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The Clay County School District's graduation rate for the most recent school year is the highest rate in district history.

District must address rapid growth rate

Reports show record graduation rate (93.4%) for 2019-20 schoolyear

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CLAY COUNTY – The district's schools are bursting at the seams and the stress will only continue to grow if the county doesn't soon address the thousands of people who

move to the county every month.

That was the message Clay County School District coordinator of planning and intergovernmental relations, James Fossa, stressed during the first school board meeting of the year on Jan. 7. The district

will need to make moves this year in order to meet the incoming demand of growth.

"In this case, the students at the school outnumber the number of seats we have there," Fossa said when explaining Oakleaf

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Healthy living center coming to Baptist

Hospital purchases Vystar building for expansion

By Don Coble
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FLEMING ISLAND – The guttural sounds of heavy equipment bulldozers and dump trucks have become a welcomed consequence of rapid growth for Baptist Clay Medical Campus President Darin Roark.

The fast-moving construction will result in a new 100-bed hospital and the creation of Baptist HealthPlace at Fleming Island that's designed to enhance the quality of healthcare – and life – in the area.

Baptist Health last week completed its purchase of the VyStar Credit Union's North Florida call and operations center at 2310 Village Square Parkway. The hospital group will quickly move forward to convert the 85,000-square-foot building into one of its new healthy living centers.

"The concept around that is that we incorporate the process that we use at our various locations," Roark said. "The latest

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STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

The Baptist Clay Medical Campus serves as a backdrop as construction for a new 100-bed hospital continues. The hospital will be between the campus and a healthy living center at the old VyStar building on Village Square Parkway.



Cyclocross rolls into RVZ Park

Gainesville cyclocross pro Amy Talbot dominated the Ronnie Van Zant Park course at the Florida State Cyclocross Championships. The course featured numerous twists and turns, dirt mounds and mud pits on the 1.5 mile trek in Sunday's festival. See page 25 in SPORTS.

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Mary Jo McTammany: Dec. 31, 1942-Dec. 18, 2020

Historian, writer detailed Clay County’s past for a decade for Clay Today

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CLAY COUNTY – For more than a decade, Mary Jo McTammany provided readers with a magical portal to Clay County’s past.

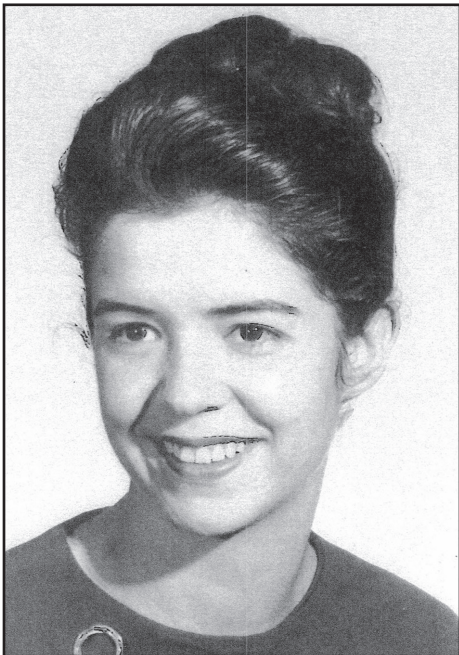
She told us stories of how Black Creek fueled the local economy with timber and turpentine, of the massive steamboats that used to dock in Green Cove Springs with another load of rich and powerful winter residents, of Camp Blanding’s role in defeating Japan in World War II, of how the state carved an area from Duval in 1858 to create Clay County and of how the Middleburg United Methodist Church still is the oldest Protestant Church building in continuous use in Florida.

When she wasn’t pouring through dusty and faded artifacts, McTammany was chronicling each discovery in the Clay Today. Her bi-weekly column ran from early 2009 until last year, but her passion for the county’s past lasted until she died last month of natural causes. She was 77.

“Mary Jo was a real blessing to our community and readers of Clay Today,” said the newspaper’s publisher, Jon Cantrell. “The readers loved those stories, young and old.”

McTammany spent hours at the Clay County Historical Archives doing research, according to Archives Specialist Vishi Garig.

“She really loved the history of Clay County, especially Orange Park, where she grew up. She loved to write about the stories of our lives here in Clay County. She came over and did research for every story. She always did her research. She could back up her facts. If you had a historical question about Orange Park, she could answer it.”



Mary Jo McTammany

McTammany’s wrote about 275 columns for Clay Today. Her work, along with her research and notes, will be donated to the county’s archives office.

“We were so very sad to hear about the passing of Mary Jo McTammany,” said Mary Justino, the clerk’s office’s public information coordinator. “Not only was she a lovely person, but she was also an excellent researcher and historical writer. Her monthly articles featured in your newspaper were always a great read, and Vishi at Archives was proud to assist Mary Jo in locating the content and photos for those on a regular basis. We will miss Mary Jo and her writing.”

Her first story appeared in 2009. It was about Washington G. Benedict, the founder of Orange Park. Other stories included how hardware merchant Ed Wiggins rode his

horse and buggy from Green Cove Springs to Keystone Heights in 1925 to install a crude system of electrical lines that eventually became Clay Electric, how the old county jail was considered on the cutting edge in 1894 and the celebration that followed the opening of the Jennings Bridge at Black Creek.

She wrote:

“On June 16, 1917, Middleburg was crawling with state, local and national movers and shakers. The occasion was the opening of the Bryan Jennings Bridge across the north prong of Black Creek.

“Folks living in the area were almost giddy with enthusiasm because this bridge meant opening up the vast acreage east and west of Middleburg to industry and commerce. They were no longer exclusively dependent on ferries or a boat trip up the St. Johns River to reach markets in Jacksonville and points north.”

She also wrote about the Green Cove Springs Village Improvement Association, the first women’s club in Florida. Her story started, “In the early 1800s the town of Green Cove Springs struggled between being a rambunctious, rural, frontier settlement and, in the winter months, playing host to progressive, enlightened northern tourists.” She detailed how visitors from the Northeast and around the world filled local resort hotels and boarding houses. They were escaping “heavy industrial gagging air pollution and appalling sanitary conditions,” she said.

The women’s group was determined the out-of-towners didn’t bring their dirty problems to Green Cove Springs.

“It was a clash of cultures in the dusty, dirty streets and the women of Village Improvement Association waded right into the fray, cleaned up the town and orga-

nized women across the state into a force to be reckoned with,” McTammany wrote.

McTammany’s husband, Thomas, died in 2017. She is survived by a son and daughter.

“She was my friend,” Garig said. “We were fellow historians. I’m going to miss her.”

So will Clay County.

Property tax exemption renewal cards to be mailed

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – County Property Appraiser Tracy S. Drake said the 2021 Property Tax Exemption Renewal Cards will be mailed on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Florida law provides for a number of property tax exemptions, classifications and assessment reductions, which will reduce the taxable value of real property. One of the responsibilities of the Clay County Property Appraiser’s Office is to ensure that all eligible property owners receive the full benefit of those exemptions of which they are eligible.

In Clay County, most property tax exemptions are renewed annually. Once an initial exemption application has been filed and granted, a subsequent application to maintain the exemption is not required. On or before Feb. 1, the CCPAO mails property tax exemption renewal cards to each property owner who qualified for specific exemptions in the prior year. If exemption eligibility has not changed, the renewal card serves as a receipt.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the CCPAO if exemption eligibility has changed. Failure to promptly notify the property appraiser may result in significant penalties pursuant to Florida law. Detach the bottom portion of the card, indicate which exemptions should be removed, and return it.

A Property Tax Exemption Renewal Card Guide has been developed to assist property owners in understanding the renewal cards. To review the guide or for additional information, please visit www.ccpao.com or contact our office at (904) 284/269-6305 to speak with an exemption specialist.

New tax collector takes steps to reduce wait times

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – On her first day as the Clay County Tax Collector, Diane Hutchings strengthened a policy to help alleviate the excessive wait times being experienced at all branches.

Beginning Monday, Jan. 11, Clay County joined surrounding counties in providing services exclusively to local taxpayers and residents only.

“Though this policy has been in effect

since May 2020, our branches have continued to accommodate citizens from surrounding counties,” Hutchings said. “Word of mouth spread quickly, and residents of other counties



Diane Hutchings

informed us that they had been advised by representatives of those agencies to visit our branches for faster service.

While we sympathize with their frustration over wait times in their locale, the Clay County Tax Collector has a responsibility first and foremost to the people of Clay.

This is just the first of several steps in our commitment to improve the experience for the taxpayer of Clay County.”

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Clay High sophomore collects 50,000 cans to buy vests for service dogs

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A few thousand cans weren't enough for one Clay High sophomore in his effort to help a charity. He was shooting for 50,000 by the end of 10th grade and he's already crushed that goal.

Noah Manning, 16, first heard about Cans For Canines during his first year of NJROTC. The group collected cans to be crushed and brought to Cans For Canines, where the money from the aluminum, which is eventually melted down, is used to purchase vests for the service dogs of veterans. When he heard about it, he asked what the record was and he was told it was about 2,000.

"I said, 'Challenge accepted,' and got to work," Manning said. "My family, friends, neighborhood...we have so many people involved."

Manning turned in 17,964 cans last year and another 18,040 during his first semester of his sophomore year. He turned

in another 14,500 on Jan. 11, bringing his total to 50,504. He plans to slow down eventually, but it's not yet time for that, he said.

"There are days where I look at the cans and I'm so unmotivated, but then I remember what this is all about and I get back to it," Manning said. "It's for the betterment of others. What we're doing with these cans is directly benefiting the lives of others and that's what this is about. It's about helping others."

Manning's excited grandparents, Kim and Ray Lapointe, and his mother, Kandi Green, were with him in the back parking lot of Clay High on Monday to help him unload the cans, and they talked about how proud he makes them.

"I remember when he came home and told me that he wanted to break the record," Green said. "It was a challenge accepted moment and we all got to work getting as many people involved as we could."

"It's been a big family and neighborhood adventure. My husband is a teamster [International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union 947] and they've been donating



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Clay High sophomore Noah Manning collected 50,000 cans to buy vests for service dogs.

too so they drive to local breweries and local liquor stores, and then Island Dentistry [Green's workplace]...has seen a lot of people bringing cans in as well."

Green said the Lake Asbury NextDoor and SwipSwap pages online have been effective tools at acquiring more cans. She said there are eight families that donate to Manning now because of those pages. Green said once the news got out, her phone was constantly ringing with people asking to get involved and help.

Manning's grandparents drive around with bags to give to people so they can bag their cans and then they return at later

dates to pick the cans up, which is part of their contribution to the larger Manning-Can effort.

The cans have raised over \$240 to go toward purchasing vests for service dogs for veterans and despite spending the afternoon moving more than 14,000 cans to the NJROTC Clay High portable, after having spent months manually crushing all of the cans and breaking a few can crusher machines in the process, Manning is already excited about filling his grandfather's trailer up with more bags of cans.

"I might slow down one day, but I don't see that happening anytime soon," Manning said.

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Criminal justice, police reform among forefront of new legislative session

By Jason Delgado
For Florida Politics

While the COVID-19 pandemic will demand much of the spotlight when the Florida Legislature convenes in 2021, police reform issues are still positioned as a top agenda item for lawmakers on both sides of the aisle.

The calls for police reform began in May when George Floyd, a Black man, died in police custody. Floyd's death and the deaths of others sparked protests and riots nationwide. Their deaths also energized a countrywide push for large-scale changes to street-level policing.

Though the massive protests are now over and stopped short before taking a deep root in Florida, state lawmakers thus far have filed more than 18 bills dealing with criminal justice in 2021.

More are likely on the way.

Gov. Ron DeSantis in September unveiled legislation that would create and increase criminal offenses for those who "target law enforcement" and participate in a "disorderly" assembly.

Coined as the "Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act," the proposal would also block state grants and aid to local governments that slash law enforcement budgets – a provision that serves as a direct counter to the "Defund the Police" movement.

DeSantis trumpeted the legislation ahead of the 2020 presidential election as both parties looked to leverage "law and order" and "police reform" on voters.

The measure has yet to be filed.

On the other hand, Sen.-elect Shevrin Jones announced he would introduce a bill to gut qualified immunity doctrine for police officers.

Modern qualified immunity doctrine stems from a 1982 U.S. Supreme Court case and is criticized often by police reform activists.

The doctrine is interpreted by many courts to say that law enforcement officers cannot be sued for violating a person's rights unless a court has already ruled that behavior is unconstitutional.

Qualified immunity proponents argue it serves as a needed protection for police. They contend officers require guidance to distinguish improper behavior. Therefore, it is unfair to hold an officer liable without a prior precedent.

Opponents, alternatively, stress that the doctrine has served as a significant roadblock to holding officers accountable

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OPINION



Community's warm response leads to successful holiday for Salvation Army

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

MIDDLEBURG – We heard the bells, and we responded.

We knew the need, and we responded. We muted the noise of COVID-19 and political unrest, and we opened our hearts – and wallets – to our neighbors in need.

The Salvation Army of Clay County went into the Christmas season with a lot of concerns. It knew more people would be shopping online this year, both for ease and to follow the protocols for the deadly coronavirus. It knew many residents were furloughed, laid off or had hours reduced during the shutdowns to combat the virus.

And yet, we responded.

The local post reported it collected \$140,000 during the holidays. That's up from \$117,000 in 2018 and \$125,000 in 2019 when the economy was booming.

"It was pretty amazing," said Maj. Lynn Irish, who coordinated the Red Kettle Drive. "The community came through. We were expecting [donations] to be down. Praise the Lord we got through it better than we thought."

Maj. Phil Irish said this year's Angel Tree and Kettle Drives got off to a slow start. Many businesses couldn't have volunteers ringing bells at their front doors

due to COVID-19. Volunteers also had to wear personal protective equipment and had to adhere to socially distancing.

"Our Kettle fundraising got off to a shaky and uncertain start with corporate commitments up in the air until just before the season started, along with the implementation of COVID protocols that were cumbersome, but necessary," he said. "Again, our staff, volunteers and advisory/auxiliary members came through with flying colors."

Because of the virus, the Salvation Army also wasn't allowed to place their Angel Trees in businesses. The trees came with paper ornaments that spelled out the specific wishes for local children. And because of the coronavirus, Angel tree had to be expanded as a result of the economic stress in the community. Phil Irish said the Salvation Army accepted the challenge and met every need without hesitation.

Instead of relying on customers to provide Christmas presents, Walmart, Advent Lutheran Church, Orange Park Medical Center, Parallon Business Solutions, Fields Automotive Group, Clay County Public Safety, Moose Lodge, Soaring Eagle, Fleming Island United Methodist Church, Orange Park Presbyterian, Center State Bank and the Art Guild of Orange Park all came forward to fill every request.

Lynn Irish said the Salvation Army also fulfilled requests by as many as 90 children in the Guardian Ad Litem system.

"Because of the response, we were able to reach out assist more families this year," she said. "It was the first time we've assisted Guardian Ad Litem, and it was above what we normally do with the other 400

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Word OF THE WEEK

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.

Mimesis: (muh-MEE-sis) a noun that means an imitation.

"He considers mimesis as a copy of reality and maintains the introversion of the literature."

This Week In History

Five years ago, 2016

- Florida Gov. Rick Scott joins local officials in celebrating an \$11 million expansion of the county's largest employers, Van-Con.
- Rebekah Shively becomes the first woman in two decades to enter the race for Clay County Superintendent.
- The Town of Orange Park considering repairs of the riverbank area median.

10 years ago, 2011

- Construction begins on an \$18.68 million Emergency Room expansion at Orange Park Medical Center.
- State Road 16 in Penney Farms is dedicated J.C. Penney Memorial Scenic Highway by the state.
- ABC Television's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" hosts a community pep ally to garner local attention.

20 years ago, 2001

- Residents of an apartment on Pringle Circle wrestled a gun away from a home invasion robber in Green Cove Springs. The man finally was able to break free from a fight and escaped.
- Barbara Rowe, 25, was arrested for phoning in a bomb threat from a pay phone two weeks earlier to Clay Electric's office in Keystone Heights.
- The Orange Park Town Council votes to give Town Manager John Bowles a 3% pay raise for an annual salary of \$74,406.

30 years ago, 1991

- Quigley House, the county's shelter for women suffering domestic violence, said it will open a shelter in Orange Park on Valentine's Day.
- The county commission votes to spend \$110,000 for the construction of a new boat ramp in Middleburg.

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Opinions ...

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Police

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since the Supreme Court established the concept.

Jones’ proposal would follow a law Colorado approved in June. That law asserts any violation of a person’s rights under the state constitution could not be blocked outright by a qualified immunity defense.

It’s unclear how Jones’ bill might differ from the Colorado proposal.

That legislation has yet to be filed.

Rep. Ramon Alexander, meanwhile, said he would sponsor legislation that would create a compensation fund for police shooting victims.

In an August announcement, the Democratic lawmaker said his “Victim Compen-

sation Crime and Trauma Fund” would also be accessible to the families of those shot by police.

“As lawmakers, it is imperative that we provide trauma-specific services and a greater awareness of the effects of exposure to traumatic events,” Alexander said then in a news release. “Police officers can obtain help to cope with trauma; victims and families should have the same service available to them.”

That legislation has yet to be filed.

Typically, police reform proposals would be unlikely to gain traction in Florida’s GOP-controlled Legislature. Newly minted House Speaker Chris Sprowls, however, said “my door and my mind are open” to a dialogue on policing in Florida during his opening remarks as House Speaker. Still, he positioned himself as pro-police, signal-

Sherri Snow responds to Roland Mastandrea’s letter

(Editor’s note: Sherri Snow, an Orange Park resident, responded to the letter written by Orange Park Town Councilman Roland Mastandrea that appeared in the Jan. 7 edition of Clay Today. In the letter, Mastandrea offered his reasons for asking the Town to pay his legal fees in a libel and slander lawsuit against Snow, who posted a letter of criticism on the Town’s Facebook page, and refusing to make a public apology, after he announced his support for the Orange Park Plaza project on Kingsley Avenue.)

My name is Sherri E. Snow. I am THE Sherri E. Snow that Councilman Mastandrea continues to publicly talk about. I would like to make the following comment in response to the Councilman’s latest letter.

“Like a roaring lion and a charging bear is a wicked ruler over helpless people” –

Proverbs 28:15

“When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers” – Proverbs 21:15

Authority or power must not be used to hurt the poor or helpless. God ordained offices of authority to protect the helpless or weak. When civil rulers oppress the poor, they are like wild and ravaging beasts. They do great damage by cruel and insensitive abuse of power. Men lock dangerous and wild beasts in zoos, and rulers like them should be taken from office.

I urge the citizens of the Town of Orange Park to exercise their right to vote and restore our Council with people of integrity, trust, and of good ethical character; someone who will represent the people. There are such people running for office that hold these qualifications.

I will ALWAYS advocate for the citizens of the Town of Orange Park.

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families we helped.”

The reason behind the success was the hard work of Kim Lewis, Lynn and Phil Irish said. Lewis was in charge with coordinating volunteers to make sure kettles were manned in strategic locations.

“We could have about 28 kettles up and going every day, but in reality, we usually averaged about 18-to-20,” Lynn Irish said. “Kim was responsible in working with the volunteers and they showed up. They made it all happen. I believe a biggest reason for this year’s success was Kim’s work.”

History

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40 years ago, 1981

- The Clay County Commission delays

its vote on whether to buy the 333-acre Rosemary Hill landfill site.

- The state imposes a hiring freeze just as the BCC lifted its freeze on the CETA program.



ing anything he might view as less than that might not make it onto his agenda this year.

Despite GOP warnings against defunding law enforcement, House Minority Leader Evan Jenne claimed that taking money from law enforcement was never in the cards in Florida.

On the contrary, he said more money will be needed for the training and pilot

programs needed to “reimagine policing.”

“There’s a very real possibility that the things we’re talking about in our office are the exact opposite of defunding,” Jenne told reporters alongside Minority Leader Bobby DuBose. “If anything, I can see that increase because of how we want to change policing, especially in the African American and immigrant community in our state.”

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

5. 2014 Winter Olympics host

10. Soft fabric

12. Covered in flowers

14. Works at a college or university

16. Keeps us cool

18. Corpuscle count (abbr.)

19. Similar

20. Birthplace of Muhammad

22. They ___

23. Preamble to a book

25. Southern China people

26. Hair product

27. The woman

28. Partner to cheese

30. One point north of due east

31. Round Dutch cheese

33. Be in awe of

35. Christmas song

37. Emits coherent radiation

38. Something that is comparable to another

40. Monetary unit

41. The cutting part of a drill

42. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects

44. Touch lightly

45. Toyota SUV

48. ___ and Andy, TV show

50. Made less dangerous

52. Assets under management (abbr.)

53. Nostrils

55. Moved quickly

56. Thai isthmus

57. TV personality Roker

58. Honors anew

63. Rags

65. One who obtains pleasure from inflicting pain or others

66. Marketplaces

67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

1. Nowhere to be found (abbr.)

2. Not new

3. Brew

4. Stain with mud

5. Chief or leader

6. Luke Skywalker’s mentor ___-Wan

7. Type of sauce

8. Sharpens

9. Priestess loved by Zeus

10. Jean Henri ___, French entomologist

11. Regulates supply of fuel

13. Disturbing and horrifying

15. Equal (prefix)

17. Hosts film festival

18. Tattered piece of clothing

21. Rich desserts

23. Unique motor (abbr.)

24. Disfigure

27. Chemical substance

29. Slang for famous person

32. Department of Labor

34. The A-team rode around in one

35. Beach cabin

36. Living things

39. Gun (slang)

40. Disconsolate

43. Stroke gently

44. Actress Richards

46. ‘Cletus Hogg’ actor

47. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

49. Brazilian mountain range

51. Upset

54. One with supernatural insight

59. Insecticide

60. Taxi

61. ‘Much ___ about nothing’

62. Cannister

64. Popular clothing retailer

KultureCity materials make Clay libraries sensory inclusive

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – The county’s library branches have partnered with KultureCity to certify all five locations as sensory inclusive.

