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89% County Commissioner pay hike sought

By Debra W. Buehn
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — They didn't ask for it, but Clay County Commissioners may be seeing an 89 percent bump in their pay scale in the coming months that would put them more in line with what most of the other county commissioners in the state

are making. The subject of salaries for members of the Board of County Commissioners in Clay County has proven to be one of the main topics of discussion for the county's 2017-2018 Charter Review Commission — so much so, that a subcommittee was set up to discuss the subject in detail and bring back a report to the full CRC

focusing on a way of moving forward on the subject. That subcommittee met Dec. 7, and determined there should indeed be further discussion of the entire Charter Review Commission on the subject, and how to implement possible salary changes.

The subcommittee is made up of Larry Kirkman, who is acting as chairman, Ron-

ald Stotler, Charles Cook and Charles R. "Scotty" Taylor Jr., who is the vice chairman of the entire CRC. Cook was unable to attend the Dec. 7 subcommittee meeting.

A Charter Review Commission is appointed every four years to look at the county's charter and determine if there are

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Newest charter school breaks ground

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

FLEMING ISLAND — Next August, in 2018, 350 St. Johns Classical Academy students will welcome an additional 250 peers into their classrooms.

At its current location, Hibernia Baptist Church, this would not be possible, but after roughly six months of construction, the charter school will have a new place to call home, a facility capable of the growth the academy projects it will have.

The Clay County School District officially accepted the school's charter school proposal in the fall of 2016 with the intention of opening for the current 2017-2018 school year. Principal Michelle Knapp said the school's first year is proving to be a

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Professional jazz drummer Ulysses Owens Jr. helps Oakleaf Junior High School jazz band drummer Nathan Summers with a new technique Monday during a one-day clinic with the school's jazz band.

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Fascinating rhythm

Grammy winner mentors
Clay band students

By Kile Brewer
Staff Writer

OAKLEAF — It's not every day that students get to learn from someone who has earned one of the top honors in their field, but that's what happened Monday at Oakleaf Junior High.

Jacksonville native and two-time Grammy award winning jazz drummer Ulysses Owens Jr. held a clinic for the Oakleaf Junior High School Jazz Band. While he performed for the students, he also gave them a few pointers to help prepare for upcoming competitions and performances.

"Things like this are incredibly important to me. Jacksonville is still in a place where there's not a lot of professional talent here. Those of us who are connected, and living our dreams need to stay connected

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BCC takes up animal shelters

By Debra W. Buehn
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – It looks like exotic animals potentially in need of rescue in Clay County may have to wait awhile for approval as the Board of County Commissioners decided at its Dec. 12 meeting that proposed zoning regulations dealing with that subject and private animal shelters needed more tweaking before they could be put into place.

While conducting a first public hearing on the idea of adding private animal shelters to the PS-2 (private services) zoning district as a conditional use, commissioners decided they didn't have enough information to take a realistic look at the proposal, and sent it back to staff for more work.

"I'm nowhere near ready to make any decisions," said Commissioner Diane Hutchings. "I don't feel educated enough to even know if this is what I want."

The subject came about after the planning staff was approached by the Animal Rescue Movement Inc., a nonprofit 501(c) 3 corporation that currently operates a private animal shelter at 5744 Maverick Rd. in Middleburg, said Chad Williams, zoning chief for the county. The group wanted to

know what zoning district would be appropriate for such shelters because currently they didn't really fall into any particular zoning district, he said. They are currently on property zoned AR (agricultural residential).

Staff determined the best place to allow for private animal shelters would be the PS-2 zoning district.

"This will allow for the necessary regulation of the activity and would also offer due public notice to surrounding neighbors as proposed properties would be required to be rezoned even if currently zoned PS-2," Williams said in a memo originally sent to the Planning Commission before it took up the subject at its Dec. 5 meeting.

At that meeting, the Planning Commission approved the PS-2 proposal, and the idea of having a place for exotic animals to be rescued came up and was included in the proposal. But the exotic animal issue took a back seat to other sections of the proposed land use change when it came before the BCC.

County commissioners, who all made clear about their concern and care for animals in need of help, were not happy with many parts of the proposed ordinance or the idea that it seemed too "site specific"

toward the applicant, the Animal Rescue Movement.

They were especially unhappy when they learned – only during the meeting – that the group had been cited for code enforcement problems. In addition, they also found out late that a lawsuit was involved between ARM and surrounding neighbors.

"We weren't told about it. That's what frosts me," said Commissioner Wayne Bolla. "I'd like to know why I got a cold call from an attorney last night to tell me about a suit that was involved in something I had to look at the next day without anybody telling me about it ahead of time."

Courtney Grimm, county attorney, said the county had nothing to do with the suit, and that the lawsuit would have come out when the actual rezoning request from ARM was heard. In the meantime, however, what was being dealt with was the land use regulation change.

"I think that it's because this is not something that's supposed to be property specific," she said, referring to ARM.

As far as the code enforcement issues, the county magistrate has given Animal Rescue Movement until February to work out the issue because "they knew there were a lot of things going on," said Cher-

ese Stewart, the director of economic development and services.

But commissioners still had trouble with the idea that the land use regulation change for the PS-2 conditional use zoning district had not even been passed by the BCC – and couldn't be until a second public hearing would be held Jan. 9, 2018 – and yet Animal Rescue Movement had already applied to change to that zoning and appear before the Planning Commission Jan. 2, 2018.

"Something doesn't feel right that we have an application for something we don't allow on this piece of property and we're trying to do an ordinance on top of it. It gives me a feeling of conflict of interest," Hutchings said.

Commissioner Mike Cella agreed. "It seems like we found a situation which didn't fit the code we've been trying to administer as a county through our usual code enforcement and following code and now we're back stepping to try to fit something to what's already there despite the fact that the neighbors are obviously not happy and have hired an attorney to follow up with a lawsuit," he said. "To me this seems like bad policy to be making a

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Traffic calming measures move closer to reality

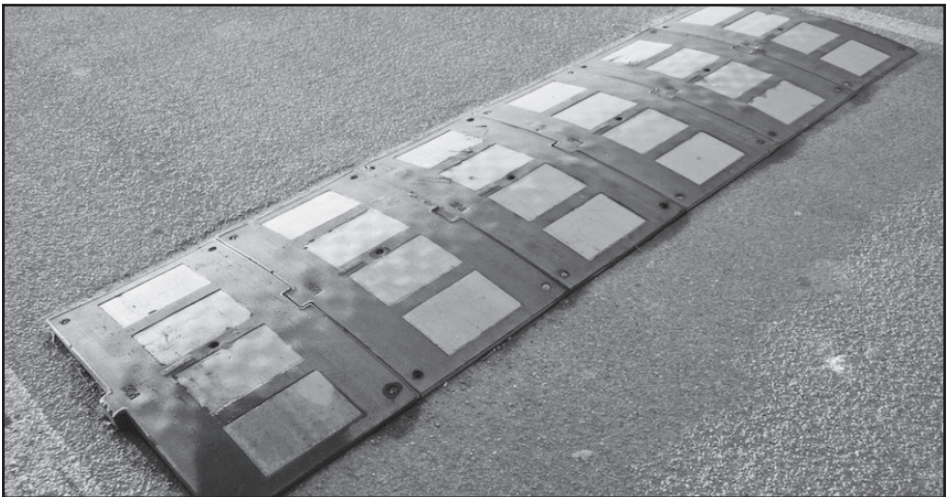
By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Speed humps and other devices aimed at slowing traffic could be coming to an Orange Park street near you.

Town Council reviewed a proposal from a citizens' ad-hoc committee last week and approved it to be reviewed by the town's public works department before full implementation.

A topic of discussion for quite a few years, the introduction of traffic calming, which are treatments designed to calm, reduce and potentially eliminate bad traffic habits, comes after more and more residents requested something be done about speeding in their neighborhood streets and roads. These problems, excessive speeding, overcrowding traffic and more stem from the growth of side streets becoming arteries for those looking to skip the traffic that halts drivers on U.S. Highway 17, according to council member Connie Thomas.

"When I was on a walkabout with the



Here is one example of a traffic calming device that could be used when Orange Park Town Council completes development of a traffic calming program for residents.

police department, the biggest issue heard throughout the walk was the speeding from those using neighborhood streets as a shortcut," Thomas said. "We had to bring the neighborhoods together to determine if they want [traffic calming] and now we are working on making it happen."

The first step in making it happen was the creation of an ad-hoc committee – a smaller committee whose purpose is to tackle one specific problem – that could create a report and presentation for how traffic calming might work in Orange Park. Because traffic calming must follow cer-

tain rules and standards, generally, an engineer's expertise is needed.

Orange Park resident Michael Wallwork, a professional engineer with 35 years of experience in traffic calming in the U.S., Canada and Australia led the committee.

"I have been involved with, or managed, in excess of 90 traffic calming projects across the U.S. from Miami to Hawaii, all the way to Canada and even Australia," Wallwork said. "Every town is different but I've learned things that I think could greatly benefit [Orange Park], specifically the roads that need it most, which I'd say are Plainfield Avenue and River Road."

According to Wallwork, not only is the average speed of Plainfield Avenue 29 miles per hour – four miles per hour faster than the posted speed – there are a documented number of drivers who exceed the posted speed, reaching into the thirties, forties and even fifties. On top of that, a normal residential street such as

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Constitution is no place for special favors for clients

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There is no place for special favors in our state's basic charter, the Florida Constitution. Every provision in that document should benefit all of us equally, and officials working to revise the Constitution should be above any action designed to profit one group over another.



Emmett Reed

In today's charged political environment, the public has a right to expect the highest ethical standards from its public officials. Unfortunately, one appointed member of the Constitution Revision Commission seems to still be serving the master who pays him to be a lobbyist.

This commissioner has ignored his solemn duty to address the needs of all the people of Florida. Worse still, he would have us believe that he is actually doing it to protect some of Florida's most vulnerable residents. Now he has been hit with a conflict of interest claim, and deservedly so.

Brecht Heuchan is a member of the Constitution Revision Commission, but for many years he has been a paid lobbyist for Wilkes & McHugh, a law firm that makes its living suing nursing homes. Heuchan has stood before the Legislature and testified for his client in an attempt to advance his client's desire to make it easier to sue. Note that these lawsuits would do nothing to help nursing home residents – just the lawyers hoping to cash in on large volumes of claims.

The Legislature flatly rejected his idea to sue passive investors in 2017. So now Heuchan is trying to use (some would say abuse) his appointed public position to slip those same changes into the Constitution.

If he can't win by going through the front door, he'll try through the back door. The big problem is, that "back door" is the most fundamental document of state government, something that is supposed to be limited to the broad structure of government and its compact with the public.

This is simply wrong, and it must be stopped. The American Senior Alliance filed the ethics complaint against Heuchan for this obvious conflict of interest. The Florida Health Care Association, which represents the majority of our state's outstanding long-term care facilities, agrees with the Alliance's reasoning and supports its complaint.

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Fox squirrels – denizens of the longleaf forest

By Arlo Kane

Recently, I was touring a friend's property in the Florida sandhills through beautiful older longleaf pines, with an open understory that is regularly burned. As we came around the corner, two fox squirrels bounded towards the nearest large pine. In a minute, both had found a tree they liked and were gone from sight.

I don't know about you, but I never tire of seeing fox squirrels. But I must admit it does not happen as often as I would like.

Southeastern fox squirrels are declining because over the years 97 percent of the mature longleaf pine forests have been lost. Like many other denizens of the longleaf forest, fox squirrels prefer widely spaced mature pines with a few scattered large oaks with both an open understory and mid-story. This is their ideal habitat.

Fox squirrels live in most of the central and eastern United States, with the exception of the states northeast of New York. Their color phases range from gray to black to red. Fox squirrels are the largest but least arboreal tree squirrel species in North America. The fox squirrel is about twice as large as the more common gray squirrel.

Its larger size is probably an adaptation to living in an open savanna-like habitat with widely spaced trees. The fox squirrel's larger size is an advantage for travelling overland as opposed to gray squirrels that travel through the



canopy of dense forests where they can move from tree to tree without having to go to the ground. Fox squirrels' larger size also gives them the strength to crack open green longleaf pinecones – a feat that the average gray squirrel cannot achieve.

Wildlife researchers have found the most important feature influencing southeastern fox squirrel habitat is tree canopy cover. Too much canopy results in reduced occurrences of fox squirrels. This can happen for several reasons, but the most likely is increased competition with gray squirrels. As hardwoods encroach into the longleaf forest, gray squirrels move in and fox squirrels move out.

While too many hardwoods can favor gray squirrel habitat over fox squirrel habitat, a few clumps of oaks and scattered large oaks are important features of fox squirrel habitat. The oaks provide acorns for fox squirrels' food and large hardwoods are preferred for daytime refuge. It is not the hardwoods that are the problem, but their density. Too many hardwoods seem to make the habitat unsuitable for fox squirrels and they will move out.

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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.

Hanged: The past participle of the verb hang; used only when in the sense of "put to death by hanging."

"The criminal was hanged in the public square for his crimes."

This week in History

5 years ago, 2012

Despite a rejection from the Clay County Planning Commission, the Board of County Commissioners moved forward to create an ordinance to allow digital billboards to be erected locally.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office charged Mary Ann McCall of Fleming Island with grand theft after an investigation found she had conned at least \$50,000 from different victims under the guise of not being able to pay her bills because she was dying of cancer.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office said tow-truck driver Napoleon Ballard III of Keystone Heights was killed when he became trapped under the front tire of a pickup truck he towed to a home at 968 Sams Lane in Middleburg.

10 years ago, 2007

Timothy D. McAnnally, 20, of Green Cove Springs, was shot once by a Clay County Sheriff's deputy after an armed standoff with officers that began with McAnnally threatening to kill himself, two weeks after his arrest for aggravated assault.

Police searched for a woman who robbed the Bank of America branch on U.S. Highway 17 in Green Cove Springs on one day and the next day, searched for a man who robbed the Fifth Third Bank at Wells Crossing in Orange Park.

Keystone Heights City Council entered

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Squirrel

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The typical diet for fox squirrels includes acorns, longleaf pine seeds, fruits, insects and fungi. It is the fungi that are their most interesting food source and it may indicate an important relationship between fox squirrels and the longleaf pine forest. Researchers in the 1970s found evidence of subterranean fungi in the fecal samples of southeastern fox squirrels. They confirmed that small pits in the sandhills had been dug by fox squirrels looking for the fruiting bodies of underground fungi.

Fungi are eaten by many species of wildlife because they supply sufficient amounts of sodium and phosphorous to the diet. But in the case of these underground fungi, they also are used by tree roots to help provide nutrients to the growing tree. Because spores of the fungi pass through the digestive tract unharmed, fox squirrels are important for moving the fungal spores around the forest and helping newly planted longleaf pines gain important nutrients from the soil. Fox squirrels then can be thought of as an indicator species for a healthy longleaf pine forest. A forest with fox squirrels is healthier than one without.

Managing a longleaf forest generally means using prescribed fire. Prescribed burning on a two to three-year rotation is important for maintaining that open understory and mid-story habitat. In the absence of fire, hardwoods will encroach and eventually make the habitat unsuitable for fox squirrels. Certain oaks such

How can you help restore southeastern fox squirrels in Florida? By restoring your land to a more open low density longleaf pine habitat. Using forest management practices such as burning and thinning as well as retaining mature hardwoods within a mature longleaf pine forest are good practices.

as turkey oaks and southern red oak are tolerant of frequent fire to a degree. They are fine at low density, but what you don't want is a hardwood forest. Thinning your pine forest to lower densities as soon as feasible is also important to creating good habitat.

As landowners harvest and replant their forest land, picking the species to replant is important. Often economics is the driving force and may lead landowners to favor slash or loblolly pines over longleaf. If you are interested in fox squirrels, you may want to add in some other considerations to your decision.

Slash and loblolly pines are not usually burned until the trees are around 12 years of age. A lot of hardwood encroachment can occur in that time. Also, these pines are usually planted at higher densities, which eliminates the open canopy, open understory habitat favored by fox squirrels. Most slash and loblolly pines are planted on short rotations, which means the pines are harvested before they reach the larger size of a mature

timber stand. As tree height and diameter increase, preference by fox squirrels increase. So, short rotations may not allow the trees to reach a size that attracts fox squirrels.

How can you help restore southeastern fox squirrels in Florida? By restoring your land to a more open low density longleaf pine habitat. Using forest management practices such as burning and thinning as well as retaining mature hardwoods within a mature longleaf pine forest are good practices. Cost share programs through USDA's Natural Resources Conservation

Service programs can help offset the cost of conducting habitat restoration. Contact your Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Landowner Assistance Program biologist or local Natural Resources Conservation Service district conservationist for more information.

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Arlo Kane is the northwest region conservation planning coordinator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. He has been working with longleaf restoration for about 20 years.

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Not only does Heuchan's proposal not belong in the Constitution, but it's entirely unnecessary. It would add zero new protections to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and would only bypass decisions of the Legislature and expand ways that trial attorneys can sue. Heuchan says it's a response to the terrible tragedy in which more than a dozen residents lost their lives in a South Florida nursing home during Hurricane Irma, but it wouldn't do anything to fix or prevent what happened there. It would only give attorneys – his clients – more opportunity to sue.

Here is why the proposal is unnecessary: Nursing home residents have been guaranteed a bill of rights since 1976 thanks to Florida's Legislature. In 1987, the U.S. Congress further codified those rights when it passed the Nursing Home

Reform Act. That Act lists specific rights for residents, and requires each nursing home to care for its residents in a manner that promotes and enhances the quality of life of each resident, ensuring dignity, choice and self-determination.

Heuchan is offering his proposal under the guise that nursing home residents don't have the same rights as you or me – which is completely misleading. What he is really doing is helping a law firm from whom he benefits financially.

And that's just wrong. Wrong for the people of Florida, and wrong for the Florida Constitution.

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History

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contract negotiations with Kenneth Venables to become the city's first permanent full-time city manager.

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20 years ago, 1997

In Green Cove Springs, Fort Lauderdale-based Hvide Marine Inc. christened a double-hulled tank barge that was built by its local subsidiary, Sun State Marine Services. Believed to be the first double-hulled barge in Florida, the vessel cost \$1 million.

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The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested John William Cardenas of Keystone Heights and charged him with three counts of armed robbery.

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County Commissioners members got into a heated debate with attorney John Kopelousos, legal counsel for Orange Park Kennel Club, in its effort to establish a poker room. Commissioners suggested the Kennel Club ask Orange Park Town Council to hold a public hearing on the issue.

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30 years ago, 1987

Originally investigated as a murder-suicide, the Clay County Sheriff's Office said Elwood Ireland, 69, of Lake Geneva, had not been charged with his wife's death, but was recovering at University Hospital in Jacksonville after turning the shotgun on himself.

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A Blue Ribbon Education Committee recommended the Clay County School Board adopt a 3-mill levy for two years in tandem with impact fees to raise enough money to fund construction of four elementary schools needed in the next five years.

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The Clay Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved entry into a proposed Metropolitan Planning Organization that, when established, would help coordinate transportation planning in metro Jacksonville, including Clay County.

40 years ago, 1977


Officials from the Jacksonville Electric Authority pitched the Clay Board of County Commissioners on three local tracts of land the power company was eyeing to build a new power plant.

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The National Safety Council certified 19 Clay County School District bus drivers as Professional School Bus Operators after meeting a strict list of training and performance guidelines.

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One bean at a time Cultivating coffee culture

By Kile Brewer
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Most people have never had a truly good cup of coffee.

A home brewer using pre-ground beans in a can will provide a sufficient taste and aroma, but Green Cove Springs-based coffee roastery Brass Tacks Coffee Co. is looking to provide the traditional coffee drinker with a chance to try something different.

