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'Watcha gonna do when she comes for you?'



Six of the 30 officers with the Green Cove Springs Police Department are women. County-wide the number of women serving in law enforcement, including patrol and corrections, is nearly twice the national average. Also, Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook is the only woman sheriff in the state.

Women proudly play significant role in fighting crime, keeping community safe

By **Kylie Cordell**
For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – For many, the perception of law enforcement was shaped by what they saw on television, which often fed stereotypes of policemen with guns strapped to their hips chasing after bad guys.

We thought to be a cop, you had to be tough and aggressive. And a man.

"Social and Entertainment Media really impacts people's perception of Law Enforcement," said Sheriff Michelle Cook.

Cook was elected in 2020. Before being elected as Sheriff, she served as Chief of the Atlantic Beach Police Department. She is Clay County's first woman sheriff and

is currently the only woman sheriff in the state. "Most people think the police spend all their time solving crimes and chasing the bad guys, but 99% of what we do is verbal communication."

As a leader in law enforcement, Cook believes in having genuine care for the community and a willingness to communicate, even when things get difficult. She said transparency leads to an agency's success.

"Leaders set the tone of the agency, she said. "When a leader deliberately communicates, that trickles down, and people

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BY THE NUMBERS

12% The number of women who make up law enforcement in the country

6,000 The number of women officers in the state of Florida

233 Women make up the more than 674 full and part-time members of the Clay County Sheriffs Office

195 Full-time women on the staff at Clay County Sheriffs Office

30% of law enforcement are women in Clay County. Double the national average

CCSO, Post Office break up 'Lucky 777's' drug trafficking ring

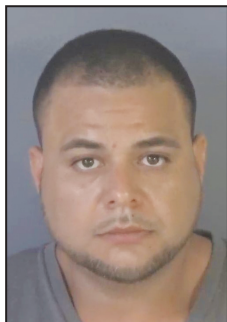
By **Don Coble**
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ORANGE PARK – The Clay County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Postal Service worked together to put two men behind bars and uncover a massive drug trafficking ring.

Jason Ter- ril Setzer, 46, of Jacksonville, was charged with conspiracy to traffic more than 2,000 grams of fentanyl. Trafficking fentanyl, possession of marijuana and a fire- arm by a convicted felon and trafficking methamphetamine and fentanyl, and Alvin J.J. Mercado, 37, of Fleming Is- land, was charged with conspiracy to traffic fentanyl and trafficking fentanyl on Sept. 11 after investigators got a tip the two received large quantities of drugs



Jason Setzer



Alvin Mercado

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Orange Park Town Council review golf cart policy

By Nick Blank
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ORANGE PARK – Town council members discussed action on a golf cart policy, ultimately asking town staff to review the matter.

Toward the end of Tuesday night’s meeting, Town Council Member Doug Benefield outlined the item.

With golf carts, Benefield said, the town is full of families and using the vehicles without excessive regulation is preferred, though golf cart drivers should operate safely. Benefield added the town doesn’t have substantive golf cart regulations.

“Currently the town’s ordinances defer to the state involving golf carts,” he said. “They are not specially authorized, there’s a process to get them approved. My motion to direct staff is to draft and present to council a regulation related to the operation of golf carts in the town.”

In the agenda packet, the city of Green Cove Springs’ two-page ordinance was published as an example. The ordinance defines what a golf cart is, where it can be operated and the safety equipment the golf cart must have. The city must seek approval for golf cart use on state and federal highways, which would extend to U.S. Highway 17.

Orange Park Police Chief Gary Goble said there’s a safety hazard and used St. Johns County as an example. Golf cart regulations are difficult to enforce, he said.

“You can really see the younger people



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK BLANK

The Town Council knows it faces a difficult task to create and enforce rules for golf carts inside the town limits.

don’t care as much,” Goble said. “We can make it happen, there needs to be a solid ordinance in place.”

Mayor Randy Anderson said residents would have to be informed about a possible change. He asked about gold cart-related signs and the cost.

“How are we going to get the word out?” Anderson asked.

Vice Mayor Alan Watt wanted to see a driver’s age established in an ordinance, especially if they operate a vehicle on one of the town’s major arterial roads. He said

the issue has been shot down in committees before.

“This has been kicked up and down the road for years,” Watt said. “ ... To me, these are neighborhood vehicles. They shouldn’t be out on state highways, they shouldn’t be out across town. They should be a way to get around your neighborhood.”

Resident Angela Wester said committees have asked the town council to do nothing on the item during a previous vote. She recalled that Moosehaven had a pleasant golf cart community, though she

did have safety concerns and asked for the item to go before committees.

“This is definitely a first-world problem,” Wester said.

After several meetings and hearings, the town council also passed its \$30 million budget on final reading early in the meeting. An amendment to remove a code enforcement officer position slated for \$66,000 failed with a 3-2 vote.

The meeting was extended by 15 minutes, then another extension was rejected 3-2 because it needed a super majority.

Tax Collector to open new Middleburg office

By Clay Today Staff

MIDDLEBURG – The Clay County Tax Collector’s Office is targeting relocating to Blanding Boulevard to be more centrally located and serve more of the county.

Last week, the board approved an agreement with STG Contracting Group for the project. The project is estimated to cost \$699,000 for a full buildout of the 2710 Blanding Blvd. facility, which totals about 4,660 square feet.

The architect is Dasher Hearst. Plans call for demolition of the current building which is near the Winn-Dixie at the intersection of County Road 218 and Blanding Boulevard.

The Tax Collector’s Office is currently based on Bear Run Boulevard. Tax Collector Diane Hutchings said the Bear Run of-

fice had outlived its lifespan by a few decades.

She said a new facility could improve spreading services. The current building didn’t have the space to conduct things like driver testing.

“We’re limited at what we can do at Bear Run (Boulevard),” Hutchings said. “We’ll be able to do (driver’s testing) now. We were able to add two additional stations for customer service, so we’ve got a little room to grow.”

The project is expected to be completed by next spring. The Tax Collector will relocate from the Bear Run Office to a new space located in Middleburg. The county’s involvement with the project involves financial oversight and project management, according to county documents.

Referring to the stark contrasts of the



The Clay County Tax Collector’s office is opening a new location at 2710 Blanding Blvd. The office is slated to be open by Spring of 2023.

facilities, Hutchings said people would no longer have to wait on the building’s porch, as the new building will have a seating area. Hutchings added that the office is adding more electronic programs to serve

more people with its current staff.

“Let me say we’ve worked really hard the last 18 months to plan smarter and not continue to hire a lot of people as the county grows,” she said.

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By Kylie Cordell
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – More than 100 years ago, a little girl named Augustus Savage played in the mud. Just imagine the state of her dress: arms plastered with red clay up to her elbows. Picture her scooping the sticky, fine-grained earth into her hand, molding and forming it until the miraculous moment when it transforms into a human figure. She manipulated the clay with precision and care, fashioning the beginnings of a woman’s face.

Her work was honored on Monday when the Augustus Savage Museum and Mentoring Center was dedicated with a historical marker and a grand re-opening following more than two years of remodeling and construction.

“She had an undeniable persistence and a refusal to be denied,” said Henrietta Francis of the Friends of Augustus Savage Arts Community Center

New Augusta Savage Mentorship Center to mold next generation of student leaders

City, community leaders celebrate reopening of historic site

Francis spoke to Savage’s strength of character.

“Augusta knew that she had an innate talent at the age of four or five. Her father did not understand it. So it became, at an early age, a parent to discourage her love of art, but that didn’t stop her,” Francis said.

Augusta’s father, the minister of the Black Episcopal Church, chastised his daughter’s “graven images.” According to the Smithsonian Arts Museum, Savage’s claimed, “he licked me four or five times a week, and almost whipped all the art out of me,” but Savage was determined and undaunted, cultivating her imagination and talent into a force that would later shape the face of sculpting in the 1920s.

Savage molded more than just clay. She molded a future for generations of artists. More than just a sculptor, Savage was one of the major players in the New Negro movement just before the Harlem Renaissance. After moving to New York at the height of the Harlem Renaissance, Augusta found her voice in portrait busts of prominent Black figures such as W. E. B. Du Bois and Marcus Garvey. In 1937, she worked



PHOTO BY KYLIE CORDELL

One of the mentoring classrooms will provide be able to help serve the needs for the surrounding community.

with the Federal Art Project to establish the Harlem Community Art Center and became its first director, dedicating her life to expanding educational and professional opportunities for African American artists.

Even now, nearly 50 years after her death, she remains an important part of Clay County History. Now her legacy will be commemorated for all to see.

Through a partnership with the Historical Preservation Board, the State Division of Historical Resources, the City of Green Cove Springs and the Board of County Commissioners, there is now a permanent tribute to both the art of Augustus Savage

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Dan Marino

Follow these tips to keep health goals on track during football season

By StatePoint

The kickoff to football season is here again, and with it comes pizza, beer, wings and more.

In a poll of 2,000 American men conducted by OnePoll and commissioned by Nutrisystem, 37% said they usually gain weight during football season from September to January, with 53% claiming they gain 10 pounds or more.

But football season doesn't need to wreak havoc on your overall health, wellness and weight loss goals. Just ask pro football Hall-of-Fame quarterback, Dan Marino.

"After playing pro football for 17 years, my knees took a beating and I had to have both of them replaced. Couple that with the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic, and I couldn't exercise or do the things I wanted to stay active, so I put on some weight," says Marino. "I knew I needed to make a change, turned to Nutrisystem and lost 26 pounds."

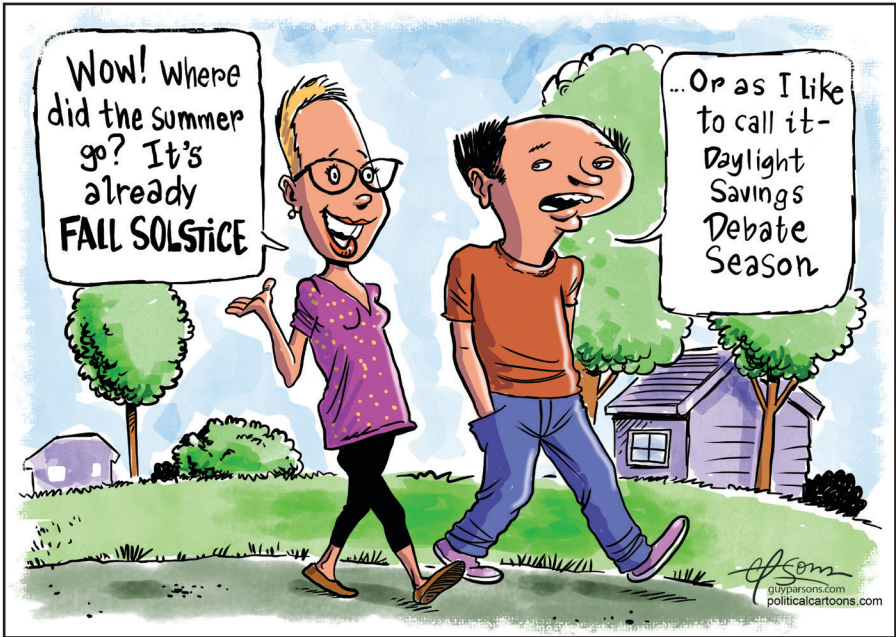
Marino spent all 17 years of his NFL career with the Miami Dolphins. He was a nine-time Pro Bowl selection, six-time first- or second-team All-Pro, All-AFC six times and the Rookie of the Year. He finished with 8,358 passing attempts, 4,967 completions, 61,361 passing yards and 420 touchdowns.

Marino was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2003 and inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2005 in his first year of eligibility. His No. 13 currently is one of only three former Miami Dolphins to have his jersey number retired, joining Bob Grise (No. 12) and Larry Csonka (39).

To help football fans stay on track this season, Marino shared his best tips to lose

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OPINIONS



Florida second only to Texas in in number of books banned by schools districts

By Anne Geggis
For FloridaPolitics

Only Texas has banned books more frequently than Florida's public schools, according to a national free speech organization that attributed two new pieces of the state's legislation with an uptick in verboten books.

PEN America counted 566 Florida book bans spread over 21 of the state's 67 school districts from July 2021 to June 2022. That compares to the 801 bans in effect in 22 Texas school districts. Pennsylvania clocked in at third place with 457 bans in 11 school districts.

The report, issued Monday in recognition of Banned Books Week, raises the alarm from critics that this new momentum for banning books could impair the free exchange of ideas that makes American democracy work.

In the vast majority of cases, the new wave is much more than a parent objecting to a book found in their child's backpack, officials from PEN America said. It's coming from organized and coordinated groups such as the national Moms for Liberty and Florida Citizens Alliance.

"Today's wave of bans represents a coordinated campaign to banish books being waged by sophisticated, ideological and well-resourced advocacy organizations," said Suzanne Nossel, chief executive officer of PEN America.

"This censorious movement is turning our public schools into political battlegrounds, driving wedges within communities, forcing teachers and librarians from their jobs, and casting a chill over the spirit of open inquiry and

intellectual freedom that underpin a flourishing democracy."

The state Department of Education did not immediately return an inquiry seeking comment on the findings, which specifically cited the passage of the Parental Rights in Education Law (HB 1557) and another on K-12 Education (HB 1467), which calls for an open review of all educational materials.

According to PEN's study, the banned material most often concerns LGBTQ issues and/or features a protagonist or secondary character who is not White. Out of the 1,648 titles banned, 674, or 41%, addressed LGBTQ themes. And 659, or 41%, had main characters or secondary characters who were not White.

Groups such as the Florida Citizens Alliance (FCA) and even Gov. Ron DeSantis, who had members of FCA on his transition team, say they aim to keep obscene material out of schools and stop "indoctrination." But Ashley Hope Perez, author of "Out of Darkness," a young adult novel, said the increasing number of book bans is part of a reaction against featuring characters more diverse than Dick and Jane.

Her novel, about a Mexican American teen who falls in love with a Black teen in the 1930s, was published seven years ago and hadn't even been challenged until very recently.

"Using concerns about sexual or graphic content is a pretext for this coordinated effort to block young people's access to books that represent diverse identities and experiences," she said. "It's a political strategy."

SEE BOOKS, 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.

Apodictic: (ap-uh-DIK-tik) an adjective that means clearly established or beyond dispute.

"Sarah's apodictic loyalty was proved when she sacrifices her freedom to protect her family."

This Week in History

5 years ago, 2017

- The Clay County Fairgrounds opened its doors for people who needed a place to camp and cook following the torrential flooding from Hurricane Irma.
- Gov. Rick Scott met with city, town and county officials at the Orange Park Town Hall to receive updates following Hurricane Irma.
- The west side of Collins Road will get high-tech upgrades in the Argyle area.

10 years ago, 2012

- A Middleburg man, Ellis M. Lambert, is found burned beyond recognition by his wife behind his house.
- No drugs were discovered during a surprise search at Middleburg and Clay highs by the Clay County Sheriff's Office and Inspector General's Office.
- Members of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association were at the Orange Park Mall to recruit new members and educate riders on the benefits of wearing a helmet.

30 years ago, 1992

- Daughters Melody and Tammy, brothers Johnny and Donnie and father Lacy all participated in groundbreaking ceremonies for Ronnie Van Zant Park on Sandridge Road in Lake Asbury.
- The St. Johns River Water Management District agrees to spend \$6.5 million to buy 4,664 acres of Land from the J.P. Hall family known as Bayard Point.
- William Davis of Interlachen is arrested and charged with first degree murder after the body of Joseph Hodges Strickland is found in some woods near Keystone Heights.

SEE HISTORY, 5

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Opinions ...

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What's happening in Tallahassee

Monthly Legislative update by Florida Rep. Sam Garrison

By Sam Garrison
Florida Rep. 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.

Books

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The group also noted that the new atmosphere has meant that school districts preemptively purge their collections to avoid challenges. Among them:

- The Broward County School District donated 11 boxes of LGBTQ-themed books to the Stonewall National Museum & Archives.
- Palm Beach County schools also reviewed and removed two books about transgender youth, including one about a Broward teenager who shared her story about gender transition surgeries and therapy.
- Brevard County schools canceled their use of a math learning game and paused all individual classroom libraries because of concerns it might fall on the wrong side of the new laws.

Even more, Jonathan Friedman, director of free expression at PEN America, said “best practices” are not being followed in

The past two years have reinforced the importance of taking care of our friends and neighbors, especially seniors and those battling mental illness. In this last installment of our 2022 budget review, I am proud to highlight multiple ways that Tallahassee is supporting our area in these

96% of the book challenges his organization considered. He noted that many schools pull books as soon as they are challenged. And that poses a serious problem for the continued operation of school libraries.

“If you can file 500 library book challenges, and all those books are immediately pulled from the shelves, how can you possibly run a school library?” he asked rhetorically. “A modicum of due process is a fundamental necessity ... to protect school libraries and student rights.”

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- Attorney General Ed Austin supports who proposed state amendments that would be tougher on criminals and while protecting the integrity of the courts.
- The property on Oakridge Avenue will be used by the City of Green Cove Springs for a new firehouse.

to stick with your wellness goals.

No. 4. Focus on protein. Protein keeps your hunger in check and will keep you from grabbing those not-so-good-for-you game-day foods. Aim to get your protein from foods like meat and fish, eggs, dairy products, nuts and nut butters.

No. 5. Get moving. Get up and off the couch! Call up your friends and organize a game of football or shoot some hoops. I love to hit the golf course and I often walk instead of grabbing a cart. This way, I’m getting in extra exercise.

For more great tips to feel your best this football season and beyond, visit Nutrisystem’s blog at leaf.nutrisystem.com.

The most important thing to remember is keeping up with your health and wellness doesn’t need to be hard. It’s all about balance. If you find yourself over-indulging as you’re watching the game, that’s OK. Commit to getting back on track the next day.

critical areas.

We were able to secure \$225,000 in this year’s State budget for Clay County seniors via Clay County Senior Services of Aging True (HB 2981). This money will help with necessary life, health, and safety improvements to the County’s senior centers so that our elderly citizens can remain independent, in their homes, and the community.

In addition, there’s \$500,000 for the Crisis Prevention Teams of Clay Behavioral Health (HB 2983). This project provides increased care for individuals with serious mental illnesses in our county. Crisis Prevention Teams give evidence-based, trauma-informed care and do it in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Prompt care and attention reduce the need for more costly and restrictive services down the road and provide immediate help to families in crisis.

Another community highlight is the Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS) receiving \$250,00 for their Holocaust Survivor Services (HB 3981). JFCS provides culturally relevant support, including financial and medication assistance, and care management to one hundred aged Florida Holocaust Survivors living in poverty. These services meet basic needs, improve physical and mental health, and help these survivors maintain independence and avoid premature institutionalization. It is the very least we can do to support those who have endured so much.

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

(To reach Rep. Garrison, email him at sam.garrison@myfloridahouse.gov or call his Orange Park office at (904) 278-5761.)

History

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40 years ago, 1982

- Democrat and incumbent Frank Williams and challenger Lee Drawdy agree to a debate for the District 21 seat for the Florida House.

Football

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weight and get healthier.

No. 1. Make a commitment. It all starts with a commitment. You commit yourself to get healthier and then you find a game plan to do it. When you see results, you’re motivated to keep going to reach your goal.

No. 2. Keep it simple. Men, especially, need things to be simple. If your goal is to lose weight, look for programs like Nutrisystem that are easy, take the guesswork out of dieting and deliver your favorite foods made healthier right to your door. Plus, they have great game day foods like popcorn, pizza and burgers to ensure you’re making good choices.

No. 3. Seek support. Studies show that individuals lose up to 20% more weight when dieting with a partner. Find that teammate who will help motivate you

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CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to communicate
5. Historic city
9. Not the same
11. Hitting a horse to clear a jump
13. One hurt the Titanic
15. Fine dense cloth
16. Architectural structure
17. Where Serena works
19. Stringed instrument
21. Estimate
22. Where sailors work
23. Popular Terry Pratchett novel
25. Popular slow cooked dish
26. Twisted Sister's Snider
27. "Office Space" actor Stephen
29. Put the ball in the net
31. Ancient Greek city in Thrace
33. High school math subject
34. Looked into
36. Rhode Island rebellion
38. A pea is one type
39. You can put it on something
41. Where golfers begin

43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Beheaded
52. A place to stay
53. Inanely foolish
54. Most unnatural
56. "Dennis" is one
57. Soothes
58. Exam
59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

1. Triangular bone in lower back
2. Building toy
3. Pointed end of a pen
4. Insect repellent
5. College army
6. Highly spiced stew
7. Exploited
8. Main course
9. A bottle that contains a drug
10. The most worthless part
11. Everyone needs one nowadays

12. Japanese wooden shoe
14. Antelopes
15. A way to cut
18. Brooklyn hoopsters
20. Gradually receded
24. Ripped open
26. College grads get one
28. Amino acid
30. Unruly gathering
32. Legislative body
34. Resembling pigs
35. Russian assembly
37. Take over for
38. Put in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
45. Witnesses
47. Some build hills
49. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
50. Ancient people of Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Unwell

GCS plans to spend now on infrastructure to avoid higher costs in future

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A utility planning manager told Green Cove Springs it has two options to address its antiquated electrical distribution system – pay a little every year or face a huge bill in the future.

J.D. Bush with Patterson and Dewar Engineers presented to the city council his company’s long-range plan to address the electrical needs of the city during Tuesday night’s meeting.

He said a 20-year plan would accommodate the city’s current and future needs by making necessary fixes now and spreading the costs to maintain equipment for the next two decades.

“When you spend \$1 today, you’re not setting yourself up to have to spend additional money next year that you could have prevented or doing something a little different now,” he said.

He said two of three Chapman Transformers are excessive aged and needed repair. He said the city needs an additional transmission line, although he’s not sure where.

“One location that we looked at is on the north end of town,” Bush said. “The other was on Idlewild just east of Governors Creek. Those are two different alternatives. The challenge there is that Florida Power and Light and FMPA (Florida Municipal Power Agency) would have to be involved. There’s a lot of multi-utility planning and involved in that conversation. And transmission line will have to be built one way or the other. And so it’s very well possible that none of those options may be physically possible because of the transmission constraints.”

That new substation will need to be built by 2030, Bush said, and the cost is

estimated to be \$6,349,840.

Bush said the transformer at the Chapman Substation needs to be replaced in the next year – at a cost of \$2,200,438.

The city is facing future demands with 2,100 homes and 260 apartment units on the planning board to be built around Reynolds Industrial Pak at the southern end of the city. Patterson and Dewar estimated the cost to run an underground main line to the new housing development next year to be \$2.8 million.

By 2025, the city would need to spend another \$1.8 million to replace one circuit on aged power pole coming from Chapman and two circuits on a new set of poles.

Within the next 20 years, it should cost \$368,000 to strengthen the feed to the apartment complex and run ties around the sound end of Reynolds Airpark, and it will cost \$320,000 to complete the airpark tie 10-to-12 years from now.

Also, the city should expect to pay \$4.512 million to convert voltage systems on Harbor Road and the North and South-ends of the city.

By spreading the work over many years, the city won’t get one overwhelming bill down the road. In all, Bush said the city faces \$18,765,278 of costs to replace, build and maintain its electrical distribution in the next 20 years.

In other business, the city agreed to increase the millage rate for fiscal year 2023 by 32.12% to raise an additional \$2,845,534 in revenues. The new millage rate will be 4.5. Next year’s budget was set at \$55,159,694, which is \$667,991 less than the current budget.

The city council meets on the first and third Tuesday at 7 p.m. of each month at City Hall.



Community and local leaders proudly unveil the historic marker honoring the lifelong contributions by artist Augusta Savage during a ceremony last Monday in Green Cove Springs.



Savage

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and her legacy of activism in the form of the Florida Historical Marker titled: Augusta Savage: Sculptor, Teacher, Civil Rights Activist. The historical marker can be found at the childhood home of Augusta Savage at 1107 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Her family home was the site of Dunbar High, the only Back high school in Clay County. The marker is not only a reminder of Savage’s dedication, perseverance, and fortitude but the ambition and undeniable persistence of Clay County’s Black student leaders.

