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## Homicide investigator indicted for lying, more

By Wesley LeBlanc  
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The State Attorney's Office is proceeding with two misdemeanor charges against a former Clay County Sheriff's Office Homicide Detective for creating a false report of the commission of a crime and leaving the scene of an accident involving attended property in connection with a New Year's Eve hit-

and-run in Keystone Heights.

Former 10-year CCSO veteran Mark Alan Andrews, 42, was drinking alone at the American Legion Lodge in Keystone Heights on December 31, 2017 before he left and



Mark Andrews

hit another vehicle on the road. According to the police report, the traffic crash occurred at 1:10 a.m. when Andrews, who was driving an unmarked police vehicle, abruptly pulled out into a traffic lane and struck the passenger side of a vehicle passing by. The driver of the vehicle Andrews struck, Eliza Taylor Chapple, of Valdosta, Georgia, immediately stopped her car and got out, but Andrews fled the scene. At the time, Chapple was unable to identify that

the driver was Andrews. The crash took place on West Walker Drive near Wendy's restaurant.

When Andrews fled, Chapple attempted to follow him but, she was unable to catch up and returned to the scene of the accident. About six hours later, a call for service came into the CCSO Communications unit. This call involved the report of an

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### Quigley House welcomes new CEO

Ana Martinez-Mullen, standing, is now Clay County's chief advocate for those who fall victim to domestic violence and sexual assault. Community leaders welcomed her to her new role recently. **See story on page 7.**

## 3,000 voters under scrutiny in Clay

By Kile Brewer  
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – An advisory opinion issued by the Florida Department of State could affect more than 3,000 Clay County registered voters.

The opinion, handed down by Elections Director Maria Matthews, was requested by Clay County Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless and delves into the specifics of mail forwarding services in regards to who can and cannot legally register to vote in a county within the state.



Chris Chambless

"We were seeing people that had done this all online and were never physically here," Chambless said. "I asked, I think it was four or five very specific questions,

because there was no specific case and law."

The opinion states that a person who uses a mail forwarding service to establish residency in a county, but has no residential address there, is not a legal resident of the county and that is not sufficient to establish residency for voter registration.

Following the opinion, Chambless met with Douglas Moody and Scott Loehr who own St Brendan's Isle Inc., a mail forwarding service based in Green Cove Springs and informed them that he would no longer allow their new clients to register to vote in Clay County unless they had previously lived in the county prior to signing up for their service, based on the new opinion from Matthews. Soon after this meeting, Moody penned a letter to County Commissioner Mike Cella, whose district covers the Green Cove Springs area, as a plea for help.

"Our typical client has retired, sold

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# Board member questions a teacher reappointment

By Wesley LeBlanc  
Staff Writer

FLEMING ISLAND – Despite a recommendation for approval for the school board's recent personnel consent agenda, one school board member raised questions about the reappointment of an Oakleaf High teacher.

Usually, the personnel consent agenda is voted on and passed in one motion, however, at the June 28 school board meeting, board member Janice Kerekes questioned the teacher's reappointment and asked if that teacher was using paid leave from the district to conduct business from an elected position he currently holds.



Janice Kerekes

"What I'm addressing is...a county commissioner who is using leave time for his commission job," Kerekes said. "So, last year at this time, we disciplined an employee who used leave time for a second job and we suspended him for eight days without pay, and I feel like this is our policy on how we handle this issue so we should be consistent across the board with every-

"It's taken about nine years to get this increase on the insurance.

This means that they will not receive as big of a hit to their insurance, because their insurance premiums are just skyrocketing, and some of our employees will actually see a decrease in the amount that they have to pay per pay period, and most of them will see a much smaller increase in that premium than they were expecting."

– Betsy Reagor

one.

Kerekes said she asked for the item to be pulled for discussion because she was not comfortable reappointing this teacher, at least until Superintendent Addison Davis had completed his investigation of this faculty member.

"I'm personally not comfortable moving forward [despite the recommendation to do so by Davis]...while the superintendent is investigating," Kerekes said.

She then asked how her fellow school board members felt on the subject, to which all of them responded that they wanted to move forward with Davis' recommendation to reappoint the teacher.

After some heated words between Kerekes and school board member Betsy Condon, who said she felt Kerekes was "way out of line," a motion was made to move forward with Davis' recommendation. The

school board voted 4-1, with Kerekes voting no.

## In other business:

In her report, representative Betsy Reagor – who represents the Clay County Education Association and the Clay County Educational Support Personnel Association unions – was grateful for the district's new "A" grade from the state. She also announced a new agreement on health insurance.

"Basically, we increased the insurance contribution from about \$248 to about \$303 per pay period for the instructional and non-instructional employees, so they're going to receive about \$90 a month additional if they take the insurance," Reagor said.

According to Reagor, this has been nine years in the making.

"It's taken about nine years to get this increase on the insurance," Reagor said. "This means that they will not receive as big of a hit to their insurance, because their insurance premiums are just skyrocketing, and some of our employees will actually see a decrease in the amount that they have to pay per pay period, and most of them will see a much smaller increase in that premium than they were expecting."

Insurance has been a hot topic during school board meetings for years, and not only was that contract signed, the school board also voted to finalize their upcoming year's property, casualty and active assailant insurance program. During a June 26 school board workshop, representatives from Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Insurance presented potential insurance program options for the 2018-19 school year.

One of those options would see the school district continue its insurance program of this past year with some changes to its auto and general liability self-insured retention and worker's compensation. The former increases from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and the latter sees \$250,000 in excess removed. These changes would reduce the insurance premiums in total by \$58,000.

The measure was approved by a 5-0 vote.

## Voters

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their home and live full time in their RV or vessel," Moody wrote. "We have learned that the other counties, where our larger competitors exist, will not be following this new advisory opinion as they believe the opinion contradicts previous opinions issued by the Division of Elections. This creates a serious competitive disadvantage which will likely lead to the closure of St Brendan's Isle in the not too distant future."

In the letter Moody cites 3,000 current customers of their business that could potentially be affected. Chambless said those people will not be automatically taken from the voter rolls, but their eligibility will be determined as it applies to the language in the new opinion.

"If you're legally available to the voter registration roll then we need to make sure you're on it," Chambless said. "We're going to take the time to investigate – manually – each and every record, and then based upon the information that they present [on

a questionnaire], we're going to make a determination on eligibility. If you're not eligible to be on the rolls then we're going to take necessary steps to remove you from the rolls, however if you are eligible to be on rolls we're going to update your voter record and everything is fine."

Previous opinions stated that legal residence, in regards to voter registration, is a place where someone "truly intends to reside and has made overt acts that demonstrate that intention." Moody said they encourage their clients to establish residency through a list of 14 of these "overt acts" that were listed in the letter. Other opinions dating back decades, cite legal residency as simply being the place where someone receives "messages." However, Chambless pointed out that these opinions are answers to different questions than the ones he had asked that resulted in the June 19 opinion from the state.

Moody listed four of their competitors, two of which are located in Okaloosa County where Paul Lux serves as supervisor of elections. Lux said that he is not aware of any registered voters in his county that

would be affected by the new opinion.

"I did not see anything in the opinion that was immediately contrary to our own procedures," Lux said. "We require our voters to have a primary physical presence and an intention to return. Because we have a large military presence, we cannot treat the RV people differently than the military people.

"If you have a Florida driver's license, you didn't get it from Italy, so at one point you must have applied within the state of Florida, which means you have had a primary physical presence and intent to return."

Technically this interpretation does follow the order, which specifies that voters cannot register "without having a past or present physical presence and intent to establish permanent residency," meaning that a person who comes into the county, establishes residency, and intends to, at some point, return to that county can register to vote. However, if they have not ever had their primary residence in the county, it is still clear that they are not a legal voter. "What we were seeing is that people

would become customers of St Brendan's Isle electronically, then file a Declaration of Domicile electronically, then come here and register a boat or vehicle and then registered to vote," Chambless said. "Where is the residency there? How does that tie you to the community?"

The 2018 order is the only one that specifically mentions mail forwarding services, as Chambless requested specificity regarding this type of situation, and is the most recent of the past orders in the books. Lux said he isn't sure if that supersedes past rulings, but regardless his interpretation of the new order has not changed the practices in Okaloosa County.

"The advisory opinion has the effect of law, it's binding upon me," Chambless said. "As the supervisor of elections, I took an oath to uphold the laws. The citizens of Clay County have an expectation that their supervisor of elections is going to ensure that the voting rolls are as accurate as they can be."

Moody and Loehr declined comment on this story and referred questions to their attorney.

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# One family, three engineering students

By Chase Carle  
For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – It's not difficult to tell that Cassidy, Jillian, and Corrina Laird are sisters. While not identical, the resemblance is clear enough to make the connection quickly. Similar to their appearance, their chosen career paths are not identical. While each of the sisters is pursuing a different specific aspect of the field, all three are entering the world of engineering.

Choosing to enter the engineering field may not sound unusual, but the statistics show just how different three sisters entering that field really is. A 2016 survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed

that women comprised 44.3 percent of full-time and salary workers. However, when it comes to the field of architecture and engineering, the number drops to just 14 percent. That number makes the Laird sisters stand out that much more.

Cassidy, 24, Jillian, 19, and Corrina, 17, are no strangers to standing out.

In 2012, Cassidy tied for highest grade point average after graduating from Ridgeview High's International Baccalaureate Program. She went on to finish her undergraduate degree in biosystems engineering with a 4.0 GPA and recently finished a master's degree. Both degrees are from Clemson University where she studied in the Honors College and was honored with



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While at Clemson University, Cassidy Laird of Fleming Island, studied in the Honors College and won the Roger R. and Laura M. Yoerger Preprofessional Engineer of the Year Award from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers while studying there.



From left, Corrina, Jillian and Cassidy Laird of Fleming Island smile for the camera after a recent interview. Although they have no family ties to the university, each one is attending – except for Cassidy who recently graduated in May with a master's degree – Clemson and majoring in some form of engineering.

the Roger R. and Laura M. Yoerger Pre-professional Engineer of the Year Award from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers while studying there. She was recently hired as a civilian contractor with the U.S. Air Force.

A Fleming Island High AICE graduate and now a Clemson University student, Jillian is majoring in chemical engineering with a biomolecular concentration. She is also part of the Honors College heading into her junior year.

Corrina recently graduated from the AICE program at Fleming Island High and will begin her studies at Clemson in the fall. She has received the National Merit Scholarship, the Clemson Merit Scholarship and the Corporation Scholarship for National Merit from CSX. She will major in biomedical engineering.

Oftentimes, there are stories like the Lairds, that usually involve parents pushing from behind, but that is not the case with the Lairds. Their mother Julie, an office manager, and their father, an assis-

tant vice president for sales and marketing, took a different approach.

"They knew we were bright kids but they never required us to get A's or B's, it was kind of just like 'do the best you can and we're here'," said Jillian. "It was kind of an unspoken 'we want you to do your best' and we wanted to make them proud so it just went from there."

However, Corrina believes that parents and children played roles in their achievement.

"That's where you get into the responsibility on both parties. Maybe if the kids aren't as dedicated naturally then their parents may have to enforce that more," said Corrina. "But I think as far as we go, all you need is that encouragement and somebody that's got your back and is willing to support you in whatever you want to do and if you have both levels of that then you're going to get somewhere."

Cassidy agreed with her sister on that point and said that their family took that

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## Department of Education is flaunting the law

By Bob Holladay

There is a term in the Florida Administrative Procedure Act for when a state agency goes rogue and refuses to follow a legislative statute: “an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.”

There are other terms for it, but I prefer the plainest: flaunting the law.

If it's a high-profile agency (no names, please), the legislature might respond by threatening to cut salaries. The question is: What is it going to do about the Department of Education?



Bob Holladay

Since the beginning of the summer, DOE has been violating Florida Statute 1007.25(4), the legislative language setting up a postsecondary “civic literacy” requirement that passed as part of HB 7069 in 2017.

DOE has been violating the statute by contracting with the Lou Frey Institute at the University of Central Florida to create a new “bypass” examination for students who don't want to take either the history or government coursework necessary to meet the new requirement.

They can't do that.

Florida Statute 1007.25(4) very plainly says that DOE must adopt in rule and the Board of Governors in regulation “at least one existing assessment that measures ... the required course competencies ...”

The key word is “existing.” Existing when? How about when 7069 became law July 1, 2017?

How do we know that's what the legislature meant? Because of the other language in Florida Statute 1007.25(4) mandating the creation of a statewide faculty committee to “develop a new course in civic literacy or revise an existing general education core course in American History or American Government to include civic literacy.”

Get it?

Students can only meet the requirement by passing an “existing” assessment, but the statewide faculty committee could have created a “new” course if it wanted to (it hasn't so far).

The language is very specific: new or existing coursework, an “existing” test.

Eight months passed between the time HB 7069 became law and when the DOE first offered Rule 6A-10.02413 implementing it for colleges, and the Board of

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## Opinions



## We will not be shaken

By Eric Cravey

It's unfortunate that I write these words, but crime is a fact of life.

And, in our modern world, it seems that mass shootings are happening so often in our country now that it's too easy to become jaded when we hear news of yet another killing spree. I think, perhaps, I'm not jaded but simply numbed by the events of last week. I should be more alive and on edge because this shooting was extraordinarily different. This shooting hit home.