"Most people have never even seen a green coffee bean," said Steven Kelley, Brass Tacks' owner. "You have to change consumer habits and be able to gradually educate them and provide information when the customer is ready."

Since opening the doors to Spring Park Coffee in 2011, Kelley, a Green Cove Springs native, has grown his business with the gusto of a caffeinated coffee obsessive. With that obsession came the natural progression into roasting his own beans to provide customers with the freshest and best tasting coffee he could.

"We've been roasting for about five years now," Kelley said. "We took part of the kitchen and that became the roasting area."

In the back of the shop, Kelley and his staff began roasting in small batches, and

through trial and error, really got the hang of the process. Kelley named his coffee Brass Tacks and, eventually, Spring Park Coffee became a customer of the brand, which Kelley sees as the future of the operation.

"This is one of those things that when we first got into this, it's scary, you have to be willing to give up everything to be an entrepreneur," Kelley said. "If you can make it through it, you wind up in a situation where you end up doing exactly what you want to be doing everyday of your life."

Kelley had his eye on a storefront at the opposite end of the building from Spring Park Coffee at 328 Ferris St., and when it became available, he made the move from the back of the kitchen. Brass Tacks will go from using a small roaster that churned out five pounds of roasted beans in 15 minutes to a new custom Diedrich roaster that will roast about 25 pounds in the same amount of time.

As you walk into the new roastery storefront, the yellow and grey color scheme and smell of toasted beans is an immediate burst of personality as your feet transition to the glossy concrete and epoxy floor. The space feels modern and clean, but lacks the sterility of a typical production site for a wholesale company. To the immediate left



STAFF PHOTO BY KILE BREWER

Brass Tacks Coffee Co. will be able to produce more coffee in less time with a new custom-made roaster from Idaho coffee scientists at Diedrich Roasters.

of the door is a cozy nook where customers can sit with a cup of espresso to wait for a roasting demonstration. Past the roaster is a room that will feature a full espresso bar and cupping area for visitors who want to learn the qualities of good coffee. The space will be open at regular intervals to

allow the public a comfortable glimpse into a side of coffee production never before seen in Clay County.

The roastery will officially open this Friday, with roasting demonstrations, cupping and refreshments available to the

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Youth Challenge Academy graduates new class

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK — Twenty-two weeks ago, Tiffany Colón had no intentions of graduating from high school.

Rather than paying attention to what the teacher was saying, Colón was using class time to sleep. Rather than asking a question about something she didn't understand, she would just give up, as in her mind, it wasn't worth it. She had no appreciation for how hard her teachers worked to keep her engaged, and more importantly, keep her in school, she said.

Because her father's habit of working late, Colón often found herself playing parent for her siblings at home in Clay County. This further detracted Colón's mind from school and instead of doing her homework, she was taking care of her brothers and sisters. No matter how hard her father or her teachers pushed her, Colón could not bring herself to care about school.

Colón was given one last option by her father five and half months ago. That option was the Florida Youth Challenge Academy at Camp Blanding.

In 1991, the Joint Armed Service Committee directed the National Guard to develop a plan to provide education and self-discipline to youth using methods found commonly used in core military training. Two years later, this plan came into fruition and was officially named the Challenge Program. (The NG is capitalized as a reminder of National Guard). Now, more than 20 years later, this program has had 121,000 students graduate across the nation, with the majority of these graduates receiving a high school diploma or GED.

Colón's morning routine drastically changed when she entered the Florida Youth Challenge Academy. Instead of sleeping past the hours that high school starts, Colón was required to wake up at 4 a.m.

"It was really tough at first," Colón said. "I was determined, though."

Two weeks into the program, the academy members were given more time to sleep, having to wake up later in the morning at 5 a.m. instead.

Throughout the program, Colón found herself not only enduring physical trials

such as obstacle courses and wall climbing, but also physical fitness regimens similar to those a private might endure in boot camp. Most surprising to Colón, though, was her ability to continue her education through the academy's school credit recovery program.

"They taught us discipline, patience, appreciation, punctuality – if you were five minutes early, you were five minutes late," Colón said, laughing. "All of these values we learned helped me finish my education."

"Now, I'm going to graduate with my class," continued Colón, who graduated from the program Dec. 12 in a ceremony at the Thrasher Horne Center. "Before this, that never seemed possible."

More than 1,000 guests and friends and families attended the ceremony and were all thrilled to see their cadet graduate from the academy.

After montages of academy videos played, ranging from their take on Stephen

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Cadets from the Florida Youth Challenge Academy demonstrate some of the drills to parents and guests at the Dec. 12 graduation ceremony at the Thrasher Horne Center.

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issues that need to be revised or amended. Fifteen members of the community, nominated by the Board of County Commissioners (three nominees per commissioner) sit on the CRC. Five alternatives are also nominated.

Clay County is one of 20 charter counties in the state, which means it is governed under what is called "home rule." The other 47 counties are known as "constitutional" counties and are ruled by state statute.

The 2017-2018 Charter Review Commission began meeting Oct. 26, with one of its first charges being for each member to come up with a list of 3 to 5 items for possible discussion. Almost every member listed commissioners' salaries as a topic. The problem the CRC members saw was that Clay County commissioners fall near the bottom of the pay scale compared to the majority of other commissioners in the state.

Clay County Commissioners have been paid \$37,000 a year for about the last 10 years, putting their pay tens of thousands of dollars below many other commissioners in the state. Current Clay County Commissioner salaries were set by a voter-initiative that was held in the November 4, 2008 general election. By a vote of 69,602 yes

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Most other Florida county commissioners' salaries are set by a formula set by state statute known as section 145.031, or "145" for short. If Clay County's commissioner salaries were determined by 145, they would be looking at a salary more in the \$70,000-plus range.

For Kirkman, that discrepancy is something that needs to be dealt with.

"Why is it that we have decided in our wisdom that our county commissioners are only worth half of what the vast majority of county commissioners are being paid in 57 other counties," he asked.

According to County Auditor Mike Price, who works for the county commission, the reason has really nothing to do with the sitting commissioners, but goes back to a turbulent time in Clay County some 10 years ago. At that time, there were several "scandals" going on involving county government that resulted in Federal Bureau of Investigation and state attorney's office investigations, a grand jury being convened

in 2006 and two senior management-level BCC employees being terminated. There was also the indictment and trials of an elected official and a senior manager, Price said in a memo to the CRC.

In addition, another scandal had occurred in 2004 that alleged an elected official had misused a county credit card, Price said.

"At the time the Charter Review Commission was meeting in 2006, the public considered the county government to be basically dishonest," Price said in his memo, adding that it was looking for ways to make county government more accountable.

One idea the Charter Review Commission came up with was to add two at-large county commissioners to the BCC, paying for the two new members by cutting the existing salaries of the other five members. The salaries would be 70 percent of the then-current salaries, which were prescribed by statute for non-charter county commissioners. The elected chair of the BCC would get 80 percent of the statutory amount, Price said.

But even though those amendments were passed by the voters on the November 2006 ballot, they never went into effect, even though two new members were indeed elected in November 2008. A lawsuit was filed and a judge threw out the election of the two additional county commission positions.

"The cumulative effect of these scandals over time, however, was to motivate the creation of a number of citizen-driven

political action committees, the most formidable of which was Clay County Citizens for Term Limits and Accountability Committee," Price said.

That group, which had opposed the November 2006 amendments, worked to overturn them by amending the charter through a citizen's initiative. It also proposed cutting commissioners' pay to \$37,000. Both items passed and have stayed the same.

To Price, the whole thing was a way to punish previous commissioners. Saying what was material to the discussion was really the "things that we ask people to be responsible and accountable for," Price said he thought those items "demand a lot more consideration than the \$37,000 somebody thought up 10 years ago to punish people that weren't even going to be there when this could take effect because state law says you can't reduce their (commissioners') pay during their term of office. So, it didn't even affect the people it wanted to punish. And that's all this was about, in my humble opinion, was strictly punishment."

For the members of the subcommittee, it was clear, they said, that there should be some sort of adjustment to the current county commissioners' salaries. The problem they worried about was how to present it properly to the public, so people would understand the situation and what had occurred.

Trying to raise the salaries in one fell swoop might be too much for the public, Stotler said, because it could be more than \$30,000 per commissioner.

"The public's going to have a hard time voting for that much of a single pay raise," he said.

A phased-in approach, perhaps over five years, was also discussed.

In the end, the subcommittee unanimously approved presenting three recommendations to the entire CRC for consideration. One of those would be to adopt the whole constitutional pay scale for county commissioners and make it effective as soon as legally possible, presumably Jan. 1, 2019.

The second option would be to do the same thing but do it over a period of five years.

The third option would be a slight modification of option Number Two and would state that the CRC would not have to put salaries at 100 percent of the constitutional formula's amount, but could use any percentage of that formula it deemed proper.

The full Charter Review Commission is expected to take up the issue at its next meeting in early January.



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Obituaries

Jean Thomas

Jean Thomas, 80, of Orange Park, Fla., passed away December 9, 2017.

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John F. Harmeling

John F. Harmeling, 80, of Green Cove Springs, Fla., passed away December 8, 2017.

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Jared Michael Bailey

Jared Michael Bailey, 35, of Middleburg, Fla. passed away December 10, 2017.

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Sharon K. Wilson

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India Shiel Baker

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

Thelma Marie May Sweat

Thelma Marie May Sweat, 80, of Orange Park, Florida, passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness at the Haven Hospice Care in Orange Park, Florida, on Monday, December 11, 2017. She was born to Onnie Mounts May Dales and Lonnie May on January 20, 1937, in War Eagle, West Virginia. Moving to Florida from Grundy, Virginia in 1952, she resided in Clay County most



Thelma Sweat

of her life. Preceding her in death were her husband of 55 years, Carl L. Sweat; mother, Onnie Mounts May Dales; father, Lonnie May; brothers, Arnold "Bud" May (Dorothy), Leonard Harold May (Gay), Jimmy Dales (Laura); sisters, Irene Farris (Tommy) and June Sweat (Estes). Thelma is survived by her loving and devoted children, son, Kenneth C. Sweat (Lisa), granddaughters Madison Ellis and Mallory Sweat; daughter, Ann Mitchell (Fuzzy), grandson, Mychael Mitchell; granddaughter, Chrystal M. Chipoletti (Derek), great grandsons, Austin and Hunter Chipoletti, and great granddaughter, Harper Chipoletti. She is also survived by brothers Johnny Dales (Rosemary), Green Cove Springs, Florida, and Howard Dales (Joanne), Greenville, South Carolina. She will be greatly missed by numerous nieces and nephews. Thelma was an amazing wife, daughter, sister, mother,

grandmother and friend. Family meant everything to her and she enjoyed cooking and spending time with those she loved. Her favorite hobbies were gardening, decorating, shopping and eating out with her family. Funeral Services will be held in the Broadus-Raines Chapel on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 11:00 am with Reverend Charlie Hunt officiating. Burial will be at Shiloh Baptist Church, Green Cove Springs, Florida, thereafter. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her

name to Haven Hospice, Orange Park, Florida would be appreciated. Please sign the family's online register book at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, Florida, (904) 284-4000.



Class

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King's It to "Camp Van Karaoke," the orchestra pit, previously unseen, began rising from below. With it, nearly 20 academy cadets, stood still as statues. After a shout, not unlike what you might hear in the military, the cadets who have now risen to the seating level began a march. A perfectly-timed cadence between the stomps of the cadets and the shouts of the cadet leading them brought the audience to shouts and cheers.

Shortly after, each platoon of cadets made their way forward in a similar fashion, each sporting their own take on a catchy marching shout. Once seated, the many members of the military present in the audience were introduced. This included the members seated on stage, who each gave a small speech to the audience and cadets. It wasn't until Brig. Gen. Trey Chauncey took the mic that the shouts, hoots and hollers reappeared.

"It is not because you always exceeded but rather, because those around you helping you, you learned how to not be afraid to fail," said Chauncey, whose remarks were greeted with shouts of agreement.

"You learned to pick yourself up and do it again," Chauncey said. Again, the cadets shouted.

"And again," continued Chauncey. Once more, the cadets shouted.

"It is not because you always exceeded but rather, because those around you helping you, you learned how to not be afraid to fail. You learned to pick yourself up and do it again."

– Brig. Gen. Trey Chauncey

"And if you failed again, you weren't afraid to pick yourself up and do it again," finished Chauncey. This time, he was met with a crescendo of shouts from every cadet in front of him.

As the ceremony proceeded, awards were given, including checks ranging from \$100 to \$300 for doing the most volunteer work, for having the best marks and more. Scholarships reaching \$4000 were given to the cadets that proved they deserved it, and promised to use it moving forward in their college education, a path they might have otherwise never considered. Every cadet, all 158 of them, including Cadet Tiffany Colón, left this ceremony with a high school diploma signed and handed to them by the Clay County School Superintendent Addison Davis.

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College update

Clay students inducted into honor society

BATON ROUGE, La. – Eight college students from Clay County are now members of the prestigious collegiate honor society Phi Kappa Phi.

Described as the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, students were inducted at Jacksonville University and the University of Florida.

Jacksonville University inductees are David Jedrzejewski, Jay Marcus and Barbara Austin, all of Fleming Island, and Cindy Williams and Seth Culler, both of Orange Park.

UF inductees are Lane Johns and Philip Layton, both of Middleburg.

These students are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Founded in 1897 under the leadership of Marcus L. Urann, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Some of the organization's notable members

include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley.

Vanegas graduates from Grantham University

LENEXA, Kansas – Grantham University reports that Edward Vanegas of Orange Park recently graduated with an online associate degree in business management.

"The Grantham family congratulates Edward Vanegas on this accomplishment," said Scott Andrews, Grantham University president and chief executive officer. "It gives us great pleasure for our graduates to embark on the next exciting chapter of their lives, with quality education that will help set them up for success."

Given the flexibility of the 100 percent online university's course schedule,

Grantham students finish their programs and graduate each week of the year. Founded in 1951 by World War II veteran Donald Grantham, university offers more than 50 online undergraduate and graduate certificate and degree programs, and serves a global student population of more than 15,000 annually.

Military Briefs

Clay residents complete U.S. Air Force training

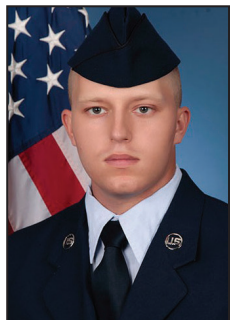
SAN ANTONIO, Texas – Two residents from Clay County recently completed basic training with the U.S. Air Force at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The trainees completed an intensive, eight-week program that included education in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

The graduates are:

Airman Ian J. Lovett, son of John L. Lovett and Denise L. Alexander of Middleburg, is a 2014 graduate of Middleburg High School.



Ian Lovett

U.S. Air Force National Guard Airman Jessica A. Grimaldo, daughter of Ana N. Grimaldo of Keystone Heights, is a 2015 graduate of Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School and a 2016 graduate of Santa Fe College in Gainesville where she earned an associate degree.



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Wawa opens in Orange Park

By **Kile Brewer**
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Don't even think about calling Wawa a convenience store.

Based in the Pennsylvania city of the same name, Wawa opened its first of three Clay County locations on Tuesday at 678 Blanding Blvd. near Orange Park.

The chain doesn't even refer to their stores as "convenience stores," instead opting for their coined phrase "Wawa Food Market." The goal is to operate the stores like a full-scale made-to-order restaurant, offering customers more than bagged chips and bottled soda.

"We're very excited about being in Jacksonville," said Cathy Pulos, Wawa chief operating officer. "This is our natural next phase, we always knew we would get here."

On the outside, Wawa looks like a typical gas station convenience store, but, it's what's on the inside that has gained the store a cult following in the Northeast where the chain started as a milk delivery service in 1902.

Wawa still carries typical convenience store items, but at the nucleus of the store is the hot food area where a handful of employees decked out in chef hats and aprons rush through the kitchen preparing food on the spot.

The area sidles up to the drink prepa-

ration area which provides customers with a full array of hot and cold espresso drinks and customizable smoothies. All of the fresh food items are ordered through a touch screen kiosk system that provides customers with millions of potential flavor combinations for each available item.

"There are so many options, you can choose to indulge or be healthy, all of the food is custom," said Lori Bruce, Wawa public relations manager.

The stores have been moving from their Pennsylvania headquarters since the first official Wawa Food Market opened in 1964, and came to Florida in 2012. Now fully immersed in Florida population centers, the chain will have an even 140 stores in the Sunshine State going into 2018, but it has already planned at least 30 more next year.

At least three of those 30 will be accessible to Clay County residents with stores planned or under construction at Blanding and Henley, one at Pope and Wells, and a third location planned on the Duval County line at Oakleaf Town Center, all of which will look to open in the latter half of 2018.

The new store on Blanding hosted a media tour Tuesday and a grand opening on Wednesday that featured a ribbon cutting, a hoagie building competition for local fire and police, free food items and giveaways, and charity events such as a check presentation to Feeding Northeast Florida



STAFF PHOTO BY KILE BREWER

County Commissioner Wayne Bolla holds up the first hoagie sandwich made in Clay County at a Wawa store during the "Taste of Wawa" special event held Dec. 12, the day before the store's grand opening. To the right is his wife, Clay County School Board member Mary Bolla.

and packing up care packages for deployed soldiers through USO.

After the opening, Wawa hopes to stay involved in local charities, giving away unused food to local food pantries and partnering with local organizations whenever they see an opportunity to use their brand to help make a difference.

The store will offer free drip coffee for its first 10 days of operation with hopes customers will see why they market their coffee alongside their famous hoagies and become lifelong customers.

One lifelong customer, Maryland native Michael Lorditch, has lived in Orange Park

for 14 years since leaving his home state. He visits family once a year, but the thing he misses most is Wawa.

"We go up every year and I always buy about \$120 worth of coffee to bring back," Lorditch said. "When I saw they were coming here I contacted them and they've been emailing me updates since."

One of those emails contained an invitation for Lorditch to attend a special Taste of Wawa event Tuesday, the day before the grand opening, as a VIP customer. Lorditch got to talk with Wawa higher-ups, eat free meatballs and soup and sip on his favorite coffee in the world.

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Traffic

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Plainfield Avenue, should expect 500 to 800 drivers a day. Wallwork said the daily traffic on Plainfield Avenue often reaches 2,000. Because of the high volume, residents are having a hard time pulling in and out of driveways.

At the Dec. 5 town council meeting, Wallwork and John Bartholomew of Orange Park, presented a formal plan to bring a traffic calming policy to the town. Now, the plan will make its way into the hands of the Public Works Director Chuck Pavlos for review. Pavlos was not available for comment before deadline. There, the plan will be reviewed and if necessary, revisions will be made. Finally, the plan will go back to the town council for a vote. If the plan passes a vote, applications for traffic calming will be available and funding planned for next year's fiscal budget.

If approved, neighborhoods wishing to enact a traffic calming treatment onto their street will need to gather at least 10 percent of the resident's signatures, according to Wallwork. From there, an application must be filled out detailing the problem and the traffic calming treatment they wish to have set in place.

Traffic calming treatments include speed humps, raised medians, diagonal parking, street widening, street narrowing and rumble strips.

The application will go to the Public Works department, who, assuming the ap-

plication is accepted, will take the steps to establish one, or more, of 26 different traffic calming treatments, which will be paid for by the town.

Wallwork understands that some treatments, such as speed humps, come as not only an annoyance to those using side streets as shortcuts, which hopefully diverts them away, but also to those who live on those side streets, as they would have to drive over them every day.

"Some treatments definitely have downsides for the residents in the area, but that's why a treatment must be brought about by the residents themselves," said Wallwork. "Sometimes, the problem is so bad that the trade-off is worth it."

"At the end of the day, it's in the residents' hands," continued Wallwork. "If they want a treatment, they must apply for it, at which point you can assume they are okay with the downside said treatment might bring."

