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Preparation starts weeks before first storm of season

By Don Coble
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CLAY COUNTY – No matter how evolved science gets, experts often struggle to know when, and where, a hurricane will form. And since they're driven by water temperature, currents, upper winds and other meteorological forces, the best forecasts often wind up being hundreds of miles off the projected target.

That's why Clay County Emergency Management Director John Ward doesn't study numbers when he's

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School Board approves new Middleburg High CTE Academy

By Nick Blank
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FLEMING ISLAND – The automotive industry is important, with highly skilled employees but also high demand for them.

The Clay County School District is looking to address that.

Middleburg High's Automotive Maintenance and Repair Career Academy will be named "The Garber Academy of Automotive Services at Middleburg High School" and be revitalized. It is the newest career and technical education academy, according to the district.

Superintendent David Broskie introduced the item to board members at a meeting last week. In conversations with local businesses, Broskie said employers tell them they always need more employees.

"They say, 'We need people,'" Broskie said. "And guess who is walking around?"

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Officials break ground on its first new school in five years

By Nick Blank
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – By August 2023, the Clay County School District will welcome its 43rd school, Spring Park Elementary.

School District officials were joined by County and Green Cove Springs representatives for the ground-breaking at the 20.9-acre site off of County Road 315. It will encompass 110,000 square feet and have 48 classrooms. It will have the capacity for 851 students.

The total construction cost is \$35.4 million. Spring Park Elementary was designed by Bhide & Hall Architects and the contractor is Parrish McCall Construction. The school is the district's first build since Oakleaf's Discovery Oaks Elementary School in 2018.

The school falls in District 5, represented by Board Member Ashley Gilhousen. She felt the school was a welcome addition to the area. "Who doesn't love something that's brand new? To walk into a facility and have it be top-notch, I think it'll be a revitalization for the Green Cove Area," Gilhousen said. "It's been a long time since we've had a new school in this district."

Across from the school's site, developments under construction are scattered



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Schools District officials break ground on the new Spring Park Elementary in Green Cove Springs. The school will be the 43rd in the county and the first since Discovery Oaks Elementary opened in Oakleaf in 2018,

on C.R. 315. With the growth, the district has capacity concerns at the elementary school level.

"There are a lot of residents who live in this area who actually have to take their children to Fleming Island, so having a brand new facility in their backyard is an exciting opportunity," she said.

Superintendent David Broskie told the

crowd assembled under a tent the district had 13 elementary schools when he joined about 30 years ago. Spring Park will be the 28th.

He referred to the district's facilities team as unsung heroes because they have to accommodate the county's rapid growth.

"Clay County Schools are the largest employer in Clay County and kind of the fo-

cal point of the community, I always refer to it as the fabric that helps build our community," he said.

Flanked by construction equipment, Broskie said parents have a choice of where to move, and Clay building state-of-the-art schools can influence that.

"Let's go break some ground and ride some trucks," Broskie said.

School district completes self-funded insurance move

By Nick Blank
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FLEMING ISLAND – After extensive workshops and discussions, the Clay County School District's pivot to self-funded insurance became a reality last Tuesday.

Board members approved the measure that will save the district about \$1.89 million in the 2022-2023 fiscal year unanimously to applause at last week's board meeting. The estimated costs to go self-funded are about \$4.5 million. According to the district, the self-funded model takes out some taxes and operational costs, gives the district access to more data and employees and the district more flexibility.

"Stay healthy everybody," Board Member Tina Bullock said.

Board Member Janice Kerekes said she's glad the district made it this far.

"The goal with these savings is, down the road, it can be an even better package for our employees," she said. "So I'm really excited about it."

The district was assisted by the firm The Bailey Group, which has presented

about funding the switch and was previously informed about the district's financial position. In a self-funded model, premiums would be split between several aspects rather than a flat fee to an insurer. At a meeting last month, it was compared to an a la carte system with items like stop-loss insurance, which protects the district from high claims with a ceiling.

Some downsides are the self-funded model adds more administration and certain costs adheres to a fluctuating claims market. The Bailey Group has to monitor relationships with benefit and insurance providers. With her business background, Board Member Beth Clark said she's supported the measure since she started campaigning and is happy to be a part of it. Board Member Ashley Gilhousen recalled serving during lean fiscal years.

"This feels like what we've gone above and beyond what we even thought was possible," she said.

"I agree with you," Kerekes replied. "This is what we wanted all along and we are finally getting there."



Green Cove Springs honors General Federation of Women's Clubs

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Dianne Foerster, General Federation of Women's Clubs Florida President, was given the Key to the City by Green Cove Springs City Government on Tuesday, May 10, for her service to the Village Improvement Association Federated Woman's Club of Green Cove Springs and the GFWC of Florida. City of Green Cove Springs Vice Mayor Matt Johnson also presented the May Mann Jennings Proclamation to Foerster in support of Jennings to be added to the Florida Commission on the Status of Women's Florida Women's Hall of Fame. Jennings was a prominent leader in the women's club movement at the turn of the 20th Century and served as the president of the Florida GFWC from 1914-1917, then vice president of the GFWC and co-founder of the Florida State League of Women Voters. Foerster has been a large proponent for Jennings' inclusion in the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.

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Clary and Associates back the blue with gifts of green

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Realizing being in law enforcement often is a thankless job, Tina Clary wanted to show her support in a quiet, yet significant, way on May 6.

She joined Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless, Friends of the NRA's Chairman Dustin Elrod, Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook, Green Cove Springs Police Chief John Guzman and Orange Park Police Department Chief Gary Goble and Assistant Chief Randy Case to help all three agencies with a check presentation.

The gifts were part of the Friends of the NRA's ninth annual Back the Blue program where deputies and officers also were recognized earlier in the week.

"I've got to tell you, there's absolutely no way I wouldn't be able to stand up to the standard that is laid out, unfortunately, for you," Chambless said. "You know, at the end of the day, we all just want to go home to our families, right?"

"And in light of what's happening on a national scale of individuals who are wanting to defund the police and to break down those societal norms that we need, quite frankly, is this just appalling. Hopefully, those norms will become reimbursed, and I truly believe that the majority of individuals certainly do back to the blue."



From left, Orange Park Police Department Asst. Chief Randy Case, Chief Gary Goble, Green Cove Springs Police Chief John Guzman, Tina Clary and Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook come together so Clary could show support for their service by providing a donation to each agency.

Cook, Guzman, Goble and Case then respectfully accepted their checks.

"We had the opportunity to share a vision with Tina (Clary), and as the principal with Claire and Associates, and one that has always been (an important) player in the community, she didn't say 'What do you need or this and that?' She just answered the phone and said, 'Will do.'"

"She answered the call and what she wanted to do was recognize the law en-

forcement professionals who have boots on the ground."

Clary didn't want to divulge the amounts of the contributions.

"Tina came up with the idea of, of, 'Hey, why don't we present each member of the table with a firearm of their choice?' And so that in and of itself was special, but then to go further with it to present each agency with a check to use however you see fit is going above and beyond."

Jacksonville-based Clary and Associates have provided professional surveying and mapping in Northeast Florida since 1983.

The company also takes an active role in nonprofit and charitable causes in Clay County, including J.P. Hall Children's Charities, Seamark Ranch, Clay Chamber, Council on Aging of Clay County and First Coast Women's Services.

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Naomi Judd, dealing with suicide and life's appointment

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

We've all heard of people who have taken their lives by suicide. We typically wonder why? Do we wonder what was so bad about their lives that they could not cope another day?

We were shocked by the sudden death of Naomi Judd. She was a country music star and legend. She and her daughter Wynonna had racked up 14 no. 1 hits. They had five Grammy awards and twenty million-plus album sales. A new tour was planned for this Fall and the day after her death an induction ceremony was scheduled for the Country Music Hall of Fame. She had it all. She had a long-term 30-year marriage, successful daughters, fame and fortune. What more could a human being want? Apparently, something was still wrong.

Depression and mental illness apparently can become a hole so deep and so dark that once someone is in it, they don't feel they are emotionally able to survive or escape the darkness.

We have been shocked by other personalities who reportedly took their lives such as comedian Robin Williams and Anthony Bourdain who traveled the world tasting and showing various lifestyles and cuisines.

Mental illness comes in various forms and affects people in different ways and on different levels. Everyone has down days, the blahs and feelings of unhappiness. The weather affects us. Rainy or snowy days may eventually get to us. Too many bills and not enough money to pay them can work on our minds. A sick or troubled family member may worry us or make us feel bad. Our own health battles can make us feel down. Too much to do is troubling. Terminal illness that is rapidly getting worse puts us in a state of desperation to escape the outcome sooner rather than later.

There is more to depression than snapping our fingers to get out of it as proven by Judd. She openly talked about her illness. She wrote a book about it and reportedly had spent years medically dealing with her diseases. Severe mental illness can end sadly end tragically.

Reviewing her life, it seems there would be a counterargument for everything we are supposed to do. Get help. Take medication. Have a good doctor and a good counselor. Talk about the disease. Find meaningful things to do. Have hobbies. Stay busy. Pursue life. Be involved in meaningful relationships and have faith in God. Judd appeared to do all of this and more.

Does this mean we have no hope if we

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Did you know? Some quick answers to some curious questions

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

Have you ever wondered about things, like why does printer ink cost nearly as much as a new printer, or that horror genius Alfred Hitchcock was deadly afraid of eggs and that more than 25% of your bones are in your feet?

Well, to save time, we uncovered some unusual facts – all so you can be better informed.



Don Coble

Like:

- Did you know there's a luggage company called Amelia Earhart? That begs the question: why would you buy suitcases from somebody who got lost and was never found? When I get to my destination, I'd like to have some clean underwear and my toothbrush.
- Did you know handicap tags are assigned to a person, not the vehicle? It's amazing how many healthy people think a blue rearview mirror placard or a handicap logo on the tag allows them to park in a handicapped spot. Handicapped designations are assigned to a person, not the car – and the designated person must be in the car to utilize the restricted parking space.
- Don't you just love those wonderful breakfast commercials for Jimmy Dean Sausage? Hearing Jimmy Dean's voice not only assures everyone they're about to have a tasty meal, but he gives instant credibility to the product. The

only problem is, that Jimmy Dean died on June 13, 2012. Talk about subliminal advertising.

- Which brings us to this little nugget of insanity: Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, signed the "Menstrual Dignity Act" last week which requires all schools to offer free feminine products in both *boys'* and girls' restrooms from kindergarten through 12th grade, starting with the 2022-23 schoolyear. Some things you just can't make up.

- Can you imagine trying to run one of the most popular commercials of the 1960s featuring Armour HOT DOGS today? The song goes: "Hot dogs, Armour HOT DOGS. What kind of kids eat Armour HOT DOGS? Fat kids, skinny kids, kids who climb on rocks. Tough kids, sissy kids, even kids with chickenpox love hot dogs, Armour HOT DOGS. The dogs kids love to bite!"

- If lawmakers decide to forgive college student loan debt, it doesn't mean the outstanding balance will go away. It will be paid by taxpayers. And since most people didn't go to college, the bulk of student loan debt will be paid by people who didn't even go to college.

- Track workers generally find the cremated remains of several stock car fans in the infield following a racing weekend at the Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama.

- Bet you didn't know it's against the law to have doors on public buildings that open inward. Now you do.

- Did you know the man who invented the Pringles can in 1966 is buried in one of his cans? Fredric Baur was 89 when he died and he asked that his ashes be

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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.

Cicatrix: (SIH-ka-triks) a noun that means the scar of a healed wound.

"The bicycle accident left me with a cicatrix that can only be seen when I wear shorts."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2017

- Authorities are alarmed when a white Fleming Island High student offers two Black girls for sale on Craigslist.
- The county joins 29 other counties calling for a burn ban amidst a severe drought.
- Oakleaf High triple jumper Melvin Briley wins a Class 4A gold medal at the state track and field championships.

10 years ago, 2012

- The Board of County Commissioners decided unanimously to allow voters to determine whether businesses can have expanded hours to sell alcohol on Sundays.
- The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry of Orange Park receive to top award of \$10,000 from the Paul E. Reinhold Community Service Award during the Celebrate Clay breakfast.
- Orange Park Town Clerk Sarah Campbell earned the designation of certified clerk from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

20 years ago, 2002

- Cheers owner Larry Lewis and a cook escape injury after three armed men break into the restaurant ahead of their lunch rush.
- A handful of residents express anger about the Town of Orange Park's plan to host a Fourth of July parade down River Road.
- The Clay High girls softball season comes to a devastating end in a 13-2 loss to New Port Richey in the Class 4A play-offs.

30 years ago, 1992

- Green Cove Springs and Elkins Contractors officials break ground on a new

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Cammack offers students life lessons, encouragement to Clay High students

By Nick Blank
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Rep. Kat Cammack opened her talk at Clay High by telling students they were a far more intimidating audience than what she faces in the nation’s capital.

As the final speaker at Clay High’s “Clay Talks” series, she addressed how to overcome adversity, the importance of civics and how they can live enriching lives.

As the youngest Republican woman in Congress, she said her colleagues asked

her about the social media app Tik Tok or modern lingo. The students are entering the real world at a critical point in time for the country. People who tell stories well in the modern age are the ones who can lead, she said.

“There are no participation trophies in life,” she said. “... You should welcome adversity.”

Cammack recalled overcoming homelessness and having family members fighting addiction. She said she was the first person in her family to go to college.

“That was my first taste of adversity



Rep. Kat Cammack tells students at Clay High they can achieve their goals despite hardships with hard work and determination.

STAFF PHOTO BY NICK BLANK

Suicide

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have a mental illness? We always have hope but we must be very aware of the seriousness of depression. Our mental state is serious and can be terminal.

Keep in mind that people successfully deal with mental illness every day. It does not have to be the end. People seek counsel, medical help, faith in God and find coping solutions to dealing with depression and mental illness. Mental illness does not have to end badly.

Try to think of those left behind. Try to think about the spouse, the children and the loved ones who are left to go on. I have known people who were so physically sick that I understood their pain and desire to escape their bodies.

Try to keep in mind that God made us and we all have an appointment with death. We don’t have to push the appointment. It’s coming to us all. Try to find a way to find purpose and peace with the brief life God has given to you. It will end soon enough.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of 13 books including Uncommon Sense, Grandpa’s Store, Minister’s Guidebook insights from a fellow minister.

His column is published weekly in more than 600 publications in all 50 states.

and figuring out what the heck I’m going to do with my life,” she said.

An 18-year-old having more freedom and power comes with more responsibilities. People will want to shape the path of a young person’s life and define what success is, she said.

“The thing I want you guys to remember is that it’s your life,” Cammack said.

Pivoting to civics, Cammack gave each student a pocket-sized U.S. Constitution.

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placed in a can of original Pringles that was purchased by his children at a Walgreens while they were on their way to the funeral home.

- Believe it or not, somebody offered to sell New Zealand on eBay in 2006. Even more amazing, the highest bid was up to \$3,000 before the offer was removed from the site.
- Look in the sky! It’s a bird! It’s a plane! No, it’s the official bird of Redondo Beach, California – the Goodyear Blimp.

- *Psst!* In the small town of Oakland, Florida, about 20 miles west of Orlando, it’s illegal to gossip. Just don’t tell anyone where you heard that.
- Two sisters in Virginia noticed one of their corn flakes was shaped like the state of Illinois. They sold it online for \$1,350 to the owner of a trivia website from Austin, Texas.
- Before it was closed for renovation, did you know you couldn’t get a Waldorf salad at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City?
- And sadly, Guinness said nearly 163,000 pints of its famed stout is lost on facial hair.

History

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wastewater treatment plant near Reynolds Industrial Park.

- School officials said there’s no reason to conduct another student council election at Middleburg High after one candidate accused a substitute teacher who is the mother of another candidate of using unfair tactics.
- Mares Yachts of Brazil relocates to Green Cove Springs.

40 years ago, 1982

- Plans move forward for the construction of the Green Cove Springs Marina and Yacht Club on the St. Johns River at the old Bachelor Officer’s Quarters.
- The Cove Plaza Shopping Center officially opens in Green Cove Springs at the intersection of U.S. Highway 17 and State Road 16.
- A \$12 million joint housing fund is established to help low- and middle-income families with 30-year fixed mortgage rates in Clay and St. Johns counties.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. English river

5. Particular part of something

11. Cool!

14. Welsh for John

15. Given name meaning ‘great spirit’

16. Wrath

17. Social occasion

19. Mechanical belt

20. ___ de la ___

21. Commands

22. Body part

23. Caught sight of

25. Funeral car

27. Skin infection

31. Sometimes they ‘burn’

34. Russian river

35. Famed soap opera character Kane

38. Pie ___ mode

39. Endangered

41. Socially inept person

42. Romanian river

44. Swerve

45. Monetary unit of Samoa

46. A type of approach to please

49. Form of Hebrew name for God

51. ‘Carry On My Wayward Son’ rockers

55. A team’s best pitcher

56. A woody climbing plant

60. Long, edible marine fish

61. Human rights group in Africa (abbr.)

62. Data

64. Corporate bigwig

65. Climbs

66. Relating to the ear

67. Commercials

68. You need it to eat

69. Political extremists

CLUES DOWN

1. Reconnaissance (Brit. military)

2. Asserts to be the case

3. Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers

4. Foes

5. Rheumatoid arthritis score

6. Ruler of Iran

7. The top of the head

8. Lilly and Manning are two

9. Purchase attire for

10. Glittering with gold or silver

11. The bank of a body of water

12. Regions

13. Makes tractors

18. Adult beverage

24. Force unit

26. Swiss river

28. Cater to

29. Woody climbing plants

30. Seems less impressive

31. Consume

32. Boxing’s GOAT

33. Southwestern farmers

36. Beverage holder

37. A way to deteriorate

39. Judge

40. Norse explorer ___ the Red

43. Farm resident

45. One who helps to govern

47. Plant-eating ground bug

48. History Finnish county

49. Conifer native to Jamaica

50. Longed

52. Small Japanese city

53. Arum family plant

54. Puts together in time

57. From a distance

58. ___ contendere: no contest plea

59. Region

63. Mountain Standard Time

Donation helps enrich students through music

By Nick Blank
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OAKLEAF – An elementary school music program continues to thrive through grants and teaching that moves outside a classroom.

The Oakleaf Village Elementary School music department, which caters to about 1,000 K-6 students, is led by Paula Summers.

The program recently received \$2,000 from the Paul E. and Klare N. Reinhold Foundation.

The school has a piano lab funded by grants and donations. Summers said her process involves getting students to enjoy making music with others and on their own.

Grateful for the foundation’s donation, Summers called grants a necessity.

“The instruments that we use, not just pianos, but xylophones, drums, bells, and ukuleles, plus the trips that we take, are all thanks to generous groups like the Reinhold Foundation that are willing to invest in the future, our students,” Summers said.

Reinhold Foundation Executive Di-

rector Amy Parker said Summers had an exceptional ability to involve students in music no matter their interest or talent. She called the program a win-win for the community and student experiences.

“(Summers) is really passionate about music and community service,” Parker said. “It was really brilliant how she put the program together.”

A key function of Summers’ program is outside the classroom via field trips. Children need social connections, Summers said, especially after enduring the COVID-19 pandemic. And this doesn’t extend only to their generation, she said.

Students in the program take trips to shows and the Benton House, a senior center in Oakleaf. Summers meticulously prepares her students, whether it’s how to interact with a person or challenges residents face.

“The students are able to show the residents what they’ve learned using our roll-up keyboards, and the residents can share any musical background or memories they have as well. We often close with the students playing chords while I lead



The music program at Oakleaf Village Elementary, including a large piano class, was enhanced by a donation from the Paul E. and Klare N. Reinhold Foundation’s Celebrate Clay ceremony.

the residents in singing ‘Amazing Grace,’” Summers said. “It is a wonderful experience to see how even those with memory challenges that leave unable to converse effectively often come to life and sing along with a song that is ingrained deep inside them. Music touches lives, both young and old.”

Summers said she feels music is important to society and most people tie music with experiences and memories. With her

elementary students, Summers said she tries to show how music can make a person’s life fuller, whether they achieve success at a higher level, develop a personal connection with it or become a patron of the arts as they get older.

“We see the value of it as humans,” she said. “It will make students better people, and better humans even if they don’t pursue it as a career.”



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Hogs for Dogs: Bikers raises money to support Clay Humane Society

ORANGE PARK – This year’s Hogs For Dogs couldn’t have been more different than last year’s washout. Beautiful sunny skies blessed the day for a smooth and safe ride along the North Florida roadways that added \$15,000 to the Humane Society’s coffers. The morning kicked off at Adamec on Wells Road with registration, Starbucks coffee and the sounds of DJ Frank Yournette. The first stop of the ride was breakfast at Dee’s Music Bar & Grill and then on to Howlin’ Wolf, Cheyenne Saloon, George’s Orangedale Package, and lastly, to Whitey’s Fish Camp for a delicious fish dinner, more music by DJ Cynthia Sabeen and lots of awesome raffle prizes. Special guests included the Star Wars 501st Legion who used their Jedi mind tricks to entertain the crowd.

Cammack

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She referenced Oprah Winfrey’s famous episode where the TV host gave everyone in the audience keys to an SUV. She tasked them with taking the time to read it.

“Don’t just put it in your bag,” she said,

holding a copy. “Open it. Read it. Talk about it. Ask questions.”

She said students can do whatever they want no matter their backgrounds.

“You guys are so incredibly lucky because we live in, hands down, the greatest country on Earth,” she said.

Cammack recommended reading “Tools of Titans” by podcaster Tim Ferriss and the famous essay “Message to Garcia.” Elaborating on the latter, “Message to Garcia” involves an unshakeable messenger during the Spanish-American War overcoming numerous physical and mental hurdles to deliver a vital message.

Self-sufficiency is the key, Cammack said.

“If you can channel that, you can do anything,” she said.

Cammack represents District 3, which includes Clay County, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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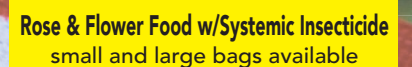
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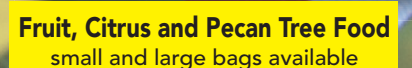
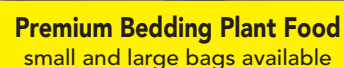
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Obituaries

Danny Lee Hensley

Danny Lee Hensley, 49, of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away on April 20, 2022.

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Walter H. Cary, Jr.

Walter H. Cary, Jr., 78, of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away on May 3, 2022. Born to Walter H. and Josie O. Cary on June 8, 1943, in Jacksonville, FL. Walter received his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in 1965, his master's degree from Wichita State University in 1973, was a nationally certified Behavior Analyst and acquired several other certifications. He retired from the state of Florida after 33 years in the mental health field. Walter was married to Eula L. Cowee on June 6, 1963 (58 years). He was a proud lifelong member of the Church of Christ, member of Mensa, published author and poet, became an Eagle Scout at the age of 15 and was a Scout Master for 5 years. Walter was an avid powerlifter from the age of 13. He was a devout Christian and known for his love of music. He was a wonderful son, husband, father and grandfather.



Walter H. Cary Jr.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Josie, and two sons-in-law, Barry Damren and Russell McDaniel, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Eula Louise (Cowee) Cary, his children Walter Cary III, Deborah Damren and Charlotte McDaniel and four grandchildren, Zachariah Damren, Clayton Damren, Hannah McNeese and Abigail McNeese. He was an amazing man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The family received friends from 6-8 pm on Friday, May 6, 2022 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel.

Funeral services were held at 3:00pm on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Green Cove Springs Church of Christ with Minister Claude McEldowney officiating.

Burial will follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Orange Park, FL.

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

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Sgt. Anthony D. McIntyre

Sgt. (Army) Anthony D. McIntyre, a dedicated loyal soldier and Vietnam Veteran (disabled), passed away on May 5, 2022, he was 71 years old. Big Tony was very active in Boy Scouts and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 38.



Anthony is survived by his wife, Paula; son, Robert and daughter, Sarah. Tony was a kind and loving brother, uncle and true friend to all he met.

The family would like to thank his fellow comrades from Bradley S. Crose, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 38, Orange Park, for all their kindness, friendship, and help during this time, they are true heroes.

A private memorial service will be held on May 25, 2022 with Pastor Amos Bankhead officiating the service.

