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Candidates

Janice Kerekes
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By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

FLEMING ISLAND – While her platform is propped up on her background as an educator and a leader, one candidate for Clay County School Board has a track record that potentially runs counter to her claims.

A review of the personnel file for Fleming Island resident Latanya Peterson, candidate for the District 1 Clay School Board seat, shows a clouded work history during her tenure as a teacher with Duval County Public Schools. And while her reason for termination on June 30, 2014, was

“problems with her license,” she left under the cloud of a lengthy investigation into a standardized testing scandal at Sandalwood High School.

In the 2014 school year, Peterson was a 10th grade English teacher at Sandalwood High. As was usual, her class as well as others, were subject to what’s known as



Latanya Peterson

a Curriculum Grade Assessment. This CGA is a test given to students each quarter to assess their learning and is used by the district to gather data regarding overall student growth. On March 3, 2014, a day before her class was to take that quarter’s CGA, Peterson sent an email to Testing Coordinator Sharon Bailey asking what would happen if she didn’t show up to work to administer the exam. Bailey told Peterson she didn’t know what would happen, according to official emails documented in public records obtained from Duval Schools.

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West Nile Virus

A threat no more

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – On July 20, Clay County residents were informed that a sampling of mosquitos tested positive for West Nile Virus and while that might sound scary at first, the situation was always under control.

The Ebola outbreak that occurred a few years ago followed by the Zika outbreak after that has since slowed significantly in America, had millions of Americans, and naturally, citizens of Clay County, thinking twice about going outside.

Since then, many find themselves

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STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Patrick Stafford pours chemicals used in the mosquito control program as he prepares to head out for an afternoon of spraying. The county’s mosquito control program has been busy lately since a sampling of the critters tested positive, then negative, for West Nile Virus.

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3-year drive for VA clinic resolved

DOCTORS INLET – The Doctors Inlet Center on College Drive will be getting a new tenant soon.

After working on the issue for three years, Congressman Ted Yoho(R-3) of Gainesville announced Aug. 1 that a 10-year lease has been signed at 400 College Dr. to establish a Veteran Affairs Clinic at the site. Clay County has a population of approximately 29,000 veterans. Currently, there are approximately 11,000 veterans enrolled for care within the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System.

“I am absolutely thrilled to be able to share today that Clay County is getting their clinic. This project has been a priority for our team and I want to commend all our stakeholders who helped make this happen. There has been such a demand and a need for this project and I want to thank the VA for their efforts on this project,” Yoho said.

The new clinic will include primary

care, mental health services, lab draws and select specialty care via telehealth. Once online, the clinic is projected to attract approximately 4,500 new Veterans and serve more than 11,000 veteran enrollees in the following years. The awarded lease has an initial contract for a 10-year lease. Construction timeline and activation schedules will be determined in post-award design meetings that Congressman Yoho will take part in. No details were provided about the size of the project, the cost or the target date for opening.

“We cannot do enough for our veterans and look forward to the increased care and service that will be provided out of this clinic. While today we celebrate this milestone, we still have work to do and will be working closely with the awardee and the VA in design and planning meetings to make sure we get this to the finish line as quickly as possible. This is a major win for Clay County but also for all Veterans in the



One of three buildings at 400 College Dr. in the Doctors Lake Center will become home to a new VA Clinic, a project announced Aug. 1 by U.S. Rep. Ted Yoho(R-3), who has been working on this for three years.

region. This is a project that we were not willing to give up on and we refused to let this chance slip away,” Yoho said.

In 2016, 2017 and again in February of 2018, Yoho hosted community stakeholders, leaders and local veterans in the county to make potential bidders aware of the multiple proposals available for this project. Despite the first two rounds of VA RFP’s going unanswered, Yoho contin-

ued to garner support for the project. In February, several proposals for the project were submitted, which led to this week’s announcement.

In addition to maintaining regular communication throughout this process with local stakeholders, Rep. Yoho has launched a section on his website that is dedicated to the progress of this Clay County VA Clinic.

3 Big Gulps

Sheriff’s Blend coffee coming soon

By Chase Carle
For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Millions of web surfers have seen the video and soon, Orange Park residents will be able to try the coffee that Sheriff Darryl Daniels enjoys every morning. It doesn’t have to be the result of an early morning SWAT raid however. All it will take is a trip to Urban Bean Coffeehouse Cafe.

The Clay County Sheriff’s Office is partnering with the local coffee shop to create a special “Sheriff’s Blend.”

“The sheriff came to us with the idea and said that he thought it could help raise some money for the Police Athletic League,” said Urban Bean Owner DuWayne Hagel. “We always love being involved and giving back to the community and this seemed like a great way to do that.”

CCSO Public Information Officer Christopher Padgett responded to questions via email and said the sheriff first got the idea



SCREEN CAPTURE OF CCSO VIDEO

Sheriff Darryl Daniels has become known for his slogan, “3 Big Gulps” after a video of a SWAT raid went viral in early 2018.

to approach Urban Bean after the coffee video went viral. The sheriff saw it as a unique way to build off the message that the video started.

When asked about how much money they hope to raise for PAL, Padgett said that any amount would be a win but he hopes to raise a record-breaking amount to help benefit the community.

Padgett also said the sheriff had a clear vision of the type of blend he wanted to see produced.

“A blend of coffee that mirrored the high quality of service provided by our agency to the community,” said Padgett. “Only a high-quality coffee would do.”

Hagel said that it wasn’t too difficult to come up with the right blend for the partnership.

“We had kind of an idea of what he likes for coffee,” said Hagel. “I know he likes his coffee strong, so we took some of our stronger coffees and created a blend with those.”

The blend has already been given Daniels’ stamp of approval. Hagel said the sheriff has been by several times to sample the blend and he’s always left happy.

Padgett confirmed Hagel’s statement on the sheriff’s opinion of the blend.

“The community will be just as amazed at the taste as the sheriff was,” said Padgett. “He loves it.”

Sheriff’s Blend won’t be available by the cup at Urban Bean, it will be sold as the whole bean blend for customers to take home and make themselves. Hagel said that they’re offering it mostly as a whole bean coffee because he believes it’s better to brew it immediately after grinding the beans, but they’ll work with customer requests as well.

Hagel said they’re in the process of finalizing the artwork on the bag that Sheriff’s Blend will be sold in. He said that he hopes the blend will be ready to sell within the next two weeks barring any complications with the printing process.

Those two weeks can’t go by fast enough for any citizens looking to take their own “three big gulps,” words that went viral in a video in which Daniels stands in a home where the SWAT had entered and he talks about how those commit crimes in Clay County may end up having morning coffee with Daniels as the result of a raid like the one in the video. The video got more than 3.4 million million views online.

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Middleburg park to get some TLC

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

MIDDLEBURG – The long-overdue Omega Park improvement project has finally broken ground and in mid-August, construction crews will begin the facelift that the popular Middleburg park has needed for years.

On July 26, Middleburg Association of Athletics members and their president, county commissioners, parents and children, gathered near Omega Park's small and aging concession stand to celebrate the official groundbreaking of the park's upcoming \$470,000 renovation project. Ironically, one of the biggest improvements coming to the park will be this concession stand that, despite its best efforts over the past years, is no longer getting the job done. When this project is complete, a new concession stand will sit in its place with upgrades air conditioning, bathrooms, utilities and most importantly, an upgraded area for volunteers to serve the area.

Two years ago, Commissioner Mike Cella made a motion to get the ball rolling on the funding Omega Park needed. Now, two years later, Commissioner Gayward Hendry joined Cella as they listened to Chairman Gavin Rollins, whose district the park calls home, explain the importance of



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Members of MMA joined in with elected officials last week to celebrate the groundbreaking for about \$470,000 worth of upgrades that will soon begin at Omega Park.

parks.

"Parks are key to building strong communities," Rollins said. "On the football field, soccer field, baseball field – that's where character is built and that's where families are able to have healthy, quality fun. That's what it's all about."

According to Rollins, the support of this project has been stellar. He said this has been a plan at least two years in the making and now that it's finally here, families in the area couldn't be happier to know

what's coming. And while the concession stand is one of the more exciting things coming, there are a lot of other improvements that have park-goers happy too. One of those things is more behind-the-scenes than anything else, but according to James Householder, director of facilities for Clay County, it's one of the most important updates Omega Park is set to receive.

"We're overhauling the entire drainage structure of this park," Householder said.

While not the most exciting thing to

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– BCC Chair Gavin Rollins

hear, Householder said the new drainage will help alleviate the large amounts of standing water the park can often see after extended periods of rain. He said a large portion of the nearly \$470,000 budget for this Omega Park project is going toward the drainage.

When Middleburg experiences large periods of continuous rain, the football and baseball fields will often find themselves significantly more muddy than usual. Middleburg Association of Athletics Football Commissioner Andy Butler, who has been with the program since 2005, said there are many kids and many parents happy about a future with drier fields.

"The fields don't flood or anything – it's never anything too bad – but it can get pretty wet on the fields," Butler said.

"There is lots and lots of excitement about

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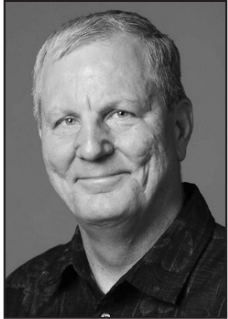
Judge rules for college voting rights

By Joe Henderson
FloridaPolitics.com

Voting in Florida is a right, not a privilege.

And since life today doesn't run at the same pace as it did back when Ozzie met Harriett (look it up, kids), the government should make it as easy as possible for citizens to exercise that right.

So yes, it was, as League of Women Voters of Florida President Patricia Brigham noted in the following statement: "... truly a victory for the citizens of Florida" July



Joe Henderson

24 when U.S. District Judge Mark Walker granted a preliminary injunction against the state's prohibition on early voting at college and university campuses.

Why would the state try to prohibit early voting in such locations?

Oh, let's take a wild guess.

College students generally skew toward more progressive ideas and candidates.

Republican Gov. Rick Scott, who needs every vote he can get to unseat Democrat Bill Nelson in the race for the U.S. Senate, is not progressive.

Republican gubernatorial candidates Ron DeSantis and Adam Putnam are not progressive.

Ergo, logic 101 would tell us that Republican candidates will lose votes if students can cast early ballots at the place where they go to school and spend most of their time.

It's not always easy for them to track down a regular polling place, so that's where the GOP made its stand.

Tacky.

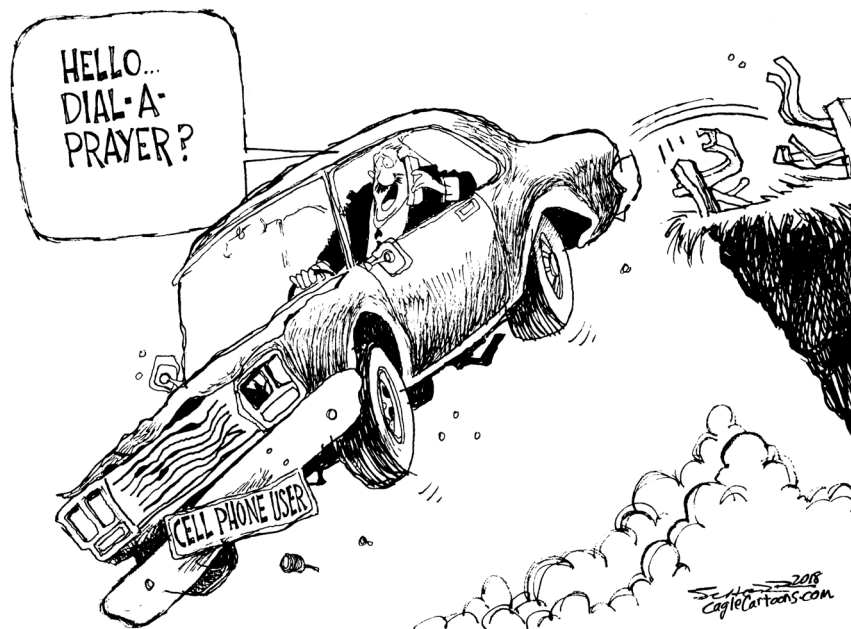
As the judge noted in his ruling, "This Court can conceive of fewer ham-handed efforts to abridge the youth vote than Defendant's affirmative prohibition of on-campus early voting."

The hammy hand began its subterfuge in 2014 when Secretary of State Ken Detzner ruled that a building the University of Florida planned to use as an early-voting site didn't meet guidelines to qualify as a polling place. That led to what Walker called "a stark pattern of discrimination" designed to suppress on-campus voting.

If the injunction becomes permanent,

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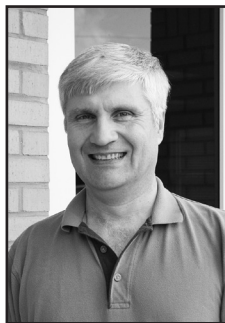


Let the politickin' begin

By Eric Cravey

It was a day of solidarity and unity and it sent a huge message to those in elected office in 2016.

Hundreds of Clay County teachers crammed into the Teacher Training Center at Fleming Island High to attend a quasi-judicial hearing the school board was holding after an administrative law judge recommended the district end its impasse over the teacher's union contract negotiations.



Eric Cravey

Months of stressful and boisterous school board meetings forced members of the Clay County Education Association union to search for a creative way to voice their opposition to the board's actions and debate during the "hearing."

When contentious subjects arose in the board's discussion, an unforgettable sound of fluttering filled the room as if a swarm of doves was taking flight from Trafalgar Square. Glad in red union golf shirts, teachers bonded together and held up simple white sheets of 8-and-a-half by 11-inch paper baring the words "We Will Vote You Out in August" printed in black. No spoken words or jeering, just a unified message without a threat or boos or other disdainful speech.

The 9 a.m. hearing was held at such

an inconvenient time that teachers were forced to use personal days off to attend and take part in the decision-making process.

Board member Janice Kerekes started the meeting by asking then-chairman Johnna McKinnon if she could have a point of order to voice her objection for holding the meeting at what was viewed an inconvenient time. Her objection was met with claps and vocal cheers from the approximately 300 attendees.

"Your objection is noted," McKinnon responded.

Kerekes went on to offer a motion that the entire meeting and its agenda be tabled and re-scheduled for a time that was more convenient for teachers and other "stakeholders" to be able to attend. Board member Carol Studdard seconded Kerekes' motion, which was voted down 3-2, with McKinnon and board members Betsy Condon and Ashley Gilhousen joining her.

Kerekes then went on to make a motion to lift any time limits for those who wished to speak at the hearing despite at the outset of the meeting, McKinnon stating that citizen comments were going to be limited to 30 minutes total before the board would discuss the merits of the administrative law judge's recommendations about collective bargaining.

Kerekes' request was met again with applause and overt joy.

When that motion was also killed on

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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.

Disingenuous: An adjective meaning "lacking in candor; also: giving a false appearance of simple frankness; calculating.

"The detective was a disingenuous man who often played dumb to trick others into confessing."

This Week in History

5 years ago, 2013

The City of Green Cove Springs property tax rate for the 2014 fiscal year starting October 1, 2013 was set tentatively at the 2013 rate of 2.9821 mills. The measure passed on a 3-2 vote with councilors Van Royal and Ray Braly voting no.

Orange Park Town Council discussed spending \$50,000 to study the best way to spruce up the east end of Kingsley Avenue at River Road in a project that would become known as Kingsley East.

U.S. Marshals captured Adrian Bernard Seward, then-44, at a Jacksonville motel to extradite to Clay County where he was charged with murdering his wife, Oakleaf-area resident Lashawna Criswell Seward, who on July 22, had him sign divorce papers.

10 years ago, 2008

Thunderbolt Elementary School music teacher Kathleen Myrick, a mezzo soprano, announced she would be leaving her post to pursue a life-long dream of performing with the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.

Doug Correia, owner of Woodchuck's Furniture store, signed paperwork transferring the deed to his store at 1017 Blanding Blvd. near Orange Park to domestic violence shelter Quigley House, which

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College

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it has the potential to tip statewide elections. Scott twice won the Governor's race by about 1 percent.

"Across Florida, more than 1.1 million young men and women were enrolled in institutions of higher learning in 2016; nearly 830,000 were enrolled at public colleges or universities," Walker wrote.

As the judge noted in his ruling, "This Court can conceive of fewer ham-handed efforts to abridge the youth vote than Defendant's affirmative prohibition of on-campus early voting."

"Almost 107,000 staff members worked at these public institutions. Put another way, the number of people who live and work on Florida's public college and university campuses is greater than the population of Jacksonville, Florida — or the populations of North Dakota, South Dakota, Alaska, Vermont, Wyoming, and the District of Columbia."

Trying to hold down the turnout from voters likely to support the other candidate is becoming a pattern for Tallahassee Republicans.

In 2011, for instance, Republicans cut the number of early voting days in the state from 14 to eight and eliminated the option of casting a ballot on the final Sunday before Election Day. Black voters were particularly affected because that final Sunday has become known as "Souls to the Polls" in their churches.

Under withering pressure, Scott relented and signed a law in 2013, restoring much of what had been taken away.

The judge did it for him this time, and it has big implications in a year where students, in general, are registering to vote in large numbers, likely as a response to the mass murder at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

It strains credibility to suggest the state's resistance to on-campus early voting has nothing to do with what kind of building that might be used as a polling place. It has everything to do with the fear young people might get motivated in a way that might not bode well for the incumbents.

Well, as I've said before, I'm not a lawyer.

In this case, though, I think it's possible to succinctly summarize what the judge felt about the state's argument: Seriously?

And here's the knockout punch: Students rights proved more important than incumbents' privilege.

Joe Henderson has enjoyed a 45-year career in newspapers, including nearly 42 years at The Tampa Tribune. He says Florida is wacky, wonderful, unpredictable and a national force. His column appears courtesy of FloridaPolitics.com.

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on a 3-2 vote by the same board players, Studdard asked why Superintendent Charlie Van Zant Jr. was sitting at the dais with the board.

Then, Tracy Butler, who represented the CCEA at the time, took to the audience podium to say how she believed Van Zant was sitting at the dais "as an intimidation factor."

The tension was obvious from the beginning.