“Having a mentor center and having the historical marker and all the pieces coming together is bringing life back to that

center which brings more notoriety to the community,” said Green Cove Springs City Vice Mayor Connie Buter. “It’s been a long time coming. Another piece of the puzzle is to complete the auditorium. You know, we got \$1.3 (million in funding). We’re looking to complete that, and once that’s completed, it will be improving lives.”

Now, what used to be Dunbar now is a mentoring center and museum. It will pave the way for the next generation of student leaders as a mentorship center.

“The Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Center, the newest addition to the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center complex will keep Savage’s spirit alive,” Francis said.

Constructed in 2021, the mentoring center opened its doors to the community this fall with free classes in visual arts, dance, and tutoring in math and reading for youth from first-through-12th grades. It is Clay County and the City of Green Cove Springs’ goal that the volunteer-run programming at the mentoring center will blossom to inspire future generations in the same way that Augusta Savage’s classes inspired generations of artists.

“It was Augusta Savages’ dream – her ambition in life – to inspire others to develop their talent,” says District 5 Commissioner Kristen Burke. “And, the City of Green Cove Springs has so beautifully recognized her dream and made it a remarkable reality for young people in our community to be inspired to achieve greatness in their lifetimes, and for many generations to come.” The Augusta Savage dedication is one of many historical markers in Clay County dedicated to uncovering new voices and looking more closely at our complex past to shine a light on the extraordinary visionaries of our past and present.

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Soul Food Festival serves up food, fun, festivities on Oct. 1

Popular annual event coming to Vera Francis Hall Park in Green Cove Springs

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The 21st Annual Green Cove Springs Soul Food Music Festival starts with a festive parade along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and ends with a day filled with music, games, wares and, of course, a variety of foods to satisfy every tastebud.

This year’s grand festival starts at noon on Oct. 1 with the parade that ends at Vera Francis Hall Park at 1503 MLK Blvd.

From start to a 7 p.m. finish, the park will be filled with activities.

Wanda Cobbett’s first grade class from Charles E. Bennett will start the opening ceremonies by leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the presentation of colors by the Florida Youth Challenge Flag Corp. Sylvia Howard will sing the National Anthem and the National Black Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

This year’s festival theme is: Mental Health Awareness’ “Get Help. We Care.”

Entertainment includes The Special Formula Band, Timotheos, Toby’s Steel Drums Karribean Flava, Royale904, and Gospel Hour, hosted by Bishop James Lee and Family. This year’s entertainment

theme is: “Get up, Get down, Get Funky, Get Loose!”

Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Weaver and WWE Hall of Fame wrestler Koko B. Ware will meet residents from noon to 3 p.m.

The festival was established by a group of community volunteers called BATCOP – Breaking Away The Cycle of Pain” in 2002. The event now draws up to 5,000 visitors each year.

This year’s Grand Marshal is Jason Taylor and the Queen of the Soul Food Festival is Lakeisha Singleton.

An array of other activities for children

and adults includes a cornhole and Spades tournament, BBQ ribs and sweet potato pie contests, horses by Maria, dance contests, bounce houses and professional steppers.

According to the festival, there will be vendors from near and far, offering an array of mouth-watering country/Southern soul food and cuisines served with Southern hospitality.

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Obituaries

Mr. William Lafayette “Bill” Jameson

Mr. William Lafayette “Bill” Jameson of Orange Park, FL., beloved husband and father, went home to his Heavenly Father on September 13, 2022 at the age of 93 years. He was born September 30, 1928 in Carey, GA., to the late Edward Earl Jameson and Sallie L. Smith Jameson.

He was a 1947 graduate of the Lanier High School for Boys in Macon, GA. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Business Administration from Mercer University in Macon, GA., in 1951. Bill achieved the rank of Captain in the US Marine Corps and served his country during the Korean War as a Supply Officer for the Third Marine Air Wing stationed in Puerto Rico. On September 1, 1951, he married Sylvia Byrd from Macon, GA., and they started a family together and a life's adventure that would span 71 years and 9 cities.

His strong work ethic was developed early in life as he began continuous employment of some form from the age of nine years old. He was always appreciative of the mentorship he received from his employers as he journeyed to adulthood and strove to exemplify their kindness to those who were in his employ throughout his own career. In 1951 he began a 38-year career with Sears Roebuck in Macon, GA., ultimately retiring in 1989 after 14 years as the Sears Orange Park Mall store manager.

Bill supported his community through his volunteer efforts with the Orange Park Hospital, the Clay County Fair and the Salvation Army. His long-time membership in the Rotary Club and its activities and charities, was an important part of his life and he supported it through his participation and attendance.

A man of deep faith and a lifelong Christian, he helped start a mission Baptist church in the Orange Park, FL. area. An ordained deacon in the Baptist Church, he belonged to and served churches in numerous towns in Georgia and Florida as he followed his Sears career path.

He loved the game of golf, playing with the same golf buddies for many years.

In addition to his parents, he was pre-

ceded in death by his son-in-law Barry Cooper.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his beloved wife, Sylvia Jameson; daughters, Kathy Marie Tyler and son-in-law Philip of Auburn, AL., and Linda Jane Cooper of Villa Rica, GA.; son, William Mark Jameson of Orange Park, FL.; four adored grandchildren, Emily Tyler Bacon (Sam) of Atlanta, GA. and Laura Tyler Strother (Kenny) of Auburn, AL., Kristin Leigh Cooper of Savannah, GA. and Jonathan Barrett Cooper of Atlanta, GA.; five cherished great-grandchildren, Tyler, Addie and Piper Bacon and William and Jackson Strother; many dear and loved extended family members, and his numerous personal and professional friends.

Visitation was held at 10:00 a.m., September 19, 2022 at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home in Orange Park, FL. A memorial service was held September 19, 2022 at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Cemetery and Funeral Home in Orange Park, FL. at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Bobby Highsmith officiating.

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Dave Reid

Dave Reid, 69, longtime resident of Middleburg, Florida passed peacefully in Haven Hospice on September 5, 2022. Mr. Reid was a devoted family man and dedicated sailor in the US Navy.

Born in Starke, Florida on September 27, 1952, Dave was the sixth of nine children to James Joseph Reid and Myrtle Shaftoe Jordan, formerly of Jacksonville, Florida.

He attended Paxon High School and was a member of the Class of 1971. In high school Dave was part of the Vietnam delayed entry program, immediately joining the US Navy

after graduation. He was our hero and protector, as well as yours, having served 23 and a half years of dedicated service to the US Navy. He retired as a Petty Officer Boatswain's Mate 1st Class serving on numerous ships including the USS Saratoga, the USS Paul, the USS Yosemite, the USS Brumby, and the USS Harwood.

Dave married the love of his life, Carol Ann Shuman (Middleburg, FL) on March 15, 1975. They were married for 47 years and had two children, Jacob Paul Reid and Lisa Ann Reid (Mrs. James P. Berglund). He was “Papa” to four grandchildren, Jessica Kay Reid, Lianne Faith Reid, James Reid Berglund, and Henry Vann Berglund, and he was expecting his first great-grandchild this October.

Dave is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, 4 sisters, and numerous nieces, nephews, and in-laws. He is preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters, and 2 brothers. A memorial gathering celebrating his life is planned for Sunday, September 25, 2022 between 2:00pm and 5:00pm at The Kiwita Nature Center, 3107 Camp Chowenwaw Road, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043.

Randall H. Wilsey

Randall H. Wilsey, 70, of Orange Park, Florida, passed away on September 13, 2022.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Heidi McGuire Price and his parents, Hubert Wilsey and Nellie Wilsey Smith.

Randall is survived by his wife, Leigh; stepchildren, Brannon Lewis (Jimmy), Ian Holman (Carrie); grandson, Rian Holman; sisters, Brenda Yonge and Gaye Howell and many nieces and nephews.

As a graduate of Andrew Jackson High School, the younger Randy loved surfing the Jetties off Jax Beach. He later earned a BA in Psychology from UNF and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from Nova Southeastern University. He met many

lifelong friends while working as Assistant Principal for Community Relations at John Gorrie Junior High School.

Following his passion for landscaping, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Florida in Gainesville. Following graduation, he worked for two years as a Manager and Buyer for Outside Garden for Home Depot.

In 1995, Randall opened Southern Gates Greenery, a design-build landscape business. He was known for his knowledge of plant material, his understanding of drainage and his creativity, which allowed him to design beautiful landscapes in Orange Park and the greater Jacksonville area. Randall later expanded his business to include low voltage lighting and changed the company to Randall Wilsey LLC, a design-build landscape and lighting company.

Randall was creative with a good eye. He took wonderful, natural light photographs and was a master at sketching. This led him to begin to paint on canvas. He enjoyed painting with friends, attending Art Guild gatherings, and art exhibitions.

Like his painting style, Randall's personality was strong in communication and letting you know his love for you. His feelings were rarely hidden. Randall shared his heart like he shared plants with friends and family. He nurtured so many people and animals with his sparkling smile, infectious laugh, and warm hugs. He will be missed.

Randall's family and friends will celebrate his life at a memorial service on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Clay County Humane Society, 2230 Filmore St, Orange Park, FL 32065 or honor Randall by adopting a homeless pet.



Dave Reid



Randall H. Wilsey



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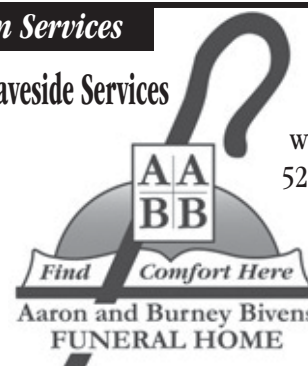


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Women

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see that. When they see their leaders being invested, forthcoming, and honest, our officers reflect that in their community.”

Det. Katherine Padgett, who has been with the sheriff’s office for more than 20 years, said the culture of the workplace has changed a lot since Cook’s election.

“She has been very transparent, which is refreshing to everyone. She means what she said. I look up to her and highly respect her because she is a leader and because she is a female. Even for people like me who have been in the field for a while, you look at her and say, “My gosh, you still can go farther.” It’s really good to see. It’s really uplifting for women to see a female sheriff who does so much good in her community.”

According to National Public Radio, women make up just 12% of the law enforcement officers in the country, with just 3% of them serving in leadership. Nearly 6,000 women police officers make up a small fraction of the state’s roughly 46,000 sworn officers. Today, there are more than 674 full- and part-time members of the Clay County Sheriff’s Office, including 233 women. Broken down into different classifications, there are 195 full-time women employees and 38 part-timers. In total, women employees make up nearly 30% of law enforcement in Clay County, more than double the national average. While many of these women carry a badge, others work behind the scenes as Crime Scene Technicians, Human Resource Specialists, Records Specialists, Mental health Advisors and Victim Advocates, just to name a few.

Women make up significant portions of the rosters – particularly in command – at the Green Cove Springs and Orange Park police departments. Orange Park has four certified women officers, including Cpl. Samantha Frehulfer, while Green Cove Springs has six women officers, including Cmdr. Barbara Luedtke and Sgt. Tammy Perry, Sgt. Erin Vineyard.

Luedtke has been with the department for 18 years,

“There was only one other female officer, which was Tammy Perry, when I got here,” Luedtke said. “It was a man-driven profession and you had to earn your keep, which is the best way I can describe it.”



Hayleigh Crosby, left, takes the oath to become a police officer from Chief Gary Goble during Tuesday night’s Orange Park Town Hall meeting. The number of women officers in Clay County is more than double the national average.



From, left, Sheriff Michelle Cook, Kristen Casper and Abbegail Harris take a moment after they all three responded to a call on Wells Road.

“I spent 5½ years in the Navy and I liked the military structure and the discipline and the ranking structure. And I don’t have to guess what I’m wearing every day.”

Hayley Flynn has been with GCSPD for 13 months. She said it’s a great job for anyone – man or woman.

“Growing up, I always looked up to cops,” she said. “I always love seeing how they helped people and seeing how they were able to make a difference. And you know, we get to put bad guys away and we get to help the good guys.”

Green Cove Springs has the distinction of hiring the first woman officer, Themla Hiles, in June 1975. Hiles retired in 1989,

but not before serving with several departments – dispatcher, uniform crime report specialists, police officer and secretary.

Monday, Sept. 12, was National Women in Law Enforcement Day. It was designed to acknowledge and celebrate the women who protect and serve their communities. Women in Clay County, however, pin their badges and patrol our streets every day without acclaim.

While the percentages of women in law enforcement may be lower than the average workplace, the opportunities for women in the field are only growing, Padgett said. “From when I started, I think in law enforcement, we may have had three, maybe four agents, and now we have so many



With 30 years in law enforcement, Sheriff Cook is only woman sheriff in Florida. Below is her rookie picture from 1992.



females I don’t even know them all. And it’s really refreshing that we are finally catching up with the times.”

CCSO Det. Heather Lanier, who’s worked for the agency for 19 years, agreed law enforcement is becoming more diverse and inclusive.

“Even in the background, you don’t see a lot of disparity. The possibilities and openness it’s huge. It’s awesome,” she said.

However, not everyone is accepting of women coming into the field.

“Sometimes being a woman in this industry is helpful, sometimes not,” Cook said. “For example, I’ve had people refuse to talk to me because I am a woman. I’ve had people tell me they wouldn’t vote for me because they don’t think there should be a female sheriff.”

But Cook doesn’t let this bother her. If anything, it strengthens her support for

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Former sheriff Daniels cleared of lying to investigators, tampering with evidence

'This type of government overreach has to stop'

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Saying he was grateful a Clay County jury found him not guilty on all seven charges stemming from a six-year extramarital affair, former Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels compared his three-year ordeal to the persecution of former president Donald Trump and called out the abuse of power by government entities.

The state tried to convince jurists he lied to investigators about the affair and that he wanted his former mistress arrested for stalking. Prosecutors also said he attempted to destroy and tamper with evidence.

Daniels' defense team said he was trying to hide information about the affair from his wife to save his marriage.

The jury needed less than three hours on Thursday, Sept. 15, to agree with Daniels.

Known for his bravado, Daniels issued a statement following the verdict:

"I would like to thank the jury for their service and thank all of the people of Florida for their support during this challenging time for me and for my family. The abuse and overreach that I have had to endure over the past three years is an example of what happens when sectors of our government go unchecked. If this abuse of power by government entities can happen to a duly elected sheriff, then it can happen to anyone. I pledge to all Floridians and people from across the country who offered their support during these trying



Former Sheriff Darryl Daniels is relieved after a Clay County jury took less than three hours to find him not guilty of seven charges associated with an extramarital affair and coverup.

times, that I will continue to fight for them to ensure that we all receive equal justice under the law. This abuse cost me my job that I loved and it cost Clay County their sheriff. Similar to what we are seeing happen to former President Donald Trump and now with the Biden Administration working to hire 87,000 new IRS agents to harass and abuse Americans across the country, this type of government overreach has to stop. I look forward to identifying ways to continue to serve the people and working to ensure that the government works for them and not to persecute them."

His mistress, Cierra Smith, and Clay County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Christopher Ruby testified Daniels ordered Smith the be arrested for stalking him. She was stopped on May 6, 2019, in an Oakleaf Vil-

lage Parkway parking lot and taken to the Clay County Jail. Smith said Daniels asked to meet her to get a copy of a CD of an internal investigation at the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office where it was likely he would be identified as having an affair when both Smith and Daniels worked for JSO.

Smith wasn't charged or booked after other agency officials said there wasn't any probable cause. CCSO then drove Smith home.

Within days, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement launched an investigation. They obtained a warrant for seven charges, and the sheriff was arrested on Aug. 13, 2020 — just five days before the 2020 primary. He wound up losing to Michelle Cook by 3,121 votes.

The state found more than 2,000 texts

and voice messages between the couple.

Prosecutors said Daniels lied to Ruby at the scene, telling him he attempted to get a restraining order against Smith earlier in the day. However, the Clay County Clerk's Office said there were no records of any requests.

Assistant State Attorney Toby Hunt told the jury Daniels took action to alter evidence, including asking a CCSO tech to wipe out records on his agency-issued phone.

"He actually did destroy evidence because there is no way for the state to retrieve that now," Hunt said.

"It's just a coincidence that you chose to do this search and chose to delete a 10-year-old Gmail Google account immediately after the woman he had a six-year affair with gets arrested involving him?"

Defense attorney Matthew Kachergus challenged the integrity of Smith and Ruby's testimony in his closing remarks. Daniels told FDLE he never asked Ruby to arrest Smith.

Kachergus said anything erased or hidden by Daniels was to keep his wife from learning the sorted details of their relationship.

After the verdict, Daniels hugged his defense team.

"I feel good. I promise a press conference at a later time," Daniels said.

Kachergus again fired back at the state for bringing any charges against his client.

"Mr. Daniels' arrest five days before an election was troubling, and I'm glad that the jury saw through what this was about and arrived at the verdict that they did. (I'm) glad that my client is able to go home tonight, put this behind him and start the next chapter of his life."

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ARGYLE FOREST — Family-owned Old Time Style Ice Cream Parlor opened its doors and offered old-fashioned churned and homestyle hand-scooped ice cream on 6625 Argyle Forest Blvd.

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The parlor serves cups, cones, sundaes, banana splits, shakes and swirlers. They have about 35 toppings to choose from. You can choose any flavor ice cream to create your masterpiece. They even have our specialty shakes, or you can create your own ice cream sandwich choose a cookie and flavor ice cream you want.

The shop has a coffee section where

they offer their own blend of coffee that is roasted locally for frappes, ice coffee and specialty shakes. They have five frappe flavors plus seasonal flavors. For ice coffee, they can create eight to 10 different and unique flavors, plus the traditional mocha, vanilla, caramel and hazelnut.

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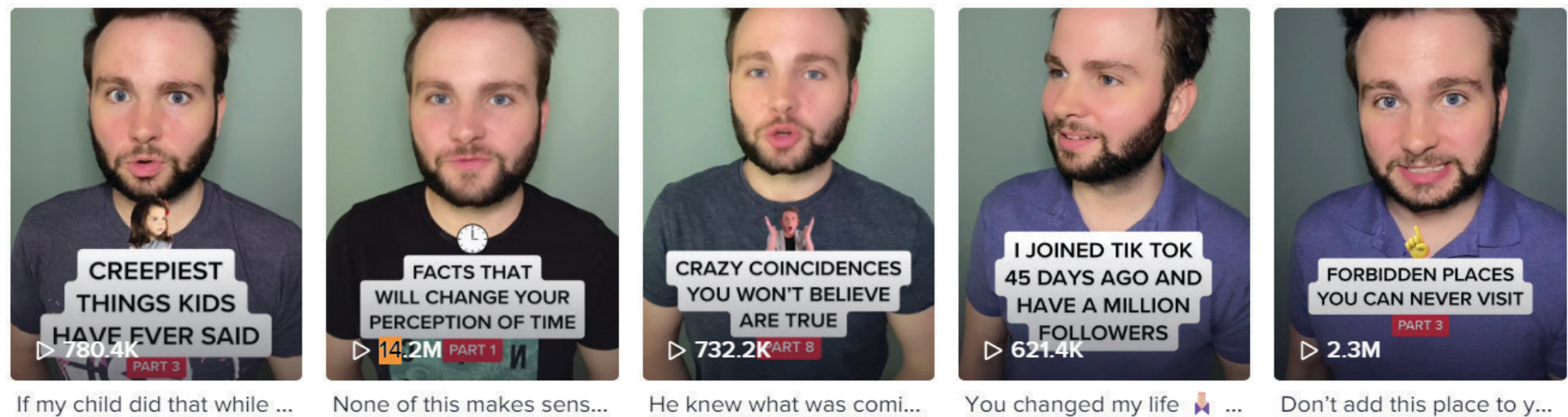
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Adorian Deck started making videos when he was 13 and is enjoying sucess making educational videos on the platform Tik Tok.

Fleming Island man provides unique education on Tik Tok

By Nick Blank
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FLEMING ISLAND – With videos such as “Things That Will Change Your Perception Of Time,” Adorian Deck has a way of going viral, whether it’s his own Tik Tok channel or for a client.

Deck started making videos on YouTube when he was 13. In 2009, he started the OMG Facts Twitter account, essentially a brand of education entertainment.

After selling the account, he later founded Decked Out Media. Some of his clients are social media royalty with millions of followers on a platform like YouTube, but Deck’s goal is to get them trending on different platforms to increase their earnings.

“It really just started by reaching out to people I already knew in the YouTube world. I met all kinds of different people by putting myself out there and going to events,” he said. “It started with one of them, saying, ‘Hey, I see a massive opportunity to grow.’

That knowledge brought him to Tik Tok. He felt his brand of educational entertainment could adapt. But Deck likes a challenge. Video by video, his audience grew. The aforementioned video about perceiving time has more than 14.2 million views. It was time to spring into action with the ideas he had been storing. His videos covered life-changing facts, disturbing facts and facts about geography and psychology.

In June of 2020, he recalled telling his

now-wife his own Tik Tok channel could hit one million followers by Christmas.

“I got my first million followers in 45 days,” Deck said. “It was by the end of July.”

Nasty comments are a part of the business. Deck said if he’s wrong he’ll correct himself because he doesn’t want to spread misinformation. Creators develop a thick skin, he said.

“It’s about understanding that usually if someone’s being mean to you, it’s them,” Deck said. “It’s way easier said than done to internalize that.”

Deck now has 43.1 million likes for his videos and 3.4 million followers. Tik Tok’s algorithm is the best way to go viral overnight, he explained. A video will be seen by a few

hundred people, the algorithm determines if it’s worthy of 1,000 people, 10,000 and so on.

“It’s the smartest algorithm to build something from scratch. If you can make something people want to watch, Tik Tok is going to grow that audience for you,” Deck said. “This is really the platform that lets anybody take off if they want to in any niche they want.” That freedom allows Deck to make videos he would want to watch. At the same time, it’s about the viewer, he added.

“I think education entertainment, there are so many different forms of it. I think I want viewers to take away something interesting and you’re going to grow and learn something new,” Deck said.



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Orange Park High sparking student interest with CTE welding training

By Nick Blank
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ORANGE PARK – Welding instructor Sherman Smith watched intently as a student used a welding simulator.

A good welder is as tough to find, Smith said. The rest of the class murmured about what score was received: this is competitive. After the student gets a score of 91, Smith's praise was measured.

"All right, all right, try again," he said to quiet the classroom.

Smith said he needs students to understand the purpose of education, and the reasons to have self-control and discipline. Following directions, preparation and timeliness are expectations from the instructor with decades of experience in the field and teaching.

"I want them to be prepared for life in our society," he said. "They've got to be disciplined to follow my rules. Why? It's to protect them and others."

The modern world is full of distractions.

For impressionable youth, the emphasis on rules before the fun is stressed by the danger of the field.

Smith graduated from Orange Park in 1979 and recalled taking welding classes. A move to teaching made sense because he liked helping younger people.

"It's about having an opportunity to give back what was given to me. I had some people who invested in me and took (the) time to talk to me. I tell people who want to get into teaching, you better love kids. You better love people," Smith said.

Welding is just a part of it, Smith said. The students learn what excellence is because they will be working on projects for homeowners or businesses one day.

"One student came by this morning ... he said, I remember those push-ups I had to do," Smith said with fondness. "Back then, if you were late to class, I didn't write referrals. The way I gauge character is if they did it. If the kid had the discipline, that showed ownership."

The impact of the program is felt by



Welding instructor Sherman Smith gives students a lesson at Orange Park High.



A student completes a welding simulator while instructor Sherman Smith, right, looks on.



Orange Park High School's welding workshop has stations for students.

Fiber-optic network expands to Orange Park, Fleming Island

By Nick Blank

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CLAY COUNTY — A Jacksonville fiber company is adding service to one of Clay County's busiest areas in a privately funded initiative.

Fiber-optic internet service provider, IQ Fiber, launched about a year ago. Rapid growth led to an expansion into Clay County, CEO Ted Schremp said.

The company has expanded to 50 employees and recently opened a facility in Murray Hill.

Its first customer network was established in San Jose Forest, though networks in San Marco and Atlantic Beach are also coming online in phases.