That certification means not only are all employees at the branches certified to work with sensory-sensitive patrons like sensory overload or something else, but that each library has multiple sensory bags on site for anyone to use. It’s part of the county’s ongoing effort to make its libraries as inclusive as possible.

“With this certification, the Clay County Public Library System is now better prepared to assist guests with sensory sensitivities in having the most comfortable and accommodating experience possible when attending any class or program at the library,” Board of County Commissioners chairman Mike Cella said.

Director of library services, Karen Walker, said this new effort comes by way of the assistant director, Jason Black. He enrolled in the Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute last year and having Clay County’s libraries achieve KultureCity’s sensory inclusion certification was part of his leadership project at the institute.

“To know that you will soon be able to see families attend a program, the true community building experience, with their loved ones who have a sensory challenge and who were not able to previously attend, is truly a heartwarming moment,” Black said.

Walker said one in six people have

some kind of sensory-related diagnosis and that it’s the fastest-growing demographic of people in the world. She said she wants any and all library patrons to feel like they can enjoy everything the library offers without needing to worry about sensory triggers or sensory overloads.

That still might happen because different things can trigger issues, but that’s where the sensory bags come in to play.

Each bag includes noise-reducing headphones, a Wacky Track fidget, a Monkey Tube fidget, a Marble fidget, a visual cue card and a KultureCity VIP lanyard to let staff know a patron may have sensory-related needs. They also have sunglasses available for those with light-related sensory needs and a weighted lap pad that can help someone ground themselves when their senses are overloaded.

Each library can be found on the KultureCity app, too, and this app allows the user to see what the library looks like and what kind of sensory-related assistance it offers. Each of Clay County’s five libraries will appear in the app with a picture and a notice that tells the user the libraries have sensory bags and sensory certification.

“The library is not a private business,” Walker said. “It’s a place for everyone and we have materials, we have items, and we have programming for people of all ages and in my opinion, one of the things about the library that make it so critical is that we are truly a level playing field.

“Truly, everyone is welcome and this is another step in making sure that’s the case.”



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Each sensory bag includes different devices that can be used to help calm one’s senses, prevent sensory overload or assist with one’s sensory-related needs, regardless of the need.



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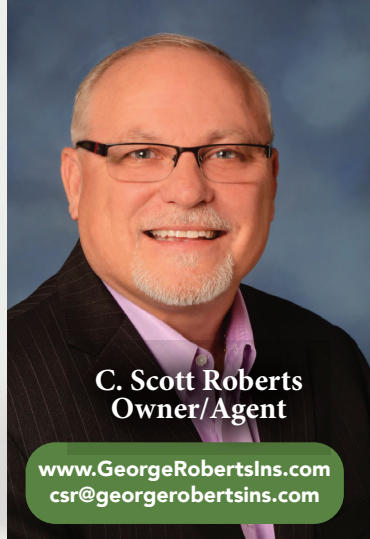
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Clay County’s creative responses to COVID-19 helped get tourism industry through pandemic

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – All things considered, the county’s tourism and local businesses handled the year 2020 quite well, and the tourism development council is working to make 2021 even brighter.

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck last year, Clay County quickly foresaw how its effects would change things, but the TDC and the county’s tourism director, Kimberly Morgan, quickly shifted to meet that challenge head-on. It’s why the county kept higher occupancy compared to other destinations like it, according to Morgan.

“This has been my outlook through all of this: it’s hard and tourism has been hit hard, but we’re not down and we’re not dying,” Morgan said. “Clay County has been very fortunate in that we’ve been able to keep occupancy more than most destinations.”

She said the market has shifted dramatically in the county in light of the coronavirus, specifically in hotel and bed and breakfast occupation. The county traditionally reported higher numbers during the week and fall during the weekend, but COVID-19 resulted in a total 180-degree flip. Morgan said proves the county is capable of being a leisure destination and that’s something the tourism department worked hard last year to target.

It did that in a number of ways: it created safety event kits, continued its mar-



The Amazing Grace Fall Festival is one of nine events that have used the tourism department’s safety kits, and already, nine 2021 events are signed up to use them as well.

keting, created a new website and targeted communities that would see Clay County as a tourism destination based on numbers the county sees.

Both the event kits and the new website have been in service since October, and as the new year ramps up, Morgan said they’ll play an even larger role. Targeted marketing is used to bring people to the county and the website serves as their directory. The event kits and other local safety efforts like Commit 2 Clay give visitors the peace of mind they desire when on vacation.

The event kits are simple, but they’re effective. They consist of hand sanitizer stations, hand sanitizer, masks, banners and large signs that show anyone on sight that this county and the event planner question prioritize safety in every decision. Morgan

said the event kits serve both the locals that attend events in the county like the Orange Park Fall Festival and the Florida Ballet performances at the Thrasher-Horne Center, of which both utilized the event kits, and the tourists, but that it mostly works to give tourists peace of mind because locals are likely already aware of how the county handles COVID-19 safety.

“It’s really an extension of the help we want to offer to event planners and places holding events,” Morgan said. “It’s a kit worth a couple of hundred bucks and it makes an event planner’s job, for example, that much easier.”

Morgan said the tourism department has been extending its helping hand to help event planners tackle the virus safety problem.

“We’re here to do that part of it for them and just brainstorm with them,” Morgan said. “You can’t just do things the same. You have to do it differently. You have to think about entrances to make sure there aren’t any bottlenecks, you have to think about space to ensure social distancing can happen...those are types of things we sit down with event planners to talk about.”

The website goes hand in hand with the tourism department’s approach to tourism in these times, too. It’s a one-stop shop for all things related to tourism in the county. It features local mom-and-pop shops and restaurants for tourists to visit, a questionnaire to help the viewer discover what might appeal to them most in Clay County.

“We have all these treasures here in our backyard and the new website is designed around highlighting those treasures,” Morgan said.

The website is also a first for the county in that it’s the first time Clay County has had a stand-alone website that is dedicated to tourism, according to commissioner and TDC chairman Mike Cella.

“It’s all about trying to be flexible and helpful in this time because we are all in this together,” Morgan said. “We’re going to keep marketing because we know it’s the lifeline for our businesses...and we are going to keep uplifting the beauty and the business we have here in Clay County.”

“We have the assets — it’s just about making sure people know about them.”

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Obituaries

Judy Carol Nall Campbell

Judy Carol Nall Campbell, age 75, of Pensacola, Florida, previously of Middleburg, Florida, Atmore, Alabama and Greenville, Texas, passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

Judy was preceded in death by her loving husband, Gerald Everard Campbell; and her parents, James L. Nall and Inez H. Harkrider Nall.

She is survived by her sister, Janice Nall Grayson and nephew James Thomas Grayson of Georgiana, Alabama.

She was a loving sister-in-law to four siblings and spouses, and loving aunt to 12 nieces and nephews, and 19 grand nieces and nephews.

Judy graduated from Escambia County High School in 1963, attended Judson College and graduated from Auburn University in 1967. She was a housewife who loved to cook, sew and do arts and crafts, after being a social worker in Pensacola.

Judy and Jerry were active members of the Advent Lutheran Church of Orange Park, Florida. They also attended and were married at Grace Lutheran Church of Pensacola, Florida.

She will be dearly missed by a large family and many close friends.

A service to celebrate Judy's life was held at 1:00 pm Monday, January 11, 2021 at Harper-Morris Memorial Chapel, with Pastor Jack Onkka, officiating. The family received friends prior to the service from 12:00pm until 1:00pm.

An inurnment service will follow at Barrancas National Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff of The Blake, of Pensacola, for their tender loving care of our family member.

Some of Judy and Jerry's favorite charities included: The Vietnam Veterans Association, The USO, YMCA's Camp Widjiwagan in Minnesota, Compassion International, The American Cancer Society and The Alzheimer's Association.



Judy Carol Nall Campbell

Charles Darrell Hughes

Charles Darrell Hughes, 88, was born on August 19, 1932 in Gastonia, North Carolina.

He went home to be with the Lord on January 2, 2021 in Middleburg, FL.

Arrangements and burial were held at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Cemetery and Funeral Home on Friday, January 8, 2021 at 2PM.

Charles touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.



Charles Darrell Hughes

Lane Douglas Barnes

Lane Douglas Barnes, age 77, of Russell Springs, KY passed away on Friday, January 8, 2021, at his residence.

Born September 9, 1943, in Russell County, KY, he was a son of the late Beckham and Martha Gaines Barnes.

Lane retired after 34 years as History teacher in the Barren County, KY and Clay County, FL school systems.

He was an avid historian and Civil War re-enactor. He was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, whom he wed on May 26, 1968, Bonnie Rexroat Barnes; son, Jonathan Andrew Barnes of Columbia, KY; daughter, Sara Elizabeth Barnes of Russell Springs, KY; brothers, Wilber (and Margie) Barnes and Roger Barnes, both of Russell Springs, KY; sister, Mary Ann (and Ross) Dabney of Jamestown, KY; nephews, BB (and Paula) Barnes, Brad Barnes, Brian (and Erin) Barnes, all of Jamestown, KY, and Richard Dabney of Chadron, NE; niece, Suzanne (and Jason) Smith of Rochester, NY; great-niece, Jalena (and Garrett) Bryant of Jamestown, KY; and great-great-niece, Jacklyn Bryant of Jamestown, KY.

Funeral services were held at 11:00AM on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at Liberty



Lane Douglas Barnes

Baptist Church in Kentucky with Bro. Greg Estes officiating. Burial followed in the Wheat Cemetery.

Visitation was from 5-7PM on Monday at Liberty Baptist Church and after 9AM on Tuesday at the church until time of services.

Social distancing guidelines were followed by everyone in attendance. Facial coverings were required.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Gideons or to Disciples Village, PO Box 2101, Lexington, SC 29071: memo the check to Lanzac School Feeding Program.

Funeral arrangements for Lane Barnes are entrusted to the Bernard Funeral Home with online guestbook available at www.bernardfuneralhome.com.

Richard Ernest Westgate

Richard Ernest Westgate, 92, of Orange Park, FL, passed away January 10, 2021.

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



Delores Marie Ellison

Delores Marie Ellison, 77, of Fleming Island, FL, passed away January 8, 2021.

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Mary E. Pomilla

Mary E. Pomilla, age 90, passed away peacefully January 8, 2021. She was born March 13, 1930 in Cleveland, Ohio, to Mary and Finley Sweet.

She married Joseph Pomilla, who preceded her in death in 2010.

Mary loved life. She enjoyed fishing on the beach, playing bingo, family gatherings and especially spending time with her grand and great grandchildren.

For many years Mary worked at various hospitals as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She carried the love of helping others all through her life.

Mary is survived by her daughter,

Lorraine Burleson, her husband Larry, their children, Larissa, AJ and Nate and grandchildren, Grayson, Jaxon, Savannah, Zane and Archer.

Mary also provided love and support to six other foster children through the years.

Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, Florida 32073, (904) 264-1233, is serving the family.



Delyla Bernice (Nichols) Allsup

Delyla Bernice (Nichols) Allsup, age 83, died on January 6, 2021, in Middleburg, Florida. After graduating high school, she joined the Women's Air Force on November 15, 1955, where her specialty was AC&W Operator. During her time serving her country, she met her husband, William John Allsup. She was honorably discharged to become his wife.

During their 58 year marriage, she spent her time taking care of their daughter, Sherry (Allsup) Bumpers, singing in the church choir, volunteering at Sherry's schools and their church, and was a member of the Seagull's circle of the Orange Park Garden Club. She loved to craft and sew also.

She is predeceased by her husband, William John Allsup; her parents, Bernie and Bernice Nichols; and her siblings. She is survived by her daughter, Sherry Bumpers (Robbie); and her grandsons, Kyle and Kane.

The family would like to thank the staff of Canterfield of Clay County for providing her exceptional care during the final years of her life.

Visitation will be held on January 23, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with a small service for the family officiated by Reverend Patrick Connolly to follow at 11:00 a.m. at Hardage-Giddens Holly Hill Memorial Park and Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, FL 32068.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.hollyhillfunerals.com for the Allsup family.



Delyla Bernice (Nichols) Allsup

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Island Dentistry expands its services with hiring of two new doctors

By Wesley LeBlanc
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FLEMING ISLAND – Island Dentistry is a one-stop shop for all your dentistry needs and it just bolstered its ranks with two new doctors.

Island Dentistry is aware of the stigma and fear associated with dentists: people are often scared to go to dentists be it a childhood trauma associated with them, a fear of the tools used or even a sense of embarrassment they might feel about the state of their teeth and mouth. The dental office works to remove that fear and being a one-stop shop is a part of that effort.

“Island Dentistry recognizes fear is a huge issue for a lot of patients whether it be childhood trauma or embarrassment so we make a point, no matter who they’re seeing, to build a relationship with that patient so that they’re comfortable,” Island Dentistry operations director Kandi Green said. “They’re already fearful of their regular visits so we don’t want to send them off from us to specialists, which is why we offer as much as we do here in this office.”

The office is located at 4589 U.S. Highway 17, Unit 6 on Fleming Island, and with the addition of two new doctors, Xiaodan Zhang and Victor Erminy, it can offer even more.

Zhang has a long history in dentistry that stretches back to her life in China, where she went to dental school and held a residency for oral surgery. She came to

the United States to further her education by attending dental school at the University of Minnesota. She practiced dentistry privately in Minnesota following college, and she moved to Florida last August with her wife and two daughters after her wife landed a residency at the Mayo Clinic here.

“I love it here,” Zhang said. “I have two daughters and they love the beach here and the weather. It’s nice that on any given day, we can go outside, which we couldn’t do in Minnesota.”

Zhang said she did a little waiting after moving here before starting the job hunt to help her family settle into their new, sunny home. She saw many openings and positions around town, but none appealed to her more than working as a dentist at Island Dentistry.

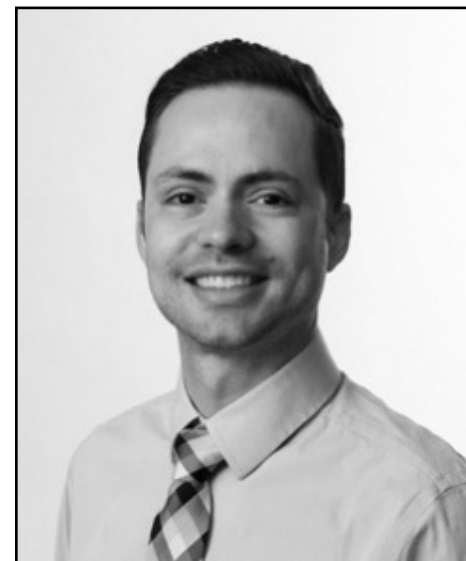
“I think they were the best fit because of the way they serve their patients and because of their philosophy to put their patients’ best interests first,” Zhang said. “That’s in line with my principles in dentistry as well. I want to serve them the best I can and give them the brightest smile and that’s what we’re about here.”

Island offers run-of-the-mill services like cleanings and cavity work, but they offer so much more. Zhang said they do regular restorations, crowns, cleanings, implants, bone grafts, bridges, full mouth rehabilitation, wisdom teeth, teeth extractions and all kinds of surgeries.

“Our patients aren’t referred to other offices often where they’ll have to pay ex-



Xiaodan Zhang



Victor Erminy

tra dollars for service because there’s a good chance we offer the service here already,” she said.

Zhang has been with the office since mid-December and she started working as a General Dentist there a few weeks before the newest doctor arrived.

“I just started this year,” Erminy said. “Tuesday (Jan. 5) actually, so this week I’ve been focused on training and getting to know how the office operates. We want to make sure all of the associate dentists [Erminy is an associate dentist] do things in the same way so that patients don’t feel like they’re being treated in different ways between this person and that person. That’s very important to us here.”

Erminy is originally from Venezuela, where he attended dental school. He moved to the states to hold a residency at a Cleveland hospital. He was offered a job at that hospital after his residency and there, he worked as a dentist that did “basically everything you can think of” like implants, surgeries and more.

He worked in Cleveland for seven years before deciding to move to Florida last year with his family that includes two daughters. Much like Zhang, moving to Florida from a northern state that experienced harsher winters brought with it a welcome change, he said.

“When I was looking for somewhere to work, I actually went to their website and saw that they had great reviews,” Erminy said. “That was very appealing to me and then during the interviews I had here, I realized this was the place I wanted to be. They were very comfortable and friendly and I fell in love with everything about the clinic, what they were doing, how they treated patients...it was perfect.”

Erminy is just days into his Island career and Zhang is just a few weeks into it, but both new doctors are excited to serve Fleming Island and Clay County.

“The more we can do here, the better we can serve them,” Green said. “That’s what we’re all about and I think our two newest doctors demonstrate that.”

Increase your NEAT score and burn more calories

By William Davis
Steel Mill Fleming Island

We’ve all heard the term calories in, calories out. It essentially means, if you expend more calories than you take in, you will lose weight. Likewise, if you take in more calories than you expend, you will gain weight. However, understanding how calories are burned throughout your day can make a huge impact on how you can tip the scales in your battle for fat loss.

A calorie is a unit of measuring energy, it’s the energy required to heat one liter of water by one degree centigrade. So, if calories are energy, seeing where they are expended is important. From the time you wake, to the time you are asleep in recovery, these metabolic and movement activities make up your total daily energy expenditure. So, what are all these calories doing?

Basal Metabolic Rate. This is the minimum level of energy used to maintain vital functions of the body. BMR accounts

for more than 70% of the energy we consume each day. That’s a big percentage, but then again keeping us alive is hard work.

Thermal Effect of Food.

Basically it’s the process used to turn your food into energy; digestion, absorption, and distribution of food and nutrients taken in. This makes up about 10% of total calorie burn, the simple act of eating increases the metabolism. How much metabolic activity goes up, depends on the macronutrient you are consuming. Protein has the highest thermic response and takes more energy to process. This is the reason high protein diets tend to burn fat, it’s also



William Davis

why you get the “meat sweats” at the Brazilian Steak House.

Exercise Activity. This is energy used for exercise like going on a run, having a workout in the gym, or working out at home. This can make up between 10-15% for sedentary people and up to 30% for physically active individuals. The higher intensity the workout, the higher the demand for energy, not only in the workout, but after the workout. This is called EPOC, or excess post-exercise consumption, which is basically the energy needed to bring you back to baseline.

Non-Exercise Activity Thermogenesis. This is all the other movement that is not exercise. These can include; moving around at home or work, fidgeting and pacing, housework and yardwork, playing with children and pets, etc. So, if you can increase your “NEAT score” you can burn more calories. One pound of fat can provide approximately 3,500 Calories of energy. Increasing your NEAT by 200 calories (walking two miles) and making smarter

food choices by decreasing your daily caloric intake by 300 calories (one soda), will put you at a 500-calorie deficit. Do this seven days a week, and you are on your way to loosening that belt.

Other ways of raising your NEAT score can be standing more at work, taking walks or adding weight to your daily walks, playing outside with your kids, taking the stairs versus the elevator or biking as transportation.

If losing weight and trimming up is one of your objectives, NEAT is going to be a big part of your success.

William Davis has been in the fitness industry for 10 years and he’s run Steel Mill Fleming Island for seven years. He’s also a USA weightlifting sport performance and USA powerlifting club coach, a CrossFit Level 2 trainer, PN nutrition coach, CrossFit powerlifting trainer, aerobic capacity trainer, movement and mobility trainer and rowing trainer.

Fix Them All provides low-cost spay and neuter services

By Bruce Hope
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – One of the fallouts of the COVID-19 pandemic has been the reduced ability of some residents to take proper care of their pets.

There is a large pet population in the county and they pose an additional expense to their owners and caretakers. Some people, especially senior citizens on fixed incomes, find themselves wondering they will be able to feed and meet the medical needs of the animals.

There is help on both fronts. Fix Them All, a nonprofit formerly known as Pay to Spay, provides affordable options to control the population of cats and dogs, while Twisted Oaks rescue has been a great help on the feeding front, literally donating tons of food to those in need.

Veterinary care for animals can be an expensive proposition, one that is often unaffordable. Animals often breed and multiply, making the situation worse if they



Jo Ellen Sullenbarger, Maggie Biggerstaff, June Kennedy & Lucille Reese



Lucille Reese with easel board.

belong to a family or person facing tough times.

Fix Them All states their mission as: to incentivize the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats in order to reduce the number of unwanted animals.

Lucille Reese is Operations Manager for Fix Them All and has been with the organization since its inception in 2015.

"We wanted to do something for the lower-income, underserved residents in lower areas on spaying and neutering their animals," she said. "It's [low-cost spay and neuter services] quite relevant. There are shelters, but they are completely overwhelmed with stray animals and people who surrender their animals, either because they have too many animals or they can't afford to feed them."

Fix Them All works to provide access to surgery as well as education on caring for pets and the benefits and importance of sterilization.

The original idea for Pay To Spay was many pet owners would be less than excited about sterilizing their animals if they got a gift card as a monetary incentive to

outweigh the cost. They eventually discovered a more prevalent reason for reluctance of sterilization was more due to the cost and a lack of transportation.