Eric Cravey

Specifically, I'm talking about the June 28 shooting at The Capital Gazette, the daily newspaper in Annapolis, Maryland. Published reports tell us a man who reportedly had a grudge against the paper shot his way into the newsroom that Thursday afternoon. He killed four journalists, a sales assistant and injured two others.

No. 1, it escapes me how someone can lose all ability to think clearly and allow anger to grab hold of their psyche to a point of complete self-destruction, much less kill someone. No. 2, journalists are strong, dedicated people and we will not be shaken.

Here, in my office, I've had to tell other men that I will not be intimidated and I'm sorry your son was arrested all the while explaining that it's our jobs to

report the truth – both conversations my colleagues could hear with the door closed. Sometimes, however, that truth, or at least that version of it, may not be a tasty elixir to swallow by the time it hits the page.

Covering crime is a daunting task. I will never forget the first time I heard a judge sentence a person to Death Row. As he uttered the phrase, “May God have mercy on your soul,” my spine tingled and an unexplained heat rolled across my body.

I once endured the reading of a victim's impact statement by a father whose wife and three children were killed in a head-on collision by a drunk driver. I then sat and watched that same driver receive only a 10-year sentence for taking four lives. It's difficult to keep telling these stories and seeing these verdicts without wondering if the entire system is not broken.

Every journalist in America felt the June 28 shooting at some level. If nothing else, it should have publishers and news directors scratching their heads and asking if their organization has enough security in place to possibly curtail something like this from happening at their news organization.

What that shooter didn't know is that, while he may think he got his revenge, he cannot stop an entire industry of men and women who believe in the never-ending quest for truth. Without journalism, companies and governments and those in power will simply continue to seek more power, conduct

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## Word of the week

**Word of the Week** is a feature that aims to help readers boost their vocabulary in a meaningful way that has practical application. Each week, our editorial staff presents a word, its definition and its use in a sentence.

**Transmogrify:** A transitive verb meaning “to change or alter greatly and often with grotesque or humorous effect.”

“Craft beer makers could take a page from the wine lover's handbook and hoard bottles in home cellars, to allow time and oxygen to transmogrify the ales.”

## This Week in History

### 5 years ago, 2013

Promoters of the Big League Dreams multi-sport complex drafted Tony Boselli, who was the Jacksonville Jaguars first draft pick, to be their front man in the unsuccessful quest to get public buy-in.

St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County job fair lures 1,000 plus jobseekers to fill positions at their new Middleburg location.

Clay County bids farewell to Dewey “Slim” Whitman Jr, 90, known for his last album “Twilight on the Trail.”

### 10 years ago, 2008

Clay County's Democrats – the affiliate of the state and national Democratic Party – elected Cary Herold chairwoman of the Democratic Executive Committee.

Small radio station 550 Way Radio shows the way to salvation being the only radio station located in Clay County.

A brand new Smokey's Country Cabin Barbecue opened up a new location on County Road 218.

### 20 years ago, 1998

Orange Park Town Manager John Bowles told the city council to ready to look at new plans for a new combined city police and fire headquarters to be built behind the city's new Town Hall.

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### Opinions

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# Education

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Governors offered Regulation 8.006, implementing it for universities.

Why, during those months, didn't the "statewide faculty committee" create a new test to go along with the new course they were specifically authorized to create?

Because they knew they couldn't.

Don't take my word for it; read the staff analysis by the Florida House or the one from the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) from the end of the 2017 Legislative Session. Both make it abundantly clear what "existing" means.

There are some who are choosing to read "existing" as meaning the statute requires only one existing assessment and that DOE can create as many new tests

as it wants as long as one of them existed before HB 7069. That doesn't hold water either; the Florida legislature knows how to craft statutory language.

Why would DOE flaunt the law?

How about the fact that they got caught back in March trying to make one of four "existing" assessments to meet the civic literacy requirement the U.S. Immigration Services Naturalization Test? You know, the one I wrote about in March, with such college-level questions as "Name a state that borders Canada."

When they were called on it, they withdrew the rule, only to announce that they were going to use the Naturalization Test "with supplementary questions." Which is where the Frey Institute comes in. At their May meeting, the State Board of Education adopted Rule 6A-10.02413 without the Naturalization test in any iteration but were remarkably public that, sometime this summer, they were going to reopen the

rule and insert the Frey Institute's handiwork. Why? After all, the three remaining bypass exams (the AP History and Government, and the CLEP Exam) are all genuine college level. I just graded the AP History Exam, and I know.

DOE was public about that, too.

They want something that is free, easy and online.

I've seen the work-in-progress of the Frey Institute; it replaces 58 out of the 100 questions on the Naturalization Test and makes them multiple choice. Would anyone dispute that that doesn't make it a new test? Why does DOE think it can create a new test and claim that it's an "existing" test?

Here's the lowdown: the original Naturalization Test was abandoned because it did not meet the competencies spelled out in Florida Statute 1007.25(4), because the answers are available online, and because it is fifth-grade level.

At a March 30 rule development workshop, DOE tried to claim that 14 states already use the Naturalization Test for Civic Literacy, but then was also forced to admit that none of them use it for a college level requirement. Florida would be the first. The new test will also be online. How many

times can you take it? Are the questions the same, no matter how many times?

The new test retains more than 40 of the original questions whose answers are online now (how about that for a boost?) and still does not meet all the competencies listed in both the statute and rule itself. And it's a NEW test.

DOE has had over a year to work on this, and they still can't read a simple statute. Why go to all this trouble? The answer is pretty clear to me: DOE is not interested in your college student actually learning the history and government necessary to be civically literate.

Under pressure from universities who don't want to spend the money to teach the extra courses (despite the fact that they would clearly make money from them), they are interested in being able to report that 50 percent, 75 percent, 95 percent of college students were able to meet the new requirement.

Even if it means "flaunting" the law to do it.

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# History

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Jane DiLoreto was named Citizen of the Year by the Orange Park Rotary Club.

Orange Park Town Council reviewed a Capital Improvement Project plan that had an initial price tag of \$1,241,700.

## 30 Years ago, 1988

The Parents Coalition scheduled a meeting at the Green Cove Springs Public Library to discuss how to raise funds to bring the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra to perform at Magnolia Point.

Clay County Administrator John Bowles said he was going to submit his resignation on July 7 so he would be in full compliance with a state law governing municipal employees who run for public office. Bowles announced his candidacy for Clerk of Court and County Comptroller.

Signed petitions from about 70 resi-

dents of Tara Farms combined with residents' attending a BCC meeting convinced the County Commission to reject a rezoning request on Plantation Drive near the intersection of County Road 220 and College Drive that residents believed would encroach on Tara Farms.

## 40 years ago, 1978

Donna Brewer claims her stepson Patrick Brewer still maintains his innocence even though he was convicted of murder and sentenced to the electric chair for the stabbing of an Orange Park restaurant owner Tsuyako "Susie" Thomas.

County Commissioners passed three resolutions for the reinstatement of the Blanding Boulevard widening project, upgrading of interstate interchanges State Road-21 and U.S. 17.

Former Orange Park attorney William R. Hester Jr. was acquitted of charges that he took part in a \$362,000 home mortgage scheme.

Nobody ever goes into the field of journalism for the money. We sit in on hour upon hour of boring government meetings, we attend ribbon cuttings and other public functions and we simply keep smiling through it all. We go into this field because we know we are part of something larger than us.

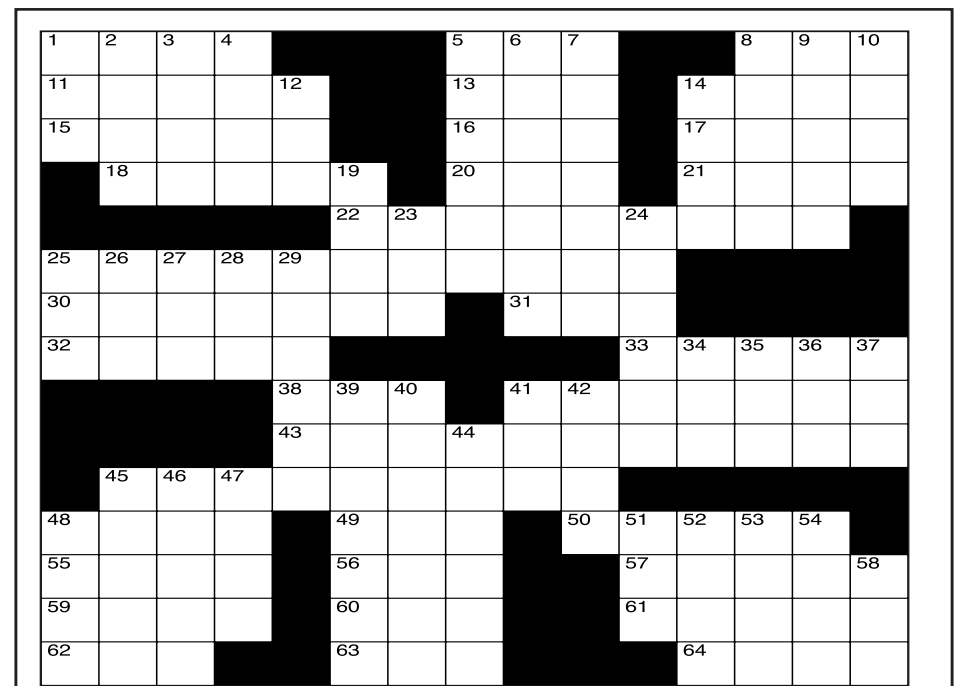
We will not be shaken.

# Journalist

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more and more business in darkness and do as they wish without the public knowing how its taxes are spent or if their water is toxic.

According to the Society of Professional Journalists, at least 39 journalists had been killed in the United States before the June 28 shooting at the Capital Gazette newsroom with less than 10 killed during the September 11 attacks. Many slain journalists were targeted because of their investigative journalism reporting. The Committee to Protect Journalists reports that eight U.S. journalists have been killed by crossfire or murder between 1992 and 2018.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Guinean seaport
- 5. They \_\_
- 8. Electromotive force
- 11. "McVicar" director
- 13. Monetary unit
- 14. Mother of Hermes
- 15. Broadway actress Daisy
- 16. Tobacco mosaic virus
- 17. Expression of surprise
- 18. African financial intermediaries
- 20. Fully ripe egg
- 21. Soothes the skin
- 22. Editors write them
- 25. Nashville-based rockers
- 30. Surgical tube
- 31. Lasting records
- 32. Member of Ghanese tribe
- 33. Being in a vertical position
- 38. Spasmodic contraction
- 41. Cartilage disks
- 43. Domestic help
- 45. A way of drying out
- 48. Small sponge cake
- 49. Distinctive practice or philosophy
- 50. Sword
- 55. Type of missile (abbr.)
- 56. Home to various animals
- 57. American comedian Tim
- 59. Scores perfectly
- 60. A major division of geological time
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Unhappy
- 63. Unit of force (abbr.)
- 64. Door part

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Academic degree
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Large, stocky lizard
- 4. Romanian river
- 5. Stellar
- 6. A way to change
- 7. Surround completely
- 8. A Philly footballer
- 9. Dinosaur shuang \_\_\_\_aurus
- 10. Slowly disappear
- 12. Large antelope
- 14. Not nice
- 19. Piece of footwear
- 23. Newt
- 24. Seriously mentally ill
- 25. Kilogram force (abbr.)
- 26. Terrorist group
- 27. Negative
- 28. Time zone
- 29. A blacksmith's workshop
- 34. Baked dessert
- 35. A way to perceive uniquely
- 36. Breeze through
- 37. Dry white wine drink
- 39. Treated with iodine
- 40. Not thorough
- 41. Famous museum
- 42. Supplements with difficulty
- 44. Polynesian language
- 45. Bangladesh capital (var. sp.)
- 46. \_\_\_\_ and flowed
- 47. Excessively theatrical actors
- 48. Prejudice
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Nonsense (slang)
- 53. ÖLutherÓ actor
- 54. Resist authority (slang)
- 58. Pinch

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# Orange Park woman honored for raising awareness of nonprofits

**By The Florida Times-Union**  
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JACKSONVILLE – A crowded room full of nonprofit leaders and volunteers was asked June 21 to raise their hands if Beth Reese Cravey had ever written about them or their agencies. Even Cravey’s editors sitting beside her said they were taken aback by the number of people with their hands raised high.

Cravey, a reporter with The Florida Times-Union since 1987, received the Nonprofit Advocate Award from the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida at its annual “Local Focus. Lasting Impact. Awards Luncheon.” The gathering at the Jessie Ball duPont Center downtown gave her a standing ovation.

The award “recognizes a person or a company that fuels public awareness regarding the positive and lasting impact of our local nonprofits,” according to the center. It is only the second one given, with the other in 2016 going to Sherry Magill, president of the Jacksonville-based Jessie Ball duPont Fund for the last 25 years and a leader in the national philanthropic community. She retires June 30.

Nonprofit Center CEO Rena Coughlin said for many years Cravey has reported on nonprofit needs, impact and challenges.

“In a time when mistrust in the media and in all institutions is growing, having



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Beth Reese Cravey, right, received the Nonprofit Advocate Award from the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida from its CEO Rena Coughlin, left, on June 21.

a smart and readable reporter covering your industry helps build credibility and awareness. And in the nonprofit sector, we know that credibility is the currency of our realm.”

Times-Union Editor Mary Kelli Palka said the ovation and response is a testament to what Cravey and the newspaper does on a daily basis.

