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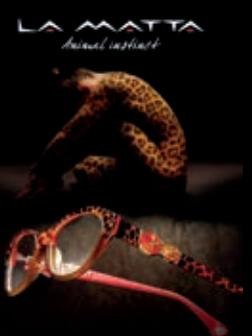
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Myself and the members of the Clay County Sheriff's Office wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.

Remember, it's Our Community, Our Country, Our Responsibility... We're All In This Together.

Sincerely,

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Clay County Sheriff



SHOPPING SAFETY

Keep your vehicle locked. Move packages to your trunk. Park in well-lighted areas. Park close to the store if you can. Be aware of your surroundings. Make sure your purse and wallets are secure. When possible shop with a friend or in groups.

DRINKING? GET A RIDE!

Choose someone in your group to be the designated driver. This person should not consume any alcohol. Bring money for a cab or there are many free services throughout the county. Remember when hosting a party you may be responsible for impaired persons leaving your home. Act responsibly!

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Be aware of unusual persons or vehicles. Call the CCSO should you need assistance. Check on elderly or shut-in neighbors. Have someone pick up your mail or stop delivery if traveling during the holidays.

GET INVOLVED

The CCSO has many ways you can get involved. Join our Sheriff's NET, Volunteers in Police Services, Citizens' Academy, Teen Driver Challenge and many more. Go to www.claysheriff.com to sign up for one of our programs.

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This holiday season the Clay County Sheriff's Office wants to welcome our community to join us on social media. Follow along for breaking news, traffic crash alerts and, most importantly, the great things going on in Clay County. You can stay in the know and up to date by liking us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and even YouTube, or by going to www.claysheriff.com #CCSOFL



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Community offers multiple choices for holiday eats

By Eric Gutierrez
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK – The holidays are a time for friends, family and food. Sometimes, preparing the food could take time away from friends and family.

For those who would want to spend less time in the kitchen and more time with friends and family, two local businesses have what you need throughout the holiday season. Whitey's Fish Camp at 2032 County Rd. 220 offers complete fried turkey dinners, and YUM A South-

ern Market offers a vast selection of holiday desserts.

“Our complete dinner comes with a turkey that’s 12 to 14 pounds. It comes with our homemade gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls. The whole shebang,” said Elaine Cassala, owner of Whitey’s Fish Camp. “If you don’t want the complete dinner, you can do just the turkey and any kind of side. You need homemade gravy? We sell that by the quart. If you need homemade stuffing, we sell that separately.”



YUM A Southern Market on College Drive displays cookies, brownies and other treats in a showcase. Photo by Eric Gutierrez

For holiday orders, Cassala said that customers must pick up their orders the day before the holiday.

“If you want a turkey, just a turkey, for Thanksgiving you have to pick it up that Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving because we’re closed on Thanksgiving,” Cassala said, adding that the same rule applies for Christmas as well. “Order early. We sell out every year.”

A fried turkey dinner costs \$77.99, a fried turkey by itself costs \$48.99 and sides costs \$9.99 per quart, Cassala said.

Yvette Musgrove owns YUM A Southern Market, at 420 College Dr. in Doctors Inlet, where she freshly bakes all the desserts in her shop.

“I bake what my grandmother taught me how to bake. I don’t do anything fancy. Everything is from scratch and from the heart, and now we can’t keep up,” Musgrove said. “Everything here is by hand. You will not find any kind of fake cake mix. It’s lots flour, lots of eggs, lots of butter and sugar.”

Musgrove said the holidays bring out her seasonal pies and cakes.

“We have a dessert menu just for the holidays. We do special things just for the holidays,” Musgrove said. “For Thanksgiving, bourbon pecan pie is the favorite, and we will do hundreds of bourbon pecan pie.”

Other holiday desserts include pumpkin pound cake, lemon-blueberry pound cake and bourbon pecan pound cake. In addition to cakes and pies, YUM also offers a mouth-watering selection of cookies, brownies, blondies, bars and cupcakes, Musgrove said. She said that holiday orders need to be picked up before the day of the holiday.

“Thanksgiving week, we’ll be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving for pie and cake pickups,” Musgrove said. “Order as early as possible because we probably will cut off the holiday orders at some point.”

In its December 2015

Shopper Study, Jacksonville-based food purveyor Acosta found that Americans planned to spend more money on holiday foods than in 2014. The survey found that 77 percent of Americans planned to buy prepared foods from their grocery store and another 57 percent planned to spend more on holiday groceries than they did in the previous year. The study also found that 72 percent of the respondents planned to host some sort of meal with family or friends during the holidays running through New Year’s.



YUM A Southern Market on College Drive displays a wide variety of homemade cupcakes in a showcase. Photo by Eric Gutierrez



In addition to bakery goods, YUM A Southern Market also offers a selection of gourmet food items, such as My Pepper Jelly, a creation of Owner Yvette Musgrove. She said the demand for the jelly is what caused her to open up YUM A Southern Market. Photo by Eric Gutierrez



Buy local: toys and games

By Eric Gutierrez
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK – More and more superhero and Star Wars movies seem to be hitting the big screen each year, and the characters of such films have often been the inspiration behind some of the hottest toys and games for the holidays.

Time Trip Toys at 266 Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park offers a vast array of collectable toys of iconic characters both past and present. With popular characters from Marvel, DC, Star Wars, Star Trek and Transformers adorning the walls, shelves and showcases, the collection at Time Trip Toys

seems endless.

“We get stuff from the 70s up until now. It’s a pretty big mix,” said Jason Hamilton, who works at the shop. “We get a little bit of everything.”

Hamilton said guests can buy, sell or trade at Time Trip Toys, which is how the shop gets some of their products.

