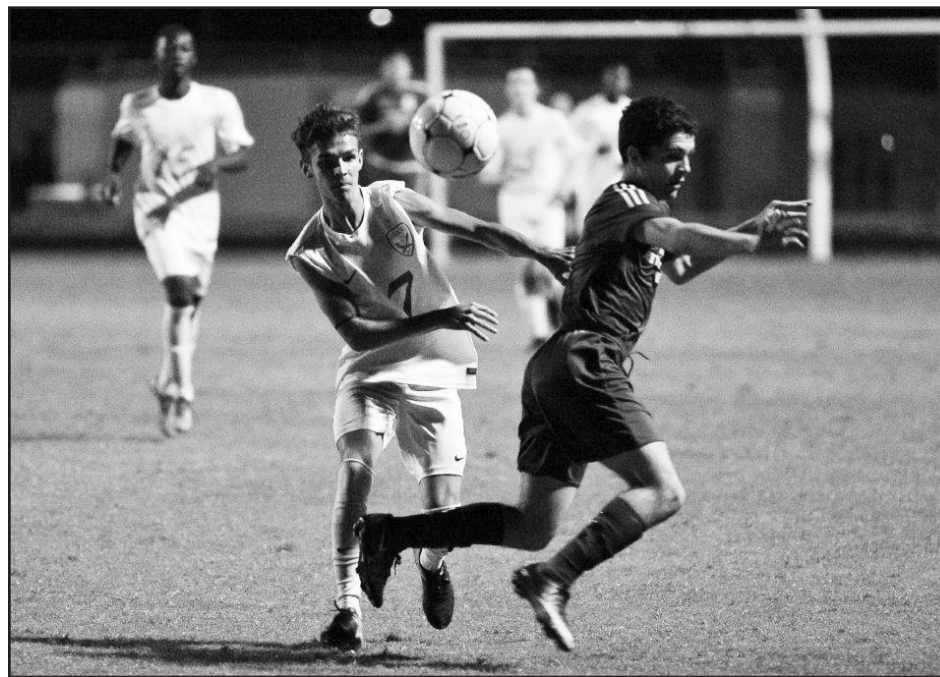
Ridgeview High's Dante De Santis is key passer in Panthers front line.

4-3A runnerup to Matanzas and a Class 3A semifinalist last year losing to eventual champion Daytona Beach Seabreeze in the state semifinal game. Paxon was the district 3-3A champion and lost to Ponte Vedra in the region quarterfinal. Matanzas lost to Stanton in their region quarterfinal.



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Keystone Heights senior forward Alex Cruz scored one of two goals for Indians in 2-1 win over Orange Park High on Dec. 1.



Orange Park High's Drew Bartley lets fly with shot on goal in Raiders' 2-1 loss to Keystone Heights on Dec. 2 at Orange Park High. Orange Park is at 4-1 overall. Keystone Heights is at 5-4-1.

"We got a good effort against Ponte Vedra and I think catching them early in the season was our advantage," said Ridgeview coach Paul Tomaro, now 3-0-1, 2-0. "They tend to get stronger as the season progresses because they get a lot of kids to tryout and have to find the right combination of players. They will be a different team in a month."

For Tomaro, his win over Matanzas came with two first half goals and a strong defensive effort in the second half led by goalie Adam Mineo and center defender Charlie Barrett. Ridgeview's first goal came off a free kick to the right of the Matanzas goal by Miguel Ortiz that found Charlie Barrett floating in front of the net at 13:50 of the first half.

Tomaro's offensive strategy revolved around the speed and dexterity of Ortiz, senior Andy Prestridge and Dante De Santis moving the ball from left to right searching an opening.

Junior Cameron Sharp, a 6'-3" striker, is a key to the Tomaro strategy with his strong runs into the goal box attracting attention and opening up lanes for Prestridge or Ortiz.

"Miguel has been our top scorer, but Andy is right with him," said Tomaro. "They work well together and don't crowd the box. Dante is one of the main passer up top."

Ridgeview's second goal against Matanzas came on a breakaway from Prestridge just before the halftime break as he broke past three Matanzas defenders for a straight shot from about 20 yards out with 1:20 left in the half.

At Orange Park High, the Keystone Heights High Indians took a 2-1 non-district win over the Raiders (4-1) also on Fri., Dec. 1. The Raiders have wins over Clay, Palatka, St. Augustine and Baker County with a Tues., Dec. 5 district game at home against Ponte Vedra.

Fleming Island soccer smashes Oakleaf, Nease

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND — With a barrage of second half goals; by forwards Lucas Hauth and Reed Davis, the Fleming Island High boys soccer team rebounded in strong fashion from a 4-4 tie with Bolles on November 27 to post a 6-1 win on Oakleaf and a 6-0 win on Nease High, both key district 4-4A opponents. Fleming Island is the defending Class 4A champion.

Fleming Island, now at 7-0-1, got a 2-2 tying goal from Hauth and a go-ahead goal from Davis against Bolles, but the Golden Eagle defense could not hold off the Bulldogs quick-moving offense. Bolles scored

off a high shot into the right side upper part of the net over the outstretched glove of goalie Omar Zermeno to tie the game at 3-3 with 35 minutes remaining.

At 32 minutes, Bolles took a 4-3 lead, but Davis got a free kick off a handball and sunk the shot to tie the game 4-4 with 16:32 left in the game. Fleming Island nearly got the gamewinner from Bradley McMahon who was in the middle of a scrum about a foot from the Bolles goal line after Avery Coussens was awarded a free kick on a defensive foul by Bolles with four minutes to go. Fleming Island had four shots in front of the Bolles goal in the final three minutes but failed to hit the net.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island High's Dylan Bartel battles for loose ball in front of Bolles goal in Golden Eagles' 4-4 tie last week at Fleming Island High. Fleming Island record is now 7-0-1.

Eagles bomb Raiders

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK – Fleming Island High boys basketball coach Traavis Chandler knew his match with Orange Park High on Friday could turn into a track meet with wheels and at halftime, the wily coach strategically used his allotted three timeouts per half to keep the speedometer at a controllable level as Fleming Island won 65-54 in the county rivalry game played in Orange Park High's Raiderdome.

"They pulled out all the stops. The band, dancers, the fans, it was a great atmosphere, great Friday night basketball game; they're always going to bring it," said Chandler, in his second year for Fleming Island after successful teams at Bradford County High School. "We were excited to be a part of this rivalry and just glad to come out with a win."

At halftime, Raiders' head coach Derek Kurnitsky's Raiders seemed lethargic and a few sports drinks shy on overall enthusiasm as they were down to the Golden Eagles 36-24 going into the locker room. Kurnitsky worked his magic.

After his team was down 11 points, with seven minutes left in the game, Orange Park found itself up by one point. Chandler began using several strategic time outs to slow the Raiders roll, reverse the tide of momentum and use the last seven minutes

of play to rack up an 11 point lead for the win.

"We have to shore up our zone defense," said Chandler. "We gave up too many lay-ups, busted assignments and we have to sprint back when we score a bucket. Teams like Orange Park, they'll run. If you don't sprint back and set up, you're not going to have a chance because they are too fast."

Kurnitsky knew his team left cash on the table.

"I wish we played hard every quarter like we did the third," said Kurnitsky. "We just don't play hard enough every play. We didn't play hard the first half."

The 12 point deficit was washed away with strong Raider defense that held Fleming Island to 11 third quarter points, a burst of hustle, and a 19 point offensive quarter topped off with three 3-point shots. Then the Raiders put it on autopilot too soon.

"We were jumping up and down going crazy and I was going- fellas, there is seven minutes left in the game," said Kurnitsky. "We're acting like we just won the national championship, we just took the lead and I was like, everybody needs to settle down. Young kids; early in the season, that's the way it goes sometimes."