The name Fix Them All, it was a better way to reflect the mission of the organization.

Fix The All has a mobile unit that travels to assist with better meeting the needs of its patrons.

The cost is also heavily subsidized, with a price tag of \$30 for cats and \$50 for dogs to undergo the process.

"Our low-cost spay/neuter program is made possible through our success in negotiating discounted procedure fees of our local veterinarians who wish to participate in our program," said Reese. "We subsidize the difference with our own funds. We promote the availability of these services at farm stores, grocery stores, donut shops and other places where people gather as well as online."

In 2020, Fix Them All has coordinated the sterilization of more than 1,000 pets to reduce the number of unwanted animals in the area.

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Voss steers Seamark Ranch through unprecedented times, need for expanded growth

By Wesley LeBlanc
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Greg is the new CEO of Seamark Ranch and his focus are the children that call the ranch their home.

Seamark Ranch is a place where at-risk children can live when other living conditions aren't an option. If a child or teenager can't live in their current environment, the ranch west of Penney Farms can become a transformational option. The goal for all residents, however, is form them to return home once their conditions improve.

That's Voss' sales pitch for the not-for-profit organization, and he's ready to lead the ranch further into the future.

"Our goal is to give them something they didn't have, be it a strong-parent household, a new set of positive circumstances, a chance at something resembling vacation or a sense of work that feels fulfilling," Voss said. "Our No. 1 goal above all else is to give them a loving home."

Seamark Ranch is more than just a home for sleeping and eating. It's a ranch complete with its own classical Christian education-based school. This means the ranch can be an all-around experience. The children can sleep, shower, eat and live at the ranch, wake up each morning and learn in the school, and then work on the ranch tending to livestock and crops.

That all-encompassing on-site experience is why Voss uses the word "transformational" to describe the ranch in one word.

Voss has lived in Florida for 15 years after originally hailing from the New Jersey-Maryland-District of Columbia area of the east coast. He worked in sports and entertainment media and marketing, including jobs with the Washington Redskins and Washington Capitals before moving to Florida where he eventually became the vice president of operations for the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, where he further cut his business-oriented teeth.

He went through a recruiter first, then an interview with a search committee and an interview with the ranch's executive

committee before he was brought on to replace Fred Meiner. Voss has been with the ranch since last June and he's learned something new every day.

"You know, starting a new job like this, it's like drinking from a fire hydrant because there's just so much to learn," Voss said. "We have a great board of directors so obviously very early on, what I prioritized was getting to know the board members and the staff really well. Getting to know the major stakeholders of this organization was important too and building relationships with every single person at the ranch or involved with us."

"But I'm in my own now and we're making great strides for the future of this ranch."

Voss came into the nonprofit at a very interesting time with the COVID-19 pandemic. He not only had to learn to steer this organization, but steer it through the storm.

"There were so many different things to think about and apply between masks, safety protocols, social distancing, sanitization and everything else, but we did it and we honestly haven't had much of a problem at all with the virus," Voss said. "I'm very thankful for the staff in that regard."

Voss foresees a new sports complex and new school-related buildings in the ranch's future, he said. Ground already has been broken on a new sports complex dedicated to a child and friend of the ranch that recently passed away. It will be known as Cole's Courts, and Voss said naming the complex in Cole's honor is a great way to memorialize him forever.

"We want to build more homes on the ranch as well, but in order to do that, we need to expand our school because it's at capacity," Voss said. "We're going to launch a more aggressive campaign to raise funds soon and get an add-on to the school builds and we hope to start construction on that project by the end of 2021."

Voss said the ranch also wants to be more aggressive about vocational training too due to the number of those staying at



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Greg Voss' background includes stints with the Washington Redskins of the NFL and the Washington Capitals of the NHL, but his focus now is guiding Seamark Ranch through the pandemic while meeting the challenges of needed expansion.

the ranch who need ways to transition from ranch life when they turn 18. The ranch is also always working on community partnerships because those are the heartbeat of what keeps the ranch going, Voss said.

"We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the support of the community and the people that work here," Voss said. "We

have a great group of people that work at Seamark that are dedicated professionals who want to do what's best for the kids in our care.

"I can't say enough good things about the people that work here. Seamark is what it is because of them."



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Clay Health: Practicing healthy habits still important to reduce COVID-19

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Florida Department of Health in Clay County wants to remind residents that while the COVID-19 vaccine is currently available for Phase 1a priority populations, the best way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 is to avoid being exposed to the virus, and avoid exposing other people.

“I would like to stress that now is not the time to become complacent. Initial

doses of vaccine are limited in quantity and are designated for the Phase 1 priority population only. This means the vaccine is still several months away from being available to the general public,” stated Heather Huffman, Health Officer and Administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Clay County.

DOH– Clay and Clay County Emergency Management opened the COVID-19 Vaccination Point of Distribution on Dec.

29, with initial doses provided to high-risk front-line health care workers such as Paramedics and Department of Health staff who will be providing direct care at the COVID-19 vaccination POD. Through Jan. 3, DOH Clay and Clay County Emergency Management distributed 233 initial doses of the two-dose vaccine. On Jan. 4, the POD opened for Phase 1a priority population, via appointment at Alert.ClayCountyGov.com. The POD has the capability to provide up to 200 COVID-19 vaccines per day and will expand to up to 400 doses daily when providing the second shot in the two-dose series.

“It is up to everyone to reduce the spread of the virus by practicing everyday healthy habits. Avoid crowds, practice social distancing, wash your hands, wear masks in public, and cover coughs and sneezes,” continued Huffman. DOH Clay recommends individuals take the following precautions to reduce the likelihood of contracting and spreading the virus:

- 1. Stay 6 feet away from others. Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
- 2. Avoid crowds. Being in crowds like

in restaurants, bars, fitness centers or movie theaters puts you at higher risk for COVID-19.

3. Wear a mask over your nose and mouth. Everyone should wear a mask in public settings and when around people who don’t live in your household. A mask is not a substitute for social distancing.

4. Wash your hands often. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If you do not have access to soap and water, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

5. Cover coughs and sneezes. Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Immediately wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.

6. Clean and disinfect. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets and sinks.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. O-16-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 101, ARTICLE I, SEC. 101-5 TO ADD NEW DEFINITIONS FOR FLAG LOT; LOT LINE, FRONT; LOT LINE, SIDE; AND LOT LINE, REAR; AND REVISE DEFINITIONS FOR LOT WIDTH AND SETBACK; ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 101, ARTICLE II, DIVISION III SEC. 101-160 CONCERNING FLAG LOT REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 113 ARTICLE II, DIVISION 4, SEC 113-131 AND 113-132 TO REVISE ACCESS REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SEC. 117-62, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FLAG LOT; AMENDING CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, SEC. 117-87, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FLAG LOT; AMENDING CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 4, SEC. 117-122, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FLAG LOT; AMENDING CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE IX, DIVISION 4, SEC. 117-541, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FLAG LOT; AMENDING CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE IX, DIVISION 5, SEC. 117-565, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FLAG LOT;

The following public hearings have been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance:

- Planning & Zoning Board: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;
- City Council: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;
- City Council: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter;

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter considered at these scheduled public hearings, he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay – Dial 7-1-1.

Said Ordinance is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

City of Green Cove Springs
Heather Glisson, Development Services Representative
321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Clay launches paramedicine program to reduce rate of opioid overdoses

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Florida Department of Health in Clay County said beginning Jan. 11, the Overdose Data to Action Community Paramedicine Program will begin offering services to residents.

The OD2A Community Paramedicine Program, a collaborative partnership between the Department of Health in Clay County, the Clay County Board of County Commissioners, Clay County Fire Rescue and Clay Behavioral Health Care, was created to reduce opioid related drug overdoses in the county.

As part of this partnership, CCFR Community Paramedicine Program staff will offer Clay County residents who have experienced an opioid overdose the opportunity to receive Medication Assisted Therapy with follow up services through CBHC. MAT combines the use of medication with education and psychosocial and/or behavioral therapy to reduce mortality rates and improve outcomes in opioid addicted patients.

Once a prospective client consents to the program, CCFR Community Paramedicine Program staff will make daily contact (up to seven days) with the client to provide a dose of Buprenorphine, a medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat opioid use disorder. Daily contact will end once CCFR staff confirm that a client has started services through CBHC. Clients accepted into the Paramedicine Program are eligible to receive peri-

odic checks from the CCFR Paramedicine staff for up to one year.

Referrals to the program can occur through CCFR dispatch, field crews responding to overdose calls, or through walk in requests for assistance at CCFR stations. Local area hospitals, law enforcement officers and jail personnel can also refer to the OD2A Community Paramedicine Program via referral form. Residents interested in more information can contact DOH – Clay at (904) 529-2800 and those interested in receiving services can contact the Community Paramedicine Program team at (904) 284-7703. Residents can obtain education and supportive services, even if they decline MAT.

“This partnership is a vital step toward decreasing the rates of fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses,” stated Heather Huffman, Administrator for DOH-Clay. “According to Florida Health Charts, Clay County’s rate of Drug Poisoning deaths and Unintentional Injury Deaths by Drug Poisoning for 100,000 people exceed the State of Florida rate. In 2019 alone, there were 124 non-fatal opioid involved overdoses and 248 opioid-involved non-fatal overdose emergency department visits. By October of 2020, there were 429 incidents where Narcan was administered by CCFR to 449 patients. We are confident that through community education, the efforts of the Opioid Task Force and the Commu-

All those willing to help Oakleaf cheerleaders stand up and cheer!

Local group raising money to attending national championships in New Orleans

By Wesley LeBlanc
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OAKLEAF – There’s a cheerleading team in Clay County’s backyard with world class caliber and they need help getting to a national championship in New Orleans.

The Oakleaf Sports Association’s team received a full-paid bid to compete at The One Championships in New Orleans, which is one of the largest cheerleading competitions in the country. Their ability to compete is covered by the bid, but it doesn’t cover all of the costs.

“People compete from all over the world,” association director Ashley Levy said. “It’s a very prestigious thing, especially for us, and it’s amazing that they got this bid, but it covers \$365 per athlete and that cost does not cover all of the lodging and transportation costs.”

Levy said the team has been working hard to raise funds for the trip, but she said the COVID-19 pandemic has made things difficult. The girls can’t stand in front of Publix, asking for help from the local shoppers. They’ve tried asking local businesses for sponsorships and donations, but many of those businesses are struggling this year more than ever as well.

Makayla Mott and Kayla Havens are both members of the 18-year-and-younger team and they said they’ve had to shift to

online formats for fundraising. They’ve sold popcorn, pasta and other items online, but reaching out to people virtually isn’t as effective as in-person fundraising, they said.

Levy said anyone wishing to help out can reach out at the official OSA Oakleaf Knights Youth Cheerleading Facebook page or the OSA Oakleaf Knights Cheer Instagram. She said that’s a great way to keep up with all of the team’s fundraising efforts and an easy way to get involved.

“Our girls need help to make this dream come true and on that same note, we want to let our community know it has national championship cheerleaders in their county,” Levy said. “Every time we show up to a competition, we’re ‘repping’ Clay County.”

For Havens and Mott, they’re looking for all the help in the world to make this dream happen.

“I believe the excitement on the team is through the roof right now,” Havens said. “This is my first year cheering with Oakleaf and it’s the overall team’s first time being asked to compete in another state and we all want this so bad.”

“If we could get some community help, we can make [Clay County] proud.”

Mott said this is her third year with Oakleaf and eight year overall and she’s never seen a team more excited and prepared for something in her cheerleading career.

“We’ve never been there, but to be able to compete for a championship like this, with some of the best teams in the world, it would be amazing,” she said.



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The Oakleaf Sports Association Cheerleading team has been practicing in all weather, at all times, in preparation for The One national championship in New Orleans and the team needs Clay County’s help to afford the trip.



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Clay County Archives provides unique window into the past

By Bruce Hope
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The Clay County Archives offers a unique look into the past. Authors, historians, realtors, school children, tourists and even ghost-hunters, visit the old jail looking for everything from information to the paranormal.

Vishi Garig is the archive specialist for the Clerk of the Circuit Court Tara Green. She runs and monitors the Historical Archives. According to the Clerk's website, the mission of the archives is to "effectively identify, organize and preserve records and artifacts of enduring value in various formats related to Clay County."

"I go to schools and lecture about Clay County History," Garig said. "We put on a history festival here in May. In October, we put on a Halloween special called 'Tales from the Clink,' where high school kids, the drama kids, reenact true crimes. So, it's all kinds of stuff. I work on the fair booth for the Clerk's office, for the big fair that we have in April. And it's always a historical, educational theme booth."

The Clerk's office's display at the 2019 fair paid homage to the musical connections of Ronnie, Donnie and Johnny Van Zant made to the county. The site was so popular, Garig expanded the display and moved it to the Thrasher-Horne Center for a six-week run in Orange Park. Johnny Van Zant, the current front man for Lynyrd Skynyrd, and bassist Larry Junstrom, a founding member of Skynyrd, attended the grand opening.

The Historical Triangle also includes the Old Courthouse, which was opened in 1972, the Green Cove Springs train station

and the TAPS Monument that identifies county residents who've died in combat — from the Civil War to current wars in the Middle East.

Among other Garig's other tasks are to archive the county's oldest records, which are made available to the public. The records are from the period between Clay County's founding in 1858 until the 1970s. Records from before 1958 are unavailable online, which makes the historical archives a necessity.

Garig she used to provide tours regularly.

"COVID-19 put the squash on that," she said. "But before, yea. We would get Girl Scout Troops, Boy Scout Troops, school tours. Last year we had a day where we ran a couple hundred kids through this building, the 1890 courthouse and the main courthouse. We just did like a shuttle bus thing, and we moved the kids through. That was a really fun day."

Being the old jail, there are some historical artifacts present, such as the bullets from the pistol which killed Sheriff Joseph Peeler in 1894.

"We were like the Disney of our day," Garig said of the county around the turn of the 20th Century. "Lots and lots of tourists. The first snowbirds to Florida, they came here. Because of the spring. They would come in the winter and take the medicinal cures."

One of the most famous sights is the old jail cell block built in 1894 and was used until 1972. Prisoners up to maximum security were housed there. The jail had no heat, no air conditioning and no lights. It had men, women, juveniles and the mentally ill as there was no institution to house



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRUCE HOPE

COVID-19 permitting, Clay County Archivist Viski Garig welcomes visitors to the Historic Triangle in Green Cove Springs.

them at the time of construction.

Many ghost hunters come to the jail on weekends. They come in groups of five or more people, with each donating \$20. They then investigate the old building between the hours of 7 p.m. and midnight. Some claimed to have found evidence of the paranormal. The television show "Ghost Hunters" toured and explored the jail in 2014 to discover whether it was haunted by inmates' ghosts and a murdered sheriff.

"Talking to people, telling them about

the history of the buildings, the history of the people who worked in here, or were locked up in here," Garig said when asked what she loved about her job. "The jailors actually lived in my portion [her office]. Just interacting with the public; that's like my favorite part. I love it when they come in here."

The modern archives can be found at the current Clay County courthouse, and many records can be requested or found online.



Most of Clay's historical archives are inside the old county jail. Along with a courthouse was built in 1890, they still are an incredible way to explore the county's rich history.



The old jail was considered ahead of its time when it opened in 1894. Now it's a favorite haunt for paranormal enthusiasts.

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2 Corinthians 5:17

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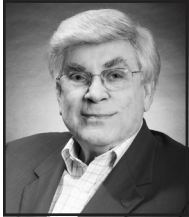
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-Psalm 84:11

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The giant mural on the corner of North Orange Avenue and Palmer Street in Green Cove Springs honors a fallen soldier and two fallen first responders from Clay County.

New Green Cove mural honors memories of three fallen heroes

By Bruce Hope
bruce@opcfla.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The corner of North Orange Avenue and Palmer Street in Green Cove Springs bears a beautiful tribute to the military and first responders of the city that everyone can see as they drive southward.

The mural features a huge American flag, which covers about one half of the building's side. On the flag is a cloud with wings spreading from the top of it, out to either side — into the Stars on the left and the stripes on the right. Standing on top of the clouds are the three people forever memorialized by the city.

On the left is Clay Fire Rescue Engineer and Paramedic Jeremy J. McKay, who died in 2019 after battling cancer. In the middle is U.S. Army Ranger Sgt. Bradley Crose, who died while fighting the Taliban and Al-Qaeda during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. And the third person is Clay County Sheriff's Office Dep. Benjamin Zirbel, who was killed on duty in a 2019 motorcycle accident.

Sophie "Dare" Dentiste was the leading artist on the project. She has been doing wall mural art since the 1990s. In conjunction with local charity St. Michael's Soldiers and the Art Guild of Orange Park, she worked during an approximately five-week period from November to December of 2019 to complete the mural. Others involved were Lynette Woodman, Lori Butler, Kim Hinkle, Alison McCauley, Andrea Sibilla, Kathy Plante and Beth Hazlip.

"I wanted to do a wall with wings," Dentiste said of the design's origins. "I had some ideas in my head, so we came up with that together. They loved the wings too... so I created a design for them; several different options, and that's just the one that they chose."

For a smaller city such as Green Cove Springs, projects like this mean a lot.

"Very significant and meaningful," Dentiste said. "Because of the impact on the community and other artists participating. As well, once we got into it, we thought it was going to be a memorial to first responders, but then we found out it was a



From left, artists Beth Hazlip, Kim Hinkle and Sophie Dentiste were part of a group who created the colorful mural.

memorial to three specific fallen officers in Clay County and their families."

"I think it's a great addition to the city of Green Cove Springs," said Tiffanie Kelly, Communications Coordinator for the City of Green Cove Springs. "Through this mural program, we are trying to find ways to liven up downtown. We think that this is a great collaboration between artists and the

city of Green Cove Springs. It's a great way for artists to show their passion for the city and in the case of this particular mural of the men and women who work to keep our country and this city safe."

The mural is the second Dentiste has done in Green Cove Springs, the first being the Flora and Fauna, located just across the street.



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Growth

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High's capacity currently is at 106%.

Oakleaf is the only high school with a capacity more than 100%, but other schools like Middleburg High, which sits at 98%, are getting close. In the case of

Oakleaf, however, the growth shows no signs of slowing down as nine new developments are under construction or in the planning stages.

The capacity of the high school is 2,450 students. There are 2,607 attending today and Fossa projects that another 230 students soon will be added to the school as a result of the incoming development.

"If we do nothing, Oakleaf High [will rise to] 115% and...it will continue to grow," Fossa said. "That's something we need to look at."

Another area of the district Fossa believes the district needs to focus on is the Lake Asbury area. Lake Asbury Junior High currently sits at 83% capacity, but Fossa said there's a secret factor hiding within that number.

"You might say, 'Oh, 83%'s not too bad,' but there's an [Exceptional Student Edu-

cation] factor we're not including," Fossa said. "Each classroom can be 23 or 25 or what have you and they may or may not [have] that many students in there and because there's a large ESE population at Lake Asbury, we know [many seats in classrooms aren't being used].

"You might have a room with 25 seats, but there might only be five used...so you have an artificial number there."

Fossa said the capacity taking into account the school's ESE numbers sit closer to 88% and that with all the new neighborhood development planned for the area, he projects the non-ESE number to rise to 113%, or 117% with the ESE factor taken into account.

"There's a way forward though: a board workshop," Fossa said. "We can present, examine and develop options to remedy the currency problem with boundary alignment."

Boundary realignment would allow the district to redraw school boundary lines and redirect students to different schools in an effort to reduce the capacity of high-capacity schools like Oakleaf High and Lake Asbury Junior High.

In other news, Superintendent David Broskie announced the graduation rate for



Oakleaf High School

the last school year was 93.4%, which is the highest in district history. It marks an 8.7-point increase from 2015 to now, and puts Clay County's graduation rate at No. 6 in the state out of 67 school counties. The Clay County School District outpaced the state's average graduation rate by 3.4% points, according to Broskie.



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Police Briefs

Jury trials suspended for COVID-19 until Feb. 22

CLAY TODAY – The continued rise in positive COVID-19 cases prompted Chief Judge Mark Mahon of the Fourth Judicial Circuit to remain in Phase II of protocols and to suspend all jury trials until at least Feb. 22.

All jurors summoned in Clay County through Jan. 15 have been excused, and no further jury summons will be sent in the next six weeks.

The Fourth Judicial Circuit includes Clay, Duval and Nassau counties,

Bright lights warning leads to arrest for weapon, drugs

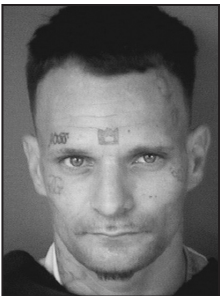
MIDDLEBURG – A man was seconds away from driving away from a traffic stop with a warning wound up the Clay County Jail on an assortment of drug and weapon charges.

Gino Nick Rocca II, 30, of Hampton, was

charged with possession of a stolen firearm and ammo by a convicted felon, as well as possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia and possession of cocaine and marijuana with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver after the Clay County Sheriff’s Office stopped him on Jan. 8 on Southlake Drive at County Road 220 for not dimming his bright lights for oncoming traffic.

As the deputy came back to the car with the warning, he found a plastic bag with later tested positive for methamphetamine on the ground by Rocca’s door. The arrest report said the baggie was dry although it had just rained.

A search uncovered cocaine and marijuana packaged for sale and a handgun on Rocca or in his backpack, according to CCSO.