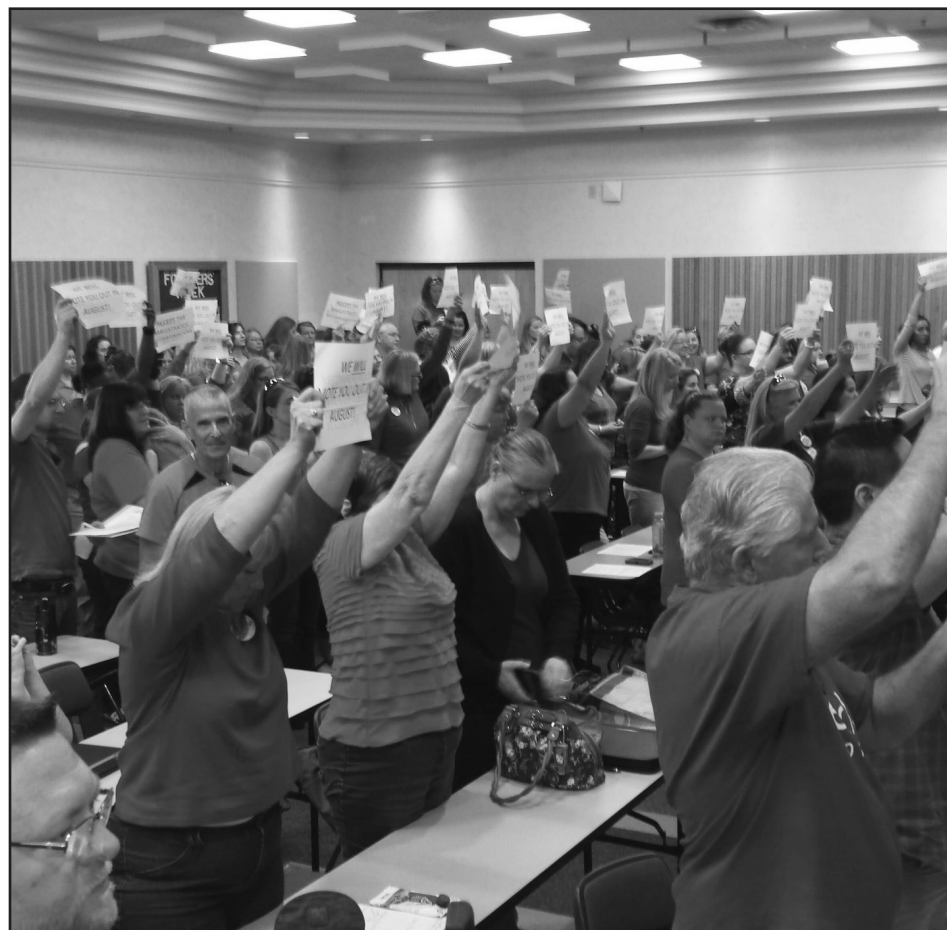
The hearing would go on to last more than 2 hours and end with a 3-2 vote to deny the magistrate's report leaving the teacher contract at status quo. School district officials cited state mandates to shore up its fund balance to three percent instead of providing teacher raises. Superintendent Charlie Van Zant Jr. said his recommendations were based on "the fiscal reality of the school district."

"I wrote down what I wanted to say to make sure I'd get it all in and I don't appreciate those comments," said Gihousen, responding to an audience member who alleged she was reading from a statement prepared by Van Zant.

By the end of the meeting, the tension had evolved into fear as she asked a Clay County Sheriff's deputy to escort her out of the building.

Fast forward to 2018 where Gilhousen is in the midst of her first-ever re-election campaign for the District 5 seat on the Clay County School Board. One glimpse of her direct mail campaign card that went out to voters last weekend and it's clear to see what her priorities are not.

Put simply, it reads like she is a politician, not someone who cares for



FILE PHOTO BY ERIC CRAVEY

Teachers shown in this March 2016 quasi-judicial hearing kept to their word that year and did not support the superintendent or school board chair for re-election that August.

teachers or children. In fact, the word student appears on the mail piece one solitary time. The word teachers or teacher is nowhere to be found on the piece.

What she focuses on are political buzzwords, such as "conservative," "leader," and "school choice," which translates into charter schools. And it's a well-documented fact that her children attend St. Johns Classical Academy, the first-year charter school whose board president is her mother, Diane Hutchings, who is also a county commissioner.

There are some 5,000 employees

of the Clay County School District who should read Gilhousen's mail piece and decide for themselves who has their back going forward.

And it wouldn't surprise that when school board term limits get voted in in November — which they likely will since Rick Scott has made them a hot-button issue again this year, as a state constitutional amendment — that Gilhousen, if re-elected doesn't bounce over and try and run for County Commission or some other seat in the future, because, after all, once a politician, always a politician.

History

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would transform the former home into a thrift store.

Al Jazeera America reporters Sherine Tadroa and Tony Zumbado traveled to Orange Park's Club Continental where they interviewed Brian Graham of Middleburg and Matt Justice of Orange Park about their roles in Republican Party politics and the 2008 election.

20 years ago, 1998

More than 100 residents filled the regular meeting of the Clay County School Board to protest the site selection for "Elementary School Q," which was planned to be built on County Road 208 adjacent to Heath Road citing toxic levels of arsenic on the land.

Orange Park Medical Center nurse Brenda Vencill prepped for a two-week

mission aboard the Caribbean Mercy Ship where she would donate her services in an ophthalmology clinic where free cataract surgeries would be performed.

CCAR Services embarked on renovating the old Village Mall on Kingsley Avenue to convert into its new home for Lighthouse Learning Services.

30 Years ago, 1988

Clay County mourned the death of L.H. "Lanny" Lancaster, 66, of Green Cove Springs, former Supervisor of Elections and former member of the Board of County Commissioners.

Authorities in Marion County, Tennessee identified the body of missing Orange Park teen Kenneth Stanley Wyka, 17, of an Evergreen Lane address, who was believed to have been murdered. He was found behind a truck stop in Jasper, Tenn.

State Rep. Chance Irvine presented a proclamation signed by Gov. Bob Marti-

nez that named the Middleburg Ham Jam the State of Florida's Official Barbecue Cooking Contest. The festival was slated for October in downtown Middleburg as part of the Historic Middleburg Festival.

40 years ago, 1978

Employees of the Clay County Road and Bridge Department voted 38-32 to become members of the National Teamsters Union and would be locally represented by the Laundry and Dye House Workers Union.

Lorraine Wood and her family opened a new Badcock Furniture Store in Green Cove Springs.

Jacksonville City Council ignored a letter from Clay County that requested a meeting to discuss payments to Clay County for some 2,000 Jacksonville Electric Authority meters in the unincorporated parts of the county.

Solar farm set for south of the city

By **Kile Brewer**
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A proposed 425-acre Magnolia Springs Solar Energy Center south of Green Cove Springs would produce enough power for about 15,000 homes.

Florida Power and Light has purchased a large parcel of land near Leno Road and Haller Airpark. Though FPL only has about 1,000 customers in all of Clay County, the site would provide power to thousands of customers in surrounding counties.

“We chose that site because it met all the criteria that we look for to potentially build out our next project,” said FPL Spokesman Stephen Heiman. “There’s not a timeline for this project just yet, but what you’ll see across the state is we’re always planning ahead to meet those power needs and we routinely purchase parcels that we believe will help us meet those needs.”

Once FPL finds a piece of desirable land, they buy it. Just this year FPL has brought online eight energy centers, all of which were the same size as the one proposed for Green Cove Springs, this year and is in the early building stages for four



Proposed FPL Magnolia Springs Solar Energy Center
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Video to drive home message, dangers of drug use

By Kile Brewer
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – A new public service announcement aims to remind Clay County residents that it is in the best interest of the community for their families to stay drug free.

The Florida National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program donated the time

and effort to produce the video, filmed Monday morning at the Police Athletic League grounds in Orange Park. Locally, the program worked with the Clay Action Coalition, Clay County Schools, Baptist Health and local law enforcement agencies and first responders. Capt. Michael Coy, of the St. Augustine-based Civil Operations group that includes the DDR program, said his command's primary goal is to work with



Clay Action Coalition Executive Director Donna Wethington delivers a monologue Monday morning while filming for a drug awareness public service announcement that will go out to all Clay County schools.



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Volunteers line up for the final shot of a drug awareness public service announcement filmed Monday through a partnership between the Clay Action Coalition and the National Guard's Drug Demand Reduction program who will produce the video. The tagline for the PSA is "Choose to Refuse."

community agencies as well as providing anti-drug presentations in schools.

"The point is to get across to the community that we're not just an anti-drug coalition," Coy said. "[All the agencies in the PSA] are partnering together to make sure that we're all on the same page and to make sure that we're keeping our kids away from drugs."

Once the PSA is complete, in about a week, Coy said the first place the video will be available to the public will be through

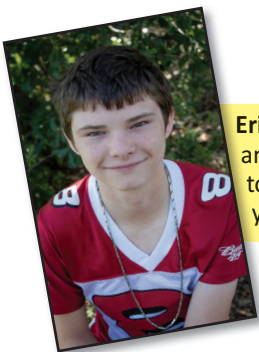
the Florida National Guard Facebook page. After that, it will go out on the social media accounts of all participating agencies. The ultimate goal is to get it in front of as many people in Clay County as possible. Clay County School Superintendent Addison Davis plans to implement the message regularly into schools' morning announcements and the CAC hopes to partner with Jacksonville television stations to show the video intermittently throughout regular

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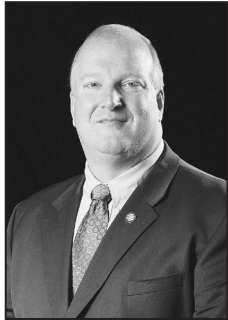
Elections office gets security upgrade funds

By **Kile Brewer**
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Elections in Clay County should be more secure than ever with federal grant money being spent locally on both physical and cyber security.

Following recent attacks on voter registration systems in Illinois and Tennessee, the federal government handed down \$381 million across the nation in an attempt to securely lock down the entirety of the election process. The creation of the Elections Infrastructure subsector following the 2016 election cycle allows the federal government to spend money on elections, not just the states.

The state of Florida was granted \$19 million of the federal money and Clay County Supervisor of Elections Chris Chamb-



Chris Chambless

less was awarded \$138,740. According to Chambless, this money will be put to good use, though the process in Florida remains more secure than others by design.

"I can't speak to other states, but I will tell you that in the state of Florida, we again have a paper ballot and I can reproduce the election over and over and over again," Chambless said. "The most compelling argument against the insecurity of an election here, is that after an election is completed there is a mandatory audit that takes places of randomly selected precinct and contest that is not known by anyone. This physical hand counted audit of that precinct and contest would illuminate any irregularities."

Though Florida hasn't seen the same intrusion that has happened in other states, Chambless said there is still a need to look forward and make the process as secure as currently possible.

"Everything is hackable, what makes it not hackable is physical security and cybersecurity," Chambless said. "But start thinking about the process called zero day. The reason antivirus is able to detect ma-

licious or bad signatures is because they have been used before, and in best systems those signatures are updated in real-time. What happens when you're the first, and the script is first being used on you, this is known as a zero day threat."

The grant will fund the incorporation of the state-of-the-art Albert network monitoring system that will identify any threats to the voter registration records should someone try something like what was done in Illinois or Tennessee.

Though the office is implementing great physical and digital security, Chambless maintains that the actual voting process is and has always been completely secure. The machines, which are sealed and locked when not in use, work offline, and are never connected to any network where they could be accessed remotely. Also, the fact that all the ballots are marked paper ballots allows them a greater freedom for reproducing results without even using the machines if it were necessary for the integrity of the process. He said that the biggest factor in 2016 election, and the one that was most common, was social media

campaigns to bring about political polarization among the population.

"Our systems are tested for 100 percent accuracy, not 99 percent or one or two ballots," Chambless said. "At the end of the day, I just don't know how you would be able to change the accuracy. I think the larger motive was to cause social discourse or this whole idea of corrupt government, elections bought and paid for, and those things are very hard to combat against."

Though many of these types of attacks happen without warning, Chambless said that the new systems being put in place will offer greater protection for the process, in the same vein as the large steel bollards that line the outside the office which would stop a car from ramming through a building.

"Everyone should be very impressed and proud with resources that we have deployed here in Clay County," Chambless said. "It's no longer if, it's now becoming when [an attack will be attempted], and it would be prudent for any government agency to adopt that same philosophy."

War bride marks 72 years of helping U.S. veterans

By **Sarah Pickett**
For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — She is a World War II bride who celebrated 72 years of citizenship in the United States on June 23.

Joan Jones, 91, of Keystone Heights, has made her mark in the United States to honor the veterans who protected her home country of Australia during World War II.

In 1945, Jones met her future husband, a Navy officer, in Melbourne, Australia at an amusement park. From then on, every time his ship docked in Australia, they spent time together. Jones married "the love of her life" on February 6, 1946. A few months later, at age 19, Jones received her

orders to board the USS David G. Shanks where she traveled to San Francisco. She arrived in the United States on June 23, 1946.

"I have been in this country for 72 years, and it has been quite an experience," she said.

In 1990, she moved to Florida.

"My life changed forever (as) I became known in Clay County for the work I did for

SEE BRIDE, 10

Second from left, Joan Jones, takes a moment to pose for a photo with U.S. Marine Corps veteran Art Yeaman of Green Cove Springs at a past Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Keystone Heights City Cemetery.



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Obituaries

Frederick E. 'Fred' Caustic

Frederick E. 'Fred' Caustic, 75 of Dandridge, Tenn. formerly of Green Cove Springs, Fla. and Gatlinburg, Tenn. went home to be with his Lord on Sunday morning, July 22, 2018 following a battle with cancer. He was born, March 23, 1943 in Barre, Vermont the son of the late Charles Dennison Caustic and Bessie Meryle (Martin) Caustic and was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia "Ginger" Caustic. Fred was former owner and operator of Helm Funeral Home in Green Cove Springs, and later owned a shoe and leatherworks shop in the Arts Community of Gatlinburg. After retiring to Dandridge, Tenn. he joined the staff of Farrar Funeral Home as funeral director and embalmer and was a member of the Dandridge First United Methodist Church. Fred will be remembered for his kind gentle spirit and his joy of being with family and friends. He is survived by his children, Dawn, Bryce, Jason and Rianna Caustic; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and special friend, Susie Simms. A celebration of life service will be held, Saturday, August 4, 2018, 4 p.m. at Farrar Funeral Home Chapel, Dandridge with Rev. Dr. Steven Brown officiating. The family will receive friends that afternoon from 2 - 4 p.m. prior to the service. In lieu of flowers the family request that memorial gifts be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Farrar Funeral Home, Dandridge, Tennessee.

www.farrarfuneralhome.com

Joanne Viola Ferraro

Joanne Viola Ferraro, 78 of Green Cove Springs, Fla., passed away July 24, 2018

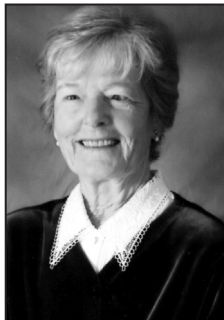
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Jean Delp

Jean Delp passed away Monday July 23, 2018 in the Orange Park Medical Center at the age of 88. Married to Elvin (Eb) Delp and moved to Green Cove springs in 1954. Eb preceded her in death in February 2001. She was an active member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church, loved being around people and volunteered much of her time to the community. She served at the voting polls and was a school nurse in the clinic at Clay High School in the '70s. Jean volunteered at the Clay County Agricultural Center for many years and loved working in the Welcome Center for the annual Clay County Fair. She is survived by her son Rick (Jeannene), Daughter Nan, six grand-children and four great-grandchildren. Funeral Service will be held Monday July 30, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the Moosehaven Chapel and will rest at Holly Hills Cemetery in Middleburg.



Jean Delp

Keith Pereau

Keith Pereau, 65, of Fleming Island, passed away July 27, 2018. Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center 904-284-7720



Leslie A. Floyd

Leslie A. Floyd, 82, of Middleburg, Fla., passed away July 27, 2018

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



Lillie M. Valle

On July 25 Lillie M. Valle was received peacefully and calmly into the arms of the one and only God she served. Her family was there to pray her on at the home of her daughter, Kathy Ramirez, in Central La. She will be reunited with the love of her life of 68 years, Manuel D. Valle. Dad has been waiting to be put to rest together with his bride since July 15, 2017. Lillie was born April 21, 1930 in Denison, Texas to Henry H. Atwell and Mattie Kyker Atwell. Growing up on a farm the fifth of 10 children groomed her to be a strong faithful person. In mom's own words from her journal she wrote: "As you continue to reveal your love to me, create in me a place of rest and peace that attracts others to come and know that you live in me in peace, quietness, and love." She did just that up to her final day. Her faith journey began in a need to belong to a church where she felt at home. She converted to Catholicism after marrying dad. She was loyal to her church serving in various positions as a Eucharistic minister, lectern, women's altar society, adoration chapel and served as a spiritual advisor. She was the best prayer warrior one could always depend on. She will be remembered by the many she counseled and guided into the faith. Her loyalty to her family and friends, a strong urging to forgiveness, and trust in God's mercy. She and dad were founding members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Green Cove Springs, Fla., and left behind a wealth of friendships and memories. You could always count on Lil, as she was affectionately referred to, to bring the best desserts and food to any church function. She was a great cook and her meals will never be forgotten. Mom was designed to be a military wife of a career Air Force SSgt. She was very resourceful at saving



Lillie Valle

everything including space. Our attics became memories overflowing with love. Her prayers, along with dad's, landed our family in places that God intended us to be. She was the glue that held her family together. In another journal entry, mom was giving thanks to the Lord for her family, and for the husband he chose for her, at the time, was 48 years. She referred to her children as gifts from his heart and asked for his blessings on them. Our family is truly blessed! After putting her life on hold for dad's career, and family demands, she finally learned to drive at the ripe age of 42. She earned a bachelor's degree in nutrition in the mid 1980's, retiring after 19 years for Clay County School System. Mom loved and prayed for all of her caregivers, proving that God dwells within us no matter our state of mind. We are forever grateful for the tender loving care mom received from her caregivers. Sitters for Tender Care: Shewanda Lee, Kendrick White, Charlotte & Vanessa Goins, and owner Nneka Goins, Modern Hospice staff, and special thanks to nurses Laura & Brittney, and daily care from CNA Toni. She was preceded in death by her parents and seven siblings. She grieved the loss of her baby, Anthony, that she can now wrap her arms around and her husband, Manuel D. Valle. She is survived by daughter Linda Ray and husband Pat; son Michael D. Valle and wife Vicky; twin daughters, Karen Valle & Kathy Ramirez; and son Mark Valle. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Nikki Clark and husband Terry, Ashley Collins, Kyle Frank, Derek Valle, Lindsey Herndon, Rachel Vogt, Leslie & Melissa Valle, & Madison Shatswell and husband Timothy; as well as great grandchildren: Tyler Clark, Austin, Kaydence & Addlyn Collins and Preslie Frank. Services for Lillie M. Valle and Manuel D. Valle will be Thursday, August 2, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Greenwell Springs LA, with visitation from 9:30a.m. until Memorial Mass at 11a.m. Burial will be at 12:30p.m. at Louisiana National Cemetery in Zachary, LA, with Military Honors for Manuel.

