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M State Champions



JACQUELIN EDWARDS
SCHOOL-RELATED
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Edwards earns state finalist spot

By Nick Blank
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MIDDLEBURG – Clay County has the distinction of having two top-five finalists for the 2022 state Teacher of the Year and School-Related Employee of the Year.

Clay County Teacher of the Year Melissa Matz, who hails from Lakeside Junior High, was notified about two weeks ago. Now it's Clay Hill Elementary's Title I Assistant Jacquelin Edwards' turn to be a top-five candidate in the state.

Both shared the stage of the

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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Assignment: Finished

Middleburg Broncos softball team wins school's first state championship

CLERMONT – The Middleburg girls softball team only had one hit in two games at the Class 5A state championship, but it was a big one. Belle Mincey's fourth-inning home run over the center-field fence at Legends Way Ball Fields was all the Broncos needed to beat Groveland South Lake, 1-0.

Mincey said she was "beyond stoked" after accepting her state championship medal.

The victory ended a whirlwind month for the Broncos. At one time they were 11-11, but they rallied to win their final

nine games, including a 1-0 semifinal victory against Naples on an unearned run by Paige Amato in the second inning.

Mallory Forrester pitched both games for the Broncos. She struck out 10 in the victory against Naples, and she struck out another 10 in the championship.

Her best, however, came in the seventh inning against South Lake when she got coaxed a pop up to Maisy Campbell to escape a bases loaded jam – and to clinch the state title.

The Bronco's motto this year was "Finish the Assignment."

Assignment accomplished.

For more on Middleburg's amazing run, see our complete coverage in Sports, starting at page 25.



MEMORIAL DAY RiverFest

STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Thousands converge to enjoy Memorial Day RiverFest

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Lillian Nepomnyashchiy was part of the record crowd who came to Spring Park for Memorial Day RiverFest on Monday. The Green Cove Springs girl dove head-first into the watermelon-eating contest, while others kept food trucks, vendors and swimming pool alive with activity and celebration. The night ended with massive fireworks show over the St. Johns River. To see the photo essay on RiverFest, visit page 17.

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Dirty jobs

Teen entrepreneur turns garbage cans into thriving business

By Nick Blank
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FLEMING ISLAND – Rather than lounge around, a local teen entrepreneur owns a garbage cleaning business, eschewing the typical high school summer jobs like a life-guard.

Will Hejmanowski, 13, just graduated from Oakleaf Junior High. Last year, the business “Fresh Bins” started on a small scale, but now it’s hit about a dozen customers, using his family golf cart and a power washer he bought. The marketing has extended to flyers, business cards and social media.

Old-fashioned going door to door doesn’t hurt, either.

“Hopefully, when I gain more customers, my friends can go into my place,” he said. The goal is to get a car. Asked where the drive comes from, he said he is the youngest of four.

“It comes from being the youngest of four siblings who are all grown up doing their own thing,” he said. “At my own age, I don’t think there are a lot of jobs hiring.”

Reactions have been positive, he said. But this is a unique idea for something most people don’t want to do. Rather than a driver stopping because they see a child manning a lemonade stand, customers partake due to the need.

As for growth, Will Hejmanowski wants to branch Fresh Bins out of his neighborhood, Eagle Landing, and establish more customers. “Most customers think it’s a great idea during summer,” he said. “They’re grateful.”

Chris Hejmanowski, Will’s father, said the pair were cleaning out bins when Will asked if couldn’t pay someone to do it. His son was referring to himself rather than a hired cleaner.

“(Will) said, “No, I mean could I do this,” Chris Hejmanowski said.



Teens can work retail and or deliver food, the elder Hejmanowski said, and those jobs are constructive. However, entrepreneurship requires marketing, resourcefulness and managing overhead. More often than not, the country is bombarded with tales of youth gone wrong, he said.

“Most have no idea what happens behind the counter,” Chris Hejmanowski said. “It’s viable and not an expensive endeavor on (Will’s) part. My kids always had summer jobs. Will has had a chance to see all that.”

It’s \$10 to clean a single bin; \$15 for two bins. The business provides its garbage bags for clean-up, pressure washer and cleaning supplies. Customers need only provide a hose and water source. Email WillHej@icloud.com for more information.

As for Will Hejmanowski, he plans to attend his freshman year at Bishop John J. Snyder High School in Jacksonville next year. Now, it’s time to get to work, he said.

“I think me doing this is a smart idea over the summer,” he said.

What’s happening in Tallahassee

Monthly Legislative update by Florida Rep. Sam Garrison

By Rep. Sam Garrison
Republican, District 18

Each month, Rep. Sam Garrison, whose District 18 includes Clay County, will provide updates on proposed and passed bills that affect the county.

TALLAHASSEE – Last week, the legislature returned to Tallahassee for a special session to address property insurance. Floridians have seen steep premium increases this year and many property insurers are leaving the state altogether.



Sam Garrison

Here are five things to know about Senate Bill 2D which was passed and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis last week:

- Creates a Reinsurance to Assist Policyholders program and requires insurers to pass along any associated savings to policyholders.
- Insurance companies can no longer refuse to write or renew policies solely because of a roof’s age on homes with roofs that are less than 15 years old or have at least five more years of useful life.
- Policyholders must be provided a

reasonable explanation in writing for why claims are paid, denied, or partially denied.

- Insurers may provide an optional cheaper roof deductible to help combat fraudulent roof claims that drive up rates for everyone.

- Costs from frivolous lawsuits are significantly reduced by limiting the situations where lawyers can receive excessive attorney fees.

The legislature also unanimously passed a major condominium safety reform bill last week. Senate Bill 4D was a direct response to the tragic building collapse in Surfside and has already been signed by Gov. DeSantis. It creates a new mandatory statewide structural inspection program for large condo buildings located within three miles of the coast and prevents condo associations from waiving reserves for essential repairs.

Lastly, remember that Florida’s hurricane season began on June 1. Now is the time to take advantage of the Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday which runs through Friday, June 10th. The program provides \$25.6 million in annual tax relief for Floridians and for the first time, this year includes items needed to safely evacuate household pets.

As always, thank you for the honor of representing Clay County in the Florida House.

Community Briefs

Ascension St. Vincent’s, Clay recreation to host Summer Youth Camp in June

MIDDLEBURG – Ascension St. Vincent’s and Clay Park and Recreation Department will offer a Summer Youth Program for children 6-through-12 at the Hunter-Douglas Community Center from June 20-24. The primary focus is to identify and serve youth from low-income or financially struggling families residing in the county. The group also has partnered with Clay Library, Clay UF Home Extension, Clay Sheriff Community Affairs and Clay Behavioral Center.

Camp activities will consist of STEM, hands-on education/preparation of daily nutrition food items, exercise games,

CPR sessions, addressing self-esteem and peer respect, bullying, protective techniques for an active school shooting and social media safety. The final day will close out with fun day picnic and water games and much more. Applications can be obtained by emailing willie.roberts@ascension.org or Clay Park and Recreation Department’s Justin Pierce-Director. The application deadline is June 13. Snacks will be provided. Children will need to have breakfast before arriving at camp. The park is located at 4393 Longmire Road off Blanding Boulevard in Middleburg. The camp will operate from 8:15 a.m. to noon. On June 25, participants will be offered Youth School and Sports physicals from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at no charge.

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Congress takes field trip to visit 'ground zero' for new elections laws

By Renzo Downey
For FloridaPolitics.com

A congressional panel studying voter turnout traveled to Tallahassee on Wednesday, visiting ground zero for Florida's recently enacted election laws that Democrats have likened to voter suppression.

The U.S. House Elections Subcommittee, chaired by North Carolina Democratic U.S. Rep. G. K. Butterfield, staged the field trip to spotlight ballot access in Florida, where Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis has signed a pair of election laws Democrats say will intimidate voters and make it harder to cast a ballot. Within one of the measures, signed exactly a month ago, is a provision creating a first-of-its-kind election crimes investigation office.

Butterfield called the creation of the Office of Election Crimes and Security within the Florida Department of State a troubling and disappointing development. There is no evidence of election fraud and crimes, he suggested, and establishing election police would politicize the election process more than necessary.

The hearing, held mere blocks from the Florida Department of State's offices, was part of the subcommittee's tour of U.S. states and their election laws. The subcommittee has visited Democratic-led New Mexico and Republican-led Texas in past hearings.

It also comes as Florida's 2021 election law winds its way through the federal courts. Earlier this month, a three-judge panel with the 11th U.S. Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals sided with the state to temporarily reinstate portions of the law, which a lower court had deemed unconstitutional.

Some voting rights advocates and Democrats, including President Joe Biden, have likened the wave of Republican-driven election laws to "Jim Crow 2.0." Witnesses during the hearing, too, noted Florida's history of disenfranchising Black voters.

Wisconsin U.S. Rep. Bryan Steil, the ranking Republican member of the subcommittee suggested the hearing could've been held just 17 miles to the north in Georgia, which saw record voter turnout during their Primary Election on Tuesday.

"The only state I can think would be better to be in today would be Georgia, where we can celebrate record voter turnout despite all the claims made on the left of attempts to limit voter access," Steil said. "What we actually saw yesterday in Georgia was record voter turnout, both on the Democrat and on the Republican side despite there (not) even being a competi-

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OPINIONS



Both sides of gun control argument must meet in the middle to stop mass shootings

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

"Guns don't kill people. People do."
"Guns don't kill people. People who like guns kill people."

"Drunk driving – blame the person. Stabbing – blame the person. Arson – blame the person. Shooting – blame the gun."

"If we outlaw guns, only criminals will have guns."

"The problem isn't guns. It's hearts without God and homes without discipline."

"We will never create enough laws to control evil. Evil does not obey laws."

"Protect kids, not guns."

"After 9-11 we didn't ban planes. We secured the cockpits. Secure the schools."

"The problem is not guns. It's hearts without God, homes without discipline, schools without prayer and courtrooms without justice."

"I carry a gun because a cop is too heavy."

"The semi-automatic has been around for about 100 years – way before mass shootings were in vogue."

"Arms are for hugging. Protect kids, not guns."

By now, you've heard all of these talking points and responses to the national epidemic of mass shootings.



Don Coble

Whether you're on the side of throwing all guns into a trash compactor, or someone who won't release the grip of your AR-15 until they pull it from your dead fingers or somebody in the middle, unfortunately, every one of these responses rings true.

They tend to dig all sides to dig a little deeper into their conviction. They stand by words prepared for what now seems to be 100 tragedies ago. While both sides offer a compelling argument, neither offers a solution.

That's the problem with facing a serious challenge with little more than a marketing campaign. Stopping mass shootings will take a lot more than clever billboards and snapping social media posts. It will take work. It will take change. It will take us.

It's time for zealots on both sides of the problem to leave their agendas behind before they sit at the table of civil conservation because there isn't a single solution. A complex threat needs everyone to face serious questions and work toward a reasonable outcome.

We owe our children that much.

The only way we can find common ground is to understand our response has to be multi-pronged. Access to guns and ammunition, mental health, background checks, a deterioration of the home and social values and virtual community outlets like Facebook and Twitter are areas that all need to be addressed.

Mass shootings aren't the result of a single issue. They're the result in the erosion of the principles that used to

SEE CONTROL, 5

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.

Pinniped: (PIN-ah-pud) a noun that means a carnivorous mammal like a seal or walrus.

"Don Henry thinks all types of pinnipeds are adorable, although he knows they can be dangerous."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2017

- A stretch of Henley Road near the Black Creek bridge remains closed to southbound traffic for nearly two months during a road-widening project that adds to massive traffic backups during rush hours.

- Memorial Day is remembered at Camp Blanding to honor those who've died while serving in the country's armed services.

- Robert Tyson, a Fleming Island physician, joined Harry Tyson of St. Augustine to win first place in the VIP and Friends Division of the Wolfson Children's Hospital Bass Tournament.

10 years ago, 2012

- High winds and heavy rain from Tropical Storm Beryl forced the cancellation of the 25th Annual Concert on the Green.

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested husband and wife Carrol Lee and Lydia Miranda Fenton for child abuse for causing the permanent disfigurement of their son, who was younger than 10.

- Oakleaf Junior High track coach and physical education teacher Mike Ford announces he was leaving the school to move with his family to Georgia.

20 years ago, 2002

- Residents express frustration about not getting answers from the Clay County Planning Department and Branan Field Specific Area Planning Committee on what they are allowed to do with their properties as the area braces for new development.

- The James Boys, a group of volunteer carpenters to make home repairs and handicap ramps, earn the top prize of \$10,000 from the Reinhold Community Services Award.

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Opinions ...

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Control

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keep us safe.

The problem with shootings is we only seem to pay attention when it happens at a school. If you watch local media, you know shootings are practically a daily occurrence in the Westside of Jacksonville. There were 21 who lost their lives to a madman last week at the Texas elementary school. There were 49 murders in Chicago last April.

Whether it's in a classroom or on the city streets, the challenges are the same: get the guns away from people who shouldn't have them.

There is no sense to argue things that won't change. Americans will never be forced to give up their guns. And they shouldn't.

At the same time, there's no reason to own an AK-47 or AR-15. Those weapons were made for one thing – mass destruction.

Handguns, in the right hands, are a different thing. Those are reasonable forms of protection. The same goes for shotguns. I'm not giving up mine.

And some other things should be considered, like:

- Any gun sold should include a three-day cooling-off period for a background check.
- There should be a national database established for anyone whose been evaluated or suspected of harboring violent behavior. We already do it with sex offenders.
- There also should be a database that tracks the amount of ammunition purchased by a single gun owner. When you see huge numbers, it should set off alarms. The lowlife in Texas bought more than 1,600 rounds in one day. *Ding. Ding. Ding.*
- We need to overhaul how we deal with people who display signs of being mentally unstable, and there needs to be an easier way to report suspicions. Then, law enforcement must check it out.
- Social media platforms need to be more responsible with what's allowed on

We have to win back the hearts, minds and respect of our children. Too many are wandering the streets and back allies of the internet to fill the voids in their lives.

their public forums and quickly inform law enforcement of troubling posts. It's amazing how fast I can have something deleted if I tell a crude joke. And yet, some spend days online spewing their hate and their intentions of causing considerable harm.

- As a community, we must work tirelessly to rebuild the family unit. Too many of our children no longer understand the concepts of right and wrong. They no longer fear or respect consequences. Too many parents, especially in single-parent homes, try harder to be a friend instead of a parent. You can be both. But remember, the most important role you will ever have is being a parent. Sometimes the word "no" means I love you more than "yes."

- We have to win back the hearts, minds and respect of our children. Too many are wandering the streets and back allies of the internet to fill the voids in their lives.

- Being a parent also means being a part of your children's lives. Talk to them. Know their friends. Be involved. And most important, don't be blinded when there's an obvious need for help. Seeing a child in treatment is a lot less embarrassing than having the national media camped in your front yard after a mass shooting.

There is a compromise – and, hopefully, positive results – in the middle of the argument, But that means both sides of the gun control issue must move to find common ground. We must bring reasonable ideas to the bargaining table, not marketing slogans.

If not, the carnage is certain to continue.

- The Spring Football Jamboree is scheduled at Clay High, with Pierson Taylor and Jacksonville Episcopal participating.

40 years ago, 1982

- James Jett, a lieutenant with the Orange Park Police Department, announces his candidacy for District 4 on the Board of County Commission.

- The school board files a lawsuit on the constitutionality of non-partisan elections.

- Negotiations for teacher salaries are expected to result in starting pay that's less than the state's average.

Election

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tive Democratic Primary. I'd say that's success."

The House passed the "For the People Act" more than a year ago. The Senate has not taken up the measure, largely because Democrats lack the support to break a filibuster on the measure.

Steil criticized Democrats' proposed federal standards for protection for the right to vote. Local rules are better suited to address election concerns, he added.

Democrats used their panel of witnesses to hammer against the need for stricter voting laws at the state level. Tallahassee Democratic U.S. Rep. Al Lawson, who played as a host for the hearing, asked All Voting Is Local Florida State Director Brad Ashwell whether the election police unit would open the door to voter intimidation and harassment.

Republican U.S. Rep. Kat Cammack, who represents Clay County, said the recent changes to Florida's voting laws have made the Sunshine State the gold standard in election administration.

"This should not be a Republican versus Democrat issue. This is an American issue," Cammack said. "I would hope that, instead of chasing political agendas, we can chase truth and ... bolster electoral security so that everyone goes to the ballot box knowing that their vote is being counted as cast and intended."

Republicans largely leaned on testimony from Seminole County Supervisor of Elections Chris Anderson.

"In order to remain at the tip of the spear in elections, insecurity and administration, we have to take a proactive response and I believe so in the state of Florida is doing," Anderson said.

Questions about election integrity would be "put to bed" if the nation followed Florida's election model, said Miami Republican U.S. Rep. Carlos Giménez, who was Mayor of Miami-Dade County during the 2020 election.

"Frankly, much of the rhetoric about access and somehow we're restricting voting, it's just that, it's rhetoric. And actually, it runs counter to what this committee wants to do, which is to create confidence in our election system," Giménez said. "I can tell you, with 100% accuracy, there is confidence in Florida state's election system."