Gino Rocca

Orange Park man indicted by U.S. Attorney for wire fraud

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. Attorney Maria Chapa Lopez announced the return of an indictment charging Brian Roy Lozito, 51, with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and 12 counts of wire fraud. If convicted, Lozito faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count and payment of restitution to the victims he defrauded. Lozito was arraigned on the charges on Jan. 11. His trial is set for March 1.

According to the indictment, Lozito owned and managed American Investigative Services. AIS purported to offer consumers mortgage auditing services in exchange for a fee. Lozito and his conspirators solicited customers nationwide through mailings and telephone calls. In these solicitations, Lozito and AIS employees under his direction made false and fraudulent representations to consumers, including that AIS would perform “forensic audits” of mortgage documents in order

to uncover evidence of deficiencies in the mortgage documents. Lozito claimed AIS would obtain quitclaim deeds and other remedies, so the mortgage holders would be relieved of their mortgage debt and own their properties free and clear. If AIS could not help the consumer, Lozito promised to refund their money. In reality, AIS did not perform the services paid for by consumers and did not refund money to consumers. Money collected from consumers went to bank accounts controlled by Lozito, and he spent the money.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed one or more violations of federal criminal law, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service’s Jacksonville Field Office and the Office of the Florida Attorney General – Consumer Protection Division, with assistance from the Clay County Sheriff’s Office.

It will be prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin C. Frein.

Arrests & Bookings

(Name, age, location of arrest, charges). Key: FTA-Failure to Appear; DWLSR-Driving Without a License-Suspended or Revoked; DUI-Driving Under the Influence; VOP-Violation of Probation; BAL-blood alcohol level. There are no assumptions or representations about guilt or innocence. Anyone arrested or booked is presumed innocent.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

- George T. Foster, 54, Lake Asbury, simple battery
- Rolland J. Haydt, 48, Keystone Heights, FTA-DWSLR, failure to register vehicle
- Warren O. Ware, 23, Middleburg, burglary
- Stephen N. Norris, 36, Middleburg, delivery of methamphetamine, delivery of ecstasy/molly
- Kenny E. Guerrier, 20, Orange Park, simple domestic battery
- Kristy L. Carr, 42, Fleming Island, grand theft of firearm
- Hudson Ferguson, 28, Orange Park, criminal mischief
- Rebecca L. Baker, 35, Green Cove Springs, FTA-hit and run, FTA-DWSLR
- James A. Mendoza, 66, Green Cove Springs, possession/control/view depiction of child sex conduct
- Shawn E. Malone, 39, Middleburg, battery of person 65 or older
- Kayla M. Simmons, 29, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Monday, Feb. 11

- Brandon J. Leblanc, 36, Orange Park, DUI

- Carol A. Stockman, 50, Fleming Island, trespassing
- Warren O. Ware, 23, Middleburg, simple domestic battery, burglary
- Elijah N. Robertson, 40, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
- Stephen N. Norris, 37, Fleming Island, grand theft
- David Gonzalez, 40, Orange Park, aggravated battery, simple battery
- Lauren N. Martin, 37, Orange Park, retail petit theft
- Sheila M. Arthur, 33, Lake Asbury, petit theft (Pasco), fraudulent use of credit card (Pasco)

Sunday, Feb. 10

- Fredrick H. Kerr, 29, Middleburg, DUI
- Alonzo Salvador, 50, Orange Park, resisting police office with violence, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT
- Ricky L. Manning, 63, Middleburg, retail petit theft
- Denton R. Runyon, 31, Middleburg, simple domestic battery, adult false imprisonment
- Caleb M. Koessler, 27, Middleburg, VOP-community control
- Michael G. Fling, 37, Orange Park, DUI
- Jacinto A. Blackmon, 78, Middleburg, insurance fraud, false report of a crime
- Nia J. Jackson, 21, Orange Park, FTA-domestic battery

Saturday, Feb. 9

- Helena Scholtens, 50, Middleburg, grand theft auto
- Samantha M. Fountain, 30, Orange Park, DUI

- Shaun P. Driggers, 35, Middleburg, trespassing
- Matthew R. Kirby, 27, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia
- Joseph C. Sweet, 35, Middleburg, violation of pretrial release conditions for domestic violence
- Ryan T. Mahan, 35, Middleburg, aggravated battery
- Melissa K. McElroy, 26, Green Cove Springs, FTA
- Osmel F. Figueredo, 55, Orange Park, burglary
- Osvaldo, Desdin-Perez, 53, Orange Park, burglary
- Alaina R. Lilly, 30, Middleburg, FTA-leaving the scene of an accident involving damage
- Marina B. De Oliveira, 35, Oakleaf, simple domestic battery

Friday, Feb. 8

- Michael J.D. Bragg, 31, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, DWLSLR, attempting to flee/elude officer with disregard for safety of others
- Gino N. Rocca, 30, Middleburg, possession-firearm by convicted felon, possession-methamphetamine, possession-cocaine with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, possession-marijuana with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, possession/use-drug paraphernalia
- Nathan J. O’Neill, 36, Orange Park, grand theft auto
- Jennifer M. Alegre, 27, Green Cove Springs, VOP-reckless driving when re-

- duced from DUI
- Stephen C. Howard, 43, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-controlled substance
- Joshua K. Robinson, 37, Green Cove Springs, FTA-distributing fentanyl
- Brandon J. Foster, 27, Orange Park, petit theft, uttering forged/counterfeit bill
- Brandon S. Diloreto, 24, Orange Park, burglary
- Jacob R. Libretto, 20, Fleming Island, fraudulent use of credit card
- Nicholas A. Kammerer, 29, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT
- Samuel L. Johnson, 45, Oakleaf, DUI third offense in last 10 years
- Carl A. Williams, 63, Fleming Island, DUI

Thursday, Feb. 7

- Elana O. Waldon, 32, Fleming Island, DUI
- Anthony W. Jones, 48, Green Cove Springs, FTA-contempt (Bradford)
- Martin D. Vassaur, 57, Keystone Heights, simple domestic battery
- Cleveland B. Smith, 30, Green Cove Springs, FTA-moving violation with DESLR, FTA-DWSLR
- Damien A. Stitt, 23, Middleburg, FTA-sentencing for burglary
- Shamonte C. Franklin, 22, Orange Park, knowingly providing false information to law enforcement for alleged crime
- Matthew Mitchell, 64, Green Cove

Community Calendar

ORANGE PARK PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD: will meet Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet Jan. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference room, third floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

POPOVICH COMEDY PET THEATER: is Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit [thcenter.org](#).

OPEN TRACK WEEKEND: is Jan. 15-16 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the FIRM in Keystone Heights at 7266 Airport Road.

ROGER MCGUINN: will perform on Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit [thcenter.org](#).

ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET: is Jan. 17 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

THE HERITAGE COMMISSION: will meet Jan. 18 at 9 a.m. at the Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 Lawrence Blvd. For more information, call (352) 473-4807.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 321 Walnut St.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL: will meet on Jan. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

CLAY COUNTY FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE: will meet Jan. 19 at 3 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

JACKSONVILLE CAMERA CLUB: will meet Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran School, 6595 Columbia Park Ct., Jacksonville.

CLAY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL: will meet Jan. 20 at 3:30 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

HIGHWAY MEN LIVE MUSICAL TRIBUTE: is Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit [thcenter.org](#).

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference room, third floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

OPEN TRACK WEEKEND: is Jan. 22-24 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the FIRM in Keystone Heights at 7266 Airport Road.

CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: will conduct a workshop on Jan. 26 at 9 a.m. at the District Multi-Purpose Room, at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., on Fleming Island.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: will meet Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Adminis-

tration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

CLAY COUNTY TOURISM ADVERTISING AND MARKETING WORKSHOP: is Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. Evok Advertising will make presentations on what they're doing for businesses in Clay County, best practices for social media and content development, SEO and GMB and how to use them, managing brand reputation and review and email and co-op marketing. Make reservations with Kate Savage at Katherine.Savage@claycountygov.com or by calling (904) 529-4094.

CLAY ACTION COALITION: will meet Jan. 28 at 1279 Kingsley Ave., Office 116, Orange Park.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: will meet Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference room, third floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL: will meet on Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

ORANGE PARK ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: will meet Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: will meet Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at the District Multi-Purpose Room, at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., on Fleming Island.

ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION/PAT TRAVERS BAND: will play Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit [thcenter.org](#).

ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET: is Feb. 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

CLAY BRIDAL SPECTACULAR: is Feb. 7 at noon at the Thrasher-Horne Center, St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: will meet Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

ORANGE PARK PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD: will meet Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

THE JUNGLE BOOK: is Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit [thcenter.org](#).

THE HERITAGE COMMISSION: will meet Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. at the Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 Lawrence Blvd. For more information, call (352) 473-4807.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL: will meet on Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

JACKSONVILLE CAMERA CLUB: will meet Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran School, 6595 Columbia Park Ct., Jacksonville.

ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET: is Feb. 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

LINDA DAVIS PRESENTS FIRST COAST OPRY AND COUNTRY AWARDS: is Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit [thcenter.org](#).

CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: will conduct a workshop on Feb. 23 at 9 a.m. at the District Multi-Purpose Room, at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., on Fleming Island.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on March 1 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL: will meet on March 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

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CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: will meet on March 4 at 6 p.m. at the District Multi-Purpose Room, at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., on Fleming Island.

THE YOUNG IRELANDERS: will perform March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit [thcenter.org](#).

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Arrests

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Springs, FTA-aggravated battery with deadly weapon
Jason E. Daniel, 49, Middleburg, VOP-burglary (Baker)
Steven M. Crosby, 31, Green Cove Springs, aggravated battery
Moraima Rivera Gutierrez, 56, Orange Park, FTA-traffic offense
Tylor S. Provencher, 22, Orange Park, DUI, driving without license

Wednesday, Feb. 6
Andrew L. Archibald, 36, Orange Park, DWSLR-habitual offender
Caleb M. Greer, 30, Orange Park, retail petit theft
Crystal G. Cooper, 35, Middleburg, domestic battery
Henry Wimberly, 30, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWSLR
Matthew P. Barnett, 33, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, DUI, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
Nicholas E. Larsen, 39, Middleburg, grand theft auto
Luis E. Rivera Lopez, 36, Orange Park, sale/delivery of methamphetamine, possession-methamphetamine
Falwyn J. Griffin, 30, Green Cove

Springs, grand theft (Okaloosa), hire/lease with intent to defraud (Okaloosa), use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony (Okaloosa)
Lemuel H. Crowder, 50, Orange Park, VOP-community control
Keith K. Chambers, 37, Green Cove Springs, tampering in third-degree felony proceeding (Marion)
Cassidy N. Townsend, 21, Keystone Heights, out of county warrant
Caleb M. Greer, 30, Middleburg, retail petit theft
Jeremy E. Thompson, 42, Green Cove Springs, violation of injunction against domestic violence
Joshua M. Cagle, 33, Green Cove Springs, criminal mischief
Jefferson Ramirez, 27, Green Cove Springs, VOP-lewd/lascivious battery
Ronald T. Mock, 57, Green Cove Springs, DUI-third violation in last 10 years, DWSLR-habitual offender
Melissa D. Ross, 20, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery
John K. Smithey, 39, Orange Park, driving with expired tag for more than six months (Duval), leaving the scene of an accident with property damage (Duval)

Residents line up early for Middleburg American Legion food giveaway

By Bruce Hope
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MIDDLEBURG – About 20 volunteers with the American Legion Post 250 in Middleburg gathered last Tuesday, as they do on the second Tuesday of every month, to give out food to underprivileged members of the community.

The giveaway, usually scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., started early when several vehicles were already in line to receive the needed foodstuffs.

“It’s Farm Share free food giveaway,” said Richard Rowe, U.S. Air Force veteran and Commander of post 250. “We do it on the second Tuesday of every month. Farm Share is an organization who has the food. They bring it in there. They bring a truckload on Tuesday morning. We unload it; bag it up.”

Farm Share is a non-profit organization established in 1991, dedicated to the elimination of food waste and to fighting against hunger. It distributes food throughout Florida and provides food to the Legion offers to the public. In 2020 alone, Farm

Share distributed more than 101 million pounds of food throughout the state.

Rowe estimates that Farm Share and his American Legion post helps between 180 and 250 families with groceries every month.

Sheldon Phillips is a retired Army helicopter pilot who has been with the American Legion for 19 years. He is also a volunteer at the monthly food giveaways. “It gives me a chance to help people that are less fortunate than me,” Phillips said. “I’m retired and have a pretty good life, and there’s a lot of people that ain’t doing so well right now. We start about an hour early, packing [bags].”

Rowe says sometimes they also start early if the lines are long and begin to block traffic.

The operation has been taking place for one year now.

As the vehicles arrived, they were checked in by a volunteer who got information from them about their family’s size. That information was then relayed to the volunteer team, who loaded the vehicles with the necessary donations.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRUCE HOPE
Due to the growing demand from the community, volunteers at American Legion Post 250 in Middleburg have to arrive early to start bagging food.

WJCT Public Media launches 2021 PBS Kids Writers Contest

CLAY COUNTY – WJCT Public Media this week announced the launch of the 2021 WJCT PBS Kids Writers Contest. The organization will accept entries from Jan. 1 through March 15.

Starting its 27th year, the annual contest invites students in grade K-3 to submit their original writing and illustrations. The 2020 contest collected more than 200 stories from Florida, Georgi, and other parts of the country as far away as California and Alaska.

The annual contest is an initiative designed to promote the advancement of children’s literacy skills through hands-on, active learning and is open to any child in grades K-3 who writes and illustrates their own story.

All writers and illustrators, who enter and meet the requirements of the contest, will have their work published online at

wjct.org and receive a certificate. First-, second- and third-place awards will be presented for stories from each grade level; winners will also receive a WJCT

PBS Kids prize pack, the opportunity to create a video reading of their story and an invitation to share their story live at Be My Neighbor Day on Saturday, May 9. Winning stories will be eligible for the People’s Choice grand prize, a \$100 savings bond.

“WJCT Public Media is proud to provide a platform for our youngest neighbors to share their unique stories through the WJCT PBS Kids Writers Contest,” said David McGowan, President and CEO of WJCT. “Through this contest, we hope to inspire students and their communities to experience the joy of creativity.”

For more information, including official rules and tools to help students create their stories, visit wjct.org/writerscontest.



The Legion post has been able to take food from Farm Share and repurpose it to as many as 250 families every month. Volunteers load foodstuffs in cars that arrived more than an hour before the 8 a.m. opening last Tuesday.

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Huffman, Ward update commission on county's slow, frustrating Moderna rollout

by Wesley LeBlanc
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The is working hard to get Moderna COVID-19 vaccines out as fast as possible, but it will be a while before supply meets the demand.

Florida Health Department Clay County administrator Heather Huffman and Emergency Management director John Ward spoke of the struggles and success of the vaccine rollout during the Jan. 12 Board of County Commissioners meeting. BCC members told Huffman and Ward constituents are upset about the rollout, but there's nothing the county can do about it.

"We have received 3,800 doses at the department and that is it," Huffman said. "It's a trickle effect and I want people to be realistic about what this means."

She said there's more than 220,000 residents in the county and doses are designated for frontline healthcare workers and people 65 and older, a population that accounts for roughly 35,000 residents. The state mandated those doses go to that population, which shows 3,800 doses for 35,000 people doesn't add up.

Ward said the county is going to continue to use the internet as its method for making vaccine appointments. There has been some frustration surrounding the

online signups because the demand is so high. The appointments disappear in minutes, but Ward said the county is going to be more open about when other appointments are available.

"Just to set expectations...on a weekly basis on Wednesday, late morning to hit that noon news hour, we're going to do an announcement," he said. "[Jan. 13], we're going to do an announcement that we didn't get any this week and there won't be any appointments opening up."

He if the county learns at noon it will receive additional doses, it won't open the application process until 3 p.m. to give residents a chance to get the information.

The county is currently administering 224 doses a day and is about to double its capacity to 448 – 224 initial doses and 224 second doses. Huffman said hospitals and their smaller-scale partner offices will soon be administering doses to people 65 or older, and CVS, Publix and Walgreens soon will follow suit.

Commissioner Betsy Condon said her constituents make up a large portion of the 65 years or older population and her phone has been ringing constantly with upset residents.

"Clay has done a phenomenal job through the entire COVID-19 crisis and I know you two are trying to get more vac-



The county's two COVID-19 vaccine rollout leaders, Clay County Health Department Director Heather Huffman and County Emergency Management Director John Ward, explained the county is working as hard as possible to meet the demand, but that realistically, the supply isn't anywhere close to meeting demand.

cines for us, and we see that, but it's frustrating [for the people calling]," Condon said. "Where are the doses?"

Huffman said reports the state is holding back doses is inaccurate. The delays are the federal government's way of ensuring there are enough doses so that those who already received the first are guaranteed to receive their necessary second inoculation. She said Moderna is catching up quickly which means that the government soon won't need to hold back doses for the second round.

"The vaccines are coming from the federal government so they can't be bound to residency, a state, or even the country," Huffman said. "The State of Florida is getting about 250,000 doses a week. Off that,

they have to feed [doses] to CVS and Walgreens [which are handing long-term senior care facilities amongst other things]."

She also said Publix has 22 stores in the state taking doses from that 250,000 and that number is about to rise to 70 stores. So far, no Publix locations in Clay County have been selected. The doses designated to pharmacies won't draw from the number of vaccines allotted to the county, Huffman said. The state wants as many avenues as possible administering the vaccine to reduce the demands at health departments.

All of the stores will eventually will be administering vaccines to anyone one day. When, however, isn't clear.

Clay County gets a share of the \$1.2 million granted from Respond/Adapt/Recover Fund

JACKSONVILLE – Christmas came early to 117 local nonprofit organizations who received a total of nearly \$1.2 million to help offset the costs they incurred trying to re-open and continue serving clients during the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants, which ranged from \$500 to \$50,000, helped cover agencies' purchases of personal protective equipment, Plexiglas and similar materials, COVID-19 training and health testing of staff, and necessary items for social distancing and sanitation. Program transition support costs – such as those necessary to deliver services online – also were eligible for reimbursement.

Ten Clay County organizations – Clay Behavioral Health Center, Clay County Education Foundation, Clay County Habitat for Humanity, Clay County Humane Society, BASCA. (Building Abilities of Special Children and Adults), Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Orange Park Community Theatre, Quigley House, Shepherd's Center of Orange Park, and The Way Free Medical Clinic – received grant money.

Funding for the grants came from The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida's Respond/Adapt/Recover Fund. This special fund, established this fall,

was made possible with a significant gift from the Lucy Gooding Charitable Foundation Trust, additional gifts from individual donors and The Community Foundation's discretionary funds.

"These nonprofit organizations, many with limited budgets before the pandemic, suddenly were faced with overwhelming, unplanned costs that were essential to continuing to serve their clients," said Kathleen Shaw, vice president of programs at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, who led the vetting of nearly 150 applications. "We saw them make the anguishing decisions to ensure a safe envi-

ronment for staff and clients, and we know these grants will help ease some of the financial burden that the pandemic created."

The 117 agencies who received the grants operate across a wide spectrum of focus areas, and throughout The Community Foundation's six county (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns) service area. Nearly a third of the recipient agencies have annual budgets of less than \$200,000.

For instance, agencies providing mental health services, which became even more crucial to our community during the

pandemic, received grants to reimburse them for costs associated with making in person mental health services possible (Plexiglas, HEPA air filtration, deep cleaning) as well as other costs incurred to deliver some services virtually. Clay Behavioral Health, Epic Community Services, Gateway Community Services and Stronger than Stigma are just a few of the mental health agency recipients.

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Baptist

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one we’ve opened is at Nocatee. They are staffed by a healthy living coordinator and they help folks to navigate our complicated healthcare industry. It also provides health education and opportunities to just make sure that they go through their resources to help patients determine what they have and how to go about using them.

“Different physicians will have educational sessions in the healthy living center. We do a lot of that stuff now, obviously, virtually, but when we get to a point where we can have folks in a room together again, we would love to continue that. Those have been very popular at our other campuses where we offer them.”

The services will be offered for free. It will include personalized health coaching. There are classes and programs to help with exercise and fitness goals. A health coach also can help patients learn how to use certain fitness apps.

And, it’s open to everyone, including those who aren’t Baptist Health patients.

Baptist HealthPlace at Nocatee opened last November. The health hub is designed around the fitness, wellness, medical and therapeutic needs of those living and working in the growing community and surrounding areas.

“Baptist HealthPlace at Nocatee was created with the input of people living in this community, and what services they told us would be of value,” Baptist Health President and CEO Brett McClung told our sister newspaper, The Ponte Vedra Recorder. “Our on-site wellness coach in the Baptist Center for healthy living will offer a concierge approach to assisting people with their health-related questions, direct-

ing them to the right resources and linking together services to help save time.”

Fleming Island’s facility is located about 200 yards west from the current construction of a planned six-story hospital being built at the Baptist Health Medical Campus. The two facilities eventually will be joined by jogging paths and a bridge. Baptist Health recently bought the 33-acre plot between the Clay Campus and the old VyStar building, creating a massive complex that will address emergency, children’s and preventative healthcare issues.

“Truly, our goal is to help support healthy living. We don’t want you to have to come to the hospital, to be honest with you,” Roark said. “We want to do everything we can to give you the tools you need to live a healthy lifestyle. That’s a big piece of what we do.”

HealthPlace at Fleming Island will be operational by the fall, Roark said. The hospital is scheduled to be opened in mid-2022.