In the fourth quarter, Fleming Island reversed the tide and outscored Orange Park 18-11.

Fleming Island leaned hard on cap-



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Fleming Island High guard Christian Young breaks toward basket in win over Orange Park.

tain, senior Christian Young as he racked up 22 points with six from the field plus three 3-pointers. Young's pressing defense and several blocked or deflected shots kept the Raiders from getting closer in the end. Sophomore Sebastian Astor finished with 10 points from the field and hitting two field goals. Chandler didn't mind that the football season came to a close as he noted the strong play he would be lacking if the playoffs were still progressing.

"(Jake) Libretto set some really good screens," said Chandler. "Tough football kid, so that helps us out and created some of those mistakes that the Raiders made.

He was big in the minutes he played and that was key."

On the other side, Orange Park also had two key players that brought it all tonight. Senior Ty McBride racked up 20 points with four baskets from the field, three field goals, and three of five on foul shots. Davanti Crutch was the other Orange Park book end bringing the team 15 points using six baskets from the field, and hitting three of six foul shots.

"We have to play smarter," said Kurnitsky, noting nine of 23 foul shots and just four of 18 three-pointers hit.



Oakleaf High basketball coach Jason Price, center, celebrates his 100th victory with after beating Ridgeview 83-49 on December 1. Price has district battle with Creekside set for December 5 with a season-opening loss, 46-45, to Ponte Vedra.

Top left: Orange Park High guard John Abate pushed hard past Clay defender Jaylin Copeland in Raiders' 57-47 win Monday night at Clay High School. Raiders are 3-1. Clay falls to 0-3.

Bottom left: Middleburg High guard Seth Hawes passes by Orange Park defender Keneth Monterola in Raiders' 53-46 win on November 29. Middleburg is winless at 0-4 with district 3-7A games at Nease on Dec. 5 and Ed White on Dec. 7.

Wrestle

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finished football playoffs.”

Powered by an impressive performance from state third placer Paul Detwiler, a senior, Fleming Island garnered solo titles from Detwiler at 170, Lou Gagliardo at 106, Jaquan English at 132 and Trace Insalaco at 160 while getting 787 team points behind Camden County’s 979 points. Camden County has won three straight state titles; two (2015, 2016) in Georgia’s 5A class and last year in the 7A class.

Behind Fleming Island were Richmond Hill (GA) with 752 points, Camden County’s B team with 610 points and Valdosta (GA) with 580 teams with Boone High of Orlando the closest Florida school at fifth at a distant 332.

“We invited the Georgia schools knowing we could make this a super competitive meet just because of their history,” said Cobbert. “We travel to Richmond Hill in a few weeks to battle in their gym.”

Detwiler, third at 152 last year, scored 92 team points on his six pins for the afternoon including a first period fall against Camden County’s Hunter Malson in the championship match.

“Paul is the leader of the team by action,” said Cobbert. “He doesn’t say much, but he just executes and works hard.”



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO
Fleming Island High senior Paul Detwiler tries to stretch arm back of Camden County’s Hunter Malson in 170 pound championship match at Keystone Invitational. Detwiler won by pin.

For English and Gagliardo, two recent transfers; English from Raines and Gagliardo from nearby Clay High, both ruffled through their matches with power and finesse with English winning eight of nine matches (one bye) with six pins, one major

decision and two decisions; 9-2 and 6-1. Gagliardo, who only had six wrestlers in his 106 weight division, got a first round bye, then dominated with three pins, one tech pin (17-1 decision) and a major decision (13-0) before trouncing Camden

County’s Nathan Orum 8-0 in the final.

“Good athletes want to be part of a good program,” said Cobbert. “They have both learned our way of doing things with no gap in their learning process.”

Insalaco, who joined the Fleming Island team last year, pounded his 160 pound division with a final 8-5 win over Valdosta’s very rugged Dominique Dale in the final.

“He had to keep his cool for that match because his guy was very strong and did not give Trace much room to work,” said Cobbert. “A guy like that frustrates a smooth wrestler like Trace, so we just instructed him to wrestle hard, compete and score points.”

In other championship matches for Fleming Island, at 113, Briar Jackson lost a 6-4 decision to Camden County’s Nicholas Krug, a defending Georgia champion, and Jacob Sandoval, at 126, lost 8-0 to another Camden County state champion.

Getting thirds for Fleming Island were Albie Snedeaker at 120, Vincent Hauser at 145 and Luke Chop at 152. Chop was awarded the Keystone Trophy, named for former Fleming Island wrestler Robert “Keystone” Northway, for his courageous wrestling efforts. Northway lost his life at 16 in 2010 to a tragic car accident.

Also competing from Clay County, Middleburg High finished 12th with 154 led by third place finisher Tazz Hampton at 106 who beat Valdosta’s Trent Broome 5-4 in their championship match.



Far Left: Fleming Island 106 pounder Lou Gagliardo gets hand raised after winning gold medal against Camden County’s Nathan Orum.

Left: Fleming Island 152 pound wrestler Luke Chop, right, tosses Valdosta’s Javari Lester to take third. Chop was given the Keystone Trophy for grittiest wrestler of Keystone Invitational.

Below: Middleburg High’s Tazz Hampton got strong third in 106 pound division with 5-4 win over Valdosta’s Trent Broome.





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Fargo, N.D., and the Junior World Team Trials in Madison, Wisc. Marshall graduated North Michigan last year and now studies at UCF.

"Brandon's experiences around the world at the elite level has given us connections around the country and even around the world that should generate interest for the program," said Marshall. "He has visited the school a couple of times and talked to the kids. He may be on the mat with them over Christmas."

Keystone Heights, with 145 pounder Brandon Spivey going 5-1 in five matches; all with pins, finished with team losses to Oakleaf (66-12; pin by Brandon Hoffmeyer, Spivey lost by pin to Oakleaf's Trenton Carroll), Bishop Snyder (60-12; pin by Brandon Spivey), Battery Creek (42-24; pin by Brandon Spivey), Bolles (48-24; wins by pin by Brandon Spivey and Jeremy Givens), Baker County (39-18; 15-14 win by Brandon Hoffmeyer, pin by Spivey),

For Marshall, the two year journey to getting a sanctioned team at Keystone Heights, has been an interest since 2007.

"We're building," said Marshall. "We have cheerleader mats in our wrestling, unfortunately, and I have some donated mats from Clay High from about 1992."

In the hallways at Keystone Heights High School, where Marshall teaches, Marshall acknowledged that wrestling as a sport may go through a long indoctrination period.

"There is a lot of ambivalence because the Keystone kids don't think they want to wear leotards," said Marshall. "I think once they see some new uniforms and then five or six come out and then talk to other athletes, we'll get some guys out there."

Part of the intrigue for Marshall is to find the athletes in the hallways and convince them of the benefits of a wrestling program.

"We have three from the football team; one is injured though and one did not make the body fat analysis, so it is a learning process to do the things necessary for



Orange Park High's Frank Sawyer, district 3-2A champion last year, but 0-2 at regions at 113, dominated the 106 matches at the North Florida Duals on Dec. 2 at Bishop Snyder.



Orange Park High's Reed Danielson, here at 195 against Fernandina Beach at the North Florida Duals, looks to get back to the Class 2A state meet after a region runner-up finish and an 0-2 state meet record at 182 last year.

wrestling," said Marshall. "We'll wrestle year round and hopefully generate interest."

Keystone Heights opened at the Bishop Snyder meet with a dual meet against Oakleaf High and got a pin at 220 from Bran-

don Hoffmeyer.

"That was the first win and first pin in the history of Keystone Heights High School wrestling," said Marshall. "When he came to me after, I said 'Good win, you did it in ugly fashion, you need to listen to me and not look at me, but good win.'"

