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Community Health Assessment: Addiction, mental health are biggest concerns in Clay

By Nick Blank
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Like most, Clay County faces the challenges of drug use, obesity, access to healthcare and mental health, according to the Department of Health and Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida's preliminary Community Health Assessment.

For behavioral health, officials found that Clay's percentage of overweight and obese adults was usually 3-4 percent higher than state averages.

Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida Director of Health Planning Emily Suter and Health Planner Kim Millrood, and DOH Chief Health Strategist Courtney Ellis presented the assessment findings.

For behavioral health, officials found that Clay's percentage of overweight and obese adults was usually 3-4 percent higher than state averages. Another statistic measured Clay County residents who have a 10-minute walk to two food sources, healthy and fast food. Though both were at least 15 percent lower than state averages, 12.6 percent of county residents could walk to a healthy food source, while 19.7 percent could walk to a fast food restaurant.

A youth substance abuse survey, 1,394

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CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY MICHAEL SCOTT

Keystone's Nadler finishes 22nd at Boston Marathon

Enoch Nadler, a Keystone Heights High graduate, starts to celebrate his 22nd-place finish at the Boston Marathon last Monday. Nadler, 33, finished in 2 hours, 17 minutes and 6 seconds to be the ninth American to finish among the 30,000-runner field. Nadler is currently coach of the Florida Track Club Elite Racing Team in Gainesville. Kenya's Lawrence Cherono won with a time of 2:07:57. See sports page 25 for story.

Clay County Agricultural Fair Attendance records make fair resounding success

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Two days after this year's Clay County Agriculture Fair was finished, Tasha Hyder already was working the phones looking for new acts for next year.

"We've got 360-something days until 2020, so we have to be ready," the fair general manager said.



Tasha Hyder

Although the carnival rides, exhibition booths and concession stands were on the road to their next festival, Hyder still was brimming with excitement. The 10-day fair at the Clay County Fairgrounds enjoyed a record boost in attendance, including a single-day mark of 26,000 on the next-to-last night.

"That was the best fair in the history of our fair," she said. "Our attendance numbers were up 15 percent over last year, and we beat our overall record by a lot."

The previous busiest fair drew 115,000 patrons, Hyder said. This year's fair attracted more than 130,000 throughout the 10-day event.

"We did a lot of new marketing this year," she said. "We tripled the entertainment and the truck and tractor pull was really big."

What helped the count at the turnstiles was the decision to offer free admission from

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Best of Clay contest ending

Voting for the first BEST OF CLAY will end at 11:59 p.m. on April 19, so the contest moved into its next phase – counting the votes.

All 115,000 of them.

“The response to BEST OF CLAY was overwhelming,” said Clay Today publisher Jon Cantrell. “We asked our residents to tell us who they believe are the best of the best, and they certainly responded. We expected a tremendous engagement from the public and excitement from local businesses. It will be fun and interesting to see who earned the bragging rights as the



BEST OF CLAY.”

It will take weeks to tabulate votes and notify winners, Cantrell said.

Contestants were nominated by the public, and residents were able to cast one vote a day in each category since March 19.

Winners will be announced in a BEST OF CLAY special section on June 6.

Contest categories included: Best of the Best, Auto and Transportation, Business, Community, Eat and Drink, Education, Home and Finance, Medical, Professionals, Shopping and Commerce.



Orange Park Walmart supports Ridgeview's Navy Junior ROTC unit

Walmart manager Juliun Spirallai presented a check for \$2,500 recently to the Ridgeview High's Navy Junior ROTC unit. Also pictured are: Cadet/Lt. Comdr. Joshua Benveniste, Cadet/Lt. Nayomi Santini and Senior Naval Instructor, Lt. Cmdr. Robert Peterson. The Ridgeview unit was recognized by the U.S. Navy as an Achievement Unit, which means it's in the top 30 percent of all Navy Junior ROTC units in the country. The cadets just returned home from a five-day visit to the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S.C., as well as a tour of the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier and Ft. Sumter, S.C. The check came from the Orange Park Walmart at 899 Blanding Blvd.



Orange Park's ditch cleanup completed on time

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Orange Park's dredging process reached a major milestone last week as a portion of the town's ditch cleanup came to an end.

Orange Park Public Works Director Chuck Pavlos used the timeliness of a relatively small council agenda to explain the town's success in its dredging work that was completed by Gator Dredging, which spent weeks cleaning up the town's ditches. He also said the work of the town's partners allowed the town to complete mandated work just in time for a grant

deadline.

“So then we got to April 12, our last day for the grant, so we had to get the work done in order to bill for it and get reimbursed, and it was April 4, the Thursday before, that I said, ‘we're not going to be able to haul that stuff,’” Pavlos said. “We had three geobags...how were we going to get that stuff moved? We had our contractors working with us and we asked them to give us some pricing.”

According to Pavlos, Jacksonville-based J.B. Coxwell Contracting Inc., who was busy on the River Road project in town already, despite being given five days

to move the geobags after taking the job, the company did it in just two days. The company also brought a chipper tool that allowed the town to rid itself of a large amount of vegetative debris.

“J.B. Coxwell: they showed up, they performed well, and they got the job done, and they really saved the day for finishing it all,” Pavlos said.

Pavlos then explained that while all of the contracting efforts were incredible in getting the dredging work done before their grant's deadline, it was the residents that made it all happen. Just a few weeks ago, Orange Park held a community clean-

up day where they expected just a handful of people to come and clean up the bottles and pieces of trash the dredgers found within the town's ditches. Instead, over 50 people showed up and the town's ditches saw themselves significantly less full of trash as a result.

“Everybody was focused, and everybody was committed,” Pavlos said. “Everyone formed a true partnership to get the job done and every contractor went above and beyond what they were contracted for. Our guys really stepped it up and I think it was a very successful project and we want to declare victory.”

Despite \$75,000 deficit, GCS's audit comes back with passing grade

By Nick Blank
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – As the budget season approaches in a few months, Green Cove Springs' independent audit came back clean.

The only blip was a general fund deficit of \$75,000 in the unassigned category. The audit was conducted by James Moore & Co.

Two reasons for the deficit is the combined \$9 million spent on the new Police EOC building and the Spring Park project.

The other is the estimated \$460,000 reimbursement from FEMA due to Hurricane Irma. City Finance Director Marlena Guthrie said FEMA usually reimburses 75

percent, and the state kicks in 12.5 percent. “That still leaves 12.5 percent that the city has to come up with that's not reimbursed by FEMA or the state,” Guthrie said. “There's always going to be a gap between what you spent and what you get reimbursed for.”

The city was reimbursed about \$200,000 for Hurricane Matthew.

“I wish I could guarantee it would be here by the end of the year, but I've lost that battle before,” James Moore & Co CPA James Halleran told city council members last month.

Guthrie said a general fund deficit of

\$75,000 could delay a project. City officials would develop a plan to erase the deficit over five years.

“You basically have to prioritize,” Guthrie said. City Manager Steve Kennedy said the goal is limit the deficit's effect on the budget and eventually restore a positive balance. Receiving an audit without a finding doesn't happen all the time, he added.