“Everything we get in is stuff people have brought us,” Hamilton said, adding, “Collectors bring it in.”

Hamilton commented on the rise in popularity of superheroes because of recent films.

“Everybody is into superheroes. Everybody loves Spider-Man and Thor just came out, so everybody is going to be



Collectable Star Wars toys are displayed behind a showcase at Time Trip Toys on Blanding Boulevard. Photos by Eric Gutierrez



Gone Broke Gaming on Kingsley Avenue.



Collectable toys fill up the walls, shelves and cases at Time Trip Toys on Blanding Boulevard. Photo by Eric Gutierrez

big into Thor stuff for a while,” Hamilton said, referring to the recent film Thor: Ragnarok. “The movies definitely help.”

For games, Gone Broke Gaming on 686 Kingsley Ave. and Emerald Dragon Games on 3555 U.S. 17 on Fleming Island both offer a wide selection of some of the hottest new and old video games.

“We sell everything. We literally go all the way back from the 1970s to the current generation,” said Scott Fisher, owner of Gone Broke Gaming. “We have the original Super Nintendos. We have a very good selection of games.”

Fisher also said he is putting together video game bundle sets for the holidays.

“We’ll take a couple of Nintendos, Nintendo 64s, original Playstations, original Xboxes, Playstation 2s, Playstation 3s (and) Xbox 360s (and) we’ll bundle them with games,” Fisher said. “Sometimes we’ll include extra controllers (or) memory cards and we’ll do it at a cheaper price than what you would do buying all of it at retail. And we like to put them in boxes so parents can go home and wrap them up. It’s already ready. We try to make it convenient and as easy as possible with discounts.”

Emerald Dragon Games is also offering video game bundles for the holidays. In addition to video games, Emerald Dragon Games also offers a wide selection of tabletop board and card games.

“We have a triad of gaming here. We have video games. We have board games. We have card games. We have features that offer free gaming,” said owner Michael Bruce. “There’s an infinite number and a lot of new games coming out these days.”

For those who may be new to the tabletop gaming world, Bruce recommended beginners start with a card game.

“Munchkin is a very popular series,” Bruce said. “The Red Dragon Inn (is a) great party adventure game. It’s a card game. It’s just like munchkins. You’re kind of inspired to cheat. If

you get caught cheating, you’re penalized, same thing with Munchkins. That’s another fun one.”

Hamilton said Risk – the classic game in which the winner seeks to conquer the world – is a good board game for a beginner.

“You can jump right into the Risk board game. ... They’ve changed it up (with) theme-titled (Risk) games – you’ve got Game of Thrones Risk and you’ve got Walking Dead Risk,” Hamilton said. “You can also go right back to Trivial Pursuit and Yahtzee games. ... They’ve got theme-based games which are really fun.”



Table top board and card games sit upon a display shelf at Emerald Dragon Games on Fleming Island. Photo by Eric Gutierrez

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Decks the halls this holiday season

By **Eric Gutierrez**
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK – Whether it’s decking the halls with boughs of holly, mounting a menorah upon

a mantle or rolling out the Christmas lights, the holiday season is always a time for the happy homemaker to break out the festive home décor.

Annabelle Hamacheck, own-

er of Annabelle’s Interior Design and Gifts at 38 College Dr. near Orange Park, offers numerous tips on holiday home décor tips.

“There’s nothing that says you can’t put items in to a (Christmas) Tree,” Hamacheck said. “People will look at (Christmas) trees and say ‘well I can’t put big balls on it, I can’t do this.’ Yes you can... You’re not limited to just little bit-

ty things going on a tree. You do enough of those little bitty things you don’t to see any of it. You have to have something that’s a common denominator that really makes the other ornaments pop out.”

Hamacheck said nutcrackers and lighting are popular trends this year.

“Nutcrackers have made a



Annabelle’s Interior Design and Gifts on College Drive sells a wide array of Christmas ornaments that fit any theme. Owner Annabelle Hamacheck said that this ornament, along with many of the other ornaments on this tree, is from Russia and is hand-painted using a single-hair paintbrush made from wolf hair. Photo by Eric Gutierrez



Nutcrackers adorn a mantle at Annabelle’s Interior Design and Gifts on College Drive. Owner Annabelle Hamacheck said nutcrackers are a hot Christmas item this year that also make a great gift. Photo by Eric Gutierrez

comeback, as far as I'm concerned. It's a big year for nutcrackers," Hamacheck said. "We're bringing back the colored lights. It isn't just going to stay white forever. Lighting, lighting, lighting is so important...There's so much in lighting this year, it's so creative."

Hamacheck's shop features an endless collection of yuletide home décor pieces, such as lighted paintings, metallic pumpkins, nativity scene panels, decorative pillows and blowing snow lanterns. She even offers seasoning mixes to perk up your holiday pecans. Wind & Willow's Roasted Pecan Seasoning Mixes come in cinnamon and sugar, caramel apple and cocoa and cayenne.

"Another great piece is the blowing snow lantern. Now you don't have to stand there and shake that snow (globe) and give it two seconds and it's dead...it's on battery power, and so it just blows the snow for you. It does the work for you," Hamacheck said. "These are great gift-giving items."

Another local shop that also offers a wide array of holiday gifts that would satisfy any homemaker is Arlette's Place Home Décor and Gifts at 1960 East West Parkway on Fleming Island.

"Here at the store, Arlette always carries holiday items, so there's always not only holiday décor – ornaments (and) outdoor items that you can use for decoration – but she also has seasonal items like tea towels, things for the kitchen, items that would be fun or useful gadgets and all of those are Christmas-themed or holiday-themed. They often make a really good hostess gift," said Carissa Hogan, a sales associate at the store. "In addition, she'll also carry housewares like serving platters and serving dishes that make excellent gifts for just regular Christmas presents."