The losses, though, were more emotional than expected for Marshall.

"We have kids from seventh grade to 12th," said Marshall. "But, they are out there, working hard. We had one kid at 160 who cried after he lost. It's an emotional thing. I'm very proud of them."

Oakleaf finished at 5-0 with wins over Keystone Heights (66-12), Episcopal (72-12), Fernandina Beach (66-12), West Nassau (66-17) and Satellite (66-16).

The Knights, under coach Wes Champs, have handful of key returners with Ryan Rosano, a state qualifier at 113; Trenton Carroll at 145; Ethan Gustillo at 138; Dexter Moore at 195 and Brandon Bacalar at 120.

Orange Park finished at 5-0 with wins over Fernandina Beach (60-12), Satellite (66-9), Episcopal (66-12), West Nassau (66-18) and Westside (60-16).

"Matthew Poucher, Reed Danielson, Frank Sawyer, Jacob Campbell, Cameron Broughton, Davon Bailey, Dean Ganci, and Brandon Jordan all went undefeated," said Orange Park coach Justin Daniels. "That was a good tournament to build the confidence of our young kids."

Daniels and Orange Park traveled to Clay High for a dual meet on Wed., Nov. 29 with Clay winning that one.

"We did see some really good things out of Cameron Broughton and Jacob Campbell at the Clay dual that shined some light as to how much they have improved since last year," said Daniels, who hosts the Orange Park Duals on Friday. "Frank Sawyer at 106 is strong, healthy, and has a bit of a chip on his shoulder after a back injury hampered his season last year. Reed Danielson is working on gaining a rhythm and once he hits that stride he will be a wrecking ball."

Daniels also liked the work of freshman Brandon Jordan, a freshman at 170, and Jacob Moore, a sophomore at 182.



Oakleaf High's Ethan Gustillo was vastly improved last year at 126 pounds in the tough Class 3A ranks with Fleming Island and Flagler Palm Coast and could be key player in 2017-18 rankings at 138. Gustillo lost in the consolation semifinals at the region 1-3A meet last year to miss a state meet berth by one match.



Oakleaf High Abdid Escobar has upside down pinning grip on Keystone Heights Gavin Briscoe in the 113 pound division in their dual match at the North Florida Duals on Dec. 2.

Clay, Ridgeview Top 10 at Border Wars

CHS Chopek, RHS Rodriguez get gold medals

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

DESTIN —Clay and Ridgeview high wrestling stepped on to the mat against a handful of Louisiana powerhouse teams and finished with top 10 team finishes at the Border Wars wrestling invitational held Sat., Dec. 2 in Destin.

With Louisiana state champion Holy Cross taking top team honors with 641.5 points and St. Paul of Louisiana, fourth in Louisiana last year, runnerup at 604, Clay finished seventh in 331.5 with Ridgeview just behind in ninth at 297.5.

Clay got a first place finish from Yulee transfer Steve Chopek at 120, the 113 Class 1A runnerup last year, who won a 10-5 match over Holy Cross' Michael Lundin, third at 113 at last year's Louisiana state meet, and top three finishes from Cale Hoskinson, also a Yulee transfer, who beat Seth Weinthal of South Walton 6-1 for the 126 pound bronze; Abbott Taylor, who

lost to Marianna's Cole Maddox, a Class 1A runnerup at 170 for Arnold High School, in the 195 championship match 8-5, and Ryan Rivers, at 285, who was pinned by Tennessee Soddy's Addison Roberts to finish fourth. Soddy is currently sixth-ranked in Tennessee.

For Ridgeview, at 106, Matthew Rodriguez came home with a gold medal with a tech fall, 18-1, win over Holy Cross's Jacob Frost, a Louisiana freestyle state champion, while Saeid Ejmali, at 138, lost a 5-4 decision in his championship match to St. Paul's Cole Houser, a Louisiana state champ at 126.

Clay warmed up for the Border War trip with a dual meet win, 57-21 over Orange Park on Wed., Nov. 29 led by pins from Chopek, Daniel Porter at 126, Hoskinson, Grant Stanish at 145, Carson Yost at 170, Joe Grelli at 220 and Ryan Rivers at 285. Abbott Taylor won 15-4 at 195.

For Orange Park, Davon Baily at 113, Jacob Moore at 182 won by pin with Jacob Campbell winning at 160 by decision.

Orange Park will host the Orange Park Duals on Friday.



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Clay High's Steven Chopek, a Yulee transfer that finished second in Class 1A last year at 113, has stormed the 120 class with a first place finish at the Border Wars in Destin.



Clay High's 285 pound wrestler Ryan Rivers, here winning by pin in dual meet with Orange Park, took second at the Border Wars Invite in Destin.



Clay High senior Connor Green is back on the mat, here in action in Orange Park dual match, and could be key player for Blue Devils with his ferocious, fleet style.



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Jacksonville Jaguars tight end James O'Shaughnessy finishes off 29 yard fake punt play in first quarter for key first down that led to Jaguars touchdown in Jags' 30-10 win over Indianapolis.

Jaguars dominate Colts

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE – With an interception, a handful of sacks, a keen fake punt pass and a very loud Everbank Field, the Jacksonville Jaguars continued their roll to a possible playoff slot in a month with a 30-10 AFC South division win over visiting Indianapolis, now 3-9.

“We were really focused this week to come back home from two games on the road,” said Jaguars coach Doug Marrone. “We made the decision for the fake punt on the first series to start us fast.”

The Jaguars, now 8-4, moved efficiently up and down the field against the porous Colts defense behind 26 of 35 passes for 309 yards from quarterback Blake Bortles with touchdown passes to Marquise Lee and rookie Keelan Cole.

“I thought they were awesome,” said Bortles, who was without wideouts Allen Robinson and Allen Hurns to injuries. “They had to pick up the slack. Marquise, Keelan and Dede (Westbrook) have been incredible.”

Jacksonville returns to Everbank to host the Seattle Seahawks (7-4) on Sunday for a 4:25 p.m. kickoff.

In the first quarter, with an apparent

stalled drive near midfield, punter Brad Nortman threw a 15 yard pass to tight end James O'Shaughnessy for a 29 yard gain to the Colt 28 yard line that led to a touchdown pass of seven yards from Bortles to Lee as the Jaguars offensive scheme looked to open up the playbook away from the traditional run game.

Rookie running back Leonard Fournette finished with 57 yards on the ground and a score to 24-3 in the third quarter before the Colts got a touchdown pass to wideout T.Y. Hilton. The Jaguars finished out the scoring for the afternoon with two Josh Lambo field goals.

Lee finished with seven catches for 86 yards and the score with Westbrook snaring six balls for 78 yards.

“Our receivers made some strong hand catches,” said Marrone.

Bortles hit seven different pass catchers for the game.

On defense, without linebacker Telvin Smith, defensive lineman Calais Campbell set a new sack record for the Jaguars and defensive back Jalen Ramsey snagged a third quarter interception the thwart the Colts offense. Campbell now has 12.5 sacks to break Tony Brackens record of 12 set in 1999. The Jaguars got four sacks on the day.



Jacksonville Jaguars coach Doug Marrone has combined just enough tough defense with offensive surprises to get Jaguars in position for playoff spot with 8-4 record. Seattle Seahawks come to Everbank Field for a Sunday 4:25 p.m. kickoff on Dec. 10.