“Beth provides journalism that shines a light on important issues and doing that makes our community stronger,” Palka said. “We appreciate this recognition for Beth and her work in the Times-Union and on Jacksonville.com.”

Cravey is the wife of Clay Today Managing Editor Eric Cravey of Orange Park and the mother of Lochlin Cravey of Gaines-

ville.

The Nonprofit Center also paid tribute to a health care partnership that offers free mental health first-aid training and a volunteer group formed to build a more inclusive Jacksonville.

The Collective Power Award went to the Jacksonville Hospital Partnership – Mayo Clinic, Baptist Health, St. Vincent’s Health Care, UF Health Jacksonville and Brooks Rehabilitation, the largest area hospitals – for its initiative to train about 10,000 residents to recognize and help people in a mental health crisis.

The award honors “an unstoppable collaborative team of local nonprofits, funders, government, business and/or community leaders that have gone beyond serving a population and implemented systemic and sustainable improvements that solved big problems. This team achieved greater system-wide results than one organization could have realized on its own and, as a result, established a new standard of excellence.”

The impetus for the partnership, which formed in 2017, was a community health needs assessment that showed “a significant need for education, awareness and responsiveness to the mental health challenge” facing residents. Florida ranks 49th

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# Community welcomes new Quigley House CEO

By Chase Carle  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Ana Martinez-Mullen greets members of the State Attorney's Office, the Clay County Fire Chief and sheriff's department staff as if each person is an old friend, a warm smile on her face and a composed confidence in her posture.

After all, everyone in the room is there to meet her, Clay County's new chief advocate for those who fall victim to domestic violence and sexual assault.

Martinez-Mullen is the new CEO of Quigley House and met with community leaders June 28 in what will be one of many meet and greet events locally.

Martinez-Mullen brings a wealth of experience and knowledge with her to the position having previously worked as the specialized services coordinator at Hubbard House, a similar center in Duval County, for almost 15 years while also earning her law degree.

That experience is certainly a plus, according to Assistant State Attorney Theresa Simak.

"The State Attorney's Office is very excited to be able to work with Anna because we know what she brings to the table," said Simak. "Her experience is going to be invaluable to those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault."

While Clay County does not have the reputation for crime that many counties in Florida do, Simak said domestic violence in particular is still a serious issue.

"Domestic violence isn't limited by gender, income, race, sexual orientation or anything like that," said Simak. "It crosses all lines and barriers and can affect anyone."

That's why programs such as Quigley House are so important, Simak said. Quigley House and the State Attorney's Office often work closely together. Whether it's Quigley House helping victims report the crimes against them or the State Attorney's Office recommending their victims go to the program for counseling, the two organizations help each other whenever possible.

Valerie Hernandez, an advocate at

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PHOTO BY CHASE CARLE

Ana Martinez-Martin greets guests June 28 during a community event that introduced her as the new CEO of Quigley House, the domestic and sexual violence program and shelter.



Professional actors took the stage June 16 at the NAPA building on Wells Road for a reading of "The Memories of Ruby Mae" by local playwright Olivia Gowan. Elaine Smith, producing artistic director for Clamour Theatre Company is sitting on the stage, front center.

## Professional theatre has a place in Clay County

By Kenneth Detwyler Jr.  
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK – The Clamour Theatre Company continues to make a name for itself, as Clay County's first and only professional theatre troupe.

"I've been involved in theatre for 25 years in New York City and when I moved down here, I felt like Clay County was in need of some professional theatre," said Elaine Smith, producing artistic director of the Clamour Theatre Company.

Smith traces her passion for doing theatre all the way back to her first acting gig, as the star of her kindergarten play. Now, as a seasoned theatre professional, Smith and her associates have spent the last few years making Clamour into a reality.

Clamour first made waves by finishing in second place in the 2017 "Pitch It In The Park" contest to raise funds to acquire the historic Clay Theatre in Green Cove Springs as a permanent home for the company. However, that bid was unsuccessful as another buyer landed the property. The company instead performs at various venues across Clay County, while continuing to raise funds to not only find a permanent venue, but also better compensate their professional actors.

On June 16, the Clamour Theatre Company staged a reading of an original play, "The Memories of Ruby Mae" by local playwright Olivia Gowan.

The play is the moving, and at times, hilarious story surrounding the life and death of its titular character. Gowan is hoping the successful reading in Clay County will translate into a future on the

stage.

"It's very cathartic, it's very vulnerable, and it brings a lot of anxiety, but it's worth it," said Gowan.

The cast and audience from the reading held at The Stage at NAPA at 1505 Wells Rd. in Orange Park were generally pleased with the way Gowan's play turned out even if the first cast don't follow the play to the stage. Clamour was able to serve as a valuable testing ground.

"It's a fantastic show, it's very touching," said Gloria Ware, who acted in the show. "The characters were well rounded and well defined and it's a wonderful story, I'm so proud to be a part of it."

As a professional theatre company, members are working actors in the theatre industry. This is different from community theatre which allows members of the general public to audition and doesn't pay performers. The ultimate goal of Clamour is to provide actors with steady pay. This allows actors in Northeast Florida the chance to do what they love, professionally. Subsequently, it gives local theatre fans an opportunity to experience the performing arts in a new way without driving to Jacksonville or Orlando to see a professional performance.

"Theatre brings communities together," Smith said. "It allows us to know ourselves better, it allows to know other people, other cultures, other ages, other races better and the world around us."

For information about upcoming projects by the Clamour Theatre Company, visit their website at [clamourtheatre.org/about.htm](http://clamourtheatre.org/about.htm).

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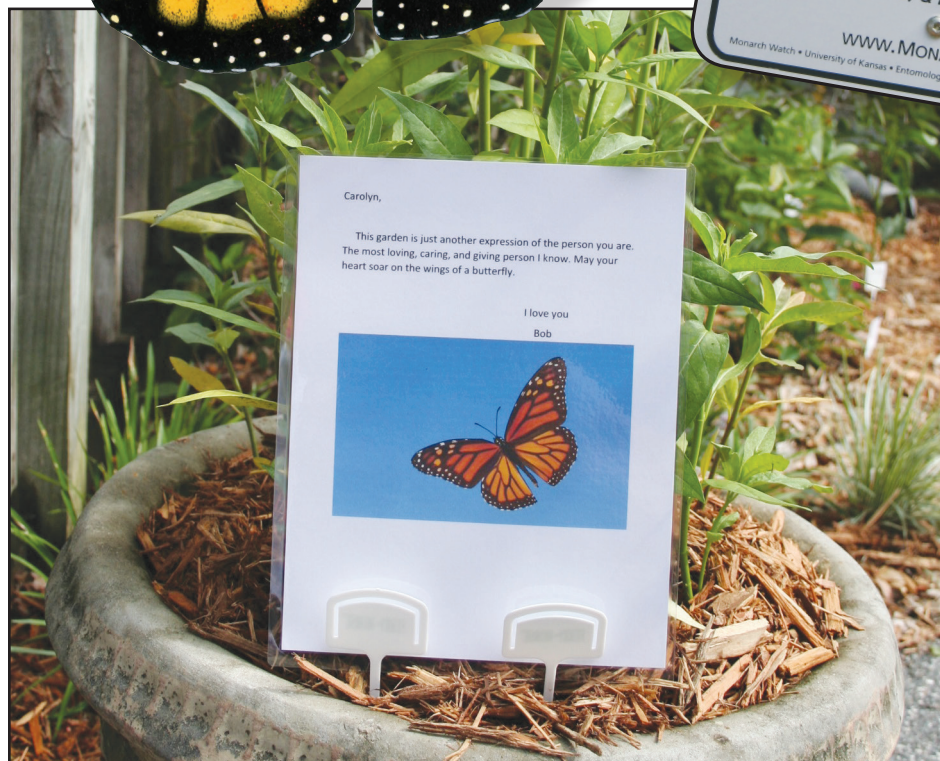
By Chase Carle  
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Monarch butterflies take an average of two weeks to emerge from their cocoons. The new Orange Park Monarch Waystation, officially named the Monarch Byway, took quite a bit longer than two weeks to finally emerge from its own cocoon however. The process ultimately took a little over two years.

The process of establishing a Monarch Waystation in Orange Park began in May 2016 when Carolyn Warren was elected chairman for the project by her peers in the Garden Club of Orange Park. Her committee got to work and built and planted the waystation area at 1820 Smith St. in June and July, only to be destroyed by Hurricane Hermine in August before the committee could apply for certification from Monarch Watch, a network of students, teachers, volunteers and researchers dedicated to the study of the Monarch butterfly.

Not to be deterred, Warren's committee replanted the area throughout May and June 2017 and applied for certification, which Monarch Watch approved a month later. Excited and prepared, Warren planned a dedication ceremony for that September. However, Mother Nature had other plans once again as Hurricane Irma destroyed the waystation in early September, just before a planned dedication ceremony.

The third time proved to be the charm for the waystation this year. Warren and her husband Bob planted the area in May 2018 where they took advantage of the heavy rainfall. The certification obtained in 2017 was still good so all that was left was to schedule a public dedication. Tropical Storm Alberto made its presence known early this year but the waystation was spared any damage this time around and



PHOTOS BY CHASE CARLE  
Two years in the planning, the Orange Park Monarch Byway was officially dedicated June 28 by the Garden Club of Orange Park on Smith Street. The Byway will help Monarch butterflies thrive during their annual migration.

the Orange Park Monarch Byway was officially dedicated on June 28.

A monarch waystation contains everything monarch butterflies need to sustain their migration and produce future generations of butterflies. The most important plant at these waystations is milkweed. Monarch butterfly caterpillars only eat

milkweed, which provides necessary nutrients that help them lay their eggs. There are also a multitude of nectar-providing flowers at these waystations that help sustain the butterflies.

The reason these waystations are needed is because of the annual migration of monarch butterflies. In the spring of every

year, hundreds of millions of monarchs migrate from their overwintering sites in Mexico and Southern California to different sites throughout the United States and Canada.

Every fall, hundreds of millions of butterflies make the return trip to those overwintering sites in Mexico and Southern California. Without the milkweed and the nectar from the flowers, the butterflies would not have the energy to make the trip and due to habitat destruction, the waystations are quickly becoming the main source of those plants for the butterflies.

Without milkweed, which is viewed by many as simply a pest plant, the monarch butterfly would have nowhere to lay its eggs and would quickly face extinction.

The Orange Park Monarch Byway is now officially part of a global conservation effort and the members of the Orange Park Garden Club hope it attracts plenty of butterflies for Orange Park residents to enjoy.

Warren finished the dedication with a butterfly blessing that captures the vision they have for the waystation.

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the State Attorney's Office, said Quigley House has an in-house attorney at the Clay County Courthouse who provides services free of charge and is on call 24/7. That can be an invaluable resource for victims who may not have access to other options or the money to pay for a lawyer.

At the reception to introduce Martinez-Mullen, the original CEO of Quigley House and the woman who has been the interim-CEO for the past several months, Ellen Siler, was asked to introduce her.

Siler worked with Martinez-Mullen at Hubbard House and had been fervently hoping that she would apply and be selected for the position at Quigley House. Siler began to get emotional as she spoke about how happy she was that Martinez-Mullen would be taking over in Clay County.

Martinez-Mullen said she was grateful for her new role as CEO and for her valuable experience at Hubbard House. She talked about how eager she was to begin helping those in need and stressed how much strength it takes for victims to seek help.

"So often they view themselves as weak and helpless," said Martinez-Mullen. "They're not weak, they are surviving every single day and that takes an immense amount of strength."

After the introductions, Siler spoke about how much Quigley House has changed since it was started in 1988 when she was the only employee.

Quigley House first began as a telephone hotline before evolving into a shelter for victims in 1991. The program spent the first seven years working out of a borrowed house and was originally only working with domestic violence victims. It has since become a program with its own headquarters and staff and now helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

As far Martinez-Mullen, Siler only sees great things in the future for the program under the new CEO.

"She's the perfect person for Quigley House," said Siler. "She's the perfect person for Clay County."

The Quigley House hotline can be reached through two phone numbers. (904) 284-0061 or (800) 500-1119.

## Realtor holding 19th Annual Backpack Challenge

JACKSONVILLE – Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty is asking the public to chip in for its 19th Annual Backpack Challenge.

Clay County residents can donate at their location on Fleming Island now through July 31. The office is located at 3535 Highway 17, Suite 10 on Fleming Island.

Last year, partnering with community and local charities, the company donated more than 1,000 backpacks filled with

school supplies for local children. This year, the company has set a goal to exceed last year's contribution and is inviting the community to help.

"Help us prepare children for academic achievement this school year by donating a new backpack filled with pencils, pens, notebooks and more," said Linda Sherrer, founder, president and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty. "A new backpack filled with school supplies is a wonderful gift, providing every student with the confidence needed to begin a successful school year."

## OBITUARY

### Marlene Conaway

Marlene Conaway, 84, passed away on Sunday, July 1, 2018. She was born to the late Ellery and Gladys (Hicks) Sapp on July 24, 1933 in Starke, Florida.

Marlene was a resident of the Middleburg area for 37 years and a member of Long Branch Baptist Church where she was a Sunday school teacher and enjoyed playing the piano. She was a charter member of the Gideons International, holding every office in the auxiliary Gideons of Clay County. Marlene was a clerk in the Professional Library at Duval County Schoolboard and a member of the Cattleman's Association of Clay County.