Anthony will be laid to rest on May 25, 2022 at 1:00 pm at Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218, Lane #2. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the service.



Sgt. Anthony D. McIntyre

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the charity of your choice, please remember to always smile, and love the ones you are with.

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Charlene Butler Stallings

Charlene Butler Stallings, Jacksonville, FL passed away on May 8, 2022. She was born on April 9, 1963 in Key West, FL.



Charlene graduated from Ed White High School, worked at many hospitals in Jacksonville and spent a short time in the

United States Navy. She was married to Tommy Stallings for over 20 years and lived in Fayetteville, NC for 5 yrs.

Charlene worked as a CNA for many years and got her EMT certificate in NC. She was a member of Black Pond Baptist Church in Middleburg, FL. Her hobbies included gardening and she loved to plant flowers and fruit trees. Many trees she grew from seeds. She loved fishing with her husband at Lake Lochloosa and going to all the springs in Florida. She loved all animals especially her Rotties. Charlene enjoyed going on the road to the mountains in NC and taking pictures of beautiful things like flowers and the scenery.

She will be remembered for being so kind, loving and caring and her fascination of the Native American culture and way of living. For her beautiful smile and always wanting to help other people in times of sickness. Charlene enjoyed making other people smile and laugh. She had the most beautiful soul and always loved to give



Charlene Butler Stallings

rather than to receive. She never met a stranger.

Charlene is preceded in death by her father, Charles E Butler, her grandparents; Oder and Beddie Canterberry; her aunt, Bobbie Wilson and her cousin Jade McElroy.

She is survived by her husband, Tommy Stallings; mother, Clara Butler Novick (Loran); sisters and step-brother, Susan Butler Braddock (Kellar), Cindy Schumacher (Carl) and James Novick (Janet); brother-in-law Keith Stallings (Linda), David Stallings; nieces and nephews, Brandon Schumacher, Carl Jr. Schumacher, Amber Schumacher, Kaitlyn Braddock; nephews David Stallings Jr. and Keith Stallings Jr.; along with other great nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 11:30am to Noon on Friday, May 13, 2022 at Black Pond Baptist Church and funeral services will start at Noon with Reverend Jason Brown officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Donate Now - American Liver Foundation. Your Liver. Your Life.

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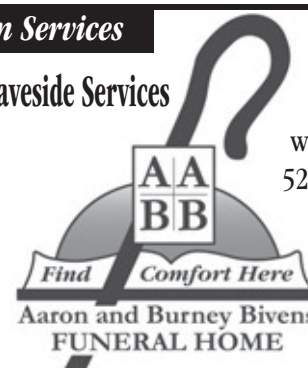
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Community Briefs

BBQ & Hot Sauce Festival to evoke love, unity, memories this weekend at O.P. Mall

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – The family-friendly BBQ & Hot Sauce Festival will enhance the quality of life and culture while motivating the mind, body and soul with laughter, music, food and fellowship starting this Friday at the Orange Park Mall.

The festival is a diverse event that highlights the aroma of North Florida's best barbecue while bringing together a multi-cultural outdoor social setting that is sure to evoke a spirit of love, unity and memories among all those in attendance. The event will feature a host of food vendors, along with Grammy Award-winning entertainment.

On Friday, Tiffany will take the stage at 8 p.m., followed by All-4-One at 9 p.m. and Grammy Award-winning artist Taylor Dayne at 10 p.m. Gates open at 5 p.m., with local teachers with at least 20 years of service being honored at 6 p.m. and the battle of the bands competition starting at 6:30 p.m.

More teachers will be recognized at 4 p.m. on Saturday, followed by battle of the

bands at 4:30 p.m., Leela James concert at 7 p.m., Morris Day plays at 8 p.m. and The Fleet DJS wrapping up the day's entertainment at 9 p.m.

Sunday's final day will be highlighted by teacher recognitions at 3 p.m., battle of the bands at 3:30 p.m., tributes to Whitney Houston, Marvin Gaye and Luther Vandross at 6 p.m., concerts by 24 K Magic at 6 p.m., Beyonce Formation Experience at 7 p.m., the Ultimate King of Pop at 8 p.m. and Purple Madness at 9 p.m.

Of course, another highlight of the festival will be a competition for the best barbecue and hot sauce.

Tickets range from \$20-\$75. For more information, visit everybodysfavoritefestival.com or call (877) 415-7258.

Daylily Society hosts plant sale and show in Orange Park

ORANGE PARK – The North Florida Daylily Society will host a plant sale and show on May 14 at the Courtyard Marriott at 610 Wells Road. The event will run from 1-4 p.m.

More than 100 varieties of daylilies all from local growers. Residents are encouraged to chat with the growers. The public will have the opportunity to view these

beautiful flowers then go into the next room and select plants to purchase. Prices range from \$10-\$20.

For more information, visit nfdailily.com.

Hitchcock's Markets accepting SNAP for online grocery orders

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The Florida-based regional grocery chain announced all Hitchcock's locations that offer online delivery and pick-up orders will now accept SNAP benefits. SNAP beneficiaries can order groceries through the Hitchcock's Markets website or app and use their EBT card to complete purchases.

Using EBT as a form of payment online is a simple process. Hitchcock's customers can visit delivery.myhitchcocks.com or download the Hitchcock's Markets app, create an account, and enter their EBT card information as a form of payment. Customers can then pick from a large assortment of SNAP-eligible groceries and add them to their virtual cart. Orders can be placed for same-day delivery or pick-up and can be scheduled up to eight days in advance.

New show, 'Art in the Courthouse,' now on display

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – As part of a new community outreach effort, Art in the Courthouse, the Clay County Clerk and Comptroller's Office proudly announces Show 2, "Brush Strokes of Light," brought to the community by members of First Coast Plein Air Painters, is on display on the sixth floor of the Clay County Courthouse.

This is a juried and judged show. The juror/judge for this show, Charles Dickinson, will award first-, second- and third-place awards, as well as three honor mentions. Following the reception, artwork is viewable during normal courthouse business hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-through-Friday.

Thousands conduct business inside the Clay County Courthouse each year and, regardless of the reason for their visit,

the clerk's office wants the building to be a peaceful venue where citizens and employees feel at ease when conducting business. This new program is a partnership involving the Clerk of Court and Comptroller's Office, Clay County Judiciary, local art groups' amazing artists, Clay County government, civic organizations, the school system and more.

New displays rotate into the gallery every three-to-four months.

The Clerk of Court's public website (clayclerk.com) provides information about each art show and links to each organization. Other shows include the Clay County Women's Clubs from July 18 to Nov. 3 and Holiday Season Children's Art from Nov. 18 to Jan. 31.

Middleburg Garden Club to dedicate Blue Star Marker for military

MIDDLEBURG – The Garden Club of Middleburg is inviting the public to attend the dedication of the Blue Star Marker to honor former, present and future members of the military on May 21 at the Middleburg Clay Hill Library, 2245 Aster Ave. at 10 a.m. To reserve a spot, visit gardenclubofmiddleburg@hotmail.com or text (904) 252-7818 or (904) 343-8233.

Clay County looking to fill several job openings

CLAY COUNTY – The Board of County Commissioners are looking for a few good people – make that a lot of good people.

The county posted several job openings, including animal control officer, building inspector, deputy director of engineering, engineering specialist, equipment operator, firefighter/EMT, grants administration analyst, grounds maintenance technician, HVAC technician, kennel attendant, laborer, permit services technician, veterans' services officer and 4-H young development extension agent (apply through the University of Florida).

For more information, click the Career Opportunities tab on the county's website, www.claycountygov.com.



Coffee, cops and click it

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Members of the Green Cove Springs Police Department were at the McDonald's on Tuesday sharing coffee and meeting residents during breakfast hours as part of its "Coffee with a Cop" program. Detective Douglas Patterson worked the drive-thru window and warned customers to fasten their seatbelts before they could get their orders, telling one man "Hey, you're in luck today. You better put your seatbelt on first." The man then drove away with a sausage biscuit and cup of orange juice – and no ticket.

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Orange Park hospital earns national recognition

ORANGE PARK – HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital has received an “A” Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for spring 2022. This national distinction recognizes the hospital’s achievement in protecting critical care patients from preventable harm and error in the hospital.

HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital is the only hospital in Clay County to receive an “A” Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade. “This is a tremendous achievement given the circumstances our team has had to overcome over the past couple of years,” said Dr. Bradley Shumaker, Chief Medical Officer at HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital.

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns a letter grade to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital rating program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.



“As our health care system continues to feel the strain of the pandemic, I thank the workforce and leadership of HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital for sustained commitment to patient safety, day in and day out,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “An ‘A’ Safety Grade is an outstanding achievement and one that is not possible without a 24/7 effort by the entire health care workforce to protect patients from harm. This community should be proud.”

To see HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital’s full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter, Facebook and via its newsletter.

Entertainment Briefs

Craig Morgan brings his ‘God, Family, Country Tour’ to Thrasher-Horne

ORANGE PARK – Multi-faceted entertainer, Craig Morgan, has made a name for himself as a country music icon, TV personality, celebrated outdoorsman and patriotic Army veteran.

One of country music’s best-loved artists, Morgan has charted 25 songs on Billboard and thrills massive crowds with signature hits including “Bonfire,” “Almost Home,” “Redneck Yacht Club,” “International Harvester,” “This Ole Boy,” “Soldier,” “Wake Up Loving You,” “That’s What I Love About Sunday” and his faith-filled tribute to his son Jerry, “The Father, My Son and The Holy Ghost.” Craig received one of country music’s highest honors when he was inducted as a member of the Grand Ole Opry.

Morgan will be making a one-night appearance with special guest Ray Fulcher at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at thcenter.org.



ter.org.

Prior to becoming a country music star and TV sensation, Morgan spent 17 years serving our country in the Army and Army Reserves. Morgan remains an avid supporter of America’s military personnel and has made 16 overseas trips to perform for our troops. He is a recipient of the 2006 USO Merit Award and in 2018 was awarded the Army’s Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, one of the highest awards the Department of the Army can bestow upon a civilian, in recognition of his significant dedication to our military men and women around the world.

Rimes’ The Story ... So Far Tour coming to Thrasher-Horne

ORANGE PARK – GRAMMY Award-winning singer, songwriter, actress and author LeAnn Rimes announced her upcoming tour, the story...so far, in support of her 25th music anniversary and forthcoming album, God’s Work.

She will bring her show to the Thrasher-Horne Center on June 23 at 7:30 p.m.

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Elite DNA Therapy Services hosts food drive

Event May 16-31 to benefit Feeding Northeast Florida

ORANGE PARK – Elite DNA Therapy Services, a comprehensive mental and behavioral health service provider, is hosting a food collection drive May 16-31 to support area food banks in their efforts to feed local families during the summer.

According to pre-pandemic data from Feeding Florida, 3.1 million Floridians lack access to healthy food – 800,000 of which are children. Across Duval and Clay counties, 48,000 people are considered food insecure.

During Mental Health Awareness Month in May, Elite DNA is rallying the community to help reduce food insecurity in its local neighborhoods by collecting donations of non-perishable foods. In Northeast Florida, the drive will support Feeding Northeast Florida, which serves Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties.

“Fear of being unable to feed your loved ones and worry over where your next meal will come from can have detrimental im-

pacts on your mental health,” said Elizabeth Dosoretz, LCSW, founder and CEO of Elite DNA Therapy Services. “In line with our mission to care for families, children, adolescents and adults, our practices are rallying the community to help do our part to ensure that kids and families are fed this summer.”

The community is invited to drop off donations of food at any Elite DNA location between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. Items of greatest need include canned meats and fish, canned fruits and vegetables, soups, breakfast cereal, peanut butter, rice, macaroni and cheese, pasta and more.

Elite DNA is located at 1542 Kingsley Ave., Suites 136 and 137, in Orange Park.

Further information can be found at EliteDNATherapy.com or by calling (904) 458-7780.

Elite DNA Therapy Services was founded in 2013 by Elizabeth Dosoretz, a licensed clinical social worker and mother of three, whose goal is to provide accessible, affordable mental health care to everyone.

Now, one of the largest mental health



Workers at the Elite DNA Therapy's Orange Park office will host a 16-day food drive to feed families during the summer months. To donate, visit their office at 1542 Kingsley Ave. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

providers in the state, Elite DNA provides in-person and virtual behavioral health services to children, adolescents and adults at more than 20 locations across Florida. Services include psychiatry, psychology, medication management, substance use treatment, TMS therapy for depression,

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Carts for a cause

PET program volunteers provide hand-operated rides to needy around the world

By Nick Blank
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PENNEY FARMS – Not far from the town's orderly grid is a workshop that's impacting thousands of disabled people throughout the world.

Penney Farms' PET program, which stands for Personal Energy Transportation, makes three-wheel, hand-operated carts for victims of landmines or diseases in Latin America and Africa.

In the workshop, volunteers shuffle through stations where they cut wood, drill, paint and build the carts and ship them off. Templates to assemble almost every piece of the cart speed up the process.

Jim Kaelin is a former Fleming Island physician who has worked with the PET program since 2004. Checking on each station, he lightly teases the volunteers and he thanks them for their hard work. Three older models of carts are hung from the ceiling, which Kaelin compared to a Smithsonian display.

He said most volunteers live in the town, but school groups donate time as well.

"It's mostly word of mouth," Kaelin said.

Outside of the workshop is a shipping container and Kaelin said shipping costs have quadrupled. The program hasn't escaped the realities of the supply chain crisis that has affected millions of people and businesses. Sometimes carts stack up, waiting on other pieces.

It takes about \$250 to construct a cart. Kaelin points to a picture of two men from Africa on a cart. If not for the cart program,



STAFF PHOTOS BY NICK BLANK

Above, volunteers with the PET program at Penney Farm has built more than 13,000 hand-driven carts since 2001, including some of the early prototypes that hang from the ceiling at the workshop. Jim Kaelin, right, reviews the specifications of the carts before they are shipped.

they wouldn't have any mobility, he said.

(Founder Larry Hill) saw people crawling around in the dirt and it just broke his heart," Kaelin said. "When he came here, one of the things he wanted to do is build some kind of device that can be used in a Third World country. You've got to understand these are not places that have Ace Hardware stores two blocks down the road."

Carts enable the users to earn a living, though Kaelin said the organization is scratching the surface.

"It changes their whole life," he said.

Sid Rooy, 95, is one of the program's floor coordinators. He said the town's PET program has shipped more than 13,000 carts since 2001 to 106 countries. It aims to ship 800 carts this year.

Rooy arrived at Penney Farms in 2001. He spent years as a missionary teacher based in Latin America where he was confronted with several people with disabilities. He said the connection between his career and the PET program was the Lord's kindly providence.



"I thought, 'Well, that's what the good Lord prepared me to do.' Because for years I was worried about people getting around," Rooy said. "It's giving meaning to my life as well as thousands of others."

He said the program and its volunteers appreciate the national and local recognition, but the impact they make is the priority.

"Everything is produced by volunteers. Nobody at Penney Farms gets a penny, they get personal rewards of course," Rooy said.



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County remembers fallen law enforcement officers during annual ceremony

By Don Coble

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Twelve yellow roses were placed, one by one, in front of photographs of 12 Clay County law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty last week at Spring Park.

The annual Police Memorial Ceremony brought families, law enforcement agencies, city and county officials and dozens of former first responders to pay homage to the men who gave the ultimate sacrifice to keep county residents safe.

Keynote speaker Pastor Tim Martin was a former patrol deputy, sergeant, lieutenant, detective and SWAT team member with the Clay County Sheriff's Office. He brought insight into the dangers officers face every day.

"This is a calling," Martin said. "There's a calling to the gospel ministry. There is



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Green Cove Springs Police Department Detective Erin Vineyard prepares to present the colors and raise the U.S. flag.

Clay County law enforcement officers who've made the ultimate sacrifice

- CCSO Sheriff Josephus Peeler, shot on May 10, 1894, trying to stop an argument
- CCSO Sheriff Charles Wilson, shot on July 10, 1906, during an arrest
- CCSO Sheriff Theodore Cherry, shot on July 6, 1913, while interviewing a suspect
- CCSO Sgt. Richard Watkins, killed in a car accident on May 3, 1976, responding to attempted suicide
- CCSO Auxiliary Dep. Arthur Caton, died on July 15, 1979, of a heart attack
- CCSO Dep. Wilson Walker, died on Dec. 17, 1994, of complications caused by his work as an evidence technician
- CCSO Sgt. Kenneth "Eddie" Hayes, died on May 26, 2002, of a heart attack
- CCSO Det. David White, shot on Feb. 16, 2012, while serving a warrant
- CCSP Dep. Ben Zirbel, died on Aug. 21, 2018, of injuries sustained in a traffic accident
- CCSO Sgt. Eric Twisdale, died on Sept. 16, 2020, of COVID-19
- CCSO Dept. Clint Seagle, died on Aug. 29, 2021, of COVID-19
- Green Cove Springs Police Chief Derek Asdot, died on Sept. 28, 2021, of COVID-19

a calling to law enforcement. It's just not a job. It's just not a profession. It's not something that you just want to do. This is a calling that's not performed from a sense of arrogance or power, but strictly from a sense of duty. It's always been that way, and it's that way today."

The memorial gained two fallen officers since last year's ceremony. Green Cove Springs Police Chief was added to the program after he died of COVID-19 last September, while Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy Clint Seagle died of the virus last August.

Sheriff's Office Sgt. Eric Twisdale also



The Clay County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard, above, salute to honor the service of fallen officers, while the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office stood ready with the riderless horse salute.



died of COVID-19 complications in 2020.

"The continued danger of COVID was ever-present with 301 COVID deaths (in Florida), an increase of 65% over 2020," Martin said. "This agency has lost several in the last several years. But true to their

calling, these heroes didn't shy away from contact from those that they were they were assisting or they were investigating or they were arresting. Not in the least. They leaned further into their calling, without regard for their own safety. They leaned into it to ensure that the job was done and it was done correctly.

"You see it doesn't matter the color or the style of uniform that's worn only they served with pride and honor and integrity. What further matters is they were brothers and sisters. In a law enforcement family, this is a family they were serving wherever needed from the most affluent neighborhoods to the dirtiest of alleys. They were confident they were proud. They were highly honored by the people's trust. They carry badges, mindful of our assigned duties."

Martin spoke before family members or a deputy approached the display honoring all 12 fallen deputies and officers. The sheriff's office's Honor Guard continued the tribute with a 21-gun salute, followed by the playing of "Taps," the folding of the flag by the Green Cove Springs Honor Guard, a flyover by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the somber display of a riderless horse from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

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of Rimes' impressive career during the past 25 years and will give a glimpse into her new music. Throughout this past year, the singer-songwriter has been celebrating her momentous 25th anniversary as a recording artist, commemorating the release of her debut album "Blue," which made an ever-lasting impact on the music industry.

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band headed to Thrasher-Horne Center

ORANGE PARK – With a refreshed lineup and newfound energy, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band remains one of the most accomplished bands in American roots music.

The band will bring its legendary setlist to the Thrasher-Horne Center on Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. Tickets, which start at \$39, are now on sale. Following an extended 50th anniversary tour, the ensemble grew to a six-piece in 2018 for the first time since their early jug band days. The group now includes Jeff Hanna, Jimmie Fadden, Bob Carpenter, Jim Photoglo, Ross Holmes and Jaime Hanna. All six members also sing, and when their voices merge, the harmonies add a powerful new component for the legendary band. And with the father-son pairing of Jeff and Jaime Hanna, the band carries on a country music tradition of blood harmony.

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band played their first gig in 1966 in Southern California as a jug band and by 1969 had become a cornerstone of the burgeoning country-rock community. Their career breakthrough came in 1970 with the release of the record Uncle Charlie & His Dog Teddy and the single "Mr. Bojangles," a folksy Top 10

pop hit that remains a staple of their live show.

During a tour stop in Nashville around that time, Earl Scruggs and his family came backstage to say hello. That introduction led to a friendship and some of the connections the band needed to record Will the Circle Be Unbroken. That three-disc album brought Nitty Gritty Dirt Band together with a number of country, folk and bluegrass legends. Heroes like Roy Acuff, Mother Maybelle Carter, Jimmy Martin, Merle Travis and Doc Watson joined the scruffy, young band to record country music standards such as "I Saw the Light" and "Keep on the Sunnyside." The acclaimed project is considered a landmark recording in American music.

The Marshall Tucker Band's 50th anniversary tour coming to Thrasher-Horne

ORANGE PARK – The Marshall Tucker Band came together as a young, hungry and quite driven six-piece outfit in Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1972, having duly baptized themselves with the name of a blind piano tuner after they found it inscribe on a key to their original rehearsal space – and they've been in tune with tearing it up on live stages both big and small all across the globe ever since.

Plus, the band's mighty music catalog, consisting of more than 20 studio albums and a score of live releases, has racked up multi-platinum album sales many times over, and the band will bring it to the Thrasher-Horne Center on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m.

Tickets start at \$39 and can be found at thcenter.org.

Nation's largest food drive re-emerges Saturday

Drive to help feed millions of needy families in all 50 states

Specail to Clay Today

WASHINGTON – As summer approaches, local food banks and church shelves around the country normally would be well-stocked, benefiting from the 70 million-plus pounds of food recently received from the Letter Carriers' annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, held in May for the past 27 years.

The food drive's timing is key, because winter holiday donations have dwindled from food pantries and homeless shelters, and school meal programs are not available in summer. The coronavirus pandemic, however, forced the postponement of the scheduled May 9 drive for safety reasons—even as the pandemic-related economic shutdown has worsened food insecurity.

To deal with this urgent situation, the National Association of Letter Carriers has developed a new plan to address the problem of hunger that affects one in eight Americans, including millions of children, elderly and military veterans.

Starting this week, millions of generous Americans who normally leave food by their mailbox on the second Saturday in May for letter carriers to collect, as well as the legions of community volunteers who help sort and transport the food, can accomplish the same thing via different means.

Using the experience, contacts, presence in every zip code in the country and universal network that have made the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive the country's largest single-day food collection, the NALC reached out to our numerous regional/state food coordinators, who in turn contacted our 1,900 branches in every corner of the country about finding a new approach for the times. The branches then spoke with food banks and pantries in their communities, and we identified ones



those that are willing and able to take part in this effort.

The result: A novel donor drive approach to fit the current circumstances. Americans in big cities and suburbs, in small towns and rural areas, can go to a website set up just for this, select a food bank close to them, and donate funds to help the pantry purchase food. This has been set up in a manner that allows every dollar raised to go directly to purchasing food for the hungry.

To find a local food bank in your state, please go to www.nalc.org/

food

As always, the food procured will stay in the community to help residents in need. And again, our wonderful national partners—the U.S. Postal Service, United Way Worldwide, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, Kellogg Co., National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, CVS Health, Valpak, AFL-CIO and Valassis—will be vital to its success.

This isn't our normal food drive, of course, but these aren't normal times.

"As letter carriers in every neighborhood in the country six and seven days a week, we see the need and we cannot wait while food banks struggle, demand grows and people remain hungry," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "Once it is safe, we will return to the traditional food drive."

For the meantime, there may be a silver lining to this approach born of necessity. Rather than a one-day event, this effort will continue as needed. And, food banks can purchase more food than a resident could buy and donate with the same resources.

To be sure, this approach is different than before. But for individuals and families across the United States able to have a meal because of the generosity of others, the nourishment—and gratitude—will be exactly the same as before.

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HOME AUTO BUNDLE



By Kathleen Chambless
For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY — Although business is thriving in Clay County, it can be hard to understand if you are unfamiliar with the inner workings of networking, marketing and permits.

For first-time business owners to young adults breaking into a career, the unknown things often outnumber the advice others have given you throughout the years. Even the Chamber of Commerce or entrepreneurship groups can feel daunting — if not outright exclusive. The Clay County Young Professionals Council hopes to ease that with its unique approach to networking and learning.

Created in part by young professionals Brittyn Perkins and Gabrielle Gunn. They hope to bring the mentorship and guidance they learned in their careers to a new group of career-focused entrepreneurs.

Provides foundation for entrepreneurs

“There are plenty of networking groups out there, and while that’s important for building your career or going into business, that’s not what we want to focus on,” Gunn said.