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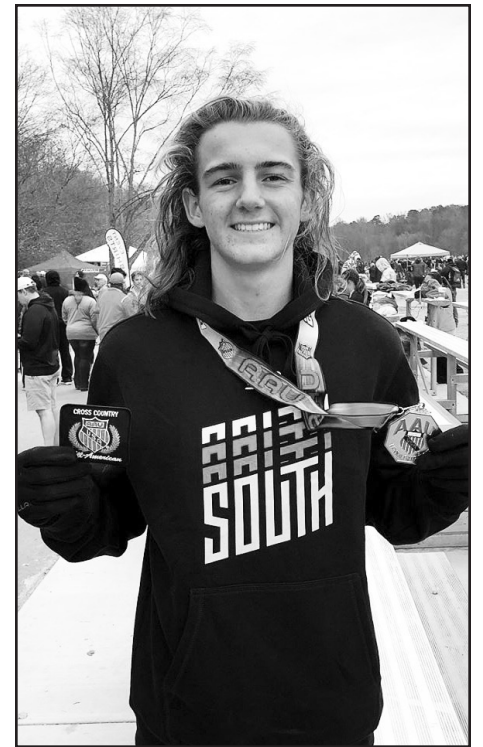
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Oakleaf High sophomore track and cross country ace Dylan Nelson topped a strong high school season with fifth place finish at AAU Nationals race in North Carolina.

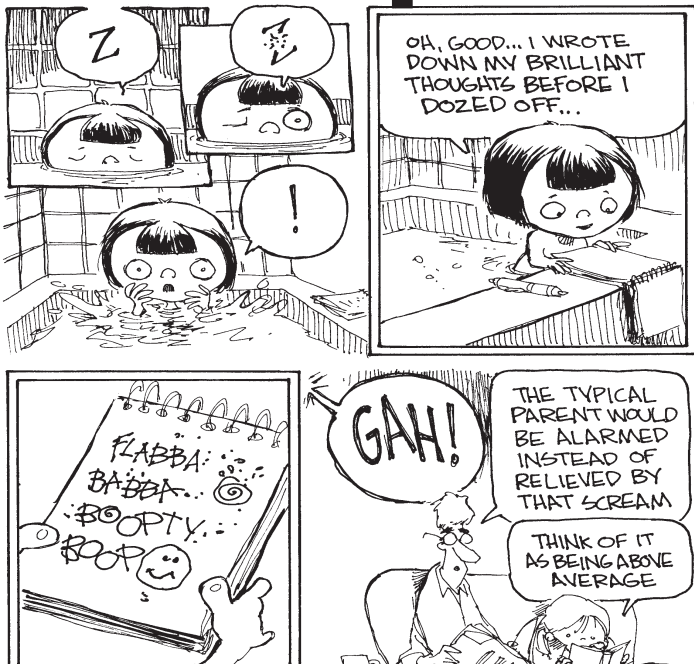
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MCALPIN, N.C.— Oakleaf High cross country runner Dylan Nelson, fresh off a first-ever region 1-4A championship race, finished fifth in 16 minutes, 40.16 seconds at the 2017 AAU National Cross Country Championships held Dec. 2 in McAlpine Creek Park in North Carolina. Nelson competed in the 15-16 year old race.

Nelson, a sophomore, was in a small group of four runners that finished about 30 seconds off the winning time of 15:48.10, run by Fiker Rosen, of Illinois. From the second to fifth were times of 16:12.74, 16:23.87 and 16:35.57 as the small pack made a final dash to the finish line.

In the high school season, Nelson became first boys region cross country qualifier for Oakleaf High School.

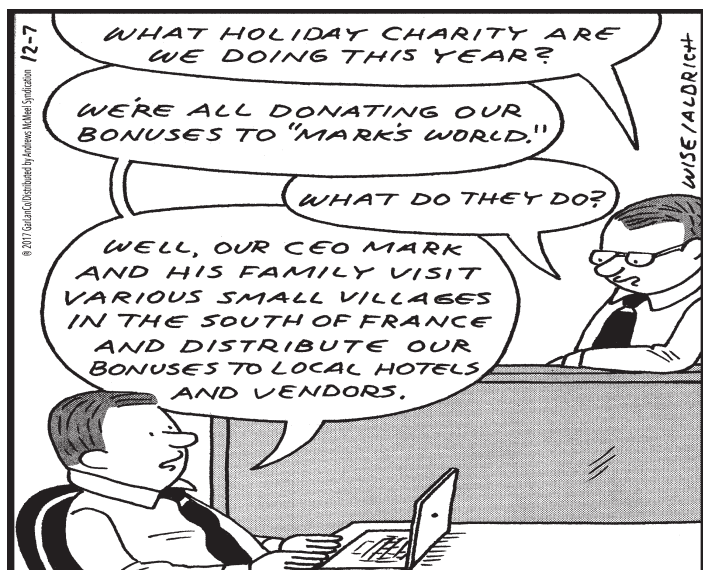
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Mortgage Foreclosure, to wit: LOT 1, BLOCK 162, BLACK CREEK PARK, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, AT PAGES 21 THROUGH 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4785 HEDGEHOG ST MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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

Legal 40812 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 04-080341-F00

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGEY LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 1312/2015 Legal Description: PT OF E1/2 A/K/A PRL 34 DUCKWATER WOODS II UNREC AS REC O R 3474 PG 2192 Parcel ID No.: 060524-005947-001-34 Opening Bid: \$5,218.00 Physical Address: 1938 OPENWOODS RD, MIDDLEBURG

Classification: MOBILE HOME Name in which assessed: ARNOLD L CREAMER JR & DOROTHY REBECCA CREAMER 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 10th day of January, 2018 at 9:30 AM. Dated this 27th day of November, 2017.

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

Legal 40778 published Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14 and Dec 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 17-CP-0259 Division: PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES D. DAVIDSON Deceased.

The administration of the estate of JAMES D. DAVIDSON, deceased, whose date of death was May 4, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this notice is December 7, 2017.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Stephen W. Screnci, Esq. Stephen W. Screnci, P.A. Florida Bar Number: 0051802 2600 N. Military Trail, Suite 410 Fountain Square 1 Boca Raton, Florida 33431 E-Mail: sww@screncilaw.com

Personal Representative: Patricia Davidson 6226 County Road 315C Keystone Heights, FL 32656 Legal 40789 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2017-CA-000986 Division: F

ANN MARIE BURKES Plaintiffs,

vs. MARSHA HUBBARD RUBIN, Defendant.

TO: MARSHA HUBBARD RUBIN, Defendant, and all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against Defendant, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described. YOU ARE NOTICED that an action to quiet title a tax deed on the following described property in Clay County, Florida:

A part of Government Lot 4, in Section 2, Township 7 South, Range 26 East, Clay County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the North line of the South 1/2 of Lot 4 and a sand, clay road known as (Old Green Cove Springs and Palatka Road); thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes West and along the said North line of Lot 4 a distance of 362.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 88 degrees 58 minutes West and along said North line, 434.0 feet; thence North 27 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds East 697.65 feet to the Southerly edge of said Clay Road; thence South 44 degrees 29 minutes East and along said road, 347.0 feet; thence South 18 degrees 45 minutes West 401.57 feet to the point of beginning and to close. Containing 4.54 acres, more or less.

Parcel No.: #02-07-26-015745-000-00 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on WILLIAM H. DAVIE, II, Plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is 733 North Palmetto Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, on or before December 22, 2017, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. DATED this 15th day of November, 2017

(seal) TARA S. GREEN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Rebecca Crews As Deputy Clerk

Legal 40746 published Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 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: 10-2017-CA-000715 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST SERIES MO 2006-HE6 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES MO 2006-HE6, Plaintiff, vs. KATHLEEN B. MIZELL, et. al. Defendant(s) TO: KATHLEEN B. MIZELL and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KATHLEEN B. MIZELL, whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the

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property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN LOT 16, NOLAN ROAD, ACCORDING TO AN UNRECORDED MAP THEREOF PREPARED BY LOUIS H. MCKEE, REGISTERED SURVEYOR, ON OCTOBER 18, 1966 FOR SAN LEBRYDO LUMBER COMPANY, SAID PARCEL BEING A PORTION OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. A N D B E I N G M O R E PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36, THENCE ON THE NORTH LINE THEREOF RUN SOUTH 89° 30' 30" WEST 188.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00° 12' 00" EAST 322.17 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 16; THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE NORTH 89° 56' 00" EAST 188.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00° 12' 00" WEST 324.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO A 20 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 488, PAGE 514 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 28th day of November, 2017.