Arlette Price, who owns the store that bears her name, said they would be offering two coupons for the holiday season. One coupon is for "\$5 off purchases \$25 or more for regular-priced items only," she said.

"Then for our holiday open house, which is the first weekend of December, we usually have a 20 percent off coupon off one regular-priced item," Price said.



Guests of Arlette's Place Home Décor and Gifts on Fleming Island are greeted with fall and Christmas décor as soon as they enter the shop. Photo by Eric Gutierrez

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This season, consider the following new options.

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with an interest in literature, art and design.

Take a Hike

An illustrated account of human travel, from the first trade networks to space missions, “Journey” features evocative accounts, archival images, historical maps and artifacts of human migration arising from all manner of impulses -- from the search for food to pilgrimages, trade, scientific curiosity, or simply the quest for adventure.

Exploring the Natural World

Discover Earth’s natural landmarks and the animals and plants that inhabit them with “Natural Wonders of the World.” From the granite domes of Yosemite to the reefs of the Bahama Banks, this unparalleled survey of the world’s natural treasures features landscape photography and illustrations with 3-D terrain models, and other explanatory artworks to

reveal the geological processes that formed them.

Guide to the Masterpieces

A visual celebration of artists from the Early Renaissance to the present day, “Artists” tells the stories behind their masterpieces, including the historical context in which each artist worked, their influences, creative development, friendships, loves and rivalries. From Donatello to Dali and Giotto to Giacometti, the book showcases artwork as well as images of artists at work, making it a great gift for anyone with an interest in art, art history or biography.

Touring Bollywood

Mumbai’s charming movies, with vibrant costumes and epic song-and-dance productions, have captured hearts worldwide since the early 1900s. “Bollywood” features film stills, plot timelines, star and producer profiles, plus historical insights,

lesser-known facts and behind-the-scenes gossip on such iconic movies as Mother India, Mughal-e-Azam, Sholay, Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge, and Bajirao Mastani. A colorful, glittering cover makes it stand out in any home library.

An Illustrated Epic

“The Illustrated Mahabharata” brings the world’s longest epic to life. With more than 500 images showcasing India’s varied art forms, the book encapsulates the complete stories in an accessible way, providing details of the principal cities and kingdoms involved, a seamless weaving of Sanskrit text with regional variations and detailed family trees. It’s a great gift choice for mythology enthusiasts and history buffs.

This holiday season, there’s a coffee table book for everyone on your list -- no matter their interests and aesthetic tastes.

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Stress can be bad for the body, contributing to depression, anxiety, hypertension, and even obesity. Unfortunately, more than half of working adults and 47 percent of all Americans say they are concerned with the amount of stress in their lives, according to a survey from the American Psychological Association. Canadians, too, are feeling stressed. The North American research company Ipsos found that stress affects 76 percent of the Canadian population.

Reducing stress can be especially important during the holiday season, which, thanks in part to its hectic nature, tends to produce extra feelings of stress. Gifts that pamper, relax and rejuvenate might be the ideal fit for those who need a little rest and relaxation.

• **Aromatherapy:** Studies have shown that aromatherapy, or

breathing in certain scents, can trigger reactions in the brain and affect emotions, mood and memory. Specific essential oils can help relieve stress, induce relaxation and even promote better sleep. Scents such as lavender, lemon or yuzu, bergamot, ylang ylang, and jasmine can promote relaxation in many people.

• **Candles:** The combination of subtle, low flickering light and relaxing aromas can make candles soothing gifts. Put together an entire gift package with decorative candle holders or a nice tray on which candles of various heights can be placed.

• **Plush robe:** Sometimes lounging around the house is all that's necessary to create a soothing atmosphere. A plush robe that is luxurious and comfortable will help that someone special unwind after a long day or

after sleeping in on the weekend.

• **Home aquarium:** Stress can melt away watching underwater life flick and flutter through the aquarium. Combined with soothing bubbles and the gentle hum and splash of the filter, it is easy to see how having a fish tank in the home can alleviate stress. Make sure the gift recipient is able to care for the fish and select low-maintenance species.

• **Bed linens:** Treat someone special to the gift of added relaxation in the bedroom. Buying bed linens is often a chore and an expense that people put off. Pima cotton, silk, satin, or sateen sheets can be cool, comfortable and soothing.

• **Facial treatment:** A massage session can be relaxing, but so can a facial. There's something serene about having a professional apply products and rub areas



of the face and temples. Stress will slip away in an instant.

Pampering gifts can help ease anxiety, tame stress and help anyone feel more relaxed and happy.

Experience gifts are out-of-the-box exciting

The holidays are a season for decorating, entertaining and, of course, figuring out what to get all of the special people on gift lists. Instead of navigating crowded stores to find a gift that may just take up space in their loved ones' closets, more and more people are giving the gift of an experience.

According to Dr. Thomas Gilovich, a professor of psychology at Cornell University, new belongings will only be exciting at first, but then people adapt to them. If shoppers' goals are to prolong those feelings of excitement, then personal experiences can be more effective than material goods.

When shopping for those who seemingly have everything, a gift of an experience may be a smarter choice, especially if the experience is something the recipient may never have done before or wouldn't think to get for him or herself. For those who need a little inspiration, the following are some ways to treat loved ones to special experiences.

• **Wine tasting:** Find a local



winery that offers tours and other wine-tasting experiences. Many areas of the country not particularly known as meccas for wine are still homes to local wineries. Treat a loved one to a day at a nearby winery or vineyard, bringing along

some snacks, such as bread and cheese, to pair with the wines.

• **Fitness class party:** Enable fitness enthusiasts to try out new and trendy exercise classes by giving the gift of a class or membership. Consider tagging along

to a class so the recipient doesn't have to go it alone.