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Orator's podium
- 5. UK-Netherlands gas pipeline
- 8. Partner to 'oohs'
- 12. African antelope
- 14. Indigenous Thai person
- 15. Monetary unit of Angola
- 16. Becomes less intense
- 18. Insurance mascot
- 19. Tech hub ___ Alto
- 20. Actress Tomei
- 21. Airborne (abbr.)
- 22. Type of smart watch
- 23. Natives
- 26. Incompetent person
- 30. Rare Hawaiian geese
- 31. Unspoken relationships
- 32. Passports and licenses are two
- 33. Claw
- 34. Status quo
- 39. Mimic
- 42. Fur-lined cloak
- 44. Ancient foreigner
- 46. In an angry way
- 47. Ill-intentioned
- 49. Monetary unit of Serbia
- 50. S. American plant

51. One or the other

- 56. An alias for Thor
- 57. Gratuity
- 58. In a painful way
- 59. French commune
- 60. Promotional materials
- 61. Greek city
- 62. Assistant
- 63. Confederate general
- 64. Former NJ governor

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used by gymnasts
- 2. 'Luther' actor Idris
- 3. Broad volcanic crater
- 4. Not for
- 5. Blur
- 6. Tots
- 7. Acted leisurely
- 8. About the Alps
- 9. Gets out of bed
- 10. Town in 'The Iliad'
- 11. Welsh given name
- 13. Remove salt
- 17. Calvary sword
- 24. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- 25. Keeps a house cozy

- 26. Ballplayer's accessory
- 27. Southwestern Russian city
- 28. Pro sports league
- 29. Congress investigative body (abbr.)
- 35. Stop standing
- 36. Utilize
- 37. Sign language
- 38. Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
- 40. Being of central importance
- 41. Ruin environment
- 42. Dessert dish
- 43. Sea eagles
- 44. Fertilized
- 45. Jerry's friend Benes
- 47. Indian river
- 48. Pass into a specified state or condition
- 49. Nocturnal rodent
- 52. A way to travel
- 53. Iron-containing compound
- 54. Ancient Greek City
- 55. NFL signal caller Matt

History

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- The City of Keystone Heights said it may use eminent domain to purchase 15 acres of land from a local businessman to build a wastewater plant, maintenance yard and skateboard park.

30 years ago, 1992

- The school board votes 4-1 to end bus service to eight privately-owned day care centers.

- Organizers of Ham Jam announce this year's event will be held on the property owned by Phillip Spencer on Carter-Spencer Road in Middleburg.

Veterans, Orange Park officials and residents honor those lost

By Nick Blank
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ORANGE PARK – Fifteen minutes was all that was needed to convey the importance and history of Memorial Day at an emotionally-charged ceremony Monday at Magnolia Cemetery.

Hosted by the town of Orange Park, Mayor Randy Anderson said the festivities would be brief due to roasting heat.

Denise Torrefranca, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5968 Commander, emphasized the history of Memorial Day. It's a topic worth researching, she said.

In Columbus, Georgia, shortly after the Civil War concluded, Mary Ann Williams wrote a letter to a local paper to spur Southern residents to remember veterans who were killed. Williams advocated for an annual holiday. The letter was widely

circulated even in the north, Torrefranca said.

Williams' letter resonates today, Torrefranca said.

"They didn't get to come back home. They didn't get to be with children and their families," Torrefranca said. "At the V.F.W., we are committed to those who have paid the ultimate price and we're also committed to serving the veterans alive today."

She later read Gen. John A. Logan's order from 1868 that designated the holiday.

"(Memorial Day) makes me reflect on those who served with me who didn't get to come home. It makes me realize how grateful I am as an American citizen that we have that," Torrefranca said after the ceremony. "It is very important that we don't forget to do that ... It's important because this is what America was founded on."



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At Orange Park's Memorial Day ceremony, David Tarkington provided two prayers.

Orange Park Fire Department Chaplain David Tarkington gave opening and closing invocations. His second prayer focused on remembering veterans interred not only in Magnolia Cemetery but around the nation. He urged that the audience see Memorial Day as more than a three-day weekend.

"Take time to think on veterans' sacrifices, Tarkington asked the crowd of about 40 people. "May we enjoy our freedoms and have fun with our families, enjoy our time whether it's at a barbeque or the beach or an event," Tarkington said. "But Lord, may we never take for granted that the freedoms that we have to allow us to experience those times are not freedoms that come without a price. The freedom is not free."

Afterward, the sun leapt over the trees like Anderson warned and most of the crowd dispersed.

Torrefranca was greeted by 22-year U.S. Navy veteran Greg Donaldson. Having lost friends in the service, the day is meaningful to him. He said his wife's family also had a strong background in the armed forces. He recalled an emotional retirement ceremony.

"I didn't want to give it up," he said.

Memorial Day is special because the military constitutes a small population of the country and most people don't know what the branches do, he said.

"I think it's a nice recognition day for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice," Donaldson said.



The crowd rises for the National Anthem at the town of Orange Park's Memorial Day ceremony Monday morning.



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Obituaries

Yvonne Nolan

Yvonne M. Nolan, 85, of Orange Park, FL passed away on May 28, 2022.

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



Harriet Cochran

A longtime resident of Orange Park, Florida, Harriet Elizabeth Cochran, 88, passed away at the Houston Medical Center in Warner Robins, Georgia, on Sunday, May 29, 2022.

Harriet was born in Everett, Massachusetts, on June 28, 1933. She was the daughter of the late Michael and Harriet Pannese. A proud Italian "ball of fire" and a military wife, Harriet traveled the world. She lived in several



Harriet Cochran

places throughout her life, including Italy. Though Harriet was feisty, she loved people dearly. Harriet never met a stranger and knew many people, all were considered friends.

She was a foster parent and instilled into her family the importance of being thoughtful and kind to everyone. Harriet also liked playing games, and especially enjoyed cards and dice. She loved going to the Casino and was a "Casino Queen."

Her fierce love and giving spirit will be deeply missed. Her memory will be cherished by her children, Linda White (Larry) of Florida; J.D. Cochran (Jeri) of Alabama; Michael Cochran (Donna) and Brenda Ford (Steve), all of Florida; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; eight siblings; and a host of beloved extended family members and friends.

At the family's request, all services held will be private. Learn about the measures McCullough Funeral Home is taking to ensure the health and safety of our guests at mcculloughfh.com.

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Joseph Keiper Groff

Joseph Keiper Groff, Sr "Keip" passed away peacefully on May 29, 2022 exactly three weeks after his wife of 73 years. Keip was born in Quarryville, Pa on July 22, 1926, the youngest child of the Rev. Dr. Addison H. Groff, and Rebecca Keiper Groff. Keip grew up in Boonesboro, Md, and graduated from City College High school in Baltimore, MD.

Keiper graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa where he met Margaret Elizabeth Miller, a nursing student at St. Joseph's Hospital. They were married in 1949. Keip joined the Army Air Corps, but his military service was brief as the war ended.



Joseph Keiper Groff

The family joined Grace Episcopal Church, and Keip was active in the community. Keiper's career brought the family to Orange Park in 1966, when he took a job with the Painter's Poultry Company in Jacksonville. He then retired from what was to become Cargill Farms.

Keiper enjoyed golf, traveling, music, and his beautiful garden where he was always putting. "Poppy" loved to keep his swimming pool in perfect condition for the many grandchildren, and great grandchildren who spent time there diving and splashing with delight. Keip always said, "Life was a great experience, I would have hated to have missed it."

Keiper is survived by his children, Stephen, Rebecca, and Joseph along with 9 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Keiper and Margaret will be held at 11:00 am on June 4 at Grace Episcopal Church 245 Kingsley Ave. Orange Park.

Donations may be made in Keiper's name to the Nature conservancy www.nature.org.

Residents encouraged to take advantage of tax relief ahead of hurricane season

TALLAHASSEE – Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Florida Division of Emergency Management encourage Floridians to purchase disaster preparedness items during Florida's Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday through June 10.

HB 7071, the largest tax relief package in Florida's history, was signed into law by Governor DeSantis and extended the Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday from 10 days to 14 days. This year, household pet supplies such as pet food, leashes, collars, beds and portable kennels are also included in the list of items eligible to be purchased tax-free.

Floridians are expected to save \$25.6 million on the purchase of tax-free items such as flashlights, radios, tarps, batteries and fire extinguishers. This is more than double compared to the \$10.5 million Floridians saved during the 2021 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday.

"Preparing for hurricanes and other natural disasters can be costly, especially with ongoing inflation continuing to impact our nation," DeSantis said. "This year, the Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday has been extended to a full two weeks to ensure Floridians are receiving the maximum amount of savings and have enough time to prepare for hurricane season."

"Keeping a fully stocked disaster supply kit with at least 7 days of supplies for each family member, including pets, is an essential component of disaster preparedness," said FDEM Director Kevin Guthrie. "I encourage all residents to take advantage of the extended Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday and begin their hurricane season preparation efforts before a storm threatens our State."

Qualifying disaster preparedness supplies include:

- Pet leashes, collars, muzzles and pads costing \$20 or less;
- Flashlights, lanterns and pet beds costing \$40 or less;
- Batteries and weather radios costing \$50 or less;
- Smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers costing \$70 or less;
- Tarps and portable pet kennels costing \$100 or less; and
- Generators costing \$1,000 or less.

A full list of eligible tax-free items is available at floridarevenue.com.

In addition to the Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, Floridians are also encouraged to take advantage of other low-cost disaster preparedness activities, including:

Know Your Home, Know Your Zone

Each year it's important for residents to know if they live in an evacuation zone, a low-lying, flood-prone area, a mobile home or an unsafe structure during hurricane season. It is also very important for residents to know their home and its ability to withstand strong winds and heavy rain. Since many zones have changed in Clay County, residents are encouraged to visit the Division of Emergency Management's tab at claycountygov.com.

Make a Plan

Every household should have a disaster plan specific to the needs of their household. Every individual in the household should assist in developing the emergency plan and understand the plan.

Create a List of Important Items and Documents

During a storm, residents may need to evacuate quickly. Creating a list of important items and documents before a storm threatens the state will ensure residents will not forget important items during an evacuation.

Review Insurance Policies

Residents should review their insurance policies prior to hurricane season to ensure they have enough coverage to fully recover from potential storm damages.

Purchase Nonperishable Items at Grocery Stores

During grocery trips, residents are encouraged to pick up extra nonperishable items, such as canned fruits and vegetables, that can be included in their disaster supply kit to avoid last-minute crowds and shortages prior to a disaster.

Floridians can use the Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday as an opportunity to stock up their disaster supply kits with enough supplies to last every individual and pet in the household for at least seven days. Floridians can find a full disaster supply kit checklist here.

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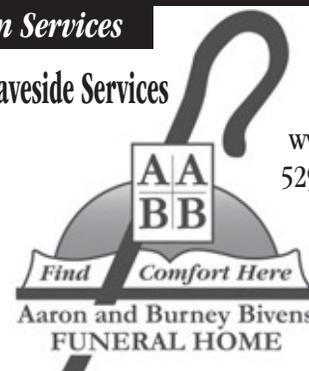


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Salvation Army's School of Performing Arts takes the spotlight

For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – The Clay County Salvation Army recently held its Spring concert. This was a celebration for the students, parents and community. The program was offered through a local donation making the entire program free and available to children with a wish to become familiar with instruments and dance basics and have the opportunity to learn.

The School of Performing Arts exists to do many things: expose young people to a quality of music education and to encourage a love of the arts through engaging and innovative instruction; introduce children and parents to the Kingdom of God through the avenue of music; and, acknowledge it is a gift from God to be used for His glory

To further the mission of The Salvation Army in Clay County by preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and meeting human need in His name without discrimination.

(Right) Piano included: (back, from left) Logan Nguyen, Instructor Ronald Touchton, Lilianna Green, Harper Barone, Munira Anther and Joeden Pierre; and, (front) Sage Grabb, Shane Espaldon, Dylan Grabb, Kario Parrish, Abigail Balangué and Salome Menendez.



Percussion included: (back, from left) DJ Barrera, instructor Danny Flanagan, Abigail Hines, Joseph Spain and Darren Beechum; (middle row) Israel Francois, Joseph Collins, Ryan Spain, Jovani Diaz and Keenan Williams-Castillo; and, (front) Nathan Adona, Elias Menendez, Sebastian Garcia and William Baldwin.



Dance included: (back, from left) Temperance Humphreys, Terah Lealie, Kira Roberts and Instructor Wendi Cloud; (middle) Rachellah McKinnon, Yumi Grabb, Aaliyah Allen, Gracie Washington, Isabella Pay, Jeanette-Michelle White, Maria Collins and Rachel Stoehr; and, Cennedy Howard, Serenity Howard, Boatran Lee, Olivia Baldwin, Milania Diaz and Grace Lubin.



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Veterans honored as military appreciation luncheon returns

By Nick Blank
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ORANGE PARK – Naval Air Station Jacksonville Commander Jeffrey Hill relayed a message of togetherness and honoring sacrifices to a packed crowd at Clay County's Military Appreciation Luncheon last week.

After a two year wait, the event returned to Thrasher-Horne Center. Every branch was represented.

Hill began by mentioning the loss of former NAS Jacksonville Commander Bob Sanders, calling him a pillar in the community. He then recognized the dozens of veterans in attendance. Hill said it's no small task to swear to defend a country.

"To all the service members, thanks for coming out and getting dressed up," Hill said. "I do want to point out that this community, more so than what you'll find anywhere, supports everything that you do."

He joked about re-writing his speech several times and told servicemembers, sponsors and government officials present that they are an integral part of the country.

"... Everybody in this county is an integral part of this nation," he said. "Those of us in uniform can't do what we do without your support."

Memorial Day was more than just a day off, Hill added. It is specifically for those who died defending the country, he said, which some people may not know. He asked the crowd to take a short time to think on what the weekend is about.

"It's not about the people who serve, it's about the people who aren't here," Hill said.

When Hill was nearly finished with his speech with a heart-felt closer, the micro-

phone was knocked loose and the crowd, and Hill, erupted in laughter.

"I was really coming to a crescendo there ... It was like Showtime at the Apollo," Hill laughed, though he continued, "... Take that step further. Grab your kids, your grandkids. Grab your friends. Make sure they understand what these incredible giants did for the nation and what they did for them."

The event began with Military Appreciation Committee Chairman and Master of Ceremonies David King, whose father fought in World War II. King said his father was humble.

"He would always say, 'Son, each of those medals was just the result of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.' And he would add, 'I was merely doing my job,'" King said. "Isn't that an amazing attitude so endemic, so typical of all of those who serve our country in uniform?"

King spoke of the sacrifices on the "steel tombs" of Pearl Harbor's lost ships and the numerous missing and killed in action U.S. service members across the globe. King said service members and families supporting service members were the reason the crowd could attend the event.

"That warrior knows that back home they are loved, they are missed and their return is anxiously awaited," King said.

The event began with HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital Chaplain and U.S. Air Force veteran Reese Edwards delivering an invocation and asking for a moment of silence for the victims of the Uvalde, Texas school shooting. A table of World War II veterans were later recognized and Thrasher-Horne Executive Director and U.S. Coast



STAFF PHOTOS BY NICK BLANK

At last week's Military Appreciation Luncheon, service members were honored.



Naval Air Station Jacksonville Commander Jeffrey Hill addresses a crowd with several branches present at the Military Appreciation Luncheon last week.

Guard veteran Bob Olson honored POW-MIA service members.

"We are compelled to never forget, while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others that have endured and may still be enduring the agonies of pain, deprivation and internment," Olson said.

As the crowd whittled down and stepped out into the heat, sailors Christoria Riley and Anita Holliday reflected on the ceremony. Both called the event touching, and meaningful to see older veterans honored.

Riley said events like last week are a reason why she joined the armed forces.

"It is very reassuring to see how many companies invest into the military," Riley said. "Sometimes, when you're out there on deployment, we literally just have each other. We don't know if the outside world is thinking about us. So just to hear some of the speakers continue to thank us, that means a lot."

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Two government officials honored as Home Rule Heroes

By Nick Blank
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CLAY COUNTY – Local municipalities and state legislators contest home rule-related issues on numerous fronts whether it's gardening, vacation rentals or how taxes can be collected.

Two local officials – Orange Park Town Manager Sarah Campbell and Green Cove Springs City Manager Steve Kennedy – were honored as Home Rule Heroes by the Florida League of Cities. There were more than 150 elected or non-elected honorees statewide.

Campbell was hired as town clerk in 2009 before being elevated to assistant town manager in 2015. Two years later, she was appointed to the town's top job. She said she was honored by the League's designation. Regarding the independence of cities, Campbell said historically governments had to protect their citizens with walls and defenses, and there are parallels to today.

"... I like to think that we offer the same protections. Each community is dif-

ferent," Campbell said. "We need flexibility to build a community that is reflective of the people who chose to live here."

She said Home Rule should make towns and cities able to make laws without interference. Home Rule is a difficult proposition, however, because some cities abuse their power and that forces the Legislature to act.

"To me, Home Rule means that Orange Park has wide latitude to create laws and policies for the benefit of our citizens, without interference from the state," she said.

Campbell said city and town managers must be apolitical, though they often have partnerships with their state counterparts.

"We are proud to have built great relationships with our legislators and their staff," she added. "I feel comfortable reaching out to any legislator in order to communicate the council's position on proposed legislation."

Kennedy was appointed by Green Cove Springs council members in 2018 after a lengthy administrative and city manager



Steve Kennedy



Sarah Campbell

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– Sarah Campbell

career based in Georgia.

Kennedy said his recognition for being engaged with state and federal representatives are part of his regular job. He cautioned against "broad brush" governing, saying that what works for one community might not work for another.

"If we do not have the issues that Miami is dealing with, why should the state get involved with a solution and apply it statewide? Let Miami, through the Home Rule process, legislate the remedy for the issues they are facing," Kennedy remarked. "Broad brush legislation at the state level that impacts cities, towns and counties is dangerous and could have financial consequences that adversely impact the local governments."

Local issues should be handled at the local level through locally-applied legislation, Kennedy said. He said all government issues were inherently political.

It is critical, Kennedy said, that municipalities establish their needs, observe events at the state level and advocate for those needs.

"While engaging in the legislative pro-

cess and trying to influence the decisions of legislators, it is more important that we, as a city, identify our goals, priorities and direction for Green Cove Springs and then we can all monitor legislative activities to make sure that legislation does not get approved that will impact our goals, priorities and direction," he said.

The Florida League of Cities asked its members to contact the Legislature and provide local perspectives on an issue. Casey Cook, the organization's Director of Legislative Affairs, said the crop of honorees this year were deserving.

"We had a record number of Home Rule Heroes this year, which shows the dedication and impact of local officials on behalf of their residents and businesses in protecting local decision-making," Cook said. "These local officials were constantly engaged and actively advocating for their communities throughout the 2022 Legislative Session. They're heroes for Home Rule and we thank them for their efforts."

According to the Florida League of Cities, the winners will be presented their awards at a future date.