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

Legal 40800 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 17-059599

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: FLORIDA TAX LIEN ASSETS IV LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 2491/2014 Legal Description: PT OF NE 1/4 S5T4R25 A/K/A PT OF VCOOP SOUTH PARCEL AS REC O R 3297 PG 478 Parcel ID No.: 050425-007868-000-02 Opening Bid: \$57,713.98 Physical Address: OAKLEAF PLANTATION PKWY, ORANGE PARK Classification: VACANT Name in which assessed: STAR CONSTRUCTION & ENGR INC

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 10th day of January, 2018 at 9:30 AM. Dated this 13th day of November, 2017.

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

Legal 40719 published Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30 and Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGEY LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 2755/2015 Legal Description: LOT 13 BLK 6 GREENWOOD ESTATES UNIT 2 AS REC O R 3281 PG 69 Parcel ID No.: 340425-008153-281-00 Opening Bid: \$3,814.11 Physical Address: 1658 LISA DAWN DR, MIDDLEBURG

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Classification: SINGLE FAMILY Name in which assessed: KENNETH DUBER II 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 10th day of January, 2018 at 9:30 AM. Dated this 9th day of November, 2017.

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

Legal 40690 published Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30 and Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/22/2017, 12:00 pm at 4360 COUNTY ROAD 218 MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-4852, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida statutes. BURGART ENTERPRISES reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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PUBLIC SALE

Sale Date: December 19, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Location: 4225 CR 218, Middleburg, Florida Vehicle: 2004 CHEV VIN# 2G1WF52E549417777 Legal 40811 published Dec 7, 2017 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:

Veterans Pride Clinical Solutions

Located at PO Box 65520 in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32065 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park Florida, this 1st day of December, 2017. Owner's name/corporation: Nealon Sears Jr & Sharon Sears Legal 40815 published Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGEY LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 3154/2015 Legal Description: LOT 52 & PT COMMONS AREA FOX VALLEY REPLAT AS REC O R 676 PG 533 & 1621 PG 705 Parcel ID No.: 070426-012918-053-00 Opening Bid: \$9,512.92 Physical Address: 52 FOX VALLEY DR, ORANGE PARK

Classification: SER ATTACHED Name in which assessed: JOYCE K AKERS (HEIRS) 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 10th day of January, 2018 at 9:30 AM. Dated this 27th day of November, 2017.

(seal) TARA S. GREEN Clerk of the Circuit Court Clay County, Florida By: Jewel Baskin Deputy Clerk Legal 40777 published Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14 and Dec 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGEY LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 3204/2015 Legal Description: PT OF LOT 14 CREIGHTON FOREST UNIT 2 AS REC O R 406 PG 662 & 2319 PG 1127 Parcel ID No.: 440426-014040-000-00 Opening Bid: \$4,225.89 Physical Address: 689 CREIGHTON RD, FLEMING ISLAND

Classification: SINGLE FAMILY Name in which assessed: ANDREW J BILLINGS & JENNIFER I BILLINGS 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 10th day of January, 2018 at 9:30 AM. Dated this 9th day of November, 2017.

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

Legal 40687 published Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30 and Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: BISHOP ENTERPRISES LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 5251/2011 Legal Description: PT SW 1/4 OF S28T8R23 BETWEEN LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 5 LAKE GENEVA & LAKE AS REC O R 1768 PG 1321 Parcel ID No.: 280823-021790-001-00 Opening Bid: \$6,523.19 Physical Address: 7982 STATE ROAD 100, KEystone HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT Name in which assessed: LORETTA A WATERMAN (HEIRS) 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 10th day of January, 2018 at 9:30 AM. Dated this 15th day of November, 2017.

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

Legal 40734 published Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2017-CP-000447 Division E

IN RE: ESTATE OF KATHLEEN MARGUERITE REDDING, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of KATHLEEN MARGUERITE REDDING, deceased, whose date of death was September 26, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 7, 2017. Attorney for Personal Representative:

ALISON E. HICKMAN Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar No. 085048 Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M. Attorneys at Law, P.A. 1543 Kingsley Avenue Bldg 5 Orange Park, FL 32073 Telephone: (904) 264-8800 Fax: (904) 264-0155 Primary email address: alison@floridaelder.com Secondary email address: donna@floridaelder.com

Personal Representatives: JANICE REDDING CLAXTON 1503 Fraser Road Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 KATHIE REDDING LANGEVIN 194 Lake Asbury Drive Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

Legal 40796 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 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: 2009-CA-685 GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. LYLE COGGINS, et. al.

Defendant(s) TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVICES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DANIEL JOSEPH COGGINS, DECEASED,

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, 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:

A PORTION OF PARCEL NO. 2 OF DUCKWATER WOODS, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6, AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET TO THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF NOLAN ROAD (A 60 FOOT R/W); THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY, 1320.3 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NOLAN ROAD EAST UNIT "B" (AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION); THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF LAST SAID SUBDIVISION, 2450 FEET TO A POINT 370 FEET WESTERLY OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER, OF PARCEL NO. 24 OF DUCKWATER WOODS II (AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION); THENCE RUN SOUTH 67 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF PARCEL NO. 1 OF SAID DUCKWATER WOODS (AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION), 1013.77 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID PARCEL NO. 2; THENCE CONITNUE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY

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BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL NO. 2, A DISTANCE OF 216.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY, 183.36 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL NO. 2; THENCE RUN NORTH 34 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF LAST SAID PARCEL; 567.32 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A 60 FOOT ACCESS ROAD (KNOWN AS SPARROW COURT); THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES, 17 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY, 276.05 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 20 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST, 453.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH 1986 CYPRESS MOBILE HOME VIN #S C28071111428A AND C28071111428B. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

LEGAL 40818 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 13-17261

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT sealed proposals will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, January 8, 2018, at the Clay County Admin Bldg, Purchasing Dept, 4th floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, for the following: RFP NO: 17-18-7, Swimming Pool Management, Lifeguard Staffing & Swim Instruction

The opened Proposals will be read aloud, examined for conformance to specifications, tabulated, and preserved in the custody of the Purchasing Department. Proposals submitted will be evaluated by the Finance and Audit Committee. The Finance and Audit Committee of the Board will present its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners as soon thereafter as possible.

FOLLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID" OR A "NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT : http://www.claycountygov.com/departments/purchasing-division/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids THIS WEB PAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: www.claycountygov.com BY FOLLOWING THE "NOTICE OF INTENT BIDS" LINK UNDER THE "BUSINESS" ROLLOVER BUTTON ON THE COUNTY'S HOMEPAGE. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE

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NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, IF REQUIRED FOR THIS SOLICITATION, OR THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 8. (N), OF SAID POLICY, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID SOLICITATION, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER SAID POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

LEGAL 40805 published Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION FOR TOWING AND STORAGE COST. 2002 BMW WBSBL93482JR18166. HARRIS AHMETOVIC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT AND REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 27, 2017 AT 12:00 P.M. AT 7721 B BLANDING BLVD, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32244.

LEGAL 40714 published Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 2017-CP-000380 DIVISION:

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN BARRY GRIZZARD a/k/a JOHN B. GRIZZARD a/k/a JOHN GRIZZARD Deceased.