The issues that plague those living on Plainfield Avenue, River Road and other Orange Park streets, are issues that go back to 2003, according to Wallwork. With the potential introduction of traffic calming, these issues might finally meet an end.

"The town is definitely open to the idea and they certainly have problems they want fixed," said Thomas. "It seems like [traffic calming] is something the town wants and we are behind them in making it happen."



STAFF PHOTO BY KILE BREWER

Members of the Clay County Board of County Commissioners voted Dec. 12 to extend library hours and reorganize staffing to promote library programming and the new hours.

Libraries to get extended hours

By Kile Brewer
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – In a unanimous decision, the Clay County Board of County Commissioners voted to restore library hours and move forward with a plan to reorganize library staffing to accommodate those hours.

The county's information services director, Troy Nagle, was tasked with creating a new plan to get library hours back where they were before the infamous budget cuts in 2009 which left library patrons sitting in their cars outside closed branches unsure of when the library would open.

"We did this as kind of a bottom up approach," Nagle said. "So that the staff that's currently there could use their expertise, and their knowledge of what we do [and help build this plan]."

Since the BCC's library workshop in August, Nagle has worked closely with librarians and branch managers, in addition to the county's library system director Pat Coffman to find a way to normalize hours across the system.

What they came up with will reorganize library staff to bare bones for the day-to-day operations, while also creating a new position and a new approach to the library's programming, which had become time consuming for staff.

"I like to see a nice tight plan where we know we're getting our money's worth," said Commissioner Wayne Bolla. "I think this is a pretty well thought out piece of work here."

The new hours, effective Feb. 1, will be 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at every library on Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

"This planning was about having more hours, but how do we do that?" said Commissioner Diane Hutchings.

Some staff will work 10-hour shifts to help things work, and floating staff members will fill in throughout the system when employees are sick or on vacation.

The newly created position is a volunteer coordinator whose sole duty will be training and organizing the library system's volunteers, who all fall into a different level of volunteer, with each level performing different tasks and volumes of work.

"As far as the volunteer training, and leveling, and staffing concept, it's really breathtaking to me," Bolla said. "To see that proposed in this county is great."

Programming at the branches will be carried out by a roving programming team, which will consist of four people, one of which will be required to be a librarian. The programming team will travel from library to library providing the same level of adult and children's programs Clay County residents have come to expect from their libraries.

"I do think that we need, as a board, to have more discussions, since we can't talk anywhere but here, about policies regarding the libraries and updating those," Hutchings said.

Tuesday's vote only scratches the surface of the proposed library plan, which will be taken back up in January at the next library workshop. Commissioners discussed holding the workshop on a non-meeting week, either January 16 or 30 to discuss technology upgrades, meeting room policies and fine collection.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAYS

Offices of the City of Green Cove Springs will be closed
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Rhythm

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here.” said Owens, who founded Don’t Miss a Beat, an organization that helps youth stay in school through focusing on music and other arts.

School Band Director Michael Summers often brings in clinicians to work with the students to give them new insight into how they can improve. Summers was introduced to Owens through his brother-in-law, Ben Norman, who met Owens at an all-district band event while in their teens.

Over the years, both men kept in touch, even as Owens moved to New York City to attend the Juilliard School and began travelling the world in jazz ensembles. Norman asked Owens to stop by Oakleaf and offer some expertise.

Owens, who was described by The New York Times as an artist “who takes a back seat to no one,” spent a small portion of his time wowing students with his drumming prowess. However, he spent the majority of the class working on a few small things that could improve the sound and feeling of the three pieces of music the band performed.

“In jazz, there’s a lot of stuff that’s on the paper, and a whole lot of stuff that’s not on the paper,” Owens said. “I’d like to hear a lot more joy in the music.”

These may sound like abstracted suggestions – they really are. That is the nature of jazz. The band can play the music note for note perfect, but Owens, through his extensive training and natural gift, took them a step further, where musical precision blends with feeling and becomes something more cohesive and complete.

First off, Owens moved the rhythm section – piano, bass and drums – closer to the band. Though Owens may seem biased, he explained that the rhythm section, especially the drummer, leads the band. The director, he said, is only there to give the drummer what he needs to lead the band through the music.

The band’s drummer, Nathan Summers – the school band director’s son – was all ears. The eighth grader has his sights set high in the music world. The younger Summers, a two-time all-state band member, hopes to follow in Owens’ footsteps to at-



STAFF PHOTOS BY KILE BREWER

Two-time Grammy Award winning jazz drummer Ulysses Owens Jr. performed a drum solo at the end of a clinic held with the Oakleaf Junior High School Jazz Band at the school Dec. 11.

tend Douglas Anderson School of the Arts in Jacksonville, and pursue a career in music. In November, Summers was selected again to take part in the 2017-18 All-State Middle School Band in Tampa.

“I’ve been using a drum set since fourth grade,” Nathan said. “[Owens] showed me a new rhythm that I couldn’t play before. Now that I’ve tried it, it seems much easier.”

Summers’ father thinks that several of

the band students at Oakleaf Junior could have music in their futures as long as they stick with it and continue to receive help from professionals like Owens.

“He’s probably the best, or at least one of the best, drummers to come out of the state of Florida,” Michael Summers said. “I want to emphasize that this can be a career for these kids. We have a lot of talented kids that one day could be up there with people like him.”



Ulysses Owens Jr. directs the Oakleaf Junior High School Jazz Band Dec. 11 during a clinic held with the band in preparation for upcoming performances and competitions.

Community Briefs

Transportation survey respondents still needed

JACKSONVILLE – Residents in six Northeast Florida counties, including Clay, have until Dec. 15 to give their input on future road and transportation issues facing the region.

The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization and the Florida Dept. of Transportation are sponsoring the North Florida Transportation Survey to better understand residents’ travel needs.

This is important because the information collected in this survey will help improve the regional transportation system and prioritize future transportation improvements. The survey is collecting information on day-to-day travel and activities in the North Florida region – how we travel, where we go, how long it takes us and what we do when we arrive.

The TPO wants to obtain a complete picture of travel patterns in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns Counties. The survey is currently underway to late November. To access the survey link, go to www.NorthFloridaTravelSurvey.com. The password is Survey.

Grand opening plans underway for Aldi

ORANGE PARK – After months of construction, the old Walmart shopping center in the 660 block of Blanding Boulevard will soon be at full capacity.

Anchored by L.A. Fitness and Academy Sports, a new 19,842 square foot Aldi supermarket will open on January 11, 2018 in the Bolton Plaza at 661 Blanding Blvd. Aldi joins a new 22,000 square foot Marshall’s, which opened earlier this year.

When open, the store’s hours will be

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Police Briefs

Traffic stop ends in drug trafficking charge

MIDDLEBURG — A midday traffic stop on Monday ending in the arrest of a Middleburg man for drug trafficking.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Timmy Dale Spicer, 38, on Dec. 11 at 12:09 p.m. in the 4000 block of County Road 218 after officers pulled his car over for having an expired license plate.



Timmy Spicer

According to the police report, officers could smell marijuana coming from the vehicle as he approached Spicer to ask for driver's license and registration. Within minutes, the officer requested aid from another unit, which brought out K9 officer Bull, a drug-sniffing dog. After Bull indicated that narcotics were in Spicer's car, the officers conducted a search that uncovered 50.65 grams of methamphetamine and six 15-milligram hydromorphone or Oxycontin pills.

Spicer faces one count of trafficking methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription.

He was booked into the Clay County Jail, where at press time, he remained held on \$175,006.

Dental records used to confirm body ID

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Using dental records, the Duval County Medical Examiner's Office positively identified the body of Jordan Cooper, 25, of Keystone Heights.

Cooper, who has an intellectual disability, went missing on Nov. 25.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office reported Dec. 11 that Cooper's body was recovered inside the family residence on Payne Road.



Jordan Cooper

Sheriff Darryl Daniels said Dec. 9 that foul play is suspected in Cooper's death, but did not comment further other than to say the case is an ongoing investigation.

"Our agency thanks everyone who has assisted (local, state, federal, volunteers and all others). We now continue our efforts and ask for continued support," states a CCSO post on social media.

May drug sale ends in December arrest

MIDDLEBURG — A Middleburg man faces a felony charge of selling drugs to confidential informant last May.

Gary Richard Baxley, 42, was ar-

rested Dec. 7 at 12:31 p.m. at his home in the 1600 block of Morningside Drive and charged with one count of selling drugs within 1,000 feet of a county park.

According to the arrest warrant obtained by the Clay County Sheriff's Office, a confidential informant told police he knew that Baxley would sell the informant heroin.

On May 25, the informant and drug detectives met at a pre-determined location and agreed that the informant would buy \$40 worth of heroin from Baxley.

After the sale was complete, the drug that was purchased tested positive for three-tenths of a gram of fentanyl, but not heroin.

At press time, Baxley remained in the Clay County Jail where his bond is set at \$50,003.



Gary Baxley

Attempted murder charge for Keystone man

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — What began as an argument involving a cellphone ended Dec. 6 in an attempted murder charge for a Keystone Heights man.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Joseph Allen Stathas, 59, at 12:36 a.m. after investigating the argument.

The victim — Stathas' live-in girlfriend of three years — told police that the argument began when Stathas took her cellphone out of her hand and walked outside of the house where they live in the 5800 block of Campo Drive. Police said the woman then followed Stathas outside to get her phone back, and when she did, Stathas argued some more and then "struck the victim numerous times in the face with a closed fist."

The woman attempted to fight back to get away from Stathas, police said, and that's when he pulled out a handgun from his right front pants pocket. The woman said Stathas pointed the gun at her and fired one shot but missed her.

Police said the woman was able to break free, grab her car keys and flee to a neighbor's house to call police.

Police later apprehended Stathas who is charged with one count of attempted murder and one count of aggravated domestic battery with a deadly weapon.

At press time, Stathas was held in the Clay County Jail without bond.



Joseph Stathas

Traffic stop uncovers meth

MIDDLEBURG — A traffic stop for a cracked rear taillight ended in drug charges for a Middleburg man last week.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested John Wesley McWhorter, 40, on Dec. 6 at 9:23 p.m. after stopping his Chevrolet Impala in the 5400 block of Muscovy Road.

According to the police report, officers had to forcibly remove McWhorter from his vehicle as he refused to get out of his car after multiple requests. When they removed him, and placed him on the asphalt, he attempted to hide his wrists, so officers could not handcuff him.

A search of his Impala uncovered four grams of methamphetamine, scale and several baggies used to sell the illicit drug on the street.



John McWorter

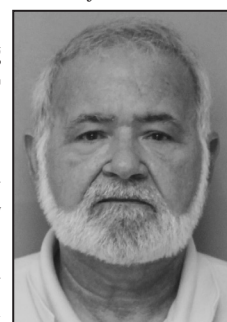
McWhorter was booked into the Clay County Jail on charges of possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, drug equipment possession, resisting an officer, fleeing and eluding law enforcement and driving with a suspended license.

At press time, McWhorter was held in the Clay County Jail without bond.

Middleburg man arrested for soliciting a child for sex

ST. AUGUSTINE — A 66-year old Middleburg man faces charges of soliciting a child for sex over the internet.

The St. Johns County Sheriff's Office arrested Gary Alan Fernandez on Dec. 6 when he attempted to meet and have sex with whom he believed to be a female child.



Gary Fernandez

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Arrests & Bookings

Tuesday, December 12

Peter Lavelle Washington, 39, Orange Park, Violence on an Officer Firefighter EMT, Resisting an Officer With Violence, Trespassing

Nicole Lynn Vernon, 36, Middleburg, DUI

Torrance Husan Shabazz, 26, Green Cove Springs, Three Counts of Sale and Delivery of Narcotics

Ashley Rushman Holmes, 66, Green Cove Springs, Violate Probation-Community Control

Louie Joseph Murphy, 29, Green Cove Springs, Violate Probation-Community Control

Gideon Cean, 36, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

John Demetri Krushinski, 31, Orange Park, Dealing Stolen Property, Giving False Info to a Pawn Broker, Burglary, Grand Theft \$300-4,999

Rosalind Sarah Chapman, 27, Orange Park, Grand Theft of Controlled Substance

Tyler Cole Musgrave, 23, Green Cove Springs, Violate Probation-Community Control

Chenfang Yu, 39, Orange Park, Prostitution

David Brian Frew, 57, Keystone Heights, Simple Domestic Battery

Monday, December 11

Mack Anthony Caldwell, 52, Orange Park, Out-of-County Warrant

Ryan Kent Berridge, 23, Middleburg, Possession of Marijuana With Intent to Sell

Wayne George Millard, 50, Green Cove Springs, Out-of-County Warrant

Timmy Dale Spicer, 38, Middleburg, Trafficking Methamphetamine 14 g. or More, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Emily Cole Smith, 74, Orange Park, Simple Domestic Battery

Sunday, December 10

Jason Wayne Askenbrenner, 38, Oakleaf, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Christopher Daniel Blondin, 34, Middleburg, Domestic Battery

Matthew Jordan Scott, 20, Orange Park, Violence on an Officer Firefighter EMT, Aggravated Fleeing Causing Serious Injury or Death, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession, Resisting an Officer Without Violence

Lauren Nicole Bowman, 31, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Stephen Christopher Dyne, 27, Doctors Inlet, Aggravated Battery With A Deadly Weapon, Two Counts of Vandalism \$1,000+, Simple Battery

Matthew Tyler Ikaika West, 31, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Saturday, December 9

Roy Dwayne Clark, 41, Green Cove Springs Possession of a Controlled Substance, Introduce or Remove Contraband Into County Detention Facility

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Arrests

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Carlos Efrain Rios Reyes, 43, Orange Park, Two Counts of Simple Domestic Battery
Kenneth Byron Pafford, 30, Middleburg, Out-of-County Warrant
Ryan Richard Moore, 33, Keystone Heights, Simple Domestic Battery
Dana Joe Winn, 42, Middleburg, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Matthew Myles Perkins, 27, Doctors Inlet, Simple Domestic Battery

Friday, December 8

Sean William Roach, 43, Middleburg, Cocaine Possession, Habitual Traffic Offender
Cleveland Carol Trahan, 38, Middleburg, Simple Domestic Battery
Tracy Quinn King, 56, Orange Park, Trespassing After Warning
Billy Joe Konruff, 46, Green Cove Springs, Simple Domestic Battery, Violating Terms of Pre-Trial Release for Domestic Violence
Stephen William Mabey, 34, Doctors Inlet, Non-support
Mitchell Lee Mers, 27, Middleburg, Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Possession of a Controlled Substance
Honestee Jillian Lynn Carter, 31, Middleburg, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
Tamara Joy Harrell, 53, Middleburg, Drug Equipment Possession
Frank Barney Jenkins, 49, Middleburg, DWLSR
Michael Ray Gilliam, 54, Orange Park, Domestic Battery
Emily Cole Smith, 74, Orange Park, Domestic Battery
Russel Allen Suco, 64, Keystone Heights, Simple Battery
Paul Bernard Baker, 38, Green Cove Springs, Two Counts of FTA-DWLSR, FTA-No Vehicle Registration
Cristopher Travis Charles Nelson, 21, Middleburg, Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon

Thursday, December 7

Gary Richard Baxley, 42, Middleburg, Sell and Delivery of Drugs Within 1,000 Feet of a County Park
Monica Janae Fleming, 25, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR
Christopher Gale Murray, 30, Green Cove Springs, Non-Support
Ryan David Fitz, 41, Melrose, VOP-Felony Battery Domestic
Jennifer Leigh Cunningham, 36, Green Cove Springs, Dealing Stolen Property, Giving False Info to a Pawn Broker
Autumn Victoria Harris, 18, Green Cove Springs, Simple Domestic Battery
Gerald Curtis Havens, 33, Fleming Island, Petit Theft, Violence on an Officer Firefighter EMT, Fleeing and Eluding a Law Enforcement Officer at High Speed
Ronald Richard Pyles, 46, Green Cove Springs, Simple Battery, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Wednesday, December 6

Joseph Allen Stathas, 59, Keystone Heights, Attempted Murder, Aggravated Domestic Battery With A Deadly Weapon
Victoria Monique Valentine, 27, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR
Corrinne Ann Hilliard, 60, Orange Park, DUI With Property Damage
Charles Dolphus Newman, 53, Green Cove Springs, Burglary, Grand Theft \$300-4,999
John Demetri Krushinski, 31, Fleming Island, Burglary, Grand Theft \$300-4,999
Nathan Jeffrey Delgado, 29, Clay Hill, DWLSR
Zachary Scott Wilson, 27, Orange Park, DWLSR
John Wesley McWhorter, 40, Middleburg, Non-Support, FTA-DWLSR, Possession of Methamphetamine With Intent to Sell Manufacture or Deliver, Drug Equipment Possession, Resisting an Officer, Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement, DWLSR
Joseph Walker, 64, Green Cove Springs, DUI

Shelters

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decision based on something that’s already there.”
Grimm said the Animal Rescue Movement rezoning application would be contingent on the BCC’s passing the ordinance. If the ordinance didn’t pass, the application would fail.
Attorneys for both ARM and the neighbors appeared at the meeting. Brian All, attorney for ARM, said there are currently many applications for commercial animal-related groups, but not for the nonprofits.
“What is absent is a nonprofit’s ability to instead of apply a commercial use provide a charitable or humane use for the treatment of these animals,” he said.
Private groups like Animal Rescue

Movement do not allow the public on the premises. ARM has an agreement with PetSmart for adoptions in a public arena.
Stacy Considine, attorney for the surrounding neighbors on Maverick Road, said their lives had been “turned upside down” by the effects of having ARM being so nearby. He mentioned noise, dogs just dropped off at night when no one is in attendance that just begin to wander around as some of the problems.
Commissioner Gayward Hendry, who said he has worked with several animal rescue groups and is a strong believer in them, never the less said he saw too many issues still undecided on the proposed ordinance.
“I think there are too many questions that have been raised. There are a lot of good ideas here, some not so good, so that’s yet to be determined, and we can only determine that with further discourse with the staff,” Hendry said.

Calendar

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: Meets 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.
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 public.
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.
KINDNESS ROCKS PROJECT: Holiday Edition, Dec. 20 from 6-7:30 p.m., Green Cove Springs Public Library. Decorate a rock. Leave it in a public place, brighten someone’s day! We supply the rocks, paint and inspiration! You supply the imagination! All ages are welcome!
PLANNING COMMISSION: Meets Jan. 2 at 7 p.m., in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. Meeting is open to the public.
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Meets Jan. 11, at 7 p.m., in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.
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.

Police

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Fernandez is charged with solicitation of a child for sex, solicitation of a parent or guardian, traveling to meet a minor for sex and unlawful use of a two-way communication device.
He was booked into the St. Johns County Jail on no bond pending a first appearance hearing the morning of Dec. 7 but has since been released.
Late last month, a detective from the SJCSO’s Internet Crimes Against Children Unit began conversing on an ecommerce site with a male, who was later identified

as Fernandez.
After two weeks of communication between the undercover detective and the suspect, Fernandez solicited a meeting.
Around 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 6, the suspect arrived at an undisclosed location in St. Johns County and was taken into custody without incident.
The case is still under investigation.