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CCSO's Cotchaleovitch graduates from FDLE leadership program

The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute recently announce the graduation of the 24th class of the Senior Leadership Program at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement today. Clay County Sheriff's Office Chief of Investigation's Thomas Cotchaleovitch was one of the 29 graduates who represent criminal justice agencies from across the state.

The goal of the Senior Leadership

Program is to prepare Florida's criminal justice leadership for the challenging and changing demands of the future. Participants met for seven weeks over a 10-month period.

They studied the trends and events that will challenge criminal justice professionals and the state in the new millennium and examined the leadership skills necessary to create and lead the changes that lie ahead.

The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute was established in 1990 by the Florida Legislature to address the need for an innovative and multi-faceted approach to the education and training of criminal justice professionals.

The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute is housed within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and is affiliated with the State University System.



Thomas Cotchaleovitch



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After 32 years, Coleman crosses into retirement

LAKE ASBURY – The final day of school last week not only turned nearly 40,000 students loose for the summer break, it marked the final day on the job for Mary Coleman. She worked the crossing at Eagle Haven Road in Lake Asbury and has been with the Clay County Sheriff's Office for 32 years. Coleman said she will enjoy retirement by traveling. If you're interested in being a crossing guard, visit claysheriff.com.

County health department moves its administrative offices to Fleming Island

FLEMING ISLAND – The Florida Department of Health in Clay County Administration Department has moved to 1845 Town Center Blvd., Building 400, on Fleming Island. The new office is next door to the Fleming Island Library.

Birth and Death service is located in Building 400, Suite 405.

Women, Infant, and Children services will continue at Bear Run Clinic. WIC services are available Tuesdays-through-Thursdays from 1 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clinical services will remain at the Bear Run Clinic located at 3229 Bear Run Blvd. in Orange Park.



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Touch of Grace Galleria serves as business hub for local vendors

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Touch of Grace Galleria is a promenade that supports local businesses in the area. It originally opened in 2019 when Sharon Walters, the owner, saw a need for space where vendors could sell their products.

“I had a booth elsewhere and I noticed all the vendors were asking for more space,” she said.

Walters also said she got the idea to start her own business after seeing that vendors could not expand due to the limited building space available. Before its first opening, the galleria was nearly full due to co-business owners spreading the word.

As of now it offers more than 15 vendors the space needed to sell their products and advertise. Repurposed furniture, antiques, home décor, books and jewelry are some of the many products in the galleria.

“We try our best to bring in items that people are asking for at a reasonable price,” Walters said.

They offer, on occasion, a yard sale for their vendors. In addition, they offer an open house with snacks and a drawing during the holiday season.

The galleria just recently gained new vendors along with new items such as Myra bags. In addition, bird feeders, wreaths and epoxy covered cups and mugs are new to the shop. Lastly, it has expanded to opening a furniture section.

However, Touch of Grace Galleria does not only offer independent vendors a place to sell their products, they also contribute to saving the earth through their actions.

“One thing we do is we try to repurpose, reuse, recycle as many products as we can, so they are not going to the land fill,” she said.

The galleria also contributes to several animal rescues and offers gift certificates to the community when possible.

For more information about Touch of Grace Galleria, which is located at 956 SE State Road 100, call (352) 478-1764 or email touchofgracegalleria@gmail.com.



Dave Faraldo, Gi Teevan, David Broskie, superintendent of Schools, Melissa Wright, Principal Grove Park, Curtis McClees, President Rotary Club Orange Park and Bo Norton, President Elect of the Rotary Club.

Renovations a successful slam dunk for new courts at Grove Park Elementary



Clay Superintendent of Schools David Broskie, gave his stamp of approval for the much-needed renovation by scoring the first goal on the new courts.

ORANGE PARK – Grove Park Elementary recently celebrated the renovation of the school’s basketball court.

The renovation was the brainchild of former Physical Education teacher, Kyle Caballero, who saw the need for a complete renovation of the old cracked worn out basketball court with rusted backboards and torn nets that rendered the courts unusable Caballero started a Donors Choose Fund Account to “make it easy for anyone to help a teacher in need, moving us closer to a nation where students in every community have the tools and experiences they need for a great education.”

The Rotary Club of Orange Park, a longtime partner of Grove Park, decided to step up and help. Together, they were able to renovate the courts. “We look forward to continuing a bright and fruitful partnership for many years to come, a partnership (with Rotary Club) that will bring joy and positivity to our students, families and community,” said principal Melissa Wright.



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County libraries offering Summer Reading Program

Libraries also hosting free summer lunches for students

CLAY COUNTY – The Clay County Libraries 2022 Summer Reading Program will run through July 16. This year's theme is *Oceans of Possibilities* and reading materials have been curated along the ocean theme for children ages as old as 11, youths ages 12-18 and adults 19 and older.

Participants can sign up at any of the five Clay County libraries on Fleming Island, Green Cove Springs, Keystone Heights, Middleburg-Clay Hill and Orange Park. Each reader will receive a reading log and a swag bag with each registration. Participants can track their reading and turn in the completed log to any branch for a chance to win a prize bundle at the end of the summer.

For a complete listing of all programs and registration information, please see our Events Calendar.

Children's Programming will include Storytime, activity labs, craft programs, special guests, and events including Wild Wonders, Science Rocks, Shipwreck Discoveries, and Underwater Archeology, among others.

The Teen Calendar includes the *Teen Underground* for young adults ages 12-18 with anime, games, and arts and crafts. All libraries will also host video game tournaments featuring the classic Nintendo® game Super Smash Bros.™, and the Fleming Island Library will be holding an End of Summer After Hours

party on July 16.

Adult Programming includes book clubs, arts and crafts, one-on-one tech help, yoga, and special presentations.

Clay County Board Chairman Wayne Bola said, "The Clay County Libraries Summer Reading Program offers a variety of age-appropriate programs and activities that encourage young people to continue learning when they are on summer break." Bola added, "Libraries are a great place for youths to engage in fun, educational activities with their friends in a positive environment, and develop a love of reading that will help them become successful adults."

All Clay County libraries are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Library hours and locations are available at www.claycountygov.com/community/library/library-locations-and-hours.

Sign up for Clay County Library Newsletters and library service updates here: <https://www.claycountygov.com/community/library>.

Clay County Libraries are partnering with Clay County District Schools to provide free lunches for children 18 years and younger between June 6 and July 22. Meals will be provided from 12-1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Middleburg-Clay Hill Library and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Orange Park Library. Libraries will be closed on Monday, July 4, in honor of Independence Day.



Curt Towne Band nominated for chance to play at Grand Ole Opry

Local band up for Country Rock/Southern Rock Band of the Year

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Curt Towne Band has performed on some of the most famous stages in the United States. Now the Green Cove Springs guitarist and songwriter has a chance to play at the grandest of all – the Grand Ole Opry on Oct. 23 in Nashville.

Towne's band was nominated in the Country Rock/Southern Rock Group of the Year for the eighth annual Josie Music Awards. Winners will be allowed to play at one of the most-hallowed venues on the planet. It also will fulfill one of his biggest dreams as a musician.

"I'm really new to the whole thing. I was just honored that they nominated us for Southern Rock Band of the Year," Towne said. "In June, around mid-June, we'll find out if they've selected us to perform. I don't know if it'll be one song or a few songs or anything, to be honest with you. So it's hard for me to say, but it's the Grand Ole Opry, the Ryman Auditorium. So for me, there's no bigger, better stage on the planet. I mean, literally, nothing compares to that."

Towne's band has generated a large following, playing with such notable bands as Lynyrd Skynyrd, 38 Special, Molly Hatchet, Blackberry Smoke, Montgomery Gentry, The Outlaws, Atlanta Rhythm Section and Black Stone Cherry.

Now they have the chance to be a headliner.

"I'm really finding more and more out about it. I believe we were recommended to be looked at, you know, 'Hey, you should check these guys out,'" he said.

Towne is deeply immersed in the history of both the Grand Ole Opry House and the Ryman Auditorium. The Ryman was the original home of the Grand Ole Opry, but it outgrew its bluegrass roots. The Grand Ole Opry House opened in 1974 and has hosted shows since.

One of Towne's fondest memories is having a photograph taken of him standing on the stage years ago.

"I got to stand on that stage," he said. "I have stood on the Grand Ole Opry stage and got my picture taken, but I never got to stand on the stage of the Ryman Auditorium. And that's been honestly a lifelong dream.

"I love country music so much the old country music the real country, country, country music, the historical country music, I guess you would call it, but when I was a kid growing up, I loved it and I still do," he said.

Judges apparently will listen to a song from the band's upcoming Extended Play, called "Cyclone." Judges remain anonymous throughout the competition.

"I've been blessed to play some really awesome places, but none of them ever would touch that," Towne said. "So I hope and I pray they select us."

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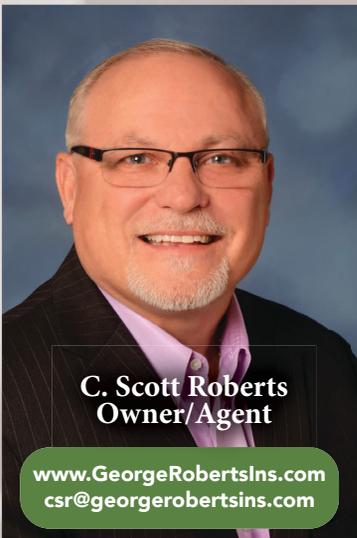
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More residents are putting down roots at Keystone RV resort

Complex to expand to handle overwhelming demand

By **Natalie Gilstrap**
For *Clay Today*

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Keystone Heights RV Resort continues to expand.

The resort is planning to add 292 rental spots for recreational vehicles, giving it a total of 705 spaces.

Ken Loyd, the general manager, said he saw the resort growing, but was not expecting it to grow as fast as it has. The

resort is waiting on the building permit to start the expansion.

“It’s ready to go. They gave us the verbal, but not the written,” Loyd said.

He also said before expansion can start, they had to obtain a permit to resolve some wetland mitigation issues. The expansion is set to be completed between January and February.

The resort’s expansion will not only expand the resort, but it will also bring more business to the area.

“It will add to what we have already done,” Loyd said.

He said since the resort’s opening, restaurants, groceries, golf courses and local businesses have seen an increase in business. However, the additional RV spots are not the only thing the resort is planning to build. As of now, the resort is building a second bathhouse for its residents. In addition, they are planning to build a new gas station northwest of the resort on State Road 100 toward Starke and will have enough room for boats, RVs and fifth wheels to pull through. The resort plans to see the gas station in fruition in a year or two.

Despite the obstacles Keystone Heights RV Resort faced in the beginning, the residents living at the resort love it.

“I love it here. Everyone is sweet. It’s gated. I feel safe,” Katelyn, a resident said.

Another resident, Thersa, says that the RV resort is fantastic.

“It’s an active adult community. Everyone is active. You can find a common attraction despite the age difference,” she said.

To learn more about the Keystone Heights RV Resort visit keystoneheightsrv.com.

Calendar

ORANGE PARK ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: will meet on June 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet on June 2 at 7:30 a.m. at Camp Montgomery, 88 SE 75th St. in Starke.

CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: will meet on June 2 at 6 p.m. at the Fleming Island High Teacher Training Center, 2233 Village Square Pkwy.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet on June 2 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet on June 2 at 7:30 a.m. at Camp Montgomery, 88 SE 75th St. in Starke.

BOATER’S SKIP DAY: will be on June 3, starting at 8 a.m. on the St. Johns River

at Bayard Point (also known as Pineapple Point Sandbar) on Fleming Island.

BARENAKED LADIES: with guests Gin Blossoms and Toad the Wet Sprocket will play at the St. Augustine Amphitheater, 1340C A1A South, St. Augustine, on June 3 at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit ticketmaster.com or call the box office at (904) 209-0367.

BROOKS & DUNN: will bring its Reboot Tour to the VyStar Veteran’s Memorial Arena, 300 A. Phillips Randolph Blvd. in Jacksonville on June 4 at 7 p.m. For tickets, visit vystarveteransarena.com or ticketmaster.com.

JACKSONVILLE TACO AND MARGARITA FESTIVAL: will be on June 4 at 11 a.m. at Daily’s Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily Place at TIAA Bank Field, in Jacksonville. For tickets, visit dailysplace.com.

FOOL’S PARADISE: featuring Umphrey’s McGee, Lettuce, Andy Frasco and the U.N., Isaiah Sharkey, Flamingosis, Jennifer Hartswick and Nick Cassarino will play

at the St. Augustine Amphitheater, 1340C A1A South, St. Augustine, on June 4 at 4 p.m. For tickets, visit ticketmaster.com or call the box office at (904) 209-0367.

ORANGE PARK FARMERS’ AND ARTS MARKET: is June 5 at 10 a.m. at Town Hall Park, 2042 Park Ave.

THE DOOBIE BROTHERS: will perform its “50th Anniversary” tour on June 5 at 7 p.m. at Daily’s Place Amphitheater, 1 Daily Place at TIAA Bank Field, in Jacksonville. For tickets, visit dailysplace.com.

FOOL’S PARADISE: featuring Umphrey’s McGee, Lettuce, Andy Frasco and the U.N., Isaiah Sharkey, Flamingosis, Jennifer Hartswick and Nick Cassarino will play at the St. Augustine Amphitheater, 1340C A1A South, St. Augustine, on June 5 at 2 p.m. For tickets, visit ticketmaster.com or call the box office at (904) 209-0367.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: will play on June 6 and 7 at Daily’s Place, 1 Daily Place at TIAA Bank Field, in Jacksonville. For

tickets, visit dailysplace.com.

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

CLAY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: will meet on June 7 at 7 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, at fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

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

CLAY COUNTY FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE: will meet on June 7 at 1 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, at the fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet on June 9 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

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Donut 5K catches sweet support for Clay PAL

STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

ORANGE PARK - Hundreds of runners, many with a sweet tooth, ran last Saturday for the Donut Get Caught 5K to support the Clay County Police Athletic League. The morning started with a fun run, followed by more experienced runners. Clay County Sheriff's Office Deputy Bryan Maylon (left) enjoys a two-fisted reward of fried dough and sugar. Event coordinator CCSO Deputy Eva Solis (below, left) shows off her doughnut antlers, while a group of runners enjoy their doughnut reward following their runs. Below, runners, including Sheriff Michelle Cook, pick up their doughnut medals at the finish line. The run was sponsored by the Orange Park Mall, W.J. Sapp, Hanania, Farah and Farah, Vecina, 904 Happy Hour and CVS Restroom Rental.



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Thousands of residents spent the day splashing, listening to music, eating and exploring a variety of vendor wares at the Memorial Day RiverFest at Spring Park in Green Cove Springs. According to city officials, this year's turnout was a record.

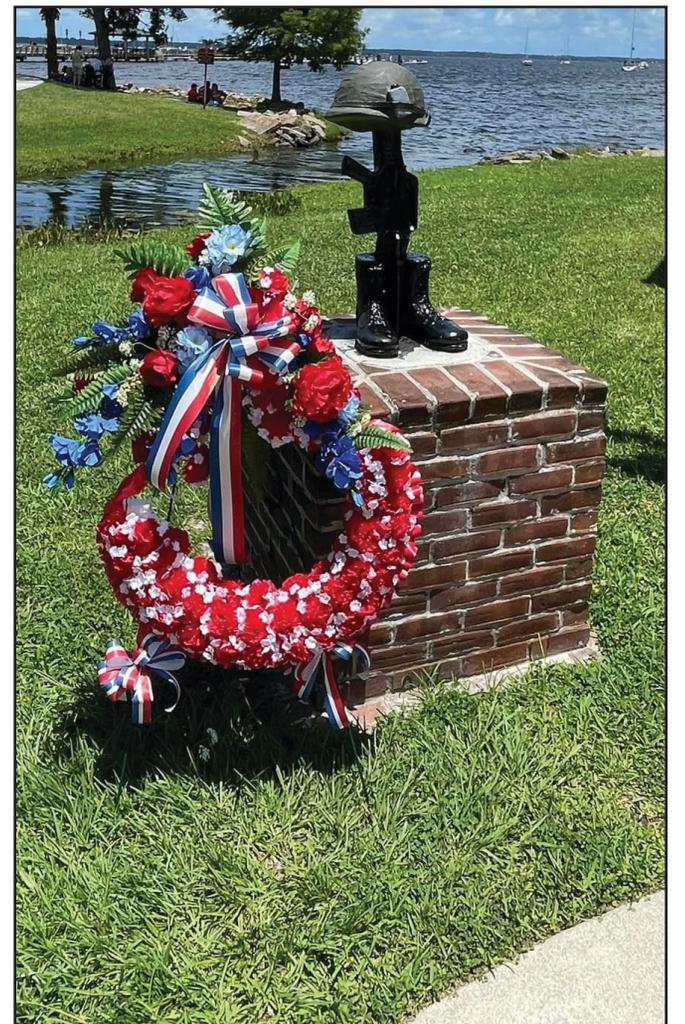
RiverFest brings community together

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Memorial Day RiverFest become a tradition with local veterans and families throughout Northeast Florida. The City began the festival every year with an Opening Ceremony where an average of 150 veterans from Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia are recognized, both individually and by their military branch.

The highlight of the ceremony is a flyover by the Green Cove Springs-based Dreamland Squadron to recognize all military that died in combat. An Old Glory pre-

sentation, wreath-laying, bell ringing and the playing of "Taps" were additions to this year's ceremony.

Spring Park came alive with a day of local entertainment, food trucks, more than 75 craft vendors, the rubber duck race, a watermelon-eating contest and the massive fireworks show over the St. Johns River. While the day kicked off the unofficial start of the summer, it was grounded by a theme that embraced and paid reverence to the sacrifices made by our military service.



Local singers and dancers entertained thousands from the main stage at Spring Park during RiverFest.