Perkins and Gunn both agree that they wouldn’t be where they are if they didn’t have their mentors. Whether it’s members of their own company taking them under their wing, or a fellow nonprofit executive reaching out to provide help, both women say that relationship has been invaluable.

“I had someone helping me grow, pointing out people I should talk to and development opportunities I should take. Without that, I wouldn’t have gotten to where I am,” Gunn said. There is always room for multiple mentors, something Perkins emphasizes.

“You wouldn’t go to your financial mentor with personal relationship issues, and you wouldn’t ask your mentor for HR about budgeting,” she said. “It’s important to have a team, a circle of people supporting you in different ways, and that’s what the

CYPC wants to create.”

The CYPC is having its initial kickoff at the end of this month, but that’s not the only thing prospective members can expect.

“We want to bring the one-on-one aspect to this, rather than just panels and networking socials,” Perkins said. “We’re also planning coffee meetings and workshops. Different things that appeal to smaller groups of people. Our members can pick what they need and attend these events.”

This aversion to the “one-size-fits-all” mentality is what Perkins and Gunn hope makes the CYPC unique from other organizations in Clay. “We want to reach out to these young people like us. We want to set them up with the tools that they need to succeed,” Gunn said. “There are hundreds of different opportunities, and not everyone needs the same thing. We want to cultivate these relationships and partnerships that bring every individual growth.”

The YPC now needs help to grow, espe-

cially as a young organization.

“The biggest goal right now is just bringing people in,” Gunn said. “We want to do these events, and we want this organization to reach the people it needs to reach the most.”

The Clay Young Professionals Council will kick off on Tuesday, May 31 at Top of the Tee, next to the Hibernia Pub at the Fleming Island Golf Course. The launch party will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will include a free round of TopTracer range, one free drink ticket, networking opportunities, introduction of the Chamber’s leadership team, list of upcoming events for Young Professional members and a goodie bag.

The two want to emphasize that anyone can take part, regardless of age or experience. If you’re interested in personal growth, mentorship, and making connections beyond exchanging business cards, RSVP for the Clay Young Professionals Council kickoff at the Clay Chamber website, or on the Clay Chamber Facebook page.

County commission advances business tax proposal

By Nick Blank
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Commissioners heard more on passing a business tax — a fee for all county businesses — at Tuesday night’s meeting before deciding to advance the proposal for further discussion. The tax is charged to any business, profession or occupation in the county. The county’s municipalities, and St. Johns and Duval counties have similar taxes. Comparable entities to the county are charging an annual fee of \$25-\$40 depending on a business’ classification.

Assistant County Manager Troy Nagle and County Attorney Courtney Grimm said Martin and Indian River counties are the two counties commissioners should look at. Based on state statute, Grimm said a business tax could not be increased, only

reduced or repealed.

“When you’re trying to proceed, the first thing you have to do is look at adjacent counties,” Grimm said. “... We tried to determine if they had done a study.”

During earlier meetings, county officials said the goal was to create a registry of businesses that could allow for better enforcement of the sales tax through the Department of Revenue. However, others countered the idea by asking if a registry was a task for another agency.

Nagle said a tax would allow an analysis of businesses in the county and for emergency officials to have an accurate list of businesses. He informed commissioners that non-paying businesses would go through the county’s code enforcement department. There are numerous exemptions regarding the tax such as military service,

poverty, age or religious status.

The fee would generate between \$175,000-\$280,000 depending on the fee charged, according to county figures.

Commissioner Kristin Burke said a fee is a small amount to pay to let others know where you do business.

“I just think this would be a positive way for them to let people know they’re there,” Burke said.

Board Chair Wayne Bolla said he was concerned the rate can’t be raised with inflation. Seeing Green Cove Springs Commissioner Van Royal in the audience, Bolla and County Commissioner Mike Cella asked him to speak on the city’s similar tax.

Royal said the city uses its registry of businesses and it has tangible benefits. His issue was if the county’s business tax was collected in addition to a municipality’s tax.

A \$40 fee is much less than Green Cove Springs’ current business tax, Grimm said.

Royal was told the county would give a percentage of collected fees to municipalities.

“It just seems like that’s a little bit of double taxation,” he said.

The government doesn’t belong in people’s businesses, Commissioner Betsy Condon said. She said the county could just ask for the Clay Economic Development Corporation’s business data. She said the move isn’t business-friendly and she didn’t see the benefit.

“I’ve been a ‘no’ the whole time,” she said.

County commissioners gave direction for county staff to pursue a \$40 business tax. Grimm said commissioners would put the ordinance for a vote by June.




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CLAY COUNTY – The month of May is all about your home, with Home Improvement Month and Hurricane Preparedness Month both being observed and both complementing each other.





As families often use this month to tackle those home improvement to-dos, as well as stock up on supplies and reinforcements for what experts say will be an active storm and hurricane season, there's a lot to consider and wade through. The experts at Alpha Foundations, a growing structural stabilization and concrete repair company celebrating 20 years in business, offer some practical tips to help families prioritize, be prepared and stay safe. We'd love to work with you on a story, and can connect you to our local expert who can address the following tips:

- **May is a great time to give your home an annual check-up,** a top-to-bottom look-over to make sure your home is healthy and in good shape. From the roof to the foundation, homeowners should address any lingering issues and consider a professional inspection.
- Cracks in the ceiling, for example, could be the result of improper stabilization in the foundation. An odor in your home could



indicate mold in your crawl space, and the best prescription could be encapsulation.

- **Focus on critical repairs and maintenance first.** This can include sealing gaps, fixing drips, cleaning out gutters, sealing the driveway and having your HVAC cleaned. If you have a pool, check carefully around the perimeter to ensure there are no cracks and that the pool is not losing water and leaking. Add foundation repair to your list. If there is an underlying foundation issue, spackle and paint won't hide the issue.
- **Grab the necessities – and don't forget about the must-dos to protect your home.** Chances are you already know the hurricane supply list -- the tried-and-true things to stock up on: batteries, gas for your generator and grill, non-perishable foods, and bottled water. Often-

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Situation that may cause the flooding:	• Slow moving showers and thunderstorms • Long bands of showers and storms	• Above normal rainfall with high astronomical tides • Tropical systems • Locally heavy rainfall across the Black Creek River Basin	• Tropical systems • Strong storm systems over the Atlantic Ocean (non-tropical)
Sources of information	Radar Imagery: radar.weather.gov Potential Rainfall: wpc.ncep.noaa.gov	• Monitor Rivers: water.weather.gov	• National Hurricane Center nhc.noaa.gov

times, homeowners put off other important preparations. Take the time early on to protect your home and foundation, including trimming the trees on your property, ensuring doors and windows are secure to prevent water and wind leaks and checking your roof to ensure there are no loose shingles.

- **Strengthen your home.** Newer homes often do better to stand up against hurricanes than older structures that may not have undergone stricter building codes and can separate from their foundations in extreme conditions. Improved and corrected foundations and roofing, as well as

floors that need to be lifted, can add crucial strength to your home.

- **Before you remodel or update, consider your foundation.** For full-out remodels or big projects, start at the foundation. Before you invest thousands of dollars to add a room or demo your bathroom, make sure your foundation is stable and level to build upon.
- The same goes for enhancing your outdoor patio area. While a new grill or outdoor furniture may be at the top of your purchase list, take the time to consider the aesthetics and safety of your concrete patio and pool deck first.

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Students. This is a great thing to marry those two groups together.”

Broskie said students need certifications and experience. He added that local businesses can tap into homegrown talent as the district increases its CTE programming.

“Garber Auto Mall is invested heavily ... I look at it as a win-win,” Broskie said. “These students need these skills to be successful in life to get a job.”

Keeping with the employment theme, Broskie relayed the results of the Superintendent's Roundtable last week. The purpose was to enhance or review district goals such as teacher recruitment and retention.

The district has to pay a fair wage and provide support to new teachers, he said.

“There are 11 million jobs out there. There are four-and-a-half-million people looking for jobs,” he said. “People seeking a job have options. Anybody who is competitive knows you have make your workplace better than others in order to get people to work for you.”

Board Chair Mary Bolla read a text

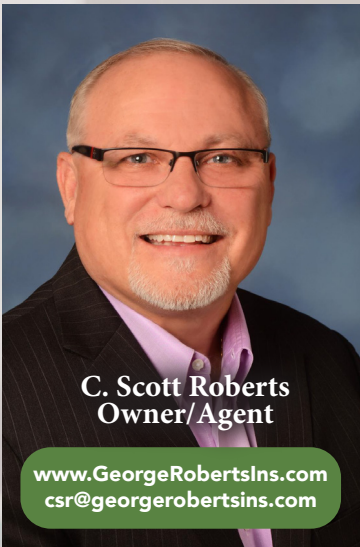


message from Middleburg High Principal Martin Aftuck, who thanked the district for its support. Board members Ashley Gilhousen and Tina Bullock thanked Garber for its support and partnership.

“The fact they were at career day as

well, it's just a great opportunity,” Bullock said. “I mean, where can you learn a trade and be hired? And that's what's probably going to happen, so we're excited.”

The academy was approved unanimously.




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Hurricane

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getting ready for another hurricane season.

"We've heard so far it's going to be 19 named storms, you know, 10 hurricanes for major," Ward said. "The busiest season we've ever had on record was two years ago and Florida didn't get touched. One of the slowest seasons we have ever had was in 1992 with Hurricane Andrew. Tell South Florida it was a slow season."

"It only takes one the impact your community, so I don't play those numbers."

He also doesn't want residents to be unprepared. As hurricane season approaches on June 1, Ward said the first step is to sign up at Alert.claycountygov.com to get thunderstorms, tornado, flooding and hurricane alerts. The message system also provides important information about what to expect, where to go and when to take protective measures.

Another tool is downloading the SaferWatch app to get updates on traffic and other law enforcement-based information.

After that, stay tuned.

"We're out really trying to push that message because now's the time to prepare," Ward said. "Because I can tell you, the one thing you will generally see is when there's a storm that's going to be threatening our area, everybody's running to get gas and everybody's running to the grocery store. You're not going to have your stuff, so make that plan now so you're not having to rush around. That 50-hour mark is, literally, the last minute that you've got to make that decision to do it or not."

Colorado State University is considered one of the leading experts on tropical cyclones. The university is projecting "an above-average" season with nine storms — four of them being major — making landfall. A year ago, CSU said the Gulf Coast would be a hotspot, and the university was proven to be on point with Hurricane Ida and Tropical Storms Mindy, Claudette and



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Officials who make up the Emergency Management Office will spend all May in training ahead of this year's hurricane season, which opens on June 1.

Danny all making landfalls between Louisiana and the Florida Panhandle.

The Gulf is expected to be a point of concern this year, too, but the focus is expected to shift toward Central Florida. The CSU staff also said this year's hurricane rate will be 130% compared to normal years.

"Colorado State University generally puts out the first forecast and then they'll do an updated forecast in like June or July, but they're getting more in-depth now," Ward said. "Essentially, they will just get some numbers and then they adjust. It's just like any forecaster: you can be wrong 50% of the time and still have a job, but they're getting to where they're identifying areas that they think are gonna be the hotspots now more so than just numbers awesome."

Colorado State said the absence of El Niño is one reason for the "above average" hurricane forecast. El Niño forms in the Pacific Ocean, and its wind shear force can rip apart hurricanes as they form in

the Gulf and Atlantic.

There were 21 named storms last year, but none affected the First Coast.

As the county's population continues to grow at a record rate, Ward is concerned residents may not understand the power of a major storm.

"You know, we've got a lot of new folks in the community," he said. "Have they ever experienced a storm? You know, people think because we're inland that we don't have anything to worry about. Literally, all

you saw all the way up into Georgia and (Hurricane) Michael (in 2018) was still a Category 3 storm over 100 miles inland."

Ward said Clay County hasn't had any sustained winds from a hurricane or tropical storm since Hurricane Dora in 1964.

To keep up with growth, the Northeast Florida Sea, Land and Overland Surges from Hurricanes model results were released by the National Hurricane Center in late 2021. The new Storm Surge Basin takes advantage of faster computing power to cover a more comprehensive area and provide a more inclusive picture of storm surge inundation into Clay County.

The information, in combination with historical impacts and existing flood zones, is the basis for the new evacuation zone map. Residents who were previously not in an evacuation zone may now be included due to this updated storm surge data.

The new map can be found at claycountygov.com.

"In a nutshell, people should stay informed," Ward said. "Stay informed and pay close attention to your local media. If you do social media, monitor your government and your emergency management. There's a lot of misinformation that tends to get out and we're really trying to control that."

Ward said to rely on the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Hurricane Center for the most poignant information.

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BEFORE THE STORM ARRIVES ...**Clay County Emergency Management warns to get ready for hurricane season now**

CLAY COUNTY – The time to get ready for hurricane season is now, not when a storm is brewing in the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico. That way you're sure to find everything you need – especially knowledge – to survive Mother Nature's wrath.

Clay County Emergency Management reminds residents there are things you can do now ahead of threatening wind, rain and danger:

❑ Download ALERT.claycountygov.com to receive test messages ahead of storms, including thunderstorms, tornadoes and flooding. The app is free, but its value is priceless.

❑ Go claycountygov.com/community/emergency-management/disaster-preparedness for complete explanations of evacuation zones, special needs services, Black Creek Water, pet preparedness and hazards like flooding, thunderstorms, tornadoes, extreme temperatures and tropical cyclones.

❑ Download the SaferWatch app to get updates on traffic and road closures.

❑ Make sure all shots are up-to-date with your pets, and place those certifications with your other important papers since they will be required if you are forced to move into a shelter.

❑ Have your dogs and cats chipped so they can be returned if you are separated during the storm.

❑ Store one gallon of water a day for each person for at least seven days.

❑ Pack enough non-perishable food to last at least seven days.

❑ Pack specialty foods for the elderly and infants.

❑ Make sure you have a manual can opener, foil, paper plates and utensils.

❑ Have enough toiletries, medications, first aid kits and sanitary wipes to last for at least a week.

❑ Don't forget blankets, pillows, extra clothing, rain gear, shoes and socks.

❑ Have plenty of insect repellent and sunscreen on hand.

❑ Pack a flashlight and extra batteries – and don't forget to check periodically on the batteries to make sure they haven't lost power.

❑ Keep keys, cash and important papers in a waterproof container.

❑ Bring non-electronic games, books, cards and entertainment to stay busy.

❑ Know where your storm shelter is located.

❑ Designate a meeting place if you get separated.

❑ Bring enough pet food and medications for your pets.

❑ Post emergency numbers by the telephone and teach your children how to call 911 for help.

❑ Make an inventory of your belongings, including video inventories and receipts for your insurance.

❑ Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio and make sure it's in good working condition.

❑ Have a predetermined place to evacuate.

❑ Trim dead tree branches.

❑ Strengthen garage doors and check the soundness of your roof.

❑ Clean your gutters.

❑ Install hurricane shutters.

Do NOT tape windows.

❑ Pick up loose items in your yard and bring lawn furniture inside. If there's no room inside the house, throw the furniture in the pool.

❑ Complete an inspection of your home to identify its strengths and weaknesses.

SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO?



CLAY TODAY FILE PHOTO

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

Emergency management faces difficult decision of ordering evacuations

By Don Coble

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CLAY COUNTY – What if an evacuation is ordered a day ahead of an approaching hurricane and it turns away? Or what if officials are confident a pending storm won't be serious, but it gains strength and makes a direct impact?

County Emergency Management Director John Ward faces those difficult choices every time storm clouds form over unstable waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.

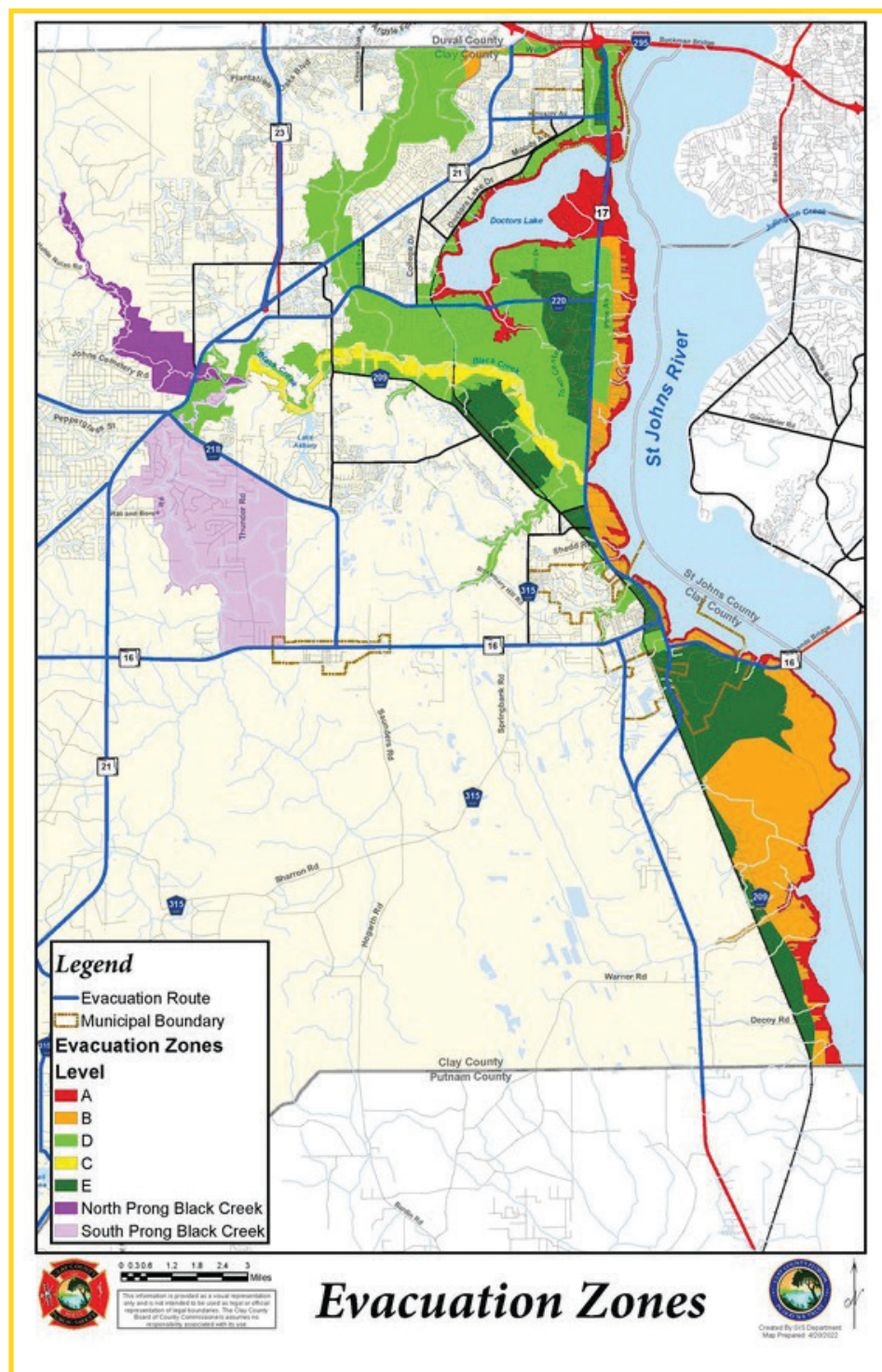
One of the greatest responsibilities of the emergency management office is to keep residents safe and informed. That also means gaining the community's confidence in warnings – even if that means making decisions based on the inexact science of tropical cyclones.

It is a call Ward doesn't take lightly. But like all emergency management organizations, he believes it's better to pray for the best and be prepared for the worst.

"If you're wrong, people don't take you seriously," Ward said last week while he took a break from a training class at the Clay County Public Safety Complex ahead of this year's hurricane season. "It truly is difficult because you know if you cried wolf too many times they're not going to believe you."

In addition to the threat of destruction, Ward is faced with the challenge of making sure residents don't become complacent.

Several factors influence Ward's decision to call for an evacuation or to assure residents it's safe to shelter in place. His daunting challenges, however, come with making long-range decisions when a storm is still hundreds of miles away. And when a projected path changes by a single degree, it could change the landfall by sev-



eral counties.

"One of the major issues we look at is we do what's called clearance times," Ward said. "So the clearance time for our evacuation zones in a hurricane is 26 hours. So now backing that up, we do everything based on the onset of tropical-storm-force winds."

You may not have actual landfall until tomorrow morning, but you're gonna get the onset of tropical force winds this evening. So you've got to have everything done before that and in place."

That 26-hour cutoff can be affected by the time of day, Ward said. If the countdown clock starts during the night, he said decisions will be made so any call to evacuate can be done during daylight.

Information can change when a storm's coordinates are recalculated every six hours, which exasperates emergency officials who have to decide when, and if, to close schools, order contraflow traffic and, at last resort, call for evacuation shelters to be opened.

"We all know the step changes in six-hour increments so and then backing up even more. I will, literally, about 72 hours out, I have the conversations with the school district Hey, we need to close schools? Do I need your shelters? And oh, by the way, I'm opening up a special needs (shelter), my special medical needs, which generally means physically moving. So that takes more time. So we're generally backing up to almost a 50-hour mark before landfall of having to make those decisions."

"So you got to make those decisions. Because you got to you've got to have time to get everything in place. You gotta open your shelters. You got to set them up. You got to you know, get them ready. So when you issue that evacuation, everybody can start going into the shelters. We hope they don't go to the shelters."

But if the order to evacuate is made, it will be the result of years of training, deciphering updated storm information and deciding on an appropriate level of action.



Sasha, right, benefited for dual enrollment at Keystone Heights High and Sante Fe College by earning her high school degree and her A.A. degree at 18.

Dual enrollment program allows students to earn AA degrees

Students get an early jump on degrees from Sante Fe College

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The Keystone Campus of Santa Fe College, also known as the Watson Center, offers high school students an opportunity to earn college credits while in high school through the Dual Enrollment Program.

“Santa Fe has an articulated agreement with Clay County in which we articulate for the AA degree and certain 3,000-level courses,” said Karen Lake, a specialist in Student Affairs.

Eligibility for the program depends on the district, but a high school student in Keystone Heights must have a 3.0 unweighted GPA to be eligible and take a PERT test to determine the appropriate level of college classes.

The program covers all academic coursework. In addition, all science classes including perquisites required for the STEM and science programs can be completed through the Dual Enroll Program.

Students planning to major in nursing can also enroll in the program to complete the perquisites in high school and be prepared to apply to a nursing program after graduating from high school.

“They save time getting into the nursing program and are out two years earlier,” Lake said.

Lastly, the program is free which includes tuition and books.

During the past few years, the Dual Enroll Program has received positive feedback.

“The Dual Enrollment Program in Keystone is the most successful program in Clay County,” Lake said.

It graduates more students from Keystone Heights High with an Associate of Arts degree compared to other high schools combined.

“Thanks to the program, I have been able to graduate with my high school diploma and an AA degree at the age of 18,” said Sasha, a recent graduate.

She also said she would recommend anyone that wants to earn college credits and get a head start in college.

Harold, a parent of a former dual enrollment student, said that the program is a great opportunity for students and families because of the financial benefits.

“I highly recommend it,” he said. “The staff at the Watson Center have been very helpful and supportive.”

Another parent, Kim, said the program pushed her children out of their comfort zone and prepared them for life.

“We see our students go and do amazing things after they graduate from the program,” Lake said.

Seamark Ranch announces plans to expand as it prepares for the future

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – As another schoolyear wind to a close, the Seamark Ranch already is planning to expand ahead of next year.

According to Greg Voss, the ranch’s chief executive officer, the board decided recently to build a fifth home in the boys’ neighborhood. The move was necessitated because it had to refer nearly a dozen children to other organizations simply because it didn’t have the space. The demand for new homes is becoming more evident and the ranch is rising to meet that need in our community.

Voss provided a spring update of the group’s activities, including trips to the Island of Adventure, the Clay County Fair and other trips during spring break.

Seamark Ranch is located on a 465-acre campus west of Green Cove Springs. It provides a traditional home environment where each child can experience the security of boundaries and the acceptance of unconditional love. The Seamark approach is therapy-based and individualized. It strives to heal wounds and help children prosper in faith, in school and the community.

The ranch’s vision is to break the generational cycle of failure that affects the families it serves and to nurture purposeful living in children who have experienced the impact of broken families. The children of Seamark Ranch will be equipped with a worldview and life skills that will enable them to productively contribute to our community. Our children will be healed in heart and formed for service.