Suspect rams officer with car

DOCTORS INLET – Two Orange Park residents received serious injuries the night of Dec. 6 when the 2005 Honda Odyssey in which they were traveling, struck a tree and overturned near Old Jennings

and Knight Boxx roads while trying to outrun Clay County Sheriff’s deputies.
The driver, Matthew Scott, 20, and passenger Alexis Parker, 19, were transported to Orange Park Medical Center for treatment.
Officers “were working a proactive, special detail due to reports of crime and suspicious activity from citizens of Orange Park,” according to a statement from Keith Smith, CCSO public information officer.
Two deputies spotted Scott and Parker who were described as “suspiciously parked at a closed location.”
Police said while talking with Scott and Parker, Scott “put it in reverse, striking

one of our deputies and injuring him.”
Scott fled the scene and ended up crashing the minivan minutes later around 10:35 p.m. In issuing a press release about the crash, the Florida Highway Patrol reported that the minivan left the roadway, struck a tree and then overturned. Despite the crash, Scott fled the vehicle on foot.
“Our injured deputy received medical treatment for lacerations that required stitching and possible fractures,” Smith stated.
Scott is charged with reckless driving with serious bodily injury and leaving the scene of an accident with serious bodily injury.

Briefs

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Mondays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesdays-Saturdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sundays, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

The Orange Park area supermarket is part of a larger Aldi expansion program. The grocery retailer recently announced a \$3.4 billion capital investment to expand to 2,500 stores nationwide by the end of 2022 building on its already aggressive growth plan to spend \$1.6 billion program to remodel 1,300 stores by 2020. An Aldi store is also under construction in the Oakleaf.

These two new stores will join Aldi's first Clay County store in the busy Branan Field/Blanding Boulevard area north of Middleburg, which opened in May 2015.

"We pioneered a grocery model built around value, convenience, quality and selection and now ALDI is one of America's favorite and fastest growing retailers," said Jason Hart, chief executive officer. "We're growing at a time when other retailers are struggling. We are giving our customers what they want, which is more organic produce, antibiotic-free meats and fresh healthier options across the store, all at unmatched prices up to 50 percent lower than traditional grocery stores."

Save water, skip a week

PALATKA – The St. Johns River Water Management District is encouraging homeowners in its 18-county region, which

includes Clay County, to "Skip a Week" of lawn and landscape irrigation during the cooler months of December, January and February.

"Skipping a week of irrigation when your yard doesn't need it keeps lawns healthy and helps to conserve drinking water supplies – if homeowners who irrigate skipped every other week of watering this winter, north and east-central Florida could save more than 1 billion gallons of water," said Ann Shortelle, SJRWMD executive director.

During the cooler months, weekly irrigation isn't always needed. In fact, research shows one-half to 1 three-quarter inches of water per irrigation zone every 10-14 days is sufficient.

Overwatering makes lawns less able to survive Florida's inevitable droughts and encourages pests, disease and root rot. Using less water encourages deeper grass and plant roots, which makes them more drought-tolerant and less susceptible to pests and disease.

Skipping a week is as simple as manually turning off your irrigation system.

To make sure your yard stays healthy, turn on your irrigation system if you see signs your grass needs water. Signs include grass blades are folded in half, grass blades are blue-gray or grass blades do not spring back; footprints remain visible on your lawn for several minutes after walking on it.

If you see signs your lawn is wilting and decide to irrigate, the University of Florida recommends an average of ½ to ¾ inches

of water per application. Saturating the root zone and then letting the soil dry encourages healthy, deep root growth.

Additional research about efficient irrigation and other landscaping topics can be found at fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/ifaspubs.htm, which is part of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension website.

To learn more about the district's "Skip a Week" message, visit sjrwmd.com/Skip-AWeek.

Clamour Theatre Company expands search for artistic home

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clamour Theatre Company's hopes of re-opening the Clay Theatre as its artistic home came to an end recently when another buyer closed on the historic building.

"We had raised about a third of the purchase price," said Elaine Smith, Clamour's artistic director. "I'm sure we could have raised the rest of it, but we just ran out of time."

The fledgling company incorporated at the beginning of 2017 with the three-fold mission of inspiring and nurturing a love for theatre in Northeast Florida, bringing professional productions to Clay County

on a regular basis, and training and supporting aspiring theatre artists of all ages, races, and genders.

"The Clay Theatre would have been a perfect location," Smith said. "Nearly a turn-key for us. It's definitely disappointing to have lost it. But we're theatre people. Disappointment is built into the job. We'll find another location."

Clamour is now hoping to find an affordable alternative, looking into former schools, churches, large warehouses, or retail spaces that might be made suitable for theatrical performances.

While the company was conducting its capital campaign, they were pursuing their artistic purpose through partnerships with local businesses. Spring Park Coffee in Green Cove Springs hosted their first event last March, an evening of readings of short new plays by local playwrights for the nation-wide Future is Female Festival. Two of those plays, written specifically for that event, have gone on to productions in theatres out of state.

Another evening of readings was held in June at the Urban Bean Coffeehouse Café in Orange Park with plays by five playwrights from around the country. Both the

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Mistletoe in Florida

By Wayne Hobbs
Horticultural Agent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Christmas songs revel in the ideas of open fires, snowmen, and winter weather, all things that are not usually a scene during Florida's warm winters. However, one somewhat surprising part of the holiday tradition is Mistletoe, which is actually quite common in Florida forests and landscapes.



Wayne Hobbs

Cultural Importance

The tradition of kissing under the mistletoe originates with the English and French but is actually more associated with New Year's than Christmas. Before the adoption of their beliefs, Celtic Druids believed the plant to be holy due to how it grows higher than other plants and was a sign of the return of spring, while Scandinavian cultures saw it as a symbol of peace.

More About Mistletoe

Outside of its romanticized history and foothold as part of the holiday lexicon, the truth is that mistletoe is a poisonous and parasitic plant.

Growing only in deciduous trees, you



SOURCE UF/IFAS.

If you have it in your tree, prune the branch back at least 12-inches back from the mistletoe bunch.

may find this plant in Laurel Oaks, Sycamores, Elms and Black Cherry in Clay County. Look up in the canopy of the tree for clusters of small green leaves that seem to grow directly from the trunk. To grow at these heights, the seeds of the plant germinate and send roots into the tree, feeding off the nutrients and water provided by its host. Being a green plant, mistletoe does produce its own food, but the lost resources can put a strain on the tree, especially if it is already diseased or damaged.

To control this pest, prune the infected branch out of the tree but be careful with the heights you may have to reach and be sure to wear head and eye protection. Make this cut at least 12 inches below where the stem of the parasite enters the host. When handling the plants, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and hot water as they are highly poisonous if ingested.

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The good thing about removing this pest from trees is that when you are done, you can make decorations, which is very unlikely with fungi or insects. To keep cuttings fresh, you can put them in the refrigerator until you are ready to bind them together with florist wire. You can arrange them as flat sprays, balls of foliage, or as bunches and then decorate with ribbons or other varieties of greens.

If you decorate with mistletoe in your home, be careful. Between 1985 and 1992, there were more than 1,700 accidental mistletoe poisoning cases in the United States so keep it out of reach of children or pets. Also, you should keep the decorations away from heat sources as they will dry out quicker and can become a fire hazard.

So, this holiday season (with proper caution) you can ask your sweetheart to kiss you under the parasite.

If you have any more questions about horticulture, 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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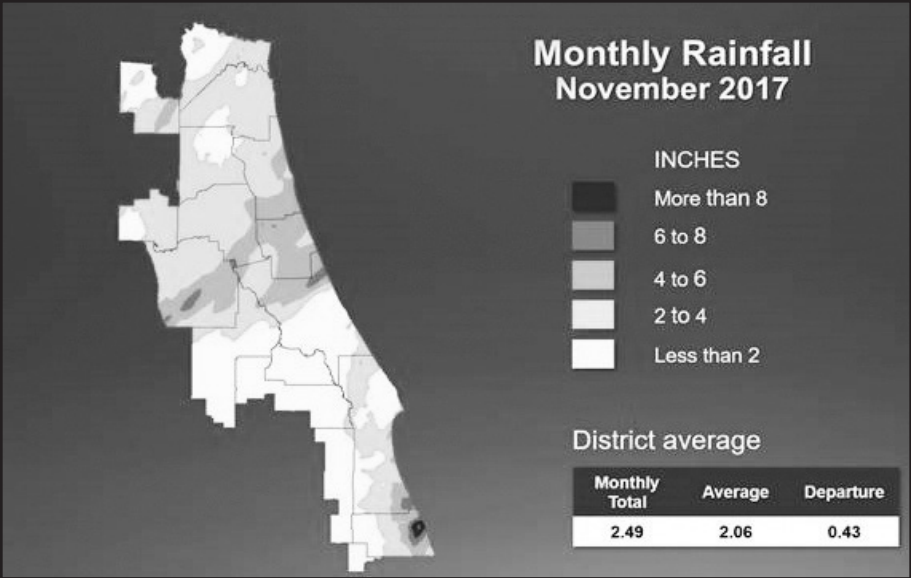
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Clay among counties with above-average November rainfall

PALATKA – While November brought above-average rainfall to counties across the northern and southern coast of the St. Johns River Water Management District’s 18-county service area, central Florida saw less rain than usual. A full report outlining hydrological conditions was presented at the district’s December Governing Board meeting. “While we continue to see some rain, during winter, weekly irrigation isn’t always needed,” said Ann Shortelle, SJRWMD executive director. “This winter, we’d like to encourage homeowners to skip a week of irrigation. By skipping every other week of watering this season, homeowners in north and east-central Florida could help save more than 1 billion gallons of water.” Flagler County had the highest rainfall in November with 4.6 inches, followed by St. Johns with 3.8 inches and Marion with 3.7 inches. Below-average rainfall was recorded in most of central Florida, starting in central Volusia County, into the Orlando area, southern Lake County and further south into Osceola County. Seminole and Orange counties received less than half an inch of rain each for the month. When looking at annual rainfall totals, 12-month rainfall totals are 7 inches above average across the district.

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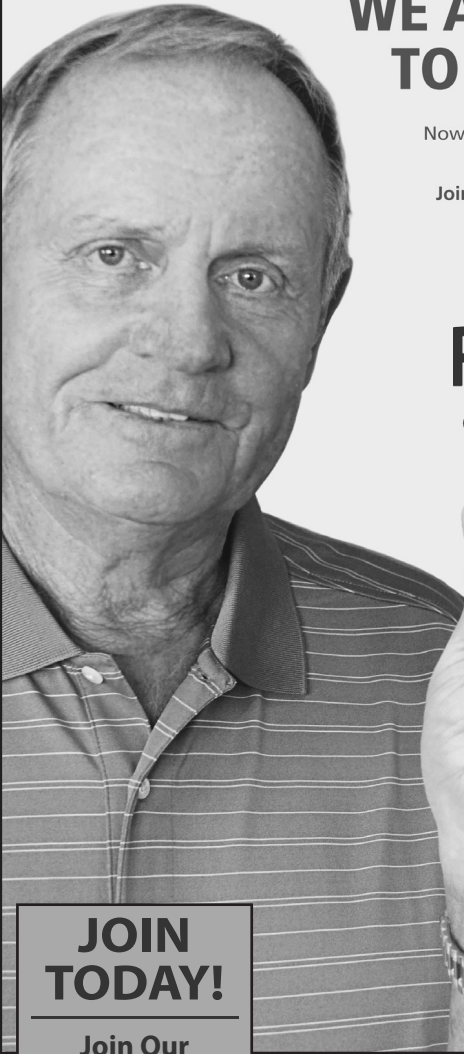
Urban Bean and Spring Park events were extremely well-attended, an encouraging sign for a new theatre company.

An unexpectedly popular endeavor was its third production: a one-man show written by Smith especially for the River Park Inn’s 20th Anniversary Celebration in July. The piece, in which Dr. Joseph Applegate, a real historical figure, relates the history of Green Cove’s boom times at the turn of the Twentieth Century, was originally planned as a one-time presentation. It has since been performed for a tour group from St. Augustine and is scheduled for two performances in January at different locations with additional bookings under consideration. Dr. Applegate ran the Clarendon Hotel in Green Cove Springs from 1870 to 1900. He spent the last years of his life in what was then Cottage A on the hotel grounds and has since become the River Park Inn.

“Dr. Applegate lost his hotel. But he found a home in Cottage A, and it’s been re-purposed into a beautiful bed & breakfast,” Smith said. “We’re feeling like we have something in common with the doctor now that we’ve lost our ideal location. But we’re taking inspiration from his experiences and trusting that we’ll end up as well as he did if we just keep working. The goal is quality theatre, not real estate. We just need ‘two boards and a passion,’ as Lope de Vega, the great Spanish playwright,” said Smith.

For more information, email info@clamourtheatre.org, or visit: www.clamourtheatre.org

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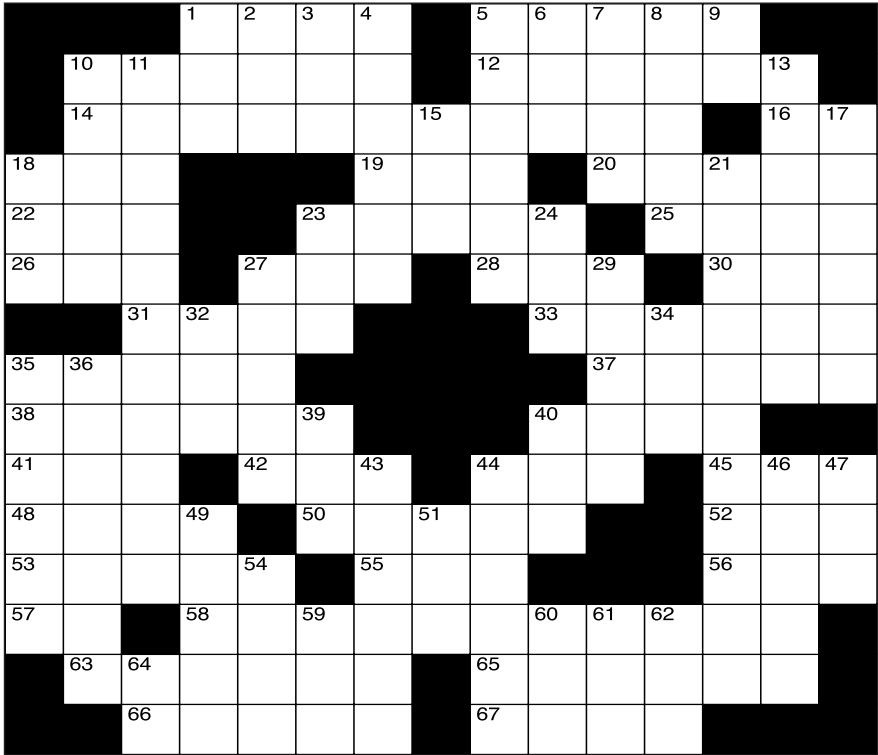
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Large jug
- 5. Anwar ___, Egyptian statesman
- 10. Punjab province capital
- 12. Evoke
- 14. Data
- 16. Exists
- 18. Supervises flying
- 19. Having eight
- 20. Right-handed page
- 22. NHL great Bobby
- 23. German municipality
- 25. Negotiate
- 26. Keyboard key
- 27. Youngster
- 28. Medical decision (abbr.)
- 30. Ribonucleic acid
- 31. One-time Levi's chairman Walter
- 33. Cold region
- 35. Type of plywood
- 37. A way to unfreeze
- 38. Winter melon
- 40. Dispute
- 41. An expression of imagination
- 42. Human gene
- 44. Touch lightly
- 45. Computer giant
- 48. Garlands
- 50. Franz van ___, German diplomat
- 52. Vineyard
- 53. Elk or moose
- 55. Moved quickly
- 56. Swiss river
- 57. Rhode Island
- 58. Fall into disrepair
- 63. Ancient Roman virtue
- 65. Removes
- 66. Slowly women
- 67. Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Extremely high frequency
- 2. Court
- 3. Make a mistake
- 4. Change the appearance of
- 5. Long-haired dog
- 6. The Greatest of All Time
- 7. Designer Christian
- 8. Blemished
- 9. Atlanta-based rapper
- 10. Deceivers
- 11. One who supports disorder
- 13. Colossal
- 15. A team's best pitcher
- 17. Comfort in a time of sadness
- 18. Opponent
- 21. Professionals might need one
- 23. Captures geographical data (abbr.)
- 24. Senior officer
- 27. Sacred Islamic site
- 29. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 32. Comedienne Gaster
- 34. Performer ___ Lo Green
- 35. Having only magnitude, not direction
- 36. Cleft lip
- 39. Payroll company
- 40. Prohibit
- 43. Stroke
- 44. Does not acknowledge
- 46. Hillsides
- 47. Austrian river
- 49. Passover feast and ceremony
- 51. Golf score
- 54. Hair-like structure
- 59. Check
- 60. Extract metal from this
- 61. Tell on
- 62. Powdery residue
- 64. A part of the mind

District names All-County Coaches Team for volleyball

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County School District has released its inaugural “All-County Coaches Teams” for volleyball. Teams are made up of a first team, second team and honorable mention, all of which were selected by the head coaches of each sport.

One of the most dominant volleyball programs in the area, Middleburg High, placed four players on the “1st Team” for the 2017 season. Fleming Island High had two players followed by one player from Oakleaf High. First Team selections will be invited to a planned May 10 celebration, along with the other athletes from the high school sports programs.

The top two setters in the county are Jillian Bemis from MHS and Nataleigh Nieuwenhuis of Fleming Island High. Nieuwenhuis, a senior, helped lead FIHS to a 15-7 record and was a key player on offense. She recorded 37 aces, is considered an excellent server, had 141 digs and recorded 409 assists at the setter position.

Fleming Island volleyball coach, Amy Walker, describes her senior setter as “making great strides over the years. She has a true passion for the game and has dedicated countless hours to perfecting her craft.” Walker, a longtime volleyball coach, added that Nieuwenhuis has an “effortless touch on the ball.” When asked about her highlight of the year, Nieuwenhuis said, “Beating Bartram Trail in a tight match.” Upon graduating, Nieuwenhuis hopes to play volleyball at Florida Gateway College.

Longtime MHS volleyball coach, Carrie Prewitt, has a dominating group on the “1st Team.” Junior Jillian Bemis, a setter, helped lead MHS to the regional quarter-finals, and along the way, recorded 256 assists, 164 kills and 154 digs.

2nd Team All-County Coaches Volleyball Team

Setters Jenna Bemis of MHS and Brooke Rohrer of RHS, middle Erin Lebesch, defense specialist Hannah Forbes of Clay, outside hitters Kelley Catlett of Clay and Kaci Hollenbacher of FIHS and utility player Kaitlann Knudson of OHS.

Honorable Mention All-County Coaches Volleyball Team

Setters Kelsie Savage, of Clay, and Emily Loose, of Keystone Heights High, middle Jonae Sanders of RHS, defense specialist Olivia Beauchain of MHS, outside hitters Madison Heskett of Keystone Heights High and Bryanna Parrett of OHS and utility player Saige Rivers of RHS.

“Jillian is a team player who works hard to contribute in many facets of our game,” Prewitt said. Bemis credits the team for its goal-setting meetings and viewed a team trip to Ichetucknee Springs as a bonding moment. “She does an outstanding job of running our offense. She is aggressive at the net, is a tough server and an effective defensive player. One of our most complete players,” Prewitt said.

Joining Bemis on the “First Team” are MHS teammates Britany Range, Mallory Roney and junior Tonee Hughes, the “1st Team” utility selection. “Tonee was our captain this year and her leadership skills, as well as her performance skills, helped our team in the backcourt,” Pre-

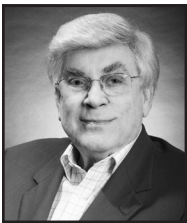


The Clay County School District’s 1st Team “All-County Coaches Team” is comprised of, from left, Andrea Merced, Jillian Bemis, Mallory Roney, Britanny Range, Tonee Hughes, Natalie Nieuwenhuis and Emily Charbonneau.

witt said. Hughes recorded 163 digs and her passing skills were critical to the MHS offense. Her future goal is to go to college for physical therapy or nursing.