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Teachers earn cash awards from Limeades for Learning

Teachers get total of \$2,032 from SONIC for learning supplies

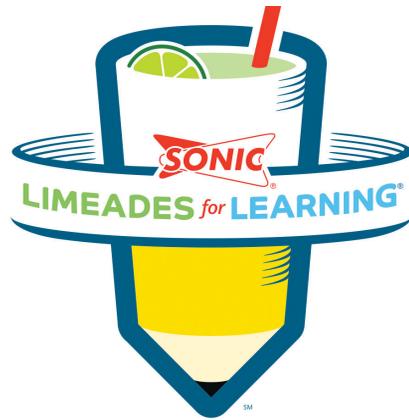
For Clay Today

SONIC Drive-In Donates to Local area Schools for Teacher Appreciation Month
America's Drive-In once again supports local public schools across the country by donating \$1.5 million for learning supplies.

The DonorsChoose initiative is a national nonprofit that allows individuals to donate directly to public school classroom requests submitted by teachers.

As part of SONIC's ongoing Limeades for Learning initiative, the brand matched 50% of each donation made to teacher requests on DonorsChoose for Teacher Appreciation Day on May 3, donating a total of \$1.5 million. With the donation, SONIC helped fully fund more than 9,000 projects from teachers across the country, including the following teachers from Clay County:

- McKenzie Moss at Coppergate Elementary for the project Summer Fun! for Grades PreK-2
- Courtney Holcombe at Swimming Pen Creek Elementary for the project Thank You Prizes for Chorus 2022 for Grades 3-5
- Caroline Hellman at Oakleaf Village Elementary School for the project Shhhhh, It's a Secret! for Grades PreK-2
- Mary Elrod at Oakleaf Village Elementary for the project New for All Part 2 for Grades PreK-2
- Paula Summers at Oakleaf Village El-



ementary for the project Math Kahoot Saturday! for Grades PreK-2

- Paula Summers at Oakleaf Village Elementary for the project End of Year Celebration! for Grades PreK-2
- Summers for the project New Year, New Crayons and Batteries for Grades PreK-2
- Jenifer Burghart at Orange Park Elementary for the project Teaching Empathy via Classic Literature for Grades 9-12
- Leah Alix at Ridgeview Elementary for the project We're Building On Up! A STEM Project for Grades 3-5
- Heather Bogle at S. Bryan Jennings Elementary for the project Classroom Furniture Refresh! for Grades 3-5
- Laura Gottberg at W E Cherry Elementary for the project Headphones for Students for Grades PreK-2

"Limeades for Learning is an initiative that SONIC holds dear, and we're proud to partner with DonorsChoose on this important work," said Lori Abou Habib, Chief Marketing Officer of SONIC. "Drink purchases at SONIC bring joy to our guests while supporting students and teachers in the classroom."

SONIC donates a portion of drink proceeds to support local public schools through Limeades for Learning, in partnership with education nonprofit, DonorsChoose*. SONIC has donated more than \$20 million to directly fund local education programs since 2009.

For those wishing to make an additional donation to a classroom project in their local community, visit DonorsChoose.org and donate to one or more of the thousands of public-school teacher requests seeking support to provide students with educational resources.



Lake Region Prosperity Partners: There's strength in numbers

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The Lake Region Prosperity Partners, part of the Clay Chambers of Commerce, was established as a resource for local businesses to gain the help needed to be successful and to face the issues presented such as insurance, business banking, legal services and marketing. The group is made up of small business owners, proprietors and individuals who meet monthly to learn business skills and to network with other businesses.

The group recently held its monthly meeting at the Keystone Beach Pavilion in which Membership Engagement Manager, Michelle Reaves, shared with members and non-members the benefits Clay Chambers brings to their businesses when they become a member.

Through the Chamber's resources, members are given opportunities to network with other business owners in the county. Events such as Taste of Clay and Lunch N Learn are opportunities for business owners to connect with other businesses.

Members can stay informed about upcoming events in Clay County through the chambers website calendar of events. Other benefits consist of ribbon-cutting for members who are opening or reopening their businesses, a directory of Clay

County business owners, and a newsletter. Members can also receive or offer discounts to other business members and post a job hiring on the Clay Chambers website.

The overall response to the Lake Region Prosperity Partners has been positive. Members view the council as a useful resource for networking and helping their business to grow.

"People do business with those they like," said Patricia Evans, the president of Capital City Bank for Clay and Bradford and a board member.

She also said members aren't limited to attending their local Chamber meetings but can attend other meetings Clay Chambers hosts throughout Clay County. Lastly, members are also able to expand their networking to all of Clay County and not just in their local area through these meetings.

Lake Region Prosperity Partners holds its meeting on the last Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

Attendees can check the Clay Chambers website for the meeting locations.

For more information contact Reaves at (904) 264-2651 or mreaves@claychamber.com or visit <https://www.claychamber.com/>.

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Black-Bellied Whistling Ducks act like geese

By Carolyn Warren
Birds, Bees and Butterflies Chairman

ORANGE PARK – In the past two years I have had the enjoyment of watching these migrating ducks roam the edges in my backyard pond, which is considered as one of their habitats along with wooded creek banks and rivers. While their normal diet is aquatic plants, grasses, snails and spiders, they also perch on my rail fence and peck the bird feeders in order to knock out the corn, which they rapidly consume.

These ducks usually arrive in early May. They are extremely sociable waterfowl and form in large flocks. They are very noisy ducks and really do have a whistle to their call. They do seem to enjoy communicating. Some mornings they will come flying in with 20 to 30 in the flock. They will fly out for the night to perch and rest in trees, and then return the next day. They seem to do well around developments that include ponds and other water features. They also seem to have little fear of humans.



The male and female look alike (similar in size and color), and they often partner for life. Both parents take care of their offspring, which can be up to 18 ducklings, and I have counted 16 in one brood

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reports that whistlers are expanding within the Sunshine state. Most are year-round residents of South Florida. They will depart our area in North Florida around early November and migrate southward. Note: As migration called them last year, I counted 65 of these ducks on the pond on a November day, by night-fall there were none.

As with all wetland birds, loss of habitat and poor water quality are the main threat to their existence.



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Thrasher-Horne Center in February for their district-wide honors, and now the focus moves to the state level. Edwards said she was shocked and called making the top-five unbelievable.

“When I heard Melissa won, I thought well that’s it, there’s no way they’ll take someone from the same county,” Edwards said. “I think it is fantastic. It feels fantastic.”

Edwards, who oversees small groups, said the point of going into work isn’t to earn recognition. The best thing about winning the district award was that it assured her that every other finalist worked as hard, she said, which helps the district as whole.

“Every person in the running deserves it just as much,” she said.

Edwards was cited for her extra efforts such as hosting a birthday party for students with summer birthdays. She previously worked as a substitute teacher and currently implements Positive Behavior Interventions and Support in groups.

“I want my children to feel like their teacher loves them,” Edwards said. “My students know how much they mean to me. Their growth is my growth, their happiness is my happiness.”

Like Matz, Edwards’ work and accomplishments were recognized by Superintendent David Broskie.

“Her positive attitude and caring spirit for all children is evident from the moment you meet her,” Broskie said. “The selection committee could not have chosen a better employee as one of their finalists to repre-

sent Florida.”

Clay Hill Elementary Principal Adele Reed commended Edwards’ energy and effort. Describing Edwards as talented and giving, Reed added that Edwards puts children first.

“Jacquelin’s work speaks for itself,” Reed said. “(Edwards’ selection as a finalist) is a reflection that she has impacted so many people in the building both students and also in the community. She is a Clay Hill community member.”

After Matz’s nomination was announced, Reed joked she didn’t think light-

ning could strike twice. She compared the district’s familial community to the “Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon” parlor game, meaning several administrators, teachers and staff have connections from working together. That means they can pick up the phone and ask for support from the district or another school, Reed said.

“I feel with Miss Matz’s and Jacquelin’s selection, that this is what Clay County is about in terms of relationships,” Reed said. “Jacquelin can get support from the district office ... These two ladies represent the close-knit nature of the district.”

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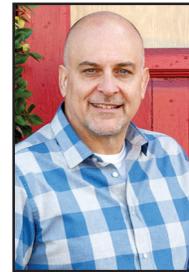
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Faith Walk

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Act like a child

Jesus instructed us to receive the Kingdom of God like a child. In the Gospels, He stresses the importance of having a childlike faith. But what does this mean? How exactly does Jesus wish for us to be childlike in our faith?

"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." (Mark 10:14-15)

When we think of children's behavior, we often think of their immaturity, compulsiveness, and misbehaving. This is not what Jesus is speaking to when He says we must be childlike in our faith.

Consider the beautiful nature of a child's heart for a moment. They trust, rely on, and love their parents, guardians or caretakers unconditionally. They have confidence in them and are eager to learn. Even when they disobey, they ultimately trust and follow their parents. This is because they know deep down their parents care for them and always want to do what's best for them.

This is exactly the posture God desires that we'd take with Him! He wants us to trust, rely on, and love Him unconditionally. He wants us to know that we can follow Him in every aspect of our lives because He is our loving Father and always wants nothing more than to do what's best for us. This is what it means to have childlike faith.

We should look to God in everything. We should give Him the entirety of our hearts, minds, and love. He will stop at nothing to love, protect, and guide us through everything in life. We can trust in Him to do all of that and so much more.

Seeing God in this way and living out a childlike faith will lead us straight to the Kingdom of God, where we will spend all of eternity by His side. Cast aside the distrusting, self-sufficient, and jaded aspects of our adulthood that have blinded us from a true, childlike faith in Jesus.

Embrace the heart of a child in your relationship with God, and He will lead you straight into His arms. In His arms you will find protection, peace and rest.

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Entertainment News



Heroes encouraged to get their free tickets to Rock the Box 2

ORANGE PARK – Middleburg-based St. Michael's Soldiers presents Rock the Box 2, a free night of music for our heroes. A maximum of two free tickets are available for active and retired military, hospital/front line workers, first responders, teachers and linemen.

The show is scheduled for Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr. in Orange Park.

To get tickets, visit thcenter.org's Events page.

Tickets will be emailed to you as the order is processed. Please allow up to three weeks. All free tickets are on a first come first serve basis. If you want to guarantee tickets, you may purchase them.

Bands include LOCASH, Cumberland Band and Brett Myers Music.

LeAnn 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.

A new, more personal and intimate walk through her musical journey thus far. Ticket are available at thcenter.org or by calling (904) .

The Story... So Far will tell the story 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.



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Pictured (L-R): Dave Faraldo, Gi Teevan, David Broskie, superintendent of Schools, Melissa Wright, Principal Grove Park, Curtis McClees, President Rotary Club Orange Park and Bo Norton, President Elect of the Rotary Club.

Grove Park Elementary School recently celebrated the wonderful renovation of the school's basketball court with the funding assistance of the Rotary Club of Orange Park.

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Six busted in two drug raids in Green Cove Springs

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Simultaneous drug raids at two different houses on May 27 led to the arrest of six by the Green Cove Springs Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

The agency received search warrants for a home in the 1200 block of Forbes Street and 1000 block of North Street after confidential informants made controlled purchases of crack cocaine, according to GCSPD.

The six were identified as:

- Marcus L. Frazier, 31, was charged with battery against law enforcement, resisting arrest with violence, sale and delivery of crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

- Norris W. Smith Jr., 47, was charged with sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school.

- Devin S. Adams, 40, was charged with sale and delivery of crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

- Darrick L. Johnston, 51, was charged with possession of liquid THC.

- Ronnie W. Flowers, 52, was charged with possession of crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school and drug paraphernalia.

- Hazel W. Rivers, 63, maintaining a



Marcus Frazier



Norris Smith



Devin Adams



Hazel Rivers



Ronald Flowers

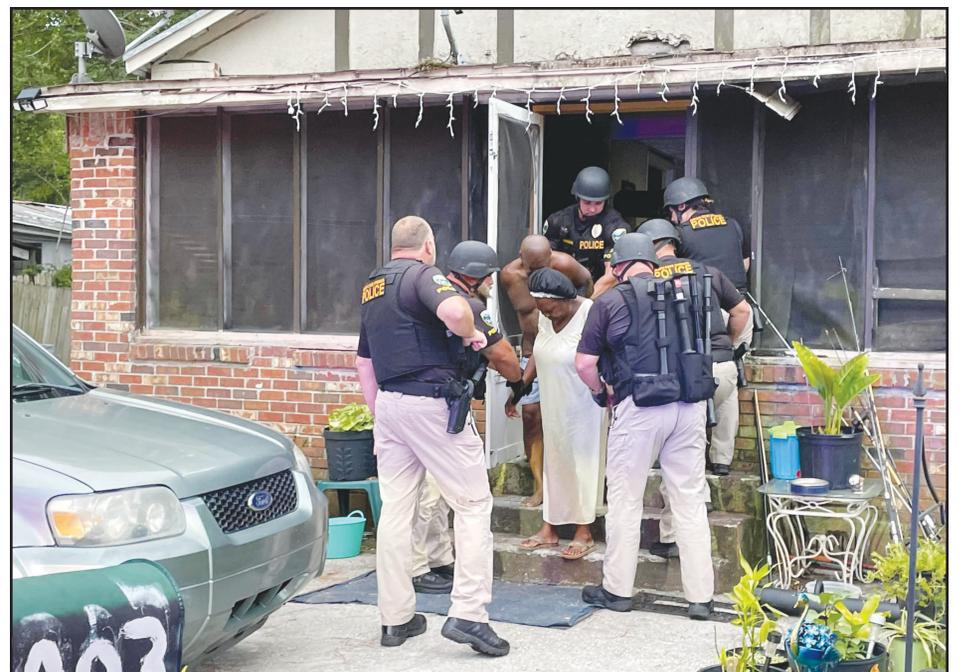
residence for drugs, possession of crack cocaine with intent to sell and deliver and possession of marijuana.

According to GCSPD, officers also recovered a stolen handgun.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY GREEN COVE SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agents with GCSPD and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration conducted a raid that led to the arrests of six who were selling drugs from a home near Green Cove Springs Junior High.



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 31

Reginald J. Thomas, 45, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice

Samantha R. Henline, 28, VOP-possession-fentanyl

Lucas H. Johns, 38, Green Cove Springs, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement, providing false name/ID, no valid registration, riding motorcycle without endorsement, DWLSR

Richard L. Higginbotham, 30, Green Cove Springs, VOP-burglary

Daniel C. Gaddis, 40, Orange Park, two counts each DWSRL, hit and run with property damage,

Jared W. Ward, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA-grand theft auto, FTA-resist/obstruct/

oppose law enforcement, FTA-DWLSR

Tracy N. Clark, 35, Orange Park, petit theft

Xintia M. Ross, 40, Fleming Island, aggravated battery on child

Whitney L. Hayton, 35, Middleburg, trespassing

Bradley E. Sanford, 46, Orange Park, possession-heroin with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, possession-controlled substance, alter/destroy/conceal physical evidence

Kiara A. Ponce, 21, Middleburg, Middleburg, DUI

Christopher Cam, 30, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, possession-drug paraphernalia, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, deprive law enforcement of means of protection/communication

Monday, May 30

Sondalei M. Williamson, 37, Orange Park, battery

Kevin M. Craft, 35, Keystone Heights, aggravated battery

Any M. Freeman, 38, Middleburg, battery

Charles Martin, 67, Middleburg, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Allison M. Padgett, 42, Middleburg, domestic battery

Norman A.A. Domingo, 24, Orange Park, domestic battery

Vernon R. Cutway, 48, Orange Park, petit theft

Sunday, May 29

Dawsie M. Dawson, 20, Green Cove Springs, battery

Allen T. Grimes, 31, Keystone Heights, possession-controlled substance, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, providing false name/ID, VOP-assault with intent to commit felony

Randall W. Liles, 33, Keystone Heights, trespassing

Sedrick M. Williams, 34, Orange park, possession-crack cocaine, possession-oxycodone, tampering with physical evidence, DWLSR

Shirka D. Kirtsey, 33, Orange Park, DWLSR, driving without valid license

Saturday, May 28

Alan B. Laster, 64, Fleming Island, resist/

obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Ronald C. Godlewski, 40, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Tialy Saintbert, 23, Orange Park, DWLSR

Mario N. Mendoza, 35, Oakleaf, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Keith L. Belany, 34, Orange Park, DWLSR

Karen S. Friedman, 61, Green Cove Springs, possession-drug paraphernalia

Faith S. Thomas, 29, Middleburg, battery

David R. DeMay, 39, Middleburg, FTA-petit theft

Thomas E. Modlin, 32, Green Cove Springs, murder, attempted murder

Friday, May 27

Dina L. Musco, 40, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Christopher I. Vandergrift, 46, Orange Park, VOP-armed burglary

Devin M.M. Lopez, 19, Green Cove Springs, no valid driver's license

Caleb D. Taylor, 28, Middleburg, aggravated battery on pregnant woman

Norris W. Smith, 47, Green Cove

OPPD: No charges for man who killed attacker at gas station

ORANGE PARK – A man who shot someone who was attacking his friend apparently won't be charged with the double shooting that left one person dead.

The Orange Park Police Department said a man got into an altercation with one of his friends at the Chevron gas station at 206 Park Avenue on May 28.

The owner of the liquor store that's adjacent to the gas station said one of his friends tried to break up the fight, but instead he was drawn into a deadly battle with the armed attacker. The liquor store owner intervened and momentarily broke up the scuffle, but the enraged man then attacked the original combatant again. This time, the friend of the store's owner was able to gain control of the pistol and he wound up shooting the attacker twice. The friend and the store owner cooperated with the police department, and the friends turned over the handgun. That night, OPPD released the following on social media: "The individual who discharged the firearm in today's fatal shooting surrendered the weapon and has been cooperative with detectives. At this posting, no charges have been filed."

Man jailed two pull guns on each other during bar fight

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A man was arrested after he and another man pointed guns at each other during a fight at a local bar.

Ronnie David Smith, 34, of Keystone Heights, was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and a violation of the concealed weapon law after Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies were called to the Watering Hole Bar after Smith claimed another man, Tanner Street, hit him in the face while he was having drinks.

Both men pulled handguns, according to

CCSO. Smith said others struck him multiple times and took his gun. Smith told deputies Street tried to shoot him while he was on the ground, but the chamber was empty.

Street said the two also fought at a convenience store when Smith approached them and pointed a 9 mm handgun at him. When he didn't fire, Street punched Smith and took the gun.