“Marlena [Guthrie's] desire and mine would be to get that back to positive as soon as we can, just for the way it appears,” Kennedy said.

“It's not good necessarily to have that deficit, but a mitigating part of that is if you

can identify specifically what caused it, as opposed to spending and lacking control and management of the budgets.”

Also noted in the audit was the city's net position increasing by \$1.7 million, or 3 percent. Business-type revenues increased by \$1.7 million.

The city is currently paying off about \$14.9 million in debt service. About \$5 million is for government-type activities such as the Spring Park Project and the Police EOC building. The other \$9.9 million involves utility funds, leases on vehicles, the new wastewater treatment plant and other infrastructure-related services.

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Food Truck Friday trucking along as a big success for GCS

By Nick Blank
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Food Truck Friday event organizer Ed Gaw expressed his pleasure and shock at how fast the event has grown – 2,500 people at last week's edition and 10 food trucks.

For the May 10 event, when children are out of school and more live entertainment, Gaw expects 5,000. The live music acts include The Curt Towne Band, Doc Moccasin and Four Barrel.

"We are now two events deep into 2019," Gaw said. The two events have so far exceeded what we thought we had planned for, based on the end of 2018."

After each Food Truck Friday, Gaw brings talking points of how to improve the event. Last week, the number of Green Cove Springs Police Department increased

its officer presence from five to six at Spring Park.

"Holy cow, the park is such an asset," Gaw said.

GCS PD Lt. E.J. Guzman said there were no incidents at the last event. He said the only issue was signage related to drinking and which areas they could drink.

"Next time, we'll keep that in mind, that the signs are placed in a clear and concise location to make sure no one is getting confused to where the drinking zone ends and begins," Guzman said.

Council members passed an updated ordinance 5-0 clarifying Food Truck Friday alcohol regulations, similar to the ordinance for the CalaVida Arts Festival.

In other business, Clay County Director

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Six new officers - from left, Christopher Ruoss, Erin Vinyard, Michael Crider, Bradford Camp, David Carpenter and David Hernandez were sworn in at Thursday's GCS city council meeting.



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Insurance companies should create bridges, not barriers

By Jenny Sandell

Insurance companies are actively creating barriers to mental health, and the Florida State Insurance Commission is turning a blind eye.

The majority of licensed mental health workers are either in small group practices or individual private practices. In 2018, two of the largest insurance providers reduced their reimbursement rates by over 30 percent, while therapists' costs to stay in business continue to escalate.

Specifically, Tri-care, the provider of insurance to our active duty and retired military families, recently awarded its contract to Humana. Since Jan. 1, 2018, Humana has taken several steps which limit access to care.



Jenny Sandell

They issued new contracts to providers which drastically reduced reimbursement. Many providers did not renew their contracts because of the cuts. Fewer providers means fewer choices for new patients. Patients seeing therapists who opted out of the contract are now forced to find one of the few remaining therapists who still accepts their insurance and is accepting new patients, or to self-pay for services when they have insurance coverage.

Florida Blue, which is locally managed by New Directions Behavioral Health, was the other large network that cut reimbursement rates in 2018. Currently, this managing entity is wait-listing new provider applications to be in network because "If there is need in your area in the future, we will contact you."

These are important oversights, since:

- Mental health conditions are common among teens and young adults. One in five live with a mental health condition; half of all chronic mental illness begins by age 14; three-quarters by age 24, according to the General Archives' "Prevalence, Severity and Comorbidity of 12-Month DSM-IV Disorders in the National Comorbidity Survey Replication."

- Over one-third (37%) of students with a mental health condition age 14-21 and older who are served by special education drop out – the highest dropout rate of any disability group, according to the U.S. Department of Education's 35th Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities

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OPINIONS



Woods provides another lasting memory, hope for redemption

Although I've been to thousands of games, very few sporting events have created lasting memories for me.

But there are a treasured few, like:

- Covering the Saints' first game back in New Orleans in 2006 following Hurricane Katrina.

- Watching Tonya Butler kick 64 of 65 extra points for the Riverdale (Ga.) High Raiders in 1998, then seeing her become the first woman to kick a field goal in a college football game in 2003 for West Alabama.
- Seeing the reaction on pit road after Dale Earnhardt finally won the Daytona 500 in 1998.

- Watching my golf buddy Greg Sacks win the 1985 Firecracker 400 at the Daytona International Speedway.

- Covering Bo Clark's 70-point basketball game for UCF in 1977 against Florida Memorial.

- Watching Jack Nicklaus, who at 46, won his final green jacket at my first Masters in 1986.

On Sunday, I added a new memory, and I didn't have to leave my living room chair.

A lot of our bodies show the wrinkles, baggage and scars that comes with



Don Coble

age and youthful indiscretions, but few of us ever get the opportunity for redemption. Tiger Woods got that rare opportunity last weekend at the Masters, and he took all of us on the incredible journey.

Woods' body is being held together by purpose and enough surgeon's thread to weave the white surrender flag. There were many reasons for him to quit: four knee surgeries, four more on his back. And, of course, his highly-public forms of medical and personal sabotage.

His hair is thinning; his legs, back and reputation have been battered and bruised. As fans, we cheered for each of his failed comebacks and prayed for another victory, believing it really wasn't possible to recover again, much less flourish.

But few, if any, are Tiger Woods.

And we will always cheer him for that.

The Augusta National Golf Club is golf's greatest stage. Every blade of grass is manicured, not mowed. Dogwoods and azaleas are on their own flowering schedule, thanks to tons of ice that are packed around the trees to trick Mother Nature into blossoming on cue. Concession stand food is wrapped in green wax paper to make it more difficult to see trash on the ground (although the patrons respect the hallowed grounds so much, it's not likely anyone would dare to litter.)

Speaking of concessions, the most-

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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.

Tetrapterous: an adjective that means "having four wings."

"Butterfield use four wings with two on each side acting like a single wing. The dragonfly, however, is the only true tetrapterous since it uses four wings independently."

This Week In History

Five years ago, 2014

- Jacksonville Area Legal Aid sets up an office at the Clay County Courthouse to help defendants get free legal help.

- After splitting with the Clay County Chamber of Commerce, county commissioners officially set up a 501-c-6 not-for-profit to operate the Economic Development Corporation.

- Clay County Commission approve a rezoning request, so developer can be more flexible selling the remaining property in Eagle Harbor.

10 years ago, 2009

- Clay County School Board decides not to shorten the school-week to four days.

- An audit of Orange Park's finances reveals the town's "rainy day fund" has \$5 million in reserves and another \$500,000 of long-term indebtedness paid in advance.

- Kelly Blackshear wins the Miss Fleming High pageant, while Amanda Leech was first runner-up and Devon McGready was second runner-up.

20 years ago, 1999

- Jacksonville Metropolitan Planning Organization agrees to match a \$50,000 grant for the Transit Greenway Conceptual Master Plan in Orange Park and Clay County.

- Orange Park agrees to buy riverfront property on River Road for \$210,000 to build a proposed park near bestbet.