Fellow MHS junior Mallory Roney was the leading scorer this past season. As an outside hitter, her attacking and service skills were evident throughout the year – 254 kills and 53 aces. Prewitt said, “Mallory is very athletic, competitive and impacts our team in a big way offensively and defensively.” Roney enjoys hanging out with her friends and plans on seeking an educational degree in her future college plans. Range, the final MHS player selected for the “1st Team,” is just a sophomore. Covering the middle position for the Broncos, she would like to play basketball in college and is considered the most improved player for the MHS juggernaut. “Her presence on the court was important to our team,” Prewitt said. She had 89 total blocks, 74 kills and 37 digs. She did a little bit of everything out there.” With two years of eligibility left, look for Range to improve upon those

statistics. Fleming Island’s Emily Charbonneau, a senior for the Golden Eagles, was instrumental in the team growth this year. The outside hitter has a future goal of attending and playing volleyball at Reinhardt University. Charbonneau was described by her coach as a “powerhouse hitter.” With 250 kills, Coach Amy Walker described Charbonneau – a senior outside hitter – as an “all-around complete player who can do it all.” The highlight of the year for Charbonneau was when FIHS defeated New Smyrna Beach in a close match. Oakleaf High’s Andrea Merced, a senior, was selected as the “1st Team” defensive specialist. Merced was described by Coach Jennifer Parrett as one of the hardest working players that she has coached. “Andrea always gives 100 percent when she steps on the court. She will be missed next year, but I look forward to following her in college,” Parrett said. Merced is proud of the fact that she set a school record of 1,000 digs in her three-year career at OHS. She plans to study sports medicine in college.



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of wisdom and knowledge.” –Colossians 2:3

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The Scripture starts with the offer of this wonderful gift in the prophecy of Genesis when God declares “the seed of the woman” shall have victory over the serpent (or Satan), and continues in every book of the Bible through Revelation, where He is proclaimed “King of Kings and Lord of Lords.”

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Coffee

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public from 5-7 p.m. that day and Saturday evening. Kelley will also host a special celebration for the sixth anniversary, to the day, of Spring Park Coffee's grand opening after the open house Friday.

"We plan to do a roast about every half hour or so," Kelley said. "So come by, grab an espresso, and when you show up you'll probably be minutes away from the next roast."

In addition to the upsized roastery, Kelley will also be opening a standalone Brass Tacks Coffee Co. cafe in Jacksonville's Tinseltown area sometime early next year. The location will provide guests the chance to sample Brass Tacks' roasts and blends. The cafe will also serve as a model for their initiative to do what they call cafe startups where they are approached by a prospective coffee shop, a cafe in a church, or a coffee cart operator who has an idea and needs the training, equipment and coffee to make their dream a reality.

"You need help from other local coffee shops, you need them to be providing a positive experience and serving delicious

coffee," Kelley said. "We really hope that people will keep giving these independent shops a chance."

It is all part of Kelley's goal to spread coffee culture through Northeast Florida, and even the Southeastern U.S. For him, stores like Urban Bean in Orange Park, and Jacksonville-based roastery Bold Bean aren't enemies. They are allies in the fight to bring specialty coffee to a wider audience. Melissa Warren, daughter of Urban Bean owner DuWayne Hegel, said that though they buy their beans from another roastery, they are excited to see a roastery get up and running at home in Clay County, for the same reasons Kelley is happy to see their specialty coffee shop in Orange Park.

"We're trying to create a coffee culture, as well as a coffee community," Warren said. "There's not a very big culture for that here – yet."

As Kelley continues the operations at Brass Tacks, he looks to the future, hoping to bring his coffee to trade shows and the Specialty Coffee Expo when it returns to Atlanta.

"We are all kinda in this together, bringing the specialty coffee culture forward in this area of the country is really going to be a group effort," Kelley said.



Owner Steven Kelley stands in the new Brass Tacks Coffe Co. storefront in Green Cove Springs next to the company's new custom coffee roaster.



Students await the official groundbreaking ceremony to get underway at the new site of St. Johns Classical Academy on Dec. 11.

Charter

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success. She said not only did the school's admissions hit capacity, but had to develop a waiting list for those wanting to attend. This success is largely due to the school's uniqueness, said Knapp.

As only one of three charter schools in the county, with one of those three schools being an online-only charter school, SJCA finds itself able to offer a learning environment that often isn't found in a more traditional public school. The school is funded by \$2 million in funds provided by the Clay County School District.

"Public schools are great for many children and for many, it works just as well as schools like ours," said Diane Hutchings, the founder and president of SJCA's board and Clay County Board of Commissioners member. "Public schools are so large that sometimes, kids get lost and we focus on establishing relationships with the students that prevents that from happening."

Also unlike public schools, the curriculum at SJCA teaches its elementary students Spanish, as well as standards like physical education, art and music, while middle school students are taught Latin. According to Knapp, this is all part of a traditional liberal arts education, which is the education practice followed at SJCA.

More specifically, SJCA's curriculum follows that of Hillsdale College's Barney Charter School Initiative.

"Basically, the Barney Charter

School Initiative is a department of Hillsdale College that assists charter schools that are trying to launch around the nation," Knapp said. "They essentially help us oversee the curriculum."

"They spend time with our teachers doing specialty education development, which includes actual visits from their representatives to give us hands-on help with classical education and a weekly teleconference call," Knapp continued.

SJCA applied to the Barney Charter School Initiative and upon acceptance, became the 17th charter school under its umbrella.

On Dec. 11, SJCA officials broke ground at its new location, the former site of Fleming Island Presbyterian Church. The former church sanctuary will become SJCA's cafeteria. According to Hutchings, and the \$12 million construction project being carried out by Summit Construction Group, calls for building a two-story classroom building. Reid Norteman, an SJCA student, can't wait for the new facility.

"Ever since I heard about it, I've been so excited for the new place to open," said Norteman. "I just love this school and I'm so excited that it's going to get even better."

"The way they treat you here – you don't feel like a number like you might at some public schools," Norteman said.

Norteman, and his brother Liam Norteman, as well as the rest of the SJCA student body, will be able to tour their new school in June, according to Hutchings. While not sure of exact dates, she does expect construction to end in June and she does plan to allow students and faculty to check it out before the school year starts.

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Fleming Island High 170 pound wrestler Paul Detwiler gets a rugged pin on South Dade's Mikaell Fundora in championship match at Danny Byron Invitational in Kissimmee on Sat., Dec. 9. Detwiler finished undefeated and earned his 100th varsity pin at the meet.

Fleming Island wins Byron title; three champions

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

KISSIMMEE — Fleming Island High senior wrestler Paul Detwiler continued his scorched Earth approach to the 2017 season with a second tournament loaded

with first period pins as the Golden Eagles defeated the field at the Danny Byron Invitational at Osceola High School in Kissimmee on Fri.-Sat., Dec. 8-9.

"Paul's a machine," said Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbert, who orchestrated a strong winning tournament effort

at Byron with his Golden Eagles topping Georgia defending 7A champion Camden County and Florida defending 3A champion South Dade. Fleming Island finished second in 3A last year.

Fleming Island finished on top with

SEE WRESTLE, 30



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Ridgeview High graduate Skyler Humphrey shows off his "small" pic in 2012 on Clay Today football magazine cover.

Humphrey top novice at Haney Classic

Football to bodybuilding for RHS grad

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORLANDO — Skyler Humphrey was on the cover of the 2012 Clay Today Preseason football magazine with Ridgeview High football teammates Stanley Dye, Mitch Galloway and Josh Moore because his Panthers' brethren were part of a fast and aggressive offensive lineup that produced four straight region playoff berths.

"We had a good brotherhood back then because we all knew we wanted to be successful," said Humphrey, now 23 and finishing up his final semester at the University of Central Florida. "All four of us did good things after high school. I was the one

SEE SKYLER, 23

Lady Spartans hosting two monster teams

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK — Fresh from a Tallahassee trip last weekend that included two more wins to add to their unbeaten 9-0-0 record, the St. Johns Country Day School girls

SEE SPARTANS, 31



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

St. Johns Country Day School forward Kirsten Pavlisko powers shot on goal in 8-0 win over Oakleaf. Pavlisko and Lady Spartans take on nationally ranked Montverde on Sat., Dec. 16.



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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO
Oakleaf High's Aaron Duckworth went big for University of Idaho offense to earn a first team All-Western Athletic Conference selection as a running back.

Duckworth named top running back in conference

NEW ORLEANS- Idaho football picked up 10 Sun Belt all-conference awards Wednesday, including three first-team selections, three second-team honors and four honorable mention nods. It is the first time three Vandals were named first-team all-league in the same season since 2008 (Western Athletic Conference).

Senior running back Aaron Duckworth, from Oakleaf High School; senior defensive end Aikeem Coleman and junior linebacker Tony Lashley were named to the All-Sun Belt First Team. It is the first first-team honor for each. Coleman (second team) and Lashley (honorable mention) were all-conference picks in 2016, while this is the first award of any kind for Duckworth.

Duckworth led the Sun Belt with 1,025 rushing yards, the only student-athlete in the conference to eclipse 1,000 yards rushing. He is the first Vandal to lead a

league in rushing yards since Joel Thomas in 1996 (Big West). Duckworth ranked second in the league in rushing yards per game (85.4) and all-purpose yards per game (135.17). The Orange Park, Fla., native is the first Idaho running back to earn first-team all-conference recognition since Willie Alderson in 2000 (Big West).

Junior linebacker Kaden Elliss, sophomore offensive linemen Noah Johnson and freshman punter Cade Coffey earned second-team distinction. Elliss was an honorable mention selection in 2016, and Johnson was picked to the all-newcomer team last season.

The conference did not name an all-newcomer team this season after switching from two all-conference teams to three. Idaho's honorable mention honorees were senior defensive tackle Arie Anderson, junior linebacker Ed Hall, senior linebacker Leonard Hazewood and senior wide receiver Alfonso Onunwor.

shire Saturday afternoon at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

The fifth-seeded Jackrabbits improved to 11-2 overall in winning their seventh straight game. SDSU will travel to top-seeded and defending national James Madison next Saturday (Dec. 16) for the right to play in the FCS national championship game.

Kickoff is set for 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time (3:30 p.m. Central) at Bridgeforth Stadium in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The game will be televised on ESPNU.

Fleming Island High graduate Austin Smenda, a linebacker for South Dakota, had one tackle.

Argos to play for national title

INDIANA, Pa. – The UWF Football team continues to author up new ways to amaze the college football world. Saturday it was a dominating 27-17 performance at top-seeded and previously unbeaten Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the NCAA Division II National Semifinals.

The win put the Argonauts into next week's national championship game for the first time in program history – a history that is still just 25 games old.

UWF improved to 11-3 on the season and ended IUP's 18-game home winning streak that began in 2015 – 11 months before UWF even played its first-ever game.

Clay High graduate Chris Sakamoto, a sophomore linebacker for West Florida, had one tackle. Also on the Argonauts roster is Fleming Island High graduate Ryan Birge, a defensive end. Freshman quarterback Spencer Mollnow, who played at Fleming Island, but eventually graduated from Mandarin High, is also on the roster.

The Argonauts turned in their most productive rushing show of the season with 224 yards behind an offensive line that pushed around the Crimson Hawks with regularity. Chris Schwarz established school records with 29 carries and 175 yards, with 141 by halftime.

Mike Beaudry was a very efficient 15-of-23 for 152 yards with a pair of touchdowns.

The Argonauts took the opening kickoff and chewed up more than seven minutes of time, with its offensive line sending the message that it would be the more physical unit. While that series didn't yield any points, UWF did score on its next two possessions – with both scores coming on short fields. The defense held the Crimson

Hawks to minus-three yards on a three-and-out in the first series, before Andre Duncombe intercepted the Lenny Williams on their fourth play of the game.

A 7-yard Schwarz run started the scoring for UWF and Austin Williams set the Gulf South Conference record for field goals in a season when he connected on a 30-yarder – his 24th in 2017.

Tate Lehtio grabbed a short pass from Beaudry with 26 seconds left in the half to send the unranked Argos into the locker room with a 17-0 lead. UWF had outgained IUP 122-63 at that point

The Argonauts continued to capitalize on Hawks mistakes, taking over deep in IUP territory early in the third following a bad punt snap. Beaudry needed just seven plays to pilot another scoring drive, finding Kevin Grant just inside the side of the end zone from 15 yards out.

IUP came charging back and cut the UWF lead to 24-17 with three scores, ending on a Dillon Sarka 19-yard field goal early in the fourth.

Again, UWF went back to the ground game and compiled a 7-minute, 39-second drive with another Williams field goal to extend the margin back to two possessions and 4:37 remaining in the game.

The defense forced the Crimson Hawks to turn the ball over on downs twice to complete the neutralizing of one of the top offenses in the country. UWF held IUP to 242 yards of offense – 229 below their season average. The Hawks' sixth-ranked rushing attack managed 156 yards after posting 263 per game.

UWF will face eight-ranked Texas A&M-Commerce in the national title game on Saturday, Dec. 16 in Kansas City, Kan. Kickoff at Children's Mercy Park is set for 5:00 p.m. Central time.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO
Fleming Island High's Ryan Birge, No. 95, is one of three area players on the University of West Florida football team set to play for the NCAA Division II national title on Dec. 16.

SDSU cruises into FCS semifinals

FIHS' Smenda: Jackrabbits' linebacker

From Gojacks.com

BROOKINGS, S.D. – South Dakota State University wide receiver Jake Wieneke caught two touchdown passes and ran for another for a South Dakota State team that cruised into to the Football Championship Subdivision semifinals for the first time in program history with a 56-14 victory over New Hamp-

Skyler

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who got hurt my senior year.”

Humphrey was a track-fast wide out tailback for coach Tom Macpherson back then and with Moore as an all state quarterback, Dye a wicked fast wide receiver and Galloway a playmaker from multiple sets, the Panthers were able to move the ball behind a stellar offensive line led by Ramsey Meyers and Brian Lucas.

“My third game, against Palatka, I shredded my knee,” said Humphrey. “That was that. Those guys continued and I had to recover. It was tough.”

Humphrey returned to track in the spring, but his injury probably led to his hip flexor exploding in the district track championships in the 300 hurdles after he had earlier placed third in the 110 high hurdles.

“My competitive nature, I think, pushed me to get back to competing in something before I graduated,” said Humphrey. “I was okay after the 110 hurdles, was going to regions and then disaster in the 300 hurdles.”

Humphrey was seeded at 39.68 seconds for the district 300 hurdles but limped in at 1:09.10 in eighth.

“I still thought I could get to state in the 110 hurdles even in a week,” said Humphrey. “It didn’t happen.”

Humphrey wound up 14th in 15.73.

“I was demoralized about not being able to perform in my senior year,” said Humphrey, noting his teammates excelled after high school; Dye as a safety at University of Texas-San Antonio, Galloway as a wide receiver for North Dakota State; Moore as a quarterback at Mercer University for two years and now in medical school also at Central Florida. Lucas played at Central Florida while Meyers had an outstanding career at the University of Kentucky.

Humphrey wound up at Central Florida with no real direction toward his life ambition.

“I went through three majors in three years; biology, business and finally exercise science that I am about to finish,” said Humphrey. “I still wanted to be competitive in something, but didn’t know what. I gained weight, got out of shape and was eating garbage. It was totally opposite of how I grew up where I played sports and competed everyday outside with my boys.”

Humphrey then found the Central Florida gym.

“The weight room was my escape,” said Humphrey. “I had the same feeling as when me and Josh and the team were in the weight room just pounding away. We’d put 315 on the bench with me weighing 160 pounds and we would challenge each other to fatigue.”

Humphrey started finding a “zone” in

the weight room and soon his 210 pounds with 17 percent body fat was whittling down to near 190 pounds with a lean, powerful feel.

“I started becoming interested in all the aspects of making my body strong and, when I changed my major to exercise science, it became more intense for me,” said Humphrey. “It was crazy all the inter-correlations of my entire life; nutrition, rest, sleep, training and all that I did each day started to be my mental focus.”

After being in the gym for about six months and producing a total body change, Humphrey was approached by a local bodybuilding coach and mentor, David Phillips, who encouraged Humphrey to check out bodybuilding; the posing and flexing sport of the Arnold Schwarzenegger era.

“For a guy who was 59, he was pushing



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Skyler Humphrey was part of a three-man offensive weapon package for Ridgeview High teams that made four region playoffs.

very surreal because my preparation had brought me to a place of readiness that I was not nervous about the show.”

Humphrey is now preparing for more shows and said his experience in Atlanta will push him to improve on the small details of the new sport he now embraces.

“I saw the poetry of the sport up there,” said Humphrey. “There is lifting to just get big, then there’s lifting to create a perfect body. The level of intensity and conditioning of the other competitors was what impressed me the most and I plan to take that back with me into my gym and get better. One guy signed his pro bodybuilder card a week after the Haney event.”

For now, Humphrey will finish his college degree and push his business interests within the sport to create a career tied to his bodybuilding and fitness goals.

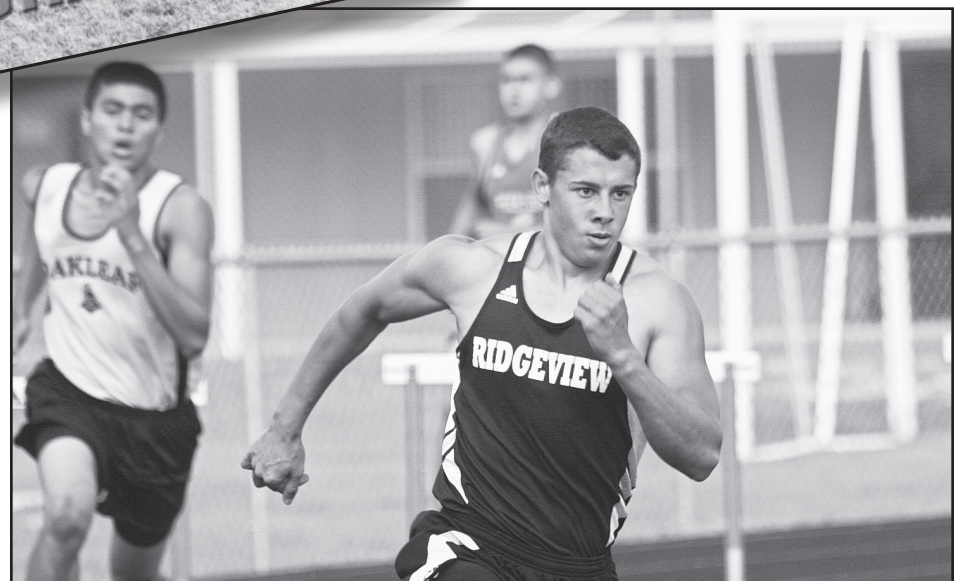
“Whether I own a gym, become a personal trainer or ascend to a pro bodybuilder, my plan is set to follow the path I am in right now because I am passionate about what I am doing,” said Humphrey. “I think I possess an entrepreneurial spirit that will provide a way to pursue that passion.”



weights around with us 23 year olds in the gym,” said Humphrey. “I started listening to him and focusing my energy on an upcoming Lee Haney Classic in Atlanta in October.”

Humphrey competed in the Haney event; the 2017 NPC Lee Haney Games, sponsored by eight-time Mr. Olympic Lee Haney, and took third in the light heavyweight division while winning the Novice light heavyweight title.

“I used to always throw up before my football games and track meets when I was in high school because I was always so nervous,” said Humphrey. “This was



As a track hurdler, Skyler Humphrey was a dominant 110 high hurdler and a 300 meter hurdler that had one of the top area times, but was felled by a hip flexor injury in his senior year.



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Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson had little luck in moving the ball against the “hawkish” Jaguars defense that snagged three interceptions.