CCSO find drugs, concealed methamphetamine pipe during traffic stop

ORANGE PARK – A traffic stop for a missing license tag led to the arrest of a woman who was carrying a "hot-railer" used to smoke methamphetamine concealed inside her body cavity.

Brandi Leigh Flemming, 43, of Jacksonville, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, Adderall pills, mushrooms and trafficking fentanyl after the car in which she was a passenger was pulled over on Woodside Drive on May 25. The driver, Jimmy Mullis, showed the deputy a Georgia tag, but a quick check revealed the tag wasn't assigned to a car. The search also revealed the car was reported stolen on April 5 in Jacksonville.

The occupants were removed and detained since they were in a stolen car, the Clay County Sheriff's Office said. During the individual searches, Flemming said she was concealing a makeshift meth pipe in her body. Deputies also found a pink purse in the



Ronnie Smith



Brandi Flemming



Samantha Lacina

backseat where Flemming was sitting, and they uncovered 5.8 ounces of mushrooms, a bottle of Adderall and 40.5 fentanyl pills.

Another passenger, Dwayne Scott Smith, 32, of Keystone Heights, was charged with trafficking methamphetamine after deputies uncovered 18.9 ounces of methamphetamine where he was sitting. His bond was set at \$105,005. Flemming, whose bond was set at \$72,511, also faces extradition to Alachua County to face other charges.

The driver was arrested on an out of state warrant issued by Boone County, Arkansas.

Stolen tag stop leads to drug bust of Jacksonville woman

MIDDLEBURG – An alert by the county's License Plate Recognition system led to the stop of car on May 25 and the discovery of fentanyl, cocaine, Xanax and drug paraphernalia from one of the passengers.

Samantha Marie Lancina, 33, of Jacksonville, was charged with possession the drugs after the car in which she was a passenger was pulled over on County Road 218 when the Clay County Sheriff's Deputy was alerted the car's license tag was reported stolen out of Jacksonville.

Deputies uncovered 6.3 grams of crack cocaine, 4.5 ounces of powder cocaine, 2.5 grams of fentanyl, three crack pipes – one which was contained in her underwear breasts – and Xanax pills.

During the booking process, detention deputies uncovered a bag of crack cocaine withing 6.6 ounces on her right breast, which led to additional charges of introducing contraband into the county jail.

Man charged with home invasion, kidnapping still denied bond

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A man who confessed with home invasion and tying up a couple in their 70s for more than two days on County Road 315 in April again was denied bond during a hearing last week.

Aubrey Lamar Lumpkin, 46, of Jacksonville, will remain at the Clay County Jail after being charged with armed home invasion, adult false imprisonment and possession of a firearm and ammo by a convicted felon after he called 911 on April 11 to say he had done some "heinous things," according to the arrest report.

Deputies found the couple's hands, feet and faces bond with duct tape. They had been held for more than 48 hours and were suffering from dehydration and covered with infections, lesions and feces.

Lumpkin said he went to the house to "hit a lick" to rob them. He took their credit and check cards. He and an accomplice took turns going to an ATM machine near Winn-Dixie to take money from two different accounts totaling nearly \$3,000.

After two days, Lumpkin wanted to turn himself in, telling the 911 dispatcher he "was a piece of s***.) He also told deputies he killed someone and helped bury the person somewhere on or near the property.

On April 15, investigators with the sheriff's office, Clay County Fire Rescue, Pasco County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the University of Florida anthropology department found what was believed to be human remains behind the house.

Lumpkin has not been charged with anything connected to the bones, according to documents filed at the Clay County Courthouse. Lumpkin was supposed to be arraigned on May 31, but that hearing was rescheduled for a later date.

Arrests

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Springs, FTA-DWSLR

Ruthann M. Cooper, 27, Green Cove Springs, violation of condition for release
Joshua A. Williams, 27, Fleming Island, DUI

Jacob H. Ganion, 20, Orange Park, two counts lewd/lascivious behavior

Marcus L. Frazier, 21, Green Cove Springs, battery against law enforcement, resisting law enforcement with violence, sale/delivery-crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of school, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Norris W. Smith, 47, Green Cove Springs, sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of school

Devin S. Adams, 40, Green Cove Springs, sale/delivery-crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of school, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Darrick L. Johnson, 51, Green Cove Springs, possession-liquid THC

Ronnie W. Flowers, 52, Green Cove

Springs, possession-crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of school, possession-drug paraphernalia

Hazel W. Rivers, 63, Green Cove Springs, maintaining drug-dwelling, sale/delivery-crack cocaine, possession-marijuana

Thursday, May 26

Sabrina T.D. Reaves, 44, Middleburg, domestic battery

Curtis E. Bell, 45, Green Cove Springs, battery

Morgan R. Tindall, 34, Keystone Heights, DWSLR

William L. Roberts, 58, Middleburg, shoplifting

Jerry R. Bennefield, 48, Keystone Heights, three counts DWSLR, contempt of court

Harley R. Dubovik, 34, Orange Park, criminal mischief

Darnell L. Cole, 40, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia, possession-ammo/firearm by felon, resist/opbstruct/oppose law enforcement, alter/destroy/remove physical evidence

Michael C. Saddler, 24, Orange Park, aggravated battery

Uber E. Hernandez-Torres, 47, Middleburg, grand theft

Mark H. Myers, 52, Fleming Island, FTA-violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Joseph A. Bowen, 53, Green Cove Springs, VOP-injunction against domestic violence

Matthew D. Campbell, 38, Orange Park, battery

Ronnie D. Smith, 34, Keystone Heights, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, violation of concealed weapon law

Justin T. Harris, 35, Middleburg, 35, attempting to flee/elude with lights/siren active, DWSLR

Wednesday, May 25

Crystal G. Taylor, 33, Middleburg, burglary, criminal mischief

Christopher R. Hill, 24, Green Cove Springs, FTA-driving without valid license

Scott G. Ballou, 34, Keystone Heights, trespassing

Brittany N. Goodman, 36, Green Cove

Springs, three counts VOP-burglary, VOP-grand theft, VOP-community control

Susan V. Flowers, 61, Fleming Island, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, domestic battery

Rodney J. Mooney, 33, Middleburg, driving without valid license

Ashley L. Wilkes, 42, Middleburg, grand theft, uttering forged/counterfeit bill

Reginald J. Thomas, 45, Green Cove Springs, VOP-trafficking-morphine/oxycodone/hydrocodone

Samantha M. Lancina, 33, Green Cove Springs, 33, introduce/remove contraband into county jail, two counts possession-drug paraphernalia, possession-cocaine, possession-Xanax, possession-fentanyl

Dwayne S. Smith, 32, Orange Park, trafficking-amphetamine/methamphetamine, possession-drug paraphernalia

Brandi L. Flemming, 43, Orange Park, two counts possession-controlled substance, possession-drug paraphernalia, trafficking-fentanyl

Jimmy J. Mullis, 46, Orange Park, out of state warrant-larceny (Arkansas)

HCA Florida Orange Park ranked No. 5 in critical care

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – According to a new study released by Healthgrades, HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital was ranked No. 55 for Critical Care. Healthgrades is the leading resource that connects consumers, physicians, and health systems. For the State Ranking analysis, Healthgrades evaluated clinical performance for nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide. Hospitals recognized as among the Top Ranked in their state by Healthgrades are providing patients with measurably superior clinical outcomes.

HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital's Intensive Care Unit treats patients for medical, surgical, cardiothoracic, and neurological conditions as well as traumatic injuries. In 2021, the hospital treated nearly 2,000 patients in their intensive care units and serves as the only level II trauma center and comprehensive stroke center in Clay County.

"Orange Park Hospital continues to add high-acuity services. To support that advancement, it's necessary to have a top-quality ICU team," said Dr. Michael Horowitz, Neurosurgeon at HCA Florida First Coast Neurosurgery. Last year, the hospital added a rare surgical treatment for cranial nerve disorders that provides an 85% chance of a cure. The surgery treats conditions that cause debilitating pain from everyday things such as the wind blowing on their face or swallowing. It is just one of the many new high-level treatments avail-

able at the hospital ranging from advanced cardiovascular procedures to ENT surgical treatments.

Patients all-around the state of Florida can access this quality information to inform and empower their decision about where to seek the best care. This is why Healthgrades is committed to delivering the most scientifically accurate and comprehensive information about doctors and hospitals – with data insights not available anywhere else.

"Being recognized among the Top 5 in Florida for Critical Care is a great achievement that speaks to the hospital's ongoing commitment to high-quality care. Hospitals receiving a top state ranking have much to be proud of as their deep medical expertise has built a track record of delivering positive outcomes for their patients," said Brad Bowman, M.D., Chief Medical Officer and Head of Data Science, Healthgrades.

HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital recently began construction on a \$34 million multi-phase expansion set to be fully complete in the fall of 2023. The project adds 48 private patient rooms and the construction of a new 20-bed ICU, adding to its existing 28 ICU beds. Making the HCA Florida Healthcare system in Jacksonville, comprised of HCA Florida Memorial Hospital and HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital, the third-largest in the Jacksonville area. The two hospitals recently rebranded, joining their network of 49 hospitals in the state under one name - HCA Florida Healthcare,



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Healthgrades rated HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital fifth in the state for critical care for measurably superior clinical outcomes.



St. Vincent nursing VP aims to promote education, patient care

By Nick Blank
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MIDDLEBURG – A local health administrator seeks to boost local health outcomes and education based on personal experience and a drive to improve the community.

St. Vincent Ascension Clay Vice President of Nursing Sadie Durham likened her job to a chief nursing officer.

Durham pushes for positive health outcomes in the community. She emphasizes families making the right nutritional decisions, advocates for regular exercise for children and shares mental health and insurance resources.

She reminded residents of several of those messages she addressed Martin Luther King Jr. Day ceremony in Green Cove Springs in January.

"It's about education on different health topics, just anything to just help bring awareness to the specific community," Durham said. "It's a lot of connecting with the community."

Durham said she was initially inter-



Sadie Durham

ested in law in high school and spent the first half of college on that subject. When she went home for the summer, her mother

was providing care for a family member with stomach cancer. They had been estranged for about 30 years.

"I spent that whole summer helping her take care of him. It really struck a chord with me," Durham said. "It felt like something I was called to do."

Durham has been in the health field for 15 years, with the last nine in leadership. Straight from orientation, she said St. Vincent's values overlapped with hers.

"That really connected and resonated at a level that is hard to explain," she said.

Durham recalled the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought unprecedented hazards for doctors, nurses and patients. She said health professionals across the country were traversing uncharted territory.

"It's a pandemic and none of us have seen something of that nature," Durham said. "It was new. It was different and was difficult to plan for."

Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County Administrator Kevin Rinks said Durham was passionate, driven and excelled in her role.

"Sadie is the kind of big-hearted, patient-centered leader that anyone would want leading a nursing operations team for the care of their loved ones or themselves," Rinks said.

"She embodies the spirit of mission-centered healthcare and strives for excellence each and every day."

It's difficult for Durham to pin down what an average day looks like for her.

"It's a lot of making rounds, connecting with patients," Durham said. "We're talking to patients and getting a feel for their experiences. We're asking how we can make it better."

Her job can involve overseeing prepping surgical and emergency equipment, fostering nursing education and development, or general administrative work. It's not sitting in an office all day, she said. However, officials have to keep challenging themselves, she said.

"Healthcare always has room for improvement, for promoting the idea of wellness and continuing to work on community wellness," she said.

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For Whom the Belle tolls

Mincey homer ices Bronco's title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

CLERMONT - A fourth inning solo homer from Middleburg High senior Belle Mincey was the dramatic shift in a softball championship game threatening to be yet another extra innings pitching showdown. Led by fireballer Mallory Forrester on the mound, for the Middleburg High Lady Broncos softball team that held off a seventh inning bases-loaded situation to win a 1-0 first state title for Middleburg High School Friday night in Clermont over South Lake High.

"We saw that she was coming high and inside on my hands," said Mincey, whose shot deep into centerfield was the lone run in the Broncos 1-0 Class 5A championship win over South Lake High on Friday in Clermont. "I was focused on hitting it off the top or just under it to get out into the field and it flew."

Mincey admitted to a premonition from the night before when asked if she was primed to be the Bronco hero.

"I woke up this morning thinking 'I'm ready for a state championship'," said Mincey, who had hit 10 doubles, a triple and one homer for the year before South Lake. "We only need one run with Mallory on the mound."

Middleburg coach Ashley Houston, in just her fourth year at the helm, took her team from a region finals loss last year, to a midseason 11 win, 11 loss record this year, to winning nine games in a row and earning the first-ever team title in Middleburg High's athletic history with a final 20-11 record.

"Mallory is such a competitor and I'm honored to be able to coach such as kid like her," said Houston, noting Forrester's 10 strikeouts on the night that followed back-to-back 19 strikeouts games in the



Middleburg High shortstop Maisey Campbell gets big hugs after making final out of Broncos 1-0 Class 5A championship win over South Lake last Friday in Clermont.

Broncos region semifinal and championship game and a 10 strikeout effort the night before against Naples in a 1-0 state semifinal win. "We had been in this type of game all season, especially at the end during the playoffs, and I kept telling them to just breathe and get it done."

In the Class 4A semifinal on Thursday against Naples (20-7), the Broncos, ironically, faced a no-hit pitching effort from Naples senior pitcher Macy Miles, a commit to University of Central Florida, but took a 1-0 lead in one of the more daring baserunning moves called by Houston.

"Whatever works," said Houston.

Against Naples, in the third inning, Houston got a walk to Paige Amato, a sacrifice bunt from Madison Wesley that put Amato at second base and a groundout from Maisey Campbell to put Amato at third. Miles hit Carly Johnson to put runners at first and third. Johnson, with Amato going full sprint toward home plate, induced a throw from Naples catcher Macienzie Leiti toward second base as Johnson apparently "fell" to create time for Amato to cross home plate before Naples could tag Johnson out to negate the run. The tag was late and Middleburg was up 1-0.

Brilliant. From there, Forrester finished off Naples with three strikeouts on the ensuing inning to pick up another 10K effort for the win.

"My arm was a little tired for the final game, but I took care of it and was ready to go," said Forrester, who finished with 271 strikeouts for her outstanding senior campaign. Forrester will be pitching next year at Flagler College.

With the South Lake Golden Eagles, also at 19-11 coming into the championship game, the two teams seemed evenly matched with top-notch pitching leading the defenses. South Lake pitcher Alanna O'Brien, who allowed just one hit (a

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THE CHAMPS

Who are they?

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - The recent state championship softball title won by the Middleburg High School girls team showcased the many different variables that need to align to create a state championship window of opportunity.

Great athletes make for championship level achievement, but more variables are part of the equation that makes that final day competition the best of a arguably long seasons fret with such obstacles such as injuries, weather, school tests and requirements plus the myriad of social rubber bands that pull almost any high school ager, much less high school-aged athletes.

That being said, let's look at the state champions of 2022-2023 from Clay County.

One state title is quite the achievement; two even better and three, phenomenal.



SJCDS: Matthew Stratton Cross Country, 3200 meters track state champion

Matthew Stratton

For St. Johns Country Day School cross country and track runner Matthew Stratton, the senior season in both sports were his shot to showcase a summer's worth of work dedicated to finishing above the top three which he had done in his sophomore and junior seasons. Mission Accomplished.

Stratton stormed to a triple title post season in cross country with a district and

"Champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream, a vision"

- Mahatma Ghandi

region title prelude that state title in Tallahassee.

As has been written about in Clay Today sports over the years, Stratton had been a top five finisher in cross country for three of his four seasons.

After blasting his senior season, Stratton went back to work for the spring track season, triple played his post season there with district wins in the 800, 1600 and 3200, region titles in the 1600 and 3200 and a final state title in the 3200.

"I qualified for all three, but the choice to run just the 3200 at state was based on a little tweak on my Achilles from all the fast running," said Stratton.

A possible injury and a possible blip in his scholarship aspirations at the University of Florida made for that personal decision.

Tamira Briley

In girls weightlifting, Oakleaf High senior Tamira Briley chased a second straight state title after learning from her disastrous sophomore season snafu of deciding her opening lifts at regions made her alter her strategy at the state meet and giving her a 10th place state finish.

In her junior year, the strategy misstep was factored into her entire season and she blasted to the state 110 pound title with a dominant win by over 40 pounds.

In her senior year, now with strategy, elite training and a smooth senior season academically, plus a family support network with double state track triple jump brother Melvin Briley, Briley cruised through her senior year to one of the most dominating seasons; now at 119 pounds,



Oakleaf: Tamira Briley, Class 3A state weightlifting champion Traditional and Olympic Snatch, Florida Dairy Farmer Miss Weightlifter



Clay High girls weightlifting, Class 2A Traditional and Olympic Snatch Champions with coach Rodney Keller, Florida Dairy Farmer coach of year.



Clay High: Jeniyah Stevens, Class 2A 154 state champion



Clay High: Garrett Tyre, Class 1A, 220 pound wrestling state champion

with her second state title; this time by 50 pounds, with a gold medal finish in the newly-installed Olympic snatch state competition.

Clay girls weightlifting

For Clay High's girls weightlifting, under the tenacious guidance of coach Rodney Keller, the collective spirit of dominating was persistent in the Blue Devil championship chase with two team titles; Traditional and Olympic Snatch, and individual titles to a freshman sensation, Emma Heck at 129, a seasoned veteran Janiyah Stevens at 154 and Unlimited Kyleigh LaFary, both

returners to finish unfinished business from the previous state meet. Heck and teammate Gianna Torres also won gold in the Olympic Snatch.

Keystone boys weightlifting

For Keystone Heights High's boys weightlifting team, the strength of numbers proved fateful as coach Lantz Lowery doubled up on points from his previous year's title to crush all comers in his gym with a second team title and an individual title from a guy, Ulysses Freed, deter-

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Keystone Heights: Boys weightlifting Class 1A champions; Ulysses Freed, Bryar Schenck individual champions, coach Lantz Lowery Florida Dairy Farmer coach of year

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SJCDs: Girls soccer Class 2A state champions; Julia Boaventura 2A Player of year. Mike Pickett 2A coach of year

Champs

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mined to overcome a serious injury. Freed won gold in the two disciplines; Traditional and Olympic Snatch with teammate Bryar Schenck also getting gold in Olympic Snatch.