Marlene was preceded in death by her husband, James Conaway, and is survived by her sons, Everett Conaway (Edith), Harry Conaway (Sharon) and Charles Conaway (Tammie); daughter, Cindy Rhoads

(David); sister, Katrina Lawson (Gilbert); 11 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at 1p.m. on Friday, July 6, 2018 at Long Branch Baptist Church with services starting at 2 p.m. with her son, Pastor Harry Conaway officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Gideon International.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com).

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# Obituaries

## Dennis Evans

Dennis Evans, 70, of Middleburg, Fla., passed away June 27, 2018.

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## Pamela D. O'Steen

Pamela D. O'Steen, 65, of Jacksonville Beach, Fla. passed away June 26, 2018.

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## George Allen

George Allen, 89, of Fleming Island, Fla., passed away June 28, 2018.

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



## Billy E. Hyers

Billy E. Hyers passed away on Friday, June 29, 2018. Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



## Henry Squires

Henry Squires, 65, of Jacksonville, Fla., passed away July 1, 2018.

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## Richard 'Larry' Haddock

Richard "Larry" Haddock, devoted family member and dedicated friend, passed this life on June 19, 2018. He was 73 years old.

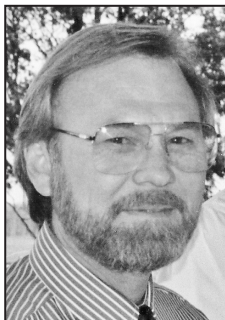
Survivors include his best friend, Marilyn Haddock; sons are Wayne Haddock (Katie), Shane Haddock (Jennifer), Scott Bentley (Pam), Victor Taylor (Sandra), and J. R. Holestein (Anissa); grandchildren are Jamie (Garrett), Matthew, Vanessa (Alex), Ashley, Zoe, Wyatt, Isla, Avery and Brooklyn; sister-in-law Charlene Bailey, and brother-in-law Gary Miller (Karen); special cousins Marilyn (Ron) and Carolyn (Jimmy); as well as numerous other family members and close friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Kenneth Hull, Jr. and Eurleen Webb Haddock; brother's Greg Peterson and Lonnie Francis Haddock.

Larry Haddock was an avid water skier and boater who at an early age taught the sport to others; he graduated from Forrest High School; served in the United State Air Force; was a committed and trustworthy professional as a master electrician; he was a Clay County Sheriff's Deputy where he took great pride in a most rewarding role. He was born and lived his early life in Jacksonville, later enjoying his homes on Black Creek, and in Green Cove Springs.

One could find Richard Haddock most Sundays at the Clay County Historical Museum where he volunteered as a docent and tour guide. He was an especially kind, gentle man expressing his unconditional goodwill and favor to everyone he met.

Memorial Services were held Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Chapel in Clay County. Pallbearers were Zack Cox, Garrett Crider, Jeff Ertley, John Marshman, Ron Safford and Charlie Van Edema. Mr. Gayward Hendry officiated. Please sign the guest book at www.jacksonvillememorygardens.com.



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## Frances Lang Johnson

Frances Lang, Johnson, 78, of Middleburg, Fla., passed away June 29, 2018.

She was born on October 30, 1939 in Maxville, Fla. to the late Herbert and Maude (Tanner) Padgett. She will be remembered as being a very loving woman, mother and grandmother. She is preceded in death by Papa Charlie; son, Donald Lang and grandson, Austin Estep. Frances is survived by her son, David Lang; sister, Lorraine Stevens; 7 grandchildren; 17

great-grandchildren and 2 great great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2018 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel. Funeral services will start at 3 p.m. with Dr. Tim McDaniel officiating and burial will follow at Long Branch Cemetery.



# Community Briefs

## Property values increase in clay county

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Property Appraiser Roger A. Suggs reports that the preliminary taxable value of Clay County property is slightly higher than the estimate reported on June 1.

On June 28, Suggs submitted the Certification of Taxable Value to the Florida Department of Revenue and the Clay County taxing authorities. The 2018 preliminary taxable value is estimated at approximately \$10.6 billion, an increase of more than \$723 million.

The statutory assessment date for the 2018 assessment roll is January 1, 2018. Therefore, the overall increase in value is a reflection of the upward direction the real estate market has taken during 2017. Although market values have increased, the assessed values of properties with a homestead exemption will be limited, or capped, at a 2.10 percent increase, excluding any additions or improvements, and non-homestead residential and commercial properties will be limited, or capped, at a 10 percent increase due to constitutional amendments passed by voters in 1992 and 2008, respectively. Taxable value is based on the market value minus differentials, or caps, and exemptions.

The taxing authorities have until Aug. 6 to notify the property appraiser of their 2018 proposed maximum millage rates, and the date, time and place of their respective public budget hearings. This in-

formation will be used by the property appraiser to prepare the Notice of Proposed Property Tax forms (TRIM notices), which will be mailed to all property owners in mid-August.

## Woofstock, an evening of peace and love for animals

DOCTORS INLET – Safe Animal Shelter is gearing up for its 26th annual dinner and auction gala to raise funds for homeless animals in their care.

Using the theme, "Woofstock," the shelter gala salutes 1960s-era music provided by DJ Tim, dinner from Chili's and live and silent auctions.

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Safe Animal Shelter is on track to save more than 1,000 animals during 2018.

Safe Animal Shelter is a nonprofit organization and Clay County's oldest no-kill animal shelter. During their 27 years of service, more than 16,000 homeless animals have been rescued and placed into their forever homes. Their mission is to reduce the number of cats and dogs euthanized in Clay County and surrounding areas. For more information, go to www.safeanimalshelter.com.

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# Engineers

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approach early on.

“Granted when you’re little, no one wants to do homework and things like that, but they really sat us down and said ‘no, you’re going to do this’ and kind of gave us this mainframe and once we took to it they just let us go and do our own thing,” said Cassidy.

Jillian also made sure to enforce the fact that their parents instilled a sense of pride and self-reliance in all of them as well.

“I want to impress my parents but everything they’ve taught has been ‘do this for yourself, this isn’t us that’s going to gain from it. It’s ultimately you. You’re going to get farther based on your efforts and you’re going to reap the rewards. We’re going to be proud parents on the sideline and support you whatever you do, but do it for yourself,’” said Jillian.

But, what about sibling rivalry? Surely, that plays a part in this.

If it’s not their parents driving them to succeed, could it be sibling rivalry? All three sisters dismissed that idea fairly quickly, although Cassidy joked about being the one to start everything since she’s the oldest.

“We’re all competitive but it’s more of an, ‘OK, that’s been done, what more can I do feeling’,” said Corrina.

“It’s more about pushing each other to be better than trying to beat each other,” said Jillian.

All three agree that they were encouraged to try new things and their parent’s goal was for them to be as well-rounded as possible. For example, each sister took one year of music lessons in junior high to see if it was something they wanted to pursue further.

“I think all of us, except Jillian, kept going with an instrument at least through high school,” said Corrina, laughing.

“I’d love to learn more but I think I take more joy out of other people playing the instruments,” said Jillian.

“I don’t think the French horn was quite her instrument,” joked Cassidy, who played the alto saxophone in the Clemson Tiger Band, where she was also

section leader.

While Jillian may not have taken to music, she certainly excelled in other extracurricular activities.

Jillian was captain of both the swim and track teams in high school while also playing soccer. At Clemson she is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, plays on the club soccer team, sits on the Calhoun Honors College Committee and RHA Community Council and participates in a number of other clubs and organizations.



All of the Laird sisters have impressive resumes of extracurricular activities to match their academic achievements.

Cassidy was a drum major in high school band as well as being on the swim and soccer teams and doing martial arts. She founded the Order of the Engineer at Clemson, was a member of multiple honor societies and other organizations. Cassidy has also traveled and studied abroad in countries such as Australia, Spain, Germany, France, Italy, Austria and the Czech Republic.

Corrina plays soccer for both her school team as well as the Clay County Premier Club, is captain of the varsity swim team at Fleming Island where she qualified for districts, regionals and state, holds the 50-yard butterfly and 50 yard backstroke records for the FCSSL, plays flag football and is a member of the Fleming Island varsity track team where she made All-County First Team. She is also a member of multiple honor societies, including the vice president of the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, a soccer camp counselor and a member of a number of other clubs and organizations.

The Lairds certainly see the value in being well rounded, and they apply that philosophy to life in general, not just academics and extracurriculars.

“We found our own value in our community as well as our education. At the end of the day if you’re just community based or just education based then there’s no connection between them,” said Jillian. “But the whole point, especially for engineering, you’re supposed to do it for the public and for the betterment of the world so it really helps to have a well-rounded persona.”

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ORANGE PARK – Orange Park Medical Center recently donated \$1,500 to help fund the programs of PACE Center for Girls in Clay County. Physician Joseph Parra, second from right, is shown here with three PACE students and PACE Executive Director Destani Shadrick, at right. Founded in Jacksonville in 1985, PACE began as a community response to the realization that girls involved with the justice system were either being placed in programs designed for boys or placed further into the system for their own protection.

# Cravey

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of 50 in per-capita state mental health funding and Northeast Florida is the second-lowest in the state.

The hospitals “took stock of the mental health crisis ... and began an initiative to fight back,” according to the center. “They knew that they would be more successful working together.”

To date, the initiative has trained about 4,200 people.

The Social Innovation Award went to 904WARD, a study circle formed in 2015 by individuals from the public, nonprofit and for-profit sectors as a safe space to openly share their experiences and views.

The award honors a “local trailblazing team that shook things up, challenged the status quo and was the first to introduce

a creative solution to an on-going issue or problem. The team’s sustainable solution has delivered results proving that it is more effectively, efficiently or just in improving the lives of their program participants.”

“904WARD is building a sustained effort to build a community open to having very difficult yet necessary conversation about race. If we can talk about everything, we can change anything,” according to the center.

The group recognizes that an inclusive community begins with understanding each other better and having opportunities to build that understanding, according to the 904WARD website. One of its first projects was the Race Cards, a deck of 52 cards with questions about racial experiences. The cards promote community conversations and understanding.

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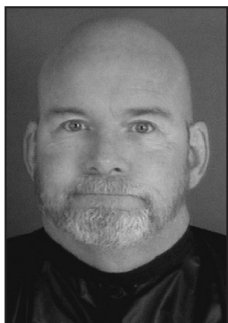
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# Police Briefs

## Man charged with torturing 3 dogs

ORANGE PARK – An Orange Park area man faces charges he repeatedly tortured his neighbor's dogs in the Blairmore Boulevard area.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Timothy Joseph Costello, 54, on July 2 at 4:39 pm. And charged him with torturing an animal with intent to inflict intense pain after an investigation.



Timothy Costello

According to the police report, a CCSO went to a home in the 300 block of Aries Drive where one of Costello's neighbors told the officer that Costello has been seen numerous times spraying another neighbor's three dogs with an unknown fluid from a pump sprayer.

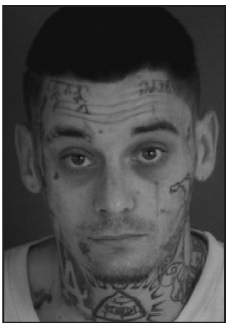
The responding officer stated in his report that he witnessed Costello "agitating 3 dogs, but never saw him spray the animals." The officer went to Costello's home on Blairmore and told Costello that he needed to cease spraying them. Within minutes, after the officer went back to the witness' home, he heard the dogs barking again, looked up and saw Costello "through the bushes agitating, and tormenting 3 dogs through the fence line after being told not to do so," states the report.

At press time, Costello remained in the Clay County Jail where he was awaiting a bond hearing.

## Couple faces drug charges

ORANGE PARK – Two Orange Park area residents face drug charges after deputies seized heroin and fentanyl from their home.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Keith Edward Fiorentino, 33, and Amy Renee Carr, 33, on June 28 after receiving a tip that Fiorentino was selling drugs from his home in the 500 block of Edward Rutledge Street.



Keith Fiorentino

Deputies served a search warrant just before 6 a.m. on June 28, and found Carr and Fiorentino in a bedroom that contained drugs and firearms. The officers found 39 capsules containing a mixture of heroin and fentanyl, 7.6 grams of marijuana, firearms and ammuni-



Amy Carr

tion, as well as various drug paraphernalia. One additional capsule of heroin and fentanyl was found in Carr's purse.

The two were arrested and transported to the Clay County Jail. Fiorentino faces felonies for heroin trafficking, and committing a second-degree felony while in possession of a firearm, as well as misdemeanors for drug equipment and marijuana possession and is being held on a \$135,010 bond. Carr faces one felony for heroin possession and was not given the option for bond.

## Pedestrian killed on Kingsley Avenue

ORANGE PARK – The Florida Highway Patrol said charges are pending in a vehicle accident that claimed the life of a pedestrian on July 1 at 10:05 p.m.

According to an FHP press release, Mathew D. Gibbs, 25, of Orange Park, was driving westbound on Kingsley Avenue near Fox Valley Drive when his car struck Virginia Moss, 62, also of Orange Park.

FHP said Moss was walking northbound across Kingsley Avenue, but was not in a cross walk.

Fire and rescue transported Moss to Orange Park Medical Center where she was later pronounced dead.

## Florida man sentenced to 10 years in federal prison on bomb charge

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. District Judge Brian Davis sentenced an Orange Park man to 10 years in federal prison, to be followed by a lifetime of supervised release, for attempted malicious damage and destruction by an explosive of a building.