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Elmer 'Bud' J. Laurent

Elmer "Bud" J. Laurent, 80, of Penney Farms, FL, passed away July 30, 2018
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Owene H. Weber

Dr. Owene H. Weber died on Saturday, July 28, 2018.
Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



Richard W. Hornsby

Richard W. Hornsby, 69, of Middleburg, FL, passed away July 28, 2018
Broadus Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000.



Nicolas A. Mooradian

Nicolas A. Mooradian passed away on Friday, July 27, 2018.
Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



Victor R. Johnson

Victor R. Johnson, 92, of Orange Park, FL, passed away July 29, 2018
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Clay County Superintendent of Schools Addison Davis walks off camera after delivering an anti-drug monologue.

Message

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programming.
"We all need to stand together in the fight against substance abuse," Davis said. "We're here to help our youth make the right decisions so that they can stay healthy both mentally and physically."

In the video, there will be a series of stand-up interviews cut together that feature monologues from Coy, Davis, Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels, and CAC Executive Director Donna Wethington. The goal is to keep their messages short and succinct and present a unified front against drug use by the youth in the community, as well as the adults.

"We want to promote a pro-social message that it's never OK to use drugs," Wethington said. "It's important to keep that message that we, as adults, don't want drugs in our community. We want to stop it and we want to start young."

The final product should be about two minutes long and in the typical drug-resistance education fashion, comes with a catchy tagline, "Choose to Refuse," which will be shouted by dozens of young volunteers toward the end of the video, all wearing bright red T-shirts that bear the slogan.

"The goal is to get this out to all grade levels, in the morning announcements, and especially during Red Ribbon Week," Wethington said. "We want to keep kids healthy and keep their brains healthy and promote the development of their social skills."

Bride

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the United States Veterans," said Jones, who refers to herself as an American-Australian, not an Australian-American.

After moving to Florida, Jones joined the Garden Club in Keystone Heights. Later, she served as the president of the Keystone Heights chapter. Jones is also a founding member of the Garden Club of Green Cove Springs, which celebrated its 10-year anniversary last year. The Green Cove Springs Chapter has worked on notable projects such as cleaning up the Green Cove Springs Library, adding a Butterfly Garden and redoing the shrubbery around the Historic County Jail.

She has also worked on several projects that honor the United States military veterans, including the Veterans Pathway Project and bringing Wreaths Across America to Clay County.

Jones started the Veteran's Memorial Pathway Project, a veteran's memorial with engraved bricks, in November 2004 after dreaming up the idea. She presented the project to city council and it was agreed on by a unanimous vote. Building began on the Pathway in Jan. 2005.

"I kept thinking for a long time about what I could do for the GIs. Fifty-four years

later, I had a dream in the middle of the night. I went out to the kitchen and started writing all of this stuff down. It was the dream telling me what to do for the GIs," said Jones.

She dedicated her life to the project, which was funded in full by private donations from businesses and organizations in and around Keystone Heights. For years, she coordinated and emceed Independence Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies at the Pathway Memorial.

In 2009 and 2010, she attended ceremonies for Wreaths Across America at the Jacksonville National Veterans Cemetery with a friend and then began wondering if the program would work in Keystone. So, she contacted the national nonprofit's headquarters in Maine and started taking donations for the wreaths. Two years later, in 2011, the first Keystone Heights Wreaths Across America ceremony was a hit and had around 200 people in attendance.

"I invite everybody; I would say within 100 miles around Keystone Heights," she said.

"We've never had less than 200 people (at the ceremony)," she said.

Over the years, it has spread throughout cemeteries across Clay County, in-

cluding churches throughout Middleburg, Green Cove Springs and Orange Park. Jones orders wreaths for other cemeteries upon receiving donations. Then, the other groups come to Keystone Heights and pick up their wreaths at 9 a.m. on the morning of the national ceremony.

For her seventh year involved with Wreaths Across America, Jones is already planning the program and receiving donations for wreaths for this year's ceremony in Keystone Heights. This year, she wants to have a kids' choir sing the National Anthem. Sponsors can donate \$15 for one wreath or buy two wreaths and get one free for a \$30 donation. Jones plans to gather donations for 700 wreaths this year. The 2018 ceremony is set to take place on Dec. 15 at the Keystone Heights Memorial Gardens. Jones says that anyone who wants to help unbox the wreaths can show up at 9 a.m. on the day of the ceremony.

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Mosquitos

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worried about the danger of mosquitoes and their ability to transfer diseases, viruses and more. Clay County can now worry a little less after officials stepped mosquito control efforts last year when they hired Louisiana-based Mosquito Control Services, which was founded in 1985.

While Mosquito Control Services has regional offices throughout much of the Southeast. In Clay County, Entomologist Jessi Howard serves as the overseer of operations for the company's East Coast program in Georgia and Florida.

Howard is currently training fellow employee Sarah McInnis to manage daily operations in Clay County. Her team, along with the help of surrounding teams located in other counties, is responsible for ensuring the West Nile Virus found in a sampling of mosquitoes located in Keystone Heights didn't make its way across the county. Because of their work, which included initiating a response protocol involving elevated and targeted larviciding and truck spraying in the general area where the positive sample was collected, re-tests of mosquitoes in the area showed negative for West Nile Virus. Nobody in Clay County was diagnosed with the virus during this time either.

"Anything that is disease capable is identified and sent for testing," Howard said. "As we saw recently, when we do identify a disease presence, it's not really a reason for alarm – we're proactive and we caught it early. We then followed our emergency protocol where we basically quarantined that health risk. We achieved our goal as the tests are now coming back as negative."

This was the company's first documented health risk in Clay County and according to Howard, it went as well as expected.

"We executed [this health risk] pretty well for our first time in Clay County, but the goal there also is to not just identify the disease and then act appropriately, but educate the public as well," Howard said.

Howard said public education is a major facet of mosquito safety. When the West Nile Virus was found, Mosquito Control Services delivered door hangers to houses in the area that alerted the homeowner, worked with the news media to get the word out and worked with multiple agencies to ensure the community knew not only what was being done, but how to best protect themselves.

The recent rains have also forced officials to remain aware of the threat that standing water poses in the world of mosquito control.

Mosquito Control Services has been working day and night to stay on top of the problem. During the day, a significant number of hours goes into the research of those pesky insects that plague just about all of Florida.

Howard said the company has numerous functions here in Clay County – surveillance, disease-testing, potential breed-



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This truck from Louisiana-based Mosquito Control Services, which has a contract with Clay County, stays busy day and night spraying Clay County neighborhoods like a gigantic can of insect spray.

ing site identification and inspection, appropriate larvicide treatment, chemical adulticide truck applications and community education.

"Bugs don't respect county lines, so we work with agencies outside of Clay County and within the area, and we are constantly working to trap, test, research and suppress [the mosquito population]," Howard said.

Hidden within Clay County, although mindful eyes might see them, are four different kinds of traps – although they have plenty more at their disposal – used to trap mosquitoes that Mosquito Control Services will then test to identify things such as West Nile Virus although more commonly, the mosquitoes turn out to be free of health risks.

Surprisingly, that itch might not be what you think. Although the common vernacular is "mosquito bite," it's technically not a bite at all: it's a proboscis penetration. A proboscis is an elongated sucking mouthpiece that is defined as typically tubular and flexible, and commonly found on mosquitoes and many other insects as well.

Before the proboscis penetration, the mosquito – which is female because only the females do this – spit on your skin. Spit acts as a numbing agent and the itch that follows isn't a reaction to the proboscis entering your skin, but rather, it's a reaction to the numbing spit. According to Howard, this spit is the mosquitoes' way of sucking blood from the skin without the victim's knowledge. Without this numbing agent, it's easy to imagine that a mosquito "bite" might pack more punch.

To prevent these unruly itches, Howard said it's important that people prevent

the buildup of standing water, the ideal place for a mosquito to lay eggs. Mosqui-

toes only needs about a bottle cap's worth of water to lay eggs, of which there are typically 200. By removing standing water from your premises, you're removing the chance that another 200 mosquitoes call your stomping grounds their home.

The removal of standing water is just one of the 4 Ds that Clay County Public Information Officer Kimberly Morgan said Clay County people should follow: Dusk/Dawn, Deet, Dress, Drain. Dusk and Dawn are the times when mosquitoes are most active. If you're out during these periods of the day, the chance of a mosquito "bite" are very much heightened. Deet is the spray that every mom in the county tells their kid to wear. It doesn't kill the mosquito, but it instead makes you invisible to its antenna, which is typically how mosquitoes find their prey. Everyone should dress appropriately – mosquitoes can't "bite" your skin if a long-sleeved shirt and pants are covering it so if you're going into a mosquito zone, think about wearing some layers. The residents are urged to drain all standing water.

Howard wants all residents in Clay County to know that while the West Nile Virus is dangerous and can be frightening, Mosquito Control Services is constantly working to remain proactive and on top of the situation so that when occurrences do happen, such as in Keystone Heights, things are business as usual – they trap, research, test, suppress and test again to ensure the risk is gone.

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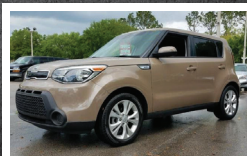
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Solar

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more. "Solar is definitely growing at a rapid pace, and FPL is in one of the largest solar expansions in the United States," Heiman said. "Over the next 10-15 years you'll see a much larger incorporation of solar energy and with that you'll start to see other technologies that piggyback off of solar like battery storage technology."

FPL has plans to incorporate 2,300 megawatts of solar power into its system by 2023, which would put the Juno Beach-based power company at about 10 million total solar panels in service. To reach that level they would need about 31 solar energy centers, and they've built, or at least started building, just over 20. Heiman estimates that the eight brought online this year will save customers \$100,000,000 even after the cost of construction is factored out.

Though the project won't bring much power to Clay County residents who don't receive FPL power, Heiman said that once construction gets going they will offer about 200-300 jobs to local people for the 7-to 9-month construction period. Two years ago, when constructing the solar center in the Melrose area, FPL hired some contractors for as much as \$18 per hour, which at the time, were jobs that proved to be in-demand.

"We ask contractors to look and hire locally," Heiman said. "We've seen that in two recent North Florida projects, in Putnam and Alachua Counties, where 90 percent of the labor came from in and around those counties."

Heiman also said that once the Magnolia Springs station is finished, that does not necessarily mean the job is done.

"Contractors pull talent from previous jobs onto new construction sites," he said. "They're going to look at previous workers first when they go to build the next one because of that experience."

Recently FPL met with its future neighbors at the Green Cove Springs Police Department, which they consider an act of good faith as well as to explain the project before it gets underway, what impacts if any and just to get to know the area and the people who live there.

"We want to continue to be as transparent and open about the project to our future neighbors," Heiman said. "Meetings like this benefit us too because these landowners know the area and can help us out."

He said that some people hear power plant and think about smoke stacks, trucks going in and out and lighting at night. With solar, however, none of this is the case. Once the solar center goes online it is monitored remotely, and functions without any sound or need for after-dark lighting. FPL has even partnered with the Audubon Society to incorporate "Solar Sanctuaries" into most of their projects that provide a habitat for local animals, such as bees or bats since the panels go directly into the ground and still allow grass to grow underneath.

Heiman said the project should be moving forward shortly as it seeks approval from local government at the county level, if that is granted they will set a timeline and start making plans for construction.



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YMCA hosts event for military families

FLEMING ISLAND – The Barco-Newton YMCA on Fleming Island along with the help of several local sponsors held a Back-to-School event for more than 600 local military families where they provided backpacks, school supplies and fun activities for over 650 children. New YMCA Branch Executive Jon Dearolf said “I’m amazed at the amount of families we have here today, I love helping the community and truly thank the local sponsors who came out today to help make this event possible,” said Branch Executive Jon Dearolf. In the photo at left; Nasha Blocton and her daughter Narissa, work on a Home Depot mini-construction project in the gym at the Barco-Newton Y.

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Calendar

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: Meets Aug. 2, Aug. 9, Aug. 16, Aug. 23 and Aug. 30 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. 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.

POWER OF PRAYER CONFERENCE 2018: Aug. 3-4 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 5 at 5 p.m. with host Pastor Carolyn Shorter with guest speakers Pastor Jekita Ashford Williams, Elder James Mathews and Pastor Willie Ross at R.C. Bannerman School, 608 Mill St., Green Cove Springs. Info, (904) 770-1989.

BACK TO SCHOOL: Retro Fitness, Fleming Island is hosting a Back to School Kick-off Event, Aug. 4, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Includes a fire-

rescue safety program, sheriff's office passing out kid fingerprinting kids, lifting competition between fire-rescue, police and military. Safe Animal Shelter will hold an on-site pet adoption. Bring a backpack to donate to needy Clay County students.

VIETNAM VETS MEETING: Vietnam Veterans of America William G. Byrns Chapter 1059 in Clay County meets Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Middleburg American Legion Post 250 at 3959 County Rd. 218. The VVA meets the first Saturday of each month.

TEACHER APPRECIATION EXPO: Aug. 6 from 1-3 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center will welcome hundreds of Clay County teachers. Hosted by the Clay County Chamber Foundation, the expo will feature door prize, free screenings, giveaways, food and beverages and more. Info, Annie Grogan at (904) 264-2651 ext. 214 or agrogan@claychamber.com.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE: Meets Aug. 7 at 3:30 p.m. and Aug. 21 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.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Meets Aug. 7 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.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Holds regular monthly meeting Aug. 10 at 9 a.m. at the Clay County Extension office, 2463 State Rd. 16 W, Green Cove Springs. Open to the public.

GARDEN CLUB: The Garden Club of Fleming Island monthly meeting, Aug. 13, Fleming Island Public Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd, at 10 a.m. Guest speaker Luke Harlow, a Clay County Agricultural Agent with UF/IFAS, will speak on landscape irrigation. Free and open to the public, no registration required. Info, (904) 264-3055.

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS: A RANCHER'S PERSPECTIVE: Aug. 14 at 11 a.m., UF/IFAS Range Cattle Research & Education Center, in Ona, Florida, Registration is required.

Offered in person or webinar. Register for webinar: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5711774181080118786> Call (863) 735-1314 to attend in person at UF/IFAS Range Cattle Research & Education Center, 3401 Experiment Station, Ona, Florida

SENIOR EXPO: Thrasher-Horne Conference Center, Aug. 15 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., free event featuring entertainment and information stage, health screenings and DJ Mike, line dancers and a Senior Fashion Show. Sponsors and vendors will share information, includes drawing for a 50"TV. Info, Jim Long at (904) 415-0062 or jlwin2@yahoo.com.

BOOK SIGNING: Self-published writers Jerry Howze("Justice in the Fast Lane, No Barrister Necessary") and Peggy Barnhart("Into the Midst") will sign copies of their books Aug. 15 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Senior Center, 604 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL: Special meeting, Aug. 22 from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. to discuss the draft of the Tourism Strategic Plan followed by a regular meeting, Clay County Board of County Commissioners meeting room, 4th floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. Open to the public, all are invited.

FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER: Help raise funds for the Military Museum of Northeast Florida, 1 Bunker Ave., Green Cove Springs at its first-ever Flea Market Fundraiser, Aug. 24 & 25 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Sell your stuff by renting a 10-foot table for \$20; additional 10-foot spaces can be rented for an additional \$15 per 10-foot section. Info, (904)410-0781 or email militarymuseumnf@aol.com.

ANCIENT WORDS BIBLE CONFERENCE: Sept. 7 from 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. and Sept. 8 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Oak Grove Baptist Church, 3645 County Rd. 215, Middleburg. Join us as we explore Biblical and Doctrinal truths rediscovered in the Reformation and we examine the "Founders' Principles" that guided the formation

of the Southern Baptist Convention. Info, Pastor Kermit Mathews at (352) 468-2257.

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Help St. Johns River State College celebrate 60 years on Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center.



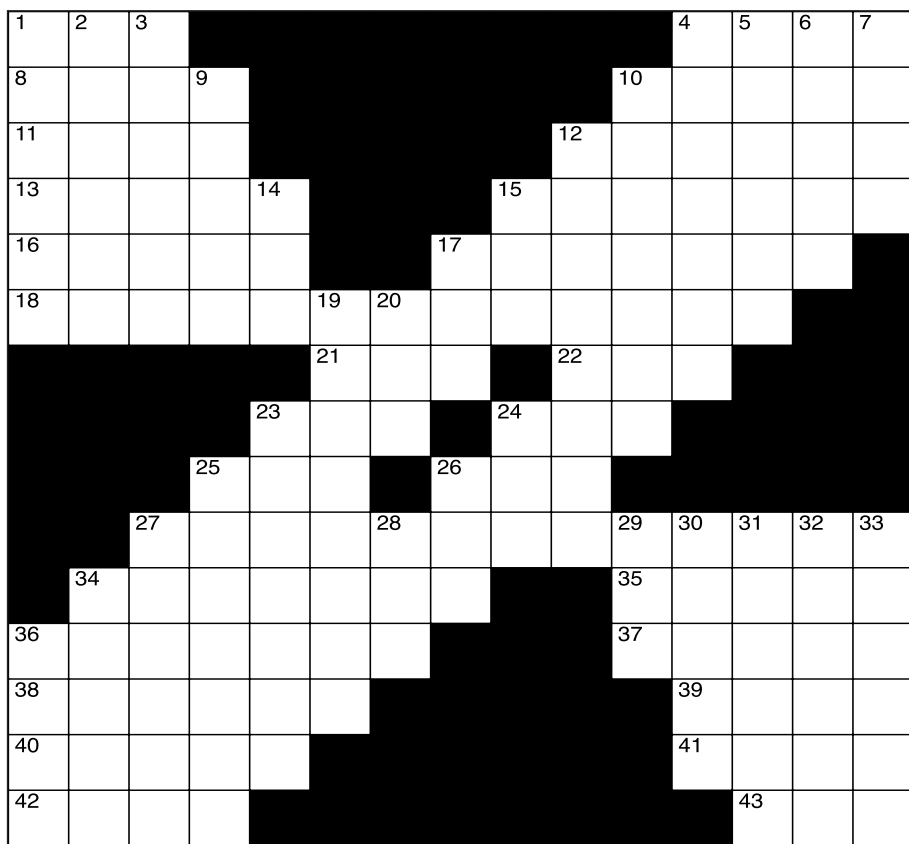
"WOOFSTOCK" Gala: to benefit the SAFE Animal Shelter saluting 1960s-era music provided by DJ Tim, dinner from Chili's and live and silent auctions. Sept. 22 from 5-9 p.m., Thrasher-Horne Conference Center. Hippie attire is encouraged. Tickets are \$60 per person and are available at Safe Animal Shelter, 2913 County Rd. 220 or call (904) 375-9122 to purchase with a credit card.