- Black Creek Trail celebrates its formal opening.

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Opinions

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Business Briefs

DOT approves JTA funding for new bus service to Orange Park Mall

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of Transportation has awarded the Jacksonville Transportation Authority \$16.6 million in additional federal funding for the First Coast Flyer Bus Rapid Transit project, Congressman John Rutherford (FL-4) said.

The new funding will support expansion of the FCF's Southwest Corridor, known as the Purple Line. Rutherford, who is a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, sits on the subcommittee that funds DOT and has used that position to strongly advocate for this project in Washington.

Included in the Purple Line are routes that include neighborhoods around the Orange Park Mall.

"The City of Jacksonville and JTA continue to attract significant federal investments, especially when compared to other peer cities," Rutherford said. "As President [Donald] Trump and Sec-

retary [Elaine] Chao continue to make infrastructure a national priority, I am committed to working with DOT and other agencies to keep Northeast Florida at the top of the list for federal investments. Our region's growth as the logistics hub of the Eastern Seaboard is only possible when federal, state, and local leaders work together on a common vision of improved highways, bridges, ports, and transit access. I thank Secretary Chao for her leadership in bringing another \$16.6 million to Jacksonville."

"This grant announcement is significant for our region's transportation infrastructure," said JTA CEO Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. "It completes the funding needed for the fourth and last line of the First Coast Flyer Bus Rapid Transit system, which will provide premium public transportation between downtown Jacksonville at the new Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center and the commuter neighborhoods near Orange Park Mall. I would like to especially

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History

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30 years ago, 1989

- Green Cove Springs passes a curfew from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. for anyone younger than 18.

- Orange Park sailor Michael Knafelc is selected as the outstanding recruit for Company 75 at the Navy's Recruit Training Command in San Diego.

- Gail Roberts was appointed president and dealer-operator of Roberts Chevrolet-Geo in Green Cove Springs.

40 years ago, 1979

- Three men are charged following a raid of a suspected cockfight operation in Maxville.

- Joe Barrie, a direct descendant of the Moody family, is the guest speaker at the Clay County Historical Society meeting.

- Green Cove Springs Mayor John Bradley tells the city council, "Let's get busy!" as he tries to have as many as 40 dilapidated homes demolished inside the city limits.

Woods

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expensive food items are barbecue, chicken wraps and sandwiches – all for just \$3 each. The club's most-ordered sandwiches are pimento cheese and egg salad for only \$1.50 each.

It's impossible to believe a pimento cheese sandwich, bag of chips and a can of domestic beer costs just \$6.50, especially when the cheapest beer at Jacksonville Jaguars games is \$10.

Practice round tickets at Augusta are \$75 a day, with tournament prices jumping to \$115. Practice round tickets are sold through a lottery. Tournament tickets are so difficult to find, scalpers generally can get \$1,000 for a badge – especially if Tiger is on the prowl.

As incredibly perfect as it appears on

television, it's indescribably better in person. BS's cameras can't capture the severity of the rolling hills. Amen Corner really is a canyon, buried deep in the cellar on one of the corners of the golf course. The walk up the 18th is intimidating – both by the immense climb and the intense moment.

It was Woods who once again reminded us just how meaningful this special weekend in April, with all its colorful and historic splendor, makes us feel every year.

With eight players finishing within two shots of the victory, we all had a front row seat to watch a man who's taken us here before, only to retreat with so much personal and professional adversity, and to reappear for one of the greatest curtain calls of all time. Thank you for the memory, Tiger. And keep 'em coming.

Insurance

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Education Act.

- Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the U.S., and the second leading cause of death for people aged 10-34, according to the National Institutes of Mental Health's "Suicide" report.

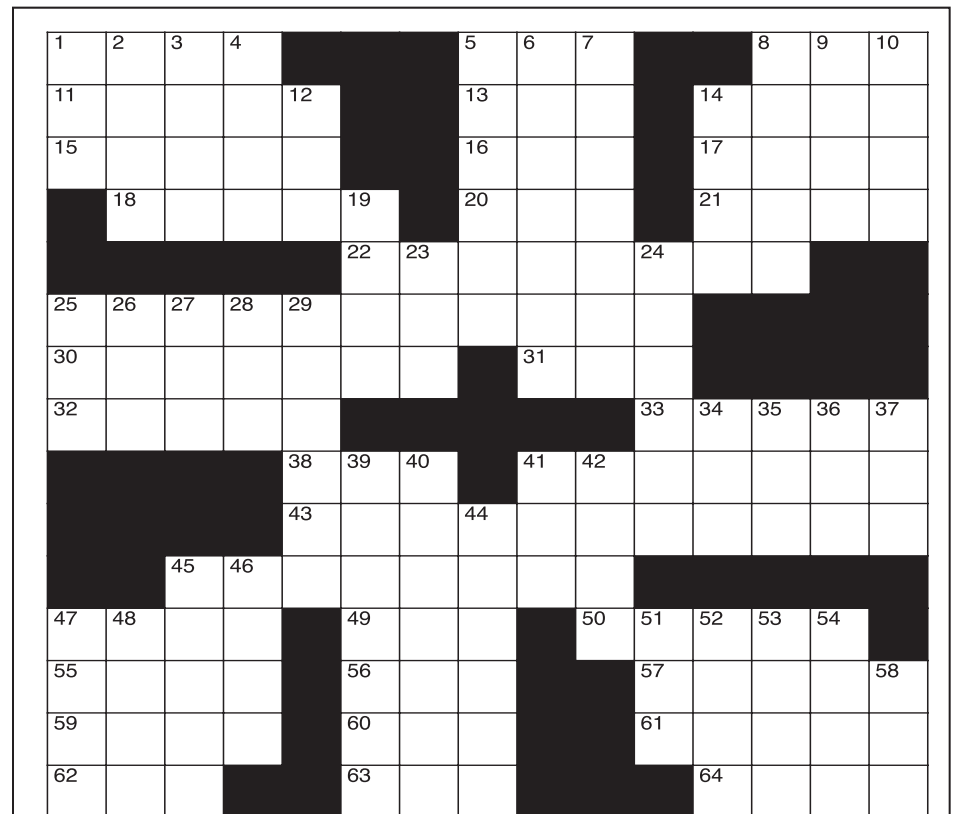
The above statistics should be enough to demonstrate a need. Any parent or guardian that has attempted to connect their child or adolescent to counseling services in Clay County will tell you it is extremely difficult, with limited options, and long waits. The same challenges are present for adults seeking services, but it is more severe for youth. The health insurance industry procedures, policies and inefficiencies are at the root of the problem.

There are few careers where demand is high, public accountability is high, but

compensation continues to decline, and at an accelerated rate. Reimbursement rates have now been reduced to where they were 40 years ago. The choices presented to mental health professionals are to continue to work for significantly less or to stop accepting insurance and try to build a self-pay practice. Even with insurance network approval, the barriers to payment create another obstacle to stay in business.