The administration of the estate of John Barry Grizzard, deceased, whose date of death was August 6, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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PLLC 12627 San Jose Blvd, Suite 102 Jacksonville, Florida 32223 Personal Representative: John Grizzard 7911 Manata Jacksonville, Florida 32217 Legal 40810 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2016-DP-233 DIVISION: JV-B

IN THE INTEREST OF: K.S. A CHILD

THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Christian Taylor Spires Whereabouts unknown YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above named child, K.S. who was born on October 10, 2012. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable John H Skinner, the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 1:30 P.M. o'clock on December 19, 2017, A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or ertintp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 7th day of November, 2017.

(seal) TARA S. GREEN as Clerk of Said Court By: Denise Haselwood As Deputy Clerk LEGAL 40694 published Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30 and Dec 7, 2017 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-001031

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JIMMI NEWBURY, et. al. Defendant(s)

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF GLENN C. PEDDICORD, DECEASED, whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, 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: A PORTION OF LOT 19, SECTION 12, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SUBDIVISION OF RIDGEWOOD AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1, PAGE 663, OF THE PUBLIC

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RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE, COMMENCE AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF "THE COURTS" AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGES 59 AND 60 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID CORNER BEING ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BLANDING BOULEVARD (STATE ROAD NO. 21); THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF "THE COURTS" A DISTANCE OF 216.34; THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY, SOUTH 45 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 17.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 24.41 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 35.93 FEET; THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 24.41 FEET THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 35.95 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. DESCRIBED PARCEL ALSO KNOWN AS J-5.

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

(seal) TARA S. GREEN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By Stacie Towns DEPUTY CLERK

LEGAL 40801 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 17-049415

Legal Public Notice Clay County School Board

The Clay County School Board will hold a Workshop on Friday, December 15, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Office Accounts Payable Conference Room at 814 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, for the purpose of reviewing the draft agenda for the January 4, 2018, Regular meeting. The workshop is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. Copies of the proposed agenda will be available on line at: www.oneclay.net or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

LEGAL 40807 published Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGEY LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No: 3808/2015

Legal Description: ELY 42 LOT 10 & WLY 30 11 BLK L SHANDS PLAT O R 332 PG 591 & 800 PG 647 Parcel ID No.: 380626-018208-004-00 Opening Bid: \$4,403.80 Physical Address: 1111 CENTER ST, GREEN COVE SPRINGS Classification: SINGLE FAMILY Name in which assessed: DOROTHY E YOUNG HEIRS 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 10th day of January, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

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Dated this 27th day of November, 2017.

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

LEGAL 40774 published Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14 and Dec 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2017-CP-417 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF SAIVENISE GELIN Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Savenise Gelin, deceased, whose date of death was December 8, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is November 30, 2017.

Attorney for Personal Representative: David Goldman, Attorney Florida Bar Number: 39008

LAW OFFICE OF DAVID M. GOLDMAN PLLC 3733 University Blvd. W. Suite 212B Jacksonville, FL 32217 Telephone: (904) 685-1200 Fax: (904) 875-4081 E-Mail: dgoldman@jacksonvillelawyer.pro Secondary E-Mail: jwheat@jacksonvillelawyer.pro Personal Representative: Billy Figaro 914 Collier Road NW, Apt. 3203 Atlanta, Georgia 30318 Telephone: (904) 296-7713 Email: dlb@blackburnco.com

LEGAL 40781 published Nov 30 and Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice of Public Sale or auction of the following vehicles located at Mitchell's Towing, 3175 Dothan Road Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 will be conducted at Mitchell's Towing on DECEMBER 27, 2017 at 7:00 A.M. 1994 HOND JHMC5651R092120 Legal 40790 published Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGEY LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No: 291/2015

Legal Description: LOT 3A WOODLANDS ACS UNIT 2 AS REC O R 465 PG 545, 1777 PG 867 & 3238 PG 1696 Parcel ID No.: 160823-001039-003-16 Opening Bid: \$2,563.81 Physical Address: 7211 RALEIGH RD, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: MOBILE HOME Name in which assessed: AMANDA ROSE BRYAN 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 31st day of January, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

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highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 10th day of January, 2018 at 9:30 AM. Dated this 9th day of November, 2017.

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

LEGAL 40689 published Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30 and Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2017-CP-000208 Division:

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN NICHOLAS CASSALA Deceased.

The administration of the estate of JOHN NICHOLAS CASSALA, deceased, who died on June 16, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, 825 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, and on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is December 7, 2017. Attorneys for the Personal Representative: Dennis L. Blackburn Florida Bar No. 0254452 Blackburn & Company, L.C. 5150 Belfort Rd S. Bldg. 500 Jacksonville, FL 32256 Telephone: (904) 296-7713 Email: dlb@blackburnco.com

Personal Representative: Michael A. Cassala 224 St. Johns Golf Dr. St. Augustine FL 32092

LEGAL 40804 published Dec 7 and Dec 14 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TAX EASE FUNDING 2016-1 LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No: 2121/2015

Legal Description: PT OF NE 1/4 S8TR24 A/K/A LOT 45 RANCH ACRES UNREC AS PER UNREC DEED 3/2000 Parcel ID No.: 050824-006935-006-02 Opening Bid: \$4,466.65 Physical Address: 6622 WILD HORSE LOOP, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: MOBILE HOME Name in which assessed: THOMAS H MITCHELL & SANDRA R MITCHELL 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 31st day of January, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

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Dated this 30th day of November, 2017.

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

Legal 40797 published Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21 and Dec 28, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000816

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC Plaintiff,

vs RONNIE M. HICKMAN, et al Defendant(s)

TO: RONNIE M. HICKMAN

RESIDENT: Unknown
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 8840 CHAMBORE DR, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256-2601
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in CLAY County, Florida: All that certain parcel of land situate in Clay County, State of Florida, being known and designated as Lot 69, Sheraton Lakes, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 24 Pages 17 through 20, inclusive of the public records of Clay County, Florida.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy to your written defenses, if any, to this action on Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PLLC, attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Clay Today.

Dated: November 27, 2017

(seal)

Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk of the Court

Movant counsel certifies that a bona fide effort to resolve this matter on the motion noticed has been made or that, because of time consideration, such effort has not yet been made but will be made prior to the scheduled hearing.

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

Legal 40792 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper
PH# 82999

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FLORIDA RESILIENCY AND ENERGY DISTRICT

The Florida Resiliency and Energy District (the "District" or "FRED") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied by it over a number of years to fund the cost of qualifying renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation and wind resistance improvements (collectively, "Qualifying Improvements") for those property owners who wish to undertake such improvements within the unincorporated areas of Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Hillsborough, Leon, Monroe, Palm Beach, Pasco, Sarasota, Clay and Manatee Counties, Florida and any participating incorporated municipality, town or village within the above designated counties; and the jurisdictional boundaries of the Cities of Cape Canaveral, Satellite Beach, Pensacola, Cape Coral, Hialeah, Miami Gardens, Miami Springs, North Miami Beach, Fernandina Beach, Orlando, Winter Park, Longwood, Apopka, and Oviedo, Florida as authorized by Sections 163.08 and 197.3632, Florida Statutes, which will allow such assessments to be collected annually,

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commencing in November 2018, in the same manner as provided for ad valorem taxes.

The non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied by the District are voluntary and only imposed with the written consent of a property owner wishing to finance Qualifying Improvements. The governing board of the District will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Sections 163.08 and 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held on December 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at FDFC Offices, located at 800 N. Magnolia Avenue, Suite 1100, Orlando Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy by the District and will contain a legal description of the jurisdictional boundaries of the District. Copies of the proposed form of resolution may be obtained from Ahisha Moyet at 407-956-5688. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the governing board of the District with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact Ahisha Moyet at 407-956-5688 at least 48 hours prior to the date of the hearing.