Three picks lead to Jags win 30-24 over Seattle

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville Jaguars defense stole three passes from MVP quarterback Russell Wilson to propel the Jaguars to a 30-24 quasi-upset of the former Super Bowl champions at Everbank Field on Sunday. The win, coupled with a Tennessee Titan loss to Arizona put the Jaguars in sole possession of first place in the AFC South.

Quasi-upset because both teams entered the game at 8-4, but upset nonetheless because no one believed that the Jaguars would be able to go toe-to-toe with seasoned, yet injury-riddled Seahawks lineup. Oh, we was wrong.

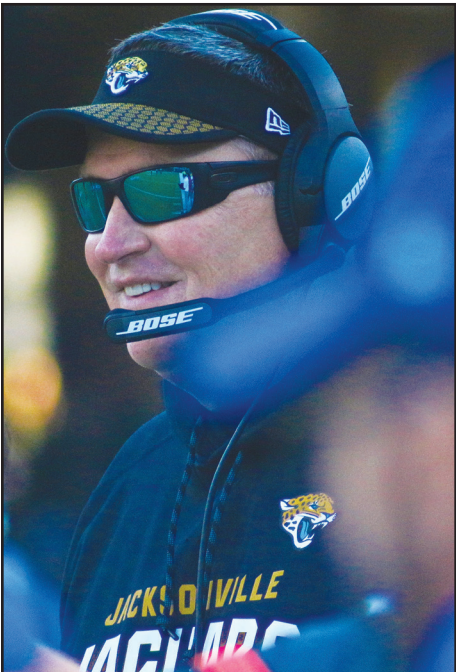
After a dismal 3-0 Jacksonville half-time lead saved by an end zone interception from Jalen Ramsey and a second pick from A.J. Bouye before the halftime break, the Jaguars unloaded on the Seahawks for 21 points behind an 18 yard scoring pass from quarterback Blake Bortles to wide-out Dede Westbrook. Bortles finished with 268 yards passing with two scores and no touchdowns.

“During the week, our defensive backs do drills that make them go after balls,” said Marrone. “At the end of the week, we make the throws tougher and they put on their own highlight show going after them. They all have great hands when they go for a ball.”

Down 10-0 and the 65,000 fans awaiting a Wilson-led comeback surge, the Seahawks answered with a field goal, picked up a kickoff fumble and Wilson hit a 26 yard touchdown pass to Doug Baldwin to quickly tie the game.

After the kickoff, Bortles connected with a breaking Keelan Cole behind the Seattle secondary for a 75 yard touchdown bomb that ignited the Jaguar sideline.

Jacksonville pounded for another touchdown with running back Leonard



Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Doug Marrone has a bit of smiling to do after his Jaguars beat the Seattle Seahawks in front of the Everbank Field crowd. Jaguars have one remaining home game with the Houston Texans coming to Jacksonville Dec. 17.

Fournette punching in from one yard out after a 72 yard punt return from Jaydon Mickens got to the one yard line.

“He’s (Fournette) been coming off a nagging injury,” said Marrone. “It’s important for us that he can run like he can.”

Bouye intercepted Wilson a second time late in the third period on an overthrown ball to Baldwin.

In the fourth, now up 27-10, the Jaguars defense got stung with a Wilson to Paul Richardson scoring pass of 61 yards and a 74 yard scoring pass to Tyler Lockett to close the gap.

Jacksonville has a final home game with the Houston Texans visiting Everbank Field for a 1 p.m. kickoff. The Jaguars finish with games at San Francisco and Tennessee.

Gustillo wins second Kiwanis wrestling title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE — Oakleaf High's 138 pound wrestler Ethan Gustillo won his second individual title at the Kiwanis Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday afternoon at Bishop Snyder High School. Oakleaf finished third in team points with Camden County winning with 269.50 points off six individual titles. Buchholz was second at 190.50 with Oakleaf third at 168.50. Sixteen teams competed.

"We have a lot of young guys, but just enough guys to score some team points," said Oakleaf coach Wes Champs. "Our veterans are trying to teach the young guys the game of surviving these full day tournaments."

In 2016, Gustillo won the same title, but also the most outstanding wrestler trophy.

"I'm wrestling a little smarter this year," said Gustillo, who as a junior last year missed a state meet berth last year by one match at 126 pounds at the region 1-3A championship meet. "I still try to stay aggressive, but not let myself get in bad situations. My confidence is much better."

At the district 1-3A championship meet last year, Gustillo finished third after losing 7-4 to Fleming Island's Jacob Sandoval in the semifinals, then lost 11-5 to Sandoval in the region 1-3A consolation semi-final.

"I bumped up to 138 over the summer to make my strength better," said Gustillo. "I conditioned a lot harder over the summer and attended some camps."

Gustillo advanced with a 6-0 win, a pin and a tech win of 18-3 over Camden



Oakleaf's Ethan Gustillo puts a head lock on Pedro Menendez' Colin Tanner in 8-0 championship win at 138 pounds at Kiwanis Invitational at Bishop Snyder on Dec. 9.

County's Charles Morton Jr. before beating Colin Tanner of Menendez 8-0 in the final.

Also in the finals at Bishop Snyder, freshman Abdiert Escobar faced off against Camden County's DeMarquis Hall and lost 8-3. Escobar advanced with two late pins in his preliminary matches.

At 132, another freshman, David Parkes for Oakleaf, lasted until the third period against Camden County's Adam Allwine. Parkes advanced with three pins in the prelims.

At 182, Isaiah Graham place third with a forfeit after winning a 15-2 decision in his consolation semifinal over Nathan Manning of Fernandina Beach.

At 195, Dexter Moore took third with a pin over Kevin Castro of Mandarin. Moore had a 23 second pin in his consolation quarterfinal.

At 285, Demonte Richmond lost by pin to Aaron Menden of Buchholz to finish as runner-up. Richmond had three pins to the final.

Blue Devils second at Archer Invite

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Clay High got five individual champions en route to a second place team finish at the Captain Archer Invitational in Charlotte on Dec. 9.

Charlotte, 15th in Class 2A last year, won the team title with 215.50 points with Clay, second in 1A, the runnerup at 208.50. In third was Palmetto Ridge, 22nd in 2A last year, with 142.50.

Wins came from Steve Chopek at 120 who pinned three opponents to the final where he beat Albert Werden of Lemon Bay 8-3.

At 138, Clay's Peyton Hughes returned to the Blue Devil lineup after a minor hand

injury to win 6-4 over Cody Rice of Charlotte. Peyton pinned three opponents to the final.

At 145, Grant Stanish, a Yulee High transfer, won 2-1 decision over Mack Koselke of Mariner after getting two single point wins; 3-2, and 6-5 to advance to the final.

At 170, Carson Yost also won a 2-1 final over Michael Chase of North Fort Myers. Yost had a pin and decisions of 5-2 and 4-1 to reach the final.

Top six finishes came from Gael Hoskinson at 126 (4th); Daniel Porter at 132 (5th); Dylan Taylor at 152 (3rd); Connor Green at 160 (3rd) and Ryan Rivers at 285 (5th).

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Knights slow to challenge Creekside

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF — Oakleaf High basketball coach Jason Price repeatedly told his team they were doing everything right, but just not getting the bounce on the rim as the Creekside High Knights beat Oakleaf's Knights 62-54 in a key district 4-8A game played Tuesday at Oakleaf High School. Creekside, the defending district champion that knocked Oakleaf out of the district tournament last year in the semifinal, stayed unbeaten at 3-0. Oakleaf beat Creekside in 2016 in the district 4-7A tournament final.

The loss, combined with a strong start by rival Fleming Island High, at 3-1 overall, 1-0 in district play, puts Oakleaf, 1-2, in the backseat of the district race. Buchholz, the district runnerup, is 1-2, 0-1 with their district loss to Fleming Island. Bartram Trail is 1-2, but 0-0 in district play as the rugged district slate started last week and continues this week.

Oakleaf rebounded with a thrilling 51-50 district win over Fleming Island on Friday.

In the first quarter, Creekside, who matched Oakleaf's size; Chantz Williams and Jalen Rivers; both 6'-4", under the basket with quick-strike shooting to burst to a 24-16 lead. Oakleaf got a surge in points off three pointers from senior guard



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Oakleaf High center Jalen Rivers tries to muscle up against Fleming Island defender Jordan Miles in Knights' 51-50 district 4-8A win Thursday night at Fleming Island High School.

Willie Edwards, but Oakleaf was getting beat on the Creekside transition game.

As the second quarter opened, Oakleaf closed the gap to 24-21 with Deonte Sherwood hitting a three pointer on his first shot then powering off the baseline for a five point swing in less than 30 seconds.

Kenny Thomas got a steal and fed Sher-

wood for another jumper with Thomas battling for two free throws as Oakleaf closed to 27-25. The rim became unfriendly for Oakleaf for nearly two minutes as Creekside surged to a 33-27 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, both teams exchanged body blows that kept the deficit stuck near seven points with Williams

getting his first bucket of the night. Creekside got a steal to layup play and opened a 10-point lead at 43-31.

With two minutes left in the third quarter, Oakleaf started to exact some physicality under the boards with Dante Smalls, a 6'-5" forward, energizing the battle in the paint with four rebounds and a soft jumper off an Edwards' pass putting Oakleaf within eight points at 45-37 with Sherwood getting two free throws to cut that gap to 46-39 as the third period ended.

In the fourth, with Creekside initiating a full court press, Oakleaf saw that small gap inch away to 50-38 before Price called a time out.

With just 5:40 left in the game, Oakleaf committed their 10th team foul to produce a bonus situation for Creekside at the foul line.

Despite the disadvantage, Oakleaf closed to 54-47 with a Williams' drive leading to a Sherwood jumper and Edwards hitting two free throws off an offensive rebound.

Price continued to implore his team to keep the fight up despite the seemingly tight basket, but a steal from Quintez Johnson got a missed layup from Thomas before Johnson fouled out. At 60-51 with six seconds, Edwards hit a three-pointer to end the game at 60-54.

Turnovers foil Raiders' comeback on Bolles

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK — Orange Park High guard Dialo Bryant dove across the floor at the Raiderdome to cause a turnover and create an opportunity for the Raiders basketball team to edge up to Bolles in an afternoon clash at Orange Park High School that ended with the Bulldogs hanging on for a 62-59 non-district win Saturday afternoon.

Bolles, 6-1 overall, came in as an efficient and fast-moving team that could challenge the Raiders oft-speedy attack and the two teams battled to the very end with Bryant delivering a three pointer at 2:21 to go to put the score at 58-57 for Bolles.

"I put this one on me for not coaching them to take command of games like this and be in position to win," said Orange Park coach Derek Kurnitsky, now 4-2, 1-0. "I know center Davonte Crutch was probably the best player of the floor with a handful of blocked shots, key rebounds and offensive tips. He's learning the skill set for being a dominating center player."

Despite Crutch's heroic efforts to keep the Bolles ballhandlers out of the paint, Bolles opened the game with a 20-13 first quarter lead mainly off a slew of three pointers.

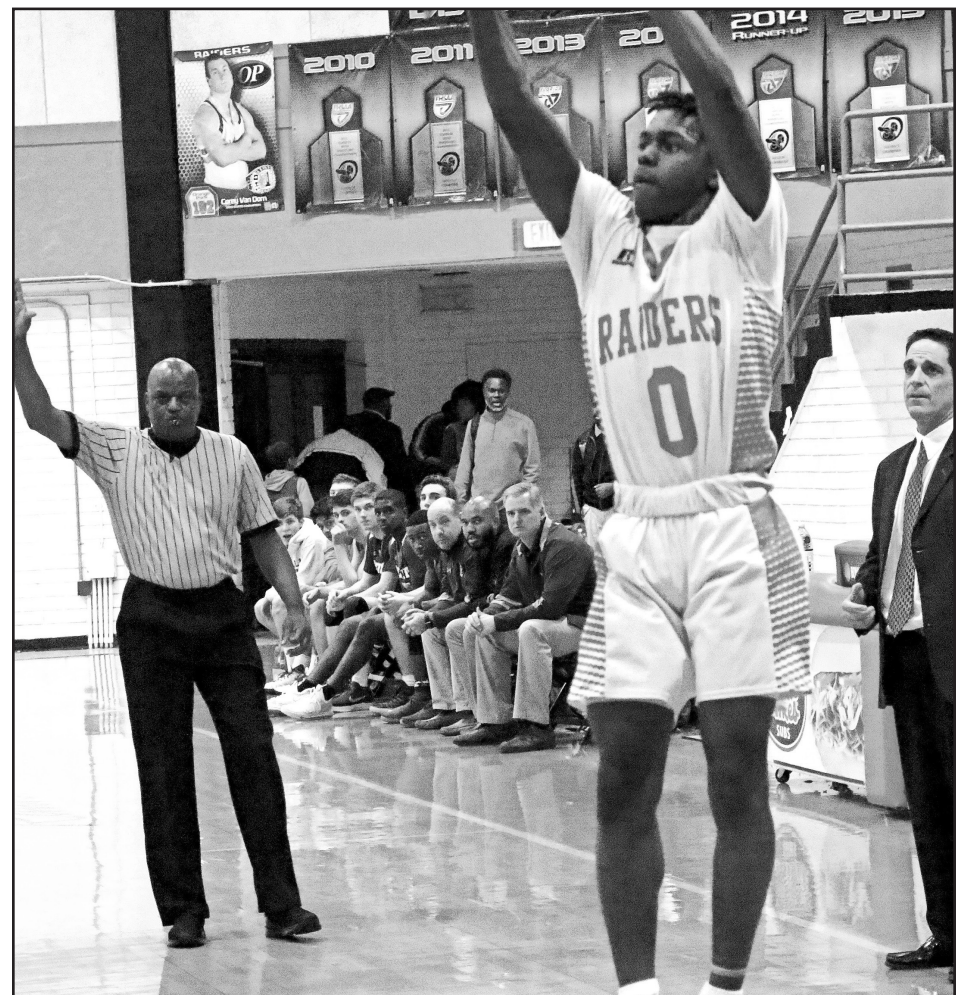
Crutch had one blocked shot and a tipped rebound in for a bucket to keep the game honest at 13-10 late in the first, but Bolles continued to shred the net with their three pointers for a 7-3 surge.

In the second quarter, Orange Park got to within four points at 20-16 with a Crutch layup and a three point layup and foul shot from guard Ty McBride.

Bolles led 33-23 at the half as Kurnitsky contemplated his move into the third period.

McBride and junior John Abate answered with back-to-back three pointers and an additional Abate drive to the basket cutting the lead to 36-31 in less than two minutes.

Bolles again surged to a 10-point lead, 43-33, but Orange Park, again, fought back to 47-44 by the end of third with Abate and



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Orange Park guard Dialo Bryant delivers three-pointer late in fourth quarter as Raider coach Derek Kurnitsky observes. Raiders lost thriller 62-59 to Bolles in Saturday classic.

Neidigh snags two national swim titles

By Lauren Neidigh
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COLUMBUS, OHIO — Orange Park's Ashley Neidigh, a Bolles High School graduate and swim state champion, a Southeastern Conference champion and an NCAA All American, put her name in the conversation for up and coming distance freestyle swimmers nationally and internationally with two U.S. Winter National titles; in the 500 and 1,650 yards freestyle, at the national event held December 2 at Ohio State University.

Neidigh, 22, arguably swam the best race of her life; a 500 yards freestyle national title race that had her hold off 100 free record holder Mallory Comerford, who swim for Louisville, in the last 100 yards. Comerford won five relay gold medals at the 2017 World Aquatics Championships in July in Budapest.

In the 500 free race, Neidigh took a commanding lead early on and held off Comerford in the final 100 to win in four minutes, 34.47 seconds. Neidigh's best time prior to the Nationals was her 4:39.91 as an Auburn University senior in the spring of 2017 that got her a silver medal at the Southeastern Conference championships. She did win the SEC title in the 1,650 yards before placing eighth at the NAAs in 15:56.95.

"With some of the things I've been doing in practice, that's right where I wanted to be," said Neidigh of her 500 free title. "It's obviously still really exciting to drop that much time and get it done. Seeing it on the board was still kind of a shock just cause it is such a big drop."

Neidigh, who swam at the 2012 and 2016 U.S. Olympic Swim Trials with little fanfare (27th in 800 in 2016), followed up her 500 free victory with an even more impressive performance in the mile. Neidigh, though, had to battle back behind U.S. junior swimming star Erica Sullivan to win in 15:38.35. She was significantly faster than anyone else in the final 100 yards, winning the race by two seconds.

Neidigh mile time dropped nearly 20 seconds from her lifetime best, which she had done at last season's NCAA Championships as an Auburn University senior.

As a side note, world record holder Katie Ledecky, now a freshman at Stanford, recently set an American record of 15:03.31 in the 1,650 yards free November 18 at Texas A&M in a college dual invitational.

Neidigh credits her decision to not attend graduate school, but instead, head to Indiana University of extensive elite training.

After winning her first SEC Champion-



Orange Park's Ashley Neidigh, a graduate of Bolles High School, has continued her swim career with two recent national titles; in the 500 and 1,650 freestyle events at the U.S. Winter Nationals Swim Championships held at Ohio State University on December 2.

ship, breaking a school record, and earning All-American status in her senior year at Auburn, Neidigh made the move to Indiana University to pursue swimming as a professional.

"At the end of my senior year at Auburn, I wasn't ready to be done with swim-

ming," said Neidigh, whose parents Larry and Joni are psychologists in Orange Park. "I talked with my family and decided to put off graduate school, take one my year and give it my best shot."

Quarterman makes second team ALL-ACC football

Courtesy of ACC.com

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — A total of 16 Miami Hurricanes were among those recognized with all-conference recognition, the Atlantic Coast Conference announced in a press release as the Hurricanes prepare to play in the Capital One Orange Bowl on December 30 in Hard Rock Stadium in Miami.

Headlined by senior kicker Michael Badgley's selection to the All-ACC First Team, 10 Hurricanes were named first-, second- or third-team All-ACC, while another six players earned All-ACC Honorable Mention recognition.

On defense, sophomore linebacker Shaquille Quarterman, an Oakleaf High graduate was selected to the second team defense list.

Quarterman and teammate Kendrick Norton, also a linebacker, were both named third-team All-ACC by ACC coaches a season ago, picked up the second honor of their careers.

Quarterman, who led the Hurricanes defense with 10 tackles in their ACC title game loss to Clemson, will be back in Miami where the Hurricanes 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.

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Miami Hurricane sophomore linebacker Shaquille Quarterman, an Oakleaf High grad, keeps adding post-season awards to his resume. Miami will play Wisconsin December 30 in the Capital One Orange Bowl in Miami.

51-50; Battle of unbeatens goes OT to Fleming Island

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF — Oakleaf High's girls basketball team got a game of games from guard Sabria Littles, who dominated both ends of the court for the previously unbeaten Lady Knights to keep Oakleaf within a foul shot of upending the also previously unbeaten Golden Eagles. Fleming Island won 51-50 off a free throw from guard Tia Robinson.

In the final stanza, an overtime period that came after the Knights tied game at 45-45 with 3:01 to go behind steals, assists and layups from Littles, Fleming Island tried to hang on and keep their unbeaten record in tact.

Oakleaf took the lead at 42-41 off a three pointer from guard Andrea Diaz Merced with 1:10 left in the game to swing the momentum to the Lady Knights.

Littles, with a free throw, a steal and a steal to assist to Dajah Oden, had the Lady Knights up 50-45 with 1:02 left in the overtime before Fleming Island guard Tia Robinson answered with a jumper and guard Mariah Martin added a steal to a layup to put the score at 50-49 with just 32 seconds on the clock.

Robinson backed into the paint against Littles in a last effort to at least tie the game and got fouled after hitting the layup, but she missed the free throw to leave the game tied at 43-43 and force the overtime.