Officials sentenced Joshua Ryne Goldberg, 23, of Orange Park, on June 25 in U.S. District Court in Jacksonville after entering a plea of guilty on December 20, 2017.

According to evidence uncovered in the investigation, Goldberg used the online moniker "AusWitness" and posted a map of the location for a Muhammad Art Exhibit and Contest in Garland, Texas and then encouraged anyone nearby to attack the event. On May 5, 2015, two gunmen attacked the contest.

One of the attackers – gunman Elton Simpson – was one of two individuals killed during the May 3, 2015. The evidence found that Simpson had copied Goldberg's posting. The FBI later found online posting in which Goldberg took responsibility for inspiring the Garland attack, as well as two other planned attacks.

In late July 2015, an FBI confidential source began exchanging messages with Goldberg as he posed as "AusWitness" on

social media. Between July and mid-August 2015, Goldberg discussed getting an individual in Melbourne, Australia to carry out a terrorist attack and to have the confidential source commit a bombing in the U.S. During portions of those conversations, Goldberg sent the confidential source five website links containing instructions for making an explosive device, including pipe bombs and other incendiary devices. On Aug. 20, 2015, Goldberg stated that he was thinking of pipe bombs at a large public event and later said that a pressure cooker bomb may be better. Later that month, Goldberg told the confidential source that he had found the "perfect place" to target on September 13, 2015, and sent the confidential source a link to a Kansas City, Missouri firefighter's event that memorialized first responders that had been killed in the September 11th attacks. On August 27,

2015, Goldberg instructed the confidential source to place the bomb near the crowd at the memorial event and to ensure it was very well hidden.

The following day, Goldberg provided the confidential source with a list of items to use in the pressure cooker bomb, including shards of metal, nails and broken glass. He then instructed the confidential source to dip screws and other shrapnel in rat poison before putting them in the pressure cooker bomb in order to inflict more casualties. Goldberg stated he would post a video of the bombing. A forensic analysis of the bomb making information determined that it could have been used to make explosives that would cause property damage, personal injury and death.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force arrested Goldberg in September 2015.

# Arrests & Bookings

## Monday, July 2

Maria Wendy Crawford, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA-Possession of Cocaine, FTA-DUI, FTA-Confinement of Animal Without Sufficient Food and Water

Adan Carachure Cervantes, 31, Fleming Island, Driving Without a Valid License  
Stephen Shane Austin, 29, Orange Park, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Lashawn Matthews, 39, Orange Park, Felony Battery, Domestic Battery by Strangulation

Alejandro Cordova, 33, Green Cove Springs, Petit Theft

Nicholas Tyre Brown, 19, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Child Abuse

Andrew Boyd Galloway, 20, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Child Abuse

Kerri Anne Hawn, 37, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Domestic Battery

Timothy Joseph Costello, 54, Orange Park, Torturing an Animal With Intent to Inflict Intense Pain

Christopher Jack Layfield, 32, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Domestic Battery

Jesse Robert Hall, 37, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Bobbie Renee Nicholson, 31, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Danielle Lee Eldridge, 36, Lake Asbury, Simple Domestic Battery

Barbara Michelle Tison, 34, Middleburg, FTA-Simple Battery, Two Counts of FTA-Drug Equipment Possession

Sergio Luis Concha, 45, Middleburg, Two Counts of Violate Probation-Community Control

## Sunday, July 1

Robert Lee McCaffery, 65, Orange Park, Simple Domestic Battery

Harold Ray Tomlinson, 62, Green Cove

Springs, Trespassing After Warning  
Chamarisa Corrine Jenkins, 26, Orange Park, DWLSR

## Saturday, June 30

Bryan Keith Weber, 27, Middleburg, DUI

Drexel Todd Kellog, 52, Fleming Island, Violating an Injunction for Protection

Robert James Beegle, 29, Middleburg, DUI, DWLSR

Tyler Ryan Recard, 18, Keystone Heights, Driving Without a Valid License

Cynthia J. Oakley, 45, Middleburg, DUI  
Jackqulyne Carolyne Jones, 55, Middleburg, Simple Battery

## Friday, June 29

Juwuan Derrick Oneal, 40, Orange Park, Writ of Attachment

Roy Franklin Cope, 36, Middleburg, Burglary

Crystal Rose Miller, 31, Middleburg, Burglary

Jessica Dianne Warren, 31, Middleburg, Petit Theft

Cody Allen Brandon, 26, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis

Lewis Christian King, 30, Green Cove Springs, Violate Probation-Community Control

Jamie Lee McKnight, 41, Middleburg, Vandalism \$201-999

Patrick Polimeni, 63, Orange Park, Simple Battery

John Saul Barnes, 52, Keystone Heights, Simple Domestic Battery

## Thursday, June 28

Andrew Tyler Greeninger, 20, Doctors Inlet, Drug Equipment Possession, Posses-

## Calendar

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Meets July 3 at 7 p.m., in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston Street Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Meets July 3 at 3:30 p.m. and July 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Meets July 5, July 12, July 19 and July 26 at 10:00 a.m. each date in the Zoning Department Conference Room, 3rd floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

**CLAY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:** Meets July 13 at 9 a.m. at the Clay County Extension

office, 2463 State Rd. 16 W, Green Cove Springs. Open to the public.

### FREE NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

**CLASS:** Camp Chowenwaw County Park has teamed up to present a free nature photography class with pro photographer Dave White on July 14 at 10 a.m. at the Kiwita Nature Center. The Center's exhibits will be open 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seating is limited to 30 people. Register online at <http://www.claycountygov.com/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/10377/280?backlist=%2fhome>

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:** Meets July 17 at 7 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

**FREE PLAY:** Grace Episcopal Church presents "I Love You! Or At Least I Did" on Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at the church at 245 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park.

## Indicted

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abandoned CCSO vehicle in Keystone Heights. When police got to Andrews' house at 6357 Baker Rd. in Keystone Heights, there were numerous CCSO items thrown across a yard, including a taser, several loaded firearm magazines and more.

After the call, CCSO made contact with Andrews who reported that his police vehicle had been stolen and then abandoned a few doors down the street from his home. As a result, CCSO opened up a full investigation, during which, they determined that the damage done to the vehicle was consistent with the traffic crash reported by Chapple. It was then determined that Andrews' vehicle was the vehicle that crashed into Chapple's car.

During CCSO's investigation, Andrews knowingly provided written and recorded sworn statements in which he said that his police vehicle was stolen. He also said that he was asleep at his home when his vehicle was stolen and had no knowledge of the traffic crash reported by Chapple. According to the police report, Andrews also said that he never left his home the night of the crash.

Further investigation concluded that Andrews had lied, as discovered by a number of reasons, including two witnesses who say they saw Andrews drinking at the American Legion Lodge shortly before the accident. Police also found that Andrews had used his CCSO-issued laptop shortly after the accident occurred.

Police also seized Andrews' personal and CCSO-issued cell phone records, which showed he was not asleep, but made phone calls in the aftermath of the crash. Police said the cell phone records show Andrews was "in numerous areas of Keystone Heights prior to and after" the crash.

It was also determined that Andrews was the driver of the police vehicle that

crashed into Chapple's car. As a result, on May 16, 2018, an arrest warrant for Andrews was issued and the next day, on May 17, Andrews was arrested.

Andrews was bailed out of the Clay County Sheriff's Office on an undisclosed bond amount. A little over a month later, on June 19, the State Attorney's Office began proceedings to charge Andrews with two misdemeanors.

Although it is unclear when it occurred, Andrews resigned from the sheriff's office earlier this year.



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## Arrests

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sion of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Keith Edward Fiorentino, 33, Orange Park, Commit 2nd Degree Felony With a Weapon, Drug Equipment Possession, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Trafficking Heroin

Amy Renee Carr, 33, Orange Park, Possession of Heroin

Pamela Jeanne Porter, 63, Orange Park, Trespassing

Paris Alvantae Ware, 21, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Grand Theft \$300-\$20,000, VOP-Fraud Use Credit Card

Mark Allen Vankirk, 50, Keystone Heights, Simple Domestic Battery

Amber Marie Connell, 33, Green Cove Springs, Non-support

Angela Clarisse Ochuida, 50, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Domestic Battery, FTA-DWLSR

Donald Wallace Combs, 45, Green Cove Springs, Court Order for Transport

Michael David Word, 38, Green Cove Springs, Burglary, Grand Theft \$300-4,999

April June Higginbotham, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP-DWLSR Causing Death or Serious Bodily Injury

Ralph Clifford Elrod, 50, Orange Park, Writing a Counterfeit Check

David Curtis Gorman, 29, Orange Park, Resisting an Officer, DWLSR, Expired Vehicle Registration

### Wednesday, June 27

Braden Allen Smith, 18, Fleming Island, Resisting an Officer, Trespass After

Warning

Daniel Wayne Ellison, 39, Orange Park, Grand Theft Auto

Trevaris Ver Shawn Reed, 19, Oakleaf, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Samantha Irene Jostock, 27, Middleburg, FTA-Petit Theft, VOP-Burglary

Todd Allen Killimade, 28, Middleburg, Contempt-Burglary

Susan Eugenia Weeks, 43, Middleburg, VOP-Domestic Battery

Megan Andrea Cordova, 34, Middleburg, Petit Theft

Morgan Lane Osborn, 19, Middleburg, FTA-Petit Theft

Bobby Eugene Pruitt, 35, Orange Park, Possession of Methamphetamine

Kristinia Elizabeth Furman, 31, Orange Park, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

David Lewis Myers, 40, Fleming Island, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession

Yolanda Rene Bradley, 38, Green Cove Springs, FTA-Possession of Heroin, FTA-Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, FTA-Possess of Drug Paraphernalia

Christopher Paul Pearson, 31, Orange Park, Possession of Methamphetamine

Stacy L. Johnson, 50, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Kenneth Jerome Persons, 26, Orange Park, Disorderly Intoxication

Desiree Kristine White, 31, Orange Park, Dealing Stolen Property

Albert Austin Walker, 33, Orange Park, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession, DWLSR

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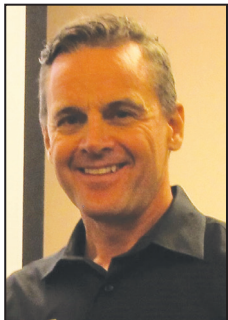
# Officials attempt to raise awareness about hurricane preparedness

By **Kile Brewer**  
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – After two years of devastating storms, Clay County officials are looking to start the conversation early this year with two community meetings scheduled next week, just a little more than a month into this year's hurricane season.

While some residents fear another storm, others are still trying to recover from the flood-induced destruction that came in the wake of Hurricane Irma last September. An estimated 300 homes are still in a state of disrepair as homeowners seek options for getting back to normality.

The first of the two meetings will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10 at the Clay



Andre Van Heerden

County Sheriff's Office headquarters in Green Cove Springs. The meeting is hosted by the county's united church community and will focus on emergency preparedness as well as providing some information on the advent of school resource officers in Clay County's junior high schools in addition to the ones who have already been working in the high schools.

The church community mobilized immediately following Irma, with an outpouring of volunteers countywide who worked to clean out homes, move families into temporary housing and provide meals and supplies to those displaced by the storm. The relief effort was organized by Clay Safety Net's Andre Van Heerden, who hopes to bring even more churches into the fold for future disaster relief.

The clergy meeting will focus on identifying churches throughout the community that will join the effort to provide facilities and food to volunteers, specifically those from out of state, who need shelter while working on storm recovery.

After Hurricane Irma, Van Heerden estimates that the community response was about 30 percent volunteering their time. Part of that was coordinated through the clergy, while others were just out on their own volunteering. Van Heerden wants to up that number to 60-80 percent should another disaster hit the county, and have all of the effort coordinated through a centralized location to provide the most efficient use of volunteer resources.

"Our biggest problem is communication and coordination," he said. "I want to challenge the community to come together through one central body."

Van Heerden said that churches who want to stay involved in the community and be part of the non-emergency Clay Safety Net should start by sending a representative to attend their monthly meetings at 8:30 a.m. on the third Thursday at the Salvation Army headquarters on County Road 220. Van Heerden said that once churches are all together and know each other, it makes it that much easier to mobilize

should something happen that requires a great volunteer effort.

"We're really trying to rally the churches together," said John Ward Clay County Emergency Management director. "After a storm the long-term recovery effort comes from churches and volunteers."

Two days after the meeting at the sheriff's office, Clay County Emergency Management is hosting its own meeting specifically geared toward those people who are still dealing with problems created by Irma. Ward and representatives from state and federal relief agencies will be on hand to provide information to people regarding home elevation or acquisitions. This meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 12 in the Middleburg High School cafeteria. "We have a lot of residents still working on their homes and waiting on assistance," Ward said. "At this meeting we're hoping to find out the exact number of residents who have needs, and we'll have representatives from agencies who can provide them with information on what to do next."

# Watson named STEM2 Hub program director

JACKSONVILLE – A former Clay County School District administrator is now the new director of the Northeast Florida Regional STEM2 Hub.

In her new role, Nancy Watson will focus on accelerating the growth of science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, education for students in Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties.



Nancy Watson

Watson will serve directly under STEM2 HUB's Executive Director Kathleen Schofield, who welcomes Watson's expertise to a growing team of professionals dedicated to developing science and technology education and opportunity in our region.