COMMUNITY OUTEACH: to aid area flood victims, homeless and low-income families, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Springs Church, 317 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park. Transportation from Middleburg, Green Cove Springs and Orange Park area. Free lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., clothing, toiletries, blood pressure checkups, service referrals, veteran's services and more. Transportation, (904) 379-6208.

WHISTLING DEATH 5K: Oct. 6 at 8 a.m., Military Museum of North Florida, 1 Bunker Ave., Green Cove Springs. \$25 registration through Sept. 15, \$30 afterwards till race day. All finishers will receive a custom finisher medal. The race will traverse the various roads and runways of the former Lee Field airbase. Info, Chris Rodatz, (904) 655-6511.

FALL FESTIVAL: Asbury United Methodist Church, 16 College Dr., Orange Park, hosts its annual Fall Festival craft fair Oct. 13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be crafts, food vendors, baked goods, live entertainment, clowns, Child ID Program, Bounce House and the Pumpkin Patch will be open. Info, (904) 272-0110.

PROCUREMENT CONFERENCE: Clay County municipalities and agencies come together Oct. 25 from 8 a.m.-Noon at the Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr., to host a half-day how-to conference on "Doing Business with Clay County." Features a tradeshow and educational sessions where purchasing representatives will provide information about their procurement and vendor registration processes. \$10 per person. Info, (800) 450-4624.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Political action committee
- 4. Where sauces cook
- 8. Type of horse
- 10. Heavy sword (Brit.)
- 11. ___ Nui, Easter Island
- 12. A type of burner
- 13. Spanish island
- 15. Rapid alteration of a musical note
- 16. Where priests work
- 17. Most impoverished
- 18. Tom Petty's band
- 21. Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- 22. No longer is
- 23. Mandela's party
- 24. Legislator (abbr.)
- 25. A type of 'zebra'
- 26. The common gibbon
- 27. American icon
- 34. Hunting expeditions

- 35. What a princess wears
- 36. Switched gears
- 37. Protege to Freya (Norse myth.)
- 38. Serves
- 39. Darken
- 40. Fencing swords
- 41. Middle English letter
- 42. Go slowly
- 43. A type of flute

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One who is rejected
- 2. Suitable for crops
- 3. Per ___ each
- 4. Indulges
- 5. Preoccupy
- 6. NIN frontman Reznor
- 7. Posted
- 9. Infamous Ukraine village
- 10. Bizarre
- 12. One who loves to read
- 14. The products of human creativity
- 15. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 17. Famed Chinese American architect
- 19. These can be used to burn trash
- 20. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. Peter's last name
- 25. Offered as a prize
- 26. French river
- 27. Young woman
- 28. A pot has one
- 29. Of the ears
- 30. Full of parasites
- 31. Dole out incrementally
- 32. Citrus fruit
- 33. Hearty
- 34. External form
- 36. Turn violently

Myths & truths about Mars

By Thomas Webber

What a spectacular summer it is for those who enjoy the splendor of a starlight night. Even the most casual of observers would have noticed four bright jewels appearing night after night, competing for our attention.

These brilliant points of lights are actually not stars, but other worlds of wonder – Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. Indeed, the Red Planet is somewhat of a celebrity right now, the center of some fantastic facts and some faulty fiction.



Thomas Webber

First, the facts:

Mars is very close to Earth right now. In fact, on July 31 Mars was the closest to Earth than it had been since 2003. At the time of print, it is still very close, roughly 57.6 million kilometers or 35.8 million miles.

This close approach of Mars means it is currently the fourth brightest object in the night sky, behind the Sun, Moon and Venus. It is even a whopping 1.8 times brighter than the mighty Jupiter.

Fortunately, we have the opportunity to experience this contrast among four worlds. Venus is the brightest object in the western sky after sunset. Moving eastward against the backdrop of stars we find Jupiter, then Saturn and finally Mars.

For almost two hours, from the rise of Mars at 8:50 to the setting of Venus at 10:45, our celestial stage is replete with four of our planetary neighbors. Their order of brightness is Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

For those of you already writing letters to the editor, I left out Mercury on purpose. Yes, it is technically visible in the western twilight. But it also sets at approximately the same time Mars is rising, so it is difficult to do a direct comparison. Neener neener.

So what physics is at work that brings Earth and Mars so close together? The phenomenon is called “perihelic opposition” and is due to the fact that the orbits of the planets are elliptical. This means that every planet has a point where it is closest to the Sun, and a point where it is the farthest. I bet you can see where I am going with this.

Earth reaches the outermost point of its orbit, called aphelion, in early July. Even at the end of July, we are much farther from the Sun than average, and therefore much closer to the orbit of

Mars.

Meanwhile, Mars is near opposition. This means that, when viewed from above, the Sun, Earth, and Mars are in near alignment.

One last condition: Mars’ closest orbital approach to the Sun – perihelion – is occurring while it is in opposition. Put it all together, and Mars is very close to us, relatively speaking.

And now, for the science fiction:

Back in August 2003, when Mars was a mere 56 million kilometers or 34.6 million miles from us, the closest in over 60,000 years, rumors spread on the internet that Mars would appear as large as a full moon in the sky. Almost every summer since then, this claim seems to rear its ugly head.

Not one to be overly dramatic, permit me to say that if this were true then there would have been a humdinger of a gravitational shift in our Solar System and we would have much larger concerns than how Mars looked in the sky, such as rapid temperature shifts, extreme weather and tides and even the loss of our atmosphere.

This whole rumor started because of a statement that was made back in 2003. Because Mars appeared 6 times larger and 85 times brighter, it was written that Mars would appear as large as a full moon does to the naked eye through a telescope with 75x magnification. The last part of that statement was ignored, and the rumor mill began.

Let this be a grammar lesson to us all. And remember, as I just verified on Wikipedia, it was Abraham Lincoln who warned us to not believe everything we read online. Now, you must excuse me. I just received an email from a foreign prince promising he would share his fortune with me if I sent him money to release the funds, and I am going to go yacht-shopping.

Thomas Webber teaches AP Physics at Oakleaf High School and worked in the planetarium field for nearly 20 years, including at MOSH, and has also taught physics and astronomy at both the secondary and collegiate levels.

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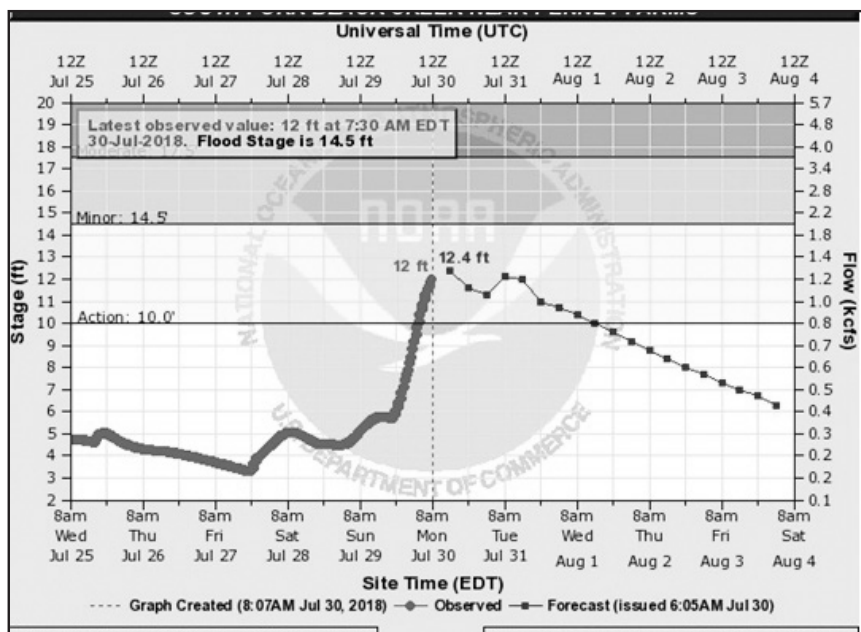
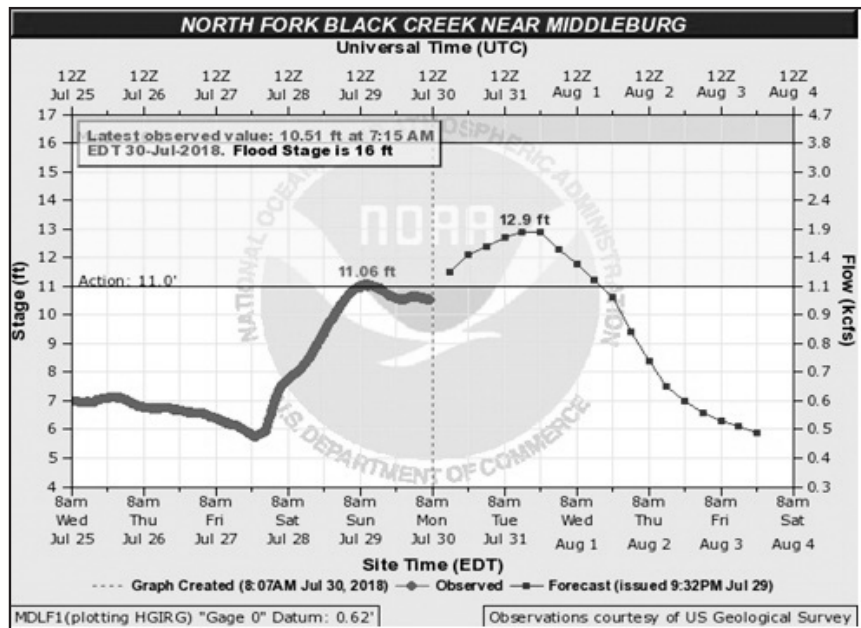
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Community Briefs



Recent rain has officials on alert

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Emergency Management is currently monitoring the North and South Prongs of Black Creek.

The recent large amounts of rainfall have caused both Prongs to enter in to action flood stage, with the expectation that they could enter minor flood stage later in the week, depending on the location of rainfall in the respective basins.

It is expected that the predicted level of rise will not cause issues,

however any additional, unanticipated heavy rainfall in the basin could cause the creek to rise very quickly.

Emergency Management Director John Ward encourages residents along both North and South Prong to closely monitor the rainfall through the next few days.

He recommends all Clay County residents to sign up for the local alert notification system at ALERT.clay-county.gov. Call Emergency Management if you have any questions or concerns at (904) 284-7703.

Cops complete executive leadership seminar

TALLAHASSEE – Two Clay County Sheriff's Office members are among 40 first-line supervisors who recently completed leadership training at the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute.

Steven J. Barreira, CCSO chief of logistics & general support, and Undersheriff Ray Walden graduated July 27 from the Institute's Executive Leadership Seminar, which is designed for upper-level managers from Florida criminal justice organiza-

tions that provides continuing education about how to develop and sharpen leadership skills.

Seminar participants met for three weeks at Florida Department of Law Enforcement headquarters in Tallahassee where studied communicating through a crisis, critical thinking, leading people, managing organizations, overcoming adversity, emotional intelligence and servant leadership.

The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute was established with FDLE in

1990 by the Florida Legislature to address the need for an innovative and multi-faceted approach to the education and training of criminal justice professionals. The Institute is affiliated with the State University System.

Calling all teachers!

PALATKA – The St. Johns River Water Management District is looking for your next great idea about water conservation and water education.

It's time to begin applying for the District's Blue School Grant Program, which kicks off its third year with the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

The program is designed to support middle and high school teachers who want to provide hands-on experience in science, technology, engineering and math. During the 2017-2018 school year, teachers and their students made water quality comparisons of stormwater ponds on campus, installed micro-irrigation systems in school gardens, and conducted a seagrass restoration project, among other projects.

The SJRWMD is again making available up to \$20,000 through Blue School grants. The application period is already open for teachers to prepare their grant proposals, with applications due by Sept. 7. Criteria, deadlines and the online application can be found online at www.sjrwmd.com/education/blue-school. There is also a video online to give teachers a bit of inspiration about the Blue School Grant Program.

OPMC celebrates new heart care recognition

ORANGE PARK – Orange Park Medical Center recently became the only hospital of about 800 in a six-state area of the Southeast to earn a prestigious award from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association.

The nonprofits' "Get with the Guidelines" Recognition Awards honored for high performance in all five of their programs including stroke, heart failure, resuscitation, atrial fibrillation and coronary artery disease. The hospital administration and the American Heart Association teamed up Aug. 1 to honor staff and physicians for earning this elite status.

"Holding our stroke care to the American Heart Association's standards and being a comprehensive stroke center is what saves lives every day at Orange Park Medical Center," said Islam Tafish, Neurologist at Orange Park Medical Center.

To qualify for the award, a hospital must meet quality measures developed by the American Heart Association for each category. Having earned all five awards demonstrates Orange Park Medical Center's commitment to the community by providing quick and quality treatment to those suffering from a stroke, heart attack and early detection of atrial fibrillation, which can be the root cause of a stroke or heart attack.

"A stroke patient loses 1.9 million neurons each minute stroke treatment is delayed. These awards recognize our commitment to delivering advanced stroke treatments to patients quickly and safely," Tafish said.

The Greater Southeast area includes hospitals in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Puerto Rico.

Clean out your closet, help a neighbor in need

ORANGE PARK – The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry of Orange Park is getting ready for its Annual Garage Sale, it's largest fundraising event of the year.

Area residents are urged to purge their closets and garages and turn over unused and unneeded treasures to help raise funds that will be used to help the neediest families in Clay County. Donations of clean, good repair and serviceable clothing, household items, furniture, toys, shoes, books, games, garden and sport equipment, small appliances and audio equipment will be accepted. Contribution receipts will be available upon request. Contact the Clothes Closet through the website ccfpop.org or call (904) 264-5239 to make arrangements for pickup. Donations can be dropped off on Aug. 9 from Noon until 6 p.m. and Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

This year the annual garage sale will be held on Aug. 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Orange Park United Methodist gym on the corner of Reed Street and Stowe Avenue in Orange Park off US Highway 17.

Founded in 1952, the nonprofit Clothes Closet and Food Pantry of Orange Park provides outreach services, clothing, Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, furniture and household items to hundreds of Clay County residents in need or crisis and food each year. The nonprofit organization depends solely on donations and its annual garage sale fundraising event to fund its programs and services. All proceeds from the sale benefit the clients and operation of the Clothes Closet.

Teacher 'Appreciation Event' scheduled

ORANGE PARK – The Thrasher-Horne Center will welcome hundreds, if not thousands, of Clay County teachers at a Teacher Appreciation Expo planned for Aug. 6.

Hosted by the Clay County Chamber Foundation, the expo will run from 1-3 p.m. It's seen as a time to recognize teachers, provide items for their classrooms, and build stronger relationships with the business community.

The expo is open to all Clay County teachers with proof of employment at a public, private and charter school in Clay County.

Election

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Peterson showed up to work anyway and administered the test. During the first period of testing, then-Principal Victoria Schultz, walked in to check on Peterson's class after Bailey had alerted Schultz about Peterson's email. The result: Schultz walked into a classroom in which students were not being tested, according to the 7-page DCPS investigative report. When Schultz asked Peterson why the students were not testing, Peterson said her students were not ready for the exam and that she didn't understand why they needed to take it.

"Principal Schultz informed Ms. Peterson that it was too late for her first period students to take the exam; however, she expected Ms. Peterson to be in the computer lab second period administering the exam to her students," states the DCPS investigative report.

During second period, Schultz joined Peterson in the computer lab to assist with the administration of the exam. According to the report, Schultz noticed that the majority of the class was scanning over the exam and not marking answers. Schultz made what appeared to be a mental note and then left the class.

Later in the day, another teacher at Sandalwood High, Crystal Parker, informed Schultz of something Peterson had told her.

"Ms. Peterson stated to Ms. Parker that she (Ms. Peterson) told her students to mark all 'C' on the exam," states the DCPS investigative report. "Due to this information, Principal Schultz printed the exam and it appeared to be true. All of the first period students selected 'C' as the answer."

It's likely that this occurred due to something Peterson told her class.

"We was in class and we wasn't ready to take the CGA 3, but the Principal said we have to so we all went down to a computer room and Mrs. Peterson suggested we all pick C, so the whole class picked C,"

"You asked me the question, 'Can a union member basically be exempt from administering a test?' and the answer is no," Brady said. "Right now, the district is the one that gives us test dates and there is some flexibility of measurement, but [it's] not by test dates or end-of-course work, or any other major test that is sent out by the district."

– Terrie Brady, DTU president

one student said, whose name was redacted from the report.

The report features another 11 students detailing what occurred, all pointing toward their teacher, Peterson, telling them to essentially "do whatever [they] want" on the exam – one student even used the term "Christmas tree" in their witness report.

Once Schultz learned that all of Peterson's first period students selected "C," she instructed Peterson to tell her students not to pick "C" for every answer. The next class to test after Schultz told Peterson this was Peterson's fourth period class. They didn't choose "C" for every answer. Instead, the majority of students chose "A." Some of the witness statements report that Peterson told them to all pick "A."

A deeper dive into her DCPS personnel file showed that Peterson clearly understood her duties as an educator. On August 26, 2013, Peterson signed the Test Administrator/Coordinator Prohibited Activities Agreement that states, "I understand that during testing I may not do anything that would cause the achievement of the students, teacher, or school to be inaccurately measured or reported."

On the night of March 4, 2014, Peterson attended the Duval School Board regular meeting. According to Peterson, she went before the board ahead of the testing period to ask the board not to force the teachers to administer the test.

"I went before the school board, and it's documented, the day before the test was supposed to be given, and I asked, 'Please don't have us give this test. Our students aren't ready. If we can push it back, that would be great. Give us time to teach it so it's a true assessment that we can use to measure their growth,'" Peterson said. "At

the meeting it was said that it was up to the discretion of the teacher, and I knew that was the answer, but I wanted to go on record because other teachers did not know that."

However, a search of past Duval School Board meetings, failed to show Peterson spoke to the school board.

According to Peterson, union members are not required to administer the test. At the time of the testing investigation, Peterson was vice president of one of the teachers' units within Duval Teachers United, the teachers' union. Terrie Brady, DTU president, would not comment on any specifics of Peterson's case or the CGA, but she did say that no union member can negotiate the terms of administering a test.

"You asked me the question, 'Can a union member basically be exempt from administering a test?' and the answer is no," Brady said. "Right now, the district is the one that gives us test dates and there is some flexibility of measurement, but [it's] not by test dates or end-of-course work, or any other major test that is sent out by the district."