The first season of growing strawberries created some real success. The group already is known for its blueberries. Many of the children played a huge part in the clearing, cultivating, planting, upkeeping and picking the strawberries.

The ranch’s blueberry crop was good, but not as strong as it was a year ago. Berries are still available to those who will pick their own.



The Equine Program will be holding its annual horse show on Friday, May 13, which will allow the kids the opportunity to showcase what they’ve learned during the school year.

At the end of February, Seamark held its Annual Clay Shoot which was another tremendous success. So was their ninth annual Seamark Mudrun in April, which featured a record 1,000 participants.

The future Coxwell Wiffleball field is in the early stages of being constructed, with completion expected to wrap up by the end of summer. The ranch also is in the early stages of a capital campaign to build a few new homes and a new school building to keep up with both current and anticipated demands for children from families in crisis.

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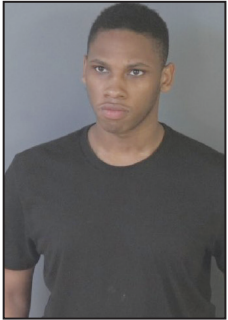
Police Briefs

Green Cove Springs teen caught with child pornography

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A 19-year-old man was arrested after the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children alerted the Clay County Sheriff’s Office it uncovered a video of a man molesting a young boy.

Ernest Sintrel Laster, of Green Cove Springs, was charged on May 4 with possessing, controlling or viewing a depiction of child sexual conduct and with transmitting pornography with an electronic device after detectives found a video of a man abusing a boy on one of Laster’s electronic devices.

According to the sheriff’s office, Laster admitted to watching the video several times during a three-month period that ended in January. He said he got the video



Ernest Laster

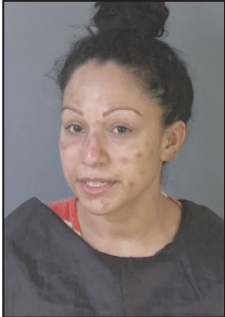
from a group chatroom.

Laster’s bond was set at \$50,006.

CCSO: Woman lied to hide identity of man during murder investigation

MIDDLEBURG – A woman already facing charges of tampering with evidence and obstructing justice related to a May 2021 murder, was arrested again after the Clay County Sheriff’s Office determined she wasn’t truthful during their investigation of Treavor Bloomfield’s killing.

Jessica Arias Cruz, 37, of Middleburg, now faces a new charge of being an accessory after the fact in a capital felony after deputies said she attempted to mislead investigators about the identity of a man who was



Jessica Cruz

with the victim shortly before he died.

Here home surveillance video, however, showed Abel Navarro and Bloomfield leave her house shortly before Bloomfield was shot several times in the back and side. His body was found near the intersection of County Road 220 and Henley Road. Navarro then returned to Cruz’s house 68 minutes later and the couple, along with two other women, moved into a hotel in Orange Park.

Bloomfield and Cruz previously dated, according to the affidavit for the arrest warrant. Cruz said she and Bloomfield argued the night before and he came to the house to retrieve some of his belongings.

Cruz’s bond was set at \$150,003 and she was ordered not to have any contact with Navarro or the other two women during the ongoing investigation.

Wanted man caught with more marijuana, fake driver’s license

ORANGE PARK – A Clay County Sheriff’s Office deputy who recognized a man with

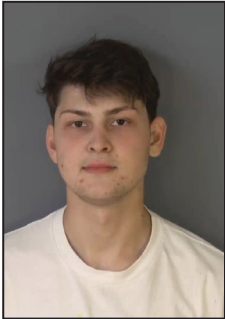
an outstanding warrant wound up uncovering more marijuana, drug paraphernalia, a handgun, AR-15 rifle and a fake driver’s license after he was stopped on May 4 on College Drive.

Jesse Lee Messer, 18, of Orange Park, now faces additional charges with possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of drug paraphernalia and using a counterfeit driver’s license after deputies completed an inventory of his car.

He already was facing charges of selling marijuana and using a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony.

That warrant came after a confidential informant working with the sheriff’s office bought \$140 worth of marijuana during a controlled buy on Blanding Boulevard.

Messer’s bond was set at \$165,020.



Jesse Messer

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, May 10

- Jerred J. Screen, 36, Orange Park, domestic battery
- Harouna Anne, 49, Green Cove Springs, FTA
- Robert J. Anderson, 22, Orange Park, possession-marijuana
- Christopher C. Lester, 32, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine
- Ronnie E. Leeman, 43, Green Cove Springs, violation of injunction against domestic violence, sexual cyberhassment
- Adam R. Frazier, 28, Middleburg, simple battery
- Kari C. Fogle, 34, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia
- Lynda S. Yost, 46, Orange Park, three counts shoplifting
- Whitney L. Hayton, 35, Middleburg, grand theft auto, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
- Colton G.T. Tetreault, 23, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia
- Bonnie M. Reese, 55, Orange Park, child neglect (Duval)
- Meagan M. Reese, 29, Orange Park, child neglect (Duval)
- Jonathan D. Montoro, 37, Green Cove Springs, written/electronic threat to kill/do bodily harm

- Torrance D. Brooks, 21, Orange Park, sale/delivery-fentanyl, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony
- James M. Hayes, 19, Orange Park, DUI with BAL .15 or higher

Monday, May 9

- Colby A. Chevalier, 27, Keystone Heights, breach of peace/disorderly conduct/fighting/brawling
- Cecelia G. Bostic, 30, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWSLR
- Melissa A. Beasy, 39, Orange Park, domestic battery
- Jason R.P. McKinney, 29, Orange Park, VOP-community control
- Breyauna J. Wilson, 18, Green Cove Springs, FTA-child abuse, FTA-battery, FTA-assault
- Jason A. Woodcock, 30, Green Cove Springs, DWSLR, giving false name/ID, FTA-DWSLR
- Shane R. Dunn, 36, Middleburg, FTA
- Jacob W. Ellis, 39, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWSLR, FTA-license tag not assigned to car
- Jeffery W. Collier, 46, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia
- Stanley H. Toote, 25, Oakleaf, domestic battery

Sunday, May 8

- Christopher E. Robinson, 29, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon
- Gregory L. Tinsley, 44, Green Cove Springs, commit felony with weapon, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

- Carl T. Mills, 51, Middleburg, simple battery
- Slone T. Reece, 25, Orange Park, violation of pretrial release conditions for domestic violence
- Tammy P. Mincey, 52, Middleburg, shoplifting
- Norman Nichelson, 47, Orange Park, FTA
- Kevin J. Morgan, 45, Orange Park, shoplifting
- Alexander B. Wehrman, 26, Middleburg, domestic felony battery by strangulation
- Anthony M. Loomis, 44, Orange Park, violation of concealed weapon law
- Brian A. Manucy, 36, Orange Park, DWSLR
- Jermaine C. Berry, 40, Orange Park, DWSLR

- Saturday, May 7
- Diana M. Price, 36, Middleburg, burglary
- Alexis J.D.V. Monge, 31, Orange Park, felony battery by strangulation
- Stacey L. Crossno, 47, Green Cove Springs, FTA
- Henry W. White, 32, Keystone Heights, criminal mischief
- Ri’Kia K. Jones, 18, Green Cove Springs, two counts petit theft
- Guy D. Jones, 53, Orange Park, non-support

Friday, May 6

- Catherine N. Samborn, 60, Keystone Heights, simple domestic battery
- Anitra P. Orbe, 48, Orange Park, DUI
- Matthew A. Santo, 18, Orange Park, criminal mischief
- Donald T. Harrell, 55, Middleburg, VOP-

- battery of person 65 or older, trespassing
- Cory L. Phillips, 36, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine
- Agustin M. Sanchez, 36, Orange Park, driving without a valid license
- Kristen A. Johnson, 19, Green Cove Springs, FTA-failure to register vehicle
- Robert A. Gold, 45, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWSLR
- Chey M. Robertson, 35, Orange Park, DWSLR
- Derrick L. Smith, 28, Orange Park, carrying unlicensed concealed weapon (Duval)
- Richard W. Smith, 52, Middleburg, VOP-DUI with property damage/personal injury
- Amanda R. Anglemyer, 34, Orange Park, contempt of court
- Shawn S. Stewart, 37, Middleburg, FTA (St. Johns)
- Christopher J. Layfield, 36, Green Cove Springs, simple battery, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Thursday, May 5

- Gary A. Brock, 35, Green Cove Springs, simple battery
- John W. Dowden, 53, Middleburg, disorderly intoxications
- Lindsey C. Hunley, 40, VOP-battery of person 65 or older
- Jason D. Northrup, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-cocaine with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver
- Cynthia E. Randall, 54, Green Cove Springs, VOP-exploitation of elderly
- Jessica A. Cruz, 37, Middleburg, accessory after the fact involving capital felony
- Adarious N. Ingram, 19, Green Cove Springs, introduce/remove contraband into county jail



Elementary students add awards at Math Field Day

For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – More than 460 elementary students came out early last Saturday for Math Field Day at Fleming Island High to compete in five events: The Huddle, The Quiz, The Relay and Word Problems and the Muggins Tournament. More than 125 teachers dedicated the months before the competition to get their students ready for the big day. More than 35 volunteers from the community, as well as district employees, came together to make this day a success. Superintendent David Broskie, Chief of Elementary Education Director Heather Teto, School Board members Mary Bolla, Beth Clark, Tina Bullock and Janice Kerekes all hosted the Awards Ceremony to a packed gymnasium of math scholars, coaches and their families.

The winners:
Fourth grade: 1. R.M. Paterson, 2. Orange Park, 3. Shadowlawn
Fifth grade: 1. Orange Park, 2. Plantation Oaks, 3. McRae and R.M. Paterson
Sixth grade: 1. Thunderbolt, Fleming Island, Orange Park
Muggins Tournament: Steven Carter, Keystone Heights (highest score), Katie Waters, Argyle (overall)



Calendar

THE OAK RIDGE BOYS: will perform its “Front Porch Singin’ and Tour” on May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr. in Orange Park. For tickets, which start at \$29, visit thcenter.org.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet on May 12 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor, County Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet on May 12 at 7:30 a.m. at Camp Montgomery, 88 SE 75th St. in Starke.

EVERYBODY’S FAVORITE BBQ AND HOT SAUCE FESTIVAL: will be May 13-15 at the Orange Park Mall, 1910 Wells Road. Three days of live entertainment and food will start at 5 p.m. on May 13, at 3 p.m. on May 14 and at 2 p.m. on May 14. For tickets, visit www.everybodysfavoritefestival.com.

NORTH FLORIDA DAYLILY SOCIETY: will host a plant sale and show on May 14 from 1-4

p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott, 610 Wells Road, in Orange Park. More than 400 daylilies will be on display.

YACHT ROCK REVUE: will play on May 14 at 8 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340C A1A South, St. Augustine. For tickets, visit ticketmaster.com or call the box office at (904) 209-0367.

TOMMY EMMANUEL, CFP: will play with special guest Gareth Pearson on May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, 1050 A1A North at Ponte Vedra Beach. For tickets, call the box office at (904) 209-0367 or visit ticketmaster.com.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on May 17 at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL: will meet on May 17 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave.



Tourist Development Council recognizes two out-going members

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Tourist Development Council recognized two outgoing committee members: Susan Hill and Bob Olson. TDC Chairman Mike Cella said, “We appreciate their service on the TDC. They both made significant contributions to the success of the local hospitality and tourism industry and generated tax savings for Clay County residents.” Pictured, from left, are Debbie Beals, Brian Knight, Cella, Susan Hill, Gi Teevan, Kimberly Morgan, and Kevin Robert. Olson couldn’t attend the ceremony.

Arrests

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James M. Bennett, 36, Middleburg, larceny
Freddie C. Blount, 32, Green Cove Springs, FTA-battery

Wednesday, May 4

Semaj D.M. Hall, 24, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice
Jesse L. Messer, 18, Orange Park, possession-ammo/firearm by felon, possession-marijuana with intent to sell, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony, possession-drug parapher-

nal, possession-fraudulent/forged/stolen driver’s license/ID
Yemanh B. Gebremedhin, 31, Green Cove Springs, distribution-cocaine, distribution-controlled substance, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony
Ernest S. Laster, 19, Green Cove Springs, possession/control/view depiction of child sexual conduct, transmission of pornogra-

phy by electronic device
Thomas M. Porchia, 40, Orange Park, trespassing
Crispian I. Green, 31, Lake Asbury, DWSLR
Candace A. Gil, 41, Green Cove Springs, simple domestic battery

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Hagan climbs the fence for Broncos softball title

OHS: Gibson nails walk-off winner;
Keystone Heights bats alive

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG — Both softball coaches; Ridgeview High's Casey Thompson and Middleburg High's Ashley Houston, both kind of thought their teams would be the final two standing come district championship night in Clay County and the prophecy was fulfilled with grandeur.

Back at Middleburg High, with a pitching mano-v-mano happening between Bronco senior Mallory Forrester and Ridgeview freshman Lilly, not Libby as stated before with apologies, Bennett, plus some sterling defensive play on both sides, the clash of the titans wound up just a 1-0 barnburner that, despite the low score, did not lack in high drama and intensity. Do not read end of story yet.

"Oh yeah, I knew it would come down to one pitch, one play here and there," said Houston, who dropped from a Class 5A

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District Roundup

In other districts, Oakleaf High first year coach Heather Han got a walk-off blast double from Ciara Gibson to fuel a dramatic 8-7 win for the district 1-7A championship over Creekside with the Lady Knights, ironically, to host Creekside in the region quarterfinals on May 12. In district 2-2A softball, St. Johns Country Day School lost 5-0 in their championship match to Trinity Christian, at the same time, the boys baseball team was beating Trinity for that district title, but will advance to regions with an opening game at Peniel Baptist Academy in Palatka on May 11. Clay High lost their district 2-4A semifinal to Paxon High, but advance to play at top seed and district champion Baker County on May 11. In district 3-3A, Keystone Heights ramped up its batting prowess for wins of 15-0 in semifinals and 12-2 in the final against Santa Fe to win that title and advance to host West Nassau on May 11. The Lady Indians had 11 runs batted in off 10 hits against Santa Fe with Abbie Roach collecting four RBIs.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Middleburg High third baseman Kaelyn Hagan, right, yells with catcher Alyssa Prather, who hit run-scoring double in first inning, after making final out in dramatic 1-0 win over Ridgeview in district championship game at Middleburg High School.

Dynamic discus duo heads to state

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - One is dangerously close to a top three medal for his event at the upcoming Class 3A track and field championships in Gainesville on Friday, the other is, well, supposed to go, have fun and experience a hopefully more than once in a lifetime achievement.

"It's very hard for a freshman to go to a state track meet, but even harder, I think, for a freshman girl discus thrower to be Discus throwers Madison, left, and Wyatt Underwood, both of Middleburg High School, will be rare sibling pair of athletes at the Class 3A track and field championships this week at the University of Florida.

good enough to advance to the meet because the event is so technical," said long time Middleburg High track coach Bob Hume, now a private discus coach for Wyatt and Madison Underwood. "I think Wyatt can get a medal. I think Madison should go, have fun and just experience the atmosphere of a state championship level track meet. They are both very good."

For the Underwoods, Wyatt, a junior, and Madison, a freshman, both discus throwers at Middleburg High School and both advancing last week from regions to the state championship, a sibling trip beyond a roller coaster ride to Disney is something both think is pretty darn cool.

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NEW ARRIVALS
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Spartans a favored threat to state title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE - St. Johns Country Day School baseball coach Tom Lucas had no premonitions as his team was to take on the number two team in Class 2A for a third consecutive district baseball title, but that would be expected for a guy who has groomed a set of boys to be the number one team in Class 2A prior to Wednesday's 11-1 shellacking of Trinity Christian Academy in the district 2-2A championship game.

"The way it shakes out, we still have to take care of business today," said Lucas, now in his eighth year, 21-4 overall with a state all classes ranking on top of his top Class 2A slot of sixth with Trinity Christian falling a spot to number three in 2A. "We got a feeling we will see this team a third time before the season is over."

At the top of the Florida list, ironically, is 7A-Stoneman Douglas High, whom St. Johns lost to in the recent National High School Invitationale held in North Carolina. Stoneman Douglas is also ranked second in USA by Maxpreps with St. Johns not in the top 25.

With the win, St. Johns will host St. John Paul II (13-8, 6-1 loser in district 1-2A semi-final to Wakulla Christian) out of Tallahassee in round one of the trek to repeat as a Class 2A finalist only with a different outcome. Wakulla Christian lost 11-1, ironically to North Florida Christian



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO
St. Johns Country Day School catcher George Gilson made dramatic play at home plate in first inning out in Spartans' 11-1 region championship win over Trinity Christian Academy in the district final.

In the region 1-2A bracket, St. Johns will face the winner of Trinity Christian vs. St. Joseph Academy in the region semifinal with a possible region final with number two seed North Florida Christian.

In 2021, St. Johns beat Trinity Christian 11-3 after winning the district against Oak Hall, then proceeded to the Class 2A

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St. Johns Country Day School senior pitcher Brad Hodges had some early baserunners to handle against Trinity Christian but battled through to lead Spartans to 11-1 region title.



Clay High pitcher Brandon Adams had sterling night in region championship game against Bishop Kenny, but Blue Devils came up short, 2-1. Blue Devils advanced to region playoffs with rankings points.

Blue Devils edge into finals

Clay in regions on rankings

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE - Clay High pitcher Brandon Adams was outdueled by Garrett Corbett in a battle of aces as host Bishop Kenny nipped the Blue Devils 2-1 in the District 3-4A championship game on May 5, 2022.

Working exclusively from the stretch, Corbett fired a three-hitter, striking out five batters and walking only one.

"Corbett was locating really well, and the umpire was giving him the low and outside strike," observed Clay coach Josh Persinger. "The slider is his go-to pitch, but we knew that coming in."

The Crusaders scored both of their runs in the first inning, taking advantage of some well-placed hits and uncharacteristic wildness from Adams. Leadoff man Andrew Tabor bounced a single up the middle, just out of the reach of Clay shortstop Aidan Hampton. Tabor stole second base and advanced to third on a soft liner off the bat of Corbett, another hit that just eluded Hampton. With two outs, Clay catcher Dylan Greene could not control a high curve ball, and the passed ball allowed Tabor to race home with the game's first run— ending a 13-inning scoreless streak by Clay pitchers. Pinch runner Cayden Jaeger, who had reached second base on the passed ball, advanced to third on a wild pitch. Then the Crusaders' Aidan Charletta muscled a bloop single just beyond the infield, scoring Jaeger.

"I think they squared one hit up all



Clay High coach Josh Persinger took treacherouse route to region playoffs with dramatic win over Menendez in district semifinals and season full of top-ranked opponents.

night," said Persinger. "But a couple of seeing eye hits, a couple of bloopers, and that was the game."

Persinger did not fault Greene for the passed ball. With Adams throwing 90 miles per hour, if he missed his intended pitch location, the ball would be difficult to catch. Persinger was, however, a bit frustrated with the positioning of his fielders.

"Defensively, we were out of position sometimes," he said. "Early on, we were playing lefties almost like a right-handed pull hitter."

Clay cut the deficit in half in the third inning. Max Williams laced a single to right field, advanced to second base when Josh Rouw was hit by a pitch, and moved to third on a groundout. Jayden Long

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Region track

Stratton, Myers, Cowherd cruise

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE - No surprises as the Region 1-1A track and field championships except that no records set by the Matthew Stratton/Graham Myers duo plus “the other guy” Stanley “Walker” Cowherd as the St. Johns Country Day School trio walked (or ran, better yet) away with a handful of gold medals from the region 1-1A track and field championships held Wednesday at Bishop Snyder High School.

Stratton, the Class 1A champ in cross country, kept his keel on the course with wins in the 1600 and 3200; third in the 800, with teammate Graham Myers on his wing except for the 800, just like he did a week ago also to accompany Stratton to the Wednesday Class 1A championships at the University of Florida.

Stratton dropped a bit of the gas pedal in the 1600 with a 4:22.71 split that was a hair above his 4:16 best while whisking through a 2:00.53 800 for third place.

Stratton dropped a 9:39.09 jog on the 3200; Myers at 9:51.21 in second with Stratton having a 9:06 and 9:08 in his holster from a few weeks ago; both solo flights.



St. Johns sprinter Stanley Cowherd had near 50 second 400 to advance to Class 1A championships with a top five long jump putting him three events; third as part of 4 x 800 relay.

For Cowherd, the long jump and 400 offered top times and leaps with the wily veteran going 50.44 for the one-lapper after getting a second place 20'-7.75" long jump on his first attempt. Cowherd just missed in the 200 with a sixth place 22.96 but will join Richard Nichols with the Stratton/Myers twins in the 4 x 800 with their second place finish. Shotputter Thomas Keenan was ninth with a 41'-1.5' put.



Left: St. Johns has strength of two top distance runners in Matthew Stratton, right, and Graham Myers as Class 1A track championships occur Wednesday in Gainesville. Right: Stanley Cowherd, here with coach Greg Stratton, recently signed scholarship to run at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach.

Class 1A track athlete qualifiers

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4 x 800 boys relay (Stanley Cowherd, Graham Myers, Richard Nichols, Matthew Stratton, Zion Dugan, Arlo Kistner, Teage Dunagan, Marcus Giles) 8th ranked
Stanley Cowherd, 9th ranked 400, 18th ranked long jump
Graham Myers, 8th ranked 1600, 8th ranked 3200
Matthew Stratton, 2nd ranked 1600, 3rd ranked 3200, 12th ranked 800
Ava Johnson, 15th ranked 400

For the Lady Spartans, junior Ava Johnson held on for a fourth in the 400 to advance with a 1:01.48 split.

Stratton (II), sister Rebecca had one of her best 1600s with a sixth place 5:42, but did anchor the fourth place 4 x 800 relay with Sofia Conde, Evelyn Hanson and Sarah Robinson. Both 4 x 400s were seventh.

In discus, Ashlyn Rose was ninth with a 88'-2" toss.



Ava Johnson is 400 meet entry for Lady Spartans at Class 1A championships.

Eason in the mix for state gold

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLAGLER PALM COAST - Oakleaf High senior track jumper Arianna Eason continued her reign of the triple jump with a state best gold medal at the region 1-4A track and field championships held Saturday at Flagler Palm Coast High School.

Eason, who adds the region title to her district title, will now be a heavy favorite to close the chapter on her senior season with a Class 4A gold medal Saturday at the University of Florida.

Eason won her event in Flagler with a 39'-1.25" leap on her first attempt to hold off jumps of 38'-4.75" and 37'-6.75" from runnerup Ma'Kala Davis of Ocoee and Taylor Sapp of Lake Mary.

In the other three region 4A championship meets, Eason's targets will be a 40'-6.75" jump from Chelsi Williams of George Jenkins High in region 2-4A, a 39'-5.25" leap from Adina Jackson of Palm Beach Central in region 3-4A. Region 4-4A was won at just 36'-5.5".

Last year's state title was won at 39'-7" with Eason fourth at 37'-8", Davis fifth at 37'-3" and Jackson sixth at 37'-2.5" so the crowd at the top will be very familiar with each other in Gainesville. Sapp of Lake Mary was 12th last year.

Eason will have a few teammates with



Oakleaf senior triple jumper Arianna Eason is top five choice for a Class 4A medal in Gainesville.

Class 4A Track Qualifiers

Jordan Mitchell, 8th ranked shot put
Sierra Barrera, 9th ranked 800, 15th ranked 1600
Sydney Brown, 7th ranked high jump
Arionna Coleman, 16th ranked discus
Arianna Eason, 5th ranked triple jump
Keira Smalls, 16th ranked 100 hurdles
4 x 100 relay (Vivica Fitzgerald, Nya Russell, Kaymin Smalls, Arianna Eason) 6th ranked

her in Gainesville with Sydney Brown at high jump, Sierra Barrera in the 800 and

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Thompson hero of Fleming Island's Final Four ticket

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High's girls flag football team had the clutch hands of receiver Taylor Thompson go big on Monday in the Golden Eagles 19-7 2A region championship win over Pace High as the stealthy pass catcher created the two biggest plays of the day to secure a flag football Final Four berth for coach Clinton Lyons.