St Johns Country Day Soccer

Of course, the queens of state titles reside at St. Johns Country Day School where the likes of Julia Boaventura, Karmryn Towers and Hannah Lemieux led a team of fairly new faces into the tiger's den of thieves trying to steal the trophy from a "reload" year for coach Mike Pickett. Result: Another state title for Pickett's girls.

"Talent wins games. Teamwork and intelligence wins championships"

- Michael Jordan

Swimming

In swimming, Fleming Island sophomore Maryn McDade had the best of the best to grab her 50 freestyle state title, a race that squeezes a lifetime of practice into a 22 second window of perfection. McDade dealt with the top swimmers all being within microseconds of each other in the 23.58 to 23.92 difference between her gold medal and a silver medal.

In a 50 yard sprint, off a start block,



Fleming Island: Maryn McDade, Class 3A 50 meter free state champion



Oakleaf: Boys Weightlifting Class 3A 183 state champion Gabriel Oliveria

with water a super resistant force on the human body, the smallest of minute mistakes can make the difference in winning or losing.

In the 100 free, McDade was tied for second at 51.47 with the winner at 51.35. That's pretty close.

Gabriel Oliveria

Back to weightlifting, boys this time and Oakleaf High senior sensation Gabriel Oliveria, a guy noone knew just a year ago.

The simple task of being in the right classroom at the right time with the right



SJCDs: Addison Frisbee, Class 1A Olympic Snatch State Champion

coach created a path to a state title that had all factors lining up for an entire season. Oliveria's Class 3A title at 183 pounds was contingent on the very last lift of his second place competitor; that guy being a defending state champion, thinking about how Oliveria put the very best numbers up before him.

Addison Frisbee

St. Johns had another state title come from weightlifter Addison Frisbee, a Florida AAU champion competitor, who transferred her skills in Olympic lifts to lead the Spartans first-ever weightlift team with an Olympic Snatch title in Class 1A.

"Everyone has the fire, but the champions know when to ignite the spark." Unknown.



Clay: Madisyn Blackburn, girls wrestling state champion

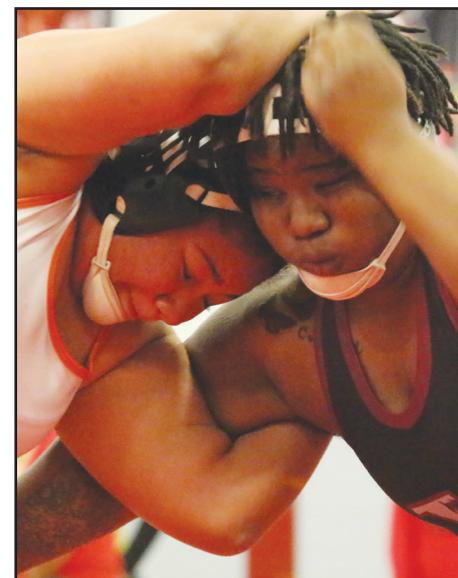
Girls wrestling

In wrestling, two girls wrestlers maintained their excellence for more than a year, probably two years, considering the sport only emerged as a legit state sport a year ago.

Madisyn Blackburn of Clay High and Andrea Smith of Orange Park, both kept their eyes on the prize with the state putting girls wrestling to a legit state champion sport.

The decision to stay true to the sport past the club titles they won in the prior year and pursue the state title their senior years were evident in their work ethic and focus; summer time wrestling, wrestling with boys, lifting, eating right.

In boys wrestling, Clay High's Garrett



OPHS: Andrea Smith, girls weightlift state champion

Tyre took the bad of getting kicked out of a bad match the week before districts thus eliminating his chase for a state title in his junior year to creating a mindset to not be influenced with those same bad choices in one of the roughest seasons that ended with a split second state title.

Coaches often say "Next play" when athletes must deal with adversity and Tyre kept that mantra in the back of his brain even when a scramble at his region championship match left that as a possibility. Officials deemed the incident just tough wrestling. Tyre continued and won, then progressed to win state title.

"Every champion was once a contender that refused to give up"

- Rocky Balboa

And, most recently, the Middleburg High girls softball team turned an 11-11 midseason record to nine straight wins including the Class 5A championship with a scrappy, never-say-die attitude behind a bonecrushing pitcher and a coach that shot lazars out of her eyes, then made a joke in the seventh inning with bases loaded and two outs to snag the title. Legend.

"The key is not the will to win. everybody has that. It is the will to prepare to win that is important."

- Bobby Knight



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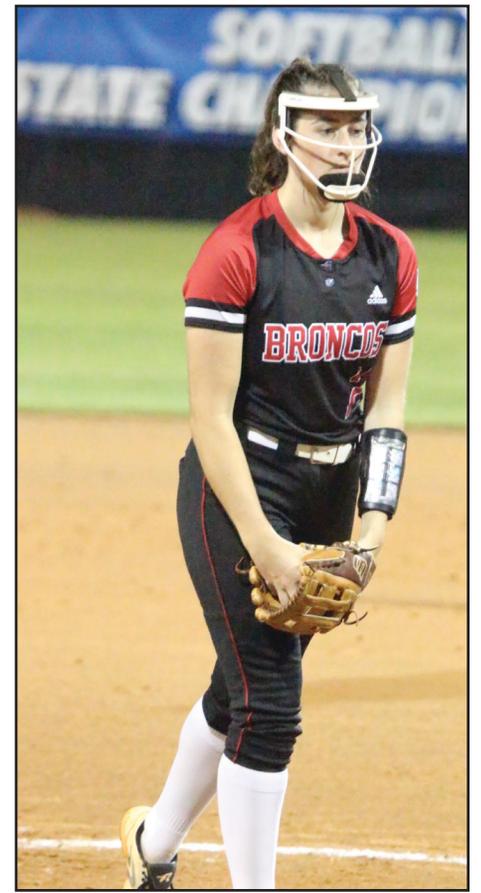
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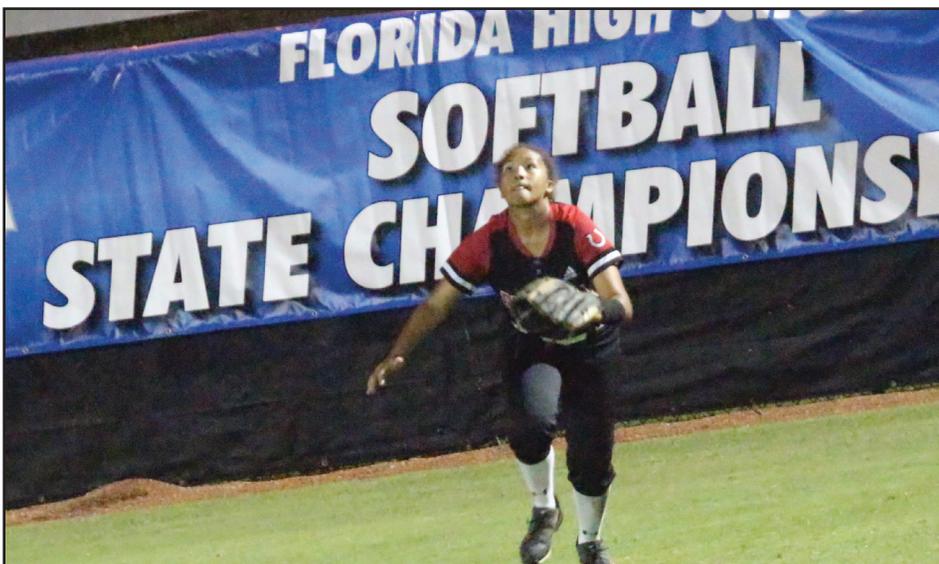


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Left: Middleburg High's girls softball team enters the Legends Way Ball Fields in Clermont to take on South Lake High in Class 5A championship game on Friday. Right: Senior pitcher Mallory Forrester struck out 10 batters and withstood a bases loaded seventh inning to secure first-ever state title for Middleburg High School.



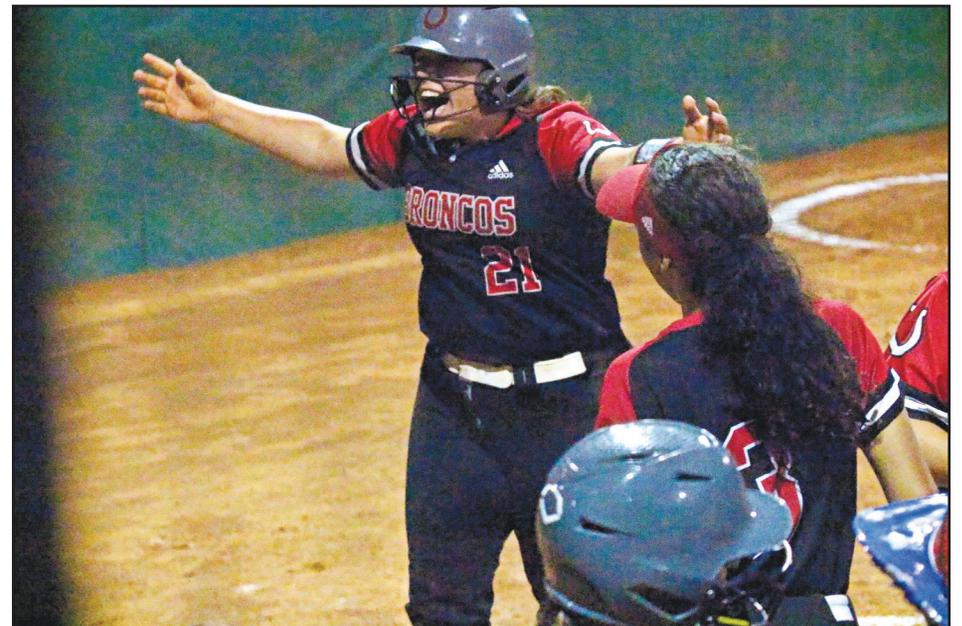
Left: Middleburg High coach Ashley Houston, right, hugs her freshman third baseman Kaelyn Hagan after championship win. Center: Mallory Forrester sneaks a slight smile after third strikeout of critical fourth inning. Right: Middleburg High coach Ashley Houston gets a smile from her team during meeting at mound in seventh inning bases loaded situation.



Left: Center fielder Madison Wesley sixth inning snag of fly ball was second big out of inning. Right: Middleburg batter Alyssa Prather sizes up her bat prior to getting in the batters box against South Lake. Prather had critical hits throughout the Broncos playoff run.



Middleburg High's team celebrates with home run hitter Belle Mincey after her fourth inning strike proved to be gamewinner in Broncos 1-0 Class 5A championship win on Friday.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Middleburg High home run hitter Belle Mincey celebrates the final steps of her home run jog around the bases after smashing fourth inning blast that was gave the Broncos a 1-0 Class 5A championship win over South Lake Friday night in Clermont.

Belle

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biggie!), opened with three fly balls while Forrester gave up a single, but made a heads up snag of a bunt fly ball in front of the mound and a second heads up play off a sharp line drive to her glove in the third with Forrester again answering with another three strikeout inning.

Middleburg kept hitting O'Brien, but a diving snag by left fielder Jordyn Lillis stole an extra bases hit possibility from Amato and Wesley grounded out to first base.

With South Lake located just a dozen miles from the Clermont softball complex, the home field advantage was very loudly something the Broncos would need to address during the contest.

For Forrester, Mincey's homer seemed to do that job after Forrester got through the first two innings with just two strikeouts and two baserunners in play that got baserunners left; one on a baserunning violation that eliminated one South Lake potential score in the first and a third strikeout after a walk left another baserunner stranded.

After that, Forrester was delivering the heat with blistering results; three whiffs in the third and two whiffs in the fourth.

"Belle's homer definitely made a really big difference in the game," said Forrester. "It definitely pumped us all up and kind of shut up the other team."

After the Mincey strike, Forrester and her defense took over to defend the slim lead with South Lake's bats attempting to get out of the infield, but sterling plays from third baseman Kaelyn Hagan on a sharp grounder just inside the third base line and a key outfield fly trackdown from Madison Wesley in the seventh inning.

In the fourth and fifth innings, South Lake again threatened to topple the Broncos' 1-0 lead, with single and sacrifice bunt leaving two baserunners after two Forrester strikeouts in the fourth and a double and sacrifice putting the tying run at third, but Forrester again squashed the

advance with two strikeouts.

In the sixth, South Lake again doubled, this time deep to the left field corner but Forrester got a fly ball to Campbell at shortstop.

With a seemingly slight momentum shift leaning toward South Lake after two fly balls and a strikeout in the Broncos' seventh inning, Forrester was to be tested in South Lake's final at bats.

In that critical seventh inning, with Forrester opening with her 10th strikeout and Wesley making her grab, Forrester blinked a bit and allowed a walk and single on base with Forrester hitting the third South Lake batter to load the bases.

"Coach came out to the mound and said something funny to us to kind of relieve the stressful situation," said Forrester. "We had been there before and she just got our minds right."

Forrester answered with two blistering fastballs that batter Destiny Johns watched sail by her.

"That final pitch, I wanted her to swing to end it," said Forrester. "She swung."

Johns made contact, but the ball sailed nearly straight up and found the glove of shortstop Maisy Campbell as the Broncos' Stampede fan section erupted.

"Just a routine fly ball," said Campbell.

A routine fly ball, nonetheless, but one that created a chaotic chase and hug frenzy on the field for Houston and her players.

After a strong region run last year and a state title this year, Dynasty?

"We have a lot of work to do before that," said Houston.



Middleburg High's Belle Mincey admitted to having a premonition about her team winning the state title then delivered the gamewinning homer.



Shortstop Maisy Campbell yells with ball in hand after making final out of Class 5A championship game for her Broncos.



First baseman Belle Mincey charges toward home plate for bunt with South Lake baserunner taking off.

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Clay High Blue Devils showcase new faces

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Clay Blue Devils Football Coach Kyle Kennard held his version of open mic night as no one on the squad was yet locked into any position for the upcoming 2022-2023 Football season. Kennard was so excited in the moment; I nearly needed a lasso to slow him down for a quick pre-game comment.

"We are looking to get on the field and try to execute on offense, get lined up on defense, run to the ball, and just try to do all the little things right that we've been preaching all spring long," said Kennard. "We have a whole bunch of new kids out here, new positions, and whole different football team than you've seen in the past, a lot of new guys, new faces and we're excited to come out and show everybody what we've been working on for the last month. We preach competition every day and you have to compete."

Overall, the Blue Devils looked ready to take on the visiting Ponte Vedra Sharks, a game Clay dominated last spring in the Sharks backyard. This year, the Sharks had the upper hand with many returning ju-

niors, and Clay not quite in a rebuild year, but needing to have vacancies filled with so many seniors moving on.

Offensively, quarterback Merrick Rapoza learned very quickly, he didn't have the time to release the ball that he enjoyed in practice. Once the sophomore got the timing down, which he picked up quickly, things turned around and Clay moved the ball down the field. His favorite passing targets seemed to be senior Jarvis Lee and sophomore Jaden Paulk. Both receivers played some defensive back as well and showed some great view of the field. Complimenting the receiving corps was junior tight end Bowen Tashjian showing not only great hands when going up for the ball but turning up field and taking on defenders like a bowling ball to the pins.

Sophomore Chandler Thomas looked to be the running back work horse, able to take on Sharks head-to-head and make yards when needed. Sophomore Payton Dykas complimented Thomas in the running game, with Thomas showing he can be a stout lead blocker. Other noted blockers

SEE DEVILS, 33



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Clay wide out Payton Dykas has emerged as top playmaker for Blue Devils offense at wide receiver and as a jet sweep ball carrier.



Senior athlete Jarvis Lee will be a ball hawk on defense, playmaker on offense and thrill seeker on kick returns. Rugged running back Chandler Thomas is a tough cookie to bring down on first contact and gets the extra yards for first downs.



Payton Dykas dives into end zone for score in spring game with Ponte Vedra.



Sophomore quarterback Merrick Rapoza got his groove after figuring the pocket time allowed with decisive passes.

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Ammon-to-Bradshaw still a potent combination

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

STARKE - The Oakleaf Knights closed out the 2022 Spring Football Classic with the last game for the Clay County teams, travelling to Bradford to take on a very motivated Tornado team in their turf field stadium. Knight's Head Coach Frank Garis was ready to see if he had some players ready to claim their position for the upcoming 2022-2023 season.

"We are just trying to evaluate everybody, get out of here healthy, and play hard," said Garis as he headed out onto the field just before gametime. "We want to see everyone on top of their assignments and no mental mistakes, no mental errors." Asked if he had any tight competition in the key positions, Garis replied "Everybody is competing for everything right now. No one is locked into anything."

The offense was spearheaded by Junior Quarterback Drew Ammon. Ammon showed some great highlights with a very strong arm. At times, it seemed the receivers may have run a wrong route, or there was miscommunication as Ammon's pass went to no one. Ammon faced a second down and 10 yards to go for a first down, rolled out and saw tons of green to his left. Ammon lit the afterburners getting the first down, plus, and used his head to avoid a needless tackle to reach forward as he went out of bounds to live another set of downs.

After the first quarter, the stray passes seemed all worked out and Ammon was connecting. It seemed down the field, Ammon targeted Junior Taylor Bradshaw. Bradshaw showed great hands anytime the ball was in the same ZIP code, with one touchdown which required him to climb a ladder to get above the defender, reach over, take the ball and fight on the way down to score a touchdown.

In the backfield, Junior Devin Outlaw was a beast. Outlaw had no problem taking on defenders head on, and when asked to punch it in from three yards out, bowled



over a defender, shook him aside and punched it in for six points. Outlaw also proved a reliable receiver, hooking up with Ammon for several good gains.

Up front, Junior Jordan Mitchell, Freshman Chase Johnson, and Junior Krishawn Sanders showed they are stout protectors with amazing size and speed. Once the Knights figured out where the Tornado blitz was coming from, they looked much better coordinated and provided Ammon with time to work.