Oakleaf scored first in the overtime with Chancellor Lee driving in for a layup and Jalisa Lee blocking a shot by Hope Rozier before a scramble of errant passes ended with Fleming Island getting two free throws from Aubrey Burke to tie the game at 45-45 with 3:01 left in the overtime.

Littles hit one free throw, Oden got a steal that fed Littles for a layup with Littles stealing and feeding Oden to put Oakleaf up 50-45 with 1:02 to go before Fleming Island battled back for the district win.

A jumper from Robinson and a steal and layup from Mariah Martin closed the gap to 50-49 with 32 seconds left.

From there, Robinson backed into the paint in front of Oden who got hit with a foul. With 5.7 seconds still on the clock, Robinson converted both free throws to put Fleming Island up 51-50.

Oakleaf had one chance to steal the game but an errant pass to Littles bounded out of bounds. Littles finished with five



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Oakleaf High guard Sabria Littles breaks from Fleming Island's Tia Robinson in 51-50 action-packed district 4-8A overtime win for previously unbeaten Fleming Island High Thursday, Dec. 7. Oakleaf (5-1) defeated Wolfson 74-14 on Dec. 9.

points, five steals, a blocked shot and two assists for Oakleaf coach Frank Jenkins.

On Saturday, Fleming Island (8-1, 2-0), despite 27 points from Robinson, lost their first game of the season to unbeaten Lake Howell (11-0), a Class 8A school, 65-58, at the Flagler Palm Coast Shootout at Flagler Palm Coast High School. Earlier in the week, Fleming Island narrowly defeated district 4-8A's Bartram Trail 53-50 to maintain hold of the district top spot.

"We're just struggling in the second

half, we're building up leads and we're finding our way into a tight two or three-point game and it comes down to a last shot against Nease, now against Bartram Trail, it was another team that we did the same thing and let them back into the game," said Fleming Island coach Joey Williams, after the Bartram Trail win.

Oakleaf, also on Saturday, shredded Wolfson 74-14 to up their record to 5-1, 0-1.

Lady Broncos blast Raiders

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK — When Middleburg High girls basketball coach Michael Hayward headed across town to meet up in the Raiderdome with the yet to be defeated host Orange Park High, he was looking for his squad to make it three in a row after the November loss to Bartram Trail.

"Coach (Fred) Cole is a pretty good coach and he is going to change some things up" said Hayward. "The girls calmed down and handled it."

After getting off to a yawn-inspiring first quarter that didn't see the first basket until the 6:32 mark, and an end of quarter sleepy 8-4 score in favor of Middleburg, the Thursday night crowd was settling in for a defensive low point game.

That was until the whistle sounded to start the second quarter.

The Broncos slapped the Raiders right in the face with a 19-point offensive attack that the Raiders could only respond back with their own 11 points. Middleburg kept the press on as they watched shot after Orange Park shot miss the net and they quickly rebounded right into a 49-40 road victory to end the Raider win streak at five in a row.

After the unimpressive first quarter, Middleburg had four players hit three pointers in the second quarter alone. Orange park just couldn't get the hustle they

needed into high gear and could do nothing with the Bronco outside attack.

"Tonight, we didn't shoot well," said Cole. "I keep telling them, don't let your shots determine your energy, your energy should determine your shots. We missed a couple shots, they hit a couple of shots and we kind of hung our heads a little bit and they kept playing."

Before going into the locker room down 27-15, Orange Park threw the ball up six times in 32 seconds to attempt a basket and finished the surge scoreless going into the lockers.

In the third, Bronco sophomore Britany Range was the lone Bronco point scorer from the floor. The only other player to help her team was Mallory Roney with two free throws.

"For us, it's just a matter of us continuing to yell together" said Hayward of the early season. "The girls have good talent and a good understanding of the game; it's just like putting a puzzle together and you're just trying to get that piece to fit correctly. We're just getting there. Each game I see them getting stronger and stronger; trusting one another."

Meanwhile, in the locker room at the half, Orange Park must have passed around the sports drinks and changed something as they were finally able to keep up with the Broncos and keep the gap from widening using four different players con-



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Middleburg High guard Jamyah Harkins, left, has a step on Orange Park's Yolyvette Rosado in Broncos' 49-40 win at Orange Park High School on Dec. 7.

tributing to the quarter. While still down 39-26, the difference only grew by one and the teams had eight minutes left to change the momentum.

Up by 13 with a quarter to play, Middleburg slowed things down and frustrated the Raiders with a heavy dose of pass clinic, keeping the ball out of Orange Park's hands. When it was time for Middleburg to put it up, Hayward looked to freshman Emma Mussante off the bench to come through for him. Mussante was held scoreless up to the fourth quarter, outside of one second quarter field goal. Mussante would shine like a set of Christmas lights in the fourth,

hitting six points from the inside. Junior Jamyah Harkins and Mallory Roney would each add another two for the 10-point quarter. Once Orange Park finally got their hands on the ball, they used four different players to rack up fourteen points. Out-scoring the Broncos in the fourth helped the wounds from stinging so bad, but the difference coming into the quarter in combination with the slowed pace Middleburg used just couldn't be overcome. With the 49-40 loss, the Broncos enjoyed an evening with three in a row, and Orange Park would head over to Ridgeview the next evening to start all over again.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆



Orange Park's Davontai Crutch, in white, battles for points against Bolles.

Raiders

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McBridge challenging the Bolles defense with hard drives to the basket.

Crutch kept the Raiders in striking distance with a tip and a layup with a free throw tying the game at 49-49 at 5:40 to go.

Abate crashed in for a layup for a 52-50 Raider lead as the Bulldog defense started to wilt under the pressure of Kurnitsky's strike offense.

After a series of missed three pointers on both sides, Bolles center Will Crouch nailed a three pointer with three minutes to go to put the Bulldogs up 53-52.

Bolles added free throws to a 55-54 lead before Bryant nailed his three-pointer from in front of the Raider bench to push the score to 57-55, but Crouch banged in another three pointer to grab the lead 58-57 for Bolles.

On a Bolles throw-in, Bryant battled with Bolles guard Will Shepard for a loose ball and dove the width of the court to put the ball in Abate's hand en route to a lay up and 59-58 lead. A misdirected pass from McBride gave Bolles a shot at the win and Crouch hit two free throws with 33 seconds left. McBride later fouled out to put two free throws on the board for Bolles with Crutch fouling out moments later with five seconds remaining on the clock. Abate missed a three pointer at the buzzer.

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Wrestle

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238.5 points ahead of Georgia's Woodland High (Cartersville) who edged close at 232 points. South Dade, with 214.5 points, finished fourth behind Freedom High's 223 points and ahead of Camden in fifth with 213 points. Sixth place was a distant 170 points from Apopka High.

"We want to give the kids an opportunity to wrestle against the best teams we can," said Cobbert, who has Fleming Island set to travel to Richmond Hill, GA on Sat., Dec. 16. "It's not about winning or losing at this point, but how they handle whichever comes to them."

According to Richmond Hill High School wrestling coach Bob Parker, his tournament will feature 21 teams including teams from four states; one from Alabama, three from South Carolina including Hilton Head High. From Georgia, Class 6A team champion Alexander High is expected.

"We were a small tournament that a few teams came to, but we have worked to get it bigger and better to bring in some strong teams," said Parker, who had Richmond Hill's first state champion last year, Taylor Wilson at 182, a senior who finished at 49-3 last year. "He's now a strong 195 pounder for us."

Parker said he had eight returners from his 2017 team that finished sixth overall.

Detwiler, who won last week's Keystone Invitational 170 pound division with all first period pins, strifed the field at Osceola with five pins on day two, the championship rounds, and three pins on day one, the preliminary rounds.

"His combination of tempo, strength and great wrestling combinations makes him tough," said Cobbert. "He's put in the work and is prepared."

Also on Friday, Detwiler, third at 152 last year, reached the epic 100 pins for his varsity career; just two years of varsity plus two tournaments for his senior year. Detwiler's older brother, David Detwiler, now at the U.S. Naval Academy and also a Fleming Island state placer (fifth at 138) finished his three-year career with 104 wins.

"I don't know how many I had, but 100 pins in two years is pretty special," said



Fleming Island's 160 pound wrestler Trace Insalaco throws opponent in Danny Byron action at Kissimmee's Osceola High School on Dec. 9.

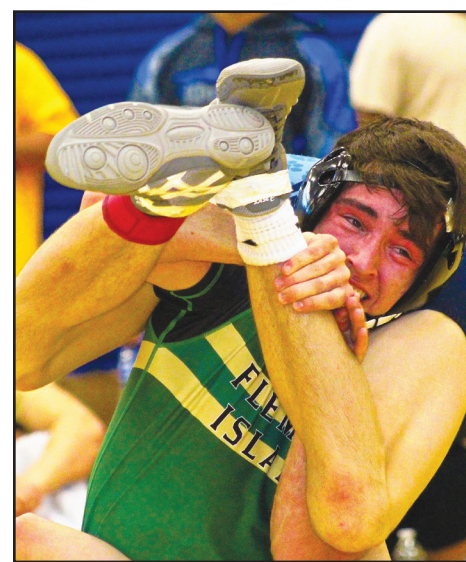


Lou Gagliardo's headgear is airborne after winning match at 106 pounds at Danny Byron Invite in Kissimmee.

Cobbert, a four time state champion at Clay High School. "One hundred wins is good; but 100 pins means you close matches."

Adding to the Fleming Island point total at the Byron tournament were 106 pounder Lou Gagliardo and 132 pounder Jaquan English, both recent transfers, and both wrestling at a high level in their new Fleming Island uniform.

"Both of those guys came here wanting to learn our way and they have both done that," said Cobbert. "Lou has tuned in quickly to being a leader. Jaquan is such an elusive wrestler and is fun to watch."



Briar Jackson hangs on to ankle end of opponent in 113 pound match.



Jaquan English has his opponent all wrapped up in his 132 pound match at the Danny Byron Invite in Kissimmee. English, Lou Gagliardo and Paul Detwiler all have unbeaten records in two invitionals for Fleming Island High's wrestling team.

Gagliardo (15-0), twice third at 106 in Class 1A for Clay, defeated Camden County's Nathan Orum in his championship match with a 4-2 win while English (19-0) beat Smaill Saint Pierre of Freedom 8-1. Saint Pierre was fifth at 120 in Class 3A last year. English was a Class 1A state qualifier last year. At 113, in the day one Gold bracket, Fleming Island's Briar Jackson finished second in day one after losing to Caden McCrary of Woodland 4-3 in a tough match. Jackson finished third overall with two losses; to McCrary and to Camden's Nicholas Krug. At 138, Fleming

Island sophomore Tyler Williams earned second with a 5-4 win over Apopka senior Dwight Parker. Williams finished fifth overall after day two. At 145, Fleming Island junior Vincent Hauser won his pool with a pin over South Dade sophomore Jason Duarte. Hauser finished fourth after day two.

At 160, Fleming Island's Trace Insalaco had a tough pool with Woodland state runnerup Cody Cochran beating South Dade state qualifier Todd Perry in the final with Insalaco falling by pin to Perry for third. Insalaco finished fourth overall after day two.

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Spartans

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soccer team continue to take on all challenges with this weekend bringing two of Florida's best programs to Orange Park.

"We will definitely be tested," said St. Johns coach Mike Pickett, 9-0-0, who has the most recent number one team in the nation, according to TopDrawerSoccer.com, a nationwide high school soccer website. "With us, Merritt Island, Montverde and Bolles all playing against each other on Friday and Saturday, it's not often that four teams of this caliber are in one venue at the same time."

Merritt Island, the defending Class 3A champion and a Final Four team in 2015 and 2016, will visit St. Johns Country Day School on Fri., Dec. 15 for a 6 p.m. start with Bolles to play Montverde Academy on the adjacent boys field.

Merritt Island is currently 11-1-0 with a lone loss, 5-1, to Bishop Moore out of Orlando on November 2. Merritt Island won the 3A title over Stanton Prep last year and features four year won/loss records of 11-1-0, 23-2-3, 27-1-2 and 18-3-1.

Bolles, at 10-2-1, is the 2016 and 2015 Class 2A champion with a long history of Final Four berths.

On Sat., Dec. 16, at 10 a.m., 4A-Montverde Academy near Clermont, will visit St. Johns for a second challenge in two days for Spartans coach Mike Pickett. Montverde is a nationally ranked program that has records of 10-0, 25-3, 14-2-1, 19-0-1 and 11-8-1 in the past five years. Montverde beat Bishop Moore in the region 2-2A championship game last year en route to a runner-up finish to Oxbridge Academy.

"Montverde is an annually top-ranked team with an international roster," said Pickett. "Merritt Island will be bigger and more physical coming in as 3A champs."

Bolles and Merritt Island will also play at 10 a.m.

From TopDrawer.com, a national rankings website for girls and boys soccer, St.

Johns ranked number one in Florida, number three in the FAB50 nationwide and number one in the Florida-north region.

Montverde, now Class 4A after finishing as 2A runner-up to Oxbridge, is ranked sixth in Florida, 20th in the FAB50 nationwide and third in the Florida-north region.

For this season, St. Johns is led in scoring by forward Abbey Newton with 15 goals with Kami Loustau and Kamryn Towers both hitting for seven goals.

Maddie Wilkes has manned the goalie box and has just four goals scored.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO
St. Johns midfielder Anna Carrico, here defending against Oakleaf, is a new face on the Spartans attack and has added her fleet feet in the scoring regime of Abbey Newton (15 goals), Kami Loustau and Kamryn Towers (both with seven), and Alisa Detlefsen and Paige Crews (both with three). Carrico has scored two goals.

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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:

**KINNY AND HOWIE
RETRO BOUTIQUE**

Located at 1986 MOORINGS CIR, in the County of CLAY, in the City of MIDDLEBURG, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at MIDDLEBURG, Florida, this 6th day of December, 2017
Owner's name/corporation: MICHAEL PARKS & JULIE PARKS
Legal 40857 published December 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/30/2017, 10:00 am at 2905 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-6349, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. FIRST COAST TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 4S3GKAD6XH3603786 2017 SUBARU Legal 40750 published 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-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 crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 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

Legal Notice

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:

Gull Cove

Located at 606 Park Avenue, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 11th day of December, 2017.
Owner's name/corporation: QPG Park Avenue Apartments LLC
Legal 40852 published Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No: **2243/2013**
Legal Description: **LOT 14 BLK 1 LAKESIDE TERRACE AS REC O R 369 PG 308**
Parcel ID No.: **140824-007054-000-00**
Opening Bid: **\$1,402.55**
Physical Address: **7208 CARDINAL ST. FLORAHOME**
Classification: **VACANT**
Name in which assessed: **LOUISE HUTCHINSON**
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 28th day of February, 2018 at 9:30 AM. Dated this 11th day of December, 2017.

TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Clay County, Florida
By: Jewel Baskin
Deputy Clerk
Legal 40848 published Dec 14, Dec 21 and Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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 S5T8R24 A/K/A LOT 45 RANCH ACS 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. 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 TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO: 10-2017-CP-483
Division: E
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROY R. RAVN, JR.
Deceased.
The administration of the estate of Roy R. Ravn, Jr., deceased, whose

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date of death was September 19, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, 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 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 14, 2017.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Nancy M. Sutton, Esquire
Florida Bar Number.: 654841
OWENBY LAW, P.A.
2105 Park Avenue, Suite 2
Orange Park, Florida 32073
Telephone: (904) 359-5115
Fax: (904) 359-5116
E-Mail: associate@OwenbyLaw.com
Secondary E-Mail: Service@OwenbyLaw.com
Attorney for Petitioner

Personal Representative:

Laura E. Ravn
123 Ridge Springs Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Legal 40835 published Dec 14 and Dec 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

CASE NO. 2017-CA-930

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service, Plaintiff,

vs.
KENNETH E. THOMPSON, II, et al., Defendants
STATE OF FLORIDA
CLAY COUNTY

TO: Any and all unknown minors, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, trustees, or other claimants claiming by, through, under or against the Estate of **ARLENE LAMAY LOVESTOCK A/K/A ARLENE LAMAY THOMPSON**, Deceased; YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage regarding the following property in CLAY County, Florida:

Lot 32, Block 3, **WATERVIEW RIDGE UNIT 2**, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 22, pages 36, 37, 38 and 39 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: **FREDERICK J. MURPHY, JR.,** Esquire, Attorney for Plaintiff, Boswell & Dunlap LLP, 245 South Central Avenue, Post Office Drawer 30, Bartow, FL 33831, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition. DATED on this 5th day of December, 2017.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of Circuit Court
P.O. Box 698

Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
By: Alissa Peebles
Deputy Clerk
Legal 40838 published Dec 14 and Dec 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(Summary Administration)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2016-CP-000234
Division F

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOAN
ROULSTON
Deceased.

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS
OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE
ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of JOAN ROULSTON, deceased, File Number 2016-CP-000234, by 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; that the decedent's date of death was June 8, 2016; that the total value of the estate is exempt from claims of creditors and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name / Address
AMBER M. LANDEROS
1765 Redwood Lane
Middleburg, Florida 32068
JAMES LEE ROULSTON II
113 Brooklet Circle
Saint Marys, Georgia 31558
ALL INTEREST PERSONS ARE
NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE F O R E V E R B A R R E D . NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 14, 2017.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
ALISON E. HICKMAN
Attorney for AMBER M. LANDEROS
Florida Bar Number: 085048
Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.,
Attorneys at Law, P.A.
1543 Kingsley Avenue, Building 5
Orange Park, Florida 32073
Telephone: (904) 264-8800
Fax: (904) 264-0155
Primary email address:
alison@floridaelder.com
Secondary email address:
donna@floridaelder.com

Person Giving Notice:
AMBER M. LANDEROS
1765 Redwood Lane
Middleburg, Florida 32068
Legal 40833 published Dec 14 and Dec 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE POSITION FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS

The Clay County Board of Commissioners Clay County, Florida, declares their notice of intent to designate one non-elective full-time position in their office, to-wit: "Director of Purchasing" for inclusion in the senior management service class of the Florida Retirement System, pursuant to Section 121.055 (1) (b), Florida Statutes.

Legal 40855 published 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-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 other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is

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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.

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 **JANUARY 3, 2008** at 7:00 A.M.

2009 HYUN
5NPEU46C09H564346
Legal 40827 publish Dec 14, 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:

Wood and Eggs Farms

Located at 2285 Mariners Road, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Green Cove Springs, 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 6th day of December, 2017.

Owner's name/corporation:
Don F Clark and Traci Martindale
Legal 40854 published Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

Notice of Public Sale or auction of the following vehicle(s) Located at Elwood Towing & Recovery, Inc. 1046 Air Park Road, Green Cove Springs, Fl. 32043 will be Conducted at Elwood Towing on **December 18, 2017** at 8:00 a.m.

2006 FORD 1FMEU63E76UA98624
Legal 40826 publish Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **E19996**, 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: **3018/2015**
Legal Description: **PT LOTS 8 & 9 BLK 38 PRCL 5 FLA FARM LAND AS REC O R 1415 PG 684 & 1696 PG 1245**
Parcel ID No.: **460526-010305-010-00**
Opening Bid: **\$5,933.09**
Physical Address: **3349 RUSSELL RD, GREEN COVE SPRINGS**
Classification: **MOBILE HOME**
Name in which assessed: **FLORENCE TERNULLO**
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

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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.**

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

Legal 40773 published Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14 and Dec 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Thursday the 4th day of January, 2018 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage 0405 Fleming Island, 3585 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL, 32003 Clay County

Craig, Sherry C013 Washer, Dryer
Nash, Lauryn F210 Guitars, Bike, Rolling Cart, Side Tables.
Arsenault, Vincent E104 Pressure Washer, Tripod, Tote, Electrical Wire.