• **Head in the clouds:** Book a trip aboard a sight-seeing plane, balloon or helicopter for the high-flying thrill-seeker on your holiday shopping list. Contact a nearby airport or sightseeing company to find out what is available. Some tours circle national monuments and points of interests, providing more bang for the buck.

• **Action and adventure:** There's adventure to be had on land as well. Racing fans can sit behind the wheel of a race car and lap the racetrack like their favorite NASCAR® stars. Those who prefer getting a little wet with their wild may enjoy a white-water rafting excursion.

• **The choice is theirs:** If you're stuck on what to get, let recipients choose their own experience. Companies like Cloud 9 Living enable individuals to choose their experiences from a wide variety of options.

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Add joy to the holiday season with exciting books for kids. Think about choices focusing on STEAM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) that encourage the pursuit for knowledge and offer opportunities for immersive, learning experiences.

Here are a few fun ideas.

Ultimate Book of Knowledge

Packed with information, “DK Children’s Encyclopedia” explains virtually everything! Each entry features a key topic explained in a visual way, with fun facts and cross-references, revealing the links between subjects. Covering arts, people, history, Earth, nature, science, technology, space, and the human body, this is an essential reference book for chil-

dren who wants to discover as much as possible about the world around them.

Cool Coding

Kids can learn to code games and use Scratch with “Star Wars Coding Projects,” a visual guide that shows readers everything they need to know to create cool computer projects, animations and games. Readers can build a game where they navigate a spaceship through an asteroid belt, as well as a jetpack simulation game. Kids can share projects with friends and challenge them to beat their scores. Each project consists of simple, illustrated steps.

Nature Up-Close

A visual reference for kids that explores the natural world in

stunning detail, “Explanatorium of Nature,” created in association with the Smithsonian Institution, is the first in a brand new book series. Through close-ups and cross-sections, exploded images, X-rays and more, the book explores everything from fruit to flies, coral to clouds, and mountains to mammals -- and is a nice tool for curious minds to find out how things work and why they exist.

Virtual Reality

Created in association with an educational virtual reality (VR) company, “Virtual Reality,” explores the history of VR and includes an app download for five VR experiences and a cardboard viewer with stickers to make it your own. Kids can come face-to-face with a T. rex, look inside

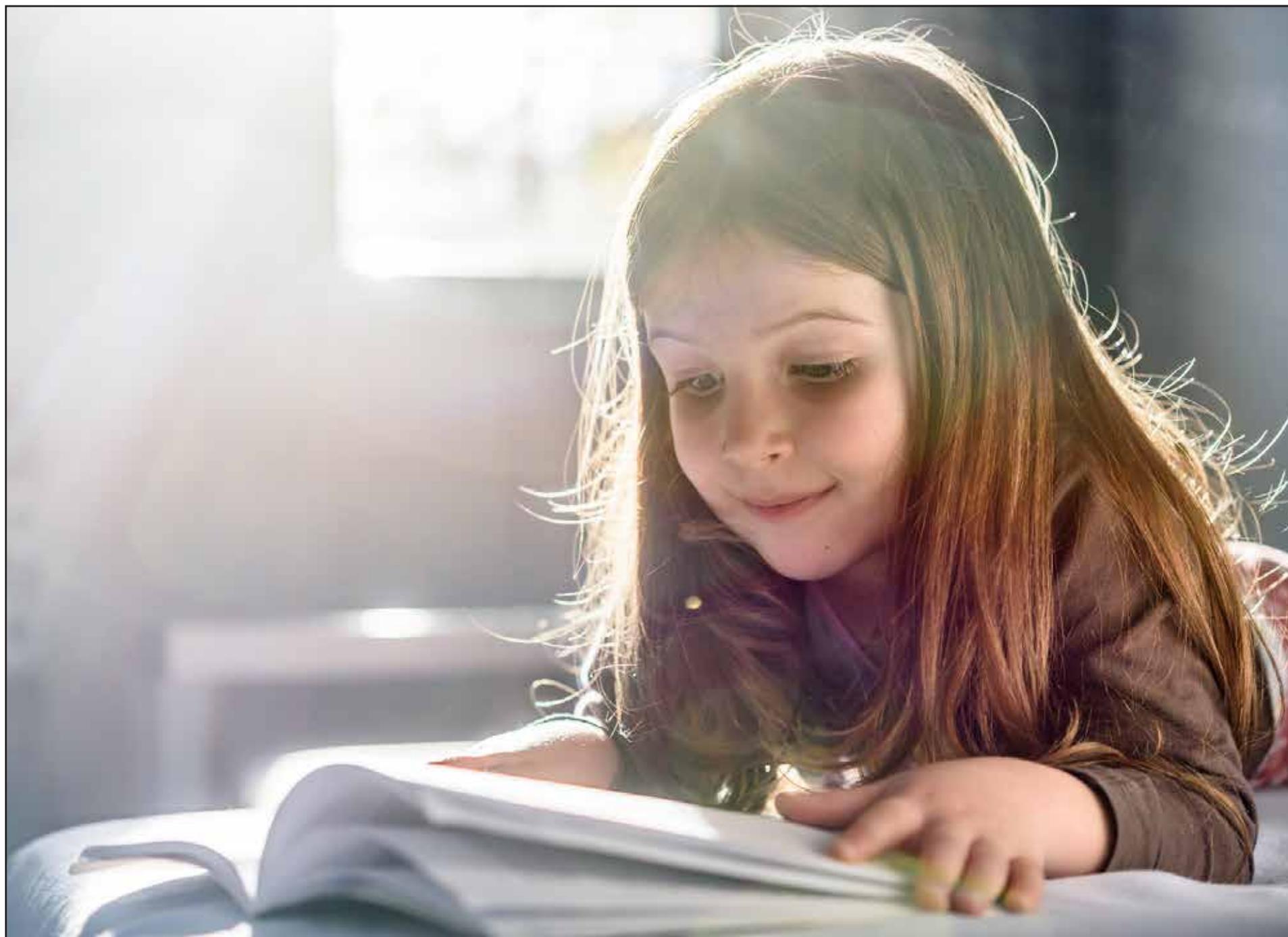
a volcano, explore the Roman Colosseum, hop aboard the International Space Station and peek under the surface of a pond.