Rena Lee Paiva, president of the Clay County Education Association teachers' union, concurs with Brady and said that in Clay, teachers are not allowed to choose whether or not to administer a test.

"It's a teacher's job to administer a test and administer all tests as directed by the Superintendent," Paiva said. "[Union members] don't get exempt."

The next day, on March 5, 2014, Schultz met with Peterson and presented her with the allegations made against her in an effort to grant her an opportunity to explain herself. Peterson denied that she directed her students to choose "C" as their answer choice, according to the investigative re-

port. However, the witness statements of the students in her class offer a clearer glimpse into the allegations. Some students said Peterson told them to pick "C" for every answer and that's it. Other students said she said to pick "C" for every answer, but that they didn't have to if they didn't want to.

The day of the tests, March 4, 2014, an official investigation was opened by DCPS. On March 5, 2014, Schultz reported to Aaron Clements, the investigator from the DCPS Office of Equity and Inclusion/Professional Standards, to show him the answers of Peterson's class. All of her first period selected "C" as the answer, according to the district report. Six students in her second period class selected exclusively "C," while the entire class selected "C" for the majority of their questions. In Peterson's fourth period class, 11 students selected only "A" as their answer with the majority of the class choosing "A" as well for most of their answers. As part of the DCPS investigation, Schultz obtained written statements from many involved, including the teacher, Crystal Parker.

According to Parker, Peterson told her why she instructed her students to answer the exam the way they did.

"Because we decided that 'C' was going to be the answer to all the questions," said Peterson to Parker, according to the investigative report. "No one else takes the test seriously, so why should I?"

Later in April of 2014, the investigation ended with the conclusion that Peterson violated the Code of Ethics and the Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession in Florida which states, "Shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning and/or to the student's mental and/or physical health and/or safety," and, "Shall not intentionally suppress or distort subject matter relevant to a student's academic program," respectively.

"Based upon the foregoing, it was determined that there is substantial evidence to sustain the charges of the exercise of

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Briefs

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In preparation of the expo, the Clay County Chamber Foundation is seeking donations from the community of school supplies that will have teachers enjoy a successful year of hitting the books.

The supplies in order of need are white and copy colored paper, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, dry erase markers, Kleenex tissues, pocket Kleenex tissues, sticky notes, No. 2 pencils and pens (branded ok), loose leaf notebook paper wide rule, Sharpie markers, glue sticks, highlighters, Crayola Crayons 24-count, washable markers, red ink pens, blue ink pens, pink oblong erasers, staple removers, mechanical pencils, pencil boxes, pocket folders, composition notebooks, pencil cases, wide-ruled spiral

bound notebooks, Fiskars's blunt end scissors, Elmer's glue bottles, index cards, colored pencils, subject dividers, 1-inch binders, rulers, and white erasers.

The event will also feature door prize, free screenings, giveaways, food and beverages and more.

For more information, contact Annie Grogan at (904) 264-2651 ext. 214 or agrogan@claychamber.com.

FWC invites attendees to 9th Annual Florida Waterfowl Summit

OCALA – The public is invited to attend the free ninth annual United Waterfowlers Florida and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Florida Waterfowl Summit on Aug. 10, which will focus on aquatic plant management and the challenges associated with nutrients and inva-

sive species. The meeting will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Ballroom at the Ocala Hilton.

Lunch will be provided at no cost to summit attendees. There will also be a welcome reception for summit attendees on Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Ocala Hilton pool with dinner provided by UW-F.

The summit is free to attend, but attendees must register at: <https://bit.ly/2LUXsQk>. This event is founded and funded by duck hunters and co-sponsored by the FWC.

For more information on the Florida Waterfowl Summit, contact Steve Rockwood at Steve.Rockwood@MyFWC.com.

Soul Food Festival fundraiser scheduled

JACKSONVILLE – Make plans now to attend the 3rd Annual Soul Food Festival

Fundraiser, Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Ramada Inn in Mandarin.

This year's theme is a Masquerade Ball and it will be held in The Comedy Zone from 6-11 p.m. While proceeds will go to fund the Green Cove Springs Soul Food Festival, a percentage of proceeds will also go to the American Heart Association.

Tickets are \$35 per person and \$60 per couple, \$75 for the VIP Package, which includes a picture and signed autograph with Tony Grant, national recording artist and former lead singer of As Yet, which the charts with the hit song "Last Night." He went on to be the lead actor for the well-known producer and actor Tyler Perry and his show "Love Thy Neighbor."

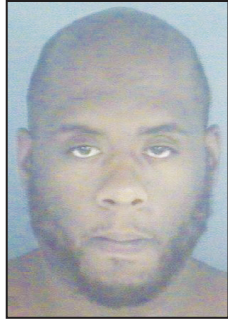
For tickets, contact Event Coordinator Felecia Hampshire at (904) 622-7903 or Co-Coordinator David Coffey at (904) 525-6386.

Navy commander killer appeal denied

By Eric Cravey
Managing Editor

TALLAHASSEE – The 1st District Court of Appeal has denied a motion to appeal by a man convicted of killing a U.S. Navy commander in an Orange Park motel.

After a jury trial in Clay County, Anthony Delane Washington, 33, was convicted in September 2016 of first-degree murder and burglary with an assault in the death of Alphonso Doss, 44, who was at Naval Air Station Jacksonville for training. Doss was murdered on Feb. 12, 2014. Washington was sentenced to concurrent terms of life imprisonment and 30 years in prison.



Anthony Washington

Washington argued that his convictions and sentences “should be vacated because the incriminating statements he made to the police should have been suppressed,” states court papers.

Washington having an affair with Doss’s estranged wife, Yolinda Hunter Doss when

the killing took place at the Astoria Hotel.

Orange Park Police interviewed Washington 9 days after the murder and six months later when Washington drove himself to the police station around 10:17 p.m. After several discussions about his Miranda Rights and the right to an attorney and being honest and doing the right things, court documents state Washington began offering two OPPD detectives some incriminating statements.

“Washington moved to suppress his statements, arguing that they were not freely and voluntarily given because the detectives ignored his repeated requests for counsel and downplayed the significance of the Miranda warnings. After considering argument from counsel and viewing the video recording of Washington’s interrogation, the trial court found that there was no delay in the administration of Washington’s rights and that there was no indication that he was intimidated, coerced, or deceived into waiving his rights,” states the DCA ruling.

The court also found that Washington

never “clearly and unequivocally requested counsel during the interrogation.”

Authorities believed Doss was killed because his wife wanted to collect \$600,000 in insurance money that she was due if he died, authorities said.

“It is well-settled that police officers must immediately stop an interrogation when a suspect clearly and unequivocally requests counsel at any time during a custodial interview,” states the DCA ruling paperwork. “Failure to do so requires suppression of any statements made after the suspect has invoked his right to counsel. However, the police are not required to stop an interview when a suspect makes an equivocal or ambiguous request for counsel.”

During the second interview, police asked Washington numerous times if he needed a lawyer and Washington asked police at least twice, “So will I walk outta here tonight?” to which one officer responded by saying, “Well, we don’t know what you’re gonna tell us Anthony” and the second detective told Washington, “We

won’t know the answer to that.”

The DCA ruled that “Statements such as ‘maybe I should talk to a lawyer’ are not unequivocal requests for counsel,” states the ruling handed down Aug. 1.

“Washington did not thereafter invoke his right to counsel and indicated his willingness to speak to the detectives after being fully advised of his rights. Because Washington did not unequivocally invoke his right to counsel, and the detectives provided straightforward and simple answers to Washington’s questions about his rights, we hold that the trial court properly denied Washington’s motion to suppress.”

The DCA also stated that there was no evidence to determine whether Washington was mentally incompetent and did not understand the detectives line of questioning.

The circuit court trial prosecutors said Washington, Yolinda Doss, and Washington’s friend, Ronnie Wilson II, 35, ambushed Alphonso Doss in the hotel room while Yolinda Doss acted as a lookout, then staged the scene to look like a burglary had gone awry.



Sandridge Road to open next week

LAKE ASBURY – Clay County officials report that this stretch of Sandridge Road, where a new culvert is being installed, should open on August 10, weather permitting. Since its closure, area residents have been having to detour on other streets for months, much like what happened last year in the wake of Hurricane Irma which blew out the footings of the bridge on County Road 218 near The Ravines.

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Park

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some improvements to help that and in all of the changes coming to the park.”

Some of the changes coming alongside better drainage and a new concession stand is a resurfaced parking lot, a basketball court, a tennis court repaving and more. Shannon Cloud, president of the Middleburg Association of Athletics, couldn't be

On July 26, officials from Clay County government held a groundbreaking ceremony at Omega Park off County Road 218 in Middleburg. The park is going to get about \$470,000 in upgrades some say are long overdue.

more thrilled about the changes. For her, parks are not only a place to gather and enjoy a ball game or slide down a slide, but a living piece of the community as well.

“This park is not only home for us, but it's home for many, many, many years of memories,” Cloud said. “Everybody here has had a loss, they've had a victory, but what they've had most is friendship and family. It's a place where friendships are made and lessons are learned. [These improvements are not only happening] to make the ones that served before us proud, but we want to pave the way for those that will come after us, so that we can continue on the legacy of Omega Park in Clay County.”

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poor judgment, failure to follow established testing protocols, and providing inappropriate testing assistance to students against Latanya Peterson for her role in these incidents,” the report reads.

As a result of these findings, Peterson was issued what is known as a Step II Progressive Discipline, a written reprimand. This disciplinary action was given instead of a reduction of pay or full dismissal in the effort to give her a more progressive discipline, reads the district report. This reprimand was placed in her personnel file. While Peterson was not dismissed as an employee from Sandalwood High School, she would later be terminated on June 30, 2014, due to issues with her teaching certification.

Documents in Peterson's personnel file showed she was teaching on a temporary certificate and Peterson did not turn in proper certification to maintain her teaching position. According to Peterson, she purposefully chose not to pursue this certification and instead resigned because she was planning to work for the Republican National Committee.

Before her termination, however, the Florida Department of Education's Office of Professional Practices Services opened an investigation into Peterson on May 28, 2014. On February 3, 2015, The Florida Department of Education published a 74-

page report and closed Peterson's investigation without taken any type of action against her. Instead state officials stated that the written reprimand she had already received was appropriate and no further action would be taken.

On top of this investigation, but not necessarily linked to it, Peterson received an official evaluation using the Collaborative Assessment System for Teachers, which earned her a .6 in the area of “showing professionalism.” This score translates to “developing/needs improvement,” and is close to the score that would have translated to “unsatisfactory.”

According to Peterson, all of this occurred because she promised her students that she would never test them on material they hadn't yet been taught. In this instance, the test covered subjects she hadn't yet taught which is why she told her students to answer the way she did. Meanwhile, the Duval Schools' investigative report states that Peterson denied telling her students to all pick “C.”

Peterson told Clay Today that she told her students to do whatever they want on the exam because she didn't want to hold her students accountable for something she didn't teach them. When asked why they hadn't been taught this information yet, Peterson said that simply put, her class had not yet reached that point in the curriculum.

“It was our discretion as a teacher, per the union, that if they weren't where they

needed to be, you could lump [two tests] together so that in the [sixth week], you could have one big test,” Peterson said. “That was our goal. We had talked about it as a department, but because again, I was the one that was vice president of the teachers' union, the principal wanted to make an example out of me and that was fine.”

Peterson said the reason an investigation was opened was because she was involved in politics.

“The principal at the time, because I was politically-active, decided to take it another step further and start this investigation,” Peterson said. “Nothing was found because it wasn't a state assessment – it's a district test. So that's what happened.”

When asked about the punishment, Peterson said that the reason she only received a written reprimand, rather than harsher punishment, was because there was no real harm done, although no student in her class received higher than a 60 percent on the exam, she said.

“It was, OK, maybe not the best choice of words to say, ‘do what you want to do,’ but it was no harm, no foul,” Peterson said.

Now, more than four years later, Peterson stands by the decision she made in 2014. “I stand by it,” Peterson said. “We didn't have to use the benchmark test that we were given so it didn't matter. Nobody uses

the data but the district and that's why I fought for it.”

“I let the process do what it was going to do and I came out in favor,” Peterson said.

However, a further look into Peterson's personnel file showed she had also been involved in a testing investigation when she taught at Oceanway Middle School. The May 24, 2012 investigation did not result in disciplinary action after another teacher reported Peterson.

“While counting test booklets Ms. Peterson was witnessed reviewing the End of Course Examination for Language Arts and taking notes on the content,” states her personnel file.

According to DCPS personnel records, Peterson held a temporary teaching certificate for English Grades 6-12 issued for 7-01-2006 to 6-30-2009. A current search shows she does not hold a current teaching certificate in Florida. Prior to teaching in Duval, Peterson taught two years in Broward County and half a year in Nassau County where she resigned mid-year, on November 2, 2006, before her teaching evaluation. She taught a total of 69 days in the 2005-06 school year.

Former Sandalwood High principal Victoria Schultz, who now serves as Chief of Schools for DCPS, did not return calls for this story.

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Police Briefs

Medical Examiner identifies body found last Friday

JACKSONVILLE – The Duval County Medical Examiner's Office identified the body of the man who was pulled from the St. Johns River near the Doctors Lake Bridge on July 27.

According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, the body was identified as 65-year-old Keith Edward Pereau who was reported missing on July 15 after he went on a short boat ride with his girlfriend. He was last seen after the couple had returned from the boat ride.

Last Friday, CCSO had the area at Fleming Street and River Avenue cordoned off after the body was pulled from the water. "At this time investigation into his cause of death continues, though we have no further information to provide at this time," states a CCSO press release.

When he was reported missing, a search was launched that involved his family, law enforcement and members of the community. Earlier in the week last week, CCSO said there was no evidence of foul play.

OPMC resident student arrested for sexual battery on teen

DEBARY, Fla. – A physician in residency training at Orange Park Medical Center remains in jail in Volusia County where he

faces charges of sexual battery on a male 15-year-old.

Police charged Alexander J. Ralys, 30, with sexual battery on a victim over the age of 12 and under the age of 18 after he was discovered in bed with the teen in the early morning of July 25 at a home in DeBary.

A witness told deputies that Ralys was on top of the victim and neither had clothes on from the waist down. The victim told detectives Ralys sexually battered him.

The witness removed Ralys from the house immediately after he walked in on the incident, and Ralys was still outside the home when deputies arrived.

Ralys is listed as a first-year resident in family medicine at Orange Park Medical Center. According to hospital spokesman Pete Moberg, Ralys has been suspended from the residency program since the arrest.

Ralys had his first court appearance in a Deland courtroom on July 27 and was transported to the Volusia County Branch Jail to be held without bond.

Additional charges are possible pending further investigation. While there are no reports of any additional potential victims at this time, anyone with additional information is asked to contact the Volusia County Sheriff's Office Child Exploitation Unit at (386) 323-3574.



Alexander Ralys

Charges pending in traffic fatality

JACKSONVILLE – Charges are pending against an Orange Park man who was involved in a traffic fatality on Interstate 295 on July 26, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Police said Victor Juan Palma, 51, of Orange Park, was driving a 2018 GMA Terrain SUV heading southbound on I-295 when he made a U-turn in a turn lane set aside for only official police use. When he made the U-turn at 6:45 p.m. on July 26, his GMC collided with a 2009 Triumph Motorcycle driven by Vincenzo Contessa, 25, of Jacksonville.

Contessa was transported to Orange Park Medical Center where he later died.

2017 crime spree leader arrested

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Clay County man was extradited from the Lake City Correctional Institution to stand charges for a 2017 crime spree that started with a carjacking on Blanding Boulevard.

Using warrants obtained from 4th Circuit Court Judge John Skinner, police charged Qwentin DeShaun Simmons, 19, with carjacking while carrying firearm or other deadly weapon, grand theft auto, grand theft valued between \$300 and 4,999 and four counts of burglary after an investigation into a crime spree that took place July 2017.

According to the arrest warrant, Simmons committed an armed carjacking on July 15, 2017 when he stole a black Kia

Forte from 950 Blanding Blvd. Police said the victim was sitting in his car in a parking lot checking his bank balance on his phone when Simmons approached him with a gun and stole his car.

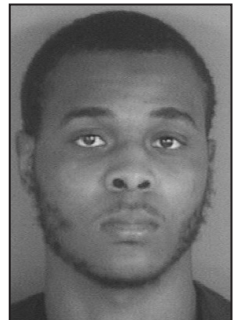
"He then drove to Green Cove Springs and picked up five juveniles positively as [report redacted]. The subjects rode to the Fleming Island Plantation Subdivision, smoking marijuana on the way. Once there, they began pulling car door handles in search of unlocked ones."

Two days later, Green Cove Springs Police found the stolen Kia in the 1000 block of Buccaneer Boulevard.

A search of the car led police to items that had been reported stolen in a home burglary that was reported on July 15, 2017 in the 1700 block of Covington Lane in Fleming Island Plantation.

Simmons' crime spree also involved the break-in of a Ford F-150 in the 1425 block of Woodland View Drive and the theft of a \$5,000 valued at vehicle from a home in the 1400 block of Golden Willow Court, both in Fleming Island Plantation.

At press time, Simmons remained in the Clay County Jail where his bond is set at \$302,521.