If access to mental health is so important, why are insurance companies allowed to make decisions that drastically reduce access to care? Any person with health insurance struggling to find a mental health provider should contact the member services phone number on their insurance card and express concern over the limited options in their area.

Jenny Sandell, LMHC Full Circle Counseling Services, LLC Middleburg



CLUES ACROSS

- A way to wound
- Hormone secreted by the pituitary gland (abbr.)
- Shows the world
- Decided
- Indigenous person of NE Thailand
- Dough made from corn flour
- Honors
- Political commentator Coulter
- Expresses pleasure
- Heavy clubs
- Defunct phone company
- Algonquian language
- Salts
- Act of the bank
- Danced
- Drummer Weinberg
- Small goose
- Helps evade
- Certified public accountant
- Periods of time
- Kids' book character
- Type of beer
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- A way to attack
- Talk radio personality Margery
- Whale ship captain
- Request
- Large underground railstation in Paris
- BBQ dish
- No (Scottish)
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Tool used to harvest agave
- Explosive
- A reward (archaic)

CLUES DOWN

- One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- Polite interruption sound
- Extremely small amount
- Very short period of time (abbr.)
- Fires have them
- Sacred place
- Island capital
- Volcanic craters
- Arthur __, Wimbledon champion
- Bullfighting maneuver
- Midway between east and southeast
- A ceremonial staff
- Cheap prices
- North Atlantic fish
- Oil company
- A federally chartered savings bank
- Paddle
- Where UK soldiers train
- One point north of due east
- Attention-getting
- Ballplayer's tool
- Sun up in New York
- Where golfers begin
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Represented as walking (animal)
- Craftsman
- Unit of force (abbr.)
- Dueling sword
- Houston hoopster
- Stone building at Mecca
- __ and flows
- ÒBeastmaster' actor Singer
- American state
- Swiss river
- U.S. island territory
- German physicist
- One point east of northeast
- Get free of

Students trying to help the world

Chen, Baker headed to international science fair

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

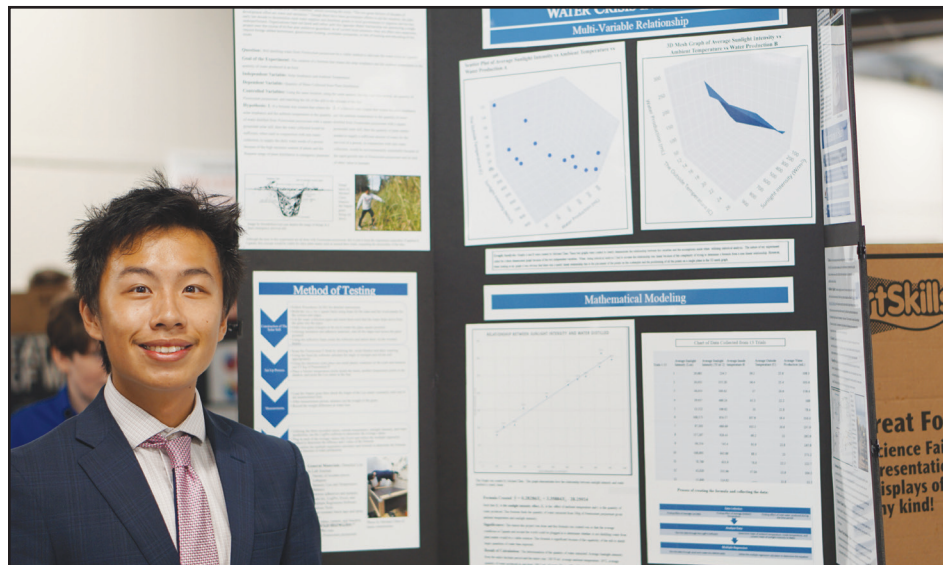
CLAY COUNTY – Most students will compete in a science fair during their formal education, but not many will do so on an international stage.

Ridgeview High junior Michael Chen, 16, and Fleming Island High sophomore Gavin Baker, 16, will see their science fair experiments matched up against the top competitors from 81 countries and territories at the 2019 International Sci-

ence and Engineering Fair in Phoenix next month. While taking home a win would be nice, both Chen and Baker find themselves even more excited to share their ideas with world leaders like Nobel Peace Prize winners.

“These are people you want to impress,” Baker said. “They’re leaders in science. They’re some of the top experts in their fields and it’s exciting and nerve wracking at the same time to know that they’ll be the judges of our projects.”

Chen’s created a solar still that can store plants and reflect heat in such a way that the plants stored within would reach



Ridgeview High junior Michael Chen’s science fair project tested the concept of whether enough water could be extracted from leaves in order to help developing countries suffering water shortages.

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“He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”

– Luke 24: 6 – 7

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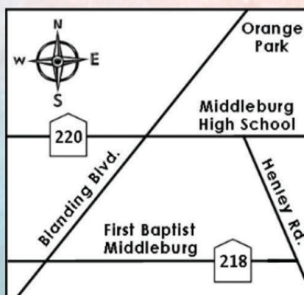
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GCS gets 'seat at the table' to regulate wireless rights of ways

By Nick Blank
Staff Write

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - City officials are wary of state infringement of rights of ways and wireless communications.

Council members and staff questioned Orlando-based attorney Thomas Cloud on two bills in the Legislature seeking to curb municipal regulations. Council members later unanimously passed an ordinance updating their telecommunications language and addressing, "small wireless facilities."

Cloud has helped about 30 cities draft similar ordinances. Updating the city's definitions would give the city a "seat at the table" in the face of 15 years of changes to telecommunications law, Cloud said.

The problem lies with House Bill 693 and Senate Bill 1000, Cloud said, which attempt to strip local governments of their ability to regulate their own rights of ways.

Cloud referred to the telecommunications companies placing poles in rights of ways as a consequence and jokingly called the invasive poles "hurricane projectiles." City Attorney L.J. Arnold said the proposed bill would gut the city's authority.

"Let's hope it doesn't pass," Arnold added.

Cloud named five state bills since 2001 that chipped away at local government regulations regarding telecommunications. The bills are attempting to undo a 2017 bill, HB 687, which already limited local

governments ability to limit "small wireless facilities" in public rights of ways used for wireless 5G service. When City Manager Steve Kennedy asked what facets of the 2017 law would go away if the new legislation were passed, Cloud replied, "Just about all of it."

"There's been a steady erosion of the ability of local governments to regulate their own rights of ways, which is perverse to me," Cloud said. "Nevertheless, it's occurring as we speak."

Cities like Jacksonville and Orlando have numerous abandoned poles from telecommunications companies. Resident Joe Sobotta was concerned with the prospect of abandoned poles.

"If they're going to abandon equipment, it has to be removed," Council Member Van Royal said.

Cloud said the Florida League of Cities likely wouldn't back down if the deregulations, potentially filing a lawsuit. He said it was impossible to predict what the Legislature would do. He said compromises with the telecommunication companies for a new system for strategic placement of fewer poles.

"What [solution] that can't take place is the city doesn't take some kind of prophylactic measure now to put in some regulations," Cloud said. "When going into a fight you have to arm yourself."