Misty Craig B014 TV, Dresser, Table, 4 Chairs, Nightstand, Light.
All purchased items are sold as is. All purchases must be paid in cash. \$100.00 Cleaning Deposit per unit. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Legal 40832 published Dec 14 and Dec 21, 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 CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO: 2017-CA-1102
DIVISION:

CHER FL, LLC, etc.
Plaintiff,
vs.

U N K N O W N H E I R S ,
BENEFICIARIES AND SPOUSE OF
M A R G A R E T G I L M O R E ,
DECEASED, AND CREDITORS OF
MARGARET GILMORE, DECEASED
et al,
Defendants

To:
Unknown Heirs, Beneficiaries and Spouse of Margaret Gilmore, Deceased, and Creditors of Margaret Gilmore, Deceased

Last Known Address
4875 Cattail St.
Middleburg, FL 32068

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

Lot 14, Block 92, JACKSONVILLE SOUTH, UNIT TWO according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 11, Pages 1-13, 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 Lance Paul Cohen, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Cohen & Thurston, P.A. 1912 Hamilton Street, Suite 206, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on this 29th day of November, 2017

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

Legal 40813 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No: **4063/2014**
Legal Description: **PT OF LOTS 8 & 10 BLK 28 GOLDEN GATE MANOR AS REC O R 1459 PG 1470, 1621 PGS 1790-1793, 2094 PG 2088 & 2653 PG**

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

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

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

Dated this **11th day of December, 2017.**

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

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

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

Great Faith Cleaning Services

located at 404 Walnut Street, in the County of Clay, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 11th day of December, 2017.

Owner's/corporation name:
Edward Ray, Jr.
Legal 40845 published Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing on an ordinance incorporating the provisions of Florida law relating to dangerous dogs as part of the Town of Orange Park Code of Ordinances; establishing a process for the classification of dogs as dangerous; providing for certification of registration for dangerous dogs, notice and hearing requirements, confinement policies and procedures, exemptions from the requirements of this section, appeal procedures, and penalties; providing for conflicts, severability, and an immediate effective date.

This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, the corner of Park and Kingsley Avenue at 7:00 P.M. The Council of the Town of Orange Park will consider said ordinance for final action. Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Council of the Town of Orange Park with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of this ordinance may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk
Legal 40830 published Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **BARLETTA850** 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: **1300/2015**
Legal Description: **PT S1/2 A/K/A LOT 4 GOLDSBORO AS REC O R 1716 PG 676 & 1754 PG 676**
Parcel ID No.: **050524-005932-008-04**
Opening Bid: **\$3,616.86**
Physical Address: **2060 CRESTVIEW CT, MIDDLEBURG**
Classification: **MOBILE HOME**
Name in which assessed: **ANTHONY G JONES & ROBERT WILLIAMS**
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

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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.**

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

Legal 40776 published Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14 and Dec 21, 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-000827
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1,
Plaintiff,

vs.
BREANNE LEA WILLIAMSON F/K/A B R E A N N E L E A WILLIAMSON HARRIS; AUTUMN HARRIS; THE ESTATE OF HOPE WILLIAMSON F/K/A HOPE WILLIAMSON HARRIS F/K/A HOPE W. HARRIS, DECEASED; U N K N O W N H E I R S , BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF HOPE WILLIAMSON F/K/A HOPE WILLIAMSON HARRIS F/K/A HOPE W. HARRIS, DECEASED; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et al.

Defendant(s)
TO: AUTUMN HARRIS
(Current Residence Unknown)
(Last Known Address(es))
5477 COUNTRY ROAD 209 S.
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
THE ESTATE OF HOPE WILLIAMSON F/K/A HOPE WILLIAMSON HARRIS F/K/A HOPE W. HARRIS, DECEASED
(Last Known Address)
596 WEST STREET
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
U N K N O W N H E I R S , BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF HOPE WILLIAMSON F/K/A HOPE WILLIAMSON HARRIS F/K/A HOPE W. HARRIS, DECEASED
(Last Known Address)
596 WEST STREET
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, INCLUDING, IF A NAMED DEFENDANT IS DECEASED, THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THE SURVIVING SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING, BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THAT DEFENDANT, AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS
(Last Known Address)
596 WEST STREET
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: **A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN BLOCK 9, IDLEWILD PARK, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 62 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 9; T H E N C E O N T H E NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST STREET (A 60 FOOT RIGHT-A-WAY), SOUTH 25° 46' 17" EAST 94.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ON SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE SOUTH 25° 46' 17" EAST 70.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 63° 26' 58" EAST 125.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 25° 46' 17" WEST 70.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 63° 26' 58" WEST 125.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING 0.20 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN AREA. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY, WHICH ARE SPECIFICALLY NOT EXTENDED OR REIMPOSED HEREBY.**

A/K/A 596 WEST STREET, GREEN

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COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire, POPKIN & ROSALER, P.A., 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard, Suite 400, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442, Attorney for Plaintiff, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Clay Today and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 27th day of November, 2017.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Court
By Jaimie Pippin
As Deputy Clerk

Legal 40791 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 17-45207

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2014-CA-000441
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-AR2,
Plaintiff,
Vs
MICHELLE D. KILE A.K.A MICHELLE DENISE KILE, ET AL.,
Defendants.

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 22, 2017 and entered in Case No. 2014-CA-000441 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-AR2 is Plaintiff and Michelle D. Kile A/K/A Michelle Denise Kile, et al., are Defendants, the Clay County Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via online auction at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM on the 29th day of January, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

ALL OF LOT 37 AND THE WESTERLY APPROXIMATE NINE (9) FEET OF LOT 38, BLOCK 1, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SEVEN OAKS, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 20 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PART OF LOT 38 BEING MORE PARTICULARLY AND SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 38, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 38; A DISTANCE OF 9 FEET; THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 36 SECOND EAST, 80.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, 40.20 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 38; THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 38, A DISTANCE OF 124.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

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

Dated at Green Cove Springs, Clay

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County, Florida, this 8th day of December, 2017.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: Taylor Solomon
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 40840 published Dec 14 and Dec 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **SUH-240164-GOLDEN BEACH FLORIDIAN** 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: **1431/2015**
Legal Description: **LOT 17 BLK 28 JACKSONVILLE SO UNIT 1 AS REC O R 1704 PG 1709**

Parcel ID No.: **090524-005953-533-00**
Opening Bid: **\$39,258.12**
Physical Address: **31 PEPPERMINT AVE, MIDDLEBURG**
Classification: **MOBILE HOME**
Name in which assessed: **PENNY D MERCER**

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 40735 published Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 7 and Dec 14, 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: **2882/2015**
Legal Description: **PT OF GOV LOT 3 OR LOTS 19 & 20 OF UNREC PLAT AS REC O R 1782 PG 1767 EX PT O R 738 PG 309**

Parcel ID No.: **080525-009096-000-00**
Opening Bid: **\$25,439.81**
Physical Address: **3299 BYRON RD, GREEN COVE SPRINGS**

Classification: **MOBILE HOME**
Name in which assessed: **STEPHEN A PINTER**

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 40775 published Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14 and Dec 21, 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

Button Computer Consulting

with a mailing address of 64 Harmony Hall Rd in the County of Clay, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 1st day of December, 2017.

Owner's/corporation name:

Walter Button

Legal 40846 published Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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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:

SWANN SONG PROPERTIES

Located at 3564 RED OAK CT in the County of CLAY, in the City of ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 11th day of December, 2017.

Owner's name/corporation:

Benjamin Swann

Legal 40856 published Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2016-CA-000567

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff

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

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

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

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4785 HEDGEHOG ST MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such accommodation, please contact the Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone: (904) 630-2564; Fax: (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crintrp@coj.net.
Dated this 30th day of November , 2017.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
by Jaime 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 EL1 2 A/K/A PRCL 34 DUCKWATER WOODS II UNREAS 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**

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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

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:

Low-E Southeast Distribution

Located at 1029 Anna Avenue in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 8th day of December, 2017.

Owner's name/corporation:

Professional Trades Advantage, Inc.

Legal 40849 published Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC NOTICE

RETIREMENT Dr. Robert Anthony Smith, D.C. Chiropractic Physician, Florida license #CH-5813, practicing at 4213 County Rd 218, #5 Middleburg, FL is retiring as of December 19, 2017. Middleburg Chiropractic Center, P.A. will be closed. Dr. Smith will remain custodian of the medical records. Patients can request and obtain a copy of their medical record by sending the request to this address: Dr. Smith - P.O. Box 493 - Middleburg, FL 32050 or email to: docrasmith@hotmail.com Some standard fees may apply.
Legal 40829 published Dec 14, Dec 21, and Dec 28, 2017 and Jan 4, 2018 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.

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 December 7, 2017.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Stephen W. Screnci, Esq.

Stephen W. Screnci, P.A.

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Florida Bar Number: 0051802
2600 N. Military Trail, Suite 410
Fountain Square 1
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
E-Mail: sws@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.

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

Green Cove Liquors

with a mailing address of 1921 Lake Forest Lane in the County of Clay, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 7th day of December, 2017.

Owner's/corporation name:

Madison Iluh, Inc.

Legal 40844 published Dec 14, 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**.
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 40774 published Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14 and Dec 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS BY SPECIAL MAGISTRATES FOR THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Pursuant to Section 194.035, Florida Statutes, each Special Magistrate appointed by the Clay County Value Adjustment Board (CCVAB) will hold the following public hearings for the CCVAB.

The public hearings will be on petitions filed before the CCVAB related to denials of exemptions and valuation of real property.

The public hearing schedule is as follows:

Exemption Special Magistrate:

M. Paul Sanders
Tuesday, January 9, 2018, commencing at 9:30 a.m. The make-up date is Friday, January 12, 2018, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Real Property Valuation Special Magistrate: James Toro, II

Wednesday, January 10, 2018, commencing at 9:30 a.m. The make-up date is Thursday, January 11, 2018 commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Additional information regarding the CCVAB process is located at the Clay County website: <http://www.claycountygov.com/about-us/local-government/boards-and-committees>. When the page after you access the link appears, scroll down to the bottom for the CCVAB information. There are several additional informative links there.

All hearings will take place at the following location:

Board of County Commissioners
Meeting Room, 4th Floor
Clay County Administration Building

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477 Houston Street
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
For additional information contact
Cindy Atkinson, Clerk of the CCVAB: (904) 269-6334.

Following the conclusion of the hearings before all the Special Magistrates, the recommendations of the Special Magistrates will be submitted to the CCVAB for consideration at a duly noticed public meeting.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearings before the Special Magistrates. A person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Special Magistrate/Value Adjustment Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, if special accommodations are needed to participate in this hearing, please contact the CCVAB at (904) 269-6334. 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).

Value Adjustment Board,
Clay County, Florida
By Its Chairman

Legal 40850 published 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,

v. **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 Plaintiffs' 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 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 Plaintiffs' 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 Jaime Pippin
DEPUTY CLERK

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

CASE NUMBER: 2017-CP-458
DIVISION: F

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: JOHN CHARLES HETTINGER, Decedent.

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

The administration of the Estate of JOHN CHARLES HETTINGER, deceased, File Number 2017-CP-458, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida 32043. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the attorney for the Estate are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is December 7, 2017.

Lina Hettinger-Vainosky

Personal Representative

13364 Beach Blvd., Apt. 124

Jacksonville Beach, FL 32224

J. Nickolas Alexander, Jr.
Attorney for Estate
2037 Carnes Street
Orange Park, Florida 32073
Telephone: 904-264-0311

Legal 40819 published Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **TLGFY 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.**

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.

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.**

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

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personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT 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.

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Personal Representatives:

JANICE REDDING CLAXTON

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KATHIE REDDING LANGEVIN

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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, DEVISEES, 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 defenatons 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

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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 CONTINUE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY 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. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 1st day of December, 2017.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By Marla Albert

DEPUTY CLERK

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

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:

Misc Cache

Located at PO Box 572, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32067 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 5th day of December, 2017.

Owner's name/corporation:

Ruth E Scott

Legal 40825 published 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-000461

Division E

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID JOSEPH DERRICKSON,

Deceased.

The administration of the estate of DAVID JOSEPH DERRICKSON, deceased, whose date of death was August 17, 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

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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 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 14, 2017.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR.

Attorney for Petitioner

Florida Bar No. 557950

Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.

Attorneys at Law, P.A.

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Personal Representatives:

KENNETH HARLEY DERRICKSON

969 Rainbow's End

Monticello, Florida 32344

Legal 40824 published Dec 14 and Dec 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing on an ordinance relating to signs; providing for the repeal of the existing Article VII of the Town of Orange Park Land Development Regulations ("Sign Regulations"); providing for new and updated sign regulations within the Town of Orange Park; providing for applicability; providing for a purpose and intent; providing for definitions; providing for general sign provisions, to wit: calculating sign area, measuring sign height and clearance, construction and maintenance requirements, allowances for certain existing signs, and restrictions on human signs; providing for prohibited signs; providing for nonconforming signs; providing for temporary signs; providing for exempt signs; providing for lighting of signs; providing for substitution of noncommercial speech for commercial speech; providing for content neutrality as to sign message; providing for permit requirements; proving for sign permit application and issuance; providing for permit fees and conditions; providing for building permits; providing for appeals to the Environmental Quality Board; providing for variances; providing for the administration and enforcement of sign regulations, effects of failure to comply with sign regulations, violations and penalties; providing for the adoption of existing zoning districts; providing for sign regulations affecting residential and nonresidential zoning districts; providing for sign location criteria; providing for transition rules, conflicts, severability and an immediate effective date.

This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, the corner of Park and Kingsley Avenue at 7:00 P.M. The Council of the Town of Orange Park will consider said ordinance for final action. Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Council of the Town of Orange park with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of this ordinance may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Legal 40831 published Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Thursday the 4th day of January, 2018 at 11:00 AM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage 0406 Orange Park, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County

Roberts, Katie 179 Fire Pit, Chairs, Coffee Table, Microwave, Hutch, Clothes, Toys, Washer and Dryer and Dresser.

Kameol, Jennifer 355 Dressers, Mattresses, Plastic Totes, Couch, Head Board, Toys and Assorted Shoes.

Dean Cotton 417 Jeep, Speakers, Plastic Totes, Tools, Car Jack and Smoker.

Neel, AnneMarie 640 Couch, Loveseat, Head Board and Plastic Totes.

Cassandra Sumlar 647 Books, Box, Plastic Totes, Plastic Bags, Mattress, Laptop Bag, Picture Frames and Paintings.

Padgett, Christopher 117 Grill, Mirror and Box.

Elijah Figueroa 524 Boxes, Fire Place, Computer Tower, Mattress, End Tables and Dresser.

Perry, Brian Thomas 447 Pet Cage, Glass Tops, Lamps, Clothes, Boxes and Brief Case.

Dean Cotton C007 Land Rover, Van, Trailer and Jet Ski with trailer.

Van Ness, Michael 352 TV Stand, Chairs, Toys, Recliner, Boxes, Clothes, Couch and File Cabinet.

Arnold, Lovetta 234 Vacuums, Boxes, Shelf, Plastic Totes and Light.

Jillian Perez 277 Bikes, Wet Vac, Cooler, Tent, Boxes, Misc Tools, Headboard, Plastic Totes, Floor Sander, Fishing Poles and Table Saw.

Arnold, Lovetta 612 Chairs, Tool Box, Golf Clubs, Golf Bag, Plastic Totes and Wooden Box.

All purchased items are sold as is. All purchases must be paid in cash. \$100.00 Cleaning Deposit per unit. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Legal 40832 published Dec 14 and Dec 21, 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:

Gary's Car Craft

Located at 2175 Kingsley Ave Suite 305, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 22th day of December, 2017.

Owner's name/corporation:

Gary Glenn Wilkins

Legal 40853 published 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-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

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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 the first publication of this notice is December 7, 2017.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Robert J. Perry, Jr., Esquire

Florida Bar No. 958580

Law Offices of Robert J. Perry, Jr., 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.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

File No.: 2017-CP-000208

Division: Probate

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, File No. 2017-CP-000208, the address of which is the Clay County Court House, 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 the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, 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 unmaturred, 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.

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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 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.

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 Stacie Towns
DEPUTY CLERK

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

NOTICE OF MEETING

The 2017/2018 Clay County Charter Review Commission (CRC) will hold a meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m in the board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend and be heard at the meeting. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 269-6347, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Notice is hereby given, that any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Clay County Charter Review Commission with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing that is the

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subject of this advertisement/notice, will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Charter Review Commission
Clay County, Florida
Legal 40851 published Dec 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
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 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.rea.lforeclose.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 RECORD 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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CASE NO. 2012-CA-001093
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, DOING BUSINESS AS CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAT 2015-14ATT
Plaintiff,

vs.
JOSE MORENO; ET AL,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 1, 2017, in the above styled cause, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Clay County, Florida, on January 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at www.clay.rea.lforeclose.com, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 beginning at 10:00 a.m. for the following described property: **Lot 480, SILVER CREEK, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 44, Pages 52 through 72, of the public records of Clay County, Florida**

Property Address: 2640 Creekfront Dr, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Any person claiming an interest in

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the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

Dated: December 4, 2017
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 904-255-1695 or crtntrp@coj.net at 330 East Bay Street, Room 220, Jacksonville, FL 32202 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Marla Solomon
Deputy Clerk

Legal 40828 published Dec 14 and Dec 21, 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.rea.lforeclose.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 crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Legal 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,

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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.rea.lforeclose.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 53, 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; 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 OF BEGINNING, BEING 4,174.20 SQUARE FEET OR .096 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, IN AREA. Property Address: 5732 Long Branch CEM, Jacksonville, Florida 32234

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

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR AT CRTNTRP@COJ.NET OR (904) 230-2564, AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

(seal)
TARA GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Clay County, Florida
Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk of Court

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NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.16-CA-384-F

TD BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff(s),
vs.

ESTATE OF DEBORAH C. ELLINGTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBORAH C. ELLINGTON, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF DEBORAH C. ELLINGTON; DENISE DEMING; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DENISE DEMING, IF ANY; TENANT #1 AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, IF ANY,
Defendants.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to the In Rem Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, 2017, and entered in Case No. 16-CA-384-F of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida wherein TD Bank, N.A. is Plaintiff, and Estate of Deborah C. Ellington, et al., are Defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2018, at www.clay.rea.lforeclose.com, Florida in accordance with section 45.031, Florida Statutes, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK 86, JACKSONVILLE SOUTH UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, AND 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2000 FLEE MOBILE HOME, I.D. NO. G A F L X 3 4 A 3 0 6 3 8 S L 2 1 & GAFLX34B30638SL21 ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PERMANENT PART OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY.

Property Address: 2210 Hibiscus Avenue, Middleburg, Florida 32068-5235

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

Dated this 8th day of December, 2017.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Taylor Solomon
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION
DIVISION
CASE NO: 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 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.rea.lforeclose.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**

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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 crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2017-CA-000035

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.
CHRISTINA S. TAYLOR; et al,
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant the Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff dated June 7, 2017 and entered in Case No. 2017-CA-000035 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida and Agreed Order Granting Supplemental Motion to Extend Foreclosure Sale Date Due to Trial Period Plan Approval, dated December 6, 2017, wherein CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, is the Plaintiff and CHRISTINA S. TAYLOR; AMERICAN WINDOW PRODUCTS, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, are Defendants,

I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. at www.clay.rea.lforeclose.com on March 12, 2018, the following described property set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 48, FOXCHASE, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 20, PAGE 74, 75 AND 76, CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Property Address: 827 MIDLAND CT, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the Foreclosure Sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days after the Foreclosure sale.

Dated in Clay County, Florida, this, 7th day of December, 2017.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
County, Florida
By: Taylor Solomon
Deputy Clerk

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RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000330

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"),
Plaintiff,

vs.
DAVID B. DUROCHER; FRANCES M. DUROCHER; ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGES OF FIRESIDE, INC.;

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