Qwentin Simmons

Arrests & Bookings

Tuesday, July 31

Terry Jerome Battle, 19, Orange Park, VOP-Carrying a Concealed Firearm

Jonah Matthew Laugen, 21, Orange Park, Cocaine Possession, Resisting an Officer, Driving Without a Valid License

Bradley Russell Blair, 20, Orange Park, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession

Lenin Ramon Ortiz Urena, 34, Orange Park, DWLSR

Jacob Ryan Long, 21, Middleburg, Failing to Report Vacating Permanent Residence, Failing to Update Florida Driver's License, Providing False Registration Information

Mikkie Nichole Booth, 27, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Grand Theft

Leann Michelle Tower, 25, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Petit Theft

Isaiah Shamar Phillips, 19, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Possession of Cannabis With Intent to Sell

Matthew Graham Thurston, 39, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Fleeing & Eluding, VOP-Resisting an Officer With Violence,

VOP-Burglary, VOP-Possession of Heroin, VOP-Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Candace Reanne Rousseau, 25, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-Petit Theft Summer Dawn Strickland, 33, Green Cove Springs, Non-Support

Cecelia Louise Prevatt, 30, Clay Hill, Burglary, Grand Theft Auto

Rhiannon Elizabeth Dealing, 19, Orange Park, Shoplifting

Nicole Marie Dombroski, 34, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Trespassing

James Michael Kaes, 64, Orange Park, Domestic Battery

Ignacio Garcia, 32, Orange Park, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Donnie Britt Wingate, 54, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Jeremy Phillip Singer, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Assault

Jermaine Joel McIntosh, 30, Orange Park, Domestic Battery

Monday, July 30

Matthew Graham Thurston, 39, Orange Park, VOP-Burglary and Possession of Pre-

scription Pills, VOP-Resisting and Officer With Violence, VOP-Fleeing & Eluding an Officer, VOP-Possession of Heroin, VOP-Drug Paraphernalia Possession

Marcus Montreal Hill, 23, Orange Park, Driving Without a Valid License

Michael Kevin Bayless, 40, Orange Park, Three Counts of Dealing Stolen Property, Three Counts of Giving False Info to a Pawn Broker

Megan Alexandria Gaylord, 18, Orange Park, Aggravated Battery-Dating Violence

Dylan Gregory Whalen, 27, Green Cove Springs, Three Counts of FTA-No Motorcycle Endorsement

Christopher Scott Haydu, 48, Orange Park, Selling Methamphetamine Within 1,000 Feet of a Church or Business

Von Valentino Smith, 52, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-No Motor Vehicle Registration, FTA-Attached Tag Not Assigned

Donald Hugh Davidson Jr., 38, Middleburg, Two Counts of False Report of a Bomb Explosive or Weapon of Mass Destruction

Jos Lis Perez Leon, 36, Orange Park,

Criminal Use of Personal ID Information Donald Lee Klugh, 61, Orange Park, Shoplifting

Christopher Arnold Styles, 35, Orange Park, Trespassing

Marla Robin Grieb, 61, Orange Park, Violating No Contact Order

Travis Allen McGrath, 26, Middleburg, Non-support

Lazar Franklin Cowan, 32, Orange Park, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Sunday, July 29

Awldie Wayne Justice, 33, Green Cove Springs, Aggravated Battery

Marcos Martinez, 34, Middleburg, Fraudulent Use of Credit Card, Misrepresenting Self While Committing Personal ID Misdemeanor

Kevin Edward Hargrave, 21, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Jazmeen Brianna Aricka Gilbert, 21, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Arrests

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Gary R. Headley, 52, Orange Park, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Aleksejs Kovilov, 27, Middleburg, Two Counts, Violate Probation-Community

Justin Bryan Herrick, 22, Middleburg, Simple Battery

Harold Ray Tomlinson, 62, Orange Park, Disorderly Intoxication, Resisting an Officer, Alcohol Consumption Within 300 Feet of Package Store

Desiree Lynn Blount, 29, Green Cove Springs, Public Aid Fraud \$200 or More

Jesse Lee Harwell, 28, Keystone Heights, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Sean Michael Karavetsos, 33, Green Cove Springs, Failure to Appear for Court

Saturday, July 28

Christine Marie Moore, 38, Green Cove Springs, Petit Theft

Edwards, Sherry Lynn, 53, Keystone Heights, Simple Battery

Matthew Jackson Cummings, 23, Middleburg, Two Counts of Simple Battery

Katie Lee Parker, 22, Middleburg Failure to Appear for Court

Rebecca Lynn Fisher, 26, Middleburg, Fraudulent Use of Credit Card

Katie Lee Parker, 22, Middleburg, Methamphetamine Possession, Drug Equipment Possession

Sarah Lynn Brown, 46, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Daniel Stephen Zamoyta, 43, Green Cove Springs, FTA-Grand Theft

Robert Alston McCartney, 38, Middleburg, Petit Theft

Joshua Aric Colbert, 20, Orange Park, Resisting an Officer, Trespassing

Anthony Jason Rodriguez, 40, Green Cove Springs, Felony Battery, Domestic Battery by Strangulation, Aggravated Domestic Battery

Awdie Wayne Justice, 33, Green Cove Springs, Resisting an Officer With Violence, Violence on an Officer Firefighter or EMT, Attempting to Escape From Custody, Simple Battery

Jeremiah Harper, 26, Orange Park, Disorderly Intoxication, Trespassing

Cynthia Dain Reynolds, 48, Orange Park, VOP-Grand Theft

Friday, July 27

Devin Wayne McDowell, 22, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Armed Trespassing

Francis Eugene Reynolds, 50, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Schemes to Defraud

Hunter Jones, 20, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Burglary

Qwentin Deshaun Simmons, 19, Orange Park, Carjacking While Carrying Firearm-Other Deadly Weapon, Four Counts of Burglary, Grand Theft \$300-4,999, Grand Theft Auto

Henry McBride, 40, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR

Kevin Andrew Donley, 41, Keystone Heights, Petit Theft

Ralph L. Stokes, 47, Green Cove Springs, Non-Support

Christopher Scott Haydu, 48, Middleburg, Possession of a Firearm or Ammo by a Convicted Felon, Two Counts of Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Resisting an Officer, DWLSR

William John Kendzierski, 45, Fleming Island, Simple Battery, Disorderly Intoxication

Thursday, July 26

Sheridan Landell Veney, 25, Orange



Accreditation agency gives county jail top rating

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission recently awarded Excelsior Status to the Clay County Sheriff's Office detention facility. Excelsior Status acknowledges law enforcement agencies that have successfully completed five reaccreditations without conditions and is FCAC's highest form of recognition. It takes in excess of 15 years for an agency to attain Excelsior recognition as assessments are conducted in 3-year intervals.

The award comes after the jail went through an onsite review in March led by a three-member team from the Osceola County Corrections Department. The team ensured compliance with 248 Florida correction standards. Of the 248 standards, the detention facility complied with all mandatory and applicable non-mandatory standards. The assessors commended CCSO Detention members for their knowledge and professionalism. They also commended several facility programs, including the implementation of "Batterer's Intervention," a 24-lesson, hour-long program that is modeled after the Duluth Model using the Power and Control Wheel Control and Power. The program is to help the abuser identify their behaviors and correct them by using the Equality Wheel. The Clay County Jail received its initial FCAC accreditation in 2003 and every three years since, it has earned reaccreditation status. Excelsior Status was awarded on June 19 at an event in Orlando.

Park, FTA-Criminal Mischief, FTA-Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis

Micaiah Aaron Simmons, 37, Lake Asbury, FTA-DWLSR

Tyler Scott Brown, 30, Orange Park, FL, FTA-Possession of Methamphetamine, FTA-Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis, FTA-Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, FTA-Resisting an Officer

Michael Allen Hulse, 51, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR

Jason Andrew Pfisterer, 39, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Traveling to Meet Minor for Sex

Cecille Michelle Malone, 54, Green Cove Springs, FTA-Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Voncile Annetta Brasby, 56, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Shanita Lenetta Freeman, 41, Orange Park, DWLSR

Clifford Allen Putnam, 33, Middleburg, Resisting an Officer With Violence, Violence on an Officer Firefighter or EMT, Drug Equipment Possession

Wednesday, July 25

Anthony Marcell Franklin, 25, Green Cove Springs, FTA-No Motor Vehicle Registration

Adrian Larkin Kelley, 41, Middleburg, Resisting an Officer With Violence, DUI, DWLSR, Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement

Austin Lyle Bobo, 25, Fleming Island, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Paraphernalia Possession

Eduardo Alberto Palomino, 19, Fleming Island, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Paraphernalia Possession, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Christina Marie Worley, 38, Orange Park, Simple Assault With Intent Threat to Commit Domestic Violence

David Lee Turner, 36, Orange Park, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, DWLSR

Gregory Allen Walker, 27, Middleburg, VOP-Battery

Taylor Timothy Collins, 43, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Kandi Marie Gantt, 35, Green Cove Springs, FTA-Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, FTA-Drug Paraphernalia Possession

Jason Jawaun Wright, 33, Orange Park, DWLSR

John David Campbell, 51, Green Cove Springs, Domestic Battery by Strangulation, Domestic Battery

Christopher Antoine James, 30, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

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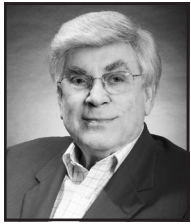
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Everyone will stand before the bar of God's justice to give an account of his life. The Bible makes this very clear. Romans 14:12 says "Each of us will give an account of himself to God." And when you stand in that awesome place you know that God will not be unfair or unjust.

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The justice of God has already been satisfied by judgment for sin being laid upon Jesus on the cross. If you accept that provision of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You can then expect mercy when you stand before God's justice bar because the penalty for your sins has already been paid.

Veteran wears title of 'Mayor of Melrose'

By Sarah Pickett
For Clay Today

MELROSE – A veteran. A photographer. The mayor of Melrose.

These are all titles that Cornelius Clayton Jr., 74, of Melrose, holds. Born in Jacksonville in 1943, Clayton's parents moved to Melrose in 1949. He graduated from high school in 1963 as the vice president of his senior class.

After high school, he worked at Shands Teaching Hospital until he was drafted for the Vietnam War in December 1966. He was wounded during a napalm drop after six-and-a-half months in Vietnam, which put him in a hospital in Japan for about three months. Upon returning to the United States, Clayton received a Purple Heart. He went on to spend his last nine months of service at Fort Benning, Georgia.

"I (was) supposed to get one (Purple Heart), but it was a mistake on the orders," Clayton said.

He received one of the Hearts in Vietnam, and another when he returned to stateside.

After his military service, Clayton went back to work for Shands. Then, he used the GI Bill to earn an associate degree at Santa Fe College in Gainesville. He was working on a bachelor's degree in management at the University of Florida when he started experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder.

"I finished about halfway with my Bachelor's, but my PTSD really started kicking in then," said Clayton.

To overcome this challenge, he relied on the strength he has in God and his life passion for photography.

"Photography has strengthened me because it took me to where people were," he said.

He started photographing people when he was 12-years-old. He took his camera to church and school. Then, he became more involved in the art of photography and began shooting events, weddings and class reunions.

"I don't go anywhere unless I take my camera, whether I'm taking pictures or



Cornelius Clayton Jr. can always be seen at public events with his camera. Here, he poses for a photo with Orange Park-based trial attorney Chris Johns at last December's Wreaths Across America ceremony.



Honored he received it yet never showy with the treasured honor, Cornelius Clayton Jr. keeps a photograph of his Purple Heart on his camera as reminder of his time in the Vietnam War.

not. It's just my life," he said. "I do it for fun, most of all. Occasionally, I do it for events. I'm also a clown; I like to tease and make people laugh," he said.

Melrose is home for Clayton. He loves Melrose for its trees, country roads and kind people. He has attended the same church, Saint John Missionary Baptist Church, since he moved to Melrose in 1949.

"It is a nice country town. Everybody gets along. Everybody is family there no matter what the race is. There's a lot of love in Melrose," said Clayton.

Clayton is known as the unofficial "Mayor of Melrose."

"We can't have a mayor. But, since I've

been living there since 1949 and know a lot of people, (the town) proclaims me as "the Mayor of Melrose," said Clayton.

He loves to help others, too.

"If there's any way that I can help you, I get great joy out of doing that," said Clayton.

Karen Lake, mayor of neighboring Keystone Heights, has known Clayton a number of years.

"He is certainly the unofficial Mayor of Melrose. While I can claim Keystone right now, today, I think Clayton will always be considered the unofficial mayor for Melrose. We celebrate him and are very proud of what he does for our community," she said.

Tony Brown, former mayor of Keystone Heights, has also known Clayton for around 15 years.

"He's probably one of the funniest guys I've ever met. I've never seen him down. He's always happy and fun to be around," said Brown.

Brown, like many others in the community, has seen Clayton in action photographing the community services at the cemetery such as Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and Wreaths Across America. He also freelances for the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Clayton is now semi-retired. He mows lawns and has a t-shirt design business.

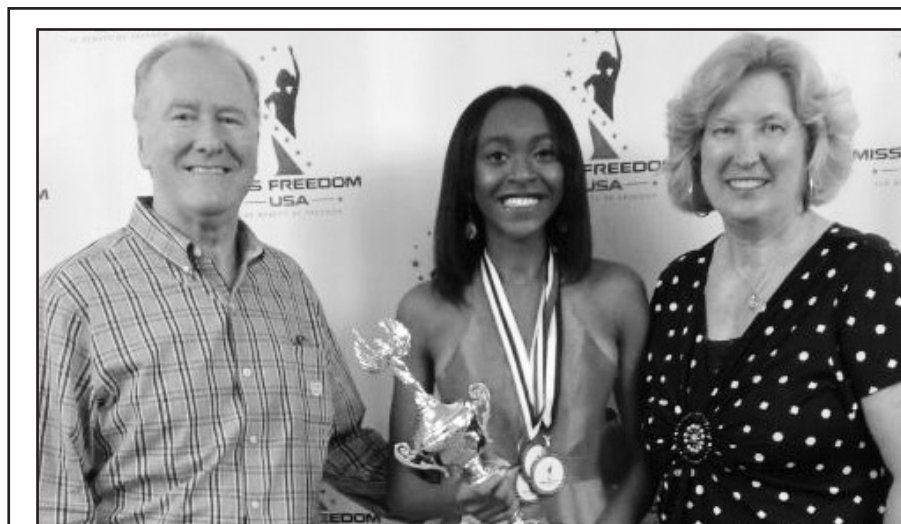
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Teen wins second pageant this year

JACKSONVILLE – A Fleming Island teen has won her second pageant this year by being named first runner-up in the Miss Freedom USA Pageant held July 28 in Jacksonville. Fifteen-year-old Erica Carnegie, center, is shown here with her sponsors, Olen Markum, left, and Linda Markum, right, both representing Orange Park Furniture. Carnegie, a student at Fleming Island High, won awards for best interview, best onstage introduction, most photogenic and community service. In June, Carnegie won the Junior Miss of Florida 2018-19 pageant.

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Irrigation and Rainy Weather

By **Wayne Hobbs**
Environmental Horticulture Agent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Daily rains are now the norm and could likely stay that way until fall. This can be a great thing for landscapes but for some homeowners, they forget one fact that should be done in weather patterns like this. Turn off your irrigation.

Irrigation Needs

Within the lawn and landscape, irrigation can be a great help when it is needed during dry times but right now is not that time. If the forecast is calling for rain for

several days throughout the week, it is a good idea to go to your irrigation timer and shut things off until it is needed again.

For lawns, wait until the grass leaves fold or turn silvery which are the signs of a thirsty turfgrass. In beds, most of our landscape plants will not need much supplemental water during the year so watering should be done only as needed. The only exception to both of these rules is if you are trying to establish newly planted lawns or landscapes, where additional water may be needed.

Rain Shut-Off Devices

Did you know that you are legally re-



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quired to have a functioning rain shut-off device if you have an in-ground irrigation system? Whether you knew that or not, it is probably time to check your current one or install one if it's missing.

Rain shut-off devices work in a few ways, the most common being a sensor that operates using a cork disc. When the cork becomes wet, it expands and the sensor will cut off your irrigation system. These are low cost and low maintenance. However, this cork can break down over time, so it is a good idea to replace the cork in your sensor on an annual basis.

There are other options available including those that shut off irrigation when water fills a cup and goes over a weight limit and some that work off the electrical conductivity of rainwater. However, they are less common. Soil moisture sensors which measure the water available to plants and will shut off irrigation systems until levels drop to a place of need are also very effective.

When deciding on a shut-off device, think about its effectiveness and cost. Cork based devices are very affordable (starting at less than \$20) while other options may be more expensive. No matter the device, install it based upon manufacturer's recommendations and check it regularly.

If you want to take the next step in automating your irrigation, look into smart timers. Some allow you to change scheduling through Bluetooth and others even receive weather reports through the internet and water your lawn accordingly.

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Panthers great still a moving force

Flag football and Hatcher Foundation awards \$5,000 in scholarships

By Randy Lefko
 Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – Former Ridgeview High quarterback great Derek Hatcher's legacy of football combined with a legacy of fundraising and awareness July 28 at the Dye-Clay YMCA with the QB-5 Derek Hatcher Foundation Flag Football Tournament.

"Derek made the bad choice of drug addiction years ago and we took it upon ourselves to continue his legacy of sharing the message of his sobriety," said Debbie Rizer, Hatcher's mother. "Unfortunately, he

SEE HATCHER, 28



Ridgeview High wide receiver Brian Jackson eludes flag tag from Fleming Island's Nick Ferendo in QB-5 tournament at Dye-Clay YMCA July 28 to benefit The Derek Hatcher Foundation.

Game on!



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Football is here as area high school teams opened practice on Mon, July 30. Here, Orange Park High players Terrance Johnson, Silas Little and Cedric Flanders eyeball Clay High's Mike Carns and Ricky Bernabeu as they get a first glance of each other at the Baker Sports Media Day held Monday at TIAA Stadium, the home of the Jacksonville Jaguars. Preseason games are scheduled for August 18 with season openers August 24. **See story, page 26.**

Phillips 66 USA National Swim Championships

Dressel stunned at swim nationals

By Randy Lefko
 Sports Editor

IRVINE, Calif. – With seven world titles on his resume from just a year ago, swimmer Caeleb Dressel was stunned last week with just one win in four tries at the Phillips 66 USA National Swim Championships in

California. Dressel's lone victory secures him a spot on the 2018 Pan Pacific Games American team.

Dressel, the world champion of the 50 free, 50 fly, 100 free and 100 fly, plus three relay titles, suffered through a surprising sixth in the 100 free on the opening day.

"Just a bad swim," said Dressel, in a

post swim interview on Swimswam.com. "You can't avoid it in this sport. I've had of couple of good meets back to back so it's

SEE DRESSEL, 33

Clay High and University of Florida swimmer Caeleb Dressel had a rough go at the Phillips 66 Nationals, but regrouped to win the 100 butterfly and qualify for the Pan Pacific Games in Japan Aug. 9-14.



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Media Day

Offense top theme of Media Day chats

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE – Clay County high school football fans should be revved up for the upcoming season if the chat at the Baker Sports Media Day gathering is any indication as area teams promise to blow up the scoreboard.

Most notably is Oakleaf High School with features, arguably, the fastest ball-carrier in north Florida if not all of Florida, senior tailback Keshawn King.

“I’m not going to tell you too much, but we’re going to throw the ball down the field,” said Jamaric Bonner, a Knights’ senior slotback who also doubles as a safety on defense. “He (King) is a little faster than me, but I’d give the ball to him.”

Knights’ coach Frank Garis, a first year hire with sideline experience at such offensively strong schools as Ponte Vedra and Clay, likes the look of the new Knights.

“First and foremost, we are going to run the football,” said Garis. “July was a perfect attendance month for the today and that tells me they are buying into the system.”

Top names mentioned were King, Bonner, Xander Warner, a tight end and massive offensive tackle Jalen Rivers at 6’-5”, 310-320 lbs.