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Obituaries

Judith Marie Davies

Judith Marie Davies, 74, of Penney Farms, FL died April 10, 2019, peacefully at her home after a decade courageously fighting a rare neurological illness (Pure Autonomic Failure).

Born to Ralph H. Camping and Cora (Bakker) Camping on February 14, 1945 on a dairy in Artesia, CA, she graduated from Bellflower Christian Grade Schools and Mayfair High School in Lakewood, CA. In 1966 she earned her B.A.



Judith Marie Davies

degree in Education from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI, before entering the teaching force to teach high school and middle school English and music in public and Christian schools in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Florida, and Ontario, Canada.

She married Mark A. Davies in 1966 in Holland, MI and after Mark's ordination into the Christian ministry she worked alongside her husband in Christian Reformed Churches in Minnesota, South Dakota, New York, Michigan, Florida, Washington State, and Ontario, Canada serving as educator, church organist, choir director, VBS director, and prayer minister.

She was a member and officer of school boards in New York and Michigan. While teaching Community Education in Holland, MI she was named "Most Outstanding Teacher - 1991"; she was also nominated as "Most Outstanding Junior Educator" of 1971 in Upper Dublin, PA. A piano and organ accompanist *par excellence*, Judy taught music lessons for many years, and had an unusual gift for helping children's choirs to sing with excellence and perform in outstanding church musicals and plays. With Mark after their retirement she co-taught Friendship Classes, a ministry to multiply-handicapped adults, for five years in Lynden, WA, before their move to Penney Retirement Community in Florida in July, 2019.

Judy's many creative gifts found

expression in her musical composition and performance, flower gardening (she especially loved blue morning glories), and her amazing Fabric Art creations of flowers, felt play houses and other children's toys, jewelry purses and other beautiful things.

Judy is survived by her husband Mark of Penney Farms, and by their three daughters and families: Sarah and Alex Costa and their children Paul and Christina, of Union, NJ; Monica and Justin Lewis and their children Shenan and David, of Coronado, CA; and Laura and Joe Newhouse and their four children Rose, Will, Claire and Luke, of Broken Arrow, OK. She is also survived by her sister Bev and her brother Gal/Betty.

She was preceded in death by her parents and elder sister Linda Veldhuis of Ontario, CA, and niece Jody Veldhuis and nephew Ricky Veldhuis.

Funeral services of Thanksgiving will be held at the Penney Memorial Church in Penney Farms, FL on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 2:00 PM, with The Rev. Dr. Sid Rooy officiating. A reception in the McCormick Hall Fellowship Room will be held after the service. Internment will take place later in the Penney Retirement Center Cemetery Columbarium. Donations of flowers may be sent to Penney Memorial Church in Penney Farms, and/or donations sent to Friendship Ministries, 2215 29th Street SE Ste B6, Grand Rapids, MI 49508 (friendship.org/donate); or to Mobility Worldwide, P.O. Box 919, Penney Farms, FL 32079 (PETPFMW@gmail.com).

Please sign the online guest book at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000.



Jane Patricia Gollmyer

Jane Patricia Gollmyer, 77, on Palm Sunday April 14, 2019 walked with God. She was born on May 2, 1941 in Hockessin, Delaware to August A. Antoine Sr. and his wife Isabella C. (O'Brien).

She was 1 of 12 children: 6 boys and 6 girls. She is preceded in death by all her brothers: Charles, Leon, Joe, Teddy, August Jr., Jimmy and her sisters: Marie, Isabelle and Ann. She leaves behind 2 loving sisters: Camille Clark and Terese Curran.

She married her longtime friend and love, Robert E. Gollmyer. They were married 38 years. Jane was a dedicated homemaker and mother, first and foremost a mother. She treasured her children and embraced every moment with them.

She is the loving and devoted mother to Veronica Szoke (John), Cecelia Haddock (Keith) and Monica Garcia (Robert). She is also survived by her husband's children: Allen Gollmyer (Aurora) and Teresa Dennis (Neil). She especially loved the roll of grandma and great grandmother. Her daughters gave her 6 loving grandchildren: David, Jennifer, Jessica, Brittany, Erica and Hunter. To add to her love: Valliere, Alan Jr., Christine, McKenzie and Dylan. She has 7 great grandchildren.

She enjoyed traveling across the United States and Canada with her camper and boat in tow. She went off the beaten path, a lover of nature. She loved to bass fish even joining the fishing tournaments. She told no fish tales-she simply got them all. She loved life and lived it well. We all needed her here, but God needed her more. She will be greatly missed and loved by all.

A visitation will be held 6-8 PM, Monday, April 22, 2019 at Hardage-Giddens Holly Hill Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Rd, Middleburg, FL.

Funeral Mass will be held 11 AM, Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, 1649 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL. Interment will follow in Holly Hill Memorial Park. Concluding the service the reception will be held.

Please leave words of comfort at www.hollyhillfunerals.com.

James G. Santo

James G. Santo, 78, of Middleburg, FL, passed away April 11, 2019.

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Delbert G. White

Delbert G. White, 77, of Fleming Island, FL, passed away April 11, 2019.

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Willie C. Stovall

Willie C. Stovall passed away on Monday, April 15, 2019.

Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



Gay Mays

Gay Mays, 80, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away April 12, 2019

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Students showcase talents at job fair

By Wesley LaBlanc
Staff writer

FLEMING ISLAND – Local Clay County students got the chance to showcase their skills to potential employers at a reverse job fair held just for them.

Last week, Clay Today reported that a local reverse job fair was being held in the Fleming Island Public Library for county students who had undergone a year of specialized internship training. Well, on April 15, that reverse job fair happened and while the students aren't sure if they landed a job or not, many are hopeful.

"I've been interviewed and I hope to get a job in retail," Tamara Koren, a student at the reverse job fair said. "I feel like it's a good starting point for where I want to be."

Koren isn't quite sure exactly where she wants to be in the future, but she has a few defining characteristics she hopes that future holds. According to Koren, she wants a role in leadership where she can

use American Sign Language to help others. She's currently in college focusing on ASL and she said she could see herself in a counseling or therapist position.

At a reverse job fair, the would-be employees are the ones who set up booths while would-be employers walk from person to person, attempting to learn more about who they are and how they might be a good fit at their company. Dorrinda Swiger of Guidewell, a family of companies with names like Florida Blue in their wheelhouse, said she loves the change of pace reverse job fairs provide.

"This to me is just optimal," Swiger said. "I can just walk around and not say the same speech over and over. Instead, I get an opportunity to personally meet the individuals to really see what they have and offer, and we're a huge advocate for the military and individuals with special abilities so this event is just perfect."

With companies like Florida Blue, it'd



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Katrina Daly stands at her display that promoted her skills to perspective employers. After working at Kindred Hospital for the last year, she was able to show she's already proficient in hospitality.



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Students put their resumes and abilities on display during a Reverse Job Fair as employers came with applications and interview questions. The project was done in partnership with the Clay County School District and CareerSource.

be easy to assume that Guidewell attended the reverse job fair with hopes to pick up an employee for a medical-field position, but Guidewell was actually on the look for a number of positions. According to Swiger, Guidewell was looking to fill positions in information technology, in their call center, clerk services, maintenance and even finance.