“They’re moving fast,” Roark said. “They’re bringing in a lot of fill dirt to finish the building pad where the six-story building will sit. Foundation work is expected to start in the next couple weeks. The fill dirt process is supposed to be completed by Friday [Jan. 15]. We’ll have steel by the end of April.

“I can’t wait to provide additional healthcare services to the residents of Clay County. At this present time, the other two hospitals in [Jacksonville area] are packed. They’re really, really busy. There’s an increase need for healthcare across the board in our county, across Northeast Florida. We hope to get things up and running and continue to serve the folks that live here in the best way we know how.”

Baptist Health’s investment in the Clay County project is \$206.5 million, Roark



said. The purchase of the VyStar building was included in the original budget.

Once Baptist HealthPlace at Fleming Island is opened, Baptist Primary Care, which is located across the street from the Campus in the Village Square Shopping Center.

“Primary Care is planning to move into the building as we continue to expand the

primary care options,” Roark said. “We added a third provider to one office [last week]. We’ll add a third provider to the office across the street [Baptist Primary Care], so they’re running out of space. Everyone is outgrowing where they are now.”

The sounds of heavy construction, however, is a constant reminder that solutions are coming soon.

Northeast Florida Regional Council get \$700,000 grant for development

CLAY COUNTY – Gov. Ron DeSantis announced on Friday, Jan. 8 that the Northeast Florida Regional Council was the recipient of a Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Planning Grant (CDBG-MIT) through the Department of Economic Opportunity.

“This three-year, \$700,000 award will be used to develop a ‘North Florida Resiliency Plan for the Health and Medical Lifeline’ and will be a collaborative approach across multiple programs of NEFRC, including the Healthcare Coalition Alliance, which serves 18 counties in North Florida,” said NEFRC CEO Beth Payne. “This is an exciting step forward to address healthcare infrastructure protection and to maintain essential clinical care service delivery across our 18-county service area.”

The North Florida Resiliency Plan for the Health and Medical Lifeline will significantly enhance the healthcare sector’s ability to adapt and recover from impacts associated to flooding, storm surge, and

sea level rise. While the primary focus is to reduce disruptions to the health and medical lifeline due to major impacts from extreme weather events, this Resiliency Plan will provide supporting data, analysis, and mitigation strategies that will be useful during normal operations. By focusing specifically on improving health care infrastructure resilience and essential clinical care service delivery, this Resiliency Plan aims to assist organizations in reducing future vulnerabilities and losses and improve the functioning of a broad range of health care facilities across the 18-county region.

The NEFRC is an independent, regional government agency serving Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Putnam, Nassau and St. Johns counties. It provides a regional perspective toward growth management, economic development, emergency preparedness, resiliency, and community development to enhance the quality of life of Northeast Florida residents. For more information about the Northeast Florida Regional Council, visit www.nefrc.org.

Orange Park’s American Business women offer Pat Walker Scholarship

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – The Orange Park Charter Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association is offering a scholarship worth \$2,000 funded through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund to a deserving area student.

Each year, local chapters of ABWA provide the scholarships to girl and women students who will be attending accredited U.S. colleges, universities and community/vocational schools. Applicants for this scholarship must be citizens of the United States; residents of Northeast Florida; attending any Florida college or university at any grade level in August 2021; and have a current GPA of 2.5 or better.

Eligible women interested in applying for the scholarship should contact: Lynn McCarthy, Scholarship Chair, at lynnmccarthy1@comcast.net, (904) 504-8181 Once added to the database by the Schol-

arship Chair, applications must be completed online by May 15. The scholarship recipient will be notified in July.

SBMEF, ABWA’s national educational fund, is one of the most highly respected grant and scholarship funds in the country. For more than 60 years, ABWA has helped women achieve their business and professional success through educational scholarships. Since its inception, more than 17,000 women nationwide have been awarded more than \$17 million in scholarships. The Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund is a 501 (c) 3 charitable trust and public foundation.

It has the same tax status as public schools, churches and community funds. The fund is listed in the U.S. Internal Revenue Service “Cumulative List of Organizations” described in Section 170(c) of the IRS code of 1954.

Opioid

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nity Paramedicine Program services, we will see a decrease in opioid overdoses and deaths.”

“Clay County Fire Rescue would like to thank Baptist Clay, Orange Park Medical Center, St. Vincent’s Clay, the Clay County Sheriff’s Office and the Department of Health in Clay County for their partnership and support in making this endeavor a whole community approach,” stated Bat-

talton Chief Glenn East, the Clay County Fire Rescue Paramedicine Coordinator. DOH Clay also facilitates the Opioid Task Force meetings conducted virtually using the Microsoft Teams platform. Representatives from several local agencies attend and the Task Force welcomes residents who want to become involved. If you are interested in participating, contact Mary Imhansimhonehi, Opioid Prevention Coordinator at (904) 529-2831 or via e-mail at mary.imhansimhonehi@flhealth.gov for an invite. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Ronnie's Wings, Oysters and More

Longtime eatery still a staple of Green Cove Springs community

By Bruce Hope
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Ronnie's Wings, Oysters and More, just across from Spring Park in Green Cove, is a staple of the city and an example of how a longtime eatery can become a binding agent for communities in small-town America.

"It's [Ronnie's] is very family-oriented," said Amanda Berry, a server and bartender who has worked at Ronnie's for the past eight years. "Very easy-going, big part of the community. It's a majority of regulars here. It was a lot of different restaurants, a lot of different Ronnie's at one point in time, in different areas. So now that this is the only location, they all kind of migrate."

'Ronnie,' is Ronald Munsey, the owner.

"We've been in business for 32 years," said the 79-year-old. "We've been in this location [232 Walnut St.] for 21 years," he said. "I used to be in the trucking business before that. I used to go to a restaurant in Ft. Lauderdale that had the same recipes and everything. I liked the concept, and I asked those folks if they'd be interested in selling me a franchise up in Jacksonville."

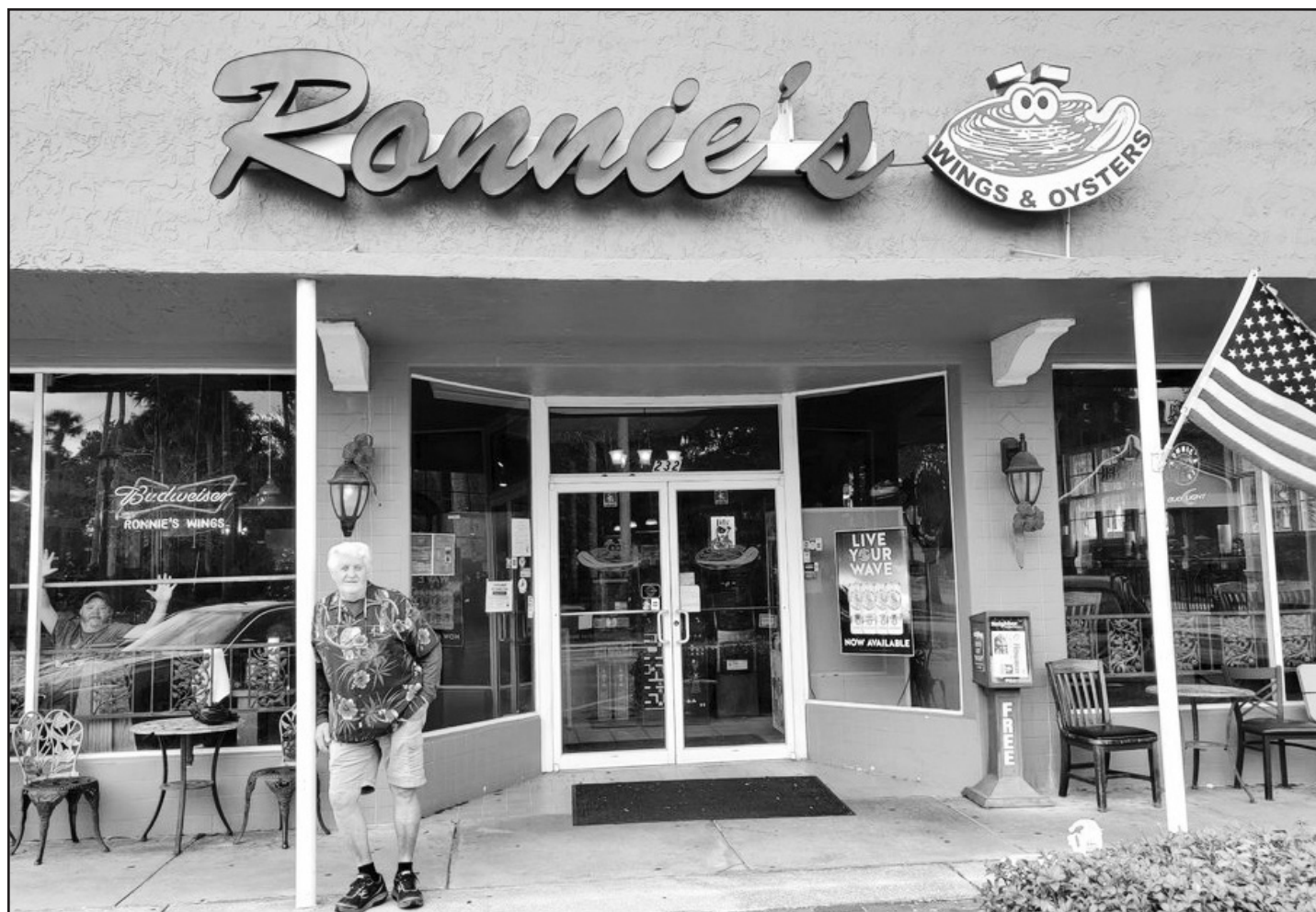
Those folks, it turns out, weren't interested in selling him a franchise, but they charged him a one-time fee to get started as a restaurateur.

COVID-19 was a crippling blow financially to Ronnie's, as it did to many restaurants last year.

"It affected us quite severely," he said. "Sales dropped close to 50%. Hey, you know, in this business you got to step up to the plate and do whatever it takes to keep your head above water. And that means, cooking, washing dishes, whatever I had to do."

Munsey couldn't afford to keep the entire staff on payroll with such a depleted revenue stream. Ronnie's, though, unlike many restaurants, survived.

He still believes Ronnie's is a special



STAFF PHOTO BY BRUCE HOPE

Ronnie Munsey stands in front of his Ronnie's Wings, Oysters and More restaurant in Green Cove Springs. The longtime eatery that's been a corner of the community is now up for sale. Now 79, Munsey also has stopped his annual Ham Jam last year.

place. Munsey says he puts the best product he can buy on the table for the type of food he sells. He specializes in seafood and chicken wings.

Another thing Munsey embraced was the annual Ham Jam.

Ham Jam was one of Florida's popular barbecue cookoffs. The event began in the late 1980s. Munsey eventually purchased and took over the event, and it became huge, hosting some of the biggest names in country music along with the barbe-

cue cookoff. The event started at Spencer Farms in Clay Hill. Some of the artists who have played the Ham Jam include Blake Shelton, Loretta Lynn, Tim McGraw and Toby Keith.

Ham Jam, which moved to the Clay County Fairgrounds, no longer takes place. But it was an incredible event during its heyday.

Munsey doesn't plan on working full-time for very much longer.

"Ronnie's, to be honest with you, is for

sale right now," he said. "I'm getting too old to do this. It's very well established, and certainly, I would be interested in any offer that would come to the table."

Green Cove Springs is a special place for Munsey.

"Green Cove is a beautiful place," said Munsey. "I love Green Cove Springs. I got to know a lot of people. I think there's a lot of growth expected in the future. I probably won't be around to see a lot of the growth that's going to happen."

Dr. Charles Warren receives honorary degree from Academy of Family Physicians

FLEMING ISLAND – Charles R. Warren DO, FAAFP, a family physician in Fleming Island, has achieved the Degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the national medical association representing nearly 134,600 family physicians, residents and medical students.

Established in 1971, the AAFP Degree of Fellow recognizes family physicians who have distinguished themselves through service to family medicine and ongoing professional development. This year's fellowship class brings the

total number of AAFP Fellows to more than 17,500 nationwide. AAFP Fellowship entitles the physician to use the honorary designation, "Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians," or "F.A.A.F.P."

Warren joined Family Care Partners in

2004. He opened the FCP Argyle office in 2006 and moved to the Fleming Island office in 2016.

He's originally from South Carolina and he completed his undergraduate training at the University of Florida and his medical degree from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Prior to joining FCP, Warren completed a 24-year career in the U.S. Navy, which included submarine duty and overseas duty, as well as hospital, clinic and teaching assignments. Warren and his family have been residents of Orange Park for more than 22 years.

Criteria for receiving the AAFP Degree of Fellow consist of a minimum of six years of membership in the organization, extensive continuing medical education,

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Florida State Cyclocross Championships

Flurry of flying bikes,
mud and hurdles

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

LAKE ASBURY - A gorgeous sunny, cool Sunday greeted the best cyclocross cyclists in Florida with the first-ever Florida State Cyclocross Championships being staged at Ronnie Van Zant Park in Lake Asbury, and the action was just as energetic.

"We wanted to build on the momentum of the Great American Road Race that was staged here in Clay County in October and this is going to be the first of many championship events in Clay County," said Velobrew Cycling Teams'

I do a lot of road bike racing, but this is challenging because of the up and downs, the soft turf and the quick turns. With the COVID, our racing has been limited so to travel up here and have this kind of race is pretty nice. They did a great job."

— Dan Clemente

Jackie Morrison, who orchestrated the multiple race event with the aid of Airstream Ventures' Joel Lamp. "I would say about three quarters of the racers here today were from out of county which is exciting for the sport. The interest in this particular kind of cross country bike racing is exploding."

With a handful of race lengths that featured two sand mounds, a mud pit, lots of twists and turns, a fly-over man-made bridge, a sand pit and a few wooden obstacles that forced weary legs to hop off bikes, hurdle and run, the racing for the day was dramatic and exciting for fans of shoulder-to-shoulder action.

"I traveled up from Vero Beach to compete in this race, my first one like this," said Dan Clemente, 38. "I do a

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STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO
Vero Beach cyclocross athlete Dan Clemente bounds over obstacles near finish line of 1.5 mile loop set up in Saturday's Florida State Cyclocross Championships held Sunday at Ronnie Van Zant Park in Lake Asbury.



Fleming Island wrestler Gavin Smith holds ready for first period pin in championship final of Keystone Memorial Invitational at Fleming Island High. Fleming Island won team title over Brunswick High of Georgia.

Holton, Logan, Smith lead grapplers against Georgia

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND – An expected clash with a former Florida foe and former coach was exactly what Fleming Island High wrestling coach P.J. Cobbert got when Brunswick High showed up for the Keystone Memorial Wrestling Invitational on Saturday.

"We knew they were going to be tough and we would have to wrestling at championship level to win," said Cobbert, who got three individual titles with Riley Holton, newcomer Xavier Logan and Gavin Smith all taking titles en route to holding off Brunswick by, 213.0 to 198.0 for the Keystone win. "This is an awkward year because of everything going on we haven't had as many tournaments as we have in the past. It's all about mat time and doing the work to get better."

Brunswick, coached by former Fleming Island coach Larry Insalaco and former Flagler Palm Coast coach Tom Bartolotta, came in as a top 10 state finisher for Georgia the past two seasons. Brunswick, set to wrestle for their duals region title this week, recently defeated powerhouse Richmond Hill, third a state last year, in regular season action.

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Power of Prayers’ puts Kubisiak back on hardwood

Keystone Junior High player survies epidural cyst on his spine

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - When Bryant Kubisiak (Ka-Bish-Ik) woke up on October 23, he felt a little sore.

“Almost three months of doing nothing, but hospital visits,” said Kubisiak, a freshman, 6’-8” (hence nickname Bryant the Giant) freshman center for the Keystone Heights High School junior varsity basket-

ball team. “I remember when I woke that morning, my hip hurt.”

Kubisiak noted that the pain started in the back side of his hip.

“It was a tiny bit stiff the day before, nothing more than a sore day and not stretching after practice,” said Kubisiak.

From that day, until Tuesday (January 5) return to the hardwood against rival Bradford County High, mom Shannon got worried.



Bryant Kubisiak is heads above the rest of his Keystone Height High junior varsity team.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Bryant Kubisiak’s 6-foot-8-plus reach on the basketball court will be a welcomed return for the Keystone Heights High Junior High team.

“He was walking around like an old man and he is not a complainer,” said Shannon Kubisiak. “He doesn’t exaggerate things and doesn’t show much. He’s very quiet.”

For Shannon Kubisiak, the next three months would be a test of her faith in prayer and some luck, according to doctors.

“He woke with a fever and bad back pain and it just got worse that day,” said Shannon Kubisiak. “I knew this was serious when he couldn’t help around the house and at our Christian camp.”

Kubisiak was taken to the emergency room and diagnosed with an epidural cyst pressing on his spine. The had done a bunch of tests but found the cyst with an MRI. Kubisiak first went to St. Vincent’s but later was taken by ambulance to Wolfson.

“They asked him every question in the

book about bug bites, ticks, any injuries in school, getting bumped in the hallways, nothing,” said Kubisiak. “The intensity of the search was because they had said a sack of bacteria had formed and had we not moved quickly to get him to the doctors within 24 hours, he may have been paralyzed.”

Doctors started an aggressive, non-surgical regimen of attack on Bryant to see if the cyst could be eliminated without the very dangerous surgery on his spine.

“From what they said, the sack was inflamed with bacteria and pressing on is spinal column so the surgery would be very delicate,” said Shannon Kubisiak. “It was affecting three of his spinal discs.”

From October 24 through October 29,

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Clay High forward Matthew Pellegrini celebrates after late goal tied game 1-1 with visiting Keystone Heights High.

Boys Soccer

Fleming Island (5-5-2)

Nov. 17 Mandarin, lost 3-0
Nov. 20 Seabreeze, lost 4-0
Nov. 23 Atlantic Coast, won 3-1
Dec. 1 Ridgeview, won 6-0
Dec. 3 Gainesville, lost 2-0
Tues., Dec. 8 at Creekside, lost 3-2
Thurs., Dec. 10 at First Coast, won 9-0
Fri., Dec. 11 at Oakleaf, won 3-1
Mon. Dec. 14 vs. Nease, lost 1-0

Wed., Dec. 16 vs. Fletcher, tied 3-3
Wed., Jan. 6 Buchholz (4-3-0) won 1-0
Fri., Jan. 8 at Stanton (5-0-3) tied 0-0
Mon., Jan. 11 at Palatka (6-5-3)
Wed., Jan. 20 at Bolles (2-3-1)
Fri., Jan. 22 First Coast (3-5-1)
Mon., Jan. 25 Ponte Vedra (5-2-0)
Wed., Jan. 27 Bartram Trail (6-2-1)

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Keystone Heights High forward Chris Anderson battles with Clay High defender Nick Sciartelli in 1-1 tie game at Clay last week.

Ridgeview (7-5-3)

Nov. 9 Episcopal, won 2-1
Nov. 16, Baker Co., won 8-0
Nov. 20 SJCDs, lost 2-0
Nov. 23 Fletcher, won 2-0
Dec. 1 Fleming Island, lost 6-0
Dec. 3 Ponte Vedra, lost 1-0
Mon., Dec. 7 at Middleburg, lost 1-0
Tues., Dec. 8 vs. St. Augustine, won 2-1
Fri., Dec. 11 at Orange Park, won 2-1
Tues., Dec. 15 vs. Menendez, lost 4-0
Fri., Dec. 18 vs. Clay, tied 1-1
Tues., Jan. 5 at Clay (3-1-2) won 2-0
Fri., Jan. 8 Orange Park (3-6-0) won 3-2
Mon., Jan. 11 at Oakleaf (6-3-1)
Tues., Jan. 19 SJCDs (4-2-1)
Wed., Jan. 20 Middleburg (3-4-1)
Fri., Jan. 22 at St. Augustine (0-5-2)
Mon., Jan. 25 at Bartram Trail (6-2-1)

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Clay (3-3-4)

Nov. 16 SJCDs 2-2
Nov. 18 Middleburg, won 3-0
Dec. 2 Palatka, won 6-1
Dec. 4 Orange Park, lost 2-1
Thurs, Dec. 17 at Keystone Hts., won 4-1
Fri., Dec. 18 at Ridgeview, tied 1-1
Tues., Jan. 5 Ridgeview (5-5-2) lost 2-0
Fri., Jan. 8 Keystone Heights (5-4-3) tied 1-1
Mon., Jan. 11 SJCDs (4-2-1)
Fri., Jan. 15 Middleburg (3-4-1)
Thurs., Jan. 21 Ed White (2-7-0)
Thurs., Jan. 28 at Columbia (7-1-1)

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Keystone Heights(7-4-4)

Nov. 13 Crescent City, lost 5-1 (Luke Van Zant 1Goal, Chris Anderson 1Assist, Carson Eatmon, 6Saves)
Nov. 17 Palatka, tie 1-1 (Chris Truman 1Goal, Jacob Lepanto 1Assist)
Nov. 19 West Nassau, won 7-0 (Chris Truman 3Goals, Chris Anderson 3Goals, Jordan Holmes 1Goal, Carson Eatmon 5Saves)
Dec. 1 Baker County, won 6-0 (Chris Anderson 3Goals, Tyler Shaw 1Goal, Skylar Kedgley 1Goal, Luke Van Zant 1Goal)
Dec. 3 Interlachen, won 3-1 (Jason Lauzurique 1Goal, Tyler Colaw 1Goal, Chris Anderson 1Goal)
Dec. 4 Fort White, won 8-0 (Chris Anderson 3Goals, Luke Van Zant 2Goals, Tyler Shaw 1Goal, Logan Spence 1Goal, Chris Truman 1Goal)
Tues., Dec. 8 Crescent City, lost 3-1
Wed., Dec. 9 at Williston, tied 1-0
Fri., Dec. 11 P.K. Yonge, tied 3-3
Mon., Dec. 14 Fernandina Beach, won 3-1
Thurs., Dec. 17 Clay, lost 4-1
Fri., Dec. 18 Palatka, tied 3-3

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Ridgeview and Clay nip rivals in FHSAA Cheer Regional

Oakleaf wins Solo Contest

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

OAKLEAF - Ridgeview, Clay and Oakleaf high school cheerleaders won their divisions at the FHSAA Cheer Regional at Oakleaf High School on January 9, punching tickets to the FHSAA State Cheerleading Championships at the RP Funding Center in Lakeland, Florida on January 22-23. The Panthers, Blue Devils and Knights will be joined by Fleming Island, Middleburg and Bishop Snyder, who earned bids to the state competition with qualifying scores.