Defensively, Sophomore Akeem Neal had an outstanding goal line stop, showing the powerhouse can get behind the line and make plays. Neal was backed up by another outstanding playmaker; Justin Marsh-Mensie. The sophomore showed he can shake blockers, get behind the line and shake things up, racking up a monster sack for a huge Tornado loss.

In the defensive backfield, Sophomore Ammarion Grant had a great pick and return for yards, showing the Knights could disrupt when needed. Sophomore Takoda Brown and freshman Drake Stubbs showed some serious speed, coming across the field on a Bradford deep pass, and saving a



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Oakleaf High wide receiver Taylor Bradshaw continued his pass catching expertise with quarterback Drew Ammon, left, in Knights spring game against Bradford County.



Senior running back Devin Outlaw is back and injury-free for Knights and makes a big presence on the field.



Oakleaf defensive back Ammarion Grant got a pass interception against Bradford County in tight defensive play.

sure touchdown. Freshman Camari Davis was flying all over the defensive backfield, getting in on just about every other defensive tackle. With such a young defensive backfield and only a couple weeks of practice, it is understandable how Oakleaf had some issues with coverage that experience and jelling together will help once fall practice comes around.

The Knights seemed well equipped to be strong contenders for the upcoming season once they get back together and work on the finer points that the spring classic limited time just can't provide.



Oakleaf acrobat Corey Washington is upside down happy to get to spring game against Bradford County.

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Blue Devils season ends after fateful sixth inning

By **Randy Lefko**
Sports Editor

CLERMONT - Clay High softball has been riding a strong defensive effort and wicked pitching from Gabby Ellis into the Class 4A Final Four and a scoreless game going against top-ranked Deltona High until a dramatic sixth inning put the game at 4-0 for Deltona. Deltona (20-3) eventually won 4-0 and also won the Class 4A title with a 6-3 win over Lake Wales on Friday.

With strong defense from Clay off just three strikeouts to pitcher Gabby Ellis, Clay left six runners on base against Deltona pitcher Katie McCaw. McCaw registered seven strikeouts and just one hit; to Kendall Mann, for the game.

In that fateful sixth inning, after a run down of a long fly ball in left field by Kierstyn Mann put Deltona back in the dugout, Clay took to the bats and got baserunners in play; Kamryn Hubbard leading off with a strikeout with McKinley Bardroff up next getting a walk to bring up Ellis. Bardroff's walk was the second of the night for McCaw with Abby Rutledge walking earlier in the game for Clay's only two baserunners to that point. Bardroff moved to second off a steal with no throw with Ellis drawing a second walk to set up two baserunners for the Blue Devils.

Gabby Wiseman bunted Bardroff to third base and Ellis to second to set up Sydney Davis who hit a fly ball to right field to end the inning.

For Deltona, with just one hit off Ellis at the bottom of the sixth start, Ellis hit batter Emily Donahue to put her on base for just the second baserunner for Deltona. A single through the shortstop hole just out of Wiseman's diving stab put Donahue at third base to bring coach Matt Lewis to the mound with two Deltona baserunners.

Glenn Rodgers Claims 110 Hurdles Title

A year ago, Glenn Rodgers was heartbroken. The Fleming Island High School graduate and state 110 high hurdles champion, came into last year's national championship meet with the second-best time in the 110 Hurdles but missed the final after running 14.15 in the prelims and finishing behind teammate Darion Carter in the heat and was off by just fourth hundredths of a second on getting in on the next best time.

This year, Rodgers is the national champion in the event.

The sophomore edged Madonna's Steven Anderson by five hundredths of a second in a time of 13.83 to become the first male athlete in program history to win a national title.

The hurt of not having a chance to reach last year's podium fueled his training, helping him finish second at this year's Indoor National Championship in the 60 Meter



PHOTO BY MONICA ELLIS

Clay High pitcher and catcher Sydney Davis and Gabby Ellis console each other after Blue Devils' Cinderella ride into the Class 4A Final Four ended with 4-0 loss to eventual champion Deltona High in state semifinal game on Thursday in Clermont.

Deltona's Sophie Stempel dropped a centerfield double just in front of Bardroff to score both baserunners and put Deltona up 2-0.

Another base hit to right field singled in one more run, 3-0.

Ellis got Deltona's Morgan Davis to no balls, two strikes before Davis dropped another ball into centerfield just in front of Bardroff for the fourth hit in a row on Ellis. Parker got an out off a fly to second base with Adrianna Stump-Frias getting walked to load the bases for Deltona.

Deltona scored one more with a line drive into left field with Mann getting a strong throw in to get a tag to end the inning. In the final inning, Ema Martin grounded out for a second out before Kendall Mann snuck a grounder through the shortstop hole for the only hit for Clay.

Rutledge was final at bat with a right field fly ball ended the game.



BY DONNY SMITH/SEIATHLETICS

Hurdles and reach the top of the podium at outdoor nationals.

"Last year was very hurtful," said Rodgers. "I took that to heart and from that point, I kept training to get to the point where I wanted to be a national champion. I thought about it every last rep at practice to get the motivation that there was someone else out there that might be working harder."

Southeastern earned 20 points in the event with Rodgers finishing first, Davonte Vanterpool third in 13.92, and Darion Carter fifth in 14.13. "He's just been hot the last three to four weeks," said coach Nick Dodson of Rodgers.

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Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") for the Ridgewood Trails Community Development District ("District") will hold the following two public hearings and a regular meeting:

DATE: July 6, 2022
 TIME: 6:00 p.m.
 LOCATION: Azalea Ridge Amenity Center
 1667 Azalea Ridge Boulevard
 Middleburg, Florida 32068

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 ("Fiscal Year 2022/2023"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("O&M Assessments") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

Description of Assessments

The District imposes O&M Assessments on benefitted property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget. A geographic depiction of the property potentially subject to the proposed O&M Assessments is identified in the map attached hereto. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments, which are subject to change at the hearing:

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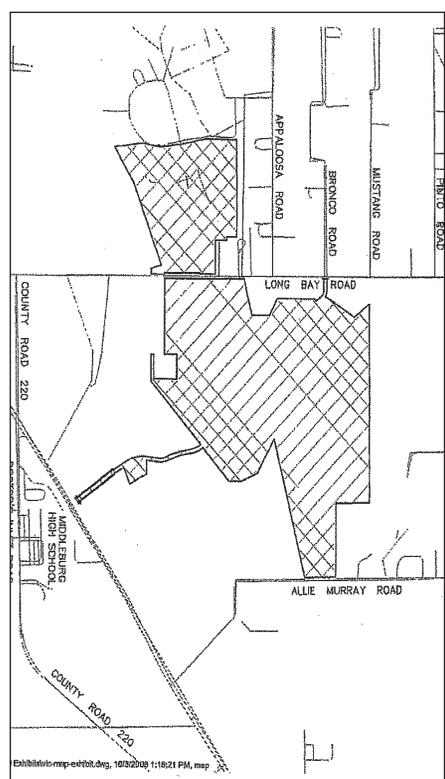
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Marilee Giles
 District Manager



Legal 35380 was published on June 2 and 9, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

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The administration of the estate of SHIRLEY ANN MARSHALL, deceased. File Number: 2022-CP-000316 is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 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. 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 June 2, 2022. Attorney for Personal Representative Thomas C. Santoro Florida Bar No. 634387 Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar No. 0784915 1700 Wells Road, Suite 5 Orange Park, Florida 32073 Telephone: (904) 278-8713 Facsimile: (904) 278-8768 tsantoro@santoro-law.com Personal Representative : Donna Compton 125 Woodlyn Drive Reidsville, North Carolina 27320

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 2007 DODGE 2B3KA43R7H740895
 2011 HYUNDAI 8NPEC4AC2BH018891
 2011 CHEVY 1G1PC55H1B7179187
 2006 ISUZU 1GGCS198568703706
 2004 MERCURY 1ME-FM50U44G607643

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PUBLIC SALE

On 06/29/2022 at 09:00 AM an auction will take place at 1046 Airpark Rd. Green Cove Springs FL 32043. The vehicles which 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.

Legal 35507 Published June 2, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that REDI-ROCK INTERNATIONAL, OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

TRUEMONT MATERIALS

located at 4169 CR 15A, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 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. Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida this 27th day of May 2022.

Legal 35506 Published June 02, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on 06/16/2022, 2022 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. 1998 Dodge ID # 1B4HS28Y4WF112970

Legal 35505 Published June 2, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, pursuant to SECTION 83.801-809 Florida Statutes "Storage Facility Act" will sell to the highest bidder the contents of the following storage units located at KEYSTONE HEIGHTS SELF STORAGE, 1029 SE State Road 100, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. Said contents consisting of personal property, household and other goods, furniture, etc., or as otherwise indicated. Sale will take place on June 18th, 2022 @ 10:00am @ 1029 SE State Road 100, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. This sale is being made to satisfy a statutory lien. Registration will begin at 9:15am at 7378 Sunrise Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 and then will proceed to the location listed above as the auction site. Unit number(s) and name(s) of tenants are as follows: K047 Prisia Brandies Entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien & other charge according to Fl. Statues 83.806. Seller reserves the right to reject all bids and to withdraw any unit from such sale. Open bids only. CASH PAYMENTS ONLY. ALL Sales Are Final. 10% Buyers Premium. For any winning bid, the buyer must present a \$50.00 cleaning fee for each winning unit and is refundable upon returning the unit broom swept. Contents to be removed by close of business 06/18/2022.

Legal 35504 Published June 2 and June 9, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: EDWIN PASTORS, 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.: 259/2020 Legal Description: LOT 141 BEDFORD OAKS AS REC O R 3792 PG 1611 Parcel ID No.: 0708223-000898-144-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$2,938.07 Physical Address: 6699 SHADY LN , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL Name in which assessed: ANDRE SIEMER

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 27th day of July, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com. Dated this 27th day of May, 2022 TARA S. GREEN Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida By: Cynthia Horan Deputy Clerk

Legal 35417 Published June 2, June 9, June 16, and June 23, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES gives Notice that on 06/17/2022, 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. JTDZ3E06E3298081 2014 TOYT

Legal 35415 Published June 2, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that Renewed Prosperity, Inc., owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of THE BRADY GROUP

located at 135 Blake Ave, Orange Park,

Florida 32073 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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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the sealed qualifications will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, June 20, 2022 at the Clay County Administration Building, fourth floor, Purchasing Department, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Qualifications will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, June 21, 2022 at the same location in the presence of the Purchasing Department staff and all other interested persons for the following:

RFQ No. 21/22-22, PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES

The opened Qualifications will be read aloud and preserved in the custody of the Purchasing Department for later examination for conformance to all bid requirements. Qualifications will not be valid unless received by the RFQ deadline and in a sealed envelope marked "RFQ No. 21/22-22, PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES". Envelopes are to be submitted in person or delivered by courier to the above address.

After due consideration, Clay County intends to entertain a short list of firms. 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 Consultant if deemed necessary by the County.

During the Request for Qualification Period, from publication of the Notice of a Request for Qualifications 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 Qualifications 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 Qualifications (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 Qualifications. For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, 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 WEB PAGE 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" ROLLER 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 PETITION 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

CLAY LEGALS

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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PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:
ORDINANCE NO. 0-16-2022 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING CITY ORDINANCE NO.: 0-22-2021 TO CORRECT A DATE RELATED TO "CREDITED SERVICE" FOR THE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST FOR POLICE OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance.
City Council: Second & Final Reading on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay - Dial 7-1-1.
Said Ordinance is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

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LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE / AVISO LEGAL (Florida State 98.075 / Estatuto de Florida 98.075)

Notice is hereby given to the following person(s) with the last known address of:

Por la presente se notifica a las siguientes personas con la última dirección conocida de:
ALEXANDER, ERNEST
3627 DOUBLE BRANCH LN
ORANGE PARK, 32073

CENTER JR, JOHN H
8202 LAKE ECHO RIDGE DR
MELROSE, 32666

GRIFFIN, TANNER C
4775 CALENDULA AVE
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

LOONEY, JOSEPH H
5973 COUNTY ROAD 218
BALDWIN, 32234

MULLNER, TAMMY L
6345 SOMERSET CT
BALDWIN, 32234

PLEMMONS, JAMES E
2097 PALMETTO ST
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

SANCHEZ III, ANGELO L
3750 SILVER BLUFF BLVD APT 701
ORANGE PARK, 32065

SEWELL, JR, ROBERT L
4270 BRIAR WOOD FLAT TRCE APT 4
MIDDLEBURG, 32068

You are hereby notified that you are potentially ineligible to be registered to vote. Failure to respond to this notice within 30 days may result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor of Elections and removal of your name from the statewide voter

registration system. You may contact the Supervisor of Elections office to receive information regarding the basis for the potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter. If further assistance is needed, contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections office.

Por la presente se le notifica que no es elegible para registrarse para votar. Si no responde a este aviso dentro de los 30 días, el Supervisor de Elecciones puede determinar que no es elegible y eliminar su nombre del sistema estatal de registro de votantes. Puede comunicarse con la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones para recibir información sobre la base de la posible inelegibilidad y el procedimiento para resolver el asunto. Si necesita más ayuda, comuníquese con la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay.

Chris H. Chambliss
Supervisor of Elections
Supervisor de Elecciones

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that JERRI DANIELLE HENDRIX, OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of HENSTIX CREATIVE

located at P.O. Box 8997, Fleming Island, FL 32006 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 OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CASE NO. 2018-CA-000867
LOANCARE, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.

ERNEST D. MURPHY A/K/A ERNEST MURPHY, ET AL.
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 1, 2021, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Clay County, Florida, on July 5, 2022, at 10:00 AM, at www.clay.realforeclose.com for the following described property: Lot 38, Pace Island Unit Eighteen, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 32, at Pages 8, 9, 10 and 11, 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. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

Dated: This 26th day of May, 2022
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Taylor Tison
Deputy Clerk of the Court

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 ADA Coordinator at 904-255- 1695 or at crtrinpr@coj.net, 501 West Adams Street, Room 6204, Jacksonville, FL 32202 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, June 30, 2022, at the Clay County Administration Building, fourth floor, Purchasing Department, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, for the following:
BID NO. 21/22 – 40, CLAY COUNTY JAIL 3RD FLOOR MEZZANINE MODIFICATIONS

Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, July 01, 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 bid deadline.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Clay County Jail, Detention Training Room located at 901 N Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, on June 14, 2022 at 10:30 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. Bids will not be valid unless received by the proposal deadline and in a sealed envelope marked "BID NO. 21/22 – 40, CLAY COUNTY JAIL 3RD FLOOR MEZZANINE MODIFICATIONS" to be received until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, June 30, 2022. Envelopes are to be submitted in person or delivered by courier to the above address. No postal mail will be accepted.

For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Jessica Loos in the Purchasing Department at (904) 284-6388 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com.

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.

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 WEBSITE 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" ROLL-OVER 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 DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 16-2022-DR-0522
DIVISION:

IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD(REN):
IRENE SANCHEZ ORO
Petitioner.

Petitioner, IRENE SANCHEZ ORO, publishes this Notice of Diligent Search and Inquiry, pursuant to Florida Statutes 49.031 to 49.041, and states as follows: I, IRENE SANCHEZ ORO, am the Petitioner in the above referenced action and have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.

Diligent search and inquiry have been made to discover the residence and address of JUAN CARLOS LICONA MARTINEZ A/K/A ROBERTO MILLAN LICONA, however he has made no effort to stay in contact with his children or may be attempting to conceal himself.

There is no person within the State upon whom service can be made which would bind him. The above-named individual is over eighteen (18) years of age. He is presently not in the military service of the United States of America. Efforts to locate him include, but are not limited to:

Names and addresses of relatives and contacts with those relatives, and inquiry as to his last known address; Information about his possible death and, if dead, the date and location of the death; Telephone listings in the last known location of his residence; Internet at <http://www.switchboard.com> or other internet databank locator service. Hospitals in the last known area of his residence.

Wherefore, Petitioner has no means of effecting physical service upon him.
WELDON LAW GROUP, LLC
/s/ Mariya Zarakhovich
MARIYA ZARAKHOVICH, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No. 618705
IAN T. WELDON, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No. 0430099
334 East Duval Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202
Tel. (904) 322-7980
Fax (904) 425-2235
E-Mail: maria@weldonlegal.com
Secondary: service@weldonlegal.com
Attorney for Petitioner

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2022CA000234
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff, vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICK J. BARR, ET AL.
Defendants

To the following Defendant(s):
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICK J. BARR (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

Last Known Address: UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 24, COUNTRY CLUB OF ORANGE PARK UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE 29 , PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 603 THORNWOOD LN, ORANGE PARK FL 32073

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to J. Anthony Van Ness, Esq., at VAN NESS LAW FIRM, PLC, Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1239 E. NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE #110, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33442 on or before a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the CLAY TODAY and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided to Administrative Order No. 2065.
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 crtrinpr@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 24th day of May, 2022
TARA S. GREEN
CLAY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT
By: Rebecca Crews
As Deputy Clerk

the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided to Administrative Order No. 2065.

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 crtrinpr@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 24th day of May, 2022
TARA S. GREEN
CLAY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT
By: Rebecca Crews
As Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC SALE

Atlantic Self Storage PUBLIC SALE will be on June 30th, 2022 at 10:00 AM starting location:

1075 Blanding Blvd Atlantic Self Storage PUBLIC SALE will be on June 30th, 2022 at 10:00 AM starting location: 1075 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL 32065- Unit 131- Rachel Mary Cruz; Unit 148- Raoul Enriquez; Unit 291-Rachel Mary Cruz
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING: 912 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park FL 32065 – Unit 210 – Olakunle Oladeji (Bricks); Unit 220 – Beverly B Reed; Unit 392 – Olakunle Oladeji

Those listed above are delinquent in rent and under FL Statute 83.806 the contents of their units will be sold at Public Sale with a 10% Buyer's Premium. The above units contain household goods and personal items unless otherwise noted. All Vehicles are sold AS-IS, PARTS ONLY. Terms of sale are CASH ONLY, due at the end of each Public Sale.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2022CA000234
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICK J. BARR, ET AL.
Defendants

To the following Defendant(s):
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICK J. BARR (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

Last Known Address: UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 24, COUNTRY CLUB OF ORANGE PARK UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE 29, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 603 THORNWOOD LN, ORANGE PARK FL 32073

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to J. Anthony Van Ness, Esq., at VAN NESS LAW FIRM, PLC, Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1239 E. NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE #110, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33442 on or before a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the CLAY TODAY and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided to Administrative Order No. 2065.
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 crtrinpr@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 24th day of May, 2022
TARA S. GREEN
CLAY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT
By: Rebecca Crews
As Deputy Clerk

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June 9, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: MARK H FINK, 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.: 760/2018
Legal Description: LOT 2 BLK 67 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2507 PG 800
Parcel ID No.: 220823-003583-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,056.20
Physical Address: 7302 LEHIGH DR , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: EMMANUEL B JASNEY & QUETTELIE JEAN-BAPTISTE

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 27th day of July, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.