"We do a lot of things and most of our jobs aren't outsourced so we're always looking for more people to bring onto our campuses," Swiger said.

While Swiger hadn't yet interviewed Katrina Daly, it would seem that Daly would be a great fit for their company. That's because Daly has spent the last year of her life interning at Kindred Hospital in Green Cove Springs. Here, Daily has cleaned the facility, helped patients, helped gardening

efforts to spruce up the building.

"I can kind of do it all," Daly said. "I really love cleaning and housekeeping, though, so I hope to get a job doing that today."

This reverse job fair was staged as a result of the work of the Clay County School District and CareerSource. According to Atheia Inman of CareerSource, this is the first reverse job fair they've held and while it started slow, it had picked up steam by the end of it, hopefully solidifying it as an annual event.

"I'm very very excited to have seen this finally happen," Inman said. "This is a great opportunity for everyone involved, I think, and I'm hoping to do this annually. It started slow, but we gained momentum. I'm excited to do this again one day."

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Residents impressed with First Coast Expressway's landscaping plans

By Nick Blank
Staff Writer

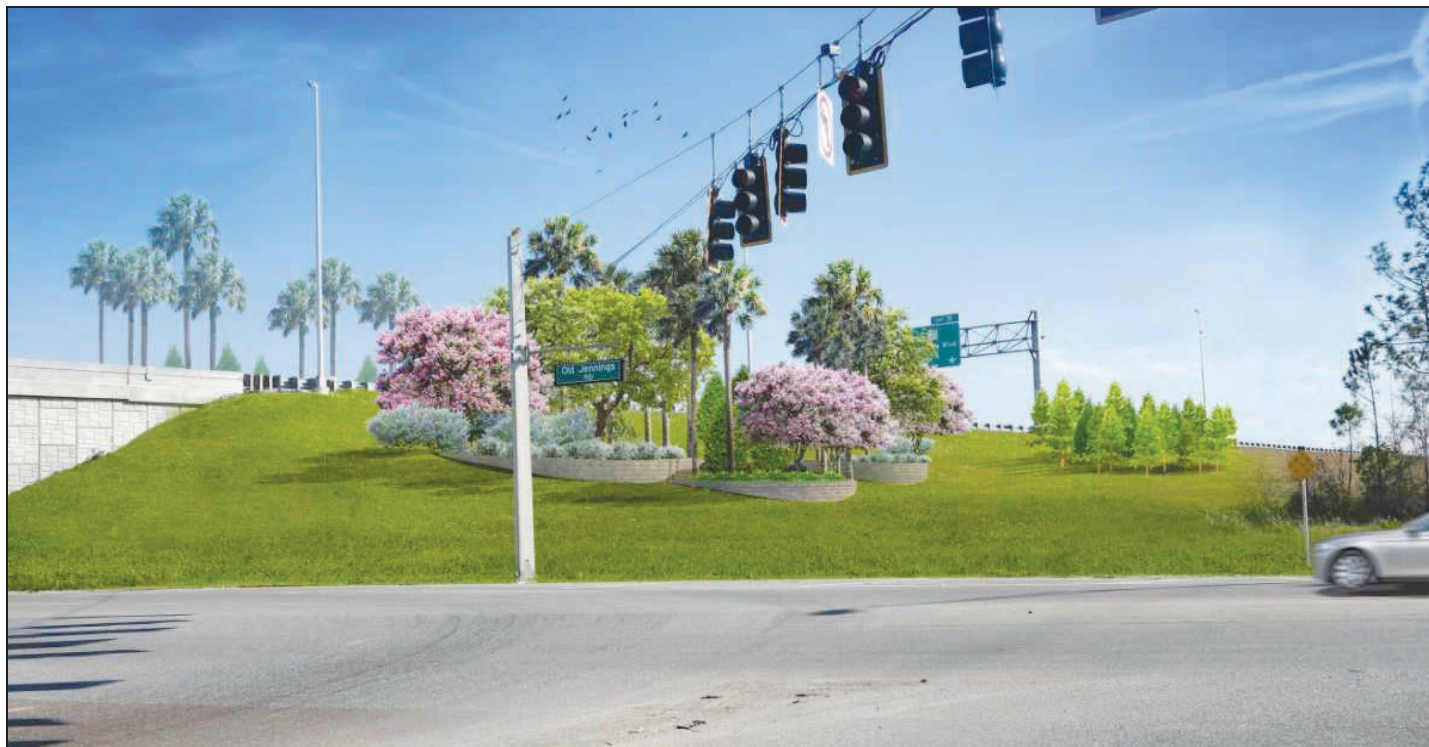
OAKLEAF - The First Coast Expressway commute is getting greener.

State transportation officials showed residents plans for two \$1.5 million landscaping projects for the toll road. The first runs from I-10 to the Clay County line, and the second goes from the county line to north of Blanding Boulevard.

Residents viewed large renderings of the project and examples of the vegetation such as trees, walls and the decorative bushes at a recent workshop at the Oakleaf Baptist Church. The landscaping is expected to begin in the fall. They hope to finish by mid-2020. The projects, which call for the planting of maple, magnolia, pine, cedar, oak and palm trees, are about to go to bid.

FDOT spokeswoman Sarah Pleasants called the work intensive. She said it was important people know what to expect.

"We're going to beautify the roadway and make it a pleasant place for people to drive if they live there or are just passing



through the area," Pleasants said. "It's a big landscaping project when you consider

most of our landscaping projects are at a single interchange."

Gene Dickey lives in Oakleaf and was impressed by the presentation. He said he was concerned about the number of retention ponds.

"It looks like it is going to be beautiful," Dickey said.

Middleburg resident Gary Truitt said he was retired and living on a budget, so he wasn't happy the First Coast Expressway was so close to his home. He said the landscaping boosted his idea of the project.

"The money is used for something positive," Truitt said. "I think the landscaping looks real nice. I didn't expect it. It's a good layout."

The estimated \$1.9 billion First Coast Expressway is funded by Florida's Turnpike Enterprise through bonds, and fees

collected from the tolls will maintain the road.

The stretch due for landscaping was the \$160 million first phase, from I-10 to Blanding Boulevard. It fully opened this spring. The second phase from Blanding Boulevard to east of County Road 209 has an expected completion date of 2026 and will cost more than \$400 million. The final stage involves rebuilding the Shands Bridge.

A major facet of the First Coast Expressway is the impending tolls, which have been delayed. Truitt and Dickey wondered when the tolls were going to open. The tolls flash, but are in "shadow mode," not recording licenses or SunPass stickers yet.

"We'll let people know when it happens," Pleasants added. "It will not be a surprise."

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Audrey H. Freeman

Audrey H. Freeman, 85, passed away Monday April 15th surrounded by family at McGraw Hospice Center in Jacksonville.

Audrey was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Ralph D. Freeman in 2017.