"Nancy's in depth understanding of problem-based learning and inquiry-based instruction, a critically needed skillset for students entering today's workforce, will help us move this model forward to improve the readiness of students in our area to become key contributors to scientific and technology-based industries in our region. We are thrilled to add Nancy to our team of highly dedicated professionals committed to STEM education," Schofield

said.

As director, Watson will focus on the creation and maintenance of regional school STEM curriculum aimed at increasing education, career development and access to STEM related opportunities in the greater Jacksonville area.

With extensive experience in curriculum development as well as years of STEM classroom instruction, Watson brings a unique and diverse skillset to hone the HUB's efforts to develop a competent workforce that benefits all facets of our community.

Watson holds a master's degree in education leadership as well as a master's certificate in STEM teaching from the Uni-

versity of Florida. Watson has an in depth understanding of national interest in the advancement of STEM core principles by serving as a National STEM fellow.

Watson has a proven record of success as the former K-12 Science Curriculum Specialist in the Clay County School District, where she served more than 36,000 students and 41 schools.

Her accomplishments while in this role included improvements in STEM content, curriculum development and professional development of students in Clay County schools.

She was also instrumental in coordinating and rounding up volunteers for the annual Clay County Science Fair.



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# Good bamboo, bad bamboo

By **Wayne Hobbs**  
Environmental Horticulture Agent  
Clay County

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Does anyone want 80-foot-tall grass in their landscape?

Landscaping with bamboo gives you that option and it can either provide an excellent feature or border plant or be an ecosystem-destroying nuisance, depending on the variety you choose. Keep reading to find out your best landscape options.

## Spreading Bamboo

The bamboo you definitely want to stay away from is the group commonly known as spreading bamboos including the extremely common Golden Bamboo (*Phyllostachys aurea*). These spread heavily by underground stems called rhizomes, and grow rapidly. Once thought to be a great solution for quickly established screens, windbreaks and erosion control, their spreading nature allows them to overtake native plants and natural areas.

Do not plant any spreading bamboos.

If you have established spreading bamboos you want to get rid of, which is the case of many who have it on their property, options include digging out of small stands, mowing to control the size, or mowing and then using chemical controls. For more



information on bamboo control see <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ag266>.

## Clumping Bamboo

An alternative to the invasive bamboo that is underutilized in the landscape are the clumping bamboos. This group of plants does not spread by rhizomes, but instead fairly slowly spreads from the main base. These can grow into excellent screens, a thick background for other plants, or an awesome specimen.

There are some breathtaking varieties of these plants, including black bamboo with a dark cane and Buddha belly, which has bulging, segmented shapes up

the canes. They are also available in a variety of sizes, ranging from 3 feet to 80 feet tall.

However, not all varieties are going to do well in our region so a little research may be necessary to make sure it will be successful through the winter. Also of note is the cost, as many clumping bamboos can be quite expensive.

In general, clumping bamboos prefer full sun conditions, but some will tolerate shade. They can survive in a wide variety of soil moistures but they will need some irrigation during establishment. Most need between 1-3 inches of rain every week or so to be completely happy but many varieties are drought tolerant. Look for the leaves on the edge of your clump to roll, this is a sign of water stress.

## Native Bamboo

Another little seen plant in the landscape is switch cane (genus: *Arundinaria*) which is actually a group of 3 native bamboos. These usually grow to around 6-8 feet tall but can reach 25 feet in the right conditions. For more information on these plants see <https://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/plant-directory/arundinaria-gigantea/>.

*If you have any horticultural, agricultural, 4-H, or family and consumer science questions, contact the University of Florida/IFAS Clay County Extension Office online at <http://www.clay.ifas.ufl.edu> or call by phone at (904) 284-6355.*



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# Faith Walk

## Suffering and victory

**A**nnie Johnson was born on Christmas Eve in 1866. When Annie was three years old, her mother died giving birth to her sister. Their father placed them in foster care where they stayed unhappily for about two years. Then they were adopted by a loving Christian couple whose name was Flint. Annie and her sister took the name Flint and were known as the Flint sisters for the rest of their lives.

At the age of eight, she was saved in a revival meeting. Annie Johnson Flint began a life of fellowship with the Lord.

In her teen age years, Annie learned to express her heart in poetry. When her poetry matured, the verses challenged the mind and moved the heart. Her poems are still among the most powerful declarations of Christian faith.

When her schooling was finished, she began to teach the primary grades in a school near her home so she could attend to her ailing mother.

In her second year of teaching, Annie was attacked by arthritis. It became increasingly worse until she was barely able to walk and by the end of her third year, she had to give up her teaching position. For more than 40 years, there was scarcely a day when she did not suffer pain.

Here are the verses of one of Annie Johnson Flint's greatest poetic messages. I will let it speak the message of her heart out of her great suffering.

He giveth more grace as our burdens grow greater, He sendeth more strength as our labors increase; To added afflictions He addeth His mercy, To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace. When we have exhausted our store of endurance, When our strength has failed ere the day is half-done, When we reach the end of our hoarded resources, Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure, His power no boundary known unto men; For out of His infinite riches in Jesus He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

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# Clay County School District earns 'A' and improves to No. 8 in state

TALLAHASSEE – The Clay County School District has jumped a letter grade to become an "A" district, according to school grades released June 27 by the Florida Department of Education.

The district improved in the percentage of possible points earned and moved to 64 percent for the 2017-18 school year, up from 61 percent and the "B" grade it got a year before. Overall, Clay County now ranks 8th in the state in the percent of possible points earned.

"These results represent the hard work, dedication, and commitment from our teachers, leaders, district staff, support staff, and board members. From day one, my vision was to strengthen teaching and learning to become an "A" school district. Clay County deserves this recognition, and I am proud to be the educational leader of this organization. I continue to be excited about the future of Clay County as a Top 10 school district! I am proud to lead, support, and work collectively with all stakeholders in order to Elevate Clay!" said Addison Davis, superintendent.

Clay County Schools with Improved School Grades		
School Names	2016-17	2017-18
Wilkinson Elementary School	C	A
Middleburg Elementary School	B	A
Oakleaf Junior High School	B	A
Oakleaf Village Elementary School	B	A
Oakleaf High School	B	A
Doctors Inlet Elementary School	B	A
McRae Elementary School	C	B
Clay Hill Elementary School	C	B
Montclair Elementary School	C	B
Stone Heights Junior/Senior High School	C	B
Lake Asbury Elementary School	C	B
Orange Park High School	C	B

## Here are some highlights from Clay County's 2017-2018 results:

- Science improved by 13 points
- Middle School Acceleration improved by 14 points
- Graduation Rate improved by three points
- English Language Arts proficiency improved by two points
- Math Bottom Quartile improved by four points
- Overall Math proficiency improved by one point

- All Clay County secondary schools are now rated "A" or "B"
- 24 out of 26 of its elementary schools, or 92 percent, are now rated "A" or "B"
- Five out of 11 Title I Schools improved a letter grade
- Nine of the 11 Title I Schools are now rated "A" or "B"
- 12 schools improved at least one letter grade. For example, Wilkinson Elementary improved from "C" to an "A."
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AAU Scholastic Duals Wrestling

## Gagliardo, Nix, Williams tops at Disney

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

KISSIMMEE – Fleming Island's North Florida Wrestling Academy Black team came home with five All-American wrestlers with Fleming Island High 106 pounder Lou Gagliardo and Jensen Beach High wrestler Chad Nix, an add-on to the team, both finishing as Silver All-Americans with just one loss in 11 matches as the NFWA Black team finished seventh overall in the Gold championship bracket.

In 2017, NFWA finished second overall with a loss to Rhino WC of Pennsylvania.

"We had a lot of young kids that have never seen this kind of schedule and wrestling talent," said Academy coach P.J. Cobbert, who was trying to duplicate last year's unprecedented second in state and second in nation finishes. "We lost a lot of



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY TERI BRIGGS

North Florida Wrestling Academy's Lou Gagliardo, at 106 pounds, fends off an opponent from Cedar Cliffs of Pennsylvania in a Gold division match at the AAU Scholastic Duals National Wrestling championships t ESPN's Wide World of Sports in Kissimmee.

good, experienced talent and now must retool for November. I saw some good things; saw some things that will have to be corrected."

NFWA Black competed in the rugged

Community I (big school division) where they finished second in Pool play with one loss to Pool champion Warrior Elite Gold

SEE DISNEY, 21



Fleming Island High graduate Lauren Waidner smiles with her first place trophy from the First Coast Women's Amateur Championship Golf held at Timaquana Golf Club June 21. Waidner, a sophomore golfer at the University of Florida, won her title with a winning 15-foot putt on a second overtime hole.

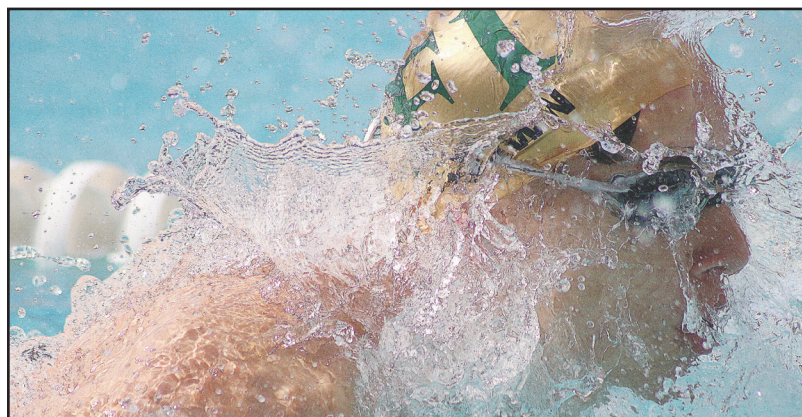
## Waidner nails 15-foot putt for golf title

By Lucy Beres  
Floridagators.com

JACKSONVILLE – University of Florida sophomore Lauren Waidner, a Fleming Island High graduate, sunk a 15 foot putt on the second overtime hole to win the First Coast Women's Amateur title on June 21 at Timuquana Country Club.

Waidner, who defeated Hannah Berman of Ponte Vedra Beach and Chloe Shiovone of Jacksonville with the buzzer beater putt, finished with an even par 144 score. Waidner and Berman, a sophomore at Jacksonville University and a graduate of Ponte Vedra High where she was twice a region champion, both shot at 71 and 73 rounds while Shiovone shot a best of tournament

SEE GOLF, 23



### Big splashes

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Left: Fleming Island triathlete Victoria Duffy, 15, gets congratulated by USA Olympic triathlete Hunter Kemper after she won her age group Sunday at the First Coast Kids Triathlon held at Jacksonville University. More pics, page 22. Above: Eagle Harbor Screaming Eagles' Paul Smith powers through flurry of water in 50 butterfly in meet against Pace Island Saturday. More pics, page 19.



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North Florida Wrestling Academy coach P.J. Cobbert yells instructions to NFWA Red wrestler Gavin Smith in June 28 at the AAU Scholastic Duals Wrestling National Championships.

AAU Scholastic Duals Community II

## NFWA Red gets two All-Americans

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

KISSIMMEE – Bolstered by an undefeated week from Joseph Cusick and a two-loss week from Reginald Brooks, the North Florida Wrestling Academy Red team finished fourth in Pool play at the AAU Scholastic Duals Wrestling National Championships in Kissimmee on June 23-28. NFWA Red advanced to the Silver championship bracket in the small-school Community II division, but lost twice to finish out of the top eight medal winners.

“I want to put these young kids in front of the tough conditions here; lots of whistles, lots of tough kids and a hectic schedule,” said NFWA coach P.J. Cobbert. “This is a crazy week to keep your head straight. You make it through, you are one up on guys when the championship season rolls in.”

Tops for the Red was Cusick; unbeaten in eight matches at 152 with three pins, two tech falls and one major decision with one 3-0 win. Cusick earned a Gold All-

American medal for his unbeaten record.

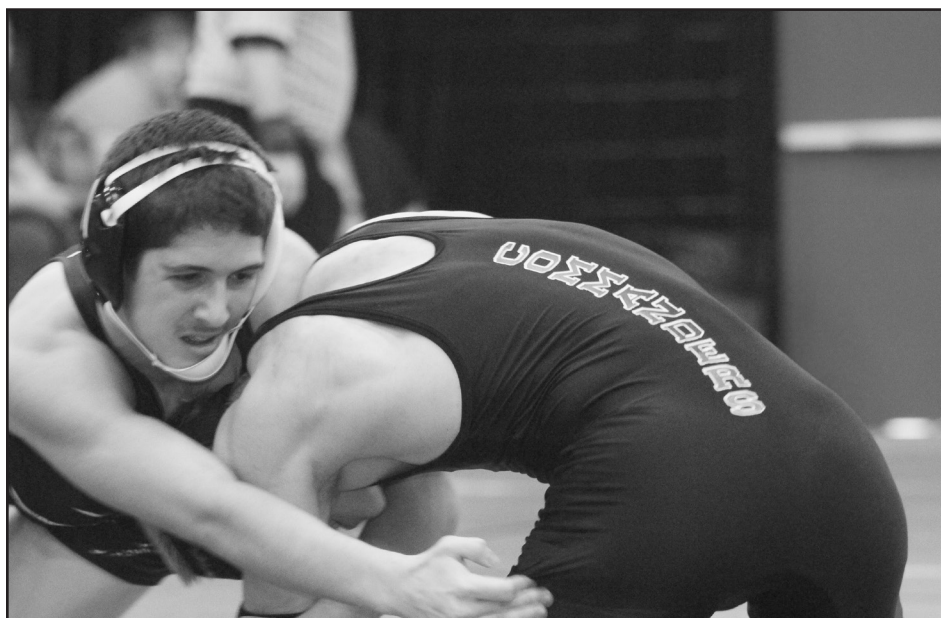
Two Red wrestlers; Dalton Baysinger at 120 and Reginald Brooks at 285 finished at 7-2 to earn Bronze All-American medals. Baysinger had six pins with Brooks pancaking five opponents; one in 22 seconds.