Legal 40692 published Nov 16 Nov 23 Nov 30 and Dec 7, 2017 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 formerly Uncle Bob's Self Storage located at 1709 Blanding Blvd., Store #408, 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 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, December 18, 2017 at 11:15 a.m.
Charles E Taylor Jr - Hslid gds/TV/Stereo Equip
Jason P Griffiths - Hslid gds/Furn
Loretta G Fitzpatrick - Off Furn/Mach/Equip
Laura Taylor - Hslid gds/Furn, TV/Stereo Equip, Tools/Applnces, Off Furn/Mach/Equip, Acct Records/Sales Samples
Xavier M Chavis - Hslid gds/Furn, Tools/Applnces
Legal 40751 published Nov 30 and Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO: 2017-CP-250
Division F

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY INEZ NICHOLS a/k/a Mary Nichols
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Mary Inez Nichols, deceased, whose date of death was February 22, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is November 30, 2017.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
April R. Scott, Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 106677
TOLSON & ASSOCIATES, P.A.
462 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 101
Orange Park, Florida 32073
Telephone: (904) 269-0050
Fax: (904) 269-6119
E-Mail: office@tolsonandassociates.com

Personal Representative:
Richard Wayne Nichols
9665 West Oakland Road
Biloxi Mississippi 39532

Legal 40762 published Nov 30 and Dec 7, 2017 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:

Venture Wipes

Located at 411 Walnut St. #12102, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 4th day of December, 2017.

Owner's name/corporation:
Creative Venture Group, LLC
Legal 40821 published Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Audit/Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee of the Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in joint session at 1:00 P.M. on **Tuesday, December 19, 2017**, in the large conference room at the Administrative Office of the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida to discuss the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year Audit. The Board of Supervisors will meet in Regular Session in the Board Room at 2:00 P.M. on **Tuesday, December 19, 2017**, at the above-referenced location.

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

If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such persons own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend.
Legal 40786 published Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO: 2017-CP-000339
DIVISION: E

IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE EVERETT MORRIS, JR.,
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of GEORGE EVERETT MORRIS, JR., deceased, whose date of death was April 30, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: Clay County Courthouse. 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is December 7, 2017.

William H. Davie, II,
Fla. Bar No.: 634387
733 N. Palmetto Ave.
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
(904) 276-5344 - Phone
(904) 284-8725 - Fax
BDavie@DavieLawFirm.com - Primary
Service@DavieLawFirm.com - Secondary
Attorney for the Personal Representative

KEITH MORRIS
286 Evergreen Lane
Middleburg, FL 32068
Personal Representative

Legal 40803 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Bid Notices

REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M. Monday, December 18, 2017, at the Clay County Administration Building, fourth floor, Reception Area, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, for the following:
BID #17/18-3, "SHIP Rehabilitation Project - Russell Road"

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on site at 2325 Russell Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 on December 8, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Bids will be opened at 1:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", fourth floor, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, in the presence of the Purchasing Department staff, and/or the Clerk or Deputy Clerk and all other interested persons.

The opened bids will be read aloud and preserved in the custody of the Purchasing Department for later examination for conformance to specifications and tabulated. The Finance and Audit Committee of the Board will present its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners as soon thereafter as possible.

Bids will not be valid unless received by the proposal deadline and in a sealed envelope marked:

BID #17/18-3, "SHIP Rehabilitation Project - Russell Road" to be received until 4:00 P.M. Monday, December 18, 2017. Envelopes are to be submitted in person or delivered by courier to the above address. No postal mail will be accepted.

During the bidding process, all prospective bidders are hereby prohibited from contacting (i) any member of the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager or any County employee or agent regarding the solicitation in any respect during the solicitation period, and (ii) the County Manager or any County employee or agent regarding the solicitation in any respect during the evaluation period. The violation of this rule shall result in the automatic disqualification of any response to a bid solicitation submitted by the violator (as specified in Section P of Chapter 8 of the Purchasing Manual attached hereto). The no-contact rule set forth shall not apply to inquiries submitted to County employees or agents in the manner specifically provided in the bid solicitation package regarding the distribution thereof, or to communications seeking clarification regarding

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instructions or specifications submitted to County employees or agents in the manner specifically provided for in the bid solicitation package, or to pre-bid conferences provided for in the bid solicitation package, or to formal presentations by finalists to the Board of County Commissioners or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the bid solicitation package. For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact the Purchasing Division, Donna Fish by email purchasing@claycounty.gov.com or at (904) 278-3761.

The County reserves the right to waive formalities in any response, to reject any or all responses with or without cause, to waive technical and non-technical or non-material defects in the solicitation or submittal of any responses, including the lack of availability of adequate funds, regulatory agency requirements, to make award in part or completely, and/or to accept the response that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the County of Clay. Bids in which the prices obviously are unbalanced will be rejected.

FOLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID" OR A "NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT: <http://www.claycounty.gov/com/departments/purchasing-division/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids> THIS WEB PAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: www.claycounty.gov/com BY FOLLOWING THE "NOTICE OF INTENT BIDS" LINK UNDER THE "BUSINESS" ROLLOVER BUTTON ON THE COUNTY'S HOMEPAGE. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED.

PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, OR THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 8. (N), OF SAID POLICY, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID SOLICITATION, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER SAID POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Legal 40809 published Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 10-2016-CA-001246
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs
EVE A. BRADFORD AND FLORENCE M. FERRIS, ET AL.
Defendant(s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 18, 2017, and entered in 10-2016-CA-001246 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH

Notice of Sale

Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and EVE A. BRADFORD; FLORENCE M. FERRIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALLISON F. ROBERTSON are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realestate.com, at 10:00 AM, on February 7, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 8, BLOCK 3, THE MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 64, 65 AND 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH PART OF LOT 7, BLOCK 3, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF THE MEADOWS, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 64, 65 AND 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 7; THENCE NORTH 57° 12' 44" EAST, 136.15 FEET TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 7; THENCE SOUTH 27° 26' 35" EAST ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE, 5.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 7; THENCE SOUTH 59° 18' 53" WEST ALONG THE LINE BETWEEN SAID LOT 7 AND LOT 8, 135.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

Property Address: 2623 GRAFTON DRIVE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 27th day of November, 2017.

(seal)

Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court

by Marla Albert
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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

Legal 40793 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 16-220329

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CIVIL DIVISION:

CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000330

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), Plaintiff,

vs

DAVID B. DUROCHER; FRANCES M. DUROCHER; ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGES OF FIRESIDE, INC.; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO SOUTHWEST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 22nd day of November, 2017, and entered in Case No. 2017-CA-000330, of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE") is the Plaintiff and DAVID B. DUROCHER; FRANCES M. DUROCHER; ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGES OF FIRESIDE, INC.; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO SOUTHWEST BANK; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. TARA S. GREEN as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at <https://clay.realestate.com/> at 10:00AM on the 8th day of January, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Notice of Sale

LOT 299, VILLAGES OF FIRESIDE UNIT 2-C, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 32, PAGES 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 AND 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

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

Dated this 28th day of November, 2017.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Marla Albert

Deputy Clerk

Legal 40802 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 17-00263

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2015-CA-001226

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

Plaintiff,

vs

AARON RICHARD COATNEY A/K/A AARON R. COATNEY, et al

Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure sale dated Nov 29, 2017 and entered in Case No. 2015-CA-001226 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY COUNTY, Florida, wherein DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING

Notice of Sale

LLC, is Plaintiff, and AARON RICHARD COATNEY A/K/A AARON R. COATNEY, et al are Defendants, the clerk, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 10:00 a.m. www.clay.realforeclose.com, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 29th day of January, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 43, HUNTERS TRACE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31, PAGE 60 AND 65, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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 at Green Cove Springs, CLAY COUNTY, Florida, this 30th day of November, 2017.