She is survived by her daughter Kathleen Freeman Colter of Jacksonville and her husband Greg, and her son, Ralph D. Freeman Jr. of Jacksonville Beach and the love of his life Valerie Alexander.

Audrey is also survived by her brothers William Hodge in Santa Rosa FL and Calvin Hodge and family in Chesapeake, VA.

Audrey was a secretary at N.A.T.T.C. NAS JAX and then helped Ralph operate Freeman's Mini Golf and Freeman's Bicycle Shop in the 60's and 70's in OP. Audrey was very involved and President of the OP Lion's Club and a member of Orange Park Baptist Church.

Following a move to Albany, GA in 1977 she was involved in the church and garden club. Upon their return to Jacksonville in 1996 following a flood disaster she was very involved in Neptune Beach Baptist Church and enjoyed traveling, gardening and crafts.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, April 23 at 3pm at Neptune Baptist Church, 407 Third Street, Neptune Beach, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association.



Audrey H. Freeman

Jeffrey S. Breh

Jeffrey S. Breh, 59, of Green Cove Springs, passed away April 10, 2019.

Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center 904-284-7720



Marcelle A. Garrett

Marcelle A. Garrett passed away on Monday, April 15, 2019.

Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



Nick Riordan

Nick Riordan, 28, of Neptune Beach, FL, passed away April 12, 2019.

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Friends of Middleburg Library to hold its Spring Book Sale

MIDDLEBURG – The Friends of the Middleburg Clay Hill Library will be holding their Spring Book Sale from April 25-27.

Most books are less than \$1. Hardback fictions are arranged by author. The sale, at 2245 Aster Street in Middleburg, will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 26 and 10 a.m. to

4 p.m. on April 27. Friends of the Middleburg Library will be allowed to shop April 24-27 before the doors open to the general public.

Membership to Friends of the Middleburg Library are \$5 for a single, \$8 for a family and \$25 to be a patron.

For more information, or to donate books, call (904) 254-7891.

Sawyer Brown coming to Thrasher-Horne Center in August

ORANGE PARK – Sawyer Brown is coming to the Thrasher-Horne Center on Friday, Aug. 30, at 8 p.m.

The show is sponsored by 99.9 Gator Country.

Tickets are on sale now, online at THcenter.org or at the Thrasher-Horne Box Office at (904)-276-6815.

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and counting, 23 albums, more than 50 chart singles and CMA, ACM, and CMT awards on the shelf. Having been described as "the Rolling Stones of Country Music," the band bounds onto the stage night after night, delivering its own unique brand of high-energy country music with songs like "Some Girls Do", "The Race is on" and "Six Days on the Road."

Portable classroom burns down at Wilkinson Elementary

MIDDLEBURG – An early-morning fire last Friday destroyed a portable classroom at Wilkinson Elementary, Clay County Fire Rescue reported.

Someone called after smelling smoke and seeing flames behind the school, David Motes, deputy chief said. Crews arrived and found one portable classroom fully involved and three others being threatened. Crews aggressively started suppression

operations and the fire was quickly extinguished. Surrounding portables were checked and sustained little damage.

Multiple units responded from Middleburg, Oak Leaf, Clay Hill, Lake Asbury and Kingsley Lake and the first unit arrived six minutes after the initial 911 call. No injuries were reported from the fire crews.

The fire is under the investigation of the Florida State Fire Marshalls Office.

Tip-A-Cop, Law Enforcement Torch Run set to raise money for Special Olympics

ORANGE PARK – Tip-A-Cop next Tuesday at the LongHorn Steakhouse on Fleming Island will kick off five days of events by the Clay County Sheriff's Office to raise money for local athletes of Special Olympics.

Deputies will work as servers for three days, with all tips being given to Special Olympics.

On Friday, deputies will be part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run that starts at 9 a.m. at Moosehaven at 1701 Park Ave. in Orange Park, it then proceeds along Kingsley Avenue and will end at the Publix parking lot at 410 Blanding Blvd. Both events will include deputies and civilians.

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The US Army Corps of Engineers invites you to review and comment on the Proposed Plan for two areas within the former Lee Field Naval Air Station (now Reynolds Industrial Park). The military used the 1,560-acre site in Clay County between 1940 and the 1960s. The Navy and Marines used it to train pilots during World War II. Later, the Navy used it to deactivate ships.

We recently completed a Remedial Investigation on two areas known as Landfill Areas 1 and 3, and the recommendations are summarized in the Proposed Plan. We will present the plan and explain the preferred alternative on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 6:30 pm at the Green Cove Springs Police Department Community Room located at 1001 Idlewild Avenue.

Copies of the Remedial Investigation Report and the Proposed Plan are available for review at the Green Cove Springs Library located at 403 Ferris Street (904.284.6315).

For more information or to comment on the Proposed Plan, please email FUDS.Florida@usace.army.mil or call 800.710.5184. Submit written comments to USACE, ATTN: Andrew Rebman (CESAJ-PM-M), 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207. Mail postmarked by June 4, 2019, will be accepted. Comments received during the public comment period will be considered in the final decision-making process.

Health

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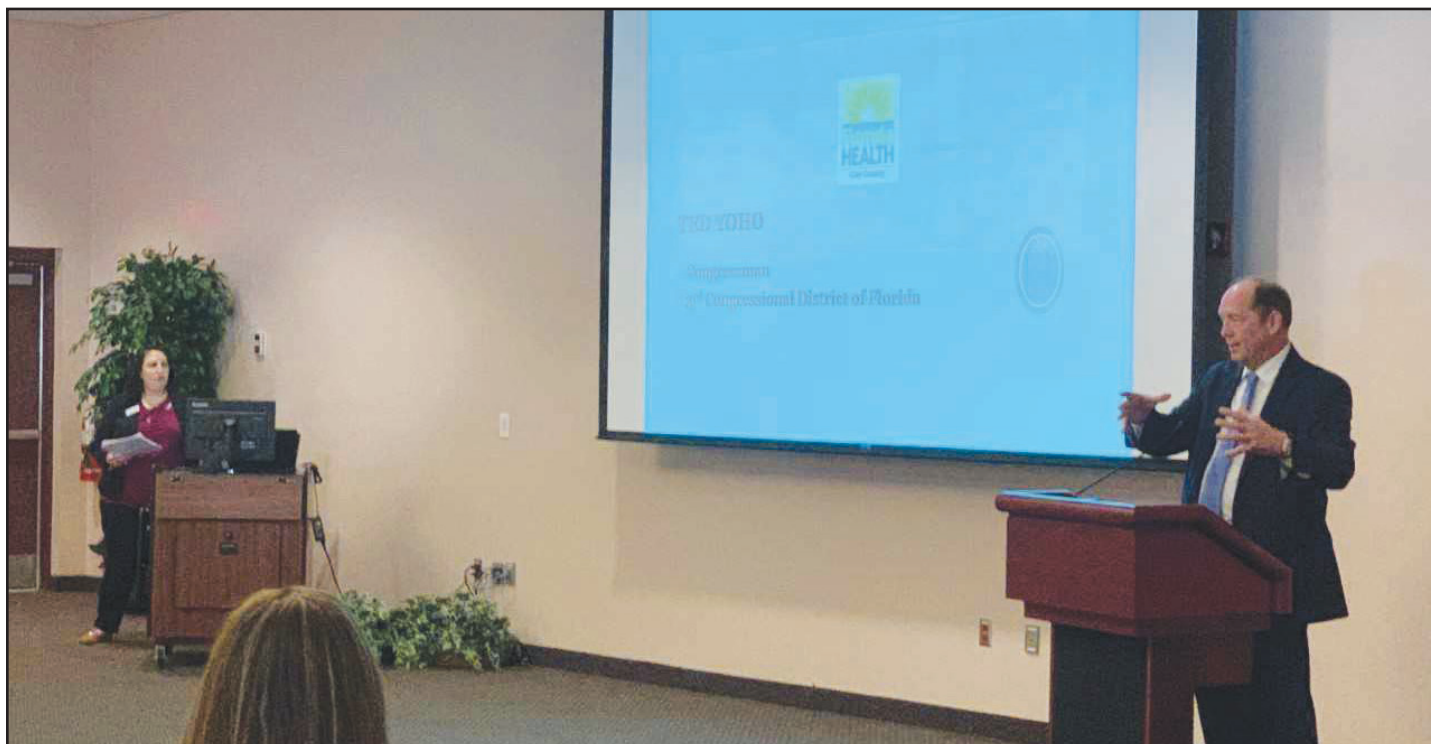
students in grades 6-12, showed Clay County's youth's on par with state levels of drinking and drug use in the past 30 days. Cigarette use was higher for Clay County, 16.9 percent of youth reporting compared the state's average of 13.7 percent. The 30-day youth drug use reported has decreased for all abuses since 2008, the report said.