At 220, Thomas Fredericks finished at 6-3 to earn a Copper All-American medal with three pins with Gannon Jansen at 132 also finishing as a Copper All-American at 6-3 with three pins. Anthony Breeden was a third 6-3 finisher filling in at 182 and 195 with four pins; one in 59 seconds.

Also wrestling were Hunter Herrington at 106 and 113, 3-2; Ryan Holton at 106 and 113, 3-4; Garrett Cole at 126, 4-5; Braden Hill at 138, 5-4; Tanner Speer at 145, 2-7; Gavin Smith at 160, 5-4 and Nickolas Janssen at 170, 4-4.

In the Developmental Division, NFWA White finished with five wins and six losses with Storm Mercado at 132 and Matthew

**SEE AMERICANS, 21**



North Florida Wrestling Academy's third team at the AAU Scholastic Duals, a Development NFWA White team, got a sterling 10-1 performance from Storm Mercado at 132 pounds.

# First Coast Summer Swim League Pace Piranhas host Screaming Eagles



Pace Island's Emily Matias, 13, catches a breath in breaststroke during 100 individual medley.



Eagle Harbor's Stratton Fulker, 10, gets a bubble of air in 100 IM.



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Pace Island's Taylor Dean readies for her start in the 100 individual medley.



Eagle Harbor sprinter Alanna Kroggel adjust goggles for her 25 yard sprint in the 100 free relay.



Pace Island's Keegan French, 15, blows out some water in breaststroke leg of 100 IM.



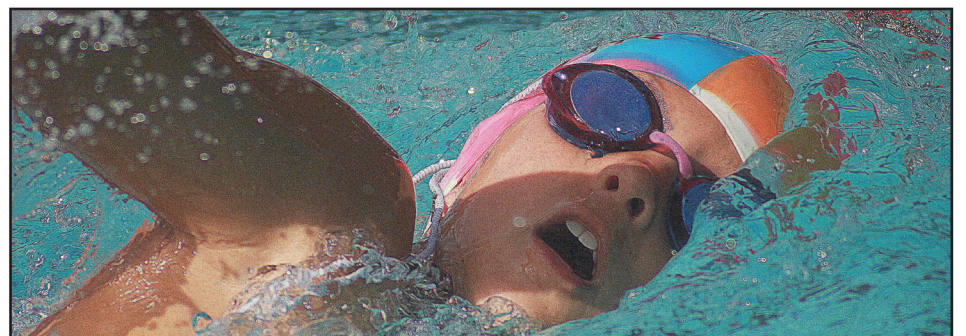
Pace Island sprint specialist Rachel Conomea, 17, also a Fleming Island High soccer goalie, battled with Eagle Harbor's Kate McCormick in a final anchor leg of the 200 free relay.



Pace Island's Salina Dinh Bui, 11, flies through the butterfly in the 100 individual medley in dual match against Eagle Harbor on June 30.



Eagle Harbor's Jack Loehr, 8, has almost a body length lead off the starting block in his 100 individual medley.



Eagle Harbor's Elle Loehr, 10, catches a breath in her 25 yard segment of the 100 free relay.



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Florida SOL midfielder Liz Fogarty, right, eyeballs her header as it heads downfield in SOL 3-0 win over Florida Gulf Coast last week.

# Florida SOL wins, playoffs in a week

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND – The Florida SOL FC womens soccer club defeated Florida Gulf Coast FC 3-0 on June 24 and will be on a bye week July 1 to set up a must-win game July 7 against Florida Krush to keep playoff hopes alive for the following week.

Coached by former Fleming Island High goalie Katie Nimitz and St. Johns Country Day School ace Annie Bobbitt, the Florida SOL FC team is led by goal scoring forward Lissy Stoffel, a Clay High grad, who has been getting her assists from the left from Oakleaf High grad Nikki Conte.

Against Gulf Coast, Stoffel wound up with the first assist of the day with a crossing pass to Madison Murnin for a 1-0 lead in the first half.

Later in the first half, defender Talise Roman recovered a rebounded corner kick near the corner of the 18 yard line and returned the ball into goal box only to have it bounce off the left side post. From there, Stoffel found a seam and buried the ball in the net for a 2-0 lead.

Florida SOL FC's final goal came in the second half with Fleming Island High grad

Kirsten Sciartelli finding the foot of teammate Alyssa Howell as she sped into the face of the goalie.

Florida SOL FC has one remaining game on July 7 before playoff brackets will be determined. The Sunshine Conference, where Florida SOL FC competes, is still undecided with only one of eight clubs mathematically eliminated. Only six points separate the top of the table from seventh place. FC Surge and Tampa Bay United sit in a three-way tie for second along with Florida Gulf Coast Dutch Lions, all with identical records and nine points. The winner of this match gains a serious advantage in the standings, and these points could prove the difference come the end of the season.

In the South region, Asheville City SC, in the Carolinas Conference, is at 7-0-1 (28 Pts.) with Carolina Rapids in second place at 7-1-0 (21 Pts.).

In the Southeast Conference, Chattanooga FC at 6-1-0 (8 Pts.) leads with the Memphis Lobos second at 3-3-0 (3 Pts.).

In the Gulf Conference, Pensacola FC leads at 4-0-1 (10 Pts.) with Baton Rouge United second at 4-0-1 (11 Pts.).

# Armada gets second loss

Playoff spot looms

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NAPLES – The Jacksonville Armada FC hit the road for the first matchup with Naples United FC in the NPSL season Saturday. The home team delivered the Armada FC its second loss of the season with a final score of 1-0.

The first half saw a few opportunities from the Armada FC, but neither team was able to get on the board. Instead it was a physical battle that yielded five yellow cards between the teams.

Armada forward J.C. Banks was first to register a shot several minutes into the match. He found space to move inside the box and fired a shot, but it went over the crossbar.

Giarán Kilduff was next with an opportunity when he gained possession of the ball in the midfield. He blasted the ball from 30 yards, but it also went over the net.

The Armada FC received the best chance of the first half when Derek Gebhard used his speed to get inside Naples' box and tried to tap the ball in, but it was blocked by the Naples goalkeeper.

The teams returned to the second half with more momentum and the Armada FC gained sight of the goal just minutes after play resumed.

Just minutes into the second half, Naples received their first shot on goal from some distance. Crucial goalkeeping by Armada goalie Brian Holt knocked the ball up and over the crossbar though.

In the 65th minute, the game was suspended for 30 minutes due to lightning in the area.

After the lightning delay, Naples got on the board in the 75th minute. An initial blocked shot by Holt was returned into the net on the rebound by Naples. Holt kept Naples from doubling its lead in the 90th minute by pushing out the ball after a close encounter inside the box.

With two matches left, Jacksonville still has a chance to make the NPSL Sunshine Conference playoffs. The team will hit the road again for the last away match on Wednesday. Kickoff is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. against Storm FC at Central Broward Stadium. Armada returns home for a 7:30 p.m. start against Naples.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Armada forward Ciaran Kilduff, No. 9, got as close as the goal mouth but could not get a goal in Armada's 0-0 tie with Miami United on June 23. Armada have one regular season game left in with Naples on July 7 at UNF at 7:30 p.m.

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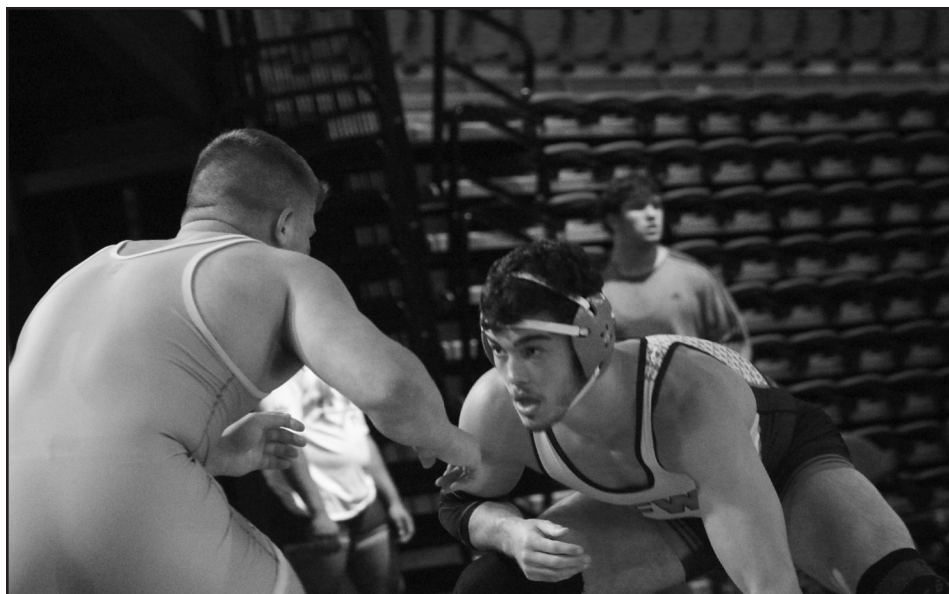
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North Florida Wrestling Academy Black 195 pounder Chad Nix, an add-on wrestler from Jensen Beach High, had an outstanding tournament with a 10-1 Silver All-American effort.

## Wrestle

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of Pennsylvania. As the Academy advanced to the Gold championship bracket, Lake Gibson Gold, with numerous team members from their Class 2A champion team, beat NFWA 38-19 to knock out the Academy for their second run at a finals' berth.

"I thought we would do better against them," said Cobbert. "Our match after that I think they woke up and wrestled better. This is a grind and they were pumped to come after us."

Against Lake Gibson, Peyton Hughes, from Clay High, came in with a shoulder brace after getting his shoulder wrenched

in NFWA's opening Gold match against Cedar Cliff of Pennsylvania. Hughes, a Class 1A champion for the Blue Devils, was less fluid in his attack, but won, nonetheless, over 2A state qualifier Elijah Gray 5-2. Hughes, 5-3 overall, was replaced in the lineup after Lake Gibson to take out key points for the Academy.

"Losing a guy like Peyton is devastating," said Cobbert. "He's a state champion and he gave it his best against Lake Gibson, but we didn't want to get him seriously hurt. He wanted to keep going."

Gagliardo, third at 106 in Class 3A for Fleming Island and third twice in Class 1A for Clay, powered through his first three opponents before losing to Warrior Elite's David Pierson in Pool play to finish at

10-1 with three pins. Nix, a Jensen Beach third in Class 2A at 195 finisher, showed off some big school prowess with his 10-1 record. Nix's sole loss was against Cedar Cliff's Donovan Ball by a 3-2 margin. Nix had three pins including one at 19 seconds and one at 22 seconds.

Williams, who was a Class 3A state qualifier as a sophomore this year, finished at 9-2 at 126 for an All-American Bronze medal with his two losses coming via a 7-2 decision and a 9-0 loss to Cedar Cliff Colts. Against Lake Gibson, Williams fought to a last-second 2-1 win over Evan Butler, a state placer at 120 pounds.

The Community I Gold championship was won by Oregon Clay Gold out of Ohio

who beat Lake Gibson 29-28 for that national title. NFWA finished with a 35-28 win over Hartland-Const Pressure for their seventh place.

Others for NFWA Black were Briar Jackson at 113, 8-3 for All-American Copper; Ryan Hobson at 120, 4-7; Jaquan English at 132, 6-5; Trace Insalaco at 145, 7-4; Tanner Hill at 152, 4-7; Luke Chop at 160, 4-7; Isaiah Graham at 170, 5-6; Jeffrey Lascano at 182, 6-5; Raul Gonzalez at 220, 3-8, and Jose Concepcion at 285, 8-3 for All-American Copper.

Lascano had two of the more dramatic throws to pins for wins for NFWA.



NFWA Black 182 pound wrestler Jeffrey "Hawkeye" Lascano had two wild throws for pins in his Gold bracket matches to fuel six point swings for the Academy score.



NFWA Black's Tyler Williams upended his opponent from Class 2A champion Lake Gibson in a Gold bracket match with a last second scoring takedown to finish at 9-2 for a Bronze All-American medal.

## Americans

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Ross at 138 both finishing with a 10-1 record to earn a Silver All-American medal. Mercado and Ross both had seven pins.

Also wrestling for NFWA Red were Jack Pham at 106, 2-8; Aidan Mayo at 113, 0-10; Brady Dunlap at 120, 0-4; Joshua Sandoval at 126, 6-5; Kenneth Deford at 145, 6-5; Ethan Baur at 152, 6-5; Drew McDaniel at 160, 2-9; Bronson Carter at 170, 7-4; Pierre Toney at 182, 5-5; Zhaquez Griffin at 195, 4-7; Alexander Anzivino at 220, 8-2 and Michael Porchiazzo at 285, 2-9.