Note: Fleming Island defeated Spruce Creek 6-0 in the region semifinal on Thursday to advance. Fleming Island (16-1) will host a state semifinal against Western High out of Davie (17-0, 17-1 last year, 2A runner-up to Newsome High 20-19) on May 13 at 7:15 p.m. with the championship weekend at Mandarin High School on May 13-14.

"When I saw all that green grass, I just ran as hard as I could and hoped no one would catch me," said Thompson, who on her first heroic play of the night, caught a lofty pass downfield from quarterback Mykayla Maddox and shrugged away a tackler for space, then proceeded to outrun the Pace High defense for about 30 yards to paydirt and a 6-0 first quarter lead. "I just use the gloves and keep my eyes on the ball."

Lyons noted that Pace's defense was a little disregarding of the sideline with their internal speed on defense.

"Taylor Thompson had a great game and we thought they played a little soft on the edge," said Lyons. "We make that catch and toss and it's a big gain. Flag football is all about throwing and catching the ball first. We had trouble catching the ball against Spruce Creek, but it was on tonight."



Fleming Island rusher Khalia Jadan was tough quarterback rusher that forced quicker pass deliveries for Pace High offense.



Rusher Angela Arnold stepped in for injured Khalia Jadan on the defensive front line and had critical fourth quarter sack to seal Fleming Island region championship win. Speedy ball carrier Rose Martin was up and down the field for Fleming Island including a 30 yard Hook 'N Ladder touchdown in the first quarter with wide receiver Taylor Thompson.



With the Fleming Island defense continually harassing Pace behind hard outside rushes from Khalia Jadan, then Angela Arnold when Jadan banged up her knee late in the fourth quarter, Mattox went to Thompson again on the Golden Eagles second offensive series for their potent Hook 'N Ladder catch and toss pass play that Thompson calmly made the hook catch, turned and rugby-lateraled to speed outback Rose Martin near midfield and in front of the Pace High sideline.

Martin, who is Lyons' speed threat on the Golden Eagles' jet sweep calls, kept full tilt speed all the way down the sideline to score Fleming Island's second score and a 13-0 lead before the half.

"Rose Martin is a great all around player," said Lyons. "She is a player on both sides of the ball."

Fleming Island got a final score with a little backfield chicanery as Edwards got a back lateral from Maddox, ran back right behind the line of scrimmage, then hit Sarah Yirka in the end zone with a corner pass with 5:44 in the third to put the score at 19-7. Yerkas also had a fourth quarter interception off a tipped pass.

Pace scored on a post pattern pass that saw the Patriots wideout outprint the entire Fleming Island defense to the goal line.

Late in the fourth quarter, Edwards ripped around left end for about 30 yards before being upended at the one yard line. Gabi Musa was stopped at the goal line on fourth down to prevent a fourth Golden Eagle score.



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Lady Broncos offense stalls

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

MIDDLEBURG - Even with a sterling defensive effort from rusher Desiree Hall; six sacks, the Middleburg High flag football team got their only loss of the season in a 14-0 region 1-1A championship game Monday night at Middleburg. The Broncos

finish their season at 16-1.

"We were just off all game long," said Middleburg Head Coach Jay Stilianou. "And when I say off, I mean by just this much" with his fingers a hair apart. "When you're 16-0 and playing teams this far into the playoffs, you cannot have an off play. You cannot have any hiccups. Unfortunately, tonight we had several hiccups stacked on top of each other."

The Broncos lone near scoring drive; on their second drive, were looking at first



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Keystone Heights High’s softball bats exploded behind Abbie Roach, left, and Emma Rogel to get wins of 15-0 and 12-2 en route to district championship while, at Bartram Trail, Oakleaf High’s Ciara Gibson hit a seventh inning RBI double to give Knights’ a comeback 8-7 win over Creekside for their district 1-7A title under first year coach Heather Han.

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region finalist last year to join Ridgeview, twice a 4A Final Four finisher, in the district 3-5A ranks in 2022. “We knew any time Mallory was on the mound, we were going to have a good shot. She did her job. She deserves it.”

Forrester, heading to Flagler College in the fall, whipped up another double digit outing with 15 strikeouts on the night with Bennett on the Panther mound countering with seven strikeouts in one of her best outings of the season.

“She was on and we made one costly fielding play and that was the game,” said Thompson, referring to Forrester’s pitching. “We had baserunners in scoring position a couple of times, but they made the championship plays. Now, we have to drive six hours to Gulf Breeze and win.”

The game looked to be in the Broncos court early with Alyssa Prather smashing a run scoring double with Kaelyn Hagan on base off a game-opening single. Remember the Kaelyn Hagan name for future reference.

That was it for the scoring obviously, but not for lack of trying as Ridgeview freshman shortstop Paetyn Kirk contin-



ued her strong six-hole play with a scoop and toss to wingman second baseman Ky Torrence grinding out an out after a Belle Mincey single.

Kirk would later snuff out a second basesteal attempt with catcher Haley McCrea lasering a strike to net Madison Wesley after she singled.

“I can’t say much negative about our game, we made some great plays on defense,” said Thompson, reminding that his team is chock full of underclassmen.

In Ridgeview’s final at-bat, with anticipation of a much-expected Panther comeback swing, Forrester locked down two



Ridgeview High freshman pitcher Lilly “Not Libby” Bennett was strong beyond her youth in facing the mighty bats of Middleburg in 1-0 district final loss. Right: Middleburg third baseman Kaelyn “KK” Hagan snags final out as Ridgeview bench watches in Broncos’ district title win.

strikeouts and had McCrae up for a final shot at a run.

“We had our batting lineup poised to make a run at them, but that pitcher was hitting her spots,” said Thompson.

McCrae, the leader of the Panther’s “Clutch Much” comeback aura, hit a short, steep foul ball that was going to be excruciatingly close to the front fence of the Ridgeview dugout and, as the Ridgeview team watched, Hagan deftly inserted her body about as close to the fence without collision to snag the ball and end the game.

In the Class 5A championship bracket, Middleburg (15-11, lost 8-5 in 5A region finals to Pace High 2021), the second seed behind Tallahassee Lincoln (15-80, will host seven-seed Ocala Vanguard (16-9) on Thurs., May 12. Ridgeview, the fifth seed at 14-6, will travel to Gulf Breeze (15-11, 5A region semifinals) also on Thurs., May 12. Lincoln will host eight-seed Ponte Vedra (13-12), whom Middleburg beat with a late-inning defensive stand, 6-4, in their region opener.



Middleburg High softball coach Ashley Houston smiles after getting dunked with a vat of Gatorade after her Lady Broncos beat Ridgeview 1-0 for region championship.

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Left: St. Johns Country Day School baserunner Tyce Moore and coach Keith Daniels are in psync as Moore hits brakes at third base in early inning of 11-1 win over Trinity Christian. Right: Finn Howell hit two massive doubles to fuel Spartans offense and, below, Spartan head coach Tom Lucas questions call?

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2A final with wins over University Christian (4-2), North Florida Christian (4-0) and Mount Dora Christian (3-2) with Out of Door Academy beating the Spartans 5-3 in the championship game. Out of Door Academy is currently 17-8 (19th in Florida, 2nd in 2A) with shutouts of 10-0 and 4-0 for their district title over Bradenton Christian and face Neumann (17-9) in their region opener. Out of Door, 24-3 last year, graduated just five players from their state champion team.

“There is no pregame speech that I can say to fire them up,” said Lucas. “They have been locked in and loose all week.”

With senior Brad Hodges starting on the mound, Trinity got some action on the basepaths early with a walk to Alonzo Austin, but Hodges responded with two strikeouts. Austin would advance with a steal and grounder to third to threaten Hodges early.

In one of the top defensive plays of the night in the first inning with two outs and a second walk putting two baserunners in play, a grounder to shortstop Shawn Andrade got an off throw to first by Andrade. First baseman Jacob Thomas alertly kept



control of the ball though missing the tag swipe and fired a strike to catcher George Gilson as Austin attempted to sneak across home plate. Gilson snared Thomas’ throw and defended the plate successfully to keep the score 0-0.

Hodges cranked up a single on his first at bat, but pinchrunner Isaiah Mamea got snagged in a double play on a long fly by Jordan Taylor that Trinity centerfielder made his own spectacular defensive play for that out then alertly caught Mamea before he could return to first base in a play

that put St. Johns on notice that Trinity was there to answer great plays on their side of the diamond.

But, Finn Howell blew that theory with a ripped line drive past the Trinity third base that landed Howell at second for the first of his two doubles on the night.

The rocket shot shook Trinity pitcher Brayden Harris for two walks; Tyce Moore and Kody Daneault, and a wild pitch to score Howell.

A single to Vic Patel loaded the bases before Kyle Boylston hit an RBI single to

left field to put St. Johns up 2-0.

Jacob Thomas kept the power bat move ongoing with his own double that scored two more runs; 4-0, with walks to Gilson and Hodges loading the bases one more time, but Taylor striking out ending the inning.

Trinity again answered with their own bases loaded situation off a single and two walks putting a questionable hit by pitch call as a run for the Conquerors; 4-1, before Hodges whiffed Jacob Miller to end the inning.

Howell and Moore teed off with singles to open the second inning with Daneault and Patel walking to score one more run. Moore got tagged stealing home and Gibson lined out to end the inning.

St. Johns bats kept exploding with Hodges doubling to chase Harris off the mound, but the Spartans went scoreless against new pitcher Landen Moore.

In the fifth, walks and a Daneault single put the score at 9-1.

Howell’s second double came in the sixth after a walk to Taylor and was followed by a double from Moore for the final 11-1 finish. Hodges finished with five strikeouts in five innings with Trevor Bradley finishing the game.

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lifted a fly ball to center that was deep enough to score Williams.

The Blue Devils got three hits and stranded five runners on base in the first three innings. They had runners on first and second with no outs in the second inning when Dylan Greene reached base on an error and Hampton singled to center. But Brady Greene then failed to lay down

a bunt and struck out. Corbett then struck out Tyler Mills and Alec Burke to end the threat.

In the third inning, Logan Wilson and Greene were aboard with two outs when Hampton lined out to second base.

“We play small ball, and we live and die with the bunt,” said Persinger. “Tonight, we did not get the bunt down.”

Clay did not put a runner on base in the final four frames as Corbett retired the final 13 Blue Devils batters.

Adams, who is committed to pitch for

the University of North Florida next year, was impressive. The senior fanned eight over five and one third innings, allowing just a single earned run. Bishop Kenny had only one hit after the first inning.

The Blue Devils fell to 17-10 and hope to receive an at-large bid to the Class 4A regional playoffs. The regional will include the champions of Districts 1 through 4 and the next four highest ranked teams in the region by the MaxPrep.com web site. Clay was ranked seventh in the Florida Class 4A MaxPreps rankings entering the game.

“We took care of business well enough during the regular season to qualify, I believe,” said Persinger. “In other years, we have lost the district championship game and then made it to the state final four, so maybe we can make a run.”

Bishop Kenny, ranked sixth in the Max-Preps Florida Class 4A rankings entering the game, improved to 19-6 and will likely host a regional playoff game.

Tabor was the only player on either team with two hits, and the center fielder also stole two bases.

Broncos show off its backfield firepower



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Left: Linebacker Austin Cruce is one of best tacklers in county with sizable Landen Padgett holding down the fort up front on defensive line. Right: Bronco backfield has two solid ball carriers, T.J. Lane pictured here, with Ryan Wolfe led offensive wizardry to spell points in 2022.

Monday Night Football: MHS at KHHS, May 23

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - Let's set the stage. I arrive at Middleburg High School's football practice field, saunter over to head coach Ryan Wolfe near midfield on the pitch, chat a bit then back up as the first string offense starts the annual Bronco intrasquad scrimmage from the five yard line.

First play, boom, senior running back Mike Mitchell explodes off left tackle behind a giant offensive tackle and hits the jets for a first down 80 yard scoring jaunt right past me near the 20 yard as I am sprinting back on to the field to avoid a collision.

That was the start of an impressive afternoon for the Broncos who lit up the sideline with quarterback Jayden Jenkins and running backs Mitchell and T.J. Lane trading off chunkable gains on the Broncos defense; squad ones and twos.

What was lost in the mix was that Mitchell competed in the region 1-3A track and field championships less than 24 hours prior in Fort Walton Beach.

"I competed out there, but wanted this more," said Mitchell, 15th in the 100 meters in 11.49 seconds (11.22 at districts for third) with H-back Wyatt Underwood who placed third in discus to advance to the Class 3A championship meet and fourth in the shot put.

Back on the gridiron, Jenkins, a Clay High transfer with a pretty good older brother, riddled the opposing defense with an array of quick sideline and up passes to both Mitchell and Lane that both got the necessary outside blocks from wideouts to damage the secondary for long gains.

"That's a pretty good backfield with those three," said Bronco coach Ryan



One of leaders of offensive line is center Dakota Gober, a returner from last year's formidable five man front with, center, quarterback Jayden Jenkins adding a sprinkle of downfield run style to the Bronco offense. Right: Ornery safety Aiden Postemski is very large, but lands a big impact with contact.

Wolfe, who turned an era of consistent losing season into a 5-5 finish last year with some pretty close five losses. "We clean up some of the execution up front and we'll be alright. I like what I saw for just two weeks of practice. We were in most of our games last year. Now we have to finish."

Most notably last year was an excruciatingly close loss to Clay High at Clay High that ended with departed quarterback Luke Padgett stopped at the goal line on a two-point attempt to end the game at 23-21. That loss followed close losses of 35-32 to Episcopal and 36-27 to Gainesville.

"Better execution and staying focused and we could have been 8-2," said Wolfe. "Now, some of those will be back with a different perspective."

One of the standouts on offense, also by the way, one of the smallest guys out there, was junior free safety Aiden Postemski

who batted down a few passes to much taller receivers in front of him and even stuck his nosy in for some nasty hits downfield. Postemski also nearly caught Lane on a breakaway for Lane.

"He has always been just a good athlete for us no matter where he plays," said Wolfe. "We like his attitude."

On the defense, "Cowboy" Austin Cruce was back at middle linebacker and showed off his usual orneriness with a "somewhat" out of bounds late hit on Mitchell that created some "scuffling" (both made amends) and played on, but the early intensity and enthusiasm was very apparent on both sides.

"Though the hit was a little questionable, I saw the guys getting after it this early," said Wolfe. "I like that the kids are fired up right now."

On the offensive line, some very big

bodies up front with a pair of tackles that looked skyscraperish; 6'5" ish and I'd say 340-350 pounds-ish; and seemingly mobile as the corner was a favorite handoff drop off spot for Wolfe and offensive CO Boobie Tobler.

Center Dakota Gober was efficient and accurate on his snaps to Jenkins which is always a positive with Landon Padgett a 270-pounder and Bryce Meldrum a 350 pounder.

Defense had Josiah Pierre stuffing from one end and Demarion Suggs in the middle with Jaden Boyd manning a corner with Postemski in centerfield.

"Overall, we will be seeing if the season last year, five wins for Middleburg is a big deal, becomes a season that gets up motivated to do better," said Wolfe. "We had to get the team to buy into our system and now it's time to go further."



Oakleaf shotputter Adrionna Coleman is scholarship athlete making impact with Knights track.

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1600, Keira Smalls in the 100 hurdles and Adrionna Coleman in the discus. The Oakleaf girls 4 x 100, featuring Eason as anchor also advanced and is sixth ranked.

For the boys, shot putter Jordan Mitchell advanced and is ranked eighth.

Barrera finished sixth in the region 800 with the top six all under 2:20 and also took sixth in the 1600 with the top seven under 5:20 in two very fast races for the girls. The 1600, though, was won in 5:08.80 with Barrera in at 5:17.48.

Around the state, a 5:01.35 1600 and 2:15.41 800 won region 2-4A, in a duel with the region 1-4A distance runners for deep fields in both races, with five runners under 5:10. Region 3-4A's 1600 was won in 5:07.90 with second place at 5:14.39 with a 2:21.08 winning the 800. Region 4-4A had a 2:21.65 to win that 800 and a 5:17.64 to win the 1600.

Last year's Class 4A 800 was won in 2:11.42 with the 1600 won in 4:50.27 with the top four all under five minutes; top 10 under 5:10.

The boys 4A shotput state title was a 57'-7" put by Niceville senior Ben Miasga. Top throw for region 1-4A was a 55'-7.75" toss from Niceville's Noah Harman with Mitchell sixth at 49'-5.5".



Oakleaf distance ace Sierra Barrera is within top five of best in state in Class 4A 800 and 1600.

Moncrief to state for discus, out on shotput

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

PANAMA CITY - Keystone Heights High all-sport athlete Caleb Moncrief will be ending his illustrious sports career for the Indians with a shot at a track medal after winning a region title in discus Thursday at the region 1-2A championships in Panama City.

Moncrief, already a weightlift state champ team member, a football region playoff tight end and defensive end, can bring home one more medal to the Indians Walls of Fame with his trip to Gainesville for the Class 2A championships at the University of Florida.

Moncrief ripped a 149'8" toss on his third attempt after a foul on throw two and just a 145'4.5" first toss that would have been enough to still win ahead of



Caleb Moncrief can close stellar four year athletic career with Indians with discus medal at Class 2A track championships.

Bishop Kenny's Max Seiden, runnerup at

Class 2A track qualifiers
Caleb Moncrief, 13th ranked shot put, 2nd ranked discus

138'-8". In the shot put, won at 52'-1", Moncrief was fifth at 47'-4.5", about two feet from fourth place, but close enough to maybe get an at-large invite into the top 16 to state rule. Miler Tyler Griffin was ninth in the 1600 with a 4:48.05 and 14th in the 800 at 2:15.31.

For the Keystone Heights girls, hurdler/jumper Kierstyn Shawn ends a stellar soccer and track season with seventh in the long jump and 13th in 100 hurdles with teammate and soccer ace Ella Hutchins 12th in the 400.

Kendall Gagnon finished seventh in javelin.

REGION 1-3A TRACK

FIHS 4 x 800 boys region champs; OPHS Parker second in shot put

MHS Underwood siblings heading to state track; RHS Whaley returns to state

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FORT WALTON BEACH - Fleming Island High's boys 4 x 800 relay team nearly eclipsed the historic eight minute barrier to win the region 1-3A title in the event on Friday at Fort Walton Beach.

For Orange Park High, shotputter Myshaela Parker, a center on the region finalist Lady Raiders basketball team, finished second in shot put to advance with a 37'-6.75" put. Parker, the early leader at the event, was less than two inches from the region title with Rickards' McKenzie Lyons nailing her title on her last throw at 39'-1.75". Last years state title was at 42'-0".

The four Golden Eagle boys; Danny Sakowski, Roman Molicone, Luke Melson and Alex Bendig edged out host Fort Walton Beach with their 8:05.46 split to Fort Walton's 8:07.29 with district rival Ponte Vedra third at 8:10.27.

At last year's Class 3A meet, Dillard of Miami won in 7:52.00 with Fort Walton Beach eighth in 8:05.94.

For the Fleming Island boys, Bendig has the fastest time of the quartet with a 1:57 with Mollicone at 1:59 and Sakowski and Melson just at the two minute mark. Bendig finished second in the 800 with his 1:57 split with Sakowski 11th at 2:07.83.

For the Fleming Island boys, high jumper Antoine Sandy finished second in the high jump while, in the 3200, John Keester IV took fourth in 9:40.22 to advance as a top four qualifier.



Class 3A hopefuls are, top left, Maliyah Deas, Fleming Island triple jump; top right, Wyatt Underwood, Middleburg discus and shotput; Josiah Sabino, Orange Park triple jump, and Samantha Mitchell, Orange Park high jump.

Fleming Island's boys were 11th in the 4 x 400 and sixth in the 4 x 100. Sprinter Kaylib Singleton was seventh in the 100 and 10th in the 200 with hurdler Dedric Walker 11th in the 110 hurdles.

Fleming Island's girls top finisher was fourth place in triple jump Maliyah Deas



and sixth place in 800 Katie Thompson. Deas was also sixth in long jump. The girls 4 x 800; Thompson, Lauren Schaudel, Kaitlyn Scherer, Reese Scott, took third in a close top three with Choctawhatchee

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winning in 9:47.73 and the Golden Eagles third at 9:49.64. Second place was Ponte Vedra at 9:48.18. Fort Walton Beach was fourth at 9:59.98. Top five at state last year were under 9:44.

Middleburg High siblings Wyatt and Madison Underwood will be traveling just an hour south with family, but not for a Disney vacation, but for a shot at double the medals at the Class 3A track championships.

Wyatt Underwood, a junior discus and shotput thrower for the Broncos, will get to have his sister close by at the track championships with the freshman discus tosser getting fourth in her first region meet on Friday in Fort Walton Beach.

Wyatt Underwood, who has teetered in the top five almost all season with his discus tosses, finished third with a 153'-5" toss with an 11th in the shot put. The toss was immensely further than his 124'-10" 16th place finish at last year's Class 3A championships.

In sprints, football running back Mike Mitchell was 15th in the 100, then drove back to play in the Broncos spring game intrasquad scrimmage on Saturday.

For Madison Underwood, her progression in her throws, with each successive throw better than the previous with her best of 114'-8", sneakily moved her past better early throws to take the fourth spot.



Top throw was 122'-6". Clay High's Kenya Tinajero was seventh with Middleburg's senior Sophia Parish 14th.

Tinajera was sixth in shot put with sprinter Fiona Whitfield 10th in long jump, 16th in the 200 and 12th in the 100. Ashanti Jones was seventh in javelin.

For Ridgeview, high jumper Zoe Whaley secured her returned to the state championships (fifth last year at 5'-3.75") with a third at 5'-1.75" with sprinter Olivia Gaines second in triple jump also advancing. Gaines was fifth in long jump.

Ridgeview's girls also had Rikki Blaylock 10th in javelin, Blythe Duchene seventh in 800 at 2:24.39 (13th at state meet last year at 2:25.87), sixth in 4 x 100 relay, 10th in 4 x 400. For the Orange Park boys, Josiah Sabino returns to the state meet

Class 3A track championship qualifying athletes

Fleming Island

Alex Bendig, 12th ranked 800
John Keester IV, 8th ranked 3200
4 x 800 boys (Luke Melson, Roman Mollicone, Danny Sakowski, Alex Bendig, John Keester, Donavin Montoya) 3rd ranked 4 x 800
Antoine Sandy, 7th ranked High Jump
Girls 4 x 800, 12th ranked (Grace Adams, Mei Chiang, Marlea Feld, Ava Hendrix, Lauren Schaudel, Kaitlyn Scherer, Reese Scott, Katie Thompson)
Katie Thompson, 17th ranked 800
Maliya Deas, 8th ranked triple jump

Middleburg

Wyatt Underwood, 5th ranked discus
Madison Underwood, 11th ranked discus

Orange Park

4 x 400 13th ranked (Chris Arias, Tim Barfield, Winston Cassan, Jermel Brown, Thomas Lawrence, Nolan Chambers, William Restall, Brian Green)
4 x 100 17th ranked (Jermel Brown, Nolan Chambers, William Restall, Thomas Lawrence, Brian Green, Daniel Richardson)
Josiah Sabino, 10th ranked Triple Jump
Samantha Mitchell, 13th ranked high jump
Mychalea Parker, 7th ranked shot put

Ridgeview

Blythe Duchene, 18th ranked 800
Olivia Gaines, 5th ranked triple jump
Zoe Whaley, 10th ranked high jump

after finishing third at regions at 44'-11" with the Raiders sending two relay squads; 4 x 100; Jermel Brown, Nolan Chambers, William Restall and Lawrence Thomas, (4th) and 4 x 400; Tim Barfield, Chambers, Brian Green and Restall (2nd). Thomas was also fifth in the 200 at 22.41 and seventh in the 300 hurdles with Brown 11th in the 200. Chambers was 12th in the 100.

In javelin, Ryan Rykalsky was 10th.

In the 400, Christopher Arias was 11th.

For the girls, Samantha Mitchell was fifth in high jump behind Whaley and ninth

in the 200. Nylene Williams was 12th in the 200. The Lady Raiders 4 x 400 finished 12th. For Ridgeview's boys, javelin thrower Pable Gonzalez was fourth at 140'-1" to advance to the state meet.