“The team likes Walter and that’s vital,”

said Garis.

Just down the road, Ridgeview High houses the most dangerous package of pass play acrobats led by senior quarterback Tyler Huff. Huff has a crafty bunch of pass catchers with Denalo Lindo, Jaiden Turner, Brian Jackson and tailback Caleb Plyler.

“We miss just one guy from last year with Kieran Turner, Jaidan’s big brother, graduated with his nine touchdowns,” said Huff. “It’s easy to spread the ball. I think we have the most explosive offense around.”

One plus for the is senior tackle Cory Nicholson, who returns from an injury to lead a five-man front that missed games last year with injuries.

“Me and Anthony Troupe come back from injuries and our other three are returners,” said Nicholson. “We know we have explosive guys behind us and we have to deliver our part to get them downfield.”

At Fleming Island, senior quarterback Dean Hyams should be strong with big running back Dewayne McBride, who missed most of the season last year with a broken hand after bludgeoning Clay High in the season opener, and veteran Max Michaels behind him. Hyams top target will be re-converted offensive tackle back to tight end Sam Snyder, a 6’-5” product that just verbal committed to University of Louisville.



Fleming Island High seniors, left to right, Jake Libretto, Aaron Ramirez, coach James Nichols, Sam Snyder and Eugene Oglesby at Baker Sports Media Day in Jacksonville.



Orange Park High’s Raiders were represented by, left to right, Terrance Johnson, Silas Little, Cedric Flanders, James Rhodes and Robbie Reynolds.

Snyder will be a prime target from his height with slot back Aaron Ramirez, a track 100, 200 meter runner, the second shot downfield.

“Dean has improved on his patience and will be able to make that good decision to find one of us or Jacob Ashe, the other 6’-3” pass catcher at a wide receiver slot,” said Snyder.

They big question mark for Fleming Island fans is replacing the three graduated linebackers.

“They set the bar very high,” said Fleming Island defensive coach James Nichols. “Coach Kennard (former Oakleaf defensive coach Kyle Kennard) has been doing a good job to find the right three.”

Clay High senior quarterback Spencer LeSage comes in as a returning pass catcher from last year’s region final team, but standing in this summer for injured senior Turner Erstad.

“Turner got his first return to the field today,” said LeSage. “We don’t know yet who is going to be quarterback. I don’t really care where they put me as long as we win.”

Clay’s strength, as history has shown, comes from the offensive line that just grinds down people up front.

Led by senior Jordan Collins, the front features senior center Mike Carns, who

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Clay High’s Blue Devils at TIAA Stadium were, left to right, Mike Carns, Jordan Collins, Ricky Bernabeu, Spencer LeSage and Wilguens Dorvilus.

Correction

Seven year old Natalie Kendall, a swimmer for the Oakleaf Orcas, won the girls 7-8 25 yard backstroke in 22.37 seconds at the recent First Coast Summer Swim League championships held at Cecil Field Aquatic Center. The mistake occurred because the results were amended after press time. We regret the error.



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Huff leads area QB ranks

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – Football is here.

Monday, July 30, was the first official day of practice for area high school football teams and the prognostication of who wins and who loses will start at the most significant position on the field.

Gone are Clay High's Caleb Eason, Middleburg's Garrett Blanchett and Keystone Heights' Adrian Ciena, who transferred to Bradford County High School. Also via transfer, Orange Park's top candidate, A.J. Mealer, is now at Baldwin High with wide-out Terrance Johnson a potential returner to quarterback for coach Tom Macpherson.

Back behind center are Ridgeview senior Tyler Huff, Fleming Island junior Dean Hyams and two underclassmen, St. Johns Country Day School freshman Max Monroe and Oakleaf High sophomore Walter Simmons Jr.

Tops in the county at quarterback, thus far, barring the fleeting ability for athletes to transfer to other schools on a whim it seems, Ridgeview High senior Tyler Huff stands out as the guy to watch for 2018.

"He kind of has the keys to the engine for us," said Ridgeview High coach Cameron Porch. "He struggled his first year as a sophomore which is expected, he improved a ton his junior year as he started to understand our scheme and, this year, he will run the show as his team. His maturity level at this point makes his expectations very high."

Huff, who finished with nearly 1,700 yards of passing offense with 21 touchdowns and a 54 percent completion rate, returns to the helm with a bevy of targets to choose from in the Panthers' unique run-pass option setup.

Top catcher will still be junior Denali Lindo, who grabbed a team-leading 26 passes last year with five touchdowns as graduated Kieran Turner's nine touchdowns will have to be replaced.

Also impressive over the summer, with

Ridgeview engaging in a handful of 7-on-7 passing scrimmages with area opponents has been senior Brian Jackson. Jackson was a critical sixth-man last year with 14 catches and four scores, but his "glue" factor has been up-ticked over the summer.

"We really don't have one go-to guy with our offense and that's a plus," said Porch.

Porch led the Panthers to a scorching start last year with a 6-1 season opening record led by a ton of scores, but Fleming Island, Clay, Menendez and Baker County all stumped the party with wins over the Panthers.

"The Clay game (49-3 district loss), I think, shocked the team," said Porch, who noted three straight losses to end the season; one to Menendez, that knocked Ridgeview from playoff contention with a 6-4 record. "I think this year we know what it will take to take on the big programs on our schedule."

At Fleming Island High, where the Golden Eagle defense was the focal point of the attack, junior Dean Hyams returns at quarterback to guide a potentially explosive offensive unit complete with a big running back; junior Dewayne McBride, and a huge pass catching target; 6'-5" tight end Sam Snyder in his holster.

"He has to become more consistent in his directing of the offense," said Fleming Island coach Damenyum Springs, who got a region championship berth against Bartram Trail last year that ended the season with a second loss to the Class 7A runner-up Bears. "With the firepower around him and a great summer of preparation, he just has to stay calm and deliver the ball. He's got all the tools."

Hyams, in summer passing sessions, looked smoother out of the pocket and a bit more patient in waiting for his targets to clear defenders.

Having Snyder as his main target, as was graduated tight end Nick Ferendo, also a 6'-3" product, will make Hyams job easy and the pair has already started



Ridgeview High senior Tyler Huff ramped up his game last year under coach Cameron Porch, but just missed the playoffs. This year, Huff is expecting big things for his Panther Nation.

clicking through passing scrimmages over the summer including a 19 scores in three games output at the Jacksonville University pads camp in July.

Snyder, a Louisville verbal commit after a slew of college offers came in when he shifted back to his tight end position after being an All County offensive tackle, could very well be the most productive point scorer in the county next year.

"He did us a favor last year and stepped in at tackle last year due to injuries," said Springs, who finished at 11-4 last year. "He's a natural tight end with great size

and is one of our fastest guys on the field."

At St. Johns Country Day School, two-year starter Max Monroe, only a sophomore, has the benefit of one of the top returning coaches in all of Florida in former Oakleaf, former Fleming Island coach Derek Chipoletti.

Chipoletti has an outstanding record of developing quarterbacks with Oakleaf freshman Jordan Johnson playing all four years for the Knights with an undefeated playoff season in Chipoletti's final season.

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Fleming Island High junior quarterback Dean Hyams was thrust into the helm two years ago amidst coaching changes, but has emerged as the top gun for the Golden Eagles' offense while leading Fleming Island to a region final last year.

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Susan Rizer, mom to Derek Hatcher, former Ridgeview High quarterback, reads off story from Fleming Island High wrestler Jacob Sandoval who was one of five scholarship recipients.

Hatcher

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relapse and, in 2016, his life was ended in his college dorm from an overdose as he was attempting to return to football.”

Rizer, noting 17 teams from all over Florida and even Tennessee, was fond of the support of the entrants for the flag football tournament.

“We have been able to support five \$1,000 scholarships today for five applicants who were chosen based on an essay they wrote about how drug addiction has affected their life and their family,” said Rizer. “To date, we’ve raised up to \$35,000 with probably another \$12-15,000 raised today. From that, we are giving scholarships.”

The Hatcher Foundation scholarship winners included, from Fleming Island High School, wrestler Jacob Sandoval who wrote about his experience of seeing his seventh grade classmates arriving in school high or drunk including a friend who was later shot and killed at age 16 playing Russian Roulette while in a drug-related gang;

Kiaran Turner, a Ridgeview High football and weightlifting standout heading to college football who caught passes with Hatcher as a YMCA youth, who wrote about how shocked he was when a random drug check at Ridgeview High how many people were caught by the drug canine unit; Jamie Christos, a Ridgeview High graduate with a 4.4 grade point average, who wrote about how domestic drug addiction is everlasting and that family members are always talked



Tyler Bass, a favorite receiver of Derek Hatcher while at Ridgeview High, twists to avoid tag in QB-5 tournament play that benefited Derek Hatcher Foundation.



Former Ridgeview High football coach and athletic director Charlie Libretto was slinging the rock with his alma mater East Carolina University savvy during QB-5 tournament action.



Fleet footed Regan Dewey breaks for long run down sideline in QB-5 action.



Josh Jordan holds on to crossing pass during morning game at QB-5 tournament.



Orange Park's Colby Grant makes a Walter Payton like cut in QB-5 tournament action at Dye-Clay YMCA Saturday morning.

about once the addiction starts; Alexandria Vaughn, a graduate of Fleming Island High, who wrote that at age eight, she was affected by a drug addiction experience from a relative who she was unknowing of the addiction, and Savannah Olsen, a gradu-

ate of Ridgeview High with a 4.8 gpa and also Miss Ridgeview High School and cheerleader, who wrote about drug addiction's non-discriminatory affect and it's tragic resistance to family intervention.



St. Johns Country Day School had, left to right, Tyler Townsend, Wyatt Smith, Ashton Correia, Alex Mosborg and Eli Morton as representing the Derek Chipoletti era.

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stands above 300 lbs.

"The key for us is the weightroom everyday," said Collins, on Clay's annual supply of large, mobile guys up front. "We have to live up to the history of past offensive lines."

Orange Park's future shifted quickly with the transfer out of one probable quarterback, but the retooling of a junior varsity guy, Vinny Walker, who comes in with his own set of skills and targets, according to coach Tom Macpherson.

"Terrance Johnson, last year's quarterback and a key playmaker, is the guy we want to put the ball in his hands as much as we can," said Macpherson. "Vinny has two starts under his belt and our base offense is designed to get the ball to our skill guys."

Skill guys included Alex Collier, a track speedster; Zykiem Sermons at tailback; Deonte Demonick, who returns from a shoulder injury and adds some heft to the attack with Sean Dixon, another track speedster on the outside.

"We have enough skill position guys that if our offensive line holds up, we'll be alright," said Macpherson.

On the line, big men James Rhodes (280 lbs), Cedric Flanders (240 lbs.) and Silas Little (295 lbs.) will lead the charge.

"We are working on our fourth and fifth guys to complete the offensive line," said Little. "Our chemistry is working together

with three years strong with each other."

Watch for sophomore tailback Alex Collier, a 48 second 400 meter track guy that took third in the 400 for Class 3A.

"He's a speed demon," said tailback Robbie Reynolds, also a linebacker.

St. Johns Country Day School, under new coaches Derek Chipoletti, Steven Reynolds and former Oakleaf High center David Broskie, are starting at ground zero in giving the Spartans a new look.

"It's a quaint atmosphere at St. Johns," said Reynolds. "Just the community of players, fans and parents is special and we want to improve that. We are creating a buzz."

From the Spartans, newcoming senior Tyler Townsend, a Bishop Snyder transfer after a freshman year at Oakleaf with Chipoletti.

"We want to just show everyone who we are," said Townsend. "Every one wants to make us their homecoming game. That's going to change."

Key on offense is quarterback Max Monroe, a prototype-sized player with good size, good vision and a little grit. Monroe loses his favorite receiver in Cade Walden and tailback Troy Myers, but Eli Morton returns to be the offense's leader.

"Eli will be a feature back with Max Arnold a slot," said Reynolds. "Townsend makes a good tight end target. Max can



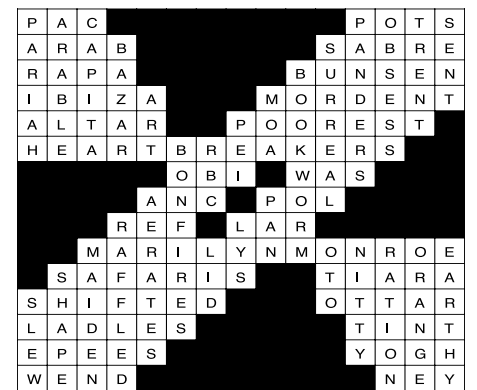
Ridgeview High had, left to right, Tyler Huff, Jaidan Turner, Cory Nicholson, Austin Childers and Caleb Plyler on hand to talk Panthers football for the upcoming 2018 season.



Oakleaf High will be bringing some surprises under new head coach Frank Garis with, left to right, seniors Dexter Moore, Keshawn King, Jamaric Bonner and Xander Warner leading the way.

be a premiere quarterback at any other school. He has the tools; great arm strength, tough, leader and has not missed a workout all summer. He can be the beacon that leads St. Johns into the future."

Unfortunately, Middleburg was unable to attend.



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Quarterback

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Monroe, who struggled through a one win season last year, showed some toughness in the pocket for the Spartans who, though lacking size and depth, competed in most of their first halves before succumbing in second half drop offs.

"Max can be a premiere quarterback at any other school," said Spartans' assistant coach Steve Reynolds. "He has the tools; great arm strength, tough, leader and has not missed a workout all summer. He can be the beacon that leads St. Johns into the future."

Missing will be graduated Gade Walden, Monroes top target and running back Troy Myers as Chipoletti will have to work his magic with a team near 20-25 athletes.

Monroe is one of the biggest kids on the team, has visited a handful of quarterback camps through the summer, including the Peyton Manning Camp and has a good eye on the field, of course, Walden being 6'-3" was an easy target.

At Oakleaf, sophomore Walter Simmons was impressive in leading the Knights under new coach Frank Garis to a 14-14 tie in the spring game against Class 5A runner-up Baker County with a few drops of probable scoring passes within the first half.

"We are blessed to have a quarterback of his talent as a sophomore," said Garis. "Walter started every game last year. He's



Oakleaf High sophomore Walter Simmons Jr., is a seasoned player in a short amount of time and will take control of an explosive unit.

made tremendous strides and his teammates like him. That's half the battle."

Simmons finished with 1,100 yards passing with five touchdowns off 44 percent completion rate, but must rely on pass catching help to show off his skills; a soft long ball and accurate slant and out slices, that could give Garis' high-flying offensive mind from Ponte Vedra High in 2017 with a state runner-up finish capable of putting big points on the board.



Clay High senior Spencer LeSage is a multi-functional player that can throw passes or catch them if the Blue Devils call.

Simmons has the fastest running back in North Florida, Keshawn King behind him with All-American game invite Jalen Rivers on the offensive line. Between the three, Garis should be able to get the ball downfield quickly.

At Middleburg, a third Justino, Joseph, takes over the Broncos offense with dad Robert Justino and big brother Daniel Justino in his dugout ready for advise for the agile and quick-footed little Justino.

"He has a great football IQ and with his family all being quarterbacks, I don't think there is a question that he can't ask that they won't have an answer," said Middleburg coach Karl Smeltzer. "He opened with the spring game and showed some good survival skills out of the pocket. Our offensive line will be the key to him being more productive."

Middleburg has three massive offensive linemen; underclassmen Larry LeClair, Colby Warner and senior Jesse Saunders to protect Justino. LeClair and Warner were impressive at a line camp at FSU over the summer.

"Last year, injuries killed us," said Smeltzer. "We lost 30 of our 43 players for at least one game last season."

At Clay, coach Joshua Hoekstra has



St. Johns Country Day School sophomore Max Monroe is a big school sized quarterback in a small school setting.

been bantering about three or four names; senior Spencer LeSage, a converted wing-back/receiver last year; senior Turner Erstad, who is hoping to return full time prior to the season start; sophomores T.K. Kocak and Tre Griner.

LeSage and Kocak took most of the snaps over the summer passing sessions and both had their ups and downs. Ironically, with Kocak throwing and LeSage back catching, Clay was most proficient against opposing secondaries. Griner showed off some good passing touch with his reps albeit his reps may have been against second stringers in passing scrimmages. Erstad is the unknown of the quartet with backup reps behind Eason last year, but none through the summer session.

For Orange Park, whomever Macpherson finds for quarterback, with underclassmen Vinny Walker who had two starts last year in the mix, will have a speedy tailback in Alex Collier (third in 3A 400 meters on track), a rugged full back Zykiem Sermons and the Raiders typically athletic wide receivers corps; Sean Dixon (part of Raiders 4 x 400 track state relay team). The Raiders will have one of the biggest offensive lines with James Rhodes, Silas Littles and Cedrick Flanders all near 300 pounds.

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The third Justino to play behind center at Middleburg High will be junior Joe Justino who comes in after big brother Daniel and dad, Robert, left their marks in Bronco land.

Painting paws for Jaguars



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CODY UNDERWOOD

Cody Underwood, a Clay High graduate and wrestler, took his son, Bennett, 18 months old, to the TIAA Stadium, home of the Jacksonville Jaguars to help with the annual Paint the Paws project on Bay Street in downtown Jacksonville. Little Bennett was busy for the afternoon with (1) helping dad fill in the paw template, (2) enjoying the finished product, (3) getting a cool visit by the ROAR and Jaxson deVille, (5) and a not so happy photo with DeVille, and, finally, (6) a jaunt in the grass outside TIAA Stadium showing some promise for a future Jags' hopeful.



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The Fleming Island Athletic Association Storm baseball 8-Under team that finished as runners-up in the Cal Ripken State Championships held in West Palm Beach, visited the Jacksonville Baseball Grounds as guests of the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp. Pictured, left to right in both pics, are Grady Tees, No. 5, outfield; Connor Massey, No. 10, outfield; Cooper Blackwood, No. 24, third base; Lee Hite, No. 7, pitcher; Greyson "G" Critch, No. 15, shortstop; Reno "Rippin" Rukab, No. 32, first base; Bradley Herringdine, No. 2, outfield; Jacob "Flash" Bowden, No. 8, second base; Eli Slayer, No. 28, catcher; Matthew "Doubles" Adams, No. 11, outfield, and, not pictured, Hunter Schultz. The Storm is coached by Justin Bowden, Jason Herringdine, Craig Tees and James Critch.

OPHS' Zander repays adoption with U.S. Air Force stint

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — With three siblings all state level swimmers and college bound athletes, Orange Park High graduate Jena Zander, Class of 2011, joined the U.S. Air Force to honor her parents and America for allowing her adoption and U.S. citizenship.