For the Oakleaf Spartans, who moved to the Developmental Division after competing in the Community I division last year, All-American status went to Cameron Broughton at 126, 7-2, Bronze All-American with seven pins; Ethan Gustilo at 138/145, 8-1, Silver All-American with eight pins and a 13-12 loss to Thomas Traver of Brawlers Bird Gang; Jordan Mobley at 170, 8-1, Silver All-American with three pins and a win over Brendan Hamilton of the Brawlers Bird Gang and Jacob Moore at 182, 7-2, Bronze All-American with four pins.



NFWA Red wrestler Brady Hill gets a bloody ding on his forehead taken care of by medics at the AAU Scholastic Duals.

"This was a team put together with a few area teams," said Oakleaf coach Wes Champs. "The guys who earned All-Americans are veterans of this level of competition and were leaders for the younger guys. This was a definite boost to our program."

Also wrestling for Oakleaf were Egan Gustilo at 106, 2-7; Marcus Mcgee at 113, 1-8; Owen Bronson at 120, 3-6; David Parkes at 132, 5-4; Killian Prentice at 145/138, 2-7; Dustin Tollison at 152, 4-2; Robert McGynn at 160, 0-9; Caleb Dickens at 195, 4-5 and Ryan Delgado at 220/285, 4-5.



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Young athletes, under 12, swam 100 yards then ran a mile while older athletes swam 200 yards and ran two miles.

On hand for the event was U.S. Olympic triathlete Hunter Kemper who greeted finishers and encouraged athletes prior to their start.

Inclement weather the night before forced the cancellation of the bike portion of the race for safety reasons.



Swimmer Aylin Feliciano, 11, powers through his 200 yard swim in the Youth Seniors division.



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U.S. Olympic triathlete Hunter Kemper, center, smiles with athletes getting ready to take on the First Coast Kids Triathlon course at Jacksonville University.



Fleming Island's Gavin Mack gets his shirt on as he heads out for his two mile run. Mack finished 12th in the 11-15 class.



One happy winner is Tess Myroup, 11, who crosses the finish line with her favorite mermaid shirt after winning XClass senior race.



Tiny Courtney Sandland, 7, says she is ready to go in her 100 yard swim at the Jacksonville University pool in the First Coast Kids Triathlon youth race. Sandland finished ninth in her 6-10 class.



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Fleming Island High grad Sarah May, now at Stetson University, finished 16th with a 13-over par 157 score.

## Golf

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rounds while Shiovone shot a best of tournament 70 in round one, but fell to 74 in round two to draw even for the trio.

On the first overtime, all three shot for par with Waidner sinking the gamewinner from 15 feet away on the second hole.

In the second round, Waidner shot two under par on the first nine with two birdies, but fell off the pace on the second nine holes. Berman bogied three holes on the front nine but had two birdies on the second nine to stay close to Waidner and Shiovone, who nearly matched Waidner's first round with a one under 35 with one birdie, but she double bogied on 11 and bogied 16 and 17 to fall of the pace.

At Florida, Waidner played 14 of 37 rounds for the Gators with an 80.50 score average and a best round of 73 with a top finish of 34th.

Also in the field was Waidner's former Fleming Island High teammate Sarah May, now at Stetson University, who finished in 16th place with a 13-over par 157.

At Stetson, May finished her first season with 25 rounds of play with a 76.68 scoring average and a best round of 70 (twice). May's top finish was a fifth at the Xavier Invitational in October.

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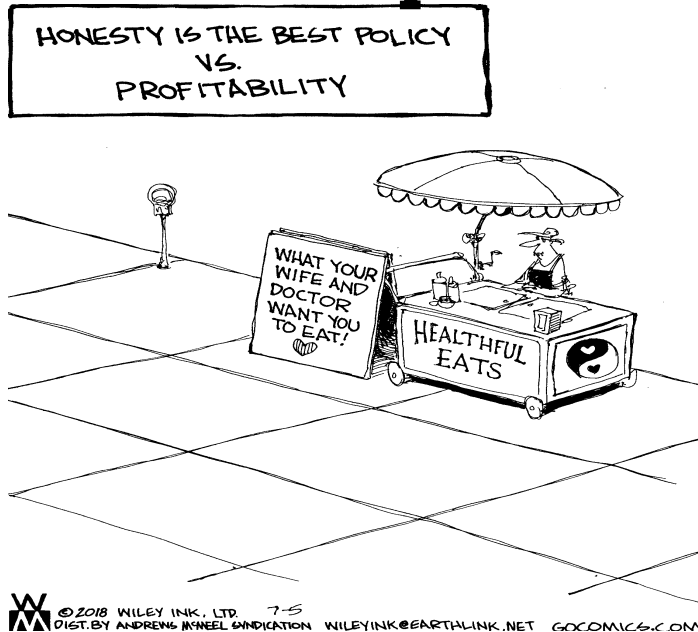
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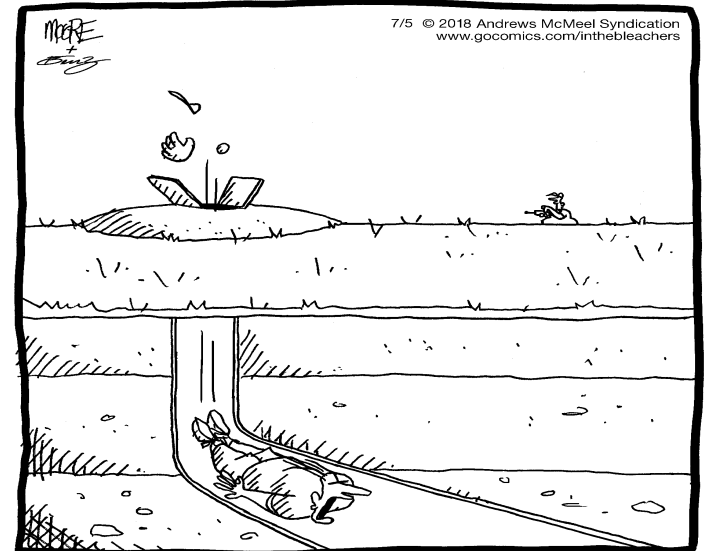


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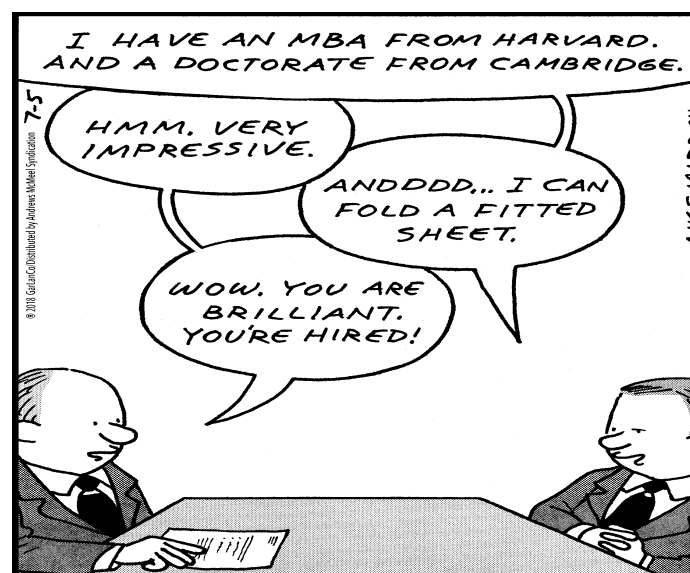


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### Nelson defends national title

BROCKPORT, N.Y. – Oakleaf High junior track star Dylan Nelson, who set a handful of school records last year in cross country and track, traveled to University of New York at Brockport to defend his 2,000 meter steeplechase national title and came home with a successful defense with a six minute, 46.62 time.

Nelson, competing in the 15-16 year old division, won by three seconds over Ruben Sandoval-Daniels of the Jenks America Track of Oklahoma who finished in 6:49.32. Nelson needed just two laps of the five lap race to take his commanding lead with a second lap split of 1:19.26, the fastest of the race, separating him from the rest of the field. Nelson's first mile (with hurdles) was 5:24.75 with a final 1:21.88 lap. Third place was Bryan Cherry of Let It Fly Throwing, LLC, track of Indiana.



Dylan Nelson

### Clay County Hurricane a preseason All-American

By [Hurricanesports.com](http://Hurricanesports.com)

CORAL GABLES, Fla. – A pair of Miami Hurricanes were selected to the Athlon Sports Preseason All-America teams, the publication announced.

Senior defensive back Jaquan Johnson was named to the preseason All-America First Team, while junior linebacker Shaq Quarterman was a third-team selection.

An Oakleaf High School graduate, Quarterman has started all 26 games at linebacker since arriving to Coral Gables in 2016, including his true freshman season, when he was named a Freshman All American and to the All-ACC Third Team. In 2017, Quarterman was voted to the All-ACC Second Team after finishing with 83 total tackles, 7.0 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks. In two seasons at The U, Quarterman has compiled 167 total tackles, 17.0 tackles for loss and 6.0 sacks.

One of the best safeties in America a season ago, Johnson decided to return for his senior season after being named a Second-Team All-America by Sports Illustrated and the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) in 2017. Johnson led the Hurricanes with 96 total tackles a season ago, and also tied for the team lead with four interceptions. A Walter Camp Player of the Year semifinalist and a three-time ACC Defensive Back of the week honoree, Johnson has totaled 160 tackles, four forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and six interceptions in 39 career games -he hasn't missed a game since arriving in January 2015.

Johnson and Quarterman join senior center Tyler Gauthier as recipients of major preseason honors; Gauthier was named to the watch list for the Rimington Trophy, honoring the nation's top collegiate center, in late May.



Oakleaf High graduate Shaquille Quarterman, No. 55, has emerged as one of the top linebackers in the country as he enters his junior year for the Miami Hurricanes football team.



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U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. THEODORE BROWN A/K/A THEODORE BROWN, SR.; ET AL Defendant(s)

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The action was instituted in the Circuit Civil Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida; Case No. 2017-CA-000023; and is styled U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST vs. THEODORE BROWN A/K/A THEODORE BROWN, SR.; ET AL UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THEODORE BROWN A/K/A THEODORE BROWN, SR.; AMANDA BROWN A/K/A AMANDA GASKIN-BROWN; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Mark W. Hernandez, Esq., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 255 S. Orange Ave., Ste 900, Orlando, FL 32801, 30 days from the first date of publication and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately after service; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

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(seal) TARA GREEN As Clerk of the Court By: Jamie Pippin As Deputy Clerk

Legal 42003 published July 5 and July 12, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2018-CP-157 DIVISION: E

IN RE: JESSE ADELL ALLEN Deceased.

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Legal 41973 published June 28 and July 5, 2018, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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Legal 41988 published June 28 and July 5, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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Public Notice

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd Fl. 32068 at dates and time listed below July 21, 2018 @ 10:00 AM

2005 VOLVO YVIMS382952083999 1994 DODGE 1BYGL23X4R5671828 1993 CHEVY 1GCHC33P1P3386234 2002 SATURN 1G8JW54R72Y535026 1992 FORD 1FACP40M9NF100336

Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the Fl. Statute. Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Legal 42043 published July 5, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2018-CA-000280 Division E IN RE: ESTATE OF EVELYN JEAN HARRIS Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Evelyn Jean Harris, deceased, whose date of death was February 28, 2018, 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.

Legal Notice

Florida Bar Number.: 121244 Owenby Law, P.A. 6136 Atlantic Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32211 Telephone: (904) 359-5115 Fax: (904) 359-5116 E-Mail: Advocate@OwenbyLaw.com Secondary E-Mail: Service@OwenbyLaw.com Personal Representative: Sheila Jane Duck 1824 Vista Lakes Drive Fleming Island, Florida 32003 Legal 42001 published July 5 and July 12, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No: 10-2018-CP-250 Division F

IN RE: ESTATE OF GLEN AARON MCDONALD

The administration of the estate of Glen Aaron McDonald, deceased, whose date of death was August 6, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division; the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representatives 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.

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Legal Notice

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 the first publication of this notice is June 28, 2018.

Legal 41991 published June 28 and July 5, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

CONCEPTS IN FOCUS

Located at 1329 KINGSLEY AVE SUITE A 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, pursuant to SECTION 83.801-809 Florida Statutes "Storage Facility Act" will sell to the highest bidder the contents of the following storage units located at the following locations. Said contents consisting of personal property, household and other goods, furniture, etc., or as otherwise indicated.

Legal 41980 published June 28 and July 5, 2018 in Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL AND BUDGET FOR FY 2018-2019 LAKE ASBURY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT DISTRICT

The Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District ("LAMSBD"), a dependent special district in Clay County, Florida, gives notice of rescheduling a public hearing. The meeting was previously scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2018.

Legal Notice

The meeting is now rescheduled to occur at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2018 at the Lake Asbury Community Center, 282 Branscomb Road, Green Cove Springs, Florida (the physical location is in Lake Asbury). The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider adoption of a budget and a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll to fund the LAMSBD's operations for FY 2018-2019.

FICTITIOUS NAME

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TEE MARIE'S

Located at 1100 MLK Jr. Blvd in the County of CLAY, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO: 2018-CA-000313 DIVISION

LIVE WELL FINANCIAL, INC., Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ALTON R. LACY A/K/A ALTON RUDOLPH LACY, DECEASED, et al Defendant(s).

THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF CLAY, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH ONE HALF OF SAID SECTION 5 WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. S-315 AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE 973.09 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 311.01 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 37 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, 436.54 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 52 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST, 245.69 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 37 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST, 627.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 3.00 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

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