Napoleon Cion was seventh in triple jump; 13th in long jump; Eddie Whipple was eighth in long jump and high jump with the boys 4 x 800 ninth. James Snipes was eighth in the 1600. T'Vario Willis was seventh in high jump. The boys 4 x 800 was ninth while the 4 x 100 was disqualified for a late baton pass.

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CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA
Middleburg wide out Brandy Mann battles with Choctaw defender for loose ball in region final loss Monday night.

Middleburg quarterback Brooke Swenson gets chased out of pocket.

Broncos

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down and goal to go. After a center pass to Brandy Mann to advance the ball, and a left end around by Brooke Swenson, a pair of passes to Laura Palagyi couldn't connect, turning the ball over on downs.

With Choctaw scoring once in the second quarter and again in the fourth, the Broncos saw missed passes and sacks from the Choctaw defense on quarterback Brooke Swenson stymie the Bronco offense.

"At the end of the day, I didn't have us ready to play," said Stilianou. "They didn't stop us, we stopped us. That's our motto and it's never changed. But after that second touchdown, you could see it affected us. It was still a heck of a season for these kids and I'm proud of them."

Broncos avenge '21 playoff loss

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

MIDDLEBURG - Two late fourth quarter scoring drives led to a victory over a state runnerup for the Middleburg High flag football team that fought to a 14-6 region semifinal win over Florida A & M High at Middleburg High School.

"In the first half we were trying to make picks," said Middleburg coach Jay Stilianou. "We didn't need picks (interceptions), just knock the ball down and play the next play. The ball hits the ground and we win that down. Once we had that mentality, we had a great chance."

Once Stilianou adjusted his defense after a scoreless half, the Broncos marched down the field in two late fourth quarter drives to put 14 points on the board to hold off the Rattlers 14-6.

Through three scoreless quarters, the two teams jostled and tested one another to either three and out resulting in a punt or go for it on fourth down which FAMU did time and again, just to not make it and turn the ball back to the Broncos. Still scoreless into the fourth quarter, Swenson directed a drive started with an end sweep to Laura Palagyi that had green grass but Palagyi fell. The mishap set up a quick pass to center Kelsey Harrelson for the 7-0 score.

FAMU had a fourth down at midfield decision and declined to punt only to have Palagyi put the clamps on FAMU top offensive threat.

"We put our best, Laura Palagyi, against their best player, Ameari Logan, and we shut them down," said Stilianou. "She is one of the best players in the state hands down and we shut her down. This whole defense was amazing tonight." Bronco wideout Cheyenne Jenkins caught a fourth and goal pass to up the gap to 14-0. With only 2:00 left to play, the Rattlers went back to deep passes that paid off this time with three deep connections, but it was too late. With a score at :57 left to play to bring the game to 14-6, and a failed point after, the Rattlers burned their last time out, giving Middleburg the win.

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CRYPTO FUN

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Solve the code to discover words related to cycling.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: **17 = E**)

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Clue: Beaten path

B. 11 1 11 8 17

Clue: Ride a bike

C. 2 17 18 26 8 6

Clue: Power a bicycle

D. 17 3 17 9 11 20 6 17

Clue: Fitness activity

Answers: A. trail B. cycle C. pedals D. exercise

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cycling.

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Answer: Shifter

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I am a retired football player born in Tennessee on May 28, 1986. I struggled to find food and shelter as a child. I was adopted by a loving family who helped me start my football career. My life inspired a book and subsequent movie.

Answer: Michael Oher

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

WORDS

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Discus Duo

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"She was probably throwing a lot better than I was when I was her age and, of course, I got bigger and stronger and threw further as we grew," said Wyatt Underwood, who advanced with a third place at the region 1-3A championships at 153'-5" while sister Madison advanced with a fourth place 114'-8" toss on her final attempt to make her first trip to the state meet. "She'll start to grow, get stronger and improve very quickly."

At the Underwood house, just off CR218 in Clay Hill, Barry Underwood, the assistant principal at Keystone Heights High School, can survey his kids practices from his kitchen window being he had a legit discus circle built on his spacious back yard.

“When the COVID hit and we had nowhere to go to train, we built our own discus circle,” said Underwood. “Even now, with football practice at the high school, Wyatt’s throws can reach the practice field on a good day and it is just too dangerous to practice there. So, we just come home.”

Wyatt and Madison shared a bit of the rivalry aspect of their relationship when it comes to discuss, but noted that each wants the other to succeed.

"I watch her and she watches me and we share thoughts about the other one's throws," said Wyatt Underwood. "I get more nervous when she throws than when I throw."

One thing Wyatt is trying to get sister Madison to incorporate into her throw is his gutwrenching screams during the throws.

"I do it all the time because it releases a lot of adrenaline when I get pumped up," said Wyatt Underwood. "I've been trying to get her to do it, but not yet."

According to Hume, a good vocal attack on the throw can add 10 feet.

“Everything just builds up inside and it has to go somewhere,” said Hume. “Weightlifters do it a lot, so it must do something.”

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4 00231-609 R CHAMP FENCING LLC. ATTN: SPIEGEL & UTRERA PA 1840 SW 22ND ST. 4TH FL MIAMI FL 33145 316 BLANDING BLVD Orange Park	206.81	19 04112-000 COMFORT NAILS & SPA LLC 3176 CR 220 STE 2 MIDDLEBURG FL 32068-0000 3176 COUNTY ROAD 220 Middleburg	644.95	34 09136-000 HUNTER MACHINERY INSTALLATIONS PO BOX 600459 JACKSONVILLE FL 32260-0000 1027 BLANDING BL Orange Park	1,048.97	49 11263-002 LEAN IMPACT NUTRITION INC. ATTN: ZACHARIAH ELKINS 1622 HA WKS NEST DR FLEMING ISLAND FL US 32003 1301 ORANGE Green Cove Springs	251.06	63 13770-000 OP FISH HOUSE & OYSTER BAR LLC 333 SAN PABLO RD. N JACKSONVILLE FL 32225-0000 636 KINGSLEY Orange Park	2,180.66	77 15955-001 RIDGEWOOD COIN LAUNDRY R2K2 ENTERPRISES 1441 RIVA DEL GARDA WAY ST.AUGUSTINE FL 32092-0000 930 BLANDING BL Orange Park	1,708.81	92 18912-003 TIRE KINGDOM #204 C/O MARVIN F. POER & CO. PO BOX 52427 ATLANTA GA 30355-0000 3575 HIGHWAY 17 Orange Park	363.51
5 00465-900 ALPHABET CIGARS & TOBACCO 1910 WELLS RD B15C ORANGE PARK FL 32073-0000 1910 WELLS Orange Park	712.92	20 04155-012 COMPASS GROUP USA C/O CTMI LLC PO BOX 743068 DALLAS TX 75374-0000 UNKNOWN Green Cove Springs	142.04	35 09448-020 LAMIS & TONY INC. 7818 FAWN HILL COURT JACKSONVILLE FL 32256 310 MILWAUKEE Orange Park	863.09	50 11481-100 EVANS CONTRACTING SERVICES INC 320 FOXTAIL AVENUE MIDDLEBURG FL 32068-4727 320 FOXTAIL Middleburg	2,436.44	64 13777-070 OPTIMUM DENTAL CARE CENTER DBA: NORMANDY DENTAL; INC. 1543 KINGSLEY AVE. BLDG 19 ORANGE PARK FL 32073 1543 KINGSLEY Orange Park	1,533.42	79 17125-000 SLAY'S RESTORATION 100 INDUSTRIAL LOOP N ORANGE PARK FL 32073-0000 100 INDUSTRIAL LOOP Orange Park	515.73	93 19250-260 TWELVOLT LED & HID LLC 3645 US HIGHWAY 17 STE 2 FLEMING ISLAND FL US 32003 3645 US HIGHWAY 17 Fleming Island	76.62
6 00519-075 AMERICAN GYPSY TATTO COMPANY 3275 US HWY 17 STE 3 GREEN COVE SPRINGS FL 32043-0 3275 HIGHWAY 17 Green Cove Springs	91.71	21 04314-001 CORNER POCKET; THE JBNC ENTERTAINMENT INC. 3714 GLYNN COTTAGE COURT GREEN COVE SPRINGS FL 32043-0 14 MAGNOLIA Green Cove Springs	330.64	36 09553-008 INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH, SPORTS, 1895 KINGSLEY AVE., 903 ORANGE PARK FL US 32073 1895 KINGSLEY Orange Park	4,657.52	51 11492-300 LIQUID EDGE LLC 178 INDUSTRIAL LOOP S; STE C ORANGE PARK FL 32073-0000 178 INDUSTRIAL LOOP Orange Park	822.69	65 13993-000 ORANGE PARK KIDS HEARTLAND DENTAL CARE; INC. 1200 NETWORK CENTER DR. STE 2 EFFINGHAM IL 62401-4637 1695 WELLS Orange Park	880.82	80 17365-000 CSC SERVICEWORKS C/O RYAN TAX COMPLIANCE SVC PO BOX 460049 HOUSTON TX 77056-0000 UNKNOWN	1,078.84	94 19622-090 VITOS PIZZERIA 1101 BLANDING BLVD STE 112 ORANGE PARK FL 32065-0000 1101 BLANDING BL Orange Park	730.81
7 01084-000 A1 IMAGING OF ORANGE PARK LLC 1800 2ND ST STE 915 SARASOTA FL 34236-0000 1566 KINGSLEY Orange Park	3,339.90	22 04679-095 DANCE 4 LIFE 1860 TOWN HALL CIRCLE STE 56-57 FLEMING ISLAND FL 32003-0000 1860 TOWN HALL Fleming Island	110.43	37 09651-005 J & D CHANEY SERVICES; INC. 2084 TURNER ROAD GREEN COVE SPRINGS FL 32043-0 2084 TURNER Green Cove Springs	2,119.02	52 12006-101 AFM IE FLEMING ISLAND LLC 3575 PIEDMONT RD. NE STE 1200 ATLANTA GA US 30305 865 HIBERNIA Fleming Island	746.87	66 14226-001 OUTCOME HEALTH CONTEST MEDIA LLC ATTN: PROPER 330 N WABASH AVE STE 2500 TY TAX DEPT CHICAGO IL 60611-0000 UNKNOWN VARIOUS LOCATIONS	197.61	81 17368-000 CSC SERVICEWORKS C/O RYAN TAX COMPLIANCE SVC PO BOX 460049 HOUSTON TX 77056-0000 UNKNOWN Orange Park	754.92	95 20229-000 WIGGINS LAW FIRM 91 BRANSCOMB RD STE 17 GREEN COVE SPRINGS FL 32043-0 91 BRANSCOMB Green Cove Springs	206.81
8 01135-000 B & W CONSTRUCTION & EXCAVATING INC PO BOX 457 FLORAHOME FL 32140-0457 4689 Gadara Keystone Heights	1,685.22	23 04913-100 DELL MARINE; LLC 5137 ARLINGTON RD. JACKSONVILLE FL 32211-0000 UNKNOWN VARIOUS LOCATIONS	3,777.59	38 09768-600 JACKSONVILLE GRANITE 124 INDUSTRIAL LOOP W ORANGE PARK FL 32073-0000 124 INDUSTRIAL LOOP Orange Park	730.81	53 12038-000 MASTERBILT GOLF CARTS 192 INDUSTRIAL LOOP S ORANGE PARK FL 32073-0000 192 INDUSTRIAL LOOP Orange Park	76.18	67 214226-004 OUTCOME HEALTH CONTEST MEDIA LLC ATTN: PROPER 330 N WABASH AVE STE 2500 TY TAX DEPT CHICAGO IL 60611-0000 UNKNOWN Orange Park	90.07	82 17370-000 CSC SERVICEWORKS C/O RYAN TAX COMPLIANCE SVC PO BOX 460049 HOUSTON TX 77056-0000 1000 PINEWOOD Green Cove Springs	369.84	96 20254-300 WILL TODD BARBERSHOP LLC 3650 F CRESWICK CIR ORANGE PARK FL US 32065 518 HOLLYBERRY Orange Park	467.53
9 01568-050 BELK INC #149 C/O RYAN LLC 15 WEST 6TH ST. STE 2400 TULSA OK 74119-5417 1910 WELLS Orange Park	9,700.70	24 04933-000 DENTIST PLACE OF ORANGE PARK HEARTLAND DENTAL CARE; INC. 1200 NETWORK CENTER DR. STE 2 EFFINGHAM IL 62401-4637 1695 WELLS Orange Park	4,633.34	39 09769-300 JACKSONVILLE MEDICAL GROUP LLC 1409 KINGSLEY AVE STE 9G ORANGE PARK FL 32073-0000 1409 KINGSLEY Orange Park	40.28	54 12610-000 MIDDLETOWNE APARTMENTS POAH MIDDLETOWN APARTMENTS LLC 920 MAIN STREET STE 115 C/O PRESERVATION HOUSING M KANSAS CITY MO US 64105 1809 DEBARRY Orange Park	325.86	68 14341-300 PALMERS TONSORIAL PARLORS INC NATHAN R PALMER 920 BLANDING BLVD STE 3 ORANGE PARK FL 32065-0000 920 BLANDING BL Orange Park	597.34	83 17375-301 SONIC - SDI FLORIDA; LLC 151 COLLEGE DR STE 6 ORANGE PARK FL 32065-7684 1845 TOWNCENTER BL Fleming Island	53.44	97 20678-002 24/7 WORKOUT ANYTIME 1425 S ORANGE AVE GREEN COVE SPRINGS FL 32043-0 1425 ORANGE S Green Cove Springs	1,294.36
10 02038-001 PLAZA STREET FUND 111, LLC DBA: 76 GAS STATION 2400 W 75 STREET STE. 220 PRAIRIE VILLAGE KS US 66208 364 Blanding Orange Park	6,958.28	25 05028-002 DICK'S WINGS & GRILL D'S WINGS LLC 965 FL-16 ST. AUGUSTINE FL 32084 1803 EAST WEST Fleming Island	1,061.83	40 09773-010 JACKSONVILLE SEASONS HOLDINGS DBA: WELLS ROAD LIQUORS 1670 WELLS RD STE 9 ORANGE PARK FL 32073-0000 1670 WELLS Orange Park	635.04	55 13111-300 STANTON OPTICAL DBA: MY EYELAB 3801 S CONGRESS AVE PALM SPRINGS FL US 33461 280 Blanding Orange Park	1,274.57	69 14424-040 PARK MEDICAL CENTER; PA 847 N PARK AVENUE ORANGE PARK FL 32073-4117 847 PARK Orange Park	63.77	84 17476-066 SOUTHEAST VETERINARY ONCOLOGY LADUE & MEESK PROPERTIES LLC 304 CORPORATE WAY ORANGE PARK FL US 32073 304 CORPORATE Orange Park	6,902.58	98 20679-000 WORKOUT ANYTIME ATTN: CARL BOOTHBY 1339 BLANDI NG BLVD STE A ORANGE PARK FL US 32065 1339 BLANDING Orange Park	3,444.14
11 02193-995 BRASS TACKS COFFEE COMPANY 318 FERRIS ST GREEN COVE SPRINGS FL 32043-0 318 FERRIS Green Cove Springs	1,027.79	26 05119-050 DON'S QUALITY BRICK & STONE ATTN: JAMIE LINK 30 SORREL ST. MIDDLEBURG FL 32068-0000 30 SORREL Middleburg	37.84	41 09909-000 JEFF'S EXCAVATING; INC. PO BOX 456 GREEN COVE SPRINGS FL 32043-0 4135 HIGHWAY 17 Green Cove Springs	6,562.21	56 13329-000 NEW LEAF VAPOR COMPANY 4685 HIGHWAY 17 STE 3 FLEMING ISLAND FL 32003-0000 4685 HIGHWAY 17 Fleming Island	730.81	70 14940-000 PHYSICAL THERAPY & REHABILITATION CLINIC INC 2140 KINGSLEY AVE. STE 5 ORANGE PARK FL 32073-5129 2140 KINGSLEY Orange Park	414.49	85 17669-080 SPEEDWAY LLC #6507 539 SOUTH MAIN STREET PROPERTY TAX DEPT. RM K-07-023 FINDLAY OH 45840-0000 466 BLANDING BL Orange Park	2,896.34	100 44000-051 COODY ALLEN 6084 CR 218 BALDWIN FL 32234-0000 6084 COUNTY ROAD 218 Baldwin	186.79
12 02975-000 CARPET-N-DRAPES 351 BLANDING BLVD. ORANGE PARK FL 32073-4322 351 BLANDING BL Orange Park	298.23	27 06274-000 FIRST COAST CARDIOVASCULAR INSTITUTE PA. PO BOX 551308 JACKSONVILLE FL 32255-1308 1681 EAGLE HARBOR Fleming Island	3,140.06	42 10003-000 HILL AUTOMOTIVE INC 234-A INDUSTRIAL LOOP BLDG A ORANGE PARK FL 32073-0000 234 INDUSTRIAL LOOP Orange Park	884.84	57 13329-001 NEW LEAF VAPOR 266 BLANDING BLVD STE 1 ORANGE PARK FL 32073-0000 266 BLANDING BL Orange Park	730.81	71 14940-001 PHYSICAL THERAPY & REHABILITATION CLINIC INC 2140 KINGSLEY AVE. STE 5 ORANGE PARK FL 32073-0000 1835 EAST WEST Fleming Island	115.16	86 17753-000 SPRING PARK COFFEE 328 FERRIS ST GREEN COVE SPRINGS FL 32043-4 328 FERRIS Green Cove Springs	436.32	101 44000-082 HOUSEHOLDER ANTHONY 3981 N KENTUCKY AVE GREEN COVE SPRINGS FL 32043-0 3981 KENTUCKY N Green Cove Springs	101.65
13 03011-000 FLASHBACK PHOTOGRAPHY INC. 3600 PEORIA RD STE 101 ORANGE PARK FL 32065-7686 630 KINGSLEY Orange Park	900.26	28 06279-042 FIRST COAST PODIATRIC SURGERY AND WOUND CARE LLC 1409 KINGSLEY AVE; STE 9G ORANGE PARK FL 32073-0000 1409 KINGSLEY Orange Park	412.71	43 10039-001 SMUCKER FOOD SERVICE; INC PO BOX 3576 CHICAGO IL 60654-0000 UNKNOWN VARIOUS LOCATIONS	126.63	58 13620-001 NUCOZ SUPPLY LLC TAX DEPARTMENT 10 RIVERVIEW DR DANBURY CT 06810-0000 UNKNOWN VARIOUS LOCATIONS	2,244.92	72 14940-005 PHYSICAL THERAPY & REHABILITATION CLINIC; INC 2140 KINGSLEY AVE. STE 5 ORANGE PARK FL 32073-0000 1658 ST VINCENTS Middleburg	891.49	87 17768-001 SPRINT LIPSEY COMMUNICATIONS LLC C/O 11000 RICHMOND AVE STE 350 WILSON & FRANCO HOUSTON TX 77042-0000 161 BLANDING BL Orange Park	356.51	102 44000-376 VENTSIAS CHRISTOPHER PAUL 2868 SPRING DR MIDDLEBURG FL 32068-0000 2868 SPRING Middleburg	368.56
14 03120-000 CARTER; WWW. CONTRACTING INC. PO BOX 615 MIDDLEBURG FL 32050-0615 3212 THUNDER Middleburg	8,097.74	29 06280-015 FIRST COAST WINDOW REPAIR INC PO BOX 2097 MIDDLEBURG FL 32050-2097 157 PLANKTON Middleburg	400.28	44 10039-004 SMUCKERS FOODSERVICE; INC PO BOX 3576 CHICAGO IL 60654-0000 UNKNOWN Orange Park	37.07	59 13620-002 NUCOZ SUPPLY LLC TAX DEPARTMENT 10 RIVERVIEW DR DANBURY CT 06810-0000 UNKNOWN Green Cove Springs	135.86	73 15280-002 PREMIER SURFACE DESIGN LLC ATTN: CHRISTOPHER BISHOP 991 B UNKER AVE GREEN COVE SPRINGS FL US 32043 991 BUNKER Green Cove Springs	4,283.76	88 17835-000 SAM'S ST. JOHNS SEAFOOD RESTAURANT INC. 831 N PALMETTO AVE GREEN COVE SPRINGS FL 32043-0 1464 PARK Orange Park	837.36		
15 03330-030 CHARLOTTE RUSSE #86 OUTSOURCING SOLUTIONS GROUP 630 N CENTRAL EXPY STE A PLANO TX 75074-6897 1910 WELLS Orange Park	665.51	30 06442-041 BRONZAHOLIC TANNING LLC ATTN: MARISSA J IOLA 1560 BUSINESS CENTER DR. STE 6 FLEMING ISLAND FL 32003 1560 BUSINESS CENTER Fleming Island	730.81	45 10410-500 KENNY LEIGH PA 414 OLD HARD RD; STE 201 FLEMING ISLAND FL 32003-3408 414 OLD HARD Fleming Island	759.03								

CLAY LEGALS

PUBLIC SALE

On 05/29/2022 at 00:00 AM an auction will take place at 1046 Airpark Rd. Green Cove Springs FL 32043. The vehicles will be auctioned include: 3VWCB21C22M452394 2002 VOLK Please be advised, per F.S. 713.78 that a newspaper ad must be published for 1 day in a newspaper of general circulation (daily or weekly circulation) which has been in circulation for at least 1 year. The advertisement must be published at least 10 calendar days prior to the date of sale, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the sale is to be held. The 10 calendar days do not include the date of the advertisement nor the date of the sale.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10-2022-CP-01 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MURAT NATIRBOFF, DECEASED.

The formal administration of the estate of MURAT NATIRBOFF, who died on January 10, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

The date of first publication of this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is May 12, 2022. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: VeRonica R. Owens, Esq. Fla. Bar No.: 73568 veRonica@OwensWagner.com 189 South Lawrence Boulevard Keystone Heights, FL 32656 2000 Henley Road, Suite B Middleburg, FL 32068 Telephone: (352) 473-5000 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: DANIEL KENT NATIRBOFF 2332 Forest Hills Drive Harrisburg, PA 17112

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2022-CP-000252 Division A HELEN S. STEWART, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of HELEN S. STEWART, deceased, whose date of death was August 4, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is May 12, 2022. 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: JAMES A. STEWART, SR. 3052 County Road 81 Valley Grande, Alabama 36703

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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. 2006 FORD VIN # 3FAHP06Z36R129401

The auction will be held on 05/30/2022 at 9:00 a.m at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

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PUBLIC SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Thursday the 26th day of May, 2022 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 3585 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL, 32003 Clay County Foster, Alyssa F209 Baby Stuff, Boxes, Kids Items, Kids Battery Cart, Christmas Tree, Cds, Totes, Bags. Voss, Nicholas G037 Box Spring, Mattress, Bed. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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PUBLIC SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Wednesday the 25th day of May, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Lowe jr, Fremont 504 Head Board, Foot Board, Mattress, Flat Screen TV, Mini Fridge, Boxing Bag, Sofa, Boxes. Haywood, Tiffany 216 4 Chairs, Small Table, Bags, Video Games, Shoes. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on: May 6, 2022 (Name and address of applicant) AMH Robinsons Tract Development, LLC; 8936 Western Way, Unit 12, Jacksonville, FL 32256 permit# 24726-2. The project is located in Clay County, Section 23, 24 39, Township 5 South, Range 25 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 200.1 acres for Single Family Subdivision known as Robinsons Ranch – Sandridge Road. 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 www.sjrwm.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 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://www.sjrwm.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.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Clay County Administration Building, Fourth Floor, Purchasing Department, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 for the following:

RFP NO. 21/22-53, COURTHOUSE ACCESS SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADE Proposals will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Bids will not be valid unless received by the proposal deadline. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Clay County Courthouse, Front Lobby located at 825 N Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, on May 24, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. The term bid bond shall include bonds or cashier or certified checks payable to the County. Proposals will not be valid unless received by the RFP deadline and in a sealed envelope marked "RFP NO. 21/22-53, COURTHOUSE ACCESS SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADE" to be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, June 13, 2022. Envelopes are to be submitted in person or delivered by courier to the above address. No postal mail will be accepted.

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("SLFRF").