Ridgeview won the Small Non-Tumbling Division for the second time in school history with an area-high score of 85.1. The Panthers nailed their difficult routine, which featured flyers that did roundoffs into their stunts, cupies (stunts where the bases executed one-handed lifts of their flyers), and hand-in-hands (stunts where flyers are flipped from handstands in the hands of their bases to upright positions).

"It was amazing," said Ridgeview coach Aimee Stutz, who was a base on the 2012 squad that won the Panthers' first regional championship. "Since we work so hard every day, it just feels great to finally hit it, especially with what [difficulty] we've got in it."

Defending FHSAA State Class 1A champion Bishop Snyder took third place behind Ridgeview and runner-up Trinity Christian with a clean routine that included flyers who were in handstands on the floor when lifted into their stunts and who did full twists on their way up into stunts. Snyder Coach Angi Brannan held some of the most difficult stunts out of Saturday's routine because Cardinals were not executing them in warm-ups.

"They are hungry and they wanted to do it all, but I did what I had to do," said Brannan, who made clear that the main goal was to secure the bid to Lakeland. "The same thing happened last year," a reference to the Cardinals' fourth place finish at the regional in 2020 before winning the state title two weeks later.

Clay bested rival Fleming Island for the second consecutive competition in the Large Co-Ed Division, defeating the Golden Eagles for the title by a 1.55 point margin. Clay's routine included Co-Ed re-winds, stunts where the flyers do back flips as they are lifted on top of the bases. The Blue Devils have only four seniors on their 23-person squad, and all six of their boys are new to cheerleading this season. Coach Lori Davis was pleased with her young charges, who executed the challenging routine with two falls and one early stunt release. "We started out strong and looked really good, but then had a problem with the pyramid at the end," said Davis. Davis hopes to clean up the routine and nail it in Lakeland.

The Golden Eagles are taking a somewhat unorthodox tack this year, packing the cheer portion of their routine with a lot of difficulty and making every stunt a two-



Oakleaf High's cheerleader squad spreads out for formation move in recent regional tournament. Oakleaf will advance to the state championships in Lakeland.



Clay High's cheerleader squad gets a team photo after advancing to the FHSAA finals in Lakeland.

man stunt. Their runners-up performance Saturday was hampered by the absence of a base due to a family emergency, but coach Ryan Andrews was encouraged by the improvement shown by the Green and Gold from their performance at the UCA Regional in Tampa on December 5, 2020.

"We were pretty good, but we left some doors open," said Andrews. "We will be fighting for a clean hit in Lakeland."

Host Oakleaf, competing alone in the Extra Large Varsity Division, qualified for the state semifinals with a score of 62.7. The routine featured two-man hand-in-hands.

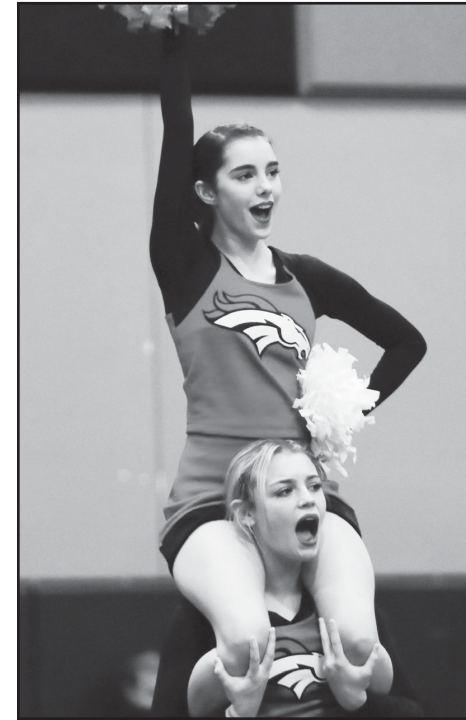
"It was pretty clean," said Knights coach Daniel Richardson. "We had a minor mistake on the side of the pyramid."

It was the Knights' first competition of the season after having to withdraw from their first two scheduled events due to Covid-19 protocols. Even on Saturday, several girls were missing due to Covid-19 tracing, forcing the Knights to mark several stunts.

"It was a little stressful," said Oakleaf

coach Daniel Richardson. "Usually in the first couple competitions, you work out the kinks."

Middleburg earned its bid to the state semifinals in the Small Varsity Division with a score of 61.1. Eleven different



Middleburg High cheerleaders Brenna Bohanan, bottom, and Fallon Yearty compete in region competition at Oakleaf High School. Middleburg advanced to the FHSAA Finals in Lakeland.

Broncos executed back flips, while freshman Kyla Sawdo landed a layout with a full twist. Head coach Rhiannon Weiskopf was happy.

"It was awesome," said Middleburg head coach Rhiannon Weiskopf, who indicated that more difficulty would be added to the routine for the state semifinals. "There was one fall, but we hit things that we had not hit at the UGA Regional [on December 5]."

For the state semifinals and finals in Lakeland, schools will be separated into Classes 1A and 2A based on school enrollment. Thus, teams that competed against each other at the Oakleaf regional will not necessarily be pitted against each other in the semifinals and finals.

With a 94.8, defending FHSAA Class 1A Medium Non-Tumbling Division Champion West Nassau had the highest score of the day.

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Hannah Johnson
Oakleaf Soccer, Sr.

Hannah Johnson capped off a one loss season thus far with her 100th career goal in a win over Mandarin High on Friday.



Gavin Smith
Fleming Island Wrestling, Sr.

Gavin Smith continued his dominance in wrestling with an individual title via pin at the Keystone Memorial Invitational held at Fleming Island High School.

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Green Cove Springs basketball action



Green Cove Springs guard Evan Hines gets bumped under basketball in action against Lake Asbury. Cougars won game with NEFAC playoffs to be held in a week.



Green Cove Springs cheerleader Emma Orr is on top of her game.



Lake Asbury guard Emma Reyes gets escorted up court with teammate Narissa Blocton, No. 22, in match with Green Cove Springs.



Lake Asbury forward Mady Spaulding looks to pass up court in game with Green Cove Springs.



Green Cove Springs boys basketball coach Doug Deter contemplates early moves in recent win over Lake Asbury.



Green Cove Springs guard Devyn Dudones lets go with three pointer ahead of defense from Lake Asbury's Nacoya Blocton in win over Lake Asbury.



Lake Asbury guard Jovany Ayala was key player with his strong drives to the basket in loss to Green Cove Springs.

Oakleaf (7-1)
Nov. 10 Bishop Kenny, won 3-2 (HannahJohnson 2Goals, Madison Johnson 1assist)
Nov. 17 Paxon, won 8-0
Dec. 1 Fernandina Beach, won 5-0
Tues., Dec. 8 Buchholz, won 3-1
Mon., Dec. 14 Clay, won 8-0
Thurs., Dec. 17 Ridgeview, won 8-0
Tues., Jan. 5 at Fleming Island (8-1-1) lost 1-0
Fri., Jan. 8 Mandarin (5-0-1) won 6-1
Tues., Jan. 12 at Episcopal (3-4-1)
Thurs., Jan. 14 at St. Joseph Academy (2-6)
Thurs., Jan. 21 Sandalwood (5-9)
Tues., Jan. 26 at St. Johns Country Day School (5-0)


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Ridgeview (4-5-2)
Nov. 10 Wolfson, lost 3-1
Nov. 12 Clay
Nov. 17 Middleburg, lost 2-0
Nov. 19 Paxon, won 3-2
Dec. 1 Matanzas, tied 1-1
Dec. 3 Palatka, won 6-0
Tues., Dec. 8 at Middleburg, lost 1-0
Thurs., Dec. 10 at Orange Park, won 4-0
Tues., Dec. 15 at Gainesville, lost 4-0
Thurs., Dec. 17 at Oakleaf, lost 8-0
Tues., Jan. 5 Baker County (2-7) won 1-0
Thurs., Jan. 7 Orange Park (4-3-1) tied 0-0
Tues., Jan. 12 at Fernandina Beach (2-3-1)
Thurs., Ja. 14 Clay (2-2-3-)
Thurs., Jan. 21 at St. Augustine (5-3)
Tues. Jan. 26 at Keystone Heights (6-3)
Thurs., Jan. 28 Gainesville (5-2-2)

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Orange Park (4-3-3)
Nov. 19 Westside, won 8-0
Nov. 30 Terry Parker, won 8-0
Dec. 1 Clay, lost 4-0
Dec. 3 Middleburg, lost 1-0
Tues., Dec. 8 at Baldwin, tie 1-1
Thurs., Dec. 10 Ridgeview, lost 4-0
Mon., Dec. 14 Ed White, won 8-0
Thurs., Dec. 17 Parker, won 8-0
Tues., Jan. 5 at Crescent City (1-9) tied 1-1
Thurs., Jan. 7 at Ridgeview (3-5-1) tied 0-0
Tues., Jan. 19 Lee (5-2-1)

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Oakleaf High forward Hannah Johnson scored four goals in a 6-1 win over Mandarin on Friday with one of the goals her 100th career goal. Lady Knights are now 7-1. Johnson has 26 goals this season.



Middleburg High forward Molly Burt, No. 6, battles with Clay High defender Amber Maturo in 1-0 win by Broncos.

Nov. 19 Westside, won 8-0
Nov. 30 Terry Parker, won 8-0
Dec. 1 Clay, lost 4-0
Dec. 3 Middleburg, lost 1-0
Tues., Dec. 8 at Baldwin, tie 1-1
Thurs., Dec. 10 Ridgeview, lost 4-0
Mon., Dec. 14 Ed White, won 8-0
Thurs., Dec. 17 Parker, won 8-0
Tues., Jan. 5 at Crescent City (1-9) tied 1-1
Thurs., Jan. 7 at Ridgeview (3-5-1) tied 0-0
Tues., Jan. 19 Lee (5-2-1)
Tues., Jan. 26 Westside (0-5-1)

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Fleming Island (10-1-1)
Nov. 13 Bishop Kenny, won 8-2
Nov. 16 Creekside, won 3-2
Nov. 19, Bolles, won 5-0
Nov. 23 Nease, won 3-0
Dec. 1 Ponte Vedra, tied 1-1
Tues., Dec. 8 St. Joseph, won 8-0
Thurs., Dec. 10 at First Coast, won 8-0
Fri., Dec. 11 at Buchholz, won 4-0
Tues, Dec. 15 at Bartram Trail, lost 1-0
Thurs. Dec. 17 at Sandalwood, won 5-0
Tues., Jan. 5 Oakleaf (6-0-0) won 1-0
Fri., Jan. 8 at Providence (2-4) won 4-0
Tues., Jan. 19 Fletcher (3-2-2)
Fri., Jan. 22 First Coast (3-5-1)
Mon., Jan. 25 at Bishop Snyder (1-6)
Thurs., Jan. 28 at Stanton (3-3-3)

Districts: Mon.-Wed. Feb. 1-10

Middleburg (8-2-1)
Nov. 17 Middleburg, won 2-0
Nov. 19 St. Augustine, lost 3-1
Tues., Dec. 1 Lee, won 8-0
Thurs., Dec. 3 at Orange Park, won 1-0
Fri., Dec. 4 at Fletcher, lost 7-0
Tues., Dec. 8 Ridgeview, won 1-0
Thurs., Dec. 10 at Clay, tie 1-1

Fri., Dec. 11 at Keystone Hts, won 3-1
Mon., Dec. 14 Paxon, won 2-0
Mon., Dec. 21 at Columbia, won 3-0
Thurs., Jan. 7 Clay (2-2-3) won 1-0
Tues., Jan. 19 Matanzas (4-4-2) 6pm
Fri., Jan. 22 at Baldwin (5-4-1) 530
Mon., Jan. 25 Sandalwood (5-9) 530pm
Fri., Jan. 29 at St. Augustine (5-3-0) 615pm

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Clay (2-4-3)
Nov. 17 Palatka, tied 3-3
Nov. 19 Menendez, lost 6-1
Dec. 1 Orange Park, won 4-0
Dec. 3 Paxon, tied 2-2
Tues., Dec. 8 St. Augustine, won 9-1
Thurs., Dec. 10 Middleburg, tie 1-1
Mon., Dec. 14 at Oakleaf, lost 8-0
Tues., Dec. 22 at Ed White
Tues., Jan. 5 at SJCDs (5-0) lost 8-0
Thurs., Jan. 7 at Middleburg (7-2-1) lost 1-0
Tues., Jan. 12 Yulee (7-1-0)
Thurs., Jan. 14 at Ridgeview (3-5-1)
Tues., Jan. 19 at Episcopal (3-4-1) 6pm
Thurs., Jan. 21 Ed White (2-7-1) 530pm
Tues., Jan. 26 Matanzas (4-4-2)

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St. Johns Country Day School (8-0)
Nov. 11 Maclay, won 7-0 (Bella Pontieri 2Goals, Mia Sadler 2Goals, Julia Boaventura 1Goal, Chloe Crews 1Goal, Lauryn Mateo 1Goal)
Nov. 13 Trinity Catholic, won 8-0 (Lauryn Mateo 2Goals, Julia Boaventura 1goal, Maddie Moody 1Goal, Mia Sadler 1Goal, Sydney Schmidt 1goal, Kamryn Towers 1Goal, Lauren Weiss 1Goal)
Nov., 17 Providence, won 8-0 (Julia Boaventura 2Goals, Lauryn Mateo 2Goals, Maddie Moody 2Goals, Sydney Schmidt 1Goal, Kamryn Towers 1Goal)
Nov. 19 Bartram Trail, won 2-1 (Lauryn Mateo, Bella Pontieri 1Goal each)

Tues., Jan. 26 Westside (0-5-1)

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Fleming Island (10-1-1)
Nov. 13 Bishop Kenny, won 8-2
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Tues., Dec. 22 at Ed White
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Ridgeview (4-5-2)
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Orange Park (4-3-3)



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA
Oakleaf High guard Amari Fletcher flies through the lane in attempt to score in Knights come-from-behind win over Orange Park on Friday.

Knights’ hoops takes out Raiders

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

OAKLEAF - A fourth quarter three pointer from Gage Cooper proved fateful for the Oakleaf High boys basketball team that climbed a long ladder to finally catch up to the fast-pace game of visiting Orange Park High on the way to a 50-40 win Friday night at Oakleaf High School.

“I give them credit, they took us out of what we wanted to do and they did it early,” said Oakleaf coach Jason Price, now 5-6, who watched as the Raiders (9-4) blasted to a first quarter lead of 16-9. “Then we changed defenses. We haven’t played zone much, but it’s in the bag if we need it. It’s a game of adjustments.”

Orange Park had the Knights seemingly chasing their tails as Orange Park hit from outside, then drove the lane to build a 10

point lead, then added to the pain by playing the boards and denying any Knight momentum.

After Orange Park kept the lead through three quarters, and making the adjustments to keep his team in it; Price found the right recipe to finally take the lead at 7:30 in the fourth with Cooper draining a three pointer.

“These guys had two practices. They had Districts (Cheer) in here, then we played Matanzas (61-30 Win), and we practiced yesterday,” said Price. “The last time we practiced before that was coming back off of the quarantine the day before we played the 4th ranked team in the state, Palatka, and we took them to the wire (65-62 Loss). These guys are tough and we’ll continue to get better as the season goes

SEE HOOPS, 33



Oakleaf High defender Markel Allums tries to get a hand on shot by Orange Park’s Corey Thomas in Knights win on Friday.



St. Johns Country Day School girls soccer returned to competition with a series of 8-0 wins in the first three games with wins over Clay, Bishop Snyder and, pictured, Christ’s Church. Mia Sadler, No. 13 in white, punche in goal in this scrum.

Girls from page 29

Thurs., Jan. 7 at Middleburg (7-2-1) lost 1-0
Tues., Jan. 12 Yulee (7-1-0)
Thurs., Jan. 14 at Ridgeview (3-5-1)
Tues., Jan. 19 at Episcopal (3-4-1) 6pm
Thurs., Jan. 21 Ed White (2-7-1) 530pm
Tues., Jan. 26 Matanzas (4-4-2)

Districts: Mon.-Wed. Feb. 1-10

St. Johns Country Day School (8-0)

Nov. 11 Maclay, won 7-0 (Bella Pontieri 2Goals, Mia Sadler 2Goals, Julia Boaventura 1Goal, Chloe Crews 1Goal, Lauryn Mateo 1Goal)
Nov. 13 Trinity Catholic, won 8-0 (Lauryn Mateo 2Goals, Julia Boaventura 1goal, Maddie Moody 1Goal, Mia Sadler 1Goal, Sydney Schmidt 1goal, Kamryn Towers 1Goal, Lauren Weiss 1Goal)
Nov., 17 Providence, won 8-0 (Julia Boaventura 2Goals, Lauryn Mateo 2Goals, Maddie Moody 2Goals, Sydney Schmidt 1Goal, Kamryn Towers 1Goal)
Nov. 19 Bartram Trail, won 2-1 (Lauryn Mateo, Bella Pontieri 1Goal each)
Wed., Dec. 16 Fletcher, won 2-1 (Hannah Lemieux, Lauryn Mateo 1 goal each)
Tues., Jan. 5 Clay (2-2-3), won 8-0
Thurs., Jan. 7 at Bishop Snyder (1-6), won 8-0
Fri., Jan. 8 at Christs Church (7-2), won 8-0
Wed., Jan. 13 at Bolles (5-5)
Fri., Jan. 15 Creekside (3-4-1)

Wed., Jan. 20 Flagler Palm Coast (5-1-3)
Tues., Jan. 26 Oakleaf (6-0-0)
Thurs., Jan. 28 at Nease (2-3-2)

Districts: Mon.-Wed. Feb. 1-10

Keystone Heights (8-3-0)

Nov. 9, Columbia, won 4-2 (Kiersten Shaw 2Goals, Raegan Hogg 1Goal, Ella Hutchins 1Goal, Ryan Taylor 6Saves)
Nov. 16 Eastside, won 3-1 (Kiersten Shaw 2Goals, Elizabeth Waughon 1Goal, Ryan Taylor 8Saves)
Nov. 19 West Nassau, won 5-1 (Kiersten Shaw 2Goals, Raegan Hogg 1Goal, Ella Hutchins 1Goal, Jordan Etcher 1Goal, Ryan Taylor 5Saves)
Dec. 1 Yulee, lost 6-1 (Kendall Gagnon 1Goal, Ryan Taylor 4Saves, Aspen Krohn 8Saves)
Fri., Dec. 4 Fort White 6 (Kiersten Shaw 4Goals, Elizabeth Waughon 2Goals, Kendall Gagnon 1Goal, Ella Hutchins 1Goal)
Mon., Dec. 7 Columbia, lost 2-1
Wed., Dec. 9 at Williston, won 8-0
Thurs., Dec. 10 at Crescent City, won 5-0
Fri., Dec. 11 Middleburg, lost 3-1
Tues., Dec. 15 Suwannee 6, won 6-0
Fri., Jan. 8 Crescent City, won 2-0
Mon., Jan. 11 Santa Fe (4-1)
Tues., Jan. 12 P.K. Yonge (7-0-2) 530pm
Thurs., Jan. 14 at Fort White (2-4-0) 530pm
Fri., Jan. 22 Eastside (3-5-2) 6pm
Mon., Jan. 25 Williston (3-5) 530pm
Tues., Jan. 26 Ridgeview (3-5-1) 6pm
Thurs., Jan. 28 Matanzas (4-4-2) 530pm

Districts: Mon.-Wed. Feb. 1-10



St. Johns Country Day School forwards; from left, Mia Sadler, Maddie Moody and Lauryn Mateo await corner kick attempt in 8-0 win over Christ’s Church Academy.

Grapplers

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Fletcher finished third at 163.0 with Oakleaf battling to a fourth place finish at 129.0. Middleburg was 10th at 69.0.

Fleming Island was second in Class 3-A last year while Brunswick came in after a 10th place in Class 6-A last year in Georgia.

Holton, who had a disappointing and unexpected loss last week in Fleming Island's Duals Tournament win over Oakleaf High, stormed back to state meet form to win by major decision 11-0 over Brunswick's Peter McKinney, 22-1 coming in.

"I will only say that I was dealing with weight issues last week at Oakleaf," said Holton, 17-2. "This was my payback tournament. The whole team has been working to fill all the weight classes."