"All the core work is done, to us, this is extending the network into an additional footprint," Schremp said.

Engineering designs and permits have been in progress for months, Schremp added. He said he hopes to break ground in the next couple of weeks for the underground construction.

"The construction requires reels of fiber-optic cable laid underground," Schremp said. "It's labor and equipment intensive."

The number of potential customers is still to be determined.

Fiber is not new, but its use has slowly come to the fore. The country's internet infrastructure used DSL poles, which were technology meant for phones. Then, the internet used the cable infrastructure meant for cable television.

The scale of the implementation of fiber depends on population, the high cost of building and maintaining the infrastructure.

Internet providers have also tried to thwart the entry of fiber into cities, though fiber entered and created networks in cities such as Kansas City, Atlanta and Salt Lake City. Now, fiber can go into living rooms.

"Over the course of the past few decades to support the internet, it adapted other technologies. Fiber is the core of telecom architecture," Schremp said. "Absolutely everything is frankly using suboptimal adapted technology."

Fiber is often referred to as a symmetrical service, which means the upload speeds can equal download speeds. Having fast and reliable internet is a high priority in fields like telehealth, education and for people who work from home.

Part of IQ Fiber's goal is establishing service in underserved areas. She said the private investment is approximately \$20



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IQ Fiber will expand its Northeast Florida service to Orange Park and portions of Fleming Island to upgrade to more efficient networks to the expanding communities.

million, covering a majority of the Town of Orange Park and some of Fleming Island.

"Since 2020, we have had more people working from home than ever before," Smithers said. "It's how we live our lives."

Schremp explained an internet connection is no longer limited to a cellphone here or a computer there. He referenced the Internet of Things, a concept that is an

overview of how many devices can use the internet.

It's tough to imagine a garage door or a washing machine requiring the internet, but Schremp said the technology is there now.

"The fundamental issue here is providing choice where choice doesn't exist," he said.

Moderation in the housing market shows a shift toward affordability in Clay

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY — In most areas of Northeast Florida, the August housing market reflected a slight drop in median prices while the number of days homes sat on the market has gradually continued to climb.

Buyers can relish the good news that, for single-family homes, the percent closed-over list price went down 27.7% as did the average list price, 1%, indicating a small tick up in affordability throughout the region.

As far as affordability goes, the market still has a way to go to get back to the point where homes are affordable for people making the median family income. However, there are many indications that it is finally moving in the right direction. For instance, the region's Home Affordability Index inched up 2.9% to 70 for single-family homes.

The index measures housing affordability by measuring whether a typical family earns enough to qualify for a mortgage on a typical home, based on current interest rates, median income, and median home prices. A higher number means greater affordability.

In Clay County, the median price of single-family homes dropped to \$366,250

in August, a nearly 5% decline since July. The median days on the market were 27, an increase of 28.6%. Month-to-month, closed sales rose 2% to 304, pending sales rose

19.3% to 309, and new listings rose 9.5% to 473. Active inventory for the county was 776 homes, an increase of 13% from July and a 2.6-month supply. The affordability index registered at 75, a 5.6% increase from the previous month.

"Moving into fall 2022 we continue to see the residential real estate market, which includes single-family homes, condos, and townhomes, continue to moderate and normalize," said NEFAR 2022 President Mark Rosener. "While still an 18% increase year over year, the median price in our six-county market has shown mild fluctuations month to month of between \$350,000 and \$365,000 since March. This indicates that



the dramatic increases that were seen during the pandemic are coming to an end. Closed and pending sales have leveled off in the 2,300 to 2,500 range

over the past several months and are now well below the 3,000 to 3,500 peak a little more than a year ago. Median days on the market have continued to increase to 31 days with only 19.1% of homes selling over list price and the sale-to-list price ratio settling into a more normal 98.6%.

"New listings are hitting the market and active inventory has stabilized, with 3,200

new listings and 6,348 active listings. The combination of fewer unit sales and our current active inventory has increased the region's months of supply to 2.7 months, which has been stable over the past couple of months."

As far as single-family homes go, \$393,900 was the median price for the region in August, a scant 1.5% decline. As seen in the combined market of single-family, condos, and townhomes, the median days on the market for single-family residences hiked up 34.8%. Still, inventory remains historically low, with a 2.7-month supply and an active inventory of 5,323 single-family homes.

St. Johns County remains the most expensive area to live with a median single-family home price of \$555,000 and a Home Affordability Index number of 49. Yet the August median days on the market for single-family homes leaped up 34.6% to 35 days.

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Classes and leagues keep tennis and pickleball courts busy at the Rolling Hills neighborhood in Lake Asbury. Children's lessons make up a big portion of the court's popularity. To sign up for fall classes, call (904) 728-5354.

Rolling Hills neighborhood embraces junior tennis, pickleball leagues

By Nick Blank
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LAKE ASBURY – The wheels of America's burgeoning pickleball revolution keep turning.

The past decade has seen a pickleball revolution, especially in Clay County, widely due to its simplicity and availability to several age groups.

The Rolling Hills neighborhood of Lake Asbury has six tennis courts and four pickleball courts. The program has an active schedule with junior players and a monthly U.S. Professional Tennis Association junior tournament on the first Friday night of every month.

Jimmy Haynes is a USPTA and International Federation of Pickleball and the Professional Pickleball Registry certified instructor. He began teaching at Rolling Hills in

March of 2020, in addition to teaching at Oakleaf Plantation and his work as a minister in Jacksonville.

Haynes has witnessed the explosive growth of pickleball first-hand. He likens it to a combination of ping pong and tennis.

"It's just growing like crazy," Haynes said. "All around Duval County they are converting tennis courts to pickleball and it's happening a bit in Clay County as well."

There are tournaments almost every weekend in Clay and oftentimes people are waiting to play. Haynes said pickleball is accessible and takes less of a toll on the body. It's also inexpensive, not requiring a new ball as frequently as tennis.

"First off, it's a lot easier than tennis, it's not as strenuous. You usually play doubles," Haynes said. "If you play it right, you don't have to do a lot of running."

Haynes highlighted the sport's sociabil-

ity. The games are played in close quarters, one-third of a tennis court's size. He said the pickleball community has a reputation for being friendly and helpful.

"It's a very addicting sport," he said.

An American Association of Retired Persons report said the median age of a pickleball is 38 years old. For older ages, the sport combats physical inactivity and boosts cognitive functions critical to preventing dementia, a 2020 study from the Lancet Commission reviewed health risk factors for people later in life.

While pickleball continues to boom, tennis can be an outlet for students who miss out on baseball, basketball or football. A person need not be an amazing athlete to pick up tennis, Haynes said.

"You can play if you're not athletically gifted. If they want to play tournaments, we can step it up with lessons," Haynes

said. "We have a lot of success stories like that, they're sitting around the house and their parents are worried. They get the tennis bug. Then they're on their high school teams. It really can be a life-changing experience."

Haynes also teaches a lesson for home-school students every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

"It becomes their physical education," he said.

The free learn-to-play clinic takes place Monday at 6 p.m. at 3212 Bradley Creek Road. Rolling Hills offers classes for novices, and intermediates as well as competition in open play, tournaments or matches between clubs.

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Ridgeview's Calderon earns statewide social studies award



Tiffany Calderon

Special to Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – The Florida Council for Social Studies selected Clay County's Tiffany Calderon from Ridgeview High as the 2022 Warren Tracy Beginning Teacher of the Year. The award, presented by FCSS, recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of social studies teachers who are in their first three years of the field of education.

Tiffany Calderon is a U.S. History teacher who began her career in October 2021 at Ridgeview High. Calderon is

known by her colleagues as an innovative and energetic teacher that brings history alive to her students every day.

"History is full of adventures about the past, present, and future," Calderon said. "It is my duty to make sure the subject is brought to life and that impactful connections are made across generations."

"As a former history teacher and believer in strong history programs to engage our students in civic mindfulness, I am excited to celebrate Tiffany Calderon in this statewide achievement. Ms. Calderon

embodies the professionalism, creativity, and excitement for teaching that is needed to inspire our Clay County students to be well-rounded citizens when they graduate high school," said Superintendent of Schools David Broskie.

As the award recipient, Calderon will receive a cash reward for professional development and attend the FCSS annual conference. In October, Calderon will travel to Orlando to receive the award at the Awards Banquet with other Florida Social Studies teachers.

To meet demand, six new pickleball courts coming to Twin Lakes Park

By Natalie Gilstrap
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Six new pickleball courts are coming to Twin Lakes Park in Keystone Heights.

The long-awaited project was first proposed in 2020 when the local pickleball group asked County Commissioner Betsy Condon if pickleball courts could be added to the park.

"When I first took office in November of 2020, the pickleball group from here in Keystone Heights reached out to me about whether (we) could we do some sort of renovations of the courts there," Condon said.

The plans for the new pickleball courts

involve repaving and restriping the park's previous courts. In addition, the courts will have a net placed based on the pickleball guidelines. Construction should start soon and be completed within four-to-five months.

The overall reaction to the new courts was positive. The local pickleball group, which consists of about 24 people, is excited about the completion of the project. "It's outstanding. Hopefully, we'll have a tournament." Said Todd, one of the pickleball players.

Another player said that the group is glad that the courts are coming to Twin Lakes.

"I get emails monthly if not weekly ask-

ing when we can get started on the construction. They have been patient with us about finding a contractor. They knew the money is allocated, but they are really excited about it," Condon said.

In addition, she hopes the new courts will expand the world of pickleball to others and encourage them to be active.

"I can see it becoming more of a bigger group than it is," Condon said.

The non-strenuous sport combines the elements of tennis, badminton and ping-

pong and it can be played by all ages.

"Older people can get out and play. Kids can play with parents and grandparents," another pickleball player, Regina, said.

The sport offers health, emotional and social benefits to the player.

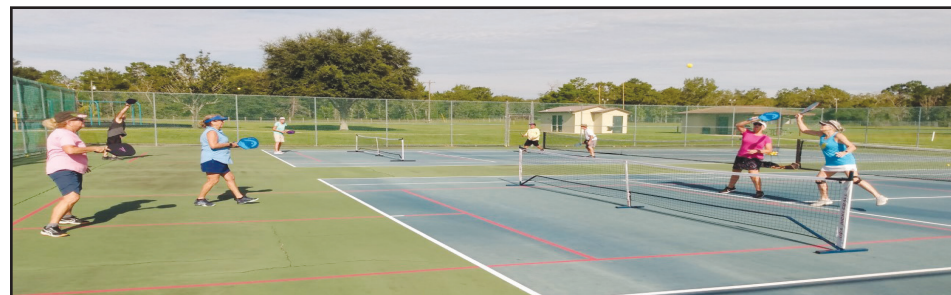
"It's great cardio," said another player, Ed "It just makes the day better, you leave happy."

As of now, Little Rain Lake and Sunrise Park are the two parks in Keystone Heights that have pickleball courts.



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Players, young and old, enjoy pickleball because it doesn't require an overwhelming level of skill - and yet it provides a good workout.



The popularity of pickleball has prompted Clay County officials to open more courts at Twin Lakes Park.

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Ridgeview seniors target powderpuff game to support mental health

By Nick Blank
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ORANGE PARK — A pair of Ridgeview High seniors are raising money for charity with a powderpuff football game.

Students practice with their instruments and doing homework in the school's courtyard when school ends. In a classroom, students work on banners for the game at 7 p.m. on Thursday, which is when students hope to secure \$1,000 in ticket sales and donations to support Clay Behavioral Health Center.

Powderpuff football refers to a high school outing where football players and cheerleaders trade places. International Baccalaureate program students Kloe Goolsby and Abby Bressler decided for the program's community service component they would raise money for Clay Behavioral.

Bressler said the school had similar events before, but those events were recreational. The IB students have Community Activity and Service projects with seven criteria, about 150 service hours.

"This started in the middle of last year," she said. "We had to get it approved by our CAS coordinator and (Principal Becky) Murphy to see how she felt about it."

Mental health is a serious topic that's often overlooked, Goolsby said. Social media and a school environment can place



PHOTO BY NICK BLANK

Ridgeview High seniors Kloe Goolsby and Abby Bressler stand in front of student-created decorations for homecoming.

stress on students, she said.

"Since it is a community-based project we really wanted to raise money for something that isn't as talked about," Goolsby said. "Mental health is kind of brushed past."

According to the National Alliance on

Mental Health, one in six children ages 6-to-17 will experience a mental health disorder each year such as attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, depression or anxiety.

However, about half of young people categorized with mental health conditions

received any kind of treatment in the past year, the organization said.

"We wanted to stay local just so we weren't putting money into an organization that already gets a bunch of fundraising," Bressler said.

"It's something that hasn't been done at Ridgeview in so long," Goolsby said.

Goolsby said they needed a teacher to oversee the financial aspect of the project while they organized the event. Teachers Carolyn Holt and Rachel Ryan filled those supervisory roles.

"It's impressive you have two students kind of putting this whole thing together," Holt said. "We're in the background."

"We're the ones annoying them with the reminders," Ryan laughed. "But they're organizing students to take tickets, they're organizing students to volunteer. That's what's neat about it, there's a lot of people getting service hours."

Ryan referred to teachers versus students' festivities that could occur in the future. The powderpuff game is a completely after-school endeavor, she said.

"This is the first time we're having an entire game," Ryan said.

Holt said she immediately told the students yes when she heard the idea.

"I just thought it was a really good cause," Holt said. "I was like, 'Absolutely we can do that.'"



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Diamond Rio brings its iconic legacy of music to Thrasher-Horne Center

Group still touring since 1989 despite shutdown for COVID-19 pandemic

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – Any thought of retirement evaporated during the shutdowns created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Diamond Rio already had a fulfilling and successful career before the pandemic, so walking away could have been easy. But it would have been on somebody else's terms.

After more than a year, lead singer Marty Roe had a simple answer why the band decided to push forward.

"My answer is I don't know how to do anything else," he said.

Diamond Rio, which has a Grammy, Dove and six Vocal Groups of the Year Awards between the Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association awards, will include a stop at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Thursday, Sept. 22, as they continue to attract big crowds following the pandemic.

The group will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. The group, now celebrating more than 30 years of hits, is certain to play favorites like "How Your Love Makes Me Feel," "One More Day," "Beautiful Mess" and "Unbelievable" from their expansive catalog of hits that includes a No. 1 and 22 Top-20 hits, as well as three certified Platinum and five Gold albums.

And while the band was formed in 1989, Roe said two songs mean the most to him.

"You know they're all we wouldn't have recorded them at the time we did a perfecting them," Roe said in an exclusive interview with Clay Today. "As much as we possibly could have released them if we didn't already really love them. So we're fully invested in those songs. They're somewhat like children, I guess, but for me as a singer, as a vocalist, you know, I believe 'One More Day', you know, the current, the current part allows me to kind of step out I think a little more. Another one is 'Mama Don't Forget to Pray For Me.' I lost my mother this past year. She was almost 90 years old. She had a great life. And she's with the Lord now."

Since the shutdown, new and classic bands alike have noticed fans haven't just returned, they've come back in huge numbers. Venues are filled with fans who grew tired of being forced to sit at home.

"I think that definitely, the whole nation figured out that 'hey, we'd like to congregate and we like to get together and unemployment is very, very low.' I think they have a new appreciation for anything to go out and enjoy the fruits of their labor. And that's what we intend to try to deliver and have fun and we play we try to get to all the songs we've been blessed to have through the years. Because I feel like that's when I go to a show to see some of my favorite acts. That's what I want to do. I want to hear what caused me to be a fan."

The group still does 80 shows a year.



The final month of their tour will revert to playing songs from their Christmas album, "A Diamond Rio Christmas: The Star Still Shines." Not bad for a band that's been on the road for 33 of the last 34 years.

"We're able to maybe be a little more picky with how many dates we do in the year," Roe said. "This year, you know, 2020 kind of reset our lives, I think, a little bit. We're not ready to quit and we were reminded of how much we do enjoy what we're doing and how thankful we are for that and we worked hard to create a pretty good discography. We like going out on gigging and the money's good. There's three of us (original members) we're not all that old."

Roe said music always will be a way to silence the noise of discord. Once the band hits the stage, there are no political, social

or racial divides. It's time to sit back and enjoy the moment.

That may be the reason live music has rebounded with such fervor.

"I'm completely in the moment," Roe said. "We have so many fans who have those particular songs that have really marked a milestone in their life or help them through some tougher times a lot of times. As a musician, what we do is entertainment business. Some of it is brutal to it is it's just kind of background noise, but a lot of times when you have a song that makes a lasting impact on the audience that is very gratifying for us because it is our life."

Tickets still are available at thcenter.org.

Upcoming Thrasher Horne events ...

Peter 'Herman' Noone headed to Thrasher-Horne Center

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Peter Blair Denis Bernard Noone is a multi-talented entertainer, who has been delighting audiences nearly all his life. He was born in Manchester, England, where he studied voice and acting at St. Bede's College and the Manchester School of Music and Drama.

At 15, Peter achieved international fame as Herman, lead singer of the leg-

endary Sixties pop band Herman's Hermits. His classic hits included: "I'm Into Something Good," "Mrs. Brown, you've Got A Lovely Daughter," "I'm Henry VIII, I Am," "Silhouettes," "Can't You Hear My Heartbeat," "Just A Little Bit Better," "Wonderful World," "There's A Kind of Hush," "A Must To Avoid," "Lis-



Peter Noone

ten People," "The End of the World" and "Dandy."

Noone will revive many of those classic hits when he appears at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Oct. 28. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Ultimately, Herman's Hermits sold more than 60 million recordings. In all, 14

singles and seven albums went gold. The Hermits were twice named Cashbox's "Entertainer of the Year".

As "Herman", the photogenic Noone graced the cover of nearly every international publication, including Time Maga-

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The shows will be in the parking lot by the checkered flags. Each show lasts about two hours. Special souvenir items, such as T-shirts, will be available for purchase.

Tickets for this year's shows can be purchased in advance through the website <https://tickets.nitroextreme.com>.

Shows are scheduled for Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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To thank the community for more than three decades of patronage, helping to make his business a success, Charlie is currently offering the public a "BUY 1 RUG, GET 2 RUGS FREE" deal. Don't need 3 rugs? Don't worry, let Charlie make you a deal of a lifetime on the rugs of your choice!

His great-uncle, who was the brother of his paternal grandfather, began the legacy a century ago in Knoxville, Tennessee. Charlie's father, after being trained by his uncle, then moved to Wilmington, Delaware to set up his



branch of the business there. There's where Charlie was born and learned the trade. His first job was at 11, working with his dad and earning 25 cents per day, enough to buy himself a couple of comic books from the drugstore across the street from the family shop.

Harb's welcomes individuals and

wholesalers. All price points are included in the special offer. All of this is to celebrate his upcoming retirement and to say, "Thank you, Jacksonville."

Included in the sale are items from Charlie's personal collection of rugs, which contains several unique and interesting pieces not seen before by his clientele.

Rectangular rugs in inventory range in size from 12 x 18 inches to 12 x 18 feet. Harb's stock includes a variety of shapes as well: circular, square, ovals, runners, and octagonal. There are traditional styles, contemporary designs, and transitional rugs available.

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Among the authentic pieces, Charlie has ones that have been woven in a variety of Asian countries. He also has rare finds: new and used antique and semi-antique Persian rugs that he had obtained prior to the embargo on imports from modern-day Iran.

Having spent his entire life in the industry, Charlie is not only knowledgeable about Oriental rug sales, but he is also passionate about the history behind the products he sells.

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zine. He performed on hundreds of top-rated television programs and appeared with such luminaries as Ed Sullivan, Jackie Gleason, Dean Martin and Danny Kaye. He also starred in ABC’s musical version of The Canterville Ghost, Hallmark Hall of Fame’s presentation of the classic “Pinocchio” (in which he played the title role) and three highly successful feature films for M-G-M: “Mrs. Brown, You’ve Got A Lovely Daughter,” “Hold On!” and “When The Boys Meet The Girls.”

Tickets, which start at \$35, are available at thcenter.org.

Psychic Medium Matt Fraser appear at Thrasher-Horne next month

ORANGE PARK – Matt Fraser is America’s Top Psychic Medium and star of the hit television series on E! Entertainment.

His readings lead guests through a rollercoaster of emotions from laughing to crying, turning skeptics into believers with stunning details. His dynamic readings frequently include



Matt Fraser

names, dates, and locations he couldn’t possibly know, only adding to his long-established reputation.

Fraser will be at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Oct. 14 at 8 p.m.

Matt’s uncanny abilities and extreme accuracy have allowed him to reach millions worldwide from A-list celebrities and influencers to everyday people looking to get in touch with those they have lost.

He will be performing live readings at the show.

Tickets, which start at \$36, are available at thcenter.org. Fraser also is offering two VIP packages. The M&G and Merchandise packages include one premium ticket in the first 10 rows, early entry, a signed copy of “We Never Die: Secrets of the Afterlife,” a limited edition Matt Fraser candle and commemorative VIP laminate, while the M&G package also includes an exclusive meet, greet and photo with Fraser.

Beatles cover band ‘1964’ coming to Thrasher-Horne on April 13

ORANGE PARK – The band “1964” focuses on the quintessential moment in history when The Beatles actually played before a live audience. The Beatles toured the world in the early 1960’s, but now only a precious few remain who saw them live, who felt the “mania” that brought them to world acclaim.

Today, all that remains are a few scant



memories and some captured images in pictures and on poor-quality film and video.

The cover band hopes to rekindle those magical moments with a one-night show on April 13 at the Thrasher-Horne Center. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

For more than 30 years, “1964” has thrilled audiences with what is considered to be the most authentic and endearing tribute to The Beatles. This has been accomplished by a steady and consistent cast of talented professional musicians, who painstakingly recreate the look, feel and note-for-note sound of an actual LIVE Beatles performance. “1964” recreates the early ‘60s live Beatles concert with period instruments, clothing, hairstyles, and onstage banter with an accuracy that is unmatched. For tickets, which start at \$29, visit thcenter.org.

Plain White T’s headed to Thrasher-Horne Center on Oct. 15

ORANGE PARK – Since emerging in 1997, the GRAMMY Award-nominated

multi-platinum Chicago quintet – Tom Higgenson (vocals), Tim Lopez (lead guitar and vocals), Mike Retondo (bass) and De’Mar Hamilton (drums) – has amassed an enduring, engaging and enigmatic catalog, spanning two gold-certified offerings “All That We Needed” and “Every Second Counts” and unshakable anthems such as the double-platinum “1,2,3,4” and platinum “Rhythm of Love.”

Plain White T’s will make a stop at the Thrasher-Horne Center on Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. for a one-high concert. Tickets, which start at \$39, are available at thcenter.org.

Among the discography, “Hey There Delilah” went quadruple-platinum, topped the Billboard Hot 100, and earned a pair of 2008 GRAMMY Award nominations in the categories of “Song of the Year” and “Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal.” Along the way, the five-piece logged countless miles on the road in front of sold-out crowds in nearly every corner of the globe.

After a whirlwind tour cycle supporting 2015’s American Nights, the guys hunkered down and began writing the ideas that would eventually comprise Parallel Universe, slated for an August 2018 release.

The band’s endlessly hummable signature melodies still shine at the center of this galaxy, but their Universe morphed into an otherworldly atmosphere of ethereal electronic pop strengthened by lush guitar tones and synth transmissions.

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Community Briefs



Operation Santa Cause hosting poker runs ahead of Christmas

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Christmas may be more than three months away, but for Operation Santa Cause it’s never too early to start its preparation.

The nonprofit group will host its Ride with Santa Poker Run on Sunday at American Legion Post 250 in Middleburg, Howlin Wolf Bar in Melrose and Boogerville Hide-out in Green Cove Springs at 10 a.m.

The ride will raise money to provide

toys for children of Florida National Guard and Gold Star families. EXIT Realty Corp. International and EXIT Realty will match funds up to \$5,000.

Santa will be at the American Legion offering rides from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., while a vendor fair is scheduled for Boogerville.

The cost is \$20 for each ridere and \$10 for a passenger. Registraion starts at 9 a.m. and kick stands will go up at 10 a.m.