After due consideration, Clay County intends to entertain a short list of consultants. Staff will begin negotiations with the number one ranked consultant derived from the Clay County Board of County Commissioners short listing. If the negotiation with the consultant is successful, contract procedures will be initiated. If a successful negotiation cannot be reached, the County may seek a proposal from the number two, then number three ranked firm if deemed necessary by the County. More than one contract may be awarded. Should two be selected, one will be the primary and the other secondary. Consultants desiring to provide the needed professional services must submit five (5) copies (one marked original) and one (1) electronic copy as outlined on Page 6 of Request for Proposals Instructions, the attached Form W-9, and proof of liability insurance for evaluation by Clay County. During the Request for Bid Period, from publication of the notice of a Request for Bids to the making of a Bid Decision, and during any related Protest Period, Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County Employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney, or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for Bids in any respect, with the exception of (i) inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department or other County Employees or agents if specifically provided in the Request for Bids (ii) pre-Bid conferences provided for in the request package; and (iii) formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids. For information concerning procedures for responding to this RFP, contact Jessica Loos, Purchasing Department, (904) 284-6388 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.

The County reserves the right to waive formalities in any response, to reject any or all responses with or without cause, to waive technical and non-technical or

non-material defects in the solicitation or submittal of any responses, including the lack of availability of adequate funds, regulatory agency requirements, to make award in part or completely, and/or to accept the response that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the County of Clay. Bid proposals in which the prices obviously are unbalanced will be rejected. Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local preference policy and Buy American policy. The complete policy for both can be viewed at: https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/vendor-information

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

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

IF A PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS REQUEST REQUIRES A BID BOND, SUCH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRY.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Wednesday the 25th day of May, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 996 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL, 32065 Joyce, Grace 358 Vacuum, stroller, mailbox, records, extension cord, fan, speakers, boxes, guitars, misc items, misc electronics, ac window unit, space heater, cart, potty chair, subwoofer, walker . Rowin, Britney 442 Clothes, Clothes Basket, boxspring, boxes, tote, side tables, fridge, microwave, christmas decor, vacuum, shelf, storage rack w bins, tire, plastic bags, dvds, misc items . Joyce, Grace 749 Couches, Tv, boxes, mattress, clothes, clothes rack, fan, fish tank, misc items, microwave,. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that JESSICA L SMITH, OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

BEWITCHED NAILS

located at 4443 CO RD 218, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 intends to register the said name in CLAY county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 10-2022-CP-000178 DIVISION: A

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BEVERLY J. PEEK, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of BEVERLY J. PEEK, deceased, File Number 10-2022-CF-000178 , is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Spring, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representatives' attorney is set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with this court, WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: May 12, 2022

GARFIELD HURT, ESQUIRE Attorney for Personal Representative 722 North Orange Avenue Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 (904) 781-8371 Florida Bar No.: 699454 Personal Representative GINGER D. NEFF 1794 Dartmouth Dr. Middleburg, FL 32068

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Clay County Sheriff's Office is designating the Assistant Chief of Communications to the Senior Management Service Class with the State of Florida, Division of Retirement, effective January 14, 2022. Michelle Cook, Sheriff – Clay County Florida

Legal 34965 Published May 12, May 19, May 26, and June 2, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Clay County Sheriff's Office is designating the Chief Information Officer to the Senior Management Service Class with the State of Florida, Division of Retirement, effective January 14, 2022. Michelle Cook, Sheriff – Clay County Florida

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NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2021-CA-171

SUNSEEKER INVESTMENTS, INC., A Florida Corporation, PLAINTIFF,

vs. JOSEPH L. SIPPPIO, JESSICA SIPPPIO A/K/A JESSICA DRISCOLL, SURF CONSULTANTS, INC., and PROGRESSIVE SELECT INS. CO, DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the order of FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE dated November 18, 2021, and entered in Case No. 2021-CA-171 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein SUNSEEKER INVESTMENTS, INC. is the PLAINTIFF and JOSEPH L. SIPPPIO, JESSICA SIPPPIO A/K/A JESSICA DRISCOLL, SURF CONSULTANTS, INC., and PROGRESSIVE SELECT INS. CO. are the DEFENDANTS. The Office of the Clerk, Clay County Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest bidder or bidders for cash at public sale on June 6, 2022, at 10:00 AM, at https://www.clay.realforeclose.com the following described property as set forth in said final judgment, to-wit: Tax Parcel No.: 14-08-23-001437-863-96 Lot 41, Block 13, of BIG TREE LAKES SUBDIVISION, SECTION C, an unplatted subdivision, which lot is described with more particularity in the exhibit to that certain Declaration of Interpretive Data Relating to Legal Descriptions dated June 1, 1983, and filed at O.R. Book 749, Page 418, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in the PLAINTIFF's mortgage with JOSEPH L. SIPPPIO. 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: May 6, 2022 (seal) TARA S. GREEN Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Kayla Beard As Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC MEETING

The Clay County School Board will hold two meetings on **Tuesday, May 24th, 2022**, in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043.

School Board Special Meeting at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of conducting routine School Board-Related actions.

School Board Workshop at 9:05 a.m., or immediately upon conclusion of the Special Meeting, for the purpose of reviewing the draft agenda for the June 2, 2022 Regular meeting.

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 bonnie.onora@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,

CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY TAXES

As provided by Chapter 197.016, Acts of 1972, notice is hereby given that Centrally Assessed Property Taxes for the calendar year 2021 are delinquent as of April 1, 2022 and are drawing interest at the rate of 1.5% per month plus the cost of advertising and collection. Unless these delinquent taxes are paid by May 31, 2022, warrants may be issued thereon and the Tax Collector shall petition the Circuit Court for an order directing levy upon and seizure of the centrally assessed property of the taxpayers for these unpaid taxes.

/s/ DIANE HUTCHINGS, TAX COLLECTOR CLAY COUNTY

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CLAY LEGALS

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.

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PUBLIC SALE

On 31 MAY, 2022: @ 10 A.M. 246 Jefferson Ave, Orange Park, Florida 32065. The following vehicles will be auctioned off for towing and storage charges.

2014 HOMESTEAD TRAILER
5HABE1625EN028769

Legal 34961 publish May 12, 2022 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: **GATORBONE STUDIOS** Located at 5729 White Sands Rd., in the County of CLAY, in the City of Keystone Heights, Florida, 32656 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 4th day of May, 2022.

Legal 34960 published May 12, 2022 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: **HARPER CUSTOM DESIGNS** Located at 557 William Ellery St., in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida, 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 6th day of May, 2022.

Legal 34959 published May 12, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES gives Notice that on 05/27/2022, at 12:00 pm at 4360 COUNTY ROAD 218 MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-4852, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida statutes. BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bid.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY CASE NO. 10-2022-CA-000296

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PATRICIA E MATTSON, et al,

Defendants.

TO: MARY L. HOLT
44929 LAKE MACK DRIVE, DELAND, FL 32720

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY L. HOLT
44929 LAKE MACK DRIVE, DELAND, FL 32720

NORBERT SCHULTHEIS
305 COTTONWOOD LANE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 1, BLOCK 2, MEADOWBROOK UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK , PAGE 7 AND 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Sara Collins, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this 5th day of May. (seal)

Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Kayla Beard
Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on May 26, 2022 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.
2015 Hyundai ID# 5NPE24AF9FH151845
2008 Saturn ID# W06AT271285104261
2018 Toyota ID# 4T1B11HK6JU649180
1999 Ford ID# 1FAPP45X1XF128103
Legal 34945 published May 12, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 10-2021-CA-001024

MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff, vs. FREDERICK FOY II, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered April 13, 2022 in Civil Case No. 10-2021-CA-001024 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Green Cove Springs, Florida, wherein MIDFIRST BANK is Plaintiff and FREDERICK FOY II, et al., are Defendants, the Clerk of Court, TARA S. GREEN, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 1st day of June, 2022 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 345, OF PINE RIDGE PLANTATION, AS DEPICTED IN PLAT BOOK 52, PAGES 20 THROUGH 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this 5th day of May, 2022.

Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Leigh Lecroy
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-mail - crtntrp@coj.net.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2021/2022 Clay County Charter Review Commission (CRC) will be holding the second of three Public Hearings regarding amendments to place on the November ballot. The second Public Hearing will be on Monday, May 16, 2022, and the Third Public Hearing will be on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. All three Public Hearings will be at 7:00 P.M. in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend and be heard at the meeting.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 269-6347, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Notice is hereby given, that any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Clay County Charter Review Commission with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing that is the subject of this advertisement/notice, will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Charter Review Commission Clay County, Florida
Legal 34934 Published May 12, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE

HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF CLAY COUNTY POST OFFICE BOX 1620 ORANGE PARK, FL 32067-1620
NOTICE is hereby given that the Hous-

ing Finance Authority of Clay County will receive and review requests from Developers who are interested in submitting an application to Florida Housing Finance Corporation for financing under its Low Income Affordable Housing Tax Credit Program and are requesting County Contribution for said application. Please submit information regarding your proposed project to the Housing Finance Authority of Clay County, Post Office Box 1620, Orange Park, FL, 30273, Attn: Theresa Sumner, or to Theresa.Sumner@claycountygov.com no later than 11:00 a.m. MONDAY, June 6, 2022. The Evaluation Criteria the Authority will consider for each project is attached. EVALUATION CRITERIA FORM FOR CONSIDERATION AND RANKING OF POTENTIAL CONTRACTORS BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CLAY COUNTY UNDER FLORIDA HOUSING'S TAX CREDIT PROGRAM Vendor/Contractor _____ Date Evaluated _____ Total Score (Maximum of 100 points)

Points Criteria

35 Local Preference: Contractor has offices in either Duval/Clay/Nassau/Baker or St. Johns counties during the last five (5) years
35 Contractor has built more than three (3) similar projects in either Duval/Clay/Nassau/Baker or St. Johns counties within the past five (5) years.
10 Company Background/Qualifications/Adequate Personnel and Resources
5 Prior experience in affordable housing
5 Funding for Projects under Florida Housing Finance Corporation's Low Income Affordable Housing Tax Credit Program within the last five (5) years
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NOTICE OF ACTION-CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2022CA000314 LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC., Plaintiff, vs. HENRY JERRY TURNER, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESATE OF JERRY TURNER, DECEASED AND KELSEY SENNA, et. al. Defendant(s),

TO: ARTHUR ANGEL, whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: **LOT 1, BLOCK 8, GROVE PARK UNIT NO. 8, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE(S) 40 AND 41, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA** has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 4th day of May, 2022. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
TARA S. GREEN
BY: Taylor Tison
DEPUTY CLERK

Legal 34924 Published May 12 and May 19, 2022 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:

EDSERVICES PK-12

Located at 411 Walnut Street, # 12337, 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 Orange Park, Florida, this 4th day of May, 2022.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION Case Number: 2022-CP-000246 Division: IN RE: ESTATE OF DONNA L. KOWALENKO, Deceased. You are hereby notified that the administration of the Estate of Donna L. Kow-

alenko, has been opened in the Circuit Court in and for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the physical address of which is 825 Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, and the mailing address of which is P. O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. K. Wayne Kahle has been appointed as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Donna L. Kowalenko, Deceased, whose address for purposes of this publication is Law Office of Suzanne C. Quiñónez, P.A., Post Office Box 130, Middleburg, FL 32050-0130.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections, challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims, in duplicate, with the Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims, in duplicate, with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is: May 12, 2022.

Attorney: Law Office of Suzanne C. Quiñónez, P.A. Post Office Box 130 Middleburg, FL 32050-0130 (904) 282-6022 (904)282-6076-fax pleadings@quinonezlaw.com (SERVICE OF PLEADINGS/ DOCUMENTS ONLY) correspondence@quinonezlaw.com (CORRESPONDENCE) Personal Representative: K. Wayne Kahle c/o Law Office of Suzanne C. Quiñónez, P.A. Post office Box 130 Middleburg, FL 32050-0130

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PUBLIC SALE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 1939 East West Parkway, Fleming Island, FL 32003. June 3, 2022 at 10:00am Deborah Damren- Household Goods The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District The Board of Supervisors of the Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District will hold their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at the Splash Park, located at 1510 Calming Water Drive, Fleming Island, Florida. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for Community Development Districts. This meeting may be continued to a date, time and location to be specified on the record at the meeting without further publication of notice. Anyone wishing to participate in the meeting may refer to the District's website for the latest information, at www.fipcommunitycdd.com/. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (954) 603-0033 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 800-955-8771 (TTY)/800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting is advised that person will 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. Janice Eggleton Davis District Manager

Legal 34911 Published May 12, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No: **808/2019**

Legal Description: **LOT 10 BLK 73 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2710 PG 2032**

Parcel ID No.: 220823-003688-000-00

Opening Bid Amount: \$3,227.31

Physical Address: 7310 LEHIGH DR, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: **VACANT W/SFYI**

Name in which assessed: **KATHERINE SCHROER**

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **22nd day of JUNE, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.** Dated this 3rd day of May, 2022

TARA S. GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Cynthia Horan
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: STEVEN CULLEN, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No: **2142/2019**

Legal Description: **LOT 26 BLK 2 LAKE-SIDE TERRACE AS REC O R 368 PG 554**

Parcel ID No.: **140824-007081-000-00**
Opening Bid Amount: \$7,147.15

Physical Address: **7179 CARDINAL ST, FLORAHOME**

Classification: **MOBILE HOME**

Name in which assessed: **GRACE J PADGETT**

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **22nd day of JUNE, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.** Dated this 3rd day of May, 2022

TARA S. GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Cynthia Horan
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NUMBER: 2022-CP-000202 DIVISION: A

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT MAX CHAMBERLAIN, Deceased. The administration of the estate of ROBERT MAX CHAMBERLAIN, deceased, whose date of death was September 2, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court, for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: 825 North Orange Avenue, P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the Decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE. All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against Decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the court ON OR BEFORE THE DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PE-

RIOD 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 May 12, 2022. Attorney for Personal Representative: ANN H. JANOSKI, ESQUIRE Florida Bar No. 105997 Fisher, Tousey, Leas & Ball 501 Riverside Avenue, Suite 600 Jacksonville, Florida 32202 Telephone: (904) 356-2600 Fax: (904) 355-0233 E-Mail: ahj@fishertousey.com Personal Representative: SHARON L. CHAMBERLAIN 8325 State Road 100 Melrose, Florida, 32666

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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:

CORAL CUSTOM & CO, LLC

Located at 4016 Cormorant Lane, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Middleburg, Florida, 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 3rd day of May, 2022. Owner/corp: Tyler Vaughan

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2021-CA-000235

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, v. CHERYL K. MITCHELL, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that Tara S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, will on June 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. ET, via the online auction at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, F.S., offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Clay County, Florida, to wit: A parcel of land situated in Section 3, Township 4 South, Range 23 East, Clay County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 3; thence on the West line thereof run North 00 degrees 49 minutes 41 seconds West 1,401.25 feet; thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds East 150.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 49 minutes 41 seconds West 620.66 feet; thence North 10 degrees 10 minutes 19 seconds East 42.50 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 10 degrees 10 minutes 19 seconds East 122.25 feet; thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 19 seconds East 384.36 feet; thence South 16 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds West 125.90 feet; thence South 89 degrees 10 minutes 19 seconds West 369.62 feet to said Point of Beginning. Also and together with a 60 foot perpetual easement for ingress and egress as described in Official Records Book 428, Pages 104 to 106 of the public records of said county.

Property Address: 6094 Liana Lee Drive, Jacksonville, FL, 32234 pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style and case number of which is set forth above.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. **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 crtntrp@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.** WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Honorable Court this 2nd day of April, 2022.

Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Taylor Tison
DEPUTY CLERK

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND

CLAY LEGALS

FOR CLAY COUNTY.
CASE NUMBER: 2022-CA-379
DIVISION: B
KATHRYN CARTER,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TOP NOTCH REMODELING, INC.
Defendant.
TO: TOP NOTCH REMODELING, INC.
15 Briar LANE
AVON, CONNECTICUT 06001
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED,
CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an
action to quiet title covering the following
real property described as follows:
Lot 5, Block 91, JACKSONVILLE SOUTH,
UNIT TWO, according to the plat thereof,
as recorded in Plat Book 11, Pages 1 to
11, inclusive, 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, in the above proceeding
with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a
copy thereof upon the Plaintiffs' attorney:
Dale S. Wilson, PA, PO Box 1808, Green
Cove Springs, Florida 32043, Telephone:
(904) 284-5618, Facsimile (904) 284-
5937, within 30 days after the first pub-
lication, otherwise a default may be en-
tered against you for the relief demanded
in the Complaint.
Witness my hand and official seal of this
court on May 2, 2022.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Taylor Tison
Deputy Clerk
In accordance with the American
with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons
needing a special accommodation to
participate in this proceeding should
contact the ADA Coordinator no later
than seven (7) days before the pro-
ceedings, at crtintrp@coj.net or (904)
255-1695. If hearing impaired, please
call 711.

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May 26 and June 1, 2022 in Clay Coun-
ty's Clay Today Newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that SHANE MAT-
THEW LONNEMAN, owner, desiring to
engage in business under the fictitious
name of
MOBILE CONTROLLERS
located at 411 Walnut St, 18640, Green
Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends
to register the said name in Clay county
with the Division of Corporations, Florida
Department of State, pursuant to section
865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

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Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JU-
DICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 10-2022-CP-000165
PROBATE DIVISION: PR-B
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JOHNNIE "DJ" CARTER, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of JOHN-
NIE "DJ" CARTER, deceased, File Num-
ber 10-2022-CP-000165 , is pending in
the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida,
Probate Division, address of which is 825
N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Spring,
FL 32043. The names and address of the
Personal Representatives' attorney is set
forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other
persons, who have claims or demands
against decedent's estate, including
unmatured, contingent or unliquidated
claims, and who have been served a
copy of this Notice, must file their claims
with this court, WITHIN THE LATER OF
THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE
OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS
NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER
THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF
THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and
other persons who have claims or de-
mands against the decedent's estate,
including unmatured, contingent or unli-
quidated claims, must file their claims
with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS
AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLI-
CATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE
FOREVER BARRED.
THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
OF THIS NOTICE IS: May 12, 2022

GARFIELD HURT, ESQUIRE
Attorney for Personal Representative
722 N. Orange Avenue
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Phone: (904) 781-8371
Email: garfieldaw@aol.com
Florida Bar No.: 699454
Personal Representative
JOHNATHAN SEBASTIAN CARTER
3991 Old Jennings Road
Middleburg, FL 32068

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Newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2022-CP-000255

IN RE: ESTATE OF

WILLIAM M. CATE, III,

Deceased

The administration of the estate of WIL-
LIAM M. CATE, III, deceased, whose date

of death was April 4, 2022, is pending in
the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida,
Probate Division, the address of which is
Clay County Circuit Court, Probate Divi-
sion, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green
Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The name
and address of the Personal Representa-
tive 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 WITH-
IN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS
AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLI-
CATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY
(30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SER-
VICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON
THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and
other persons having claims or demands
against decedent's estate must file their
claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3)
MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST
PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS 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 PERI-
ODS 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 May 12, 2022.

Attorney for Personal
Representative:
GERALDINE C. HARTIN
Florida Bar Number: 15201
3168 Highway 17, Suite A
Fleming Island, FL 32003
904-278-3888
geraldine.hartin@gmail.com
Personal Representative:
GARY WAYNE CATE
1342 Long Bay Road
Middleburg, Florida 32068

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2022-CA-000161-
COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC.
F/K/A BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING,
LLC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES,
DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS,
CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL
OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTER-
EST IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM R.
JOHNSTON, et al.,
Defendants.

TO:
THE OAKLEAF VILLAGE PROPERTY
OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Last Known Address: 508 HOLY BERRY
LANE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065
Current Residence Unknown
JO M. JOHNSTON
Last Known Address: 3750 SILVER
BLUFF BLVD 2003, ORANGE PARK, FL
32065
Current Residence Unknown
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES,
DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS,
CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL
OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTER-
EST IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM R.
JOHNSTON

Last Known Address: 3750 SILVER
BLUFF BLVD 2003, ORANGE PARK, FL
32065
Current Residence Unknown
DOUGLAS ARTHUR JOHNSTON
Last Known Address: 3524 PLANTATION
WAYUNIT 400, NAPLES, FL 34112
Current Residence Unknown
BYRANT DONALD JOHNSTON
Last Known Address: 2928 PIN OAKS
ST, SARASOTA, FL 34232
Current Residence Unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for
Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following
described property:

THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED IN CLAY-COUNTY; FLOR-
IDA AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS
("PROPERTY"):

CONDOMINIUM UNIT 2003, COT-
TAGES AT OAKLEAF CONDOMINIUM,
A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO
THE DECLARATION THEREOF, AS
RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS
BOOK 2366, PAGE 1558, AS AMEND-
ED, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are re-
quired to serve a copy of your written de-
fenses, if any, to it, on De Cubas & Lewis,
P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is
P.O. Box 771270, Coral Springs, FL
33077 on or before, a date at least thirty
(30) days after the first publication of this
Notice in the (Please publish in CLAY TO-
DAY) and file the original with the Clerk
of this Court either before service on
Plaintiff's attorney or immediately there-
after; otherwise a default will be entered
against you for the relief demanded in the
complaint.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this

Court this 2nd day of May, 2022.
TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Court
By: Leigh Lacroy
As Deputy Clerk

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Newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public
auction to sell personal property de-
scribed below belonging to those individu-
als listed below at the location indicated:
4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003,
June 3, 2022 at 10:00am

David Burch - household items
Michael Roberts - paintings pictures
memorabilia curio cabinet
The auction will be listed and advertised
on www.storage treasures.com. Purchas-
es must be made with cash only and paid
at the above referenced facility in order to
complete the transaction. Extra Space
Storage may refuse any bid and may re-
scind any purchase up until the winning
bidder takes possession of the personal
property.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
DIVISION: B
FILE NO.: 2021-CP-000367
IN RE: ESTATE OF

MAUREEN H. TANGO,
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of MAU-
REEN H. TANGO, deceased, whose date
of death was March 19, 2021, is pend-
ing in the Circuit Court for Clay County,
Florida, Probate Division, the address
of which is: Clay County Courthouse,
825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove
Springs, Florida 32043. The names and
addresses of the personal representative
and the personal representative's attor-
ney 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 WITH-
IN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER
THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICA-
TION 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 PUBLI-
CATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN
THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN
SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA
PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER
BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PE-
RIOD 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 May 5, 2022.

John David Horne
Fla. Bar No.: 1024078
733 N. Palmetto Av e.
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
(904) 276-5344 – Phone
(904) 284-8725 – Fax
JHorne@DavieLawFirm.com – Primary
Service@DavieLawFirm.com – Second-
ary
Attorney for the Personal Representative
Personal Representative
John L. Tango
1712 Mary Beth Drive
Middleburg, Florida 32068

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NOTICE OF
APPLICATION FOR TAX
DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MICHAEL
J JOHNSON, the holder of the follow-
ing certificate has filed said certificate
for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The
certificate number and year of issuance,
the description of the property, and the
names in which it was assessed are as
follows:
Certificate No: 407/2018

Legal Description: LOT 13 BLK 30 BIG
TREE LAKES SEC B AS REC O R 3157
PG 597

Parcel ID No.: 140823-001437-806-00

Opening Bid Amount: \$2,658.79

Physical Address: 7696 WHITE SANDS
AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL

Name in which assessed: JOSHUA
WISHAM & ELIZABETH N WISHAM

Said property being in the County of Clay,
State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed
according to law, the property described
in such certificate shall be sold to the
highest bidder online on the 22nd day of

JUNE, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.
realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 29th day of APRIL, 2022

TARA S. GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Cythia Horan
Deputy Clerk

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County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF
APPLICATION FOR TAX
DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MICHAEL
J JOHNSON, the holder of the follow-
ing certificate has filed said certificate
for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The
certificate number and year of issuance,
the description of the property, and the
names in which it was assessed are as
follows:
Certificate No: 495/2018

Legal Description: LOT 244 SILVER
SANDS ESTATES AS REC O R 2526
PG 1755

Parcel ID No.: 140823-001540-004-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,295.05

Physical Address: 5847 HILLRIDGE RD,
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL

Name in which assessed: FRANCIS
JEAN PIERRE

Said property being in the County of Clay,
State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed
according to law, the property described
in such certificate shall be sold to the
highest bidder online on the 22nd day of
JUNE, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.
realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 29th day of APRIL, 2022

TARA S. GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Cythia Horan
Deputy Clerk

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County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JU-
DICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER:
2022-CP-000703
DIVISION: B
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NEIL OTIS
SMITH,
Decedent.

CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE
ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified of the administra-
tion of the Estate of NEIL OTIS SMITH,
deceased, whose date of death was Au-
gust 29, 2021, is pending in the Circuit
Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate
Division, the address of which is Office of
Tara S. Green, Clerk of Court and Comp-
troller, Judge William A. Wilkes Judicial
Complex (Clay County Courthouse),
825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove
Springs, Florida 32043. The names and
addresses of the Personal Representa-
tive and the Personal Representative's
attorney are detailed below.

All creditors of the decedent and other
persons having claims or demands
against decedent's Estate on whom a
copy of this Notice are 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 de-
mands 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 FLOR-
IDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL
BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERI-
ODS 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 May 5, 2022.
Personal Representative:
HARRIET JULIENNE HART
7 Drawbridge Drive
Albany, NY 12203
Attorney for Personal Representative:
PAUL H THREATT
Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar Number: 57678
Telephone: (904) 609-9333
Address: 90 Fort Wade Rd, Suite 100
Ponte Vedra, FL 32081
paul@pht-law.com

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEET-
ING AND ELECTION AND ORGANI-
ZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SHADOW-
LAWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given to the public and all
landowners within Shadowlawn Commu-
nity Development District ("District"),
the location of which is generally described
as comprising a parcel or parcels of land
containing approximately 268.82 acres,
generally located south and west of
County Road 218, north of State Road 16
and east of Thunder Road, in Clay Coun-
ty, advising that a meeting of landowners
will be held for the purpose of electing
five (5) persons to the District Board of
Supervisors. Immediately following the
landowners' meeting, there will be con-
vened an organizational meeting of the
Board of Supervisors for the purpose of
considering certain matters of the Board
to include election of certain District of-
ficers, the appointment of staff including,
but not limited to, manager, attorney, and
others as deemed appropriate and to con-
duct any other business that may come
before the Board.
DATE: May 23, 2022
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
PLACE: Reinhold Corporation
1845 Town Center Blvd, Suite 105
Fleming Island, FL 32003

Each landowner may vote in person or
by written proxy. Proxy forms may be
obtained upon request at the office of the
District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt and As-
sociates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite
410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561)
571-0010. At said meeting each land-
owner or his or her proxy shall be entitled
to nominate persons for the position of
Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of
land, or fractional portion thereof, owned
by him or her and located within the Dis-
trict for each person to be elected to the
position of Supervisor. A fraction of an
acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling
the landowner to one vote with respect
thereto. Platted lots shall be counted
individually and rounded up to the near-
est whole acre. The acreage of platted
lots shall not be aggregated for determin-
ing the number of voting units held by a
landowner or a landowner's proxy. At
the landowners' meeting the landown-
ers shall select a person to serve as the
meeting chair and who shall conduct the
meeting.

The landowners' meeting and the Board
of Supervisors meeting are open to the
public and will be conducted in accor-
dance with the provisions of Florida law.
One or both of the meetings may be con-
tinued to a date, time, and place to be
specified on the record at such meeting.
A copy of the agenda for these meetings
may be obtained from District Manager,
Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300
Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton,
Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010, during
normal business hours. There may be an
occasion where one or more supervisors
will participate by speaker telephone.
Any person requiring special accommo-
dations to participate in these meetings
is asked to contact the District Office at
(561)-571-0010 at least forty-eight (48)
hours before the hearing. If you are
hearing or speech impaired, please con-
tact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or
(800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the
District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any de-
cision made by the Board with respect
to any matter considered at the meeting
is advised that such person will need a
record of the proceedings and that accord-
ingly, the person may need to ensure
that a verbatim record of the proceedings
is made, including the testimony and
evidence upon which the appeal is to be
based.
District Manager

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2021 CP 000800
DIVISION: A
IN RE: ESTATE OF
WILLIE SMITH,
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of WIL-
LIE SMITH, deceased, whose date of
death was August 2, 2021, is pending in
the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida,
Probate Division, the address of which is:
Clay County Courthouse, 825 North
Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs,
Florida 32043. The names and addresses
of the personal 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 WITH-
IN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER
THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICA-
TION 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 PUBLI-
CATION 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 PE-
RIOD 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 May 5, 2022.
William H. Davie, II
Fla. Bar No.: 634387

733 N. Palmetto Av e.
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
(904) 276-5344 – Phone
(904) 284-8725 – Fax
BDavie@DavieLawFirm.com – Primary
Service@DavieLawFirm.com – Second-
ary
Attorney for the Personal Representative
Personal Representative
LISA SMITH
3525 Heron Cove Drive
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF
FILE NO.: 2022 CP 000117
DIVISION: B
ANN MARIE SPANGLER,
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of ANN
MARIE SPANGLER, deceased, whose
date of death was March 22, 2021, is
pending in the Circuit Court for Clay
County, Florida, Probate Division, the
address of which is: Clay County Court-
house, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green
Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names
and addresses of the personal representa-
tive 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 WITH-
IN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER
THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICA-
TION 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 PUBLI-
CATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN
THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN
SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA
PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER
BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PE-
RIOD 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 May 5, 2022.

William H. Davie, II
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Service@DavieLawFirm.com – Second-
ary
Attorney for the Personal Representative
Personal Representative
EARL SPANGLER
8998 Grape Creek Road
Walkersville, Maryland 21793

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2022-CP-000259

In re: THE ESTATE OF
PATRICIA ANN NORMAN, also known
as
PAT NORMAN, PATRICIA NORMAN,
PATRICIA OWENS NORMAN and
PATRICIA A. NORMAN,
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Patricia
Ann Norman, also known as Pat Norman,
Patricia Norman, Patricia Owens Nor-
man and Patricia A. Norman, deceased,
whose date of death was March 5, 2022,
and whose Social Security Number is ***-
**-2569, is pending in the Circuit Court
for Clay County, Florida, Probate Divi-
sion, the address of which is Clay County
Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue,
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The
name and address of the personal repre-
sentative and the personal representa-
tive'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 AF-
TER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLI-
CATION 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 de-
mands 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 PE-
RIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM
FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE
AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF
DEATH IS BARRED.

Keystone Heights, Florida 32656

Attorneys for Personal Representative:
TAYLOR ARRUBLA HARDWICK P. A.
By /s/Jennifer T. Arrubla
James J. Taylor Jr.
Florida Bar No. 334057
Jennifer T. Arrubla
Florida Bar No. 98804
420 S. Lawrence Blvd.
Keystone Heights, Florida 32656
Primary Email: Jennifer@tah-law.com
Secondary Email:
Jim@tah-law.com
Kim@tah-law.com
352-473-8088 (telephone)
352-473-8161 (facsimile)

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2022-CA-000157

BONIFERA, LLC,

Plaintiff,
v.
PATRICIA L. LEECAN A/K/A PATRICIA
LEEKAN-BATTLE, et al.,
Defendants

TO: Samuel B. Leecan, Jr.
7844 Gregory Drive, Unit 2103
Jacksonville, FL 32210
Unknown Spouse of Samuel B. Leecan,
Jr.
7844 Gregory Drive, Unit 2103
Jacksonville, FL 32210
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an
action to foreclose a mortgage on the fol-
lowing described property in Clay County,
Florida:
ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND
SITUATED IN CLAY COUNTY, AND
STATE OF FLORIDA BEING KNOWN
AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 9, WELLS
LAKE, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE
PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT
BOOK 25, PAGES 45 TO 48, PUBLIC
RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY.
has been filed against you and you are
required to serve a copy of your written
defenses, if any, on Anthony R. Smith,
Esquire, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose
address is Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 1201 S.
Orlando Ave, Suite 430, Winter Park, FL
32789, on or before thirty (30) days from
the date of first publication of this Notice,
and file the original with the Clerk of this
Court either before service on the Plain-
tiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; or
a default will be entered against you for the
relief demanded in the complaint.
**If you are a person with a disability
who needs any accommodation in order
to participate in this proceeding,
you are entitled, at no cost to you, to
the provision of certain assistance.
Please contact the ADA Coordinator
at (904) 255-1695 or crtintrp@coj.net
at least 7 days before your scheduled
court appearance, or immediately
upon receiving this notification if the
time before the scheduled appearance
is less than 7 days; if you are hearing
or voice impaired, call 711.**
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here-
unto set my hand and affixed the official
seal of said Court at Clay County, Florida,
this 25th day of April, 2022.
Tara S. Green
as Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Leigh Lecroy
DEPUTY CLERK

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JU-
DICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2022-CA-64
HOUSES BY HOWELL, LLC, a Florida
limited liability company;
Plaintiff,
vs.
CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING COR-
PORATION, a foreign
corporation fka Green Tree Financial Ser-
vicing corporation;
Defendant,
TO: CONSECO FINANCE SERVIC-
ING CORPORATION, a foreign corpora-
tion fka Green Tree Financial Servicing
corporation
Principal Place of Business: 1100
Landmark Towers
345 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, MN 55102
Last Known mailing address: 300
Landmark Towers
345 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, MN 55102
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to
quiet title in and to the double-wide mo-
bile home in Clay County, Florida, as
described in Exhibit A attached hereto,
has been filed against you and DITECH
FINANCIAL, LLC, a foreign corporation,
and you are required to serve a copy of
your written defenses, if any, to it on
BERNARD & SCHEMER, ESQUIRE,
Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 480
Busch Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32218,
on or before 2022 or within 35 days of the
first date of publication of this notice, and
file the original with the Clerk of this Court
either before service on Plaintiff's attor-
ney or immediately thereafter; otherwise,
a default will be entered against you for the
relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this
Court on the 25th day of April, 2022.
Clerk of the Court
By: Taylor Tison
EXHIBIT A
LOT 244
A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN
SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH,
RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE
PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOL-

LOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTH-
WEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 34,
AND RUN N 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES
00 SECONDS, E ALONG THE WEST
LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF
2028.65 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST
CORNER OF LOT 227 OF WILKINSON
LAND GROUP, UNRECORDED MAP;
THENCE CONTINUE N 00 DEGREES 15
MINUTES 00 SECONDS E ALONG SAID
WEST LINE, 421.87 FEET; THENCE
RUN S 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 00
SECONDS E, 1606.69 FEET TO THE
POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CON-
TINUE S 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 00
SECONDS E, 175.40 FEET; THENCE
RUN N 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00
SECONDS E, 285.99 FEET TO AN IRON
PIPE; THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES
15 MINUTES 30 SECONDS W, 175.43
FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN
S 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SEC-
ONDS E, 282.95 FEET TO THE POINT
OF BEGINNING.
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN
MOBILE HOME SITUATED THEREON
BEARING THE VIN NO. FLA14611807A
and FLA14611807B.
Parcel ID Number: 340423-000341-102-
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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JU-
DICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2022-CA-256

ANN V. PREVATT,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DONALD D. LAWRENCE, if alive, and if
dead, his unknown spouse, heirs, devi-
sees,
grantees, administrators, creditors, as-
signs, and
all other persons and parties claiming by,
through,
under or against Donald D. Lawrence or
any of the
foregoing unknown persons or parties,
and INEZ
LAWRENCE, if alive, and if dead, her
unknown
spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, admin-
istrators,
creditors, assigns, and all other persons
and parties
claiming by, through, under or against
Inez
Lawrence or any of the foregoing un-
known
persons or parties,
Defendants.
TO: DONALD D. LAWRENCE, if alive,
and if dead, his unknown spouse, heirs,
devisees, grantees, administrators,
creditors, assigns, and all other persons
and parties claiming by, through, under
or against Donald D. Lawrence or any of
the foregoing unknown persons or parties;
and INEZ LAWRENCE, if alive, and if
dead, her unknown spouse, heirs, devi-
sees, grantees, administrators, creditors,
assigns, and all other persons and parties
claiming by, through, under or against
Inez Lawrence or any of the foregoing
unknown persons or parties:
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to
quiet title to the following described prop-
erty in Clay County, Florida:
The Southerly 20 feet of Lot 25, of
NORTH SHORES NO. 2, according to
the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 4,
Page 29, in 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 James J. Taylor
Jr., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is
420 S. Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone
Heights, Florida 32656, on or before 30
days within the first publication, 2022, and
file the original with the clerk of this court
either before service on plaintiff's attorney
or immediately thereafter; otherwise a de-
fault will be entered against you for the re-
lief demanded in the complaint or petition.
Dated on April 25, 2022.
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: Taylor Tison
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2022CA000186
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
DIOGO O. CHAVES A/K/A DIOGO
CHAVES, ET AL.
Defendants
TO: DIOGO O. CHAVES A/K/A DIOGO
CHAVES
Current residence unknown, but whose
last known address was:
316 NW 50TH ST, POMPAÑO BEACH, FL
33064
RAMONA TASCHA CHAVES A/K/A RA-
MONA CHAVES
Current residence unknown, but whose
last known address was:
321 ARIES DR, ORANGE PARK, FL
32073-3208
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to
foreclose a mortgage on the following
property in Clay County, Florida, to-wit:
**THE WEST 25 FEET OF LOT 15 AND
THE EAST 50 FEET OF LOT 16, BLOCK
29, MEADOWBROOK UNIT NINE, A
SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE
PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AT PLAT
BOOK 8, PAGES 35 AND 36, IN THE
PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA.**
has been filed against you and you are
required to serve a copy of your writ-
ten defenses, if any, to it on eXL Legal,

PLLC, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address
is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St.
Petersburg, FL 33716, on or before or
within thirty (30) days after the first pub-
lication 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, ei-
ther before service on Plaintiff's 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
on this 25th day of April, 2022.
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Leigh Lecroy
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 activ-
ity, 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); Crtintrp@coj.net**

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JU-
DICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NUMBER: 2022-CP-229
DIVISION: B
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
SAMMYE B. LONG, Decedent.
The administration of the Estate of SAM-
MYE B. LONG, deceased, whose date of
death was September 13, 2021, is pend-
ing in the Circuit Court for Clay County,
Florida, Probate Division, the address of
which is Office of Tara S. Green, Clerk
of Court and Comptroller, Judge William
A. Wilkes Judicial Complex (Clay County
Courthouse), 825 North Orange Avenue,
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The
names and addresses of the Personal
Representatives and the Personal Rep-
resentative'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 de-
mands 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 FLOR-
IDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL
BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PER-
IODS 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 May 5, 2022.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Nickolas Alexander, Jr.
Florida Bar Number 269522
Attorney for Beneficiary
1532 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 108
Orange Park, Florida 32073
Telephone: (904) 264-0311
Facsimile: (904) 541-4730
E-Mail: nickolas@jalaw.com
Serve: eservice@jalaw.com
Personal Representatives:
WAYNE A. VAINOSKY
3375 Shenandoah Drive West
Orange Park, Florida 32073
DIANE SWINDELL
12463 Muscovy Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32223

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NOTICE OF ACTION

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

**CASE NO.: 2022-CA-000157
BONIFERA, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
PATRICIA L. LEECAN A/K/A PATRICIA
LEEKAN-BATTLE, et al.,
Defendants.**

TO: Samuel B. Leecan, Jr.
7844 Gregory Drive, Unit 2103
Jacksonville, FL 32210
Unknown Spouse of Samuel B. Leecan,
Jr.
7844 Gregory Drive, Unit 2103
Jacksonville, FL 32210
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an
action to foreclose a mortgage on the fol-
lowing described property in Clay County,
Florida:
ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND
SITUATED IN CLAY COUNTY, AND
STATE OF FLORIDA BEING KNOWN
AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 9, WELLS
LAKE, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE
PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT
BOOK 25, PAGES 45 TO 48, PUBLIC
RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY.
has been filed against you and you are
required to serve a copy of your written
defenses, if any, on Anthony R. Smith,
Esquire, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose
address is Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 1201 S.
Orlando Ave, Suite 430, Winter Park, FL
32789, on or before thirty (30) days from
the date of first publication of this Notice,
and file the original with the Clerk of this
Court either before service on the Plain-
tiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; or

a default will be entered against you for
the relief demanded in the complaint.
**If you are a person with a disability
who needs any accommodation in order
to participate in this proceeding,
you are entitled, at no cost to you, to
the provision of certain assistance.
Please contact the ADA Coordinator
at (904) 255-1695 or crtintrp@coj.net
at least 7 days before your scheduled
court appearance, or immediately
upon receiving this notification if the
time before the scheduled appearance
is less than 7 days; if you are hearing
or voice impaired, call 711.**
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here-
unto set my hand and affixed the official
seal of said Court at Clay County, Florida,
this 25th day of April, 2022.
Tara S. Green
as Clerk of the Circuit Court of
Clay County, Florida
By: Leigh Lecroy
DEPUTY CLERK

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
Division:
File Number: 2022-CP-0232
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JOHN WARREN TATRO,
Deceased.
The administration of the estate of John
Warren Tatro, deceased, whose date of
death was March 8, 2022, is pending in
the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida,
Probate Division, the address of which is
825 N Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs,
FL 32043. The names and addresses of
the personal representative and the per-
sonal 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 AF-
TER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLI-
CATION 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 de-
mands against Decedent's estate must
file their claims with this Court WITHIN
3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE
FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
**ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN
THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN
SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA
PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER
BARRED.**
**NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PER-
IODS 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 May 5, 2022.
The Hinson Law Firm, P.A.
Matthew H. Hinson, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 94017
Kathryn E. Stanfill, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 1002636
300 West Adams St., Suite 500
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Phone: 904-527-1700
Fax: 904-355-8088
Matt@HinsonLawPA.com
Kathryn@HinsonLawPA.com
Attorney for Personal Representative
Personal Representative
David Tatro
85 Deberry Ave., Apt. 1021
Orange Park, FL 32073

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **RAJEN-
DRA & SHILA GUPTA** the holder of the
following certificate has filed said certifi-
cate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.
The certificate number and year of issua-
nce, the description of the property, and
the names in which it was assessed are
as follows:
Certificate No: **46/2015**

Legal Description: **PT OF NE1/4 LOT 8
MAXVILLE FARMS AS REC O R 2721
PG 1758 & 2973 PG 132 EX PT REC O R
3025 PG 1939 OR 3631 PG 385**

Parcel ID No.: 100423-000082-003-03

Opening Bid Amount: \$4,852.09

Physical Address: **KELLY LN, JACK-
SONVILLE**

Classification: **VACANT RESIDENTIAL**

Name in which assessed: **WHITE
HOMES & DEVELOPMENT INC**

Said property being in the County of Clay,
State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed
according to law, the property described
in such certificate shall be sold to the
highest bidder online on the **22nd day
of June, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.
realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 25th day of April, 2022

TARA S. GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Cynthia Horan
Deputy Clerk

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ty's Clay Today newspaper.**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **RAJEN-
DRA & SHILA GUPTA** the holder of the
following certificate has filed said certifi-
cate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.
The certificate number and year of issua-
nce, the description of the property, and
the names in which it was assessed are
as follows:
Certificate No: **1742/2015**

Legal Description: **PART OF N1/2 OF
NW1/4 AS REC O R 159 PG 130**

Parcel ID No.: **220524-006507-000-00**
Opening Bid Amount: \$5,593.58

Physical Address: **2644 SAPP LN, MID-
DLEBURG**

Classification: **SINGLE FAMILY**

Name in which assessed: **JOHN SCOTT**
Said property being in the County of Clay,
State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed
according to law, the property described
in such certificate shall be sold to the
highest bidder online on the **22nd day
of June, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.
realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 25th day of April, 2022

TARA S. GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Cynthia Horan
Deputy Clerk

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ty's Clay Today newspaper.**

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRRIAGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10-2022-DR-000325
DIVISION: F

**AIRIN MONIQUE BOYKINS-TOBLER,
Petitioner,**
and

**LORENZO TOBLER JR,
Defendant,**

To: LORENZO TOBLER JR
Last Known Address: 5615 Seaboard Ave
D22, Jacksonville, FL 32244
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for
dissolution of marriage has been filed
against you and that you are required to
serve a copy of your written defenses, if
any, to it on Lorenzo Tobler Jr., whose
address is 5615 Seaboard Ave D22,
Jacksonville, FL 32244 on or before
May 28, 2022 and file the original with
this Clerk of the Court at 825 N. Orange
Ave., Green Cove Spring, FL 32043 be-
fore service on Petitioner or immediately
thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default
may be entered against for the relief to
amend the petition.
Copies of all Court documents in this
case, including orders, are available at
the Clerk of the 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 a Notice of Cur-
rent Address, Florida Supreme Court
approved Form 12.915) Future papers in
this lawsuit will be mailed to the ad-
dressed on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285 Florida Family
Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain
automatic disclosures of documents and
information. Failure to comply with this
can result in sanctions, including dismiss-
al or striking of pleadings.
Date: April 13, 2022
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND ADOPTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 10-2021-DR-2129

Division: F
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION
OF
M.M., C.F. AND M.T.M., Minor Children
TO: Unknown Father
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for
Termination of Parental Rights has been
filed against you. You are required to
serve a copy of your written defenses, if
any, to this action on Amanda Meyer, Es-
quire, of Owenby Law, P.A., Petitioner's
attorney, whose address is 6136 Atlantic
Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32211 on or
before August 30 days from date of first
publication, and file the original with the
clerk of this Court at Clay County Court-
house, 825 North Orange Ave, Green
Cove Springs, Florida 32043, either be-
fore service on Petitioner's attorney or im-
mediately thereafter; otherwise a default
will be entered against you for the relief
demanded in the petition.
The Minor Children are identified as fol-
lows:
Name: _____ Date
of Birth: _____ Place of Birth
M.M. _____ 03/

2017
News, Virginia
C.F. _____ 03
/2017
News, Virginia
M.T.M. _____ 03/2
021
News, Virginia
Newport

Physical Description of Respondent:
Age: Unknown
Race: Unknown
Eye Color: Unknown
Approximate Height: Unknown
Approximate Weight: Unknown
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 strik-
ing of pleadings.
Dated this 30th day of March, 2022.
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Taylor Tison
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **STEVEN
C CULLEN**, the holder of the following
certificate has filed said certificate for a
tax deed to be issued thereon. The cer-
tificate number and year of issuance,
the description of the property, and the
names in which it was assessed are as
follows:
Certificate No: **2009/2020**

Legal Description: **LOT 11 ALAN LAKE
ESTATES AS REC O R 1396 PG 1099**

Parcel ID No.: **090824-006919-670-00**
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,100.53

Physical Address: **4571 ALAN LAKE RD,
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS**

Classification: **VACANT W/SFYI**

Name in which assessed: **GEORGE W
DANIELS C/O MARY H LEE P/R**

Said property being in the County of Clay,
State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed
according to law, the property described
in such certificate shall be sold to the
highest bidder online on the **22nd day
of June, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.
realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 18th day of April, 2022

TARA S. GREEN

Clay County Clerk & Comptroller
Clay County, Florida
By: Jewel Baskin
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **TLGFY,
LLC CAPITAL ONE, N.A. AS COLLAT-
ERAL ASSIGNEE OF TLGFY LLC**, the
holder of the following certificate has filed
said certificate for a tax deed to be issued
thereon. The certificate number and year
of issuance, the description of the prop-
erty, and the names in which it was as-
sessed are as follows:
Certificate No: **1651/2019**

Legal Description: **PT OF NE1/4
S22T5R24 AS REC DB 93 PG 216, 145
PG 286 & 3445 PG 349 EX PT REC O R
1301 PG 751**

Parcel ID No.: **220524-006437-000-00**
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,978.35

Physical Address: **2702 SCULLY RD,
MIDDLEBURG**

Classification: **SINGLE FAMILY**

Name in which assessed: **CHRISTINE
SHREVES ST ET AL CATHERINE AL-
LIBRITTON CLAYTON HARRIS**

Said property being in the County of Clay,
State of Florida.
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according to law, the property described
in such certificate shall be sold to the
highest bidder online on the **22nd day
of June, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.
realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 18th day of April, 2022

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