Dated this 24th 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: MARK H FINK, 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.: 758/2018
Legal Description: LOT 12 BLK 66 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2507 PG 800
Parcel ID No.: 220823-003581-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,170.62
Physical Address: 7299 LEHIGH DR , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: EMMANUEL B JASNEY & QUETTELIE JEAN-BAPTISTE

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate No.: 684/2019
Legal Description: LOT 9 BLK 34 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3389 PG 1787
Parcel ID No.: 210823-002964-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$919.76
Physical Address: 6295 BOWDOIN AVE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: DANIEL PAUL CUBBEDGE

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 27th day of July, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.

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CLAY LEGALS

in understanding the importance of fair housing should attend. For more information concerning the public meeting, contact David J. Cooper, Town Manager, by e-mail at penneyfarms@bellsouth.net or by mail to P.O. Box 1041, Penney Farms, FL 32079-1041. Questions and/or comments may also be provided by phone. Mr. Cooper can be reached at 904-529-9078. The meeting will be held in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the meeting is asked to advise the Town at least five days before the hearing by contacting David J. Cooper, Town Manager at 904-529-9078. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Town using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice). Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Cooper at 904-529-9078 at least five days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided. Also, persons seeking additional information about fair housing issues may contact the following toll-free hotlines 1-802-342-8170 (Florida Commission of Human Relations) or 1-800-669-9777 (HUD-Washington, D.C.). A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TOWN OF PENNEY FARMS FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Town of Penney Farms is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for one or more Small Cities Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the FY 2021-2022 CDBG program year. Each grant is expected to not exceed \$600,000. CDBG funds may be used for one of the following purposes: 1. To benefit low and moderate income persons; 2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or 3. To meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial and industrial development, economic development and include such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, planning/design, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation.

In developing an application for submission to DEO, the Town of Penney Farms must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the Town is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons. A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held on **Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter, as may be held at the **Town of Penney Farms Town Hall located at 4100 Clark Ave., Penney Farms, FL 32079.** Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken with funding from the CDBG grant program will be provided at the public hearing. Additional information may also be obtained prior to the Public Hearing by contacting **David J. Cooper, Town Manager at (904) 529-9078.** Also, comments or questions may be submitted to Mr. Cooper by email at penneyfarms@bellsouth.net, or by postal service at **P.O. Box 1041, Penney Farms, FL 32079-1041.** The public hearing will be conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired or requiring any other special accommodation should contact the Town at the phone number listed above at least five calendar days prior to the meeting so that arrangements can be made for an interpreter or other special accommodation. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call 1(800) 877-8339. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact the Town at the phone number listed above so that arrangements for a language interpreter can be made. A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of Penney Farms

Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF) Meeting Notice

The Town of Penney Farms will conduct a meeting of its Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF) at the Town of Penney Farms Town Hall, which is located at 4100 Clark Ave., Penney Farms, FL 32079, on **Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** The CATF will meet to discuss community and economic development needs along with funding options for the Community Development Block Grant program. For more information concerning this meeting, contact **David J. Cooper, Town Manager at (904) 529-9078. A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION**

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PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives Notice that on 06/19/2022 at 10:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2905 BLANDING BLVD. MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78 411BK1EB0JU285906 2018 TOYT

Legal 35202 published June 2, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 2019 CA 000146
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE NOTEHOLDERS FOR THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED NOTES SERIES 2005-SD2,
Plaintiff,

vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CHARLES FREDERICK FORTNER A/K/A CHARLES F. FORTNER; BETTY FORTNER; KAREN HAYES; UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF BROOKS WAYNE FORTNER A/K/A BROOKS W. FORTNER; DEBRA FORTNER; CRYSTAL FORTNER; AMANDA FORTNER; ADAM FORTNER; CHAD FORTNER; KATHERINE JEANNETTE SWAIN, MOTHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN OF LEANN FORTNER, A MINOR; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;,
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Cancelling and Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered in **Civil Case No. 2019 CA 000146** of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE NOTEHOLDERS FOR THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED NOTES SERIES 2005-SD2 is Plaintiff and THE ESTATE OF CHARLES FREDERICK FORTNER, BETTY FORTNER, KAREN HAYES, THE ESTATE OF BROOKS WAYNE FORTNER, DEBRA FORTNER, CRYSTAL FORTNER, AMANDA FORTNER, ADAM FORTNER, CHAD FORTNER and KATHERINE JEANNETTE SWAIN, MOTHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN OF LEANN FORTNER, A MINOR, et al. are Defendants. The Clerk, TARA S. GREEN, shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at **Clay County's On-Line Public Auction website: www.clay.realforeclose.com**, at **10:00 AM on August 24, 2022**, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described property located in CLAY County, Florida, as set forth in said Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure, to-wit:

PARCEL 2:
A PARCEL OF LAND BEING LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 27, AND A PORTION OF LOTS 3 AND 4 OF BLOCK 27 GOLDEN GATE MANOR, AS PER PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 59, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT AN IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 27 OF SAID GOLDEN GATE MANOR, AND RUN S 18 DEG 24 MIN 13 SEC E, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 27, A DISTANCE OF 194.55 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AT THE

SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 2 OF SAID BLOCK 27; THENCE RUN N 73 DEG 39 MIN 36 SEC E, ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BONAVENTURE AVENUE, 73.15 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1839, PAGE 1746, CLAY COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE RUN N 18 DEG 20 MIN 01 SEC W, ALONG SAID LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1839, PAGE 1746, A DISTANCE OF 97.26 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1839, PAGE 1746; THENCE RUN N 18 DEG 35 MIN 00 SEC W, 99.57 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SPRING STREET; THENCE RUN S 71 DEG 52 MIN 34 SEC W, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 72.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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. The court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an 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.

Dated this 18 day of May, 2022.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Leigh LeCroy
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2022-CP-000212
Division A
IN RE: ESTATE OF
NETTIE EVELYN NORRIS
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Nettie Evelyn Norris, deceased, whose date of death was March 26, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is May 26, 2022.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Gary L. Luke
Florida Bar Number: 0047350 LUKE-LAWLLC
1405 Kingsley Ave Orange Park, FL 32073
Telephone: (904) 637-2700
E-Mail: serviceofpapers@lukelaw.com
Secondary E-Mail: gary@lukelaw.com
Personal Representative:
Lisa Villa
2369 Jenni Lane
Fleming Island, Florida 32003

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NOTICE TO FORECLOSURE

SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2014-CA-1102
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CABANA SERIES IV TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DEDRIX DAKA A/K/A WILSON DEDRIX DAKA A/K/A DEDRIX W. DAKA, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure and Reformation of Mortgage dated May 11, 2022, entered in Case No. 2014-CA-1102 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CABANA SERIES IV TRUST is the Plaintiff and DEDRIX DAKA A/K/A WILSON DEDRIX DAKA A/K/A DEDRIX W. DAKA, DEBORAH A. DAKA A/K/A DEBORAH DAKA, MAGNOLIA POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., JAX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, EVERBANK and VIRGINIA HALL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE J.P. HALL, JR. REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST are the Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, TARA S. GREEN, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, at public sale on **September 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM** electronically online at the following website: www.clay.realforeclose.com, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

PARCEL 1
LOT 63, MAGNOLIA POINT GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, PHASE III, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGES 41, 42, 43 AND 44 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL 2
PART OF LOT 62, MAGNOLIA POINT GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB PHASE III AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGES 41-44 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT A POINT COMMON TO LOTS 62 AND 63 ON THE PEBBLE BEACH BOULEVARD CUL-DE-SAC AS SHOWN ON SAID RECORDED PLAT WHICH SAID POINT IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED;

THENCE TURN AND RUN NORTH 28 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST ALONG LINE COMMON TO LOTS 62 AND 63 A DISTANCE OF 23.09 FEET; THENCE TURN AND RUN NORTH 67 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID COMMON LINE A DISTANCE OF 16.00 FEET TO A POINT;
THENCE TURN AND RUN SOUTH 12 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 25.38 FEET TO A POINT ON THE PEBBLE BEACH BOULEVARD CUL-DE-SAC;
THENCE TURN AND RUN NORTH-EASTERLY ALONG SAID CUL-DE-SAC TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Including the buildings, appurtenances, and fixtures located thereon.
Property Address: 1611 Pebble Beach Blvd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THE FINAL JUDGMENT. IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIEN HOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS.

TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk
By: Rebecca Crew
Deputy Clerk
Dated this 12th day of May, 2022.

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

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NOTICE OF 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 INTEREST 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 INTEREST 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 WAY UNIT 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; FLORIDA AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS ("PROPERTY"):
CONDOMINIUM UNIT 2003, COTTAGES AT OAKLEAF CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2366, PAGE 1558, AS AMENDED, 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 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 TODAY) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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

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 LeCroy
As Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10-2022-DR-000215-AXXX-XX
DIVISION: E

JEAN ETIENNE CEANT, Petitioner,
and

EBONEY MICHELLE CEANT, Defendant,

To: EBONEY NICHELLE CEANT
Last Known Address: 7101 MCINTOCH LANE, APT 2A, INDIANAPOLIS IN 46226
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 JEAN ETIENNE CEANT, whose address is 232 PRINGLE CIRCLE, APT E, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043 on or before July 1, 2022 and file the original with this Clerk of the Court at 825 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Spring, FL 32043 before 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 Current Address, Florida Supreme Court approved Form 12.915) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address 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 dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Date: April 13, 2022
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Taylor Tison
Deputy Clerk

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RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2019-CA-000281

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST,
Plaintiff,

vs.
MARJORY BEAUCLOCHE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARJORY BEAUCLOCHE; TROPICAL FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION; FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale filed April 11, 2022 and entered in Case No. 2019-CA-000281, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST is Plaintiff and MARJORY BEAUCLOCHE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARJORY BEAUCLOCHE; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; TROPICAL FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION; FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are defendants. TARA S. GREEN, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash BY ELECTRONIC SALE AT: WWW.CLAY.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at 10:00 A.M., on June 21, 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 25, THORNHILL UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGE(S) 32 THROUGH 40 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 12th day of April, 2022.

TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of said Court
By: Jaimie Pippin

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CLAY LEGALS

PROBATE DIVISION
Division A
File No. 2022-CP-000254
IN RE: ESTATE OF VICKIE DIXON RYAN,
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of VICKIE DIXON RYAN, deceased, whose date of death was March 2, 2022, 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 26, 2022.
Attorney for Personal Representative: GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR.
Attorney for Petitioner: 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@floridaidelder.com
Secondary email address: donna@floridaidelder.com

Personal Representative: JEFFERY SCOTT RYAN
2528 Glenfield Drive
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2019-CA-000454
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, Plaintiff,
v.

FELIPE SAMUELS A/K/A FELIPE L. SAMUELS; MAGDA SAMUELS; ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; COPPERGATE ESTATES OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to In Rem Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 15, 2022 entered in Civil Case No. 2019-CA-000454 in Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, Plaintiff and FELIPE SAMUELS A/K/A FELIPE L. SAMUELS; MAGDA SAMUELS; COPPERGATE ESTATES OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are Defendant(s), Tara S. Green, Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 10:00 AM at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on June 15, 2022 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 32, COPPERGATE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 32, PAGES 65 THROUGH 69, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 1774 Penance Parkway Middleburg FL 32073
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 UN-

CLAIMED.
THE COURT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ENLARGE THE TIME OF THE SALE. NOTICE OF THE CHANGED TIME OF SALE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

Tara S. Green
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Taylor Tison
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

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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 17, 2022 at 12:00am
Crystal Pasley-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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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: 4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003, June 17, 2022 at 10:00am

Kingsley Rx LLC KATHLEEN COLESON PHARMACY SUPPLIES/PATIENT RECORDS
Richard Fullwood
Fridge Ent center Grill
Jordan White
Miscellaneous garage stuff golf clubs chairs toys a washer
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 TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BETTY J. VAUGHAN, DECEASED

The administration of the estate of BETTY J. VAUGHAN, deceased, File Number 2022CP145, 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 Representative and the Representatives' attorney is set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, 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 unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: May 26, 2022.
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
DECEMBER LEE, ESQ
THE LAW OFFICE OF DECEMBER LEE, PLLC
Florida Bar No.: 1024715
2800 North 6th Street #5102
St Augustine, FL 32084
Phone: (904) 775-9794
DLEELAW@OUTLOOK.COM
Personal Representative:
GARY WITTIG
2141 STONE CREEK DRIVE, UNIT B,
FLEMING ISLAND, FL 32003

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RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2018CA000967
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-9
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
BILLY A. WAGER; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Order Granting Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered on May 3, 2022 in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 15th day of June, 2022 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to-wit:

A parcel of land situated in the South half of the Northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 6 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 12; thence on the East line thereof, run South 00 degrees 40 minutes 48 seconds East 2,698.58 feet to the South line of the Northeast quarter; thence on last said line, South 88 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds West 1,485.39 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue South 88 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds West 495.15 feet to the West line of the East half, of the West half, of the Northeast quarter; thence on last said line, North 00 degrees 29 minutes 57 seconds West 583.82 feet; thence North 88 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds East 494.23 feet; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds East 583.82 feet, to the point of beginning, being 6.62 acres, more or less, in area. Together with an easement for ingress, egress and utilities covering the following described portion of Section 12; Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 12; thence on the East line thereof, run South 00 degrees 40 minutes 48 seconds East 1,011.96 feet to the North line of the South half, of the South half, of the Northeast quarter; thence on last said line, South 88 degrees 27 minutes 48 seconds West 957.81 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue on last said line South 88 degrees 27 minutes 48 seconds West 60.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds East 1,679.77 feet to the South line of said Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 58 seconds East, 1974.23 feet to the North line of the Southwest quarter, of the Southeast quarter, of the Southeast quarter, of said Section 12; thence on last said line, North 88 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East 60.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 58 seconds West, 1,974.12 feet to the South line of said Southeast quarter, of the Northeast quarter; thence North 00 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds West 1,680.18 feet to the point of beginning. Also, together with an easement for ingress, egress and utilities covering the following described portion of said section 12: an easement for ingress, egress and utilities covering a portion of Section 12, Township 6 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida; said portion being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 12; thence on the East line thereof, run South 00 degrees 40 minutes 48 seconds East 2,698.58 feet, to the South line of the Southeast quarter, of the Northeast quarter; thence on last said line, South 88 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds West, 1,020.39 feet to the West line of a 60 foot easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence on last said line, run the following two courses: (1) North 00 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds West 261.91 feet to the point of beginning; (2) North 00 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds West 60.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds West 465.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 23 seconds East 60.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds East 465.00 feet, to the point of beginning. Property address: 3838 Ron Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

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

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10-2021-DP-000117
DIVISION: JVE
IN THE INTEREST OF:
S.B.C., DOB: 04/19/2008
B.T.C DOB: 06/03/2009
I.P.C. DOB: 11/18/2010
A.K.C DOB: 01/08/2013
EACH A MINOR CHILD

THE STATE OF FLORIDA
TO:
Lindsay Costanza, MOTHER Address Unknown
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named children, S.B.C born April 19, 2008, B.T.C, born June 3, 2009, I.P.C, born November 18,

pearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Dated this 13th day of May, 2022.
Tara S. Green
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Leigh Lecroy
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2021CA000896
CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER M. KUEHL, DECEASED; THOMAS KUEHL; SANDRA KUEHL, etal.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 05/11/2022, and entered in 2021CA000896 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC. is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER M. KUEHL, DECEASED; THOMAS KUEHL; SANDRA KUEHL are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on 06/29/2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 24, BLOCK 2, DSHIRE MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE(S) 55 THROUGH 57, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 960 DOSTIE CIR ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, section 45.031.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2022.
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
Rebecca Crews
As Deputy Clerk
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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2010, and A.K.C. Born January 8, 2013. You are hereby commanded to appear before Honorable Angela M. Cox, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on June 2, 2022 A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.

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

WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 11th day of May, 2022.
Tara S. Green
Clerk of Court
Denise Haselwood
Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The quarterly meeting of the Clay County Local Mitigation Strategy Committee will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the Clay County Emergency Operations Center, located at 2519 SR-16 West, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. All interested persons are invited to attend. Notice is also given that one or more members of Boards of County Commissioners, City/Town Councils/Commissions and other entities covered under Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, may join and/or speak at this meeting. For more information or agenda, please contact Tyler Nolen at (904) 279-0880 ext. 108 or tnolen@nefrc.org.

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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

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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 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 HIGHLRIDGE 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: Cythia 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: Cythia Horan
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND 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 publication, otherwise a default may be entered 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 prior to the proceedings, at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695. If hearing impaired, please call 711.

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STARTING A NEW Business

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

One easy step
Email Cassandra at cassandra@claytodayonline.com or call 904-579-2154 to request the necessary form. It will run in our legal section for one week for \$35 Affidavit will be mailed to you.



Join the ‘Best Workplace’ in Clay County!



We’re looking for talented and caring registered nurses to provide the highest level of patient care at Baptist Medical Center Clay.

Our new 100-bed hospital will open in late fall 2022, and is located at our existing Baptist Clay Medical Campus on Fleming Island. We’ll have a wide range of medical services, from maternity care to advanced heart care, and everything in between.

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Fleming Island, FL