DIY Everything

Using freely available software, “3D Printing Projects” provides inspiration and step-by-step visual instruction for simple builds and complicated pieces, from small treasure boxes to chess sets and model cars. This how-to guide covers such subjects as designing, scanning, modeling, digital sculpting, slicing and printing. Information on the 3D printing revolution and the science behind how it works is also included.

This holiday season, give the gift of knowledge and fun, with great books that explore the world.

— *StatePoint*





How to Save on Mobile Devices this Holiday Season

Holiday spending is expected to rise this year over last, according to the National Retail Federation. While you may be budgeting for a more expensive season in some ways, keep in mind that when upgrading mobile devices for yourself or loved ones, you don't necessarily need to go brand new and pay a premium.

Lingering misconceptions persist that refurbished devices were necessarily broken or had problems. However, many such mo-

bile phones, tablets and accessories that come from trade-in and upgrade programs were perfectly good devices that owners sent in for newer models.

Luckily, for bargain hunters, such trade-ins and sales are becoming more popular, making it easier to navigate the market for a previously owned device.

Just be sure you stick to reputable sources where you can trust the device to be in fully functional condition. For example, those

from MyWit on eBay undergo an extensive 65-point inspection of cosmetic, functional and radio frequency (RF) performance to ensure 100 percent functionality. Tests verify that every function that a customer can use (camera, audio, SIM, WiFi, Bluetooth, etc.) is in excellent working order and RF tests ensure wireless devices deliver a consistent quality of connection and do not drop available signals.

"These days, refurbished devices can provide an affordable,

high-quality alternative to a new device," says David Conti, director of eCommerce at MyWit. "It's also a thoughtful option for the eco-conscious, extending the life of devices and reducing electronic waste."

This holiday season, stretch your holiday budget without sacrificing on quality. Consider a great cost-saving secret on mobile upgrades, replacements, and tech gifts.

— StatePoint



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Last-minute holiday shopping tips

Holiday shopping season typically begins the day after Thanksgiving and extends all the way to Christmas Eve. While that's a considerable amount of time for shoppers to find gifts for everyone on their shopping list, many people will still find themselves putting holiday shopping off until the last minute.

In certain ways, last-minute holiday shopping is easier than ever. Thanks to online retailers who can ship products overnight, men and women who delay their holiday shopping have more options at their disposal than they did before the arrival of the Internet. And unlike the days of yore when the best deals were largely exclusive to Black Friday, some shoppers find that competition between online retailers and traditional brick-and-mortar stores is so great that deals can be found regardless of when they begin shopping. But while waiting until the last minute to begin holiday shopping may not

be as risky as it used to be, shoppers may still benefit by sticking to certain strategies so they can find the perfect gifts without breaking the bank.

- Stay within your budget. Even last-minute shoppers have holiday shopping budgets. But it can be harder for last-minute shoppers to stick to their budgets because they have less time to comparison shop and hunt for deals. As the holiday shopping season winds down, resist the temptation to go over budget. If a gift you had in mind is available but more than you can spend, look for something else. Overspending on holiday shopping in December is a recipe for debt in January, and no shopper wants to begin the new year weighed down by consumer debt.

- Shop local. National chains and big box retailers are renowned for rolling out great deals during the holiday season, but such stores may have very limited or unimpressive inventory left by the time last-minute shoppers begin shopping. Local retailers are often incapable of slashing prices as significantly as their larger competitors, and that may mean they have more extensive inventories available throughout the holiday shopping season. In addition, shoppers who stick with local retailers won't have to pay shipping costs to ensure items arrive on time.

- Shop during off-peak hours. Shopping during off-peak hours can help last-minute shoppers make efficient use of the limited time they have to buy gifts for their loved ones. Visit stores early in the morning or late at night, or schedule a midweek afternoon shopping trip so you aren't spending what little time you have left waiting on lines or hunting for parking.

- Give something less traditional. Holiday gifts need not come from stores. Rather than spending their time shopping for gifts for loved ones who seemingly have it all, last-minute shoppers can give the gift of a donation in their loved one's name.

Last-minute shoppers who want to give something more tangible can create a homemade gift that's both unique and heartfelt. If your DIY skills are lacking, give a loved one the gift of a night out

on the town at your expense.

Shoppers who wait until the end of the holiday shopping season to begin their searches for holiday gifts can still find great gifts without going broke.



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Quigley House is a comprehensive **Domestic Violence** and **Sexual Assault** Center serving the Clay County area in Northeast Florida. Our mission is to provide advocacy and empowerment to victims of **Domestic Violence** and **Sexual Assault** while providing community education to heighten awareness.