One eye-opening set of matches was Fleming Island's gauntlet of finalists from 152 through 182 only producing one title with David Parkes losing in overtime at 152, Joshua Sandoval losing a 14-8 match at 160 to Mosley High strongman Noe Pena and Jhoel Robinson lost 10-8 to Raines High's Raynarde Wilson. Smith's win was the final match of the gauntlet.

"They were all super close matches; they wrestled good people," said Smith, a state qualifier last year at 170 with just one loss this year against Richmond Hill (GA). "It felt weird being the only one to win from that group. I'm feeling really good at 182; I was up at 195 but cut back to 182. I came in expecting to win because I'm faster and stronger than last year."

Smith, rifled through his bracket with a technical fall 15-0 win, a pin in the semifinals and a dramatic pin just at the buzzer of the first period against Glynn County Academy (GA Class AAAAAA) Jackson Wakeland, who came in at 21-2 for the season, was a Georgia state meet athlete last year. Smith improved to 16-1.

For Logan, a new face on the Fleming Island roster, a hard fought 4-2 win over Mandarin's Jameel Smith pust some fresh points on the scoreboard while putting his

name in the hat as a region contender.

"He's a young pup that has been working hard to crack the lineup," said Cobbert.

Fleming Island's Hunter Herrington, third last year at 113 who had been top ranked at 113 in Class 3A, got a brutal matchup with Raines High's De'Qhan King that wound up a 3-2 loss in a possible state meet preview. King lost in his Class 1A semifinal last year to eventual 113 champion Elijah Lusk of Merrit Island before finishing third.

For Oakleaf and Middleburg, the tournament had some highlights with Oakleaf's Jordan Mitchell beating Fleming Island's Ethan Hoffstetter at 285 by pin and Oakleaf's Isaiah Schevchook beating Fleming Island's Hunter Williams 6-2 at 195. Shevchook, who was pinned by Williams in their district duals match last week, was pinned in the final by Florida High's Micah Perdue. Mitchell, pinned by Hofstetter last week, finished third with a 9-4 win over Collin Crosby of Colquitt County (GA).

Trevor Owens got a 12-11 win over Fleming Island's Garrett Cole to win fifth place at 138. Kevin Gilley placed third at 120 with a win over teammate Markos Barfield.

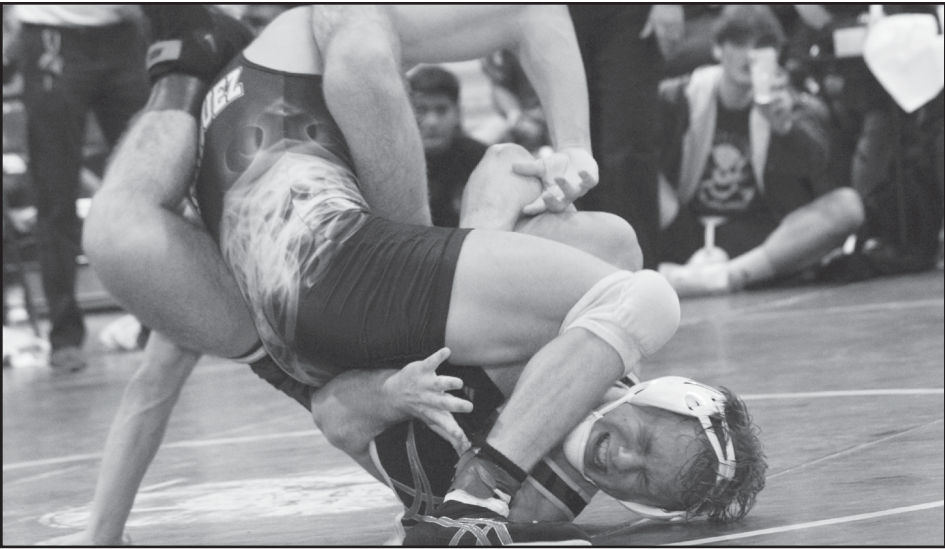
For Middleburg, Alex Nayfack was top finisher with a third at 160. Nayfack lost his semifinal to Pena of Mosley before beating Titus Washington of Brunswick 6-0 for third.

At 170, Middlburg's Eliyah Cole lost an 11-0 match to Fleming Island's Robinson in his opening match then strung out three pins before losing by pin in the fifth place match to Brunswick's Leon Charlton, 18-1 season record.

Fleming Island continues in the state Duals Tournament with a January 14 date at Gainesville Buchholz. Fleming Island will face Flagler Palm

Coast in the first match with Buchholz facing Bartram Trail. The winners will face off the same night for a state Final Four berth.

On the opposite side of the region bracket, a Fleming Island win will bring winners from Timber Creek vs. Apopka and Windermere vs. Hagerty.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island's David Parkes grimaces in his 152 pound finals match won in overtime by Fletcher's Joel Rodriguez.



Oakleaf High's Isaiah Shevcook reacts after being pinned by Florida High's Micah Perdue in the 195 pound final of the Keystone Memorial Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Fleming Island High School. Shevchook upset Fleming Island's Hunter Williams in his 195 semifinal to advance.

Clay High, who won their fourth district duals title last week, will host Episcopal also on January 14 with Yulee and Bolles in the opposite semifinal.

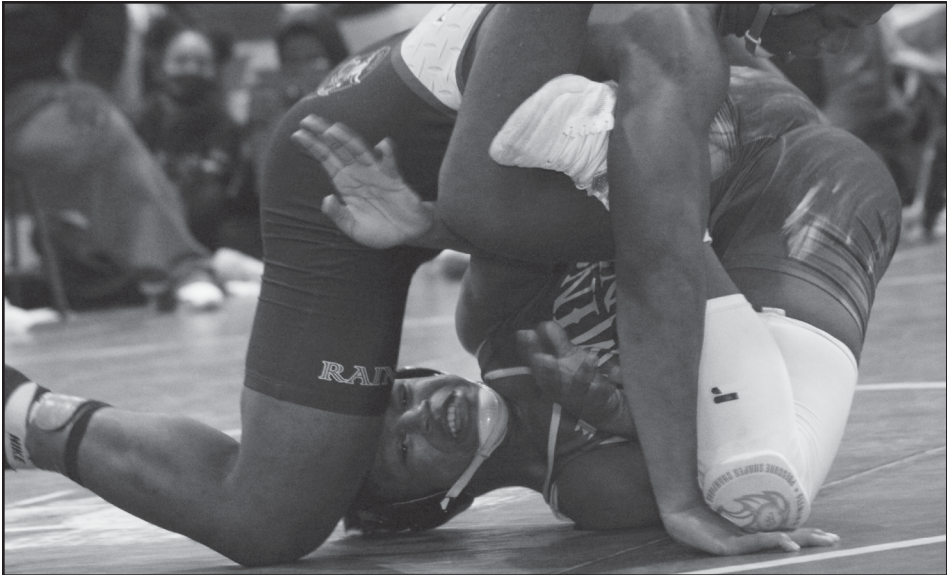
At the top of the region 1A bracket, a Clay will pit the Blue Devils against South Walton, Rocky Bayou or Wakulla at the January 22 state Final Four in Kissimmee.

Clay won its duals districts with dominating wins of 79-0 over Bolles and 72-9

over Union County.

In Class 2A locally, Ponte Vedra will wrestling St. Augustine in New Smyrna Beach with Fletcher facing New Smyrna Beach. On the opposite end of the bracket are Chiles vs. Pace and Fort Walton Beach vs. Lincoln.

The state Duals Championships is scheduled for January 22-23 at Osceola High School.



Fleming Island High's Jhoel Robinson gets rolled by Raines High's Raynarde Thomas in 170 pound final of Keystone Memorial Invitational. Thomas won a 10-8 decision.



Middleburg High's Riley Girgis strains to put shoulders of Brunswick High's Michael McKay in technical fall 18 -11 win in first round action at Keystone Memorial Inviational.



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Keystone Heights High junior varsity basketball player Bryant Kubisiak circles the court during team entrance to game against Bradford County with parents Shannon and Mike in Kubisiak's return to action after a serious back ailment.

Prayers

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Kubisiak was at Wolfson with a battery of doctors testing, probing and offering a prognoses.

In a 24 hour period, Kubisiak was given a regimen of four antibiotics and four anti-inflammatories to arrest the cyst.

"I posted on my social media about this 24 hours because that would determine the surgery aspect afterward," said Shannon Kubisiak. "I had thousands of prayer wishes. The best case scenario was in the hospital for two weeks then a pick line (intravenous drugs) for six weeks and six months of recovery. I just said, "Okay and prepared myself mentally and emotionally to take care of him."

Kubisiak recovered so fast, according to Shannon Kubisiak, that his initial doctors were sending data to other doctor in consultation as to how fast the treatment was producing a positive result.

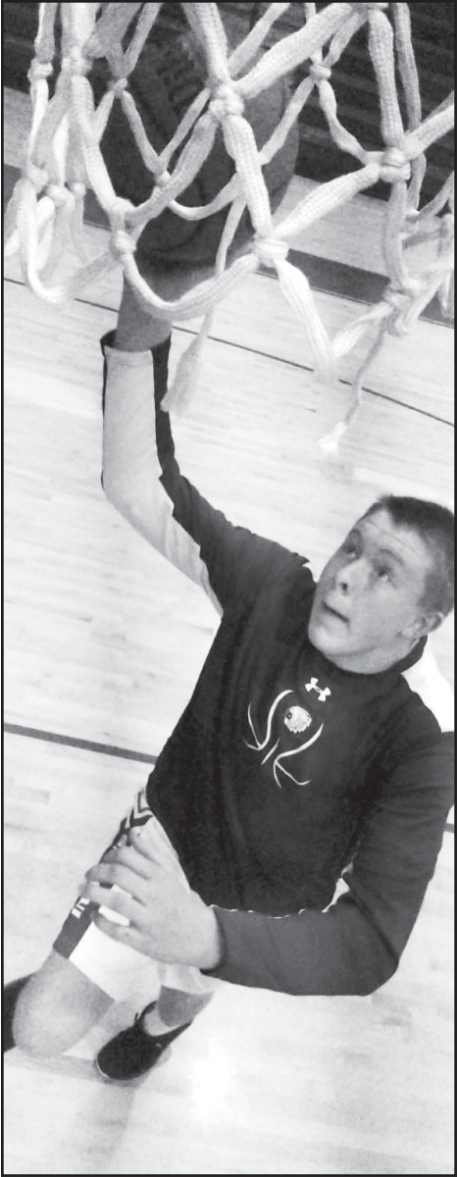
"They were calling him a miracle patient," said Shannon Kubisiak. "Instead of two weeks in the hospital, he went home in five days and with just oral antibiotics without the intravenous drugs. He had way more faith than I did and kept saying he knew a lot of people were praying for him."

Kubisiak's next concern was returning to his basketball team.

"I was so out of shape and had to start to get back in playing shape," said Bryant Kubisiak. "They told me to ease back into getting into shape."

Shannon Kubisiak was advised that her quick response to getting him to the hospital was critical, but she firmly believed there was another factor.

"They said the speed of our reaction got him looked at in time to address it, but I also believe that our all powerful God had something to do with it," said Shannon Kubisiak. "They released him early November and said absolutely no physical con-



Bryant Kubisiak survived a three month scare with a serious back ailment, but recovered uickly enough to return to his basketball game as a Keystone Heights High School junior varsity team.

tact. He had two MRIS; one on December 17 and one on December 22. Today (Tues., Jan. 5 against Bradford County), I got the letter that he was cleared for tonight's game."

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Price made more adjustments and after the bigger lineup went in during the third quarter, things finally came around full circle.

Over and over, as Orange Park passed the outside, called plays and tried to get inside, Oakleaf either broke it up and went to the other end, or waited for a frustrated Raider errant shot and played the boards, recovering rebounds and coming up huge. At the end of the third, holding on to a skin of their teeth 31-30 lead.

Orange Park coach Derek Kurnitsky walked alone to mid-court, got his composure, and huddled his team.

“Believe in yourself!” said Kurnitsky to his players. “Settle down, play your game, believe in yourselves and each other!”

The steamroller of momentum building up through the third quarter, just continued on as Oakleaf only needed :30 seconds to have Gage Cooper left all alone in the corner. Cooper took aim, fired, and hit to get his team out front 33-31, then once again at 6:31 to go up 36-31 and never look back.

As the Knights went to the line for bonus free throws with Orange Park forced to foul to try and save minutes on the clock, they drained the shots and built the lead until Orange Park realized there simply wasn't enough time.

Coach K called out no more fouls and the Knights drained the last :15 seconds to send the deflated Raiders home, looking for answers to find a way next time. "Playing good competition like this, it's great for Clay County basketball" said Price. "It's good for our kids, and hopefully both of us will go on to win our District Title. That's the point- right?"

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to winter.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 26 = I)

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Clue: White precipitation

B. 16 21 26 8 8 6 24 18

Clue: Strong snow storm

C. 2 24 26 25 26 18

Clue: Very cold

D. 26 7 4

Clue: Frozen water

Answers: A. snow B. blizzard C. frigid D. ice

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to winter.

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Answer: Scarf

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on January 21, 1994. I began an acting career at age 10, appearing on many different TV shows. I am best known for my role in the Twilight saga, in which I was one of the wolves.

Answer: Booboo Stewart



WINTERTIME WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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Clay County Wrestling Championships: Sat., Jan. 16, MHS

Wrestling action for the Clay County junior high championship will be staged at Middleburg High School on Sat., Jan. 16 Above left, Green Cove Springs' 100 pound wrestler Shane Duhaylungsod gets set to turn over Wilkinson's Adam McGarvey while, right, Wilkinson's Mason Graham tries a back pin on Green Cove Springs' Angel Saliter-Garcia at 132. Duhaylungsod pinned for his victory with Saliter-Garcia winning a tight 8-7 match as Wilkinson pulled off a dramatic 63-48 win Tuesday night. Referee for the match was former Clay High wrestling standout Cody Underwood.

STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Cyclocross

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of road bike racing, but this is challenging because of the up and downs, the soft turf and the quick turns. “With the COVID, our racing has been limited so to travel up here and have this kind of race is pretty nice. They did a great job.”

One long guy who competed, long time master running guru and a cyclist as of

late, John Steinberg, of Fleming Island, 61, rode his bike to Van Zant park to watch, but got caught up in the excitement brewing and signed up for the master's race.

“Crazy, I rode about 12 miles to get here to watch and saw the course and just signed up,” said Steinberg. “I think I finished fifth of six in my age, but the contrast in this kind of race was pretty unique. I’m a pretty good cardio athlete, but this involves a lot of transitions and technical work. It was very taxing.”

With age groups from 11-masters, Morrison likened the race day to a festival with most of the athletes well known in cycling circles.

“This is the type of event that give some cyclist who maybe are not as fast on the road a bit of an advantage with the technical parts,” said Morrison, herself a cycling competitor. “We were able to see a lot of good racing in all the races. The course layout made it good for spectators and the frisbee golfer people were very curious.”

For Lamp, who with the Clay County Commissioners input, the next step is to expand the racing into cross country running.

“There is definite sports interest in Clay County and the commissioners are very aware of the economic input of having people travel here for a weekend to compete,” said Lamp. “There are lots of venues that have opened their arms to us with ideas and we hope to create this area as an athlete destination.”



On top, from left, Diane Blake fights to get over dirt mound at start of women's races; Ginny McFall bends on single track on back side of Van Zant Park and, right, race starter Jim Wright, of Orange Park, readies mens races to take off. On bottom, from left, Fernando Pazmino makes tight turn after descending steep flyover; Luke Mills heads to hop over obstacles, competitor Will Gillen of Tallahassee after flyover and Drew Miller, a Velobrew Cycling Team racer, gets his third place medal.



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

Del Harris Voice Overs

Doing business in the County of CLAY, with a mailing address of 7643 Gate Parkway, Suite 104-1237, Jacksonville, FL 32256 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 12th day of January, 2021
Owner's name/corporation: Del Harris Creative & Administrative Services, LLC
Legal 47252 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION

TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Notice is given that the following permit was issued on November 10, 2020

Philip A Fremento, D.R. Horton, Inc. - Jacksonville 4220 Race Track Rd, St Johns, FL 32255-2084 Permit # 98482-15. The project is located in Clay County, Section 46, Township 5S, Range 26E. The permit authorizes construction and operation of a Stormwater Management System for a 38.53 - acre(s) project known as Cross Creek Phase 2A neighborhood as per plans received by the District on October 29, 2020. The receiving water body is Peters Creek.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwm.com. within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at floridaswater.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to

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formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. **Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).**

If you wish to do so, please visit http://floridaswater.com/nor_dec/ to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Regulatory Support, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386) 329-4570.

Legal 47220 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 01/29/2021, 12:00 pm at 4360 COUNTY ROAD 218 MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-4852, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida statutes. BURGART ENTERPRISES reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bid.
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Legal 47239 publish Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF REGULAR AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING FOR MAGNOLIA WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Magnolia West Community Development District will be held on February 9, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Magnolia West Amenity Center located at 3490 Canyon Falls Drive Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. There will be an Audit Committee meeting prior to the onset of the Board of Supervisors' meeting. The Audit Review Committee will review, discuss and evaluate the proposals submitted in response to the RFP for Audit Services.

To obtain a copy of the agenda for the above-referenced meeting, please contact the District Manager, Rizzetta & Company, Inc., 2806 N. Fifth Street, Unit 403, St Augustine, FL 32084 (Ph) (904) 436-6270.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc. 2806 N. 5th St., Unit #403, St. Augustine, FL 32084 ("District Manager's Office") and by providing a telephone and email address during normal business hours or on the District's website www.magnoliawestcd.org. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting.

Any person requiring special accommodations in order to access and participate in the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

As indicated above, these meetings may be conducted by media communications technology. Anyone requiring assistance in order to obtain access to the telephonic, video conferencing, or other communications media technology being utilized to conduct this meeting should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Similarly, any person requiring or that otherwise may need assistance accessing or participating in this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment is strongly encouraged to contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance so that arrangements may be made.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the Meetings is advised that person will need a record of proceedings

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and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Lesley Gallagher

District Manager

Legal 47233 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to consider the adoption of an ordinance bearing the following title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE CLAY COUNTY CODE, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, BEING THE CODIFICATION OF CLAY COUNTY ORDINANCES 79-15, 03-35, 09-61, 14-21, AND 17-27 AS THE SAME MAY HAVE BEEN AMENDED, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A LIMITED EXCEPTION TO ALLOW ATTENDEES OF ALL AGES TO ENTER THE ALCOHOL ZONE DURING THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA SCOTTISH GAMES AND FESTIVAL EVENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard by the Board on matters pertaining to the ordinance. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be inspected by members of the public at the County Commission Offices, Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of legal holidays.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 269-6376, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Board of County Commissioners
Clay County, Florida

Legal 47223 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2020-CP-000631
Division B

IN RE: ESTATE OF GUSTINE S. MATHIS, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of GUSTINE S. MATHIS, deceased, whose date of death was July 15, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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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 January 7, 2021.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR.
Attorney for Personal Representative

Florida Bar Number 887950
Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.
Attorneys at Law, P.A.
1543 Kingsley Avenue Suite 5
Orange Park, FL 32073
Telephone: (904) 264-8800
Fax: (904) 264-0155
Primary email address: grady@floridaelder.com
Secondary email address: donna@floridaelder.com

Personal Representative:
WILLIAM GREGORY MATHIS
6605 Pine Avenue
Fleming Island, Florida 32003
Legal 47213 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2021 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:

Greenfin Rafts

Located at 1461 River Lane 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 January, 2021
Owner's name/corporation: Wadewater Enterprises, LLC
Legal 47244 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

The following vehicle(s) will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs. G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept and reject any and all bids.

2004 Cadillac 1G6DM577540120455
The auction will be held on 02/01/2021 at 9:00 a.m. at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Legal 47246 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today

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HEARING NOTICE

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding a Special Exception to allow alcohol sales for off-site consumption at 26 N Orange Ave, and identified as parcel number 017251-000-00.

Planning and Zoning Board:
Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

The Future Land Use designation of this property is CHI - Commercial High Intensity. The Zoning designation of the property is CBD - Central Business District.

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay - Dial 7-1-1.