Clay County has about 212,000 residents. For health outcomes, the cancer mortality rate per 100,000 residents was 175.8 for Clay County, though it has decreased since 2013. The state average was 151.9. Clay found itself marginally higher than state averages for heart disease, unintentional injury and suicides per 100,000 people.

About 88.1 percent of the county's residents had health insurance coverage according to the report. However, the county's health providers per 100,000 for licensed providers fell short of state averages for fields such as physicians, pediatricians and dentists.

In the County Health rankings released last month, Clay County ranked 16th in health outcomes, 13th for health factors, 20th in clinical care and sixth for social and economic factors, but middle of the pack for health behaviors. The county was ranked 16th overall.

Residents were asked their top-five health problems in Clay County. Addiction, mental health/suicides, obesity, child abuse/neglect and domestic violence received the highest vote totals. Participants voted for substance abuse services, mental



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK BLANK

Rep. Ted Yoho (R-3) told the audience he's concerned by the opiate epidemic and the lack of resources to address mental health after the preliminary Clay County Health Assessment was released last week.

health counseling and alternative therapy when asked, "What health care services are difficult to obtain in your community?"

From numerous interviews, surveys, focus groups and other data, Clay County DOH Administrator and Health Officer Heather Huffman said the purpose of the assessment was identifying significant health needs, prioritizing improvements and collaborating with community partners to remove barriers.

"If we don't do that [analysis] then we may do things that aren't needed in our community and missing the things that are

needed," Huffman said.

Rep. Ted Yoho, (R-3) told the audience the country's needs to combat the opiate epidemic and address mental health. He asked the crowd who had been affected by opiates or other drug use in their family.

After mentioning the enormous burden on the health care system and to first responders, Yoho said the country must address the need to consume drugs on a societal level and curb the flow of drugs from America's largest heroin supplier, Mexico.

"We're dealing with it now," Yoho said. "It's robbing people of their future."

When audience members were asked similar questions about the pressing health issues in the county, the answers were similar. The report and survey results showed there was a long way to go, Suter said. Officials said the final report would be released near the end of the month.

"Sometimes when we think of health, we only think of what happens in a doctor's office or in a hospital. We must think of health with a wider scope," Suter said. "Not just when people are sick, but also ways to prevent illness and healthy lifestyles."



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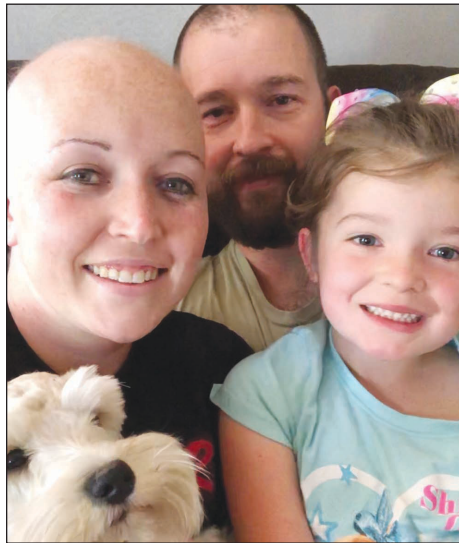
GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Sheriff deputy Cortney Alstatt underwent successful double-mastectomy surgery last week as she continued her fight against Stage 3 breast cancer.

Cortney went home a day after the surgery and was “healing and doing well, considering her circumstances,” the sheriff’s office reported.

The deputy now will start several rounds of radiation – or the next phase of her “adventure,” as she calls it – to make sure there aren’t any lingering problems.

So far, there have been more than 250,000 interactions on social media following her journey, CCSO said. Thousands have posted comments, including many of her former inmates where she worked in the jail.

Although the family hasn’t asked for support, a GoFundMe account was es-



CCSO depury Corney Alstatt, left, is ready to continue her “adventure” following double-mastectomy surgery for breast cancer.

established to help offset her medical bills. That account can be found at: <http://gf.me/u/r4b9dq>.

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Couple split \$5,000 first-place award

When Kathy Swafford, left, and Matt Weatherly became the finalists for a \$5,000 award at the Fourth Annual Reverse Raffle Fundraiser, they decided to split first-place. Ernie Cohen, community liaison for Clay Behavioral Health Center and Kids First of Florida presents both with checks for \$,2500.



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Rotary's Gourmet Night feeds the needs of Clay County charities

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

ORANGE PARK – The 25th annual Gourmet Night extravaganza hosted by the Rotary Club of Orange Park will have at least 30 local restaurants offering samples of their best dishes. And while the club hopes to as many as 600 people go home will full stomachs next Tuesday night, the real purpose is to fill the coffers of several local charities.

"It's a great time to socialize, to eat some great food and to hear some great entertainment," said Rotary's Larry Klaybor. "And it's all for a good cause."

The popular event will be from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at The Club Continental on the shores of the St. Johns River.

Some of the restaurants that will be offering food include: Bonefish Grill, Whiteys Fish Camp, Santioni's, The Hilltop, Your Pie, Anthony's Catering and the Club Continental.

The Chris Thomas Band will provide the entertainment, and there will be live and silent auctions.

"This has become the biggest social event in Clay County," said event chairwoman Pam Wolbert. "There are so many people who come to this on the third Tuesday of every April to talk with old friends they only see once a year."

Some of the items in the live auction include: a Lynyrd Skynyrd guitar, week stays