Services

Quigley House provides the following services **FREE** to victims of **Domestic Violence** and **Sexual Assault**:

Emergency Shelter
Sexual Assault Services & Forensic Sexual Assault Exam
24—Hour Crisis Hotline
Advocacy
Pet Shelter
Counseling
Economic Justice
Court Advocacy
Injunction for Protection Program

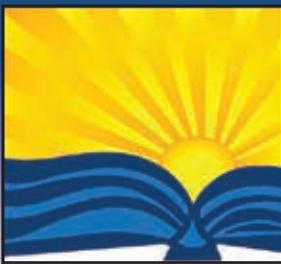
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Alarm Clocks
Baby monitors
Clothing (all sizes)
Art and crafts supplies
Books and games for kids
New underwear and socks (all sizes)
Blankets & Quilts
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Donated items can be dropped off between 9AM-5PM at our admin building.
 3373-1 Highway 17 N.
 Green Cove Springs 32043

Office (904)284-0340

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Volunteers Needed in Many Areas

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If you would like to help improve the lives of our neighbors, please call 904-336-4458

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Have A Heart For Mercy



Mercy Support Services is based in Clay County and serves individuals and families who live here. Most are people who have come upon hard times through no fault of their own, and many are children and teens.

As the holidays approach, we ask that you "Have A Heart For Mercy" and make a gift to support the programs that provide local families a hand up, not a hand out. It is our mission to guide those in need from a temporary crisis to permanent self-sufficiency.

If you believe everyone in Clay County deserves to live with dignity, please consider making a gift to Mercy Support Services. Your gift of any size can make a real difference in someone's life, and it stays right here in Clay County, helping your neighbors.

\$25 provides a bus pass for transportation to work for one month

\$50 provides gas cards for transportation to work for two weeks

\$100 provides four counseling sessions for a single parent

\$250 pays for utilities for one month for a family of four

\$500 pays for groceries for a month for a family of five

Please go online today at www.MercySupportServices.org and make your tax-deductible donation or call 904.297.4052.

God Bless You and Merry Christmas



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Clay Humane

Artist Vincent Van Gogh once said "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." We at Clay Humane believe that each step we take in the care of the animals of our community brings us closer to a mission we committed to long ago: the relief of suffering among all animals.

As we enter our 40th year, we look back at all we have accomplished. Clay Humane has served as a voice for the animals through campaigns in our communities and schools aimed at fostering humane attitudes toward all living creatures. Since its inception, The Society has sterilized more than 98,000 animals, including 21,000 cats via our free cat sterilization program. Through the years, hundreds of orphaned or injured wildlife species have also been rehabilitated and successfully returned to their native habitats with the hope of preserving nature for the generations that follow. And with only smiles as payment, groups of dedicated volunteers visit seniors in nursing homes and lend crucial assistance to disabled and disadvantaged persons with pets.

But thousands more need our help.

We hope that you will consider being a generous supporter of our programs that help so many animals in need - domesticated and wild, owned and feral, well and injured. Your kind gift enables us to reach more animals....to prevent more suffering and needless deaths. People like you, who value the unconditional love and companionship that only a pet can bring, count on us to help protect that special bond. Every cent you contribute to CCHS this holiday season will go to support our many worthwhile programs and the vital services that they provide to our community. Every gift helps spay or neuter a cat, preventing the unwanted birth of hundreds of cats who contribute to overcrowded shelters and high euthanasia rates. Each gift may sponsor a bird of prey's medical care and diet while rehabilitating to return to the wild. Each donation can make emergency surgery and life-saving measures possible for an abused, critically injured dog. Your donation

could equip our disaster response team to assist during fires, floods, and evacuations. Every penny counts.

There are many ways you can continue to support Clay Humane as we head into our most exciting and ambitious year ever:

TOO BUSY TO SHOP? NO PROBLEM!

- Send a Holiday card from Clay Humane. Make a tax-deductible online (or mail in!) monetary gift in honor of your loved ones to send holiday cheer and let them know lives have been saved in their honor.

- Make your mark on our "Building a More Humane Future" plaque! With a minimum donation of \$500, you can honor an individual or a beloved pet in our permanent collection engraved with a name.

- Sponsor a Clay Humane program. All donations of \$1,500 or greater will help sponsor a program of your choosing including Wildlife Rehabilitation, Pet Assisted Therapy, and Humane Education, to name a few.

SHOPPING FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL?

- Choose Clay Humane as your charity of choice when shopping Amazon Smile this holiday season! Where else can your purchases save lives?!

A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING...

- Donate to the future! Consider a recurring monthly gift that spreads cheer all year long!

- Leave your mark on Clay Humane with a gift to our permanent endowment fund. Your gift will be a lasting contribution that assures a better future for the thousands of homeless, neglected, or forgotten animals that need our help in the community.

- Adopt, foster, volunteer, and most importantly, spay and neuter!

We thank you on behalf of the thousands of people whose pets we help each year with the gift of preventative, wellness, and life-saving veterinary care with YOUR help. These people and their beloved pets rely on Clay Humane as their only source of vital veterinary care. The holiday season is a time to remember the many special friends who cared and shared, not just with much needed contributions, but also with their hearts. We wish you peace during the coming holidays and all year through.

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Every Wednesday is reserved for the first 40 first come, first served, feral cats. Cats must be in humane traps or carrier. Ear notching is required.

Note: *Rabies vaccination included for cats taking part in the free spay & neuter program only. Pre-anesthetic blood work required for cats over 6 years of age not included.



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www.clayhumane.org



KidsFirst OF FLORIDA

Kids First of Florida is the lead Community-Based-Care Agency, based in Orange Park, that serves all of Clay County. KFF uses the collective expertise and resources of local organizations, churches, civic groups, neighborhoods, and individuals to focus on the task of building a child protection system that is firmly rooted in the community.

DID YOU KNOW?

*2500 incidents of child abuse and neglect are reported in Clay County each year. That's a lot of kids needing safe, loving homes.

*The state no longer directly runs Child Welfare. It was privatized years ago to non-profit agencies like us to encourage local communities to care for local kids.