Said application is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through

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Thursday.
All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.
City of Green Cove Springs
Heather Glisson, Development Services Representative
321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Steve Kennedy, City Manager
Legal 47237 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:
**ORDINANCE NO. 0-01-2021
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE CITY CODE, ARTICLE 11, ELECTRIC UTILITY, DIVISION 2. SERVICE APPLICATIONS AND CONTRACTS CREATING SECTION 90-24 ENTITLED "UTILITY PAYMENT EXTENSIONS;" PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance:
City Council: First Reading on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
City Council: Second & Final Reading on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay - Dial 7-1-1.
Said Ordinance is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.
All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.
City of Green Cove Springs
Erin West, City Clerk
321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
L. Steve Kennedy, City Manager
Legal 47247 published Jan 14 and Jan 28, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE
The Clay County Utility Authority Doctors Lake Septic to Sewer Project Team will meet on Thursday, February 4, 2021, in a workshop session at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida commencing at 9:00 A.M. The purpose of the workshop session is to provide licensed and insured plumbers information about an opportunity to participate in an active grant project for septic to sewer conversion in Clay County, Florida. All interested licensed and insured plumbers are welcome to attend. For further information, call (904) 213-2441.
Legal 47227 publish Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE
The Executive Director of the Clay County Utility Authority (CCUA) will conduct a workshop on Monday, January 25, 2021, in the Board room of the Administrative Facility located at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida, commencing at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as those in attendance may convene. The purpose of the workshop is to hear and discuss public stakeholder comments pertaining to regulations and provisions of service and all

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associated water, wastewater, and reclaimed main extensions, service availability charges, connection fees, and utility rates that apply to proposed affordable housing developments which are considering locating within CCUA's service area. All interested members of the public and media are welcome to attend. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Persons requiring auditory assistance may access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).
If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings.
For further information, call (904) 213-2464.
Legal 47232 publish Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2020CA000842
MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff, V. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEWISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF JEFFREY T. SCHUELER A/K/A JEFFREY J. SCHUELER, DECEASED, ET AL. Defendants.
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEWISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF JEFFREY T. SCHUELER A/K/A JEFFREY J. SCHUELER, DECEASED, AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, AND WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JEFFREY T. SCHUELER A/K/A JEFFREY J. SCHUELER, DECEASED, OR ANY OF THE HEREIN NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS OR PARTIES CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED
Current Residence Unknown, but whose last known address was: 2241 GEORGE WYTHE RD, ORANGE PARK FL 32073-8557
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida, to-wit:
LOT 4, BLOCK 8, HERITAGE HILLS UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE(S) 29, 30 AND 31, 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 eXL Legal, PLLC, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Avenue, P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043-0698, either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition
WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court this 6th day of January, 2021.
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk
If you are an individual with a

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 10-2018-DP-000059 DIVISION: JV-E
IN THE INTEREST OF: L.C., DOB: 09/03/2019 A MINOR CHILD THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Donald W. Combs, FATHER 53 Old Hard Road Fleming Island, Florida 32003. Middleburg FL 32068 (904) 291-2687/(904)592-9336 Last Known Address YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named child, L.C. who was born on September 3, 2019. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Angela M. Cox, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 9:30 a.m. o'clock on February 5, 2021, A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. If the courthouse is still closed, you must

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disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance.
To Request ADA accommodations at the Clay County Courthouse contact: family Court Services, Room 1035; (904) 255-1695 (or 711-Florida Relay Service); Crtintpr@coj.net
Legal 47219 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 100005052

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2020-CP-000521 Probate Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF LARRY TODE, Deceased.
The administration of the estate of LARRY TODE, deceased, whose date of death was June 5, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is January 7, 2021.
THE LAW OFFICES OF KENDRA NEW, LLC
Kendra E. New, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar Number: 125089
P.O. Box 248
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Phone: 904-907-4000
Email: kendra@kendranewlaw.com
CONNIE HENSLEY-TODE
Personal Representative
2115 Raymonds Place
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Legal 47200 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF MEETING
SANDRIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Sandridge Community Development District ("District") will hold a special meeting on **January 25, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., at The Wood Development Company of Jacksonville, 414 Old Hard Road, Suite 502, Fleming Island, Florida 32003**, for the purpose of considering any business that may come before the Board, necessary for the operation of the District.
The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The meeting may be continued in progress to a date and time certain announced at the meeting. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the offices of the District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010, during normal business hours.
If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.
Any person requiring special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District office.
Craig Wrathell
District Manager
Legal 47229 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2020-DR-002111 Division: F
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: MICHAEL A. GUNNING, Husband,

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appear at this court hearing via zoom. Join Zoom Meeting through the app <https://zoom.us/j/6217548891>, Meeting ID: 621 754 8891
FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THESE CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or ertintpr@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 8th day of January, 2021.
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
as Clerk of Said Court
By: Denise Rosenbloom
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 47222 published Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 and Feb 4, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF MEETING
SANDRIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Sandridge Community Development District ("District") will hold a special meeting on **January 25, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., at The Wood Development Company of Jacksonville, 414 Old Hard Road, Suite 502, Fleming Island, Florida 32003**, for the purpose of considering any business that may come before the Board, necessary for the operation of the District.
The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The meeting may be continued in progress to a date and time certain announced at the meeting. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the offices of the District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010, during normal business hours.
If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.
Any person requiring special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District office.
Craig Wrathell
District Manager
Legal 47229 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2020-DR-002111 Division: F
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: MICHAEL A. GUNNING, Husband,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2020-DR-002111 Division: F
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: MICHAEL A. GUNNING, Husband,

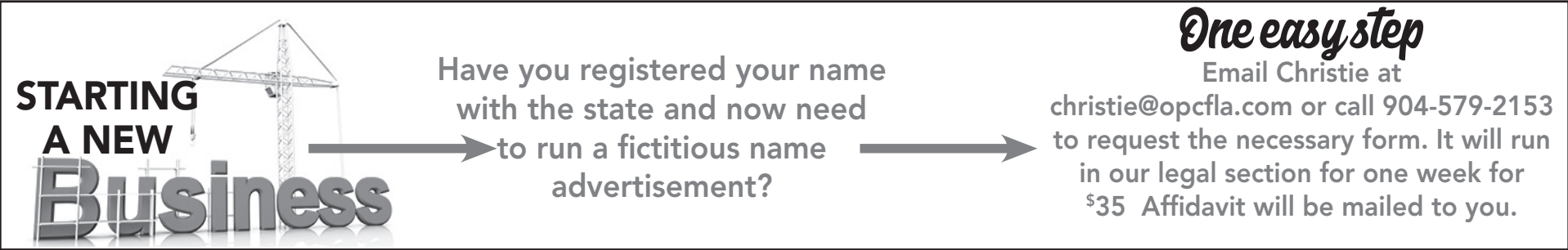
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and CINDY ANN ROTONDI-GUNNING-FURNELL, Wife.
TO: Cindy Ann Rotondi-Gunning-Furnell
130 Eastern Ave., Apt 315
Lynn, Massachusetts 01902-1302
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on: L.J. Arnold III, whose address is PO Box 1570, 718 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 on or before January 29th, 2021, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 before service on Husband or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: December 15, 2020
(seal)
Tara S. Green
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Kayla R Beard,
Deputy Clerk
Legal 47142 published Dec 24, Dec 31, 2020 and Jan 7, Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Public Notice
Clay County School Board
The Clay County School Board will hold two meetings on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021.**
School Board Workshop at 9:00 a.m. in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043, for the purpose of reviewing the draft agenda for the February 4, 2021 Regular Meeting.
School Board Special Meeting at 10:00 a.m. (or following the Workshop if Workshop extends beyond 10:00) in the district Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, for the purpose of determining potential school boundary realignments.
The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to honniesona@myoneclay.net or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at www.oneclay.net or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
Legal 47230 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to consider the adoption of an ordinance bearing the following title:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING TABLES 1 AND 2 OF THE CLAY COUNTY FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard by the Board on matters pertaining to the ordinance. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be inspected by members of the public at the County Commission Offices, Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of legal holidays.
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 269-6376, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).
Board of County Commissioners
Clay County, Florida
Legal 47242 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 10-2019-DP-000130 DIVISION: JV-F
IN THE INTEREST OF: C.B. K.O. A CHILD THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Father of C.B. Kenneth Bowditch Father K.O. is Julian Overman YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above named children, C.B., who was born on December 5, 2008 and K.O. who was born on February 10, 2015. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Steven B. Whittington, the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on January 26, 2021, A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. If the courthouse is still closed, you must appear at this court hearing via zoom. Join Zoom Meeting through



STARTING A NEW Business

Have you registered your name with the state and now need to run a fictitious name advertisement?

One easy step
Email Christie at christie@opcfla.com or call 904-579-2153 to request the necessary form. It will run in our legal section for one week for \$35 Affidavit will be mailed to you.

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the app <https://zoom.us/j/2988523044>, Meeting ID: 298 852 3044

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

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

WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 16th day of December, 2020.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
as Clerk of Said Court
By: Denise Haselwood
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 47144 published Dec 24, Dec 31, 2020, and Jan 7, Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The online bidding and auction for Morgran Mini Stor-it, 369 Blanding Blvd will be at www.storage-treasure.com through Thursday, January 21, 2021 and ends at 5:00 pm. The entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien and other charges according to FL Statutes 83.806.

- PERSONAL PROPERTY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:**
Unit #/Tenant or Business Name
A27 MGRUDER, MICHAEL
A61 HAMILTON, ANTONIO
A68 HUDSON, PAULETTA
B05 HAUS, DEAN
D49 JACKSON, BERT
D64 STORY, SEAN
D74 DUNN, JERRY
E50 GOLD, PAULA
G20 WILLIAMS, MARJORIE
I61 TAYLOR, KATHERINE
I109 NOBLES, DWAIN
I110 NOBLES, DWAIN
M13 BELLAMY, MARY
M30 JONES, MARTHA
N210 PIERRE, ARLEN

Sale being held to satisfy landlords' lien. Seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. Cash or Credit Cards only. Contents to be removed within 24 hours.

Morgan Mini Stor-It
369 Blanding Blvd.
Orange Park, FL 32073
Phone: 904-272-2201
Fax: 904-272-0506
Email: morganop@aol.com
Legal 47203 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on Jan 28, 2021 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

- 2003 Ford 1FAFP40483F358616
2007 Ford 1FTPX12V67FB04699
2004 Merc 2MEFM74WX4X602013
1999 Honda JH2RC4333XM400902
2013 Toyo 2T1BU4EE6DC955664
Legal 47231 published Jan 14, 2021 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:

NYC Meatballs & Pizzeria

Located at 1075 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, this 11th day of January, 2021

Owner's name/corporation: David Mayer
Legal 47245 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 10-2019-DP-000137
DIVISION: JV-E

IN THE INTEREST OF: R.C., DOB: 07/09/2019
A MINOR CHILD
THE STATE OF FLORIDA
TO:

Stephanie Cole Cummings, Mother
3541 Plum Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32205
Last Known Address

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named child, R.C. who was born on July 9, 2019. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Angela M. Cox, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on February 2, 2021, A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. If the courthouse is still closed, you must appear at this court hearing via zoom. Join Zoom Meeting through the app <https://zoom.us/j/6217548891>, Meeting ID: 621 754 8891

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

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

WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 4th day of January, 2021.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
as Clerk of Said Court
By: Tammy Rosenbaum
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 47210 published Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2021 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:

Greenfin

Located at 1461 River Lane 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 January, 2021

Owner's name/corporation: Wadewater Enterprises, LLC
Legal 47243 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION

TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on December 15, 2020

Philip A Fremento, D.R. Horton, Inc. - Jacksonville 4220 Race Track Rd, St Johns, FL 32259-2084 Permit # 98482-12. The project is located in Clay County, Section 46, Township 5S, Range 26E. The permit authorizes construction and operation of a Stormwater Management System for a 270.0 acre(s) project known as Cross Creek Phase 2 Master Stormwater Infrastructure as per plans received by the District on November 23, 2020. The receiving water body is Peters Creek, Pecks Branch.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwm.com. within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at floridaswater.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and

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shall not constitute filing.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. **Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).**

If you wish to do so, please visit http://floridaswater.com/nor_dec/ to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Regulatory Support, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386) 329-4570.

Legal 47221 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2020-CP-660
Division - A

IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY LEE HORTON
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Betty Lee Horton, deceased, whose date of death was October 14, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is January 7, 2021.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Candycce M. King
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 307210
CANDYCE M. KING, P.A.
2219 Park St.
Jacksonville, FL 32204
Telephone: (904) 387-9886
Fax: (904) 387-9862
E-Mail: kingcandycce@bellsouth.net
Secondary E-Mail: mannon.sarah@bellsouth.net

Personal Representative
Donald E. Horton
3212 County Road 218
Middleburg, Florida 32068
Legal 47194 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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PUBLIC SALE

On 01/30/2021 at 00:00 AM an auction will take place at 1046 Airpark Rd. Green Cove Springs FL 32043. The vehicles which will be auctioned include:

JTLKT324754001572 2005 SCION
Legal 47240 publish Jan 14, 2021 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 DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2020-CA-000680

DIRECT GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Plaintiff,
v.
CARY BUTLER, Defendant.

TO: CARY BUTLER, address unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for declaratory relief has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff, DIRECT GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, through its counsel Robert K. Savage, Esq., whose address is 412 East Madison Street, Suite 815, Tampa, FL 33602 no later than 28 days after the first publication of this Notice, and file with the clerk of this court, Tara S. Green, whose address is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, before service on Plaintiff, or immediately thereafter.

If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against for the relief demanded in the declaratory judgment action.
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk's office. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office.
Dated: Dec 18, 2020

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Court & Comptroller
By: Rebecca Crews
As Deputy Clerk

Legal 47159 published Dec 24, Dec 31, 2020 and Jan 7, Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(Summary Administration)
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 20-CP-630
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF WALLACE BYRON FARLEY

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 WALLACE BYRON FARLEY, deceased, File Number 20-CP-630, by the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043; that the decedent's date of death was August 27, 2020; that the total value of the estate is less than \$36,742.20 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name/Address
Camille Farley
3335 Doctors Lake Drive
Orange Park, FL 32073

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the 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 FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO

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FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. 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 January 14, 2021.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice
KEVIN R. ALBAUM, ESQ.

Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 112346
Clark, Campbell, Lancaster & Munson, P.A.
500 South Florida Avenue, Suite 800
Lakeland, Florida 33801
Telephone: (863) 647-5337
Fax: (863) 647-5012
E-Mail: Kalbaum@ccmlaw.com
Secondary E-Mail: Jbelcher@ccmlaw.com
Person Giving Notice:

CAMILLE FARLEY
3335 Doctors Lake Drive
Orange Park, Florida 32073
Legal 47228 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

RE-NOTICE OF SALE

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

CASE NO: 2013-CA-001080

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE GSAMP TRUST 2006-NC1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC1, Plaintiff,
Vs

PETER J. HORTEN; LISA A. HORTEN; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the order of Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 6, 2018 and entered in Case No. 2013-CA-001080 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE GSAMP TRUST 2006-NC1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC1, is Plaintiff and PETER J. HORTEN; LISA A. HORTEN; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, are Defendants, the Office of Tara S. Green, 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 4th day of March, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 9-A OF BROOKLYN LAKE ESTATES ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 ON PAGES 39 AND 40 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE MOST NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 9-A, BROOKLYN LAKE ESTATES, AND RUN S 38° 50' 30" W, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 9-A, A DISTANCE OF 5.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WOODLAND DRIVE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 38° 50' 30" W, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 9-A, A DISTANCE OF 320.0 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN N 51° 09' 30" W, PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE AND THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 9-A, A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 9-A; THENCE RUN N 38° 50' 30" E, A LONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE, 320.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WOODLAND DRIVE; THENCE RUN S 51° 09' 30" E, A LONG THE SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY

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LINE, A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING
Property Address: **6499 Woodland Dr, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656**
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 before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
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 (904) 255-1695 or Dertinrtp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Dated January 5, 2021
(seal)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: Rebecca Crews
As Deputy Clerk
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
500 S. Australian Avenue, Suite 1000
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Email: FLPLEadings@mwc-law.com
(561) 713-1400
Legal 47217 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD CLOSING PETITION

The Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida, has received a petition (the Petition) filed pursuant to Sections 336.09 and 336.10, Florida Statutes, on behalf of Troy Anderson, to close a portion of a certain public road hereinafter described. In accordance with the Petition, the Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to consider the adoption of a resolution pursuant to Section 336.10, Florida Statutes, closing, vacating and abandoning said portions of public roads, said portions being more particularly described as follows:

PARCELA
A PORTION OF HUDSON BOULEVARD (A 50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED), (CLOSED BY COUNTY ORDINANCE), AS SHOWN ON FELLOWSHIP PARK AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 61 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 12, BLOCK 240 OF SAID FELLOWSHIP PARK AND THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID HUDSON BOULEVARD; THENCE SOUTH 89°20'34" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID HUDSON BOULEVARD AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 12, BLOCK 240 OF SAID FELLOWSHIP PARK, A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°34'00" WEST, DEPARTING FROM SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE AND THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 12, BLOCK 240 OF SAID FELLOWSHIP PARK, A DISTANCE OF 10.49 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SHEDD ROAD, (A 30 FOOT COUNTY MAINTAINED RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED); THENCE NORTH 74°35'37" EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY

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LINE, A DISTANCE OF 103.45 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°34'00" EAST, DEPARTING FROM SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 36.83 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
PARCEL B
A PORTION OF HUDSON BOULEVARD (A 50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED), (CLOSED BY COUNTY ORDINANCE), AND A PORTION OF SEMINOLE AVENUE (A 50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED), AS SHOWN ON FELLOWSHIP PARK AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 61 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 10, BLOCK 240 OF SAID FELLOWSHIP PARK AND THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID SEMINOLE AVENUE; THENCE NORTH 00°34'00" WEST, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE AND ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 10 AND 12, BLOCK 240 OF SAID FELLOWSHIP PARK, A DISTANCE OF 136.83 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SHEDD ROAD (A 30 FOOT COUNTY MAINTAINED RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED); THENCE NORTH 74°35'37" EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SHEDD ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 51.73 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 222, OF SAID FELLOWSHIP PARK AND THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HUDSON BOULEVARD; THENCE SOUTH 00°34'00" EAST, ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SEMINOLE AVENUE AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 11 AND 9, BLOCK 241 OF SAID FELLOWSHIP PARK, A DISTANCE OF 150.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 9, BLOCK 241; THENCE SOUTH 89°20'34" WEST, DEPARTING FROM SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard by the Board regarding the adoption of the resolution. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 269-6376, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).
Board of County Commissioners
Clay County, Florida
Legal 47198 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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:
Del Harris CAS
Doing business in the County of CLAY, with a mailing address of 7643 Gate Parkway, Suite 104-1237, Jacksonville, FL 32256 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 12th day of January, 2021
Owner's name/corporation:
Del Harris Creative & Administrative Services, LLC
Legal 47252 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE
FIRST COAST TOWING gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 01/29/2021 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.
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1GNEC13T11R161910 2001 Chevrolet
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5J6RM3H34DL025171 2013 Honda
KMHD35LH2EU04379
2014 Hyundai
Legal 47195 publish Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice To Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2020-CP-000463 DIVISION B: IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT EMERY SMITH, Deceased. The administration of the Estate of ROBERT EMERY SMITH, deceased, whose date of death was December 11, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division; the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE 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 the 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 PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is January 5, 2020. Attorney for Personal Representative: Christopher S Grafton, Esq. Florida Bar No.: 0615153. 101 Marketside Ave. Suite 404-172, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081. Telephone: (904) 814-3100 E-mail: cgraftonlaw@gmail.com. Personal Representative: Cynthia M. Smith 3105 Groveland Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065.
Legal 47197 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Bid Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Public notice is hereby given the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing on an ordinance amending Ordinance 15-20 which adopted and enacted the final budget of estimated revenues and expenditures and made appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 for the first time during the course of said fiscal year; providing an effective date.
This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 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 47224 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

MBE/WBE Firms
Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc. is seeking qualified MBE/WBE firms to participate in the 2021 DEP SRF Harbor Road WRF Expansion, Ph. 2 which will bid on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 @ 2:00PM for the City of Green Cove Springs, FL. Possible subcontracting opportunities include: Site work, dewatering, paving, fencing, grassing & landscape, concrete, masonry, metal buildings, interior finish, painting, plumbing and air conditioning. Quotations must be received by January 25, 2021 @ 12:00 pm.
Interested bidders should contact:
Joe Fisher
Petticoat Schmitt
Civil Contractors, Inc.
6380 Philips Highway
Jacksonville, FL 32216
Phone (904) 751-0888
Fax (904) 751-0988
Or e-mail to:
jfisher@petticoatschmitt.com
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Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2020-CA-699
DEENA G. PAGE, PLAINTIFF,
vs.
KRISTAL A. SELLERS, DEFENDANT
NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the order of FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE dated January 5, 2021, and entered in Case No. 2020-CA-699 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein DEENA G. PAGE is the PLAINTIFF and KRISTAL A. SELLERS is the DEFENDANT. The Office of the Clerk, Clay County Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest bidder or bidders for cash at public sale on February 8, 2021, at 10:00 AM, at: <https://www.clay.realforeclose.com> the following described property as set forth in said final judgment, to-wit:
Lot 20, Block 17, Big Tree Lakes, Section B, a subdivision as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 12, Pages 1-9, in the public records of Clay County, Florida.

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and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in the PLAINTIFF'S agreement with DEFENDANT.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
Dated: January 7, 2021
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Rebecca Crews
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 47225 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 10-2019-CA-001033
Division E
MOVEMENT MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff,
Vs.
STEPHANIE JUNEAYN THOMPSON, ANDREW THOMPSON, FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION A/K/A FHFC II, INC., AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on January 29, 2020, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, TARA S. GREEN, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida described as:
LOT 8, BLOCK 13, BELLAIR UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGES 12 AND 13 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
and commonly known as: **430 SIGSBEE RD, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073** including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com, on March 8, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owners as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
Dated this 5th day of January, 2021.
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk
Legal 47218 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 328850/1911203


Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 10-2020-CA-000081
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Plaintiff,
V.
SHEILA G BROCK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHEILA G BROCK; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; WATERVIEW RIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 04, 2020, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:
LOT 1, BLOCK 1, WATERVIEW RIDGE, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, AT PAGE(S) 73, 74 AND 75, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
a/k/a 1633 IBIS DR, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065-8003
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com, on February 2, 2021 beginning at 10:00 AM.
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 before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
Dated this 5th day of November, 2020.
(seal)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk
If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To Request ADA accommodations at the Clay County Courthouse contact: Family Court Services, Room 1035; (904) 255-1695 (or 711-Florida Relay Service); Crtrntrp@coj.net
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