"After being adopted from China when I was a baby, I realized I had been given so many opportunities to freely pursue anything I so desire," said Zander, 23. "This is truly a great privilege, and I feel the duty to serve my country that I am indebted to and am honored to be a part of. My father was my first inspiration and he served in the Army from 1972-1975."

Zander, who finished second in the 50 freestyle in Class 2A as a senior and eighth in the 100 butterfly in 2011, attended Florida State University from 2012-2015 and graduated with two degrees; human resource management and management information systems. From FSU, Zander entered the business world as an information technician for a year.

"I attended Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, AL in August 2016," said Zander, who stills swims but not competitively. "I was Commander Zander for a month for my squadron. I commissioned as a second lieutenant on 28 Oct 2016."

Zander, whose siblings included 2008 Class 3A 50 free gold medalist Katherine Zander, now married three years after college basketball stints at Oklahoma and Belmont University and is a physical therapist assistant; David Zander, Katherine's twin, both 25, also a state swimmer in the butterfly who attended and swam at Emory University and is in New York as an investment banker associate. Oldest brother Jon is in Salem, OR as an IT network technician for the state of Oregon.



Orange Park High swim standout Jena Zander is now an Air Force officer in Los Angeles.

Zander remembered that swim practices with iconic swim coach Shawn Delifus, who passed away unexpectedly two years ago, were a bit more taxing than her military training.

"Swim practice with Coach Shawn was definitely worse," said Zander. "Officer training school did train me to how operate under stressful environments."

Currently stationed at Los Angeles AFB, Zander is working as an acquisition officer.

"I'm a program manager for the GPS III missions with SpaceX," said Zander. "I'll be pinning on first lieutenant in October this year."

Zander got second in 2011 in the 50 free in 24.08 seconds with the winning time at 24.01. She was eighth in the 100 butterfly the same year and, in her previous three years, she was a part of numerous state relay teams for Orange Park.



U.S. Air Force officer Jena Zander, right, shown here with her siblings, Katherine Zander and David, during swim meet in 2011. All four Zanders, older brother Jon included, were outstanding swimmers.



In a throwback picture of 2010, Jena Zander, second from right, stands with sister Katherine Zander, a state champion 50 freestyle swimmer, with coach Shawn Delifus, far left, who passed away unexpectedly after building a swim coach legacy in North Florida.

Dressel

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kind of refreshing to have just a really bad swim."

Dressel, with a 47.17 mark that stands as the American record set at the FINA World Championships almost a year ago to the day, had the second fastest opening 50 meters, but fell off the pace quickly to finish in 48.50 with winner Blake Pieroni taking the gold medal in 48.08.

"It's really bad, going 48.50, but who knows if I got third, I may not have won the 100 fly. I got better as the meet progressed."

- Caeleb Dressel

"It's really bad, going 48.50, but who knows if I got third, I may not have won the 100 fly," said Dressel, who recently signed a pro contract with Speedo. "I got better as the meet progressed."

Dressel battled with 19 year old Michael Andrew, the meet's high point award winner with wins in the 100 breast, 50 free, 50 fly and 50 breaststroke, pushing Dressel to second place in both the 50 free and 50 fly. Dressel finished ahead of Olympic gold medalist Nathan Adrian in the 50 free with the top three all timed under 22 seconds. Dressel holds the American record at 21.15.

Andrew became the first male since Michael Phelps in 2008 to win at least four titles at the same national championships or Olympic Trials. Phelps won five.

"I do feel like my swimming has gotten really strong and that's kind of where I increased that gap [with Caeleb Dressel] in the back half," said Andrew.

In the 50 fly, with Dressel again the American record holder at 22.76 seconds, Andrew took the win at 22.93 with Dressel at 22.97.

Dressel did exact some revenge with a thrilling win in the 100 butterfly over veteran Jack Conger with Andrew taking third. Dressel finished in 50.50 with Michael Phelps holding the world and American record at 49.82 dating back to 2009.

Also swimming in California was Bolles and Auburn University grad Ashley Neidigh, an Orange Park resident, who took 10th in the 1500 freestyle in 16:23.62 and 15th in the 800 meter freestyle in 8:36.57 with Olympic champion Katie Ledecky winning in 8:11.98. Ashley Twichell won the 1500 in 15:55.68. Neidigh also finished 19th in the 400 free in 4:12.57.

Sherridon Dressel, Caeleb Dressel's younger sister, also a Clay High state champion and a sophomore at University of Florida, competed in the 100 free (81st 57.11), 50 back (23rd 28.96) and 100 back (39th 1:02.27).

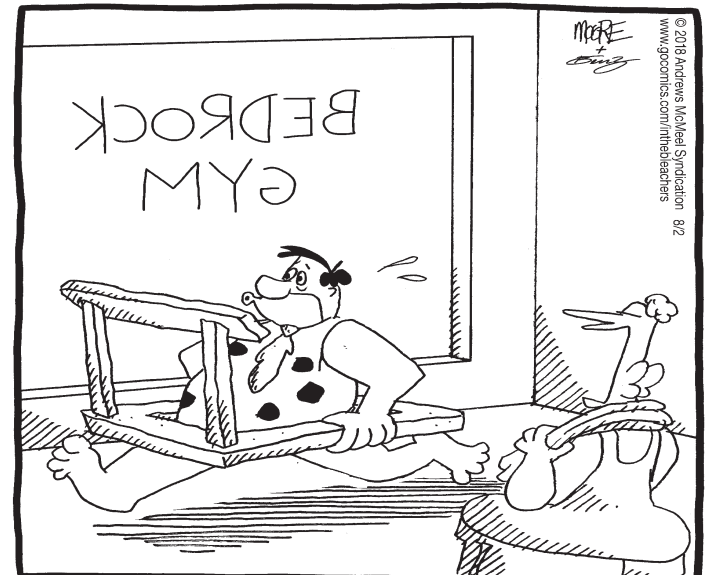
Dakota Mahaffey, also a Clay High state champion and at University of Florida, competed in the 200 back (65th 2:06.03) and 200 free (54th 1:50.92).

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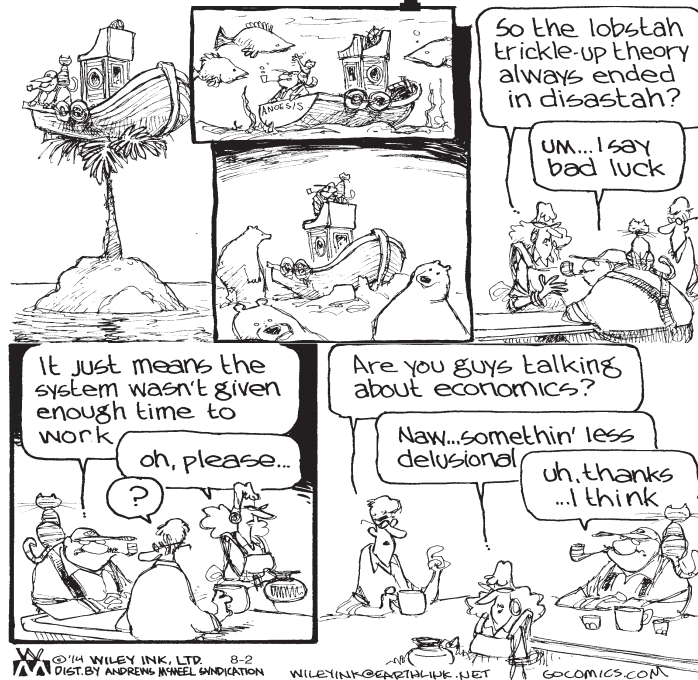


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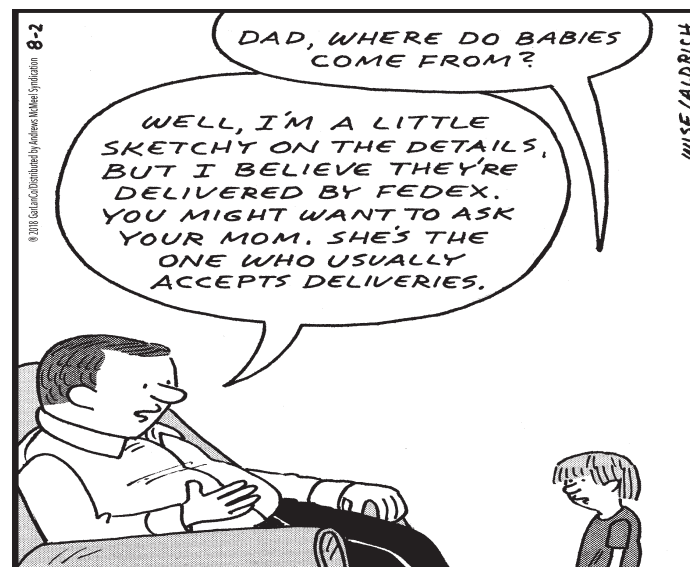
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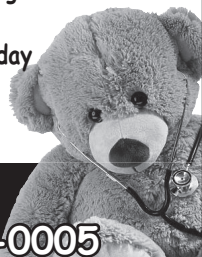
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Certificate No **5077/2011**
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Classification: **MOBILE HOME**
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Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the **22nd day of August, 2018 at 9:30 AM**.

Dated this **5th day of July, 2018**.

TARA S. GREEN
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Clay County, Florida
 By: **Jewel Baskin**
 Deputy Clerk

Legal 42072 published July 12, July 19, July 26 and Aug 2, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF THREE (3) PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE CROSSINGS AT FLEMING ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

The Board of Supervisors of the

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Crossings at Fleming Island Community Development District (CDD) will hold a Public Hearing to be included as part of the regular August Board of Supervisors meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at 2217 Eagle Harbor Parkway, Fleming Island, FL 32003, to receive public comments concerning items, to include:

PH1 To consider adoption, by Rule pursuant to Sections 120.54 and 190.011(5), Florida Statutes, of a Resolution to approve the proposed Operations and Maintenance and Debt Service Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

PH2 To consider adoption, by Rule pursuant to Sections 120.54 and 190.011(5), Florida Statutes, of a Resolution to approve the proposed Water and Wastewater Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

PH3 To consider adoption, by Rule pursuant to Sections 120.54 and 190.011(5), Florida Statutes, of a Resolution to approve the proposed Golf Course Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

The proposed budgets shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Supervisors of The Crossings at Fleming Island Community Development District on October 1, 2018.

The public hearings and meeting will be open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone. A copy of the agenda may be obtained from David deNagy, District Administrator, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

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Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

David deNagy
 District Administrator

Legal 42104 published July 26 and Aug 2, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

FICTITIOUS NAME

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

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

Fixley

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Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 25th day of July, 2018.

Owner's name/corporation: **Americlean of Jax, Inc.**

Legal 42228 published Aug 2, 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-261
 DIVISION: E

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RITA ELLEN SULDRICH a/k/a RITA E. BAKER SULDRICH, deceased.

The administration of the estate of RITA ELLEN SULDRICH a/k/a RITA E. BAKER SULDRICH, deceased, whose date of death was May 25, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 825 Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The names and addresses of the personal

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representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of the first publication of this notice is August 2, 2018. Attorney for Personal Representative:

MARY C. COBB, Esquire
 Cobb & Cobb, P.A.

431 Stowe Avenue
 Orange Park, Florida 32073

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Legal 42209 published Aug 2 and Aug 9, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

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With a mailing address of P.O. Box 1323 in the County of CLAY, in the City of ORANGE PARK, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 25th day of July, 2018.

Alan A. Lavallee

Legal 42214 published Aug 2, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

MIDDLE VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Middle Village Community Development District ("District") will hold a public hearing on August 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 ("Fiscal Year 2018/2019").

A regular board meeting of the District will also be held at that time where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it. A copy of the agenda and Proposed Budget may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, (904) 940-5850 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours.

The public hearing and meeting are

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open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearing and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

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James Perry
 District Manager

Legal 41970 published July 26 and August 2, 2018 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

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Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 26th day of July, 2018.

Owner's name/corporation:

Joseph Cordero
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FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

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

Date	August 28, 2018
Time:	6:00 p.m.
Location:	Fleming Island Plantation Amenity Center 2300 Town Center Boulevard Fleming Island, Florida

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 ("Fiscal Year 2018/2019"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("O&M Assessments") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

Description of Assessments

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

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Heritage Oaks	\$813.52	\$793.52	\$647.07	\$1,460.59	\$1,440.59	1.4%	\$20.00
Chatham Village	\$813.52	\$793.52	\$647.07	\$1,460.59	\$1,440.59	1.4%	\$20.00
Cypress Glen	\$813.52	\$793.52	\$647.07	\$1,460.59	\$1,440.59	1.4%	\$20.00
Covington	\$813.52	\$793.52	\$647.07	\$1,460.59	\$1,440.59	1.4%	\$20.00
Thornhill	\$813.52	\$793.52	\$647.07	\$1,460.59	\$1,440.59	1.4%	\$20.00
John's Landing	\$813.52	\$793.52	\$647.07	\$1,460.59	\$1,440.59	1.4%	\$20.00
Southern Links	\$813.52	\$793.52	\$647.07	\$1,460.59	\$1,440.59	1.4%	\$20.00
The Links	\$813.52	\$793.52	\$647.07	\$1,460.59	\$1,440.59	1.4%	\$20.00
River Hills Reserve	\$813.52	\$793.52	\$647.07	\$1,460.59	\$1,440.59	1.4%	\$20.00
Margaret's Walk	\$813.52	\$793.52	\$647.07	\$1,460.59	\$1,440.59	1.4%	\$20.00
Office	\$2,847.31	\$2,777.31	\$2,264.76	\$5,112.07	\$5,042.06	1.4%	
Retail	\$5,694.62	\$5,554.61	\$4,529.52	\$10,224.14	\$10,084.13	1.4%	
Golf Course	\$4,067.59	\$3,967.58	\$3,235.37	\$7,302.96	\$7,202.95	1.4%	

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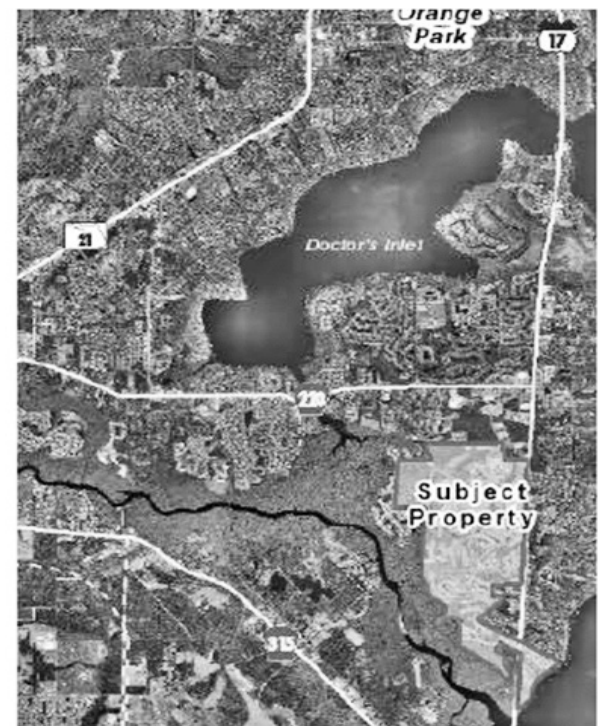
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Janice Eggleton Davis
District Manager



ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

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

DATE: August 14, 2018
 TIME: 6:00 p.m.
 LOCATION: Rolling Hills Amenity Center
 3212 Bradley Creek Parkway
 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("**Proposed Budget**") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 ("**Fiscal Year 2018/2019**"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("**O&M Assessments**") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

Description of Assessments

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

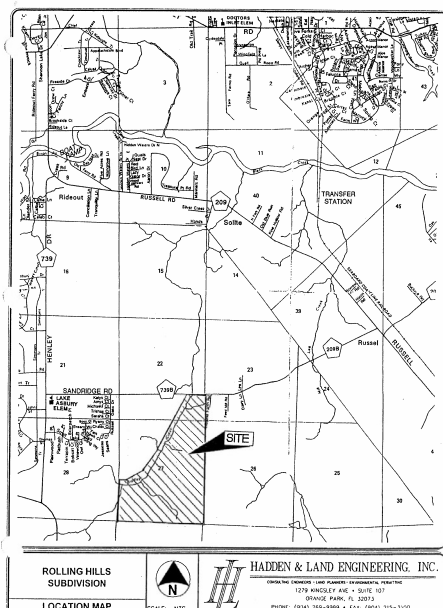
Land Use	Total # of Units	EAU Factor	Proposed O&M Assessment (including collection costs / early payment discounts)
Platted Lots	375	1.00	\$990.00
Platted Lots	386	.75	\$742.50

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TWO CREEKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

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

DATE: August 22, 2018
 TIME: 6:00 p.m.
 LOCATION: Courtyard by Marriott, 610 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL 32073

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("**Proposed Budget**") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 ("**Fiscal Year 2018/2019**"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("**O&M Assessments**") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

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Land Use	Total # of Units	Proposed O&M Assessment Per Unit (including collection costs / early payment discounts)
Single Family	624	\$1,002.30

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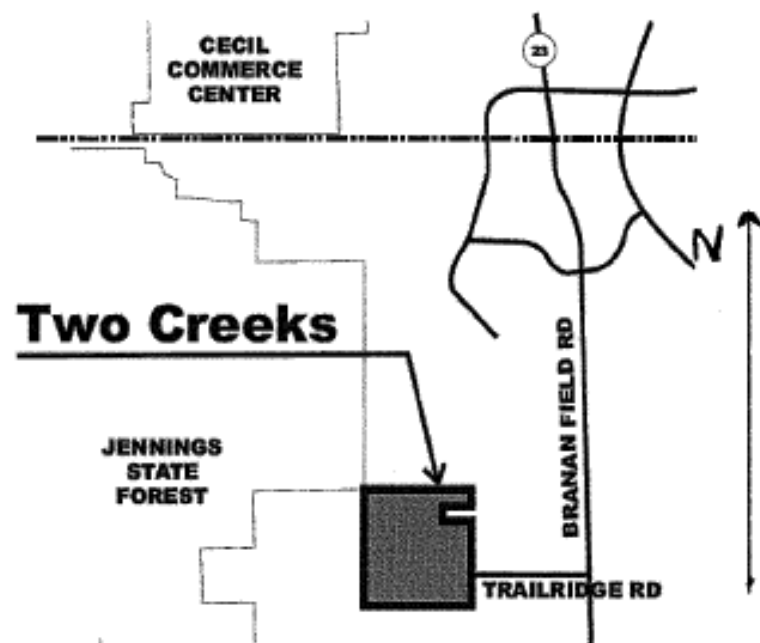
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