HOW KIDS FIRST CAN HELP

- * Strengthen and reunite families torn apart by child abuse and neglect.
- * Find loving foster families for children who aren't safely cared for at home.
- * Find permanent homes for children whose parents have had their rights legally terminated.
- * Help teens growing up in foster care become healthy, independent adults.
 - * Provide in-home supervision for children in our care.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help us serve our community's abused and neglected children

- Make a tax-deductible donation. • Become a foster parent. • Adopt a child.
- Help us get in front of businesses, civic groups and community organizations to attract the support our children need. • Volunteer your time and services.
 - Donate items needed for children and families.
 - Report child abuse to 1-800-96-ABUSE (22873)

Together we are building a healthier community – One Family at a time.

www.kidsfirstofflorida.org

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Help a Child



Kids First of Florida Inc. is a private not for profit agency serving Clay County families affected by issues of child abuse and neglect. KFF was founded in 2003 in response to the Florida's Legislature initiative to privatize child welfare services. Kids First is licensed by DCF and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation. Based in Orange Park, and serving all of Clay County, KFF partners with community stakeholders to raise awareness of the issues of child abuse and neglect, identify community needs and develop long term solutions.

By using the expertise and resources of local organizations, businesses, churches, civic groups, neighborhoods, and individuals KFF is focused on the task of building a child protection system that is firmly rooted in the community. We believe that every child deserves a loving home, and we know that investing

in children and families now is good for them and good for the whole community. The responsibility of providing care for at risk children and families is an enormous task; one that we believe involves the entire community. KFF is dedicated to continuing partnerships with all of our community members. We are building a healthier community, one family at a time.

You can help by: volunteering your time and services, conducting a fundraising event through your worship or civic group, employer or other organization, becoming a foster or adoptive parent, donating needed items for children and families, giving financially - your charitable support is tax-deductible and will help subsidize programs to the children in our community.

♥ For more info visit our website at www.kidsfirstofflorida.org

Meeting unique community needs

Established in 1982, Clay Behavioral Health Center is the primary not-for-profit agency providing behavioral health services to Clay County residents.

CBHC provides services to children, adults and families who are dealing with mental health and substance abuse issues. Focusing on education, prevention, intervention and treatment CBHC provides services at four office locations, as well as in 20 Clay County schools, in homes and at other community sites.

CBHC serves approximately 5,000 county residents annually and the majority of services are offered on a sliding fee scale. The agency has been accredited since 1994 and services are provided by qualified, caring staff. Approximately one in four adults and one in five children has a diagnosable mental illness at any given time.

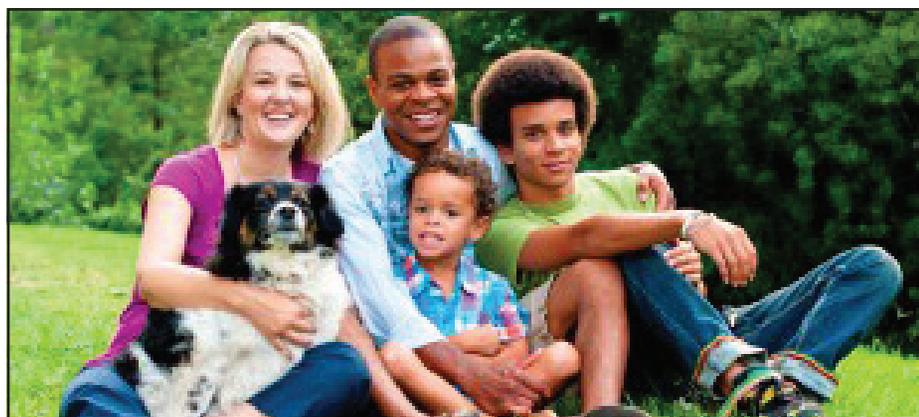
Mental illnesses are more common than cancer, diabetes and heart disease. CBHC believes that in today's challenging social and financial environment easy access to behavioral healthcare is critical.



Our crisis line is available 24 hours a day, seven-days a week at (904) 291-5561. By partnering with local businesses, schools, social service and health care providers, military and veterans groups, churches and civic groups we are able to most effectively reach out to individuals and families in the community in need of help.

We are building a healthier community, one life at a time. For information on obtaining services or becoming involved in donating your time, talent or financial gifts.

♥ visit our website at www.ccbhc.org



Because
You Matter



Clay Behavioral Health Center

At some point in our lives, we all experience the pain of emotional distress.

Whether it's struggling with the stress of daily life, a child whose behavior has become unmanageable, the trap of substance abuse or the anguish of acute mental illness, we can benefit from the support and assistance of professionals trained to help us manage and improve the quality of our lives.

Our Services

- Mental health counseling
- Substance abuse treatment
- Education, Prevention & Intervention
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation
- Drop-in center
- Adult Drug Court
- Veterans Treatment Court
- School based counseling
- Community/In-Home counseling
- Family counseling
- Emergency/Crisis Intervention
- Adult Crisis Alternative Program (ACAP)
- Vocational/Employment services
- Dual diagnosis treatment
- Medication management
- Drug testing
- Parenting Skills

All services are provided by qualified staff and many of our services are offered on a sliding fee scale based on income. We accept most private insurance plans, Medicaid, Medicare, Tricare and self pay. CBHC is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

To receive services call 904-291-5561 or visit www.ccbhc.org to inquire about walk in hours and appointments.

CBHC - Building a healthier community, one life at a time.

Offices are located in Middleburg, Keystone Heights and Green Cove Springs • Monday–Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Reinhold Foundation

Reinhold Foundation Accepting Applications For “Celebrate Clay”

FLEMING ISLAND, Florida – The Paul E. and Klare N. Reinhold Foundation, Inc. will begin accepting applications on December 11, 2017 for

the 2018 Celebrate Clay awards, a community service awards program that recognizes remarkable organizations and individuals serving the Clay

County community. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of community judges and cash awards will be presented at the Awards Breakfast to those nonprofit groups providing outstanding services during calendar year 2017. Up to \$75,000 in cash awards, ranging from the \$750 Category Awards to the \$10,000 Paul E.