(seal)

Tara S. Green

Clerk of said Circuit Court

By: Jaimie Pippin

As Deputy Clerk

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

Legal 40814 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper ph#80193

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CASE NO: 2014-CA-001151

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION Plaintiff

V.

CATHERINE R. FAUGHNAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CATHERINE R. FAUGHNAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CATHERINE R. FAUGHNAN; REGIONS BANK;

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EAST COAST RECOVERY, INC.; NATIONAL COLLEGIATE STUDENT LOAN TRUST 2003-1, RICHARD A. ZEPP; BOBBE L. ZEPP; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 IN POSSESSION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 IN POSSESSION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY.

Defendants(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 02, 2017 and an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 27, 2017, entered in Civil Case No.: 2014-CA-001151 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and CATHERINE R. FAUGHNAN; REGIONS BANK; EAST COAST RECOVERY, INC.; NATIONAL COLLEGIATE STUDENT LOAN TRUST 2003-1, RICHARD A. ZEPP; BOBBE L. ZEPP, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 AM, on the 22nd day of January, 2018, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 22, BLOCK 5, HERITAGE HILLS UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE(S) 29, 30 AND 31, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A: 2213 George Wythe Road, Orange Park, FL 32073

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on November 28, 2017.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN

CLERK OF THE COURT

by Jaimie Pippin

Deputy Clerk

Legal 40799 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 16-44268

NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

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

CASE NO. 2016-CA-000562

Division

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, DOING BUSINESS AS CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAT 2015-14BTT, Plaintiff,

VS.

DEREK WADE MAYO; et al.,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, 2017, in the above-styled cause, I, TARA S. GREEN, County Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at https://clay.realforeclose.com/ at 10:00 a.m. on the January 24, 2018, the following described property: LOT(S) 64, OF GREEN COVE HEIGHTS, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 58 ET SEQ., OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS

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PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. This notice of Sale shall be published for two (2) consecutive weeks in the CLAY TODAY newspaper.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN

CLERK OF COURT

Marla Albert

Deputy Clerk

Legal 40817 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

CASE NO: 2016-CA-000718

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, d/b/a CHRISTIANA TRUST AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST III, as substituted Plaintiff for WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB DOING BUSINESS AS CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAT 2015-14BTT, Plaintiff

vs

ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES OR OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES CLAIMING BY OR THROUGH THE ESTATE OF MARILYN MARKSBURY, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, 2017 entered in Civil Case No. 2016-CA-000718 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, d/b/a CHRISTIANA TRUST AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST III is Plaintiff and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES OR OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES CLAIMING BY OR THROUGH THE ESTATE OF MARILYN MARKSBURY, Deceased; et al., are the defendants.

I TARA S GREEN, will sell to the highest bidder online at www.Clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 am on January 17, 2018 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 166, of HABITAT, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 20, Pages 1 through 5, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida. Property address: 1868 Ontario Court, Middleburg, Florida 32068

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. DATED this 30th day of November, 2017.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN

Clerk of the Circuit Court

by Taylor Solomon

Deputy Clerk

Legal 40816 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CIVIL DIVISION:

CASE NO.: 2016-CA-000420

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff,

vs

PATRICK A. LOCKETT; FIFTH

Notice of Sale

THIRD BANK SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO FIFTH THIRD BANK, N.A. BY SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO R-G CROWN BANK; PACE ISLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; LINDA A. LOCKETT; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Reseting Foreclosure Sale dated the 22nd day of November, 2017, and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-000420., of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and PATRICK A. LOCKETT FIFTH THIRD BANK SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO FIFTH THIRD BANK, N.A. BY SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO R-G CROWN BANK

PACE ISLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA LINDA A. LOCKETT; and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants.

TARA S. GREEN as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at https://clay.realforeclose.com/ at 10:00AM on the 8th day of January, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 19, PACE ISLAND UNIT SIXTEEN A, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGES 37, 38, 39 AND 40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

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

Dated this 22nd day of November, 2017.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Stacie Towns

Deputy Clerk

Legal 40770 published Nov 30 and Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 16-00322

NOTICE OF SALE

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

CASE NO. 2016-CA-001248

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

Plaintiff,

V.

KEVIN REGULA A/K/A KEVIN P. REGULA; NILA REGULA A/K/A NILA J. REGULA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEVIN REGULA A/K/A KEVIN P. REGULA; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 2, 2017, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, the clerk will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:

LOT 20, BLOCK 33, MEADOWBROOK, UNIT TEN,

Notice of Sale

ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGES 2 AND 3, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 409 CAPRICORN LANE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073-3217

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com., on January 8, 2018 beginning at 10:00 AM.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2017.

(seal)

Tara S. Green

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Marla Albert

Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY: IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AT (904) 630-2564 WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-955-8771.

Legal 40752 published Nov 30 and Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 888161125

AMENDED NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

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

CASE NO: 2016-CA-000046

DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs

JACKIE COOPER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 8, 2017, and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-000046 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., is the Plaintiff and Jackie Cooper, The Unknown Spouse of Jackie Cooper n/k/a Peter Cooper, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Successor By Merger To Wachovia Mortgage, F.S.B., F/K/A World Savings Bank, FSB, are defendants, the Clay County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on www.clay.realforeclose.com, Clay County Florida at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of January, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 2, FOXMEADOW UNIT 1-A, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGES 73 AND 74, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

1304 FOXMEADOW TRAIL, MIDDLEBURG FL 32068

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated in Clay County, Florida this 21st day of November, 2017.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Clay County, Florida

By Jaimie Pippin

Deputy Clerk

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Court Administration at (904) 630-2564, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. To file response please contact Clay County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, Tel: (904) 269-6302x6566; Fax (904) 278-3653. **Legal 40769 published Nov 30 and Dec 7, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 2010-CA-000904
REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.
Plaintiff,

vs
TRAVIS THORNTON, ET AL.
Defendant(s)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 2, 2017, and entered in 2010-CA-000904 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. is the Plaintiff and PATRICIA A. THORNTON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 NKA SCOTT MCCOY are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on January 8, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
THE SOUTH 129.45 FEET OF THE NORTH 260.43 FEET TO TRACT "A" BLACK CREEK HILLS, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGES 45 AND 46, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 2090 CORNELL ROAD, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 28th day of November, 2017.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
by Taylor Solomon
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695

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at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Legal 40795 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 15-027966

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 10-2015-CA-000291

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST III,
Plaintiff,
v.
STEPHEN R. WILLS, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Consent Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 28, 2017 in Civil Case No. 10-2015-CA-000291 in Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST III, Plaintiff and STEPHEN R. WILLS and ANNE L. WILLS are defendant(s), Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 10:00 am at www.clay.realforeclose.com the following described pin accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on December 29, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN LOT 32, MAXVILLE FARM AND DEVELOPMENT CO., SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 53 THROUGH 56, INCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER SAID SECTION 10; THENCE ON THE EAST LINE THEREOF RUN NORTH 01 DEG 10 MIN 59 SEC WEST 20.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG 45 MIN 51 SEC WEST, 245.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEG 45 MIN 51 SEC WEST 208.71 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEG 05 MIN 35 SEC WEST, 626.13 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEG 45 MIN 51 SEC EAST 208.71 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEG 05 MIN 35 SEC EAST, 626.13 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING.
EXCEPT:
A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN LOT 32, THE MAXVILLE FARMS, SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 54, 55 AND 56 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER SAID SECTION 10;



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THENCE ON THE EAST LINE THEREOF RUN NORTH 01 DEG 14 MIN 19 SEC WEST 20.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG 42 MIN 31 SEC WEST, 245.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEG 43 MIN 31 SEC WEST 208.71 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEG 08 MIN 55 SEC WEST, 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEG 42 MIN 31 SEC EAST 208.71 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEG 08 MIN 55 SEC EAST 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT

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TARA GREEN
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