Food, vendors and live music will be at all three locations.

Prizes will be awarded for the best and worst hands, as well as a 50-50 drawing. For more information, contact Jeanne Scholl at (904) 945-4142 or at jeannescholl@gmailcom.

Baptist Medical Center Clay hosting job fair on Oct. 19

FLEMING ISLAND – Now that the Baptist Medical Center Clay is closer to its grand opening, the hospital is in need of employees.

The new 100-bed, six-floor, 300,000 square foot hospital is expected to bring about 700 new jobs to Clay County. To fill those vacancies, the hospital will host several job fairs.

The next hiring event will be on Oct. 19 from 2-6 p.m. at 2310 Village Square Pkwy. on Fleming Island.



For more information, email Bryce.mc-gibeny@bmcjax.com.

Charlotte Mabry to perform at Penney Farms on Sept. 25

PENNEY FARMS – On Sunday, Sept. 25, Charlotte Mabry, former Principal Percussionist, with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra will perform her popular concert, “An Evening of 20th and 21st Century Music.” The performance will start at 7 p.m. With a Master’s in Music from the University of Illinois, she moved to Florida, in 1978, and was hired by JSO. Her concerts blend music, texts, movement and video. The concert will be held at Penney Memorial Church, 4465 Poling Blvd. in Penney Farms. The concert is free and on-street parking is available in the area around the church.

After-school programs underway at Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Center

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Although classes already have started, officials at the Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Center are still accepting students for its after-school programs.

Classes include Art Workshop with Barbara Cornett on Thursdays (through Dec. 15), Introduction in Dance by Leslee Bryan on Tuesdays (through May 25), Dress for Success by Felecia Hampshire on Thursdays (through Nov. 10), Reading Tutoring by Cynthia Reese on Wednesdays (through November), Math Tutoring by Lucy Conrad on Tuesdays or Thursdays (through May), Counselor Tammy Rowson on Tuesdays, Dance by La’Farrah Davis on Mondays (through May 25).

More classes may be added to accommodate enrollment. For required registration forms, visit greencovesprings.com/AugustaSavageMuseumandMentoringCenter.

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Clay County students for its annual Veterans Day recognition.

There are three grade categories – fourth-through-sixth, seventh and eighth and ninth-through-12.

All entries should concentrate on the importance of celebrating Veterans Day and how veterans have made an impact in their neighborhoods, lives and towns.

The theme for the younger category is “Why are veterans special,” while seventh- and eighth-grade students will focus on “Write about an American who served in the U.S. military who inspires you” and the older division’s category will be “Why are the words ‘Duty, Honor, Country’ important today?”

Winners will receive \$50 (fourth-through-sixth), \$75 (seventh and eighth) and \$100 (ninth-through-12). For more information, visit ophistory.org.

Entries should be sent to info@ophistory.org and must be received by the Historical Society by Sept. 30. Winners will be announced on Oct. 28.

Free interior design class offered on Sept. 29

ORANGE PARK – Silver Needle & Thread Home will host an interior design-home decorating and lifestyle event on Sept. 29 in Suite 31 at Wells Crossing on Wells Road.

The event is open and free to the public.

The program will offer motivation and inspiration for ideas to refresh, design, up-

date or change the perspective of a room. Experts from a variety of fields will share their industry developments and updates.

Attendees will be introduced to resources to make them more at ease with changing the décor with confidence.

To sign up, visit snthome.com/events.

Boxer Weaver, wrestler Koko B. Ware coming to Soul Food Festival

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Weaver and WWE Hall of Fame wrestler Koko B. Ware will make appearances at this year’s Green Cove Springs Soul Food and Music Festival on Oct. 1.

The annual event will be at Vera Francis Hall Park, 1503 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. from noon to 7 p.m.

Weaver and Ware will meet residents from noon to 3 p.m.

The festival was established by a group of community volunteers called BATCOP – Breaking Away The Cycle of Pain” in 2002. The event now draws up to 5,000 attendees each year.

In addition to Weaver and Ware, there will be an assortment of food vendors, as well as dancing, children’s activities, entertainment and contests. For parade or vendor applications, visit greencovesprings.com/soul-food-festival, and for more information, visit www.gcssoulfood.net.

For advance tickets, contact statealertevents@gmail.com or call (904) 609-9363.

Clay Soil and Water Conservation District looking for supervisors

CLAY COUNTY – The Clay Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking people who wish to consider serving as Supervisors effective January 2023.

Supervisors are elected serving two-to-four years each term, but the two unfilled seats shall be appointed by the other three Supervisors according to State Statutes.

After the passing of Senate Bill 1078, the District is seeking anybody who is an eligible voter residing in Clay County and meets one of the following: actively engaged in, or retired after 10 years of being engaged in, agriculture as defined in Florida Statutes 570.02; employed by an agricultural producer; own, lease, or actively employed on land classified as agriculture under Florida Statutes 193.461.

Shred For Good: Challenge Enterprises offers shredding drop-off

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Shred for Good hosts Residential Shred Drop-Off events for the benefit of individuals that don’t have an ongoing need for regular shredding service.

During the drop-off events every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon, participants may deposit their sensitive documents in secure and locked bins at 3530 Enterprise Way in Green Cove Springs. The bins are

then securely transported to the Shred for Good facility, where it is destroyed.

After a six-month shutdown for the pandemic, Shred for Good rolled out a rebooted Residential Shred Drop Off Program in October 2020.

On the first day, 92 households were able to destroy 5,116 pounds of sensitive materials in just two hours. Each one of these events is focused on convenience for the consumer and streamlined processes for the staff.

Residential consumers now follow the signs to the drop zone, complete a short form, donate and drive away without ever having to leave their vehicle. To save even more time, both the form and donation have been made available in advance online.

The average household drops off about 55 pounds and donates \$14 a visit. Considering that most drop-off shred sites charge more than \$.50 a pound; the Shred for Good’s Residential Shred Drop-Off Program at \$.26/pound is a cost-effective alternative for the community it serves.

Business and Commercial Customers please call (904) 252-9786 to schedule a pickup using one of our secure bins.

Thrasher-Horne puts show memorabilia on sale

ORANGE PARK – Signed posters, flyers and banners from recent acts at the Thrasher-Horne Center are on sale at the center’s box office at 483 College Dr. in Orange Park.

The money will go to the Thrasher-Horne Center Annual Fund to provide financial assistance for future programming.

Included in the items are items from Aaron Lewis, comedian Bill Engvall, The Highwaymen, Electric Light Orchestra Experience, LeAnn Rimes, the Oak Ridge Boys, Michael W. Smith, Pete the Cat, Ricky Nelson Remembered and The Young Irishmen.

Items range from \$25 to \$100, and they can only be picked up at the center.

For more information, call (904) 276-6815 or visit thcenter.org.

Clay County looking to fill several job openings

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

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

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

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Beautiful Forgotten Places	Greeting Cards*	Praying in Color
Bingo	Improv Comedy*	Rock N Roll
Book Club	Jewelry Making*	Tai Chi For Arthritis
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TUESDAYS Oct 4 - Nov 29 - Bridge Playing 1:30-3:30

Orange Park Presbyterian Church, 1905 Park Ave, Orange Park, Reservations Required

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 4342 County Road 218, Middleburg, Fla. (904) 282-1040 Worship services begin at 9 a.m. on Sundays
THE ROCK BIBLE CHURCH 1811 Henley Rd. Middleburg (904)572-6599 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship service 9:15, 11:00 and 5:30 p.m.
TRUE LIFE Rev. Bill Bechter 2221 CR 220, Middleburg 904-284-3030
VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Ron Stephens P.O. Box 862 or 3114 CR 220 904-282-0310
ORANGE PARK
THE SPRINGS CHURCH 317 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, FL 32073 379-6208 Pastor John Bailey www.tscjax.com
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ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH 2156 Loch Rane Blvd. Pastor Ross Worch 272-6370 Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am www.AdventCP.org
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BIBLE BELIEVERS Christian Fellowship Pastor Curtis A. Beckeles Sr. 2106 Park Avenue • 269-2423
BUCKMAN BRIDGE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH www.bbuuc.org P.O. Box 844, Orange Park, FL 32067 276-3739
CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Greg Evans 9 Knight Box Rd. 272-5774 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m.
CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 112 Blanding Blvd. Pastor Greg Grant • 272-4210
CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 504 McIntosh Ave. Rev. Eddie Henley, Sr. Sun 10:45 a.m.
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH 942 Oak Lane Pastor Jerry N. Thrower 276-9099
CELEBRATION CHURCH O.P. CAMPUS Pastor James Price Sundays 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Saturdays 6:00 904-737-1121 www.celebration.org
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER Meets Sunday at 2:00 at Wilson Inn on Collins Road
CLAY COMMUNITY CHURCH 801-3 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL 32065 Pastor David Thomasson Service 9:30 a.m. www.claycommunitychurch.org
FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD J.A. Jones, Pastor DeBarry & Gano • 264-7540
FAITH MINISTRIES 406 Jefferson Ave. Orange Park, FL 32065 • 213-0629
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ORANGE PARK David Tarkington, Pastor 1140 Kingley Ave. • 264-2351
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF ORANGE PARK Jim Joiner, Pastor 2676 Moody Rd. • 272-1250
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Aaron W. Smith 245 Kingley Ave. Sunday: 8:00a.m. in the Chapel (with music) 10:00 a.m. in the Church (with music) 264-9981
HIGHPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Mike Haley 84 Knight Box Road 272-7949 Sundays 900 & 10:30 a.m. www.highpointccp.com
ISLAND VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH 900 Park Avenue - www.ivbc.org Bible Study 9:15 & Wednesday 10:30
JOURNEY CHURCH Lake Grey Boulevard 483-6881 Pastor Eric Jaffe www.journeychurch.org
KINGSLEY AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST 1365 Kingley Avenue, OP, FL 9:30 Bible Study, 10:30 Worship, 6:00 p.m. Worship and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Service
LAKESIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST Ryan Tutten, Minister Andy McDonald, Youth & Family Minister 2539 Moody Rd. 264-2463
LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Romeo Cerico Meets at New Life Fellowship 1045 Blanding Blvd., Ste. 209 Orange Park • 945-4712 • www.lbbjaxvpweb.com
NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 1134 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park; Sunday Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Main Worship Service at 10:30 a.m., both with free nursery and child services.
ORANGE PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Dr. Charles Lever, Pastor Worship: 8:00, 9:25, 11:00 • Youth: 6:30 2105 Park Avenue • 264-2241
ORANGE PARK CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 3212 Moody Rd. • 269-5623
ORANGE COVE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH New Pastor - Andre' Van Heerden Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. Worship at 11:20 a.m. Saturday 4501 US Hwy 17 South • 269-2607
ORANGE PARK PRESBYTERIAN Rev. John Diller Sunday School 9:30 a.m and 11:00am Worship 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. 1905 Park Avenue 264-0536 • www.oppresby.com
RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST Rev. Michael Clifford 939 Blanding Blvd. 272-3791 9:30 a.m. Connection Groups/Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
ST. CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father Ignatius Platharnm, C.M.I, Pastor Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday Vigil Eucharist 5pm Sunday Eucharist 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5pm Sunday Eucharist (Spanish) 6:30pm 1649 Kingley Ave. 264-0577
ST. GILES PRESBYTERIAN Jake Young, Pastor 116 Foxridge Dr. 272-1244
ST. JAMES AME CHURCH Jeffrey Dove 535 McIntosh Ave. Sunday Service 11am. 278-7037
ST. SIMON BAPTIST CHURCH 930 A.M. Sunday School 11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship Service 6:30 P.M. Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study Rev. W.H. Randall, The Pastor 1331 Miller Street, Orange Park, FL 32073 904-215-3300
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 461 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, Fla. (904) 272-1150 Worship services begin at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays
NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Pastor Jerry Larkford 1134 Blanding Blvd. 272-1017
VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF ORANGE PARK Pastor Rev. Donald F. Taylor 109 Industrial Loop. N 276-7642



Faith Walk

by Pastor Billy Register
True Life Church
Clay County

What is Spiritual Integrity?

Proverbs 11:3: “The integrity of the honest keeps them on track; the deviousness of crooks brings them to ruin” (MSG).

In the culture of 2022, sometimes people tend to be more concerned with the results they achieve than the integrity of their character. We are way too quick to justify cutting corners to get where we want to be, all because we believe that the ends justify the means. But we must never forget the importance of our spiritual integrity. When we cast it away, it is a slippery slope. Even dangerous!

Billy Graham once said, “God’s standard is expressed in the Bible, and the ultimate example of that standard is Jesus Christ. When we live by the truth, we possess integrity.”

Spiritual integrity is all about having strong, moral character through God. He has called us to live by His ways, which are holiness, love, and peace. These are not suggestions for our life, but commandments. If we operate in opposition to these standards, we are not in God’s will for our lives. We find ourselves in opposition to His design and plan for us.

When our spiritual integrity is compromised, we open ourselves up to the influence of our enemy. He looks for these gaps in our moral character to prey upon our weakness and pull us away from our relationship with the Lord. We must be careful, for the enemy’s threat is real and we should not take him lightly. 1 Peter 5:8 says, “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” If we don’t maintain our spiritual integrity, we will be pulled away from God by the devil’s schemes.

Psalms 4:11-12 gives us strength and hope. It reads, “By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. But you have upheld me because of my integrity and set me in your presence forever” (ESV).

When we cling to God, He fills us with the strength we need to build upon and maintain our spiritual integrity. He wraps us in His protection and keeps us in His presence, where the influence of the enemy can never reach us. When we are in His presence we find peace, rest, and security.



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ORANGE PARK – Not only were there dozens of classic pieces of art at the annual Bella Notte: A Night of Art Under the Stars, but patrons were welcomed with a spectacular view of the St. Johns River from the Azaleana Manor. The show featured art sales and demonstrations, caricature portraits, music, a silent auction, wine tasting, photo, Italian food, drinks and dessert. The show was hosted by the Art Guild of Orange Park, and money raised on Sept. 15 went to support the nonprofit's programs.



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BUDGET SUMMARY									
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA - FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023									
*THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FLORIDA ARE 10.3% MORE THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.									
County Wide Services	5.5605								
Unincorporated Services MSTU	0.1343								
Law Enforcement MSTU-4	2.4014								
Fire Control MSTU-8	0.5048								
Challenger Center Development MSTU	3.0000								
ESTIMATED REVENUES		GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS		
Taxes:									
Ad Valorem Taxes - County Wide Services	5.5605	\$ 42,023,436	\$ 39,508,776	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,532,212		
Ad Valorem Taxes - Unincorporated Services MSTU	0.1343		\$ 1,773,984				\$ 1,773,984		
Ad Valorem Taxes - Law Enforcement MSTU-4	2.4014		\$ 31,965,732				\$ 31,965,732		
Ad Valorem Taxes - Fire Control MSTU-8	0.5048		\$ 7,038,780				\$ 7,038,780		
Ad Valorem Taxes - Challenger Center Development MSTU	3.0000		\$ 16,752				\$ 16,752		
Other Taxes		\$ 9,266,279	\$ 29,135,686	\$ -	\$ 2,801,361	\$ -	\$ 41,203,326		
Charges for Services		\$ 13,912,529	\$ 3,372,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,131,600	\$ 23,416,629		
Intergovernmental Revenue		\$ 25,526,305	\$ 7,907,321	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 35,433,626		
Judgements, Fines, and Forfeitures		\$ 9,625	\$ 1,247,162	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,256,787		
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$ 2,987,683	\$ 20,034,194	\$ -	\$ 619,830	\$ 424,200	\$ 24,065,907		
Permits / Fees / Special Assessments		\$ -	\$ 12,380,254	\$ -	\$ 10,301,000	\$ 15,690,960	\$ 38,372,214		
TOTAL SOURCES		\$ 93,725,857	\$ 154,381,141	\$ -	\$ 15,722,191	\$ 22,246,760	\$ 286,075,949		
Interfund Transfers		\$ 3,455,000	\$ 6,249,217	\$ 8,403,000	\$ 13,796,789	\$ 60,000	\$ 31,964,006		
Non-Revenues		\$ 435,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 435,000		
Fund Balances / Reserves / Net Assets		\$ 55,955,649	\$ 108,343,403	\$ -	\$ 187,936,722	\$ 45,000,472	\$ 397,236,246		
Statutory Reserve (F.S.129.01)		\$ (4,708,019)	\$ (7,719,001)	\$ -	\$ (786,105)	\$ (1,112,336)	\$ (14,325,461)		
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS, & BALANCES		\$ 148,863,487	\$ 261,254,760	\$ 8,403,000	\$ 216,669,597	\$ 66,194,896	\$ 701,385,740		
EXPENDITURES									
General Government		\$ 38,103,266	\$ 50,444,989	\$ 8,403,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 97,951,255		
Court Related Expenditures		\$ 1,760,197	\$ 6,883,277	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,643,474		
Public Safety		\$ 41,226,171	\$ 95,745,617	\$ -	\$ 12,325,604	\$ -	\$ 149,297,392		
Physical Environment		\$ 1,236,069	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,394,346	\$ 29,630,415		
Transportation		\$ 4,586,515	\$ 15,808,826	\$ -	\$ 70,728,822	\$ -	\$ 91,124,163		
Economic Environment		\$ 396,940	\$ 4,557,332	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,954,272		
Human Services		\$ 10,123,535	\$ 26,426,695	\$ -	\$ 11,765,000	\$ -	\$ 48,315,230		
Culture and Recreation		\$ 9,862,772	\$ 1,096,266	\$ -	\$ 4,219,715	\$ -	\$ 15,178,753		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 107,295,465	\$ 200,963,002	\$ 8,403,000	\$ 100,039,141	\$ 28,394,346	\$ 445,094,954		
Interfund Transfers		\$ 6,082,740	\$ 22,016,266	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,099,006		
Fund Balances / Reserves / Net Assets		\$ 35,485,282	\$ 38,275,492	\$ -	\$ 116,630,456	\$ 37,800,550	\$ 228,191,780		
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES		\$ 148,863,487	\$ 261,254,760	\$ 8,403,000	\$ 216,669,597	\$ 66,194,896	\$ 701,385,740		
Note: This table is non-inclusive of Lake Asbury MSBD Budget (\$1,441,300)									
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CHARCUTERIE AND CHEESE WORK-SHOP: will be on Sept. 22 at The Mini Bar, 1524 County Road 220 on Fleming Island from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

CHALLENGE ENTERPRISES: will host its Food for Clay Free Distribution on Sept. 22 at Green Cove Springs Senior Center, 604 Walnut St. from 10 a.m.-noon. Food is available for all Clay County residents from 10-11 a.m. for more information, call (904) 284-9859 or visit facebook.com/forforclaycounty.

CHALLENGE ENTERPRISES: will host its Food for Clay Free Distribution on Sept. 22 at New Bethel Baptist Church, 4020 Pier Station Road West in Green Cove Springs from 12:30-1 p.m. Food is available for all Clay County residents from 12:30-1 p.m. for more information, call (904) 284-9859 or visit facebook.com/forforclaycounty.

CLAY ACTION COALITION: will meet on Sept. 22 from noon-1 p.m. at La Nopalera Restaurant, 2024 Kingsley Ave. in Orange Park. Packets of Detera drug deactivation packets will be available.

COLLEGE DRIVE FOOD TRUCK NIGHT: will be on Sept. 23 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Johns River State College, 283 College Dr. in Orange Park.

CHALLENGE ENTERPRISES: will host its Food for Clay Free Distribution on Sept. 23 at Challenge Enterprise, 3530 Enterprise Way in Green Cove Springs. Food is available for all Clay County residents from 10-11 a.m. for more information, call (904) 284-9859 or visit facebook.com/forforclaycounty.

BASCA CAPABILITIES RUN, WALK AND ROLL: is scheduled for Sept. 24 at 8 a.m. at the BASCA headquarters at 352 Stowe Ave. in Orange Park. There will be a one-mile fun run and a 5K run. Participants are encouraged to dress up as their favorite superheroes. Registra-

Community CALENDAR

tion is \$30 for the 5K and \$10 for the fun run through Sept. 10 and it increases by \$5 for both classes after that. Runners, walkers and rollers will receive a T-shirt and medal. Money supports BASCA, which serves adults with differences in Clay County. For more information, visit bascainc.org.

TOUCH A TRUCK: will be on Sept. 24 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 16 College Dr. in Orange Park. Vehicles and exhibits from local law enforcement and fire-rescue agencies will be on display.

CROSBY SANCTUARY: will host an open house on Sept. 24 from 8 a.m.-noon at Crosby Sanctuary, 427 Aquarius Concourse, Orange Park.

FALL BEGINNER BEEKEEPER'S SHORT COURSE: will be offered on Sept. 24 fro 7:30 p.m. at the Clay County Extension Office, 2463 State Road 16 in Green Cove Springs. For more information, call (904) 999-1717.

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT: will be on Sept. 24-25 from 4-10 p.m. at North Florida Nightmare, 83 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park. Tickets, which are available at north-florida-nightmare.ticketleap.com, start at \$16.74.

MIDDLEBURG ACADEMY OF DANCE: will host an open house on Sept. 24 fro 12:30-3 p.m. at the Middleburg Academy of Dance, 4293-108 County Road 218 West in Middleburg.

SOUTHERN JUNCTION BLUES BAND: will play on Sept. 24 at the Middleburg American Legion, 2608 Black Creek Dr., at 3 p.m.

BREAKFAST AT NICOLE'S: will be on Sept. 24 at Nicole's On The River, 1101 Blanding Blvd. in Orange Park from 8-10 a.m. Event includes a Clay County Cruzers car show.

UWF FASHION SHOW: will be on Sept. 24 at 11:30 a.m. at the Middleburg United Methodist Church, 3925 Main St. in Middleburg. The fashion show costs \$10 a person and includes lunch.

POOCHIE'S PARK: will host a dog show on Sept. 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Poochie's Park, 21 Fountain Dr. in Orange Park.

RIDE WITH SANTA FOR OPERATION SANTA CAUSE: will be on Sept. 25 fro 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Middleburg American Legion Post 250, 2608 Black Creek Dr. in Middleburg. Money raised will help provide toys for local National Guard and Gold Star children.

GRIEFSHARE GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP: will be on Sept. 25 from 4-6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Middleburg, 2645 Blanding Blvd.

CHARLOTTE MABRY: the retired principal percussionist with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, will perform on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at Penney Memorial Church, 4465 Poling Blvd. in Penney Farms. Parking available on town streets and admission is free.

TSB: will return on Sept. 25 to Boogerville Hideout Bar, 6043 U.S. Highway 17, in Green Cove Springs at 3 p.m.

JAY: will play on Sept. 26 fro, 6-9 p.m. at Big Dawgs Family Sports Restaurant, 1330 Blanding Blvd., Suite 135, in Orange Park.

CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: will meet on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at the first-floor meeting room at the Clay County Courthouse, 915 Walnut St. in Green Cove Springs. The guest speaker will be Supervisor of Elections Chriss Chambless.

EARTH, WIND AND FIRE: will play on Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340C State Road A1A. For tickets, visit theamp.com.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: will meet on Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. at the Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

CHALLENGE ENTERPRISES: will host its Shred for Good Residential Drop-off event on Sept. 27 from 10 a.m.-noon at Challenge Enterprises warehouse, 3530 Enterprise Way in Green Cove Springs. Donations are accepted. For more information, visit www.challengeenterprises.org/shred-for-good-residential-shred-drop-off-reboot, or call (904) 284-9859.

INTERIOR DESIGN-HOME DECORATING AND LIFESTYLE CLASS: will be offered on Sept. 29 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at 1580 Wells Road, Suite 31, in Orange Park. The event, offered by snthOME Interior Design Silver Needle & Thread, will feature several interior experts who will share their ideas. The class is open and free to the public. To register, visit snthome.com/events.

CHALLENGE ENTERPRISES: will host its Food for Clay Free Distribution on Sept. 30 at Challenge Enterprise, 3530 Enterprise Way in Green Cove Springs. Food is available for all Clay County residents from 10-11 a.m. for more information, call (904) 284-9859 or visit facebook.com/forforclaycounty.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Clay County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy	\$ 108,597,500
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes	\$ 220,741
C. Actual property tax levy	\$ 108,376,759
This year's proposed tax levy.....	\$ 122,327,459

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on :

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

5:05 p.m.

At

The Administration Building

4th Floor

477 Houston Street

Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.



Police Briefs

CCSO: Man’s rampage against parents, ex-girlfriend lands him in Clay County jail

MAXVILLE – A 43-year-old man was arrested on Sept. 16 after the Clay County Sheriff’s Office said he went on a rampage against his parents and a former girlfriend.

Justin Daniel Parrish, of Maxville, was charged with burglary, armed burglary, grand theft auto, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and two counts of contempt of court for violating an injunction for stalking after he broke through a locked door at his parents’ home, stole a semi-truck from his employer before ramming it through a gate caroming off a car and toward the bedroom area of his former girlfriend’s home on Sonja Ellen Drive on Sept. 14.

The parents, girlfriend, her new boyfriend and her father all saw Parrish wearing a holstered pistol. Parrish tried to fight the new boyfriend, but the boyfriend refused, according to the arrest report.



Justin Parrish

By crashing through the gate and challenging his ex-girlfriend, Parrish defied an order for protection against domestic violence.

Parrish turned himself into the sheriff’s office on Sept. 16. His bond was set at \$350,015.

Broken windshield, improper seatbelt leads to drug bust on Blanding Boulevard

ORANGE PARK – A traffic stop for a shattered windshield and the driver wearing his seatbelt shoulder strap behind his back wound up leading to a drug arrest on Sept. 14 on Blanding Boulevard.

According to the Clay County Sheriff’s Office, Bo Ellis Shipman, 42, of Jacksonville, was charged with possession of fentanyl, methamphetamine and marijuana after a deputy noticed the windshield “was shattered in the center with a spider web pattern.” He also noticed



Bo Shipman

Shipman had tucked the shoulder strap of his seatbelt behind him.

When the deputy approached the car, he detected the smell of fresh marijuana, according to the arrest report. Shipman and his passenger were detained and CCSO found marijuana in a backpack in the backseat and in plastic bags in his pocket. Deputies also found fentanyl that was disguised as Adderall and methamphetamine in Shipman’s left sock. Shipman’s bond was set at \$75,758.

Deputies taser man with machete after he told them to shoot him

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A machete-wielding man needed to be tased by Clay County Sheriff’s Office deputies after a woman said he came to her house in violation of an injunction for protection against domestic violence.

Travis Allen Wright, 37, of Keystone Heights, was charged on Sept. 17 with aggravated domestic assault with



Travis Wright

a deadly weapon, aggravated assault with the intent to commit a felony, stalking, burglary, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence and petit theft after deputies were called to the woman’s home when she said Wright started waving a machete.

Wright went into a barn where girls were playing. One of the girls said Wright took her cellphone.

When Wright tried to run, deputies used their tasers since he still had the machete. Deputies also said he told them to “shoot him.”

Wright’s bond was set at \$90,018.

Boy dies after dirt collapses on him with he was digging

MAXVILLE – A child was killed when dirt from a tunnel he was digging in a large pile of dirt collapsed in the 9100 block of Monette Road.

Although the boy was pulled out of the dirt, he was pronounced dead at a local hospital, the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office said. His death was described as tragic, JSO said. While an investigation is ongoing, the agency said there is no sign of foul play.

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, Sept. 20

Carlos M. Blount, 42, Green Cove Springs, VOP community control
Tyler W. Dawson, 31, Green Cove Springs, two counts FTA
Howard D. Tinsley, 69, Orange Park, trespassing
Isaiah O. Olukunle, 20, Orange Park, shoplifting
Randy A. Sharpe, 29, Orange Park, dating battery, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
Michael E. Stanley, 39, Green Cove Springs, killing human other than by murder
Tyrell D. Diggs, 34, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice
Dustin G. Martinez, 38, Green Cove Springs, FTA domestic battery
James M. Parrish, 46, Orange Park, burglary
Richardo Dominguez, 61, Green Cove Springs, COP grand theft
Justin E. Meek, 33, Green Cove Springs, trafficking amphetamine sentence provision

Monday, Sept. 19

Richard L. Simpson, 37, Orange Park, DUI with property damage/injury to person
Percy L. Bell, 26, Orange Park, fugitive from justice
Kennardo B. Missack, 28, Sunrise, VOP
Lexie M. Womack, 22, Orange Park, trespassing
Mark A. Berk, 46, Middleburg, possession-firearm/ammo by convicted felon
Jeff Compere, 34, Orange Park, child abuse, aggravated assault
Robert S. Warren, 48, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR, failure to register
Crystal G. Spicer, 44, Fleming Island, possession-drug paraphernalia, possession-controlled substance, shoplifting
Ronald G. Neal, 45, Fleming Island, shoplifting

Sunday, Sept. 18

James E. Cooper, 53, violation of injunction against domestic violence
Benjamin R. Walters, 36, Middleburg, violation of injunction against domestic violence
Brandon D. Horne, 37, Orange Park, battery
Nicole E. Walls, 36, Middleburg, trespassing
Christopher S. Wilcox, 48, Orange Park, grand theft auto
Sherife L. Medlock, 31, Middleburg, burglary
Ronald E. Young, 30, Orange Park, aggravated assault on law enforcement/

firefighter/EMT, possession-marijuana, possession-controlled substance, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, DUI, DWLSR, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement without regard for safety of others

Saturday, Sept. 17

Joyce L. Dyer, 40, Fleming Island, battery
Travis A. Wright, 37, Keystone Heights, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, aggravated assault with intent to commit felony, following/cyberstalking/harassing with credible threat to a person, burglary, petit theft, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, violation of injunction to be within 500 feet of residence/school/place of employment
Michael J. Ashley, 56, Orange Park, giving false name/ID
Gregory Stanback, 56, Orange Park, trespassing
Milford G. Oakes, 51, Middleburg, violation of retrial release conditions for dating violence
Jeremy D. Ritzman, 37, Orange Park. Disorderly intoxication, trespassing
Mya N. Pena, 24, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, resisting officer, possession-marijuana, trespassing

Friday, Sept. 16

Courtney J. Mosley, 22, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Briona Hughes, 24, Middleburg, domestic battery
Camala K. Young, 39, Orange Park, shoplifting
Justin D. Parrish, 43, Green Cove Springs, two counts armed burglary, grand theft auto, possession-firearm/ammo by convicted felon, two counts contempt of court-violating injunction for stalking
Amanda R. Martin, 38, Fleming Island, shoplifting
Cody M. Haynes, 26, Green Cove Springs VOP grand larceny
Jonathon E.J. Bailey, 23, Starke, fugitive from justice
William O.A. Alvarez, 31, Green Cove Springs, burglary with assault/battery, batter, criminal mischief
Richard E. Finley, 51, Green Cove Springs, battery in jail
Roy J. Dodgen, 47, Middleburg, domestic battery, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Thursday, Sept. 15

Matthew C. Holmes, 40, Middleburg, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement
Sonji J. Mason, 50, Green Cove Springs, FTA DWLSR
Carlo M. Pereyra, 41, Green Cove Springs, VOP lewd/lascivious battery
Benjamin R. Walters, 36, Middleburg, domestic battery
Ali T. Pinkston, 19, Green Cove Springs, possession-marijuana, possession-drug paraphernalia

Drugs

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through the mail. The arrests came after the CCSO SWAT and Narcotics Unit raided two homes on Sept. 10 and seized 30 firearms, as well as a large cache of drugs.

"We've been working on it since late June, early July," Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook said. "We could have continued this investigation, but these guys were distributing so much. We had to pull them off the street because just in a couple months time they had brought in enough fentanyl to kill four million people. And so we had to remove them as quickly as possible because they truly are a danger to society with that level of distribution."



Michael Stanley

The arrests were part of a multi-agency, including federal, state and county agencies, investigation that started in June, Cook said. The arrests were in conjunction with large seizures of cocaine, fentanyl and methamphetamine in both Jacksonville and Nassau County. Less than a week before Setzer and Mercado were taken into custody, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office confiscated more than three kilos of fentanyl, more than one kilo of cocaine and 6,000 pills containing fentanyl.

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody joined sheriff's office officials Wednesday afternoon to provide details of the investi-



PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputies recovered drugs and 30 guns from two Clay County drug raids on Sept. 10. Operation "Lucky 777's" stopped what was considered a major source for cocaine, fentanyl and meth.

gation and arrests.

According to two lengthy arrest reports, Setzer and Mercado received fentanyl, methamphetamine and cocaine from an address in California. Packages were sent to Setzer on William Paca Street in Orange Park and Mercado at houses on Eagle Cove Drive and River Breeze Drive on Fleming Island.

According to the arrest report, bricks of the drugs were "broken down and then

distributed."

The drugs were sent to various locations in Northeast Florida and cash was mailed back to the same address in California, Cook said.

On Aug. 5, deputies watched Mercado deliver a priority mail box to the Fleming Island post office. The return address wasn't valid, the post office said, and the name on the box was Calvin Marco. Detectives detained the box and they got

a warrant to open it after CCSO K-9 Ory alerted them of the likely presence of illegal drugs. To be sure, deputies placed five other "control" boxes with the package believed to contain drugs. On Aug. 8, the dog only picked OUT the package delivered by Mercado.

According to USPS records, an additional five packages were sent from a Jacksonville post office – one weighing 11.19 pounds – to the same California address.

Since the investigation started, CCSO investigators have taken 8.35 kilos of fentanyl, 1.36 kilos of cocaine, 2.38 kilos of methamphetamine and \$183,000 from the enterprise operated by Setzer and Mercado. According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, fentanyl is 100 times more potent than morphine, and it only takes two milligrams to kill a person. Cook said the amount of fentanyl distributed by Setzer and Mercado in the past four months was enough to kill everyone in an 18-county area of Northeast Florida.

On May 11, Cook said Aleksejs Kovilov was found dead of an overdose that included fentanyl. Michael Edgar Stanley, 39, was charged on Sept. 20 with manslaughter for selling him the drug a day earlier at a retail store on Fleming Island.

The cases aren't related, Cook said.

Cook said there have been 261 reported overdoses in Clay County this year with 34 drug-related deaths and six suspected overdose deaths.

Both men were arrested in separate stops on Sept. 10 and they were charged a day later. Setzer's bond was set at \$17.105 million, while Mercado's bond was set at \$10 million. Both are due to be in court on Oct. 17.

Arrests

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Lenora P.R. Porter-Evans, 32, Middleburg, child neglect
James J. Badrow, 42, Fleming Island, possession-fentanyl

Corey T. Johnson, 50, Orange Park, unauthorized use of driver's license, giving false name/ID, DWLSR

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Steven R. Cercy, 34, Green Cove Springs, DUI, DWLSR
Yolanda Arias, 61, Orange Park, shoplift-

ing

Jerald W. Dicks, 59, Middleburg, aggravated assault with deadly weapon

John W. Dowden, 54, Middleburg, trespassing

Donald Flowers, 70, Orange Park, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Avalos S. Reyes, 34, Orange Park, driving without valid license

Bo E. Shipman, 42, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana

Women

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women in law enforcement.

"Women bring perspectives and life experiences that are needed in this profession. I encourage any young woman who wants to make a difference in their community to consider a career in law enforcement," she said.

Lanier and Padgett said women are needed in the field.

"No matter who you are, everyone has something to bring to the table. Everybody has something they are good at and really, it's a team effort. And I think women are just such an intricate part of that team," Padgett said.

"We bring that nurturing vibe," Padgett explains. Padgett, a member of the Sheriff's office for over 20 years, came into law enforcement at an early age after being re-



The Orange Park Police Department celebrated National Women's Police Day by recognizing its four officers.

moved from an abusive home. Since then, she has always wanted to be the kind of person that a child can look up to for protection.

"We are protective of the people that we are trying to represent. We are better communicators," Padgett said. "Men have always been 'do what I say and that's it' and I think women are a little bit more empathetic and understanding. I guess it's in our genetic makeup."

Lanier shares a similar perspective.

"When I first started in this line of work, even though it's only been a short amount of time, I knew that this line of work was predominately male," Lanier said. "We were very short-handed for female deputies back then. There were only three of us."

However, she has seen a huge push for women in law enforcement over her career.

"I think, in a lot of instances, we bring

a softer side to law enforcement and that's needed," Lanier said. "It allows us to build trust in our community. But we are not afraid to handle business either."

Cook said women bring needed insights.

"Women have to rely on their words more often than physical strength, which I think helps build trust and respect," she said.

To the future female law enforcers, Lanier said: "Go for it. I knew what I wanted to do, but I was nervous. I was scared. But my best advice to give is, stay level-headed. Stay true to your strengths. Build on them."

Never stop learning because that's all this job is. And never be afraid to stop learning and stay humble. If you make a mistake, it's okay. We're at a higher expectation of maintaining professionalism, but it's okay to admit when you're wrong. Learn from your mistakes, move on, and get the job done."



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Fleming Island High cross country runner Graham Myers battles with West Florida Tech's Luis Gutierrez, a Class 2A state race finisher last year, in early miles of Bales N Trails Cross Country Invitational held Saturday at Bartram Trail. Myers, a Class 1A top 10 finisher last year for St. Johns Country Day School, won the event.

Myers duels to Bales N Trails win

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

BARTRAM TRAIL - Fleming Island High cross country runner Graham Myers, a top 10 finisher in Class 1A last year in cross country and track (second in 3200) for St. Johns Country Day School, has been on fire as a team frontrunner now that he is at Fleming Island High with two sub-16 minute finishes under his belt.

"The Fleming Island team is pretty strong from good distance runs all summer," said Myers, who was Class 1A champion Matthew Strattons shadow for cross country last year and a runnerup to Stratton in the track 3200 state championship race. "John (Keester) and Danny (Sakowski) are getting closer to the front each race with the rest of the

team strong enough to make our team points good."

On Saturday, with a 3.1 mile shadow in West Florida Tech High's senior Luis Gutierrez, himself a 16 minute finisher, a district champion and a 25th place finisher in Class 2A last year, Myers, despite a tumble on one of the infamous hay bales placed on the course at Bartram Trail's Bales N Trails cross country course, out-battled Gutierrez with a 16:03.30 split to Gutierrez' 16:15.50.

"I barely clipped with my ankle," said Myers, a junior. "I didn't lose a spot because of a somersault I did to pop back up."

Gutierrez, who broke out as a sophomore runner with a 16:14 best run then had injuries the following year before running in the Class 2A championship race.

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Knights explode in upset of Golden Eagles

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Oakleaf High football stamped out an early top spot in their super charged district lineup with a 20-7 first half lead holding to a 26-20 upset of previously unbeaten Fleming Island High Friday night in a packed Fleming Island High stadium. Highlights for the game included two interceptions; one a pick six score, for wide receiver turned defensive back Taylor Bradshaw, the other an end zone steal late in the game to seal the six point gap.

"We wanted to win this one most this season,"

SEE KNIGHTS, 32



Oakleaf High quarterback Drew Ammon cranks up throw for 75 yard touchdown play in Knights 26-20 upset district win over Fleming Island.



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Fleming Island junior cross country runner **Graham Myers** took the lead from the start and held to win the Bales N Trails Cross Country Invitational at Bartram Trail High School. **Myers** has been a top area finisher in his two starts thus far.

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Saturday loss, rain, mud; Thursday: Clay wins

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

GAINESVILLE - This week if you searched the word adversity, a picture of the Clay Blue Devils would show up. Last week, due to field conditions the game was played on a humid Saturday morning. After the loss to Orange Park, the team went back to work Monday, was on the field two days and prepared for a Thursday night away game

CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA
Clay High coach Kyle Kennard misses with belly bump with Dominic Martin after Martin scored in Blue Devils win over Gainesville.

at Gainesville. The Gainesville Hurricanes normally play at Citizen's Field Municipal stadium. With all the rain, that field too had the consistency of a wet sponge, thus moving the game to the backyard of Gainesville High School; a practice field that closely resembled the mortar practice range at Camp Blanding. Despite all those cards stacked against the Blue Devils, the team won the coin toss, took the ball, and went to work. With a Payton Dykas kick runback to the 43, the Blue Devils used the opening drive to go 57 yards in seven plays capped by a Dykas corner catch touchdown reception cracking open the scoring, never relenting the lead in the 28-10 road victory.

"Monday was like our Sunday watching film. A lot of film. We went a little bit, but not much. Tuesday we went back to work. Wednesday was our normal run through and we were back at it," said Clay Head Coach Kyle Kennard. "I think it was a good thing playing Thursday because the kids were eager to get that bad taste (of the Orange Park loss) out of their mouth. They knew we didn't play very well against Orange Park. The film showed the effort was not what we expect from the Blue Devils so we challenged them to come back and give it a great effort. The extra day this week will be a luxury for us as we have Toco Creek coming and they've had a great season so far. We're looking forward to it."

After the Clay opening drive score, on the Gainesville counter, Clay defender Bryan Prince had the first of his three quarterback sacks, this one for a five yard loss. Gainesville running back John Cooper would be a thorn in the Blue Devil's side all night, this time going 80 yards off a screen

Clay High fullback Dominic Martin powers through Gainesville High defense with three tacklers on his back.

Kyle Kennard gets a little TV trophy time after win over Gainesville.

pass to even the score, 7-7. When they had the ball back, Clay was forced to punt away.

From their own 35, Gainesville passed on first down getting intercepted by Dykas who looked to go all the way for a pick-6 until a flag brought the ball back to the 20 due to holding. "I play both sides and I am tired," said Dykas. "But coach told me to watch nine (Gainesville's Cooper). He did a little speed out and I saw them throw the ball. I jumped his route, went up and got it." Dykas finished the night with 12 receptions for 175 yards and two touchdowns.

Back on offense, Dykas moved the ball 10 yards closer with a power sweep. Quarterback Merrick Rapoza wasn't letting Dykas have all the fun as he tucked the ball from six yards out and used a rugby scrum to cross the goal line to go ahead 14-7. Rapoza finished the evening with 175 passing yards, no interceptions and two touchdowns. Early in the second quarter, driving from mid-field, Gainesville was moving on Clay until Prince had his second sack for a 10 yard loss. Gainesville attempted to recover on third down, only gaining back five yards. Lined up for a Gainesville field goal attempt, Jason Goffin shot across and got a hand on the kick, blocking the three points.

After exchanging punts, Clay was again driving with 3:40 until the half. Using runs by Dominic Martin who finished with 33

yards on 11 carries, and another short pass to Dykas, Rapoza again saw Dykas open in the corner on second and goal to go, hitting his target to go up 21-7 heading into the break. Gainesville opened the second half with a drive that fizzled out inside the five yard line and stayed safe with a successful field goal, 21-10. The Blue Devil defense would again get another highlight sack by Prince to force a Hurricane punt.

In the final stanza, Clay drove to a first down and goal to go looking to score again when the ball squirted out and was recovered by Gainesville. The Blue Devils would show the hard afternoons in the weight room paid off as they were faced with a Gainesville fourth down and four yards to go, this time shutting down Cooper and taking the ball over on downs.

With the ball back, from their own 32 Dykas and Martin drove the ball to the Gainesville seven yard line. On second down, Rapoza tucked the ball again and crossed into the endzone for the final score at 4:03, 28-10. After another unsuccessful Gainesville drive, with the ball back and under a minute to play, Clay was forced to punt away to Gainesville. The receiver couldn't keep the ball tucked away and Clay recovered the ball with :47 ticks to burn. Rapoza would take a knee twice to complete the contest.

Sharks bite Broncos

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

MIDDLEBURG — Middleburg’s Jayden Jenkins threw for two scores and ran for another, but it was not enough to lift the Broncos into the win column as host Middleburg dropped a 35-20 decision to Ponte Vedra and quarterback Ben Burk on September 16.

Burk accounted for five touchdowns, three passing and two rushing, as the Sharks rolled up 435 yards in total offense. The junior completed his first nine passes, six of them on Ponte Vedra’s opening drive, a 13-play, 66 yard march during which he converted three third downs.

The offenses ruled the first half, in which neither team punted. Middleburg took the opening kickoff and scored in just three plays. Mike Mitchell, in action again after serving a two-game suspension, got behind the defense on a post pattern and caught a perfectly thrown bomb from Jenkins for 66 yards and a 7-0 lead.

Ponte Vedra knotted the game at 7 on a five-yard pass from Burk to Landon Okra on a third and goal to go.

Seven running plays later, Middleburg regained the advantage when Jenkins faked a handoff to Mitchell, took off inside the left end and raced 16 yards to the end zone, dragging Sharks safety Bryson Hubbard across the goal line.

The Broncos’ Joe Forte forced a fumble

with a big hit on the ensuing kickoff, recovering the ball himself at the Ponte Vedra 44 yard line. However, Middleburg failed to capitalize on the turnover when T.J. Lane gained only one yard on a third and eight from the Sharks’ 14 yard line and Wade Mathis missed a 30 yard field goal attempt wide left.

The Sharks took over and drove 80 yards to tie the game on a 10 yard scramble by Burk.

The game’s turning point came as Middleburg was poised to answer, having quickly driven 50 yards to the Ponte Vedra 16 yard line. Mitchell swept left and had already gained 12 yards when, struggling for extra yardage, the ball came loose. Linebacker Trooper Price fell on it for the Sharks at the four yard line.

“There were two guys holding me, and one of them punched it [the ball] out,” explained Mitchell after the game.

The two empty trips to the red zone proved fateful for the Broncos, who found themselves down 28-14 when Burk outran the Middleburg secondary to the near pylon from 12 yards out on the final play of the first half and connected with Nathan Bunkowski on an out and up for an 18 yard touchdown to cap the first drive of the third quarter.

“Other teams capitalize on their opportunities. We get opportunities and we squander them,” Middleburg head coach



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Middleburg High safety Aiden Postemski dives for tackle against Ponte Vedra.

Ryan Wolfe said of his Broncos, who fell to 0-4.

Facing a two-touchdown deficit, Jenkins, who threw only three passes in the first half, made 16 throws in the second half, completing five of them. After combining to rush for 116 yards on 21 carries in the first half, Mitchell and Lane combined for only three rushes and eight yards over the final two quarters.

“When you get down by 14, you have to start chasing points,” said Wolfe. “It changes your game plan a little bit. We had to throw more than we wanted to.”

Burk connected with Okra for a second touchdown, this one on a deep slant from 29 yards out, to give Ponte Vedra a 35-14 lead early in the fourth quarter. Jenkins then made a terrific play to give the Broncos hope for a comeback. From the Ponte Vedra 27 yard line, the junior broke a tackle in the pocket, spun out of the grasp of a second Sharks lineman and threw a strike to Toshombee Jenkins streaking across the end zone. Mathis’ extra point attempt was wide right, so the score remained 35-20 with 3:39 remaining.

Ponte Vedra’s Griffin Owen recovered the ensuing onside kick, and the Sharks’ Brian Case converted a third and 15 with

an 18 yard run that enabled the visitors to run out the clock.

Burk finished with 18 completions on 24 attempts for 201 yards and ran for 53 of the Sharks’ 234 rushing yards.

“We just were not very sound,” Wolfe said of his defense. “We had guys getting out of their gaps, guys freelancing. On defense, it is really just as simple as ‘Everybody has a job, and if everybody does their job, the play works.’”

Jenkins finished with eight completions on 19 throws for 173 yards. Mitchell, a Utah commit, led all rushers with 78 yards on 17 carries and led all receivers with 79 yards on two catches.

Middleburg faces another stiff challenge this Friday when they travel to Jacksonville Ribault (3-1). Kickoff is at 6:00.

“The kids still have a lot of fight left in them,” said Wolfe. “They know that our schedule is not a joke. Including the kickoff classic, we have played five playoff teams, including two that will compete for a state title. But everything we want is still ahead of us.”

Bunkowski led Ponte Vedra, who improved to 1-2, with 73 rushing yards and 68 receiving yards. The Sharks host St. Augustine Pedro Menendez Friday



Middleburg got thumped by miscues including this fumble that turned a scoring drive around.

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Knights

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said Oakleaf senior quarterback Drew Ammon, who connected with a 75 yard scoring pass to wide out Carlos Witherup to build a 20-7 first half surge. “I know we got Bartram Trail, but this one was important. Carlos opens up I’m going to get him the ball.”

For head coach Marcus Miller, the win was a big one for him, but more importantly, the win told his team that they can compete with the best in the district.

“You guys can write upset if you want, but this one was a lot more fun than the



Marcus Miller, right, and his defensive coach Ben White got a quick smile in final seconds of upset win over Fleming Island.

Baker County game,” said Miller. “We learned a lot from the Baker County game and did not have a lot go wrong here tonight. We still got some big games to come and a long bus ride to Tallahassee Chiles



Fleming Island linebacker Abram Wright snagged a Drew Ammon pass for interception that almost turned game around for Golden Eagles.

this week.”

On Oakleaf’s first possession, the Knights converted a fourth and five situation at the Golden Eagle 19 yard line with an Ammon pass to Bradshaw that preempted a two yard scoring dive from running back Devin Outlaw with eight minutes left in the first quarter.

In what seemed to preview a track-meet scenario for the highly-potent offenses, Fleming Island sophomore quarterback Cibastian Broughton showed off his speed afoot with a 65 yard sprint to the Knights’ 25 yard line.

In what would be a staple defensive effort for Knight’s defensive coordinator Ben White, Oakleaf sophomore safety Drake Stubbs stuffed Fleming Island running back Sam Singleton on second down to lose a yard and eventually leave the Golden Eagles at zero after a failed fourth and five that ended with Oakleaf defensive back Corey Washington scooping up a Trace Bur-

ney fumble.

“Our job was for me to shadow Sam, make good open field tackles and not give him space,” said Stubbs. “I know my boys were coming behind me so I could get to the point of attack quickly.”

White dialed up an aggressive, challenging defense that did not allow Singleton’s explosive running get loose.

“The game plan was to put Drake on Sam and let him fly around all night,” said White. “We wanted to let Prince fly up front and chase as our fastest defensive lineman. We got that Baker County game out of our head tonight. Can’t get any bigger than beating our arch rival.”

Ammon opened up the ensuing series with a jet sweep to Bradshaw that went 30 yards to midfield.

Outlaw got smashed by Fleming Island linebacker Jhace Edwards to lose a yard with Ammon getting hurried to a bad throw and the Golden Eagle defense catching Witherup also on a jet sweep to force a punt.

On first down, linebacker Jaiden Hicks scooped up a Singleton fumble via defensive back Dajon Browns’s tackle to put Oakleaf back in the red zone at the Golden Eagle 12 yard line with 3:39 left in the first



On paper, looks like a blowout for Oakleaf, but Chiles’ losses have been to unbeaten (4-0) Wakulla (Overtime 25-24, region finalist 5A), Fletcher (30-28) and unbeaten (4-0, 6A) Thomas County Central of Georgia (42-13) with a 28-25 loss to unbeaten (4-0) Niceville (7A regions) on Friday.

Chiles features a tough run game behind senior Tre’avis Jones, Chiles’ player of year last year, who already has 778 yards; games of 263, 265 and 198 with Thomas holding to 52, and seven scores against the aforementioned teams.

The Knights defense dialed in on Sam Singleton and must have similar success in Tallahassee.

quarter.

A bobbled center snap put Oakleaf at second and 25 before Ammon found Witherup in the end zone on a slant to go up 13-0 with 2:43 still in the first quarter. Ammon missed his PAT kick left.

In the second quarter, Singleton made a controversial hurdle move that looked exciting, but cost Fleming Island 15 penalty yards that pushed the Golden Eagles from the Oakleaf 11 yard line back all the way to Oakleaf’s 40 yard line.

Broughton answered with a tight end post to Dakota Rowe to make back the penalty yards with Singleton roughing up the defense to the 11 yard line. From the seven, Hicks ate up Singleton on a blitz to put Fleming Island at third and 11 before Broughton got a lucky rebound off a pass block that landed back in his hands to set up a field goal attempt for the Golden Eagles only to have a penalty flag give Fleming Island a fourth and four at the Oakleaf four. Stubbs again stuffed Singleton to give Oakleaf possession at their own 10 yard line.

SEE KNIGHTS, 33



Fleming Island quarterback Cibastian Broughton high steps into end zone for score to put game at 26-20, but Broughton got hit with end zone in fourth quarter to halt possible late game comeback.



Oakleaf High linebacker Jaiden Hicks, No. 8. eyes snap to Fleming Island quarterback Cibastian Broughton. Hicks was key element of strong Oakleaf defensive effort against high-powered Fleming Island offense.



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Note yellow penalty flag behind Oakleaf High running back Devin Outlaw who rumbled for 70 yard run that ultimately got called back.

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Ammon misfired to Bradshaw on first down, but hit a slant for a third and six. With Fleming Island wary of Bradshaw, Ammon hit Witherup on a two yard slant to set up a fourth and five for Oakleaf still deep in their end of the field; the three yard line. Ammon would punt 60 yards with a bounce to the Golden Eagle 39 yard line.

Fleming Island got a 30 yard run from Tay'Shaun Smith behind a Rowe block to put the Golden Eagles back in scoring possession with five minutes to halftime.

At the 25, Broughton ran a QB sweep to the 18 before hitting Rowe for a score with 3:24 to halftime.

Oakleaf got the ensuing kickoff at the 22 where Ammon, from the 30, lofted a dime to Witherup all alone heading to paydirt to push the Oakleaf lead to 20-7 with 2:26 still to go to halftime.

Broughton aired a long distance strike to wideout Darion Domenick, but Domenick mishandled the pass to leave Fleming Island at fourth and five.

In the third quarter, Singleton again got corraled by nine of the 11 Oakleaf defenders to start the stanza to put Fleming Island at second and 20 at the 11.

A quick out pass by Broughton got snagged by Bradshaw for a pick six touchdown interception to put Fleming Island down now 26-7 at 10:06.

"Whoever gets him next is getting a dual player; offense and defense," said Ammon.

Ammon's deep kickoff got kicked out of bounds by Fleming Island returnman Kaylib Singleton to start Fleming Island at

their own seven.

Broughton started to manipulate his tosses inside and outside with Tracy Burney taking a sideline pass for extra yards to the 45 before Singleton powered past Oakleaf safety Dajon Brown to get to the Oakleaf 13.

With 6:10 left in the third, a flag moved the Golden Eagles back five, but Broughton responded with a quick slant to Burney to the eight. Broughton faked to Singleton then high-stepped his way into the end zone to score the game 26-14.

Fleming Island got good kickoff coverage to put Oakleaf at their own 14. From the 26, Outlaw bounced to the sideline then cut the grain to the Fleming Island 10, but a holding flag negated the long run.

At the 16, Ammon floated a pass to Bradshaw that Fleming Island linebacker Abram Wright snagged near midfield to breathe life on to the Golden Eagle sideline.

At their own 45, Stubbs again got behind the line of scrimmage to nail Broughton with three flags laying on the turf.

The officials discussion ended with Fleming Island at first down and a country mile from their own 30 with 2:06 on the clock.

Just before the end of the third, Oakleaf defensive back Jordan Nesby added to the interception watch list with a snare in front of the Oakleaf sideline with penalties putting Oakleaf at fourth and 17 at the 35 where Ammon quick-kicked out to the Fleming Island 20 where a flag put the Golden Eagles at their own 15.

Oakleaf defensive back Bryson Kitt wrapped up Broughton on a sideline jaunt before Broughton hit Brenden Cook in centerfield at the 44 yard line.

Savea then gulped up a Singleton sandwich to slow the roll of Fleming Island; second and 14.

Broughton went to Cook again, but Nesby had coverage amidst moans and groans from the Fleming Island sideline for his proximity to Cook.

From there, Broughton rolled and hit Burney who was tanked and tossed by Hicks out of bounds amidst flags on the play to give Fleming Island a big jump to the Oakleaf 32 with 8:05 on the clock.

Second at the Oakleaf 27, Broughton got snaked by Bradshaw's second interception; in the end zone, to halt the drive with Bradshaw getting Ammon a first down at the 29 with seven minutes left in the game.

Wright again came up big with a sack to put Oakleaf at fourth and 13. Ammon's punt had Fleming Island starting at their own six yard line with 5:01 on the clock.

Fleming Island replaced Broughton with sophomore Carson Stewart at quarterback and Singleton exploded to the Oakleaf 47 to make things interesting, but Oakleaf defensive end Braden Cole pillowcased Stewart at the 46.

Third and six, with two minutes left, Oakleaf defensive end Jacob McClenick forced a sideline sack of Stewart.

Stewart found Cook on a sliding slant for the first down at the 39 yard line before hitting Domenick in the end zone for the final score.



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Wake Forest linebacker Ryan Smenda rushes downfield after fourth quarter fumble recovery in 37-36 win over Liberty.

Huff puts Furman at 2-1

Courtesy of Furman Athletics

JOHNSON CITY, TENN. – Tyler Huff passed for 218 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 95 yards, as Furman opened Southern Conference play Saturday evening with a 27-14 victory over the FCS 18th-ranked East Tennessee State Buccaneers at Greene Stadium.

Tyler Huff is a Ridgeview High School graduate now a Graduate student at Furman.

Furman, which won for the fourth time in its last five games in Johnson City, improves to 2-1 on the season and 1-0 in SoCon play. With the loss East Tennessee State drops to 1-2 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

Huff accounted for 316 yards of offense after going 24-of-40 passing for 218 yards and two touchdowns while running for 98 yards on 13 carries. Dominic Roberto added 80 yards rushing and a touchdown on 10 carries, his final carry covering 46 yards for a score with 48 seconds remaining. Joshua Harris contributed 95 yards receiving on a game and career high eight catches.

The Paladins compiled 409 yards of

offense (218 pass, 191 rush), and the defense forced the Buccaneers into four turnovers.

Furman steps out of conference for the final time next weekend when it travels to North Charleston, S.C. on September 24 for a 12 p.m. kickoff against Charleston Southern at Buccaneer Field.

Wake Forest 37, Liberty 36

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. -- The Wake Forest football team (3-0) secured a 37-36 Homecoming victory over Liberty on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Truist Field. The hard-fought win was witnessed by a crowd of 32,891 – the second-largest crowd in the head coach Dave Clawson era.

Defensively, Wake Forest forced four turnovers including interceptions from redshirt senior Isaiah Wingfield and juniors Chelen Garnes and Chase Jones. Additionally, sophomore cornerback forced the game's decisive fumble that senior linebacker Ryan Smenda, Jr. recovered late in the fourth quarter. That

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St. Johns Country Day School quarterback Caden Burchfield has emerged under watchful tutelage of Spartans coach Rocky Bantag to put two wins on the board.

What’s Rocky doing at St. Johns?

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - St. Johns Country Day School football knocked out a two-game win streak with a 27-26 overtime win over Ocala Christian behind a Caden Burchfield touchdown and a decisive Corban Berrang extra point kick.

“For me, I’m proud for the kids,” said St. Johns Country Day School coach Rocky Bantag, a veteran of 11 years in the Spartan football program with the last two as head coach. “We have some extra bodies to have good practices. The kids are having a ball and the school is embracing the team.”

After spotting Ocala Christian a 14-0

first half lead off two rush touchdowns, St. Johns finally scored before the halftime whistle with Burchfield hitting wide out Ian Mamea for a five yard out pass that turned to 70 yards to paydirt to close the half down just 14-7. “They were a power run team; ours is a bend but don’t break system,” said Bantag. “They were running hard from 20 to 20 but we denied them in the end zone. We had our chances. This group of kids never thinks they are out of any game. They believe in themselves.”

Bantag took over the Spartan football program two years ago and survived a COVID year, a less than successful one win first year distracted with low roster num-

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

CALVARY CHAPEL ACADEMY (0-4) @ ST. JOHNS (2-1)

Calvary Chapel comes in with losses of 27-19, 16-0, 44-0 and 44-12 and St. Johns is in a groove with a strong offensive scheme directed by quarterback Caden Burchfield; 520 passing yards, six touchdowns; a team-leading 151 rush yards with two scores.

“It’s a read option on every play,” said Bantag. “He is understanding the big picture of football. He’s a home school kid who came to St. Johns to play football. He wants to play 11-man somewhere maybe at college.”

bers and injuries, but has kept his fervor for young man football intact to get the St. Johns community excited about football again.

“We had success years ago under a few good coaches; Todd Zehner, Merlin Smith, Billy Sellinger and Derek Chipoletti, as well as Rodney Dubose and I learned a little bit about what works and what doesn’t work from all those guys,” said Bantag, noting St. Johns dropped to 8-man football in an Independent League to survive. “This group of kids wants to be successful and the St. Johns community filled the stadium for this game and made it an exciting night.”

Noting the aforementioned coaches; Zehner took St. Johns to a Freelance championship game, Merlin Smith is a highly successful coach at Oakleaf Junior High and Chipoletti directed Oakleaf High to an undefeated regular season and a region final finish before coming to St. Johns. Rodney Dubose coached at Orange Park High,

Westside High and is now head coach at North Florida Educational Institute.

Burchfield’s favorite target is Bodie Brafford with eight catches and two scores with Ian Mamea averaging an astounding 44 yards a catch for five grabs and two scores. Patrick Walsh has six catches with a 20 yard average as coach Rocky Bantag has maybe found the quick strike offense that works for his Spartans.

“We find the defender to attack and then Burchfield finds the open guy,” said Bantag. “We have the quick strike capability. When we score it is quick; 45 and 27 back to back games.”

The third quarter turned into a three and out slugfest led by a tornado defensive effort from Caleb Cameron who finished with 14 tackles, four sacks, three fumbles and two fumbles recovered.

The Spartan defense backed Cameron’s effort with 10 tackles from Andrew Staten; one sack, and nine tackles from Trey Dubnansky.

“Staten is being looked at by colleges already because he could be a good 6’-4” lineman,” said Bantag.

After both teams dished the defense in the third, the fourth quarter became an offensive highlight reel as both teams’ conditioning started to have an effect.

Owen Johnston opened with a two yard touchdown run, then Ocala added a two yard touchdown run.

Burchfield snaked a nine yard touchdown pass to Patrick Walsh to tie the game at 20-20 with Berrang’s PAT kick getting blocked.

In the overtime, both teams got starts at the 10 yard line with four downs to score.

Burchfield finished with 219 passing yards while rushing for 53. George Friedline topped the Spartan ground game with 54 yards. Mamea hauled in three passes for 146 yards with Walsh snaring three also for 59 yards.

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Middleburg High senior Molly Burt was top area finisher in tough field at Bartram Trails’ Bales N Trails Invitational. Bolles High, defending state champions, showed off early season front running pack status led by senior Jillian Candelino’s outstanding 17:45 winning split.



Middleburg High’s Paloma Rivera strides into finish as second Bronco runner at Bartram Trail. Fleming Island High’s John Keester IV is among enemy runners from Creekside High in early miles of Bales N Trails. Keester finished fourth.

Bales

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“He was just in front of me and rolled and I had to jump over him, but he got right back up and surge back to his spot up front,” said Gutierrez, who finished in the state race despite battling injuries into his junior season.

For Whiteside and West Florida, in only their second race of the season, Gutierrez has been rebounding from an injury prior to his junior year.

“The state race was not his best race,” said West Florida coach Everett Whiteside, a former University of Alabama standout. “I liked Luis up with the Fleming Island kid. The Fleming Island kid looked very relaxed up front. On paper, we were shooting for top five figuring Creekside would be training through the race.”

From the outset, Myers and Gutierrez pulled quickly away from the field with a 10 yard lead after the first hay bale near the half mile mark after the start.

From there the duo extended a bit through the middle of the race only to have a threesome that included Fleming Island’s John Keester IV in tow looking to close the gap.

Keester, a top returner for Fleming Is-

land coaches Chris Otero and Dave Allen, slowly reeled in the top two, but eventually finished fourth behind Fort Walton Beach’s Grant Chastain, a junior, who clipped Keester for third, 16:17.80 to 16:21.40.

With the Golden Eagles, eighth last year in Class 3A and ranked second presently, securing two finishers in the top five and looking for number three Danny Sakowski to up the team total, Creekside, the eventual team champions and second in Class 4A last year, landed three runners at 8-9-10 with Sakowski in at 11.

From there, number four for Fleming Island, sophomore Jacob Campbell finished two slots behind Creekside’s Hudson Finnochio’ 12th place finish to keep the team scores even closer.

Creekside would sneak in at 20th with Fleming Island freshman Andrew Boyer in at 21st to give the Knights the 45-50 team title.

“The course is sloppy but pretty fast otherwise with the hay bales not too high,” said Myers. “We go to Cartersville, Georgia this week and that’s a pretty fast course.”

Ridgeview, with top finisher Julio Rodriguez taking 25th in 17:40.70 to improve his top times, finished ninth with 258 points. Middleburg had Kole Mussante at 65th in 19:02.60.

Orange Park had senior Christian May-



Ridgeview High’s Julio Rodriguez tangoes with Fleming Island’s Jacob Campbell in early miles at Bartram Trail.

field in at 113th in 20:25.

For the girls race, which did not include the Fleming Island High girls team that took second at last week’s Bobcat Classic in Gainesville, defending 2A champion Bolles, led by senior and individual 2A champion Jillian Candelino’s outstanding 17:45 split, put all five of their runners in the top 12 spots for a convincing 28-60 win over Ponte Vedra with Creekside third.

Middleburg’s Molly Burt was top area finisher at 55th in 23:01.40.

Orange Park’s Charlotte Wilson was

71st in 23:54.20 with Ridgeview’s Ashley Yu at 91st in 24:57.90.

At Daytona Beach’s Embry Riddle Invitation, St. Johns Country Day School boys team finished third with junior Richard Nichols fifth overall in 19:27.22 while, in the girls race, St. Johns was second with sophomore Rebecca Stratton winning overall in 22:06.40 with three Spartans; Sofia Conde, Matilda Morris and Sarah Robinson in at 8-9-10 and senior Kaitlyn Phillips at 12th in 27:38.40.



Mon., Sept. 19
At Fleming Island Golf Club

- 1. Fleming Island 176
- 2. Keystone Heights 232
- 3. Middleburg 245

- 1. Alyzabeth Morgan FIHS 39
- 2. Chloe Blanc FIHS 42
- 3. Candace Jackson KHHS 43
- 4. Neva Winslow MHS 45
- 5. Kalia Polete FIHS 46

Mon., Sept. 19
at Eagle Harbor Golf Club
Clay vs. St. Johns Country School

- 1. Addy Vogt SJCDs 41
- 2. Taylor Young CHS 43
- 3. Rebecca Gibson CHS 56
- 4. Shyann Walters CHS 61
- 5. Anna Galnor SJCDs 68

Mon., Sept. 19
Orange Park vs. Clay at
Magnolia Point Golf Club

- 1. Clay 171
- 2. Orange Park 213

- 1. Robert Young CHS 38
- 2. Jack Newell CHS 41
- 3. William Guy CHS 42
- 4. Brock Buhnerkemper OPHS 46
- 5. Gehrig Van De Water OPHS 48

Mon., Sept. 19
Bishop Snyder, PK Yonge, St. Johns
Country Day School Boys at Fleming
Island Golf Club

- 1. Bishop Snyder +24
- 2. PK Yonge 182
- 3. SJCDs 215

- 1. Daniel Carpenter BS 38
- 2. Katelyn Huber PKY 39
- 3. Matthew French BS 40
- 4. Matthew Swain BS 42
- 5. Tripp Vogt SJCDs 43

Mon., Sept. 19
Middleburg vs. Eastside
Boys at Ironwood Golf Course

- 1. Middleburg 167
- 2. Palatka 195

- 1. Chase Carroll MHS 36
- 2. Ben Davis EHS 39
- 3. Lucas Wahlstrom MHS 43
- 4. Carson Meeks MHS 44
- 4. Will Buzby MHS 44
- 6. Zach Bargar EHS 51
- 6. Nicholas Reyes EHS 51



Fleming Island’s Alyzabeth Morgan is top area golfer with shot at getting to state tournament after near miss last year.

Morgan gears up for district to state run

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High’s girls golf team, led by sophomore Alyzabeth Morgan, finished off a tri-team match win over Keystone Heights and Middleburg with the Golden Eagles’ ace facing off with two potential state tournament candidates.

Morgan, who narrowly missed her state tournament bid last year, has been on fire for most of the 2022 season with a handful of sub-40 stroke matches under her belt.

On Monday, at Fleming Island Golf Club, Morgan had the company of Keystone Heights High senior Candace Jackson, sister to Class 1A tournament veteran Camille Jackson, and Middleburg High’s junior Neva Winslow, who has put together a solid season of finishes that gives Bronco coach Daniel Pearce optimism for her end-of-season potential.

Fleming Island won the tri-match with a decisive 176 to 232 score over Keystone Heights with Middleburg third at 245.

Morgan took an early lead on the trio



Left: Keystone Heights High’s Candace Jackson looks to get a second trip to the state tournament, while, right, Middleburg’s Neva Winslow has been steady all season as top golfer for Broncos.

with a final 39 with Jackson third at 43 behind Fleming Island sophomore Chloe Blanc who shot a 42. Winslow was two strokes off Jackson with a 45 for fourth with Fleming Island junior Kalia Polete fifth with a 46. Morgan efficiently stayed on par for the first seven holes to keep an early lead in tact, but bogied her eighth

and ninth holes give her opposition a bit of optimism. Jackson fell behind with two early bogies, a par then a double bogie to allow Morgan to gap the field.

Winslow scored the lone birdie of the trio on the par five fifth hole, but went seven on the par four sixth to lose that momentum gain.



Middleburg’s Chase Carroll can get his fourth state tournament trip to up number on big brother Cody Carroll, but Cody Carroll has the coveted state title on his side of the fireplace. Orange Park’s Brock Buhnerkemper is top Raider shot at region to state berth.



Left: Orange Park’s Kenneth Henderson has carried the rock with senior JoJo Restall nursing an injury while coach Marcus Wimberly, right, has the Raiders playing up to his opponents with a handful of miscues proving fateful.

Miscues again for Raiders

By Doug Deter
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - The Orange Park Raiders football team had their opportunities to take down powerhouse Melbourne but a late touchdown and turnover doomed the Radiers upset bid in a 37-21 loss on Friday at Orange Park High School.

“Mental errors throughout the game the game ends up costing us an opportunity to win” said Raider head coach Marcus Wimberly, who falls to 1-3.

Against Melbourne, the contest started as a defensive slugfest as the two teams traded punts on their first possessions. Melbourne would score first on their second possession using a ground and pound offense that resulted in a 36 yard field goal late in the first quarter. Orange Park would answer quickly led by a 33 yard pass from quarterback Eli Craggette to wide receiver Jermel Brown to the Melbourne 34 yard line. Craggette lasered a pass to end Brian Green for an 18 yard score to give the Raiders a 7-3 lead with just over two minutes left in the first quarter.

Melbourne would quickly strike back after two long runs by running back Kendrick Wright put the ball at the Orange Park six yard line. Quarterback Hunter Turner would run in from six yard out to regain the lead 10-7.

Orange Park would unfortunately fumble the first of two kickoff turnovers and Melbourne recovered at the Orange Park 27 yard line. A pass interference call would give Melbourne the ball at the 14 yard line and two plays later Turner would score his second rushing touchdown from six yards out to push the lead to 17-7 early in the second quarter.

The Raiders would strike back quickly after big kickoff return to the Melbourne 32 yard line. Running back Kenneth Henderson (filling in for the injured JoJo Restall) ran 17 yards to the 15 yard line. Jermel

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

NEASE (0-4) AT
ORANGE PARK (1-3)

This could be a game of equals between the Orange Park Raiders and the Nease Panthers, both with records that don't appreciate the way both teams have got to their records. Nease put up a rugged fight to Fleming Island and lost with a misfired pass at 4.4 seconds to go after counterpunching the Golden Eagles with passes after an early slugfest in the mud. Then the mud dried and Nease quarterback Marcus Stokes, heading to University of Florida, started to wheel and deal downfield. Orange Park's team speed could be the game changer.

Brown would then catch a 15 yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to three points. Melbourne would add a critical score just before halftime to go ahead 24-14 before the break.

The defenses traded stops to begin the third quarter with Melbourne stopping Orange Park on a 4th down run. The Raiders defense would answer by holding Melbourne to a missed 36 yard field goal.

Henderson would convert a third down run to the 36 yard line. Craggette ran to flip a third and 10 to the Melbourne 47 yard line. Henderson would score later in the drive on a four yard run late in the third quarter and suddenly the Raiders were within three points and possessing all the momentum after Melbourne was forced to punt on their next possession.

Unfortunately, for the Raiders they were forced to punt as well and from there things went from bad to worse. Melbourne would start their drive at midfield and immediately gain 44 yards on a long pass then score two plays later on a five yard touchdown pass to push the lead to 31-21 with seven minutes left. Melbourne would “pooch” kick a high ball that Orange Park would allow to hit the ground and Melbourne would recover at the Raider 38



Orange Park quarterback Elijah Craggette has securely taken over the start spot behind center and has led the Raiders to some big numbers on offense.

yard line. Melbourne would score on the next play after a busted coverage by the Raiders resulted in a wide open 38 yard touchdown pass that increased the lead to 37-21. Orange Park's offense would stall out their last possessions and Melbourne would leave Clay County with a hard fought 16 point win.

“We were able to fight and have oppor-

tunities to take the lead but these mental errors really costs us. It's unacceptable to make these types of mistakes if we want to be a winning teams. We are on the edge of being a good team, we have to find a way to win games like this” said Wimberly. The Raiders are back at it this Friday for Homecoming hosting St. John's county powerhouse Nease.

COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

KHHS Williams goes 18:34.20

At the North Alabama Showcase in John Hunt Park in Huntsville, AL, University of Central Florida's Camryn Williams, a sophomore and a Keystone Heights High graduate, finished with an 18:34.20 split with the Lady Knights finishing ninth overall among 40 teams. UCF next competes at the Florida Atlantic University on September 30.

MHS Young again top XC for Lagrange

Courtesy Lagrange Athletics

The LaGrange College Cross Country teams traveled to Macon Friday for the Julius Johnson Invitational, co-hosted by Mercer University and Middle Georgia State University. Both the men's and women's squads earned top-10 finishes.

Led by freshman Kennedy Young, a Middleburg High graduate, with a 5K time of 23:55, the LC women's team placed ninth overall. She was followed by Laurel Reese with a time of 25:19, and Lindsey Swearngin at 26:29.

Kailes Leads the Bulls at North Alabama Showcase

Courtesy USF Athletics

The University of South Florida men's and women's cross-country men and women's teams competed in the North Alabama Showcase held at John Hunt Park on Friday.

Overall both squads placed 21st behind several regionally and nationally ranked



competitors. The men checked in at 21st place among a field of 38 and the women also finished in 21st out of 41 teams. This was the Bulls' second race of the season. The Bulls left John Hunt Park with thirteen personal best marks.

For the men's 8K race, senior Ben Kailes (St. Johns Country Day School) was the top finished for USF with a personal best time of 24:47.14, fastest Bull since 2015 (Michael Babinec). Nickolas Kamen (Naples, Fla.) and Sebastian Edwards (Celebration, Fla.) followed behind for the Bulls with personal bests of 25:25.20 and 25:41.0.

Up next, USF travels to Bethlehem, Pa., to compete in the Paul Short Run on Friday, September 30.



Left: St. Johns Country Day School's Benjamin Kailes is top guy at USF. Above: Keystone Heights' Camryn Williams, fourth from right in back, has pushed to low 18 minute splits for her 5Ks. Below: Middleburg High's Kennedy Young, left, has pushed despite a broken hand last week to be top finisher at LaGrange College.



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Middleburg High's Mallory Roney earned a player of week nod last week for Valdosta State University volleyball. Roney finished strong two years at Indian River State College before entering graduate school at Valdosta with volleyball eligibility.

Toros running game takes down Panthers

By Nick Blank
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ST. AUGUSTINE — The Ridgeview Panthers are looking for a reaction after a 60-10 blowout to second-year program Toco Creek due to turnovers and penalties.

Toco Creek's as-good-as-new facility hasn't experienced the wear of a much-older school yet.

The Toros went 3-5 last season despite not having seniors. Other than a close loss to a 12-point to undefeated Bishop Kenny, the Toros' bruising running game was a real threat in wins over Beachside High and Matanzas Palm Coast.

Behind running back Wendell Dean, the Toros scored three touchdowns on three of their first four possessions in a 27-0 first quarter. He scored from 3 yards out, a blistering 60-yard run, and on a 10-yard screen pass from quarterback Ryan Killmer.

The Panthers did get glimpses of hope by a fumble mid-first quarter.

The Panthers were aggressive through the air, but that resulted in cornerback Parker Webster grabbing two pick-sixes prior to the half, where the score was 40-7. The teams engaged in a running clock when the Toros secured a 35-plus-point lead five minutes into the third quarter.

Ridgeview Head Coach Bryan Arnette said Toco Creek has a well-known and experienced coaching staff. He added that the Panthers have to eliminate mistakes. The game was also beset by inconsistent sheets of rain.

"If one bad thing happened, it compounded into two or three bad things happening," he said. "We're still trying to change that."

The Panthers, 1-3, return to Orange Park next week to face the Beachside Barracudas, another new St. Johns County school.

"We won last week (40-0 against Lake Weir). We have to focus on the little things," Arnette said. "Showing up on time, not having excuses. All those little things turn into

Keystone Heights gets first win of season

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

After two shutout losses, the Keystone Heights High football team got a strong 38-12 home win over Impact Christian Academy on Friday to push to 1-2.

Led by a 104 yard rushing effort from junior running back Cartez Daniels and also Ben Ulsch with three touchdowns, the Indians overpowered Impact to win their first game of the season after a graduating class that took a majority of Chuck Dickinson's 10-2 season last year.

Daniels had a run of 37 yards with Ulsch maxing out at 46 yards as the Indians run game used nine ball carries on the night.

Ulsch, who started the season as quarterback, shifted to running back to put



Ben Ulsch

Carson Eatmon behind center and used his running legs to move the ball. Eatmon completed just one pass for a 13 yard gain.

Keystone Heights will travel to unbeaten Interlachen (4-0) on Friday.

big things on Friday night. That starts with me."

The Panthers' lone touchdown came from junior running back Rayhn Hutchinson. Three Toros penalties moved the Panthers to Toro territory. Then Hutchinson found the

endzone on a tough 8-yard scramble.

"The O-line fought really hard," Hutchinson said. "We had freshmen from JV who fought hard on special teams, offense and defense. (Next week) is a homecoming game we definitely want to win."

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL ACTION



Middleburg High's Mallory Roney earned a player of week nod last week for Valdosta State University volleyball. Roney finished strong two years at Indian River State College before entering graduate school at Valdosta with volleyball eligibility.

MHS Roney earns Valdosta player of week

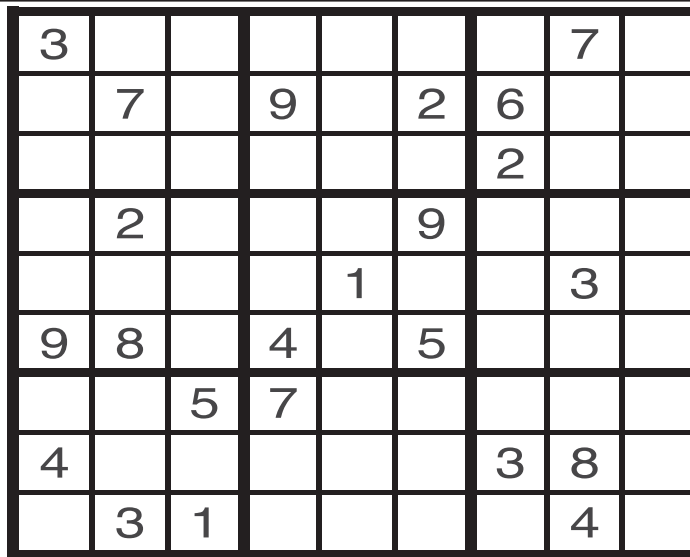
VALDOSTA, Ga. — Valdosta State volleyball graduate Mallory Roney and men's golf senior Ryan Pollman were named Steel's Jewelry Blazer Athletes of the week, announced Thursday.

Roney, a graduate of Middleburg High School and a 2019 graduate of Indian River State College, recorded three straight double-doubles last weekend in the Peach Belt/Gulf South Conference Crossover in Carrollton, Ga. She hit .355 against Georgia College and recorded 16 kills, 11 digs, and two blocks. Against USC Aiken, Roney recorded 11 kills and 15 digs while hitting .242 along with two service aces and in the match against Augusta, she recorded 17 kills and 14 digs while hitting .280. In the midweek match against Clark Atlanta, she recorded 12 kills and five digs while

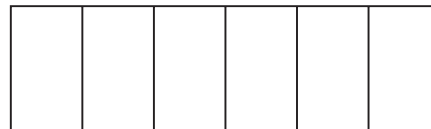
hitting .550. Her performance this week placed her ninth in the GSC in hitting percentage with .269 and sixth in the league in kills with 81.

Pollman, a native of Cumming, Ga., tied for 33rd overall at The Griffin Invitational in Brooksville, Fla., at the Southern Hills Golf Club. Pollman had a 54-hole score of 223 on rounds of 74, 73 and 76, helping the Blazers tie for ninth in the invitational with team rounds of 299, 301 and 297.

Roney and the Blazer volleyball team continue conference play at West Georgia on Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. before returning home to host Union on Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. inside the Complex. Pollman and the Blazer men's golf team are back in action at the AFLAC Cougar Invitational at Columbus State on Sept. 26-27.



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CLAY LEGALS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC, 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.: 800/2018
Legal Description: LOT 14 BLK 78 HIGHRIDGE ESTATE AS REC O R 2062 PG 403
Parcel ID No.: 220823-003814-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,213.58
Physical Address: 6092 HARVARD AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: DAVID W FLEMING
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 9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 19th day of September, 2022

Legal 38036 published Sept. 6, 13, Oct. 6 and 13, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 881/2016
Legal Description: LTS 9 & 10 BLK 95 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES PER UNREC DEED 10/03/02 & AS REC O R 2488 PG 2106
Parcel ID No.: 210823-004203-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$2,194.67
Physical Address: 7153 WHEATON ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: VICTOR M HERRICK & HELEN K HERRICK
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 9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 19th day of September, 2022

Legal 38035 published Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6 and 13 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: NUSIGMA CAPITAL LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 621/2016
Legal Description: LOT 8 BLK 10 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 2613 PG 1579
Parcel ID No.: 200823-002507-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$1,706.45
Physical Address: 7193 PEMBROKE ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: ANATOLIY RADOMSKIY & OKSANA RADOMSKA
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 9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.
Dated this 14th day of September, 2022

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of KID CITY USA MIDDLEBURG located at 29 CINNAMON STREET, in the County of Clay in the City of MIDDLEBURG, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at MIDDLEBURG, Florida, this 1ST day of SEPTEMBER 2022
owner's name or name of corporation: AES MIDDLEBURG LLC

Legal 37982 published Sept. 22, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

NOONEY HOLDINGS LLC,
Case No.: 2022CA000776
Plaintiff, Division:
vs.
JOSHUA WISHAM and ELIZABETH N. WISHAM,
Defendants.

TO: JOSHUA WISHAM
6826 WOMANS CLUB DRIVE
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA 32656

ELIZABETH N. WISHAM
6826 WOMANS CLUB DRIVE
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA 32656
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Clay County, Florida:
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO WIT: has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on The Law Office of C.W. Wickersham, Jr., P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, at 2720 Park Street, Suite 205, Jacksonville, Florida, 32205, Phone Number: (904) 389-6202, not less than 28 nor more than 60 days of the first date of publication of this Notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a Default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
DATED this 12th day of September, 2022. Clerk of the Circuit Court [SEAL]
By: Leigh Lucroy
As Deputy Clerk

Legal 37981 published Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6 and 13, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

JAMES LACSON,
Case No.: 2022CA000397
Plaintiff, Division:
vs.
LACSON-SMITH CO., THOMAS

JOE STRICKLAND, THE ESTATE OF THOMAS JOE STRICKLAND, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THOMAS JOE STRICKLAND, and LORI LYNN STRICKLAND Defendants.

TO: THE ESTATE OF THOMAS JOE STRICKLAND
c/o LORI LYNN STRICKLAND its Personal Representative
7535 DOGWOOD ST
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656
THOMAS JOE STRICKLAND
7535 DOGWOOD ST
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656
LORI LYNN STRICKLAND
5806 BRYCE STREET
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Clay County, Florida:
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO WIT: has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on The Law Office of C.W. Wickersham, Jr., P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, at 2720 Park Street, Suite 205, Jacksonville, Florida, 32205, Phone Number: (904) 389-6202, not less than 28 nor more than 60 days of the first date of publication of this Notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, at 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a Default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
DATED this 12th day of September 2022. Clerk of the Circuit Court [SEAL]
By: Taylor Tyson
As Deputy Clerk

Legal 37980 published Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6 and 13, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF FILE NO.: 2022 CP 000249
DONALD KEITH MILLER,
Deceased. DIVISION: B

The administration of the estate of DONALD KEITH MILLER, deceased, whose date of death was April 23, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is September 22, 2022
LARRY SCOTT MILLER 21532 Dover Bridge Road
733 N. Palmetto Av e. Preston, Maryland 21655
Personal Representative
JOHN DAVID HORNE Fla. Bar No.: 1024078
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 (904) 276-5344 – Phone (904) 284-8725 – Fax
JHorne@DavieLawFirm.com – Primary Service@DavieLawFirm.com – Secondary
Attorney for the Personal Representative

Legal 37979 published Sept. 22 and 29, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PROBATE DIVISION
DAVID JESUS GONZALEZ, File Number: 2022-CP-0465
Deceased. Division:

The administration of the estate of David Jesus Gonzalez, deceased, whose date of death was March 14, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Ave. Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the 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 AF-

TER 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 September 22, 2022.

Personal Representative, Haydee Esther Gonzalez
3908 Equestrian Ct.
Middleburg, FL 32068
THE HINSON LAW FIRM, P.A.
Kathryn E. Stanfill, Esq.
Matthew H. Hinson, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 94017
Kathryn E. Stanfill, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 1002636
300 West Adams St., Suite 500 Jacksonville, FL 32202
Phone: 904-527-1700 Fax: 904-355-8088
Matt@HinsonLawPA.com
Kathryn@HinsonLawPA.com
Attorney for Personal Representative

Legal 37978 published Sept. 22 & 29, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2022CA000534
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.

JAMES EARL FRAZIER A/K/A JAMES E. FRAZIER; DOTTIE BROWN FRAZIER A/K/A DOTTIE FRAZIER; SPENCER'S PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 31, 2022, and entered in 2022CA000534 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and JAMES EARL FRAZIER A/K/A JAMES E. FRAZIER; DOTTIE BROWN FRAZIER A/K/A DOTTIE FRAZIER; SPENCER'S PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. 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 October 19, 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 164, SPENCER PLANTATION UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 47, PAGE(S) 43 THROUGH 48, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 2784 WOOD STORK

TRAIL, ORANGE PARK, 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 in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 1st day of September, 2022.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
By: Kayla Beard
As Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2022CA000832
REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF THERESA ANDREWS, DECEASED, et al.
Defendant(s).

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF THERESA ANDREWS, DECEASED,

whose residence is unknown if he/she/ they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, OF JOHN AND ESTEARAH COLLIER; STARTING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE STATE ROAD S -230-A AS THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE JOHN AND ESTEARAH COLLIER PROPERTY AND RUNNING FORTY (40) FEET NORTH TO SAID CORNER FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUNNING NORTH FOR A DISTANCE OF 380.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, THENCE WEST A DISTANCE OF 229.66 FEET, MORE OR LESS; THENCE SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 380.3 FEET, MORE OR LESS; THEN EAST, A DISTANCE OF 235.25 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave.,

Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 9th day of September, 2022
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Leigh Lucroy

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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; THE COTTAGES AT OAKLEAF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE OAKLEAF VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; JO M. JOHNSTON; SAM JOHNSTON; DOUGLAS ARTHUR JOHNSTON; BYRANT DONALD JOHNSTON; JACQUELINE J. SHEPPARD; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 7th day of September 2022, and entered in Case No. 2022-CA-000161, of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM R. JOHNSTON; THE COTTAGES AT OAKLEAF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. THE OAKLEAF VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. JO M. JOHNSTON SAM JOHNSTON DOUGLAS ARTHUR JOHNSTON BYRANT DONALD JOHNSTON JACQUELINE J. SHEPPARD; and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. TARA S. GREEN as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at https://clay.realforeclose.com/ at, 10:00 AM on the 7th day of October 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE HELD

The Citizens of Penney Farms, Florida are hereby notified that under the provisions of Article III, Town Charter 1974, an election will be held December 08, 2022 to elect 2 (two) members to the Town Council of the Town of Penney Farms to fill Seats 2 and 3, (2 vacancies) effective with the first regular monthly meeting or the first special meeting, whichever comes first, of the Town Council during the month of January 2023. The hours set for the election are between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at the Town Hall, 4100 Clark Avenue, Penney Farms, Florida.

TO QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE FOR VACANT COUNCIL SEATS

....SEAT 2 – FOUR YEAR TERM

....SEAT 3 – FOUR YEAR TERM

Any Penney Farms, Florida elector (registered voter residing within the Town Limits) may fill out Qualifying Statements at the Town Hall, from Noon October 12, 2022 through Noon November 11, 2022 during normal office hours (7:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.). For further information call the Town Hall at (904) 529-9078.

AVISO PÚBLICO DE ELECCIÓN A

Se notifica a los ciudadanos de Penney Farms, Florida, que, según las disposiciones del Artículo III, Carta de la Ciudad de 1974, se llevará a cabo una elección el 08 de diciembre de 2022 para elegir a 2 (dos) miembros del Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Penney Farms para llenar los Asientos 2 y 3, (2 vacantes) efectivos con la primera reunión mensual regular o la primera reunión especial, lo que ocurra primero, del Ayuntamiento durante el mes de enero de 2023. El horario establecido para la elección es entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. del martes 13 de diciembre de 2022 en el Ayuntamiento, 4100 Clark Avenue, Penney Farms, Florida.

....SEAT 2 – MANDATO DE CUATRO AÑOS

....SEAT 3 – MANDATO DE CUATRO AÑOS

Cualquier elector de Penney Farms, Florida (votante registrado que resida dentro de los límites de la ciudad) puede completar las declaraciones de calificación en el Ayuntamiento, desde el mediodía del 12 de octubre de 2022 hasta el mediodía del 11 de noviembre de 2022 durante el horario normal de oficina (7:30 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.). Para más información llame al Ayuntamiento al (904) 529-9078.

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CLAY LEGALS

THE DECLARATION THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2366, PAGE 1558, AS AMENDED, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 3750 SILVER BLUFF BLVD APT 2003, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 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. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

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.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2022. (seal) TARA S. GREEN Clerk Of The Circuit Court By: Kayla Beard Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC SALE

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd Middleburg FL 32068 at date and time listed below:

OCTOBER 14, 2022 AT 10:00 AM
2011 TOYT VIN# 4 T 1 B F 3 E K 1 B U 6 7 4 4 7 4
2011 FORD VIN# 1 F A H P 2 D W 4 B G 1 5 9 8 5 5
1997 FORD VIN# 1 F T D F 1 7 W 1 V K A 5 8 5 1 7

Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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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 FILE NO.: 10-2022-CP-466 ONITA PAULINE CARTER, DECEASED.

The formal administration of the estate of ONITA PAULINE CARTER, who died on December 17, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32601. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is September 15, 2022.

LISA SEYMOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 7003 Gasline Road Keystone Heights, FL 32656 Owens & Wagner, P.A. VeRonica R. Owens, Esq. Fla. Bar No.: 73568 VeRonica@OwensWagner.com 189 South Lawrence Boulevard Keystone Heights, FL 32656 2000 Henley Road, Suite B Middleburg, FL 32068 Telephone: (352) 473-5000 Attorneys for PETITIONER

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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 RAYMOND EARL GERRALD, Deceased. PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2022-CP-496

Division A The administration of the estate of Raymond Earl Gerrald, deceased, whose date of death was June 12, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against 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.

First publication occurred on September 15, 2022. Alison E. Hickman Attorney for Petitioner Email: hickmanalison79@gmail.com aekh79@comcast.net FL Bar No. 085048 1218 Cactus Cut Road Middleburg, FL 32068 P.O. Box 65935 Orange Park, FL 32065 Phone: 904-606-2181 Pamela Poulin, Personal Representative 590 Thomas Mckeen Street Orange Park, FL 32073

Legal 37760 published Sept 22 and Sept 29, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF 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 and order resetting sale granted on August 31, 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 November 30, 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 41-44 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.

(seal) TARA S. GREEN

Clay County Clerk By: Leigh Lucroy

Deputy Clerk

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

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY CASE NO. 2022CA000713 ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff,

vs. EZRA PILLER, et al, Defendants. To: Ezra Piller 1645 Sandy Hollow Loop, Middleburg, FL 32068 Unknown Spouse of Ezra Piller 1645 Sandy Hollow Loop, Middleburg, FL 32068 Unknown Tenant in Possession 1 1645 Sandy Hollow Loop, Middleburg, FL 32068 Unknown Tenant in Possession 2 1645 Sandy Hollow Loop, Middleburg, FL 32068

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclosure of Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit: LOT 68, BLOCK 3, SANDY HOLLOW, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE(S) 59 AND 60, OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this 9th day of September, 2022.

(seal) Tara S. Green Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Leigh Lucroy Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 1776/2020 Legal Description: LOT 6 BLK 149 BLACK CREEK PARK UNIT 1 AS REC O R 3454 PG 1577 Parcel ID No.: 320524-006698-604-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$6,463.95 Physical Address: 4981 KALMIA ST , MIDDLEBURG

Classification: MOBILE HOME Name in which assessed: HANH N HO-ANG & VO LAN NGOC HOANG 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 9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.

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Dated this 12th day of September, 2022 Legal 37682 published Sept. 15, 22,29 and Oct. 6, 2022 is Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 689/2020 Legal Description: LOT 8 BLK 35 HIGHLRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 753 PG 476 & 1800 PG 155 Parcel ID No.: 200823-002997-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$4,691.22 Physical Address: 6509 BAYLOR AVE , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Classification: MOBILE HOME Name in which assessed: LINDA BUCKLER

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

Dated this 12th day of September, 2022

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 1127/2020 Legal Description: PT OF NE1/4 OF NE1/4 AS REC O R 4039 PG 1239 Parcel ID No.: 260424-005604-000-00 Opening Bid Amount: \$26,602.16 Physical Address: 3973 SUZANNE DR , MIDDLEBURG Classification: MOBILE HOME Name in which assessed: JAMES MICHAEL WEBB

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

Dated this 12th day of September, 2022

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NOTICE OF ACTION

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

Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2020-RPL1, Plaintiff, Case No: 2022CA000722

vs. DONALD H. HUNNICUTT; et al., Defendants.

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, by and through its undersigned attorney, and respectfully instructs the Clerk of the Circuit Court to file the Notice of Action herewith submitted, forwarding a Certificate of Mailing to our office, along with a recorded Notice of Action. Additionally, please forward copies of the Notice of Action and Verified Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint to the Defendants upon whom we are publishing, to wit:

DONALD H. HUNNICUTT 1345 PAWNEE ST. ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

DONALD H. HUNNICUTT 777 NW 51st ST STE 408 BOCA RATON, FL 33431

DONALD H. HUNNICUTT 8024 SOUTHSIDE BLVD Apt 16 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD H. HUNNICUTT 1345 PAWNEE ST. ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD H. HUNNICUTT 777 NW 51st ST STE 408 BOCA RATON, FL 33431

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD H. HUNNICUTT 8024 SOUTHSIDE BLVD Apt 16 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARMEN E. HUNNICUTT A/K/A CARMEN M. HUNNICUTT 1345 PAWNEE ST. ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARMEN E. HUNNICUTT A/K/A CARMEN M. HUNNICUTT 777 NW 51st ST STE 408 BOCA RATON, FL 33431

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARMEN E. HUNNICUTT A/K/A CARMEN M. HUNNICUTT 8024 SOUTHSIDE BLVD Apt 16 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARMEN E. HUNNICUTT A/K/A CARMEN M. HUNNICUTT 1345 PAWNEE ST. ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

CARMEN E. HUNNICUTT A/K/A CARMEN M. HUNNICUTT 777 NW 51st ST STE 408 BOCA RATON, FL 33431

CARMEN E. HUNNICUTT A/K/A CARMEN M. HUNNICUTT 8024 SOUTHSIDE BLVD Apt 16 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256

CARMEN E. HUNNICUTT A/K/A CARMEN M. HUNNICUTT 1345 PAWNEE ST. ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

UNKNOWN TENANT #1 1345 PAWNEE ST. ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

UNKNOWN TENANT #2 1345 PAWNEE ST. ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to wit:

LOT 8, GOLDEN LAKE ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGES 6 AND 7 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 Anthony Vamvas, Esq., Lender Legal PLLC, 2807 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, Florida 32804 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the said Court on the 6th day of September, 2022.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Kayla Beard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF File No. 2022-CP-000487 DAVID ANDREW PAXTON, Division B Deceased.

The administration of the estate of DAVID ANDREW PAXTON, deceased, whose date of death was May 3, 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 Sept. 15, 2022.

Attorney for Personal Representative: GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR. Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar Number: 887950 Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M. 1543 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 5 Orange Park, FL 32073 Telephone: (904) 264-8800 Fax: (904) 264-0155 Primary email address: grady@floridaelder.com Secondary email address: don-

na@floridaelder.com Secondary email Address: leean@floridaelder.com Personal representative: SHARON ANITA PAXTON 1516 Wayward Wind Lane Fleming Island, Florida 32003

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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA LAKE RIDGE NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., CASE NO.: 2022-CA-000339 Plaintiff, DIVISION: B v. NUVIEW TRUST CO. CUSTODIAN FBO PURNIMA RAYCHAUDHURI IRA, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION #1, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 7, 2022, and entered in Case No. 2022-CA-000339 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein LAKE RIDGE NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. is Plaintiff, and NUVIEW TRUST CO. CUSTODIAN FBO PURNIMA RAYCHAUDHURI IRA and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION #1 are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, Clay County, Florida, at 10:00 A.M. on the 7th day of October, 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 31, LAKE RIDGE VILLAS NORTH II, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 54, Pages 46 through 50, inclusive of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida. Street Address: 1500 Calming Water Drive, Unit 3705, Fleming Island, FL 32003.

Name of Clerk Making the Sale: Tara S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court 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 8 day of September, 2022. Tara S. Green, Clerk of Court Leigh, Lucroy Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2022CA000357

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2006-WMC2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WMC2 Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; CATHY ANN CORDER A/K/A CATHY ANN FERRELL; MARY JO OUTTIN; PATTY LYNN ESPINOSA; KELLY SUZANNE MASON A/K/A KELLY SUZANNE ABBOTT; AUTUMN GLEN TOWNHOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 07, 2022, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as: LOT 46C OF AUTUMN GLEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44 AT PAGE 38 THROUGH 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, a/k/a 2315 WOOD HOLLOW LN UNIT C, ORANGE PARK, FL 32003-4236 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com, on OCTOBER 24, 2022, beginning at 10:00 AM. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this 8 day of September, 2022.

Tara S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court Leigh Lucroy, Deputy Clerk

If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To Request ADA accommodations at the Clay County Courthouse contact: Family Court Services, Room 1035; (904) 255-1695 (or 711- Florida Relay Service); Crtntrp@coj.net

Legal 37561 published Sept. 15 and 22 in Clay County's Clay Today Newspaper.

CLAY LEGALS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 1061/2020
Legal Description: PT OF N1/2 OF NE1/4 AS REC O R 1748 PG 1213
Parcel ID No.: 360823-005251-006-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$14,630.80
Physical Address: 5625 CACTUS HILL DR , MELROSE
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: WILLIAM E RIVERS & SANDRA L RIVERS
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 **9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this **9th day of September, 2022**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 1660/2020
Legal Description: PT OR NE1/4 AS REC O R 323 PG 39, 716 PG 405 & 2446 PGS 1723-1726
Parcel ID No.: 220524-006435-001-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$3,014.38
Physical Address: 2730 SCULLY RD , MIDDLEBURG
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: FRANCES LANG JOHNSON (HEIRS)
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 9th day of September 2022

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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.: 3345/2020
Legal Description: LOT A N S GCS EX O R 19 PG 518 & 40 PG 63 & LOT B OF LT 6 BLK 29
Parcel ID No.: 380626-017841-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,674.95
Physical Address: WALBURG ST , GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: JAMES R FOSTER (HEIRS)
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this **7th day of September, 2022**
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida
By: Larry Williams
Deputy Clerk

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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.: 3350/2020
Legal Description: PT E1/2 LT 10 BLK 22 R/S 1/2 INT
Parcel ID No.: 380626-017864-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,446.37
Physical Address: 1020 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD , GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: GIRLEY E GOINS

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 **9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 7th day of September, 2022
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida
By: Larry Williams
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
Case No.: 10-2022-CP-513
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES TODD BARTON III (a/k/a Charles T. Barton III; Charles T. Barton)
Division Probate Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Charles Todd Barton, III (a/k/a Charles T. Barton, III; Charles T. Barton), deceased, whose date of death was July 12, 2022, Case No.: 10-2022-CP-513 is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is September 15, 2022
Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representative:

Yasmin Wardie Adamy, Esquire
Florida Bar Number: 110565 2850 Isabella Boulevard, Suite 10
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
Telephone: (904) 947-4890 E-Mail: yaz@adamylaw.com

Crystal Sunshine Barton
13105 Quincy Bay Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32224

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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. 10-2022-CA-000074
SELENE FINANCE LP, Plaintiff,
vs.
STEVEN D. ZENTNER; JULIA S. ZENTNER; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., et al.
Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **June 8, 2022** , and entered in 10-2022-CA-000074 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein SELENE FINANCE LP is the Plaintiff and STEVEN D. ZENTNER; JULIA S. ZENTNER; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realestate.com, at 10:00 AM, on **October 19, 2022**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 12, WHISPER CREEK UNIT THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGE(S) 59 THROUGH 62 INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** Property Address: 3534 SPINDLESTONE CT MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.
Dated this 10 day of June , 2022.
Tara S. Green, As Clerk of the Court
By: Leigh Lucroy, As Deputy Clerk

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF LYNN E. PROUDMAN, File No. 2022-CP-000501
Division B Deceased.

The administration of the estate of LYNN E. PROUDMAN, deceased, whose date of death was July 15, 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 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 September 15, 2022.
Attorney for Personal Representative: 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@floridader.com
Secondary email address: donna@floridader.com
ALAN KELLEY
2484 Stonebridge Drive
Orange Park, Florida 32065

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PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District (LAMSBD), a dependent special district in Clay County, Florida, created by Chpt. 86-392, Laws of Florida, is seeking proposals for qualifications from qualified banks and financial institutions to establish a long-term financial relationship with LAMSBD for financial planning, banking, and lending needs for LAMSBD. The financial services sought by LAMSBD are more particularly described as follows: Financial and banking partnership; short-term and long-term financial planning needs and guidance; appropriate investment options for LAMSBD accounts; loans for projects and other financial obligations; funding opportunities through bonds and other similar financial instruments that may be available; short-term and long-term funding needs for LAMSBD's ongoing Dam and Spillway Rehabilitation Project, which is a project that could span 10-years or more; and line of credit funding options.
LAMSBD is responsible for the operations and maintenance of Lake Asbury, South Lake Asbury and Lake Ryan, and their dam complex structures, located in Clay County, Florida. LAMSBD has an approved Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and is in the process of procuring engineers and contractors for its Dam and Spillway Rehabilitation Project.
LAMSBD is requesting that interested banks and financial institutions provide proposals for qualifications, incorporating the above information and services sought, by e-mail, including services offered, experiences with government entities, lending requirements, rates, and fees. Proposals for qualifications must be submitted as a hard copy and also electronic copy on two USB drives delivered to and received by LAMSBD no later

than 4:00 P.M., Thursday, September 29, 2022, at the Law Offices of Cobb & Gonzalez, P.A., 4655 Salisbury Rd., Suite 200, Jacksonville, FL 32256.
This is a Qualification Based Selection procedure for professional financial services, and there will be no public opening of the proposals submitted. Proposals for qualifications will not be accepted or considered unless received by the proposal deadline.
All communications with LAMSBD regarding this Request for Qualifications should be directed to Mr. Carl E. Kocher, LAMSBD Trustee, by email: Carl.Kocher@lamsbd.com.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, CASE NO.: 2021 CA 001010 FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST F, Plaintiff, vs. DERRICK D. HOLSEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DERRICK D. HOLSEY; CADES COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on **August 31, 2022**, in Civil Case No. 2021 CA 001010, of the Circuit Court of the Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST F is the Plaintiff, and DERRICK D. HOLSEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DERRICK D. HOLSEY; CADES COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, are Defendants.
The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at www.clay.realestate.com on October 5, 2022 at 10:00 AM the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 29, OF CADES COVE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 47, PAGES 40 THROUGH 42, 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.
IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator 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.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on September 1, 2022.
CLERK OF THE COURT, Tara S. Green
Rebecca Crews, Deputy Clerk
ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff(s)
Aldridge Pite, LLP 5300 West Atlantic Avenue Suite 303 Delray Beach, FL 33484 Telephone: 561-392-6391 Facsimile: 561-392-6965

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NOTICE FORECLOSURE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
TIAA FSB, 2022CA000462 Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTOPHER B. BAHL; PATRICIA L. BAHL; MAGNOLIA POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to a Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on August 31, 2022 in Civil Case No. 2022CA000462, of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, TIAA FSB is the Plaintiff, and CHRISTOPHER B. BAHL; PATRICIA L. BAHL; MAGNOLIA POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. are Defendants.
The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at www.clay.realestate.com on October 5, 2022 at 10:00:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 26 OF MAGNOLIA POINT GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB PHASE VI, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 47, PAGES 1 THROUGH 4, 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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on September 7, 2022.
CLERK OF THE COURT, Tara S. Green
Kayla Beard, Deputy Clerk
ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff
5300 West Atlantic Avenue Suite 30 Delray Beach, FL 33484
Telephone: 561-392-6391
Facsimile: 561-392-6965
Primary E-Mail: ServiceMail@aldridge-pite.com

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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, October 7, 2022 at 10:00am
Andrew Pope
Household Goods
Shawna Michelle Edmiston
3 beds, dressers, TV stand, boxes
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.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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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

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

CASE NO.: 10-2021-DC-000098
DIVISION: JV-E
IN THE INTEREST OF:
E.D DOB: 09/26/2019
A MINOR CHILD

THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO:

Amanda Strickland, 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 child, D.F. born September 26, 2019. 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 October 11, 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 CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or 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 1st day of September 2022.
Tara S. Green, as Clerk of Said Court
By: Tammy Rosenbaum
/s/ Freda Y. Floyd, Esquire
Freda Y. Floyd, Esquire Florida Bar Number: 0738697
Children's Legal Services 1845 Town Center Blvd, Suite 240 Fleming Island, FL 32003
Office (904) 622-9619 Cell Phone (904) 502-9089
Freda.Floyd@myffamilies.com (primary)
Shakia.Barbee@myffamilies.com (secondary)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Flagler/Clay County Housing Authority will be accepting applications online for the Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List beginning at 8:30 AM on Thursday, October 20, 2022. It will remain open until 100 applications have been received. Applications can be accessed online and must be submitted online at: <https://flaglercofl.housingmanager.com/> or the link may be accessed through our website at: www.flaglercountyhousingauthority.org Applications can only be provided online or by advanced written request to

the Flagler County Housing Authority, P.O. Box 188, Bunnell, FL 32110-0188. Paper applications are offered as a Reasonable Accommodation for elderly and disabled applicants only with verification of Social Security Income (letter must be dated within 60 days) and current ID. The submission deadline for paper applications given out as a reasonable accommodation is October 17, 2022.
Once the waiting list is closed, applicants will be placed in ranking order according to date and time of application.
ACCESS TO INTERNET AND COMPUTERS
To ensure availability and access to the online system, the Flagler County Housing Authority will have 2 computers available at our Flagler Office Resource Center, 502 South Bacher St. • Bunnell, FL 32110 from 8:30am-10:30am.

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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.: 1226/2020
Legal Description: PT OF NW1/4 S2T5R24 AS REC O R 671 PG 108,2042 PG 1117, 2080 PG 913 & 2333 PG 800 EX PT O R 1595 PG 1976, 1605 PG 1198, 1653 PG 1836, 1911 PG 755,1917 PG 862 & 3480 PG 243
Parcel ID No.: 020524-005926-005-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,389.95
Physical Address: FALCON RUN LN , MIDDLEBURG
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: ERIC R OLSON & JENNIFER A OLSON
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 **9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this **29th day of August, 2022**
TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida
Jewel Baskin Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No.: 1935/2020
Legal Description: PT OF LOT 114 PLANTATION FARMS SOUTH AS REC O R 1667 PG 1426 1774 PG 1942 & 3094 PG 168
Parcel ID No.: 340724-006919-162-01
Opening Bid Amount: \$6,916.16
Physical Address: 4340 BONDAREKO RD , KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: ROY ADAMS
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 **9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at www. clay.realtaxdeed.com.**
Dated this 29th day of August, 2022

TARA S. GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida
Jewel Baskin Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: NUSIGMA CAPITAL LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 1256/2017
Legal Description: PT OF NW1/4 A/K/A K-WEST-1 & K -WEST-6 O R 1403 PG 921
Parcel ID No.: 020524-005926-001-18
Opening Bid Amount: \$8,032.09
Physical Address: FALCON RUN LN , MIDDLEBURG
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: CHARLIE ADAMS
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

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highest bidder online on the **9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](#).**
Dated this 29th day of August, 2022

TARAS GREEN
Clay County Clerk & Comptroller Clay County, Florida
Jewel Baskin Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2022-CP-544
Division: A
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOANN GREEN,
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of JOANN GREEN, deceased, whose date of death was July 21, 2022 is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 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 PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is September 22, 2022.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Dale S. Wilson
E-Mail Address: wilsdale@bellsouth.net
Florida Bar No. 176945
Dale S. Wilson PA
PO Box 1808
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
Telephone: (904) 284-5618
Co-Personal Representatives:
Charles David Green, Co-P.R.
6473 Sharron Road
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Curtis Eugene Green, Co-P.R.
2972 Timbuck Lane
Middleburg, FL 32068

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of
SOCAL SMOKE SHOP
located at 1756 WELLS RD SUITE E, in the County of CLAY, in the City of ORANGE PARK, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at ORANGE PARK, Florida, this 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 2022
owner's name /corporation: SOCAL SMOKE SHOP IV LLC

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2022-CP-000517 Division B
IN RE: ESTATE OF DEBORAH LEE OESCHLER,

Deceased.
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Deborah Lee Oeschler, deceased, File Number 2022-CP-000517, by the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043; that the decedent's date of death was August 1, 2022; that the total value of the estate is exempt from claims of creditors and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:
Name Address
JUSTIN W. OESCHLER
2868 Fisher Circle
Middleburg, Florida 32068

JASON A. OESCHLER
7334 West Beaver Street
Apartment W
Jacksonville, Florida 32254

MICHELLE L. SHULTS
1658 Evergreen Lane East
Middleburg, Florida 32068
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is September 22, 2022.
Person Giving Notice:
JUSTIN OESCHLER
2868 Fisher Circle
Middleburg, Florida 32068
Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR.
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@floridaeider.com
Secondary email address: donna@floridaeider.com
Secondary email Address: leean@floridaeider.com

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PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on October 6, 2022 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.
1997 Buick 1G4HP52K0VH454845

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NOTICE OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF CLAY COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 – 2023

The Housing Finance Authority of Clay County ("the Authority") hereby publishes its monthly meeting schedule for the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year:
October 20, 2022
November 17, 2022
December 15, 2022
January 19, 2023
February 16, 2023
March 16, 2023
April 20, 2023
May 18, 2023
June 15, 2023
July 20, 2023
August 17, 2023
September 21, 2023
The Authority will hold its monthly meet-

ings on the above dates at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commission Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. (Third Thursday of each month)
Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Authority with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, said record to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency publishing this notice no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given in this notice. Telephone: 904-278-8006, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.
Housing Finance Authority of Clay County
Post Office Box 1620
Orange Park, FL 32067-1620
904-278-8006

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives notice that on 10/10/2022 at 10:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at FIRST COAST TOWING INC - 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.
1GCEK39072Z292520 2009 CHEVY
1GNFK16Z45R118448 2005 CHEV
5FNRL5H96EB099608 2014 HOND
5NPDH4AE4CH062407 2012 HYUN
KMHTC6AE6GU272875 2016 HYUN

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Persons requiring auditory assistance may access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).
If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend.
For further information, call (904) 213-2464.

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NOTICE OF 2022/2023 MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE LAKE ASBURY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT DISTRICT

Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District, an independent special district in Clay County, Florida, created by Chapter 86-292, Laws of Florida, has approved the schedule of Board Meetings for 2023:

2023: January 9 (due to holiday) February 6 March 6 April 3 May 1 June 5 July 10 (due to holiday) August 7 September 11 (4th is Labor Day) October 2 November 6 December 4

Meeting time is at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Asbury Community Bldg, 282 Branscomb Rd, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Please be advised if a person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that this same person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the

person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. District Secretary, Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District, 276 Branscomb Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs. G&M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
2017 NISSAN IN4AA6AP5HC380873
Auction will be held at 9:00 a.m. 10/10/2022 at G & M Towing, Inc., located at 4995 Highway 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

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NOTICE OF MEETING

South Village Community Development District
The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the South Village Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office.
Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.
James Oliver
District Manager

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFY, LLC CAPITAL ONE, N.A. AS COLLATERAL ASSIGNEE OF TLGFY LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 3237/2020
Legal Description: PT OF LOT B BLK 104 PALMER & FERRIS TRACT AS REC O R 1660 PG 690
Parcel ID No.: 380626-016816-002-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,393.00
Physical Address: 505 HIGHLAND AVE , GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: MONROE D CLEMMONS

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 **9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](#).**
Dated this **19th day of September, 2022**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFY, LLC CAPITAL ONE, N.A. AS COLLATERAL ASSIGNEE OF TLGFY LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 2863/2020
Parcel ID No.: 420426-013254-000-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$5,765.52
Legal Description: LOT 36 ROBINETTE AS REC O R 872 PG 460
Physical Address: 2794 ROBINETTE DR , ORANGE PARK
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: DEANNA CLARK SPRINKLE
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 **9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](#)**
Dated this **19th day of September, 2022**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFY, LLC CAPITAL ONE, N.A. AS COLLATERAL ASSIGNEE OF TLGFY LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 2666/2020
Legal Description: LOT 222 SILVER CREEK AS REC O R 3402 PG 1899, 3785 PG 2025 & 4031 PG 1226
Parcel ID No.: 220525-010109-006-22
Opening Bid Amount: \$127,678.47
Physical Address: 3717 SOUTHBANK CIRCLE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: SHANNON L NAZARIO

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 **9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](#).**
Dated this **19th day of September, 2022**

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2022-CP-000492
Division: A
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES ERNEST LITTLE, Deceased.

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of CHARLES ERNEST LITTLE, deceased, File Number 2022-CP-00492, by the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043; that the decedent's date of death was April 26, 2021; that the total value of the estate is \$19,206.04 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:
Name / Address
RUBY LITTLE
1157 Carrington Court
Orange Park, Florida 32073
ALL INTEREST PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Sum-

mary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is September 22, 2022.
Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR.
Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar Number: 887950
Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.,
Attorneys at Law, P.A.
1543 Kingsley Ave, Suite 5
Orange Park, Florida 32073
Telephone: (904) 264-8800
Fax: (904) 264-0155
Primary email address: grady@floridaeider.com
Secondary email address: donna@floridaeider.com
Secondary email address: leean@floridaeider.com
Person Giving Notice:
RUBY LITTLE
1157 Carrington Court
Orange Park, Florida 32073

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TLGFY, LLC CAPITAL ONE, N.A. AS COLLATERAL ASSIGNEE OF TLGFY LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 2544/2020
Legal Description: LOT 53 COUNTRY CLUB OF O P UNIT 3 AS REC O R 3867 PG 709
Parcel ID No.: 020426-008814-312-53
Opening Bid Amount: \$4,771.47
Physical Address: 533 GOLDEN LINKS DR , ORANGE PARK
Classification: SINGLE FAMILY
Name in which assessed: KUNDAN PATEL

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 **9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](#).**
Dated this **19th day of September, 2022**


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Certificate No.: 2407/2020
Legal Description: PT OF E1/2 OF NW 1/4 OF SW1/4 S19T4R25 AS REC O R 4145 PG 1867 EX PT REC O R 2725 PG 1329
Parcel ID No.: 190425-007966-025-04
Opening Bid Amount: \$5,265.25
Physical Address: TRAIL RIDGE ROAD, MIDDLEBURG
Classification: VACANT RESIDENTIAL
Name in which assessed: STAR CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING INC

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the **9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M at [www.clay.realtaxdeed.com](#).**
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Certificate No.: 2376/2020
Legal Description: PT OF LOTS 25 & 26 SAUNDERLEE UNIT 2 AS REC O R 3358 PG 433
Parcel ID No.: 130425-007932-001-00
Opening Bid Amount: \$12,495.64
Physical Address: 617 BLANDING BLVD, ORANGE PARK
Classification: OFFICE BUILDING
Name in which assessed: 617 BLANDING LLC

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 Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online on the 9th day of November, 2022 at 9:30 A.M. at www.clay.realtaxdeed.com.
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NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO: 2022CA000704
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE J. KEROUS A/K/A CLARENCE KEROS; MARSHA KEROS CALE; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendant(s).

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE J. KEROS A/K/A CLARENCE KEROS
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

A PORTION OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PORTION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE ON THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 658.72 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE NORTH 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 04 SECONDS W 198.38 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 658.83 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, 198.37 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1104 BUGGY WHIP TRL, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is One East Broward Blvd., Suite 1111, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33301 within 30 days of first publication of this Notice of Action and file the original

with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Clay County, Florida, this 16th day of September, 2022.

(clerk)
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BY: Taylor Tison

DEPUTY CLERK

Clerk of Court of Clay County

825 North Orange Avenue,

Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

WILFORD PRESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the Wilford Preserve Community Development District will hold their regularly scheduled public meetings for Fiscal Year 2023 at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange

Park, Florida 32065 at 1:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month listed (unless notated otherwise) as follows:

October 20, 2022
 November 17, 2022
 December 15, 2022
 January 19, 2023
 February 16, 2023
 March 16, 2023
 April 20, 2023
 May 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
 June 15, 2023
 July 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
 August 17, 2023
 September 21, 2023

The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provision of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. Copies of the agendas for these meetings may be obtained from Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, (904) 940-5850, or on the District's website, www.WilfordPreserveCDD.com.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.
 Marilee Giles
 District Manager

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

EZY Marketing

Located at 1844 Commodore Point Drive, in the County of Clay, in Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 13th day of Sept. 2022.
 Owner's/corporation name:
 EZY Marketing LLC

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

1544 Kingsley Avenue
 located at 1544 Kingsley Ave, in the County of Clay,
 in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
 Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 15th day of August, 2022

Legal 38080 published Sept 22, 2022 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

Radiology Associates Orange Park
 located at 2128 Park Ave, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
 Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 16th day of September, 2022

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

The Tmesis Group
 Located at 2012 Stable Gate Ln, in the County of Clay, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32065 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
 Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 13th day of Sept. 2022.
 Owner's/corporation name:
 Tmesis, LLC

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