Reinhold Community Service Award, will be presented at the 2018 Awards Breakfast on April 24th. The 2018 program will bring the total cash awards to \$690,000 presented to Clay County area nonprofit organizations since Celebrate Clay’s inception in 2009.

All 501 (c) 3 nonprofit groups that provided services to Clay County residents in 2017 are encouraged to apply. Details and applications will be available beginning December 11th at www.reinhold.net. The application deadline is February 6, 2018.

The grant programs of The Paul E. & Klare N. Reinhold Foundation, Inc. support nonprofit organizations that work to improve the quality of life for Clay County residents.



Amy Parker, Executive Director, Reinhold Foundation with the 2017 Celebrate Clay Judges: Josh Bryan, Anna Lebesch, Rob Baptist, Daphne David, and Brian Knight



FOR MORE INFORMATION
 contact: Amy Parker, Executive Director, 904-269-5857 ext. 404, aparker@reinhold.net

PAUL & KLARE REINHOLD FOUNDATION

Investing in The Future of Clay County

The Paul E. and Klare N. Reinhold Foundation, Inc. supports nonprofit organizations that serve Clay County – the community that provided such a fulfilling life for its founders, Paul and Klare Reinhold. Paul and Klare were deeply religious, devoted to family and community, and together they supported many philanthropic and charitable causes.

Today, the Foundation is overseen by Paul and Klare’s grandchildren and great grandchildren, who have implemented programs that support nonprofit organizations that strive to improve the quality of life for residents of Clay County. Principal among these programs are the *Reinhold Foundation Nonprofit Leadership Development and Capacity Building Initiative*, dedicated to enhancing the leadership skills within nonprofit organizations that serve Clay County, and *Celebrate Clay*, an annual awards program created to recognize, reward, and encourage community service within Clay County. Founded in 1954, the Paul & Klare Reinhold Foundation is celebrating more than 60 years of philanthropy. www.reinhold.net



Seamark Ranch Receives the 2017 Paul E. Reinhold Community Service Award of the Year



2017 Celebrate Clay Award Recipients



2017 Nonprofit Leadership Development Graduates

Perpetuating the ethos of cathedral building in doing good in the community

Safe Animal Shelter GRAND RE-OPENING!



ed to visit the shelter as it celebrates getting back to the business of saving lives of homeless pets. The shelter has been closed since September 11 when Hurricane Irma flooded the property and building with three to four feet of water. Since then, the interior has been entirely disinfected and refurbished to make it safe to house homeless dogs and cats again.

“We invite our generous community to celebrate with us because without their assistance, physically and financially, we could have not reopened so quickly after the devastation of Irma,” said Sherry Mansfield, Executive Director.

During the Grand Re-opening Celebration, visitors can tour the restored shelter, meet shelter staff and

board members, enjoy some snacks and beverages, and win one of our raffles prizes.

Dogs and cats will be available for adoption at a reduced adoption fee. The Grand Re-Opening Celebration will be held at the shelter at 2913 County Road 220, Middleburg, FL 32068.

Safe Animal Shelter is a nonprofit organization and Clay County’s oldest no-kill animal shelter. The organization recently celebrated its 26th anniversary as a temporary home for abandoned pets, and during that time they have saved the lives of more than 15,500 homeless cats and dogs.

For more information about Safe Animal Shelter, visit www.safeanimalshelter.com.



Kitten season just keeps on going but our food has run out! We are in need of canned kitten food and Kitten Chow. Kitty toys and blankets are always welcomed, too.

MIDDLEBURG, FL (November 13, 2017) – Safe Animal Shelter of Clay County, today announced its Grand Re-Opening will be held on Saturday, December 2 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm. Community supporters are invit-



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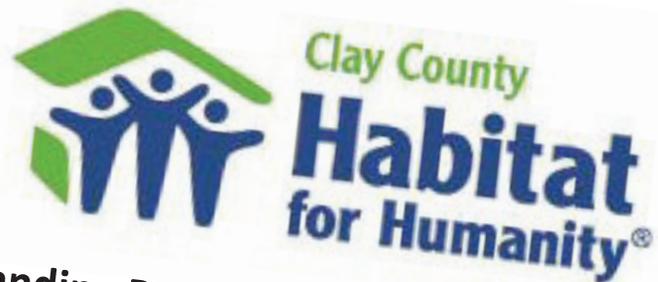


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FirstCoastYMCA.org

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Each year homeownership becomes more difficult. With the rising costs of construction, decreasing incomes and constant changes in the real estate market, the American Dream is more elusive than ever. Imagine having to live under conditions like these pictured. Sadly, this is the plight of many of our area citizens. The veteran in this photo never thought he would be able to live in decent housing again, but Clay County Habitat changed all of that for him. Since his new home was built, his health has improved and he is extremely proud to be living on land left to him by his parents. He now has an affordable mortgage and is thriving in his neighborhood. He is just one of more than 160 families who were given a new lease on life by having a decent place to live.

During this holiday season, we want to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to all who have helped make bedtime stories, for kids, come true and for giving to adults a "Hand Up Not a Hand Out."
You can help make more dreams come true with your donations or by volunteering.

To make a gift donation:
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or mail to Clay County Habitat for Humanity
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Sunday, **Dec 3** 3pm
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Friday, **Dec 15** 8pm
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Sunday, **Dec 17** 2pm

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Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Hallelujah! Saturday, **Dec 16** 8pm
Sunday, **Dec 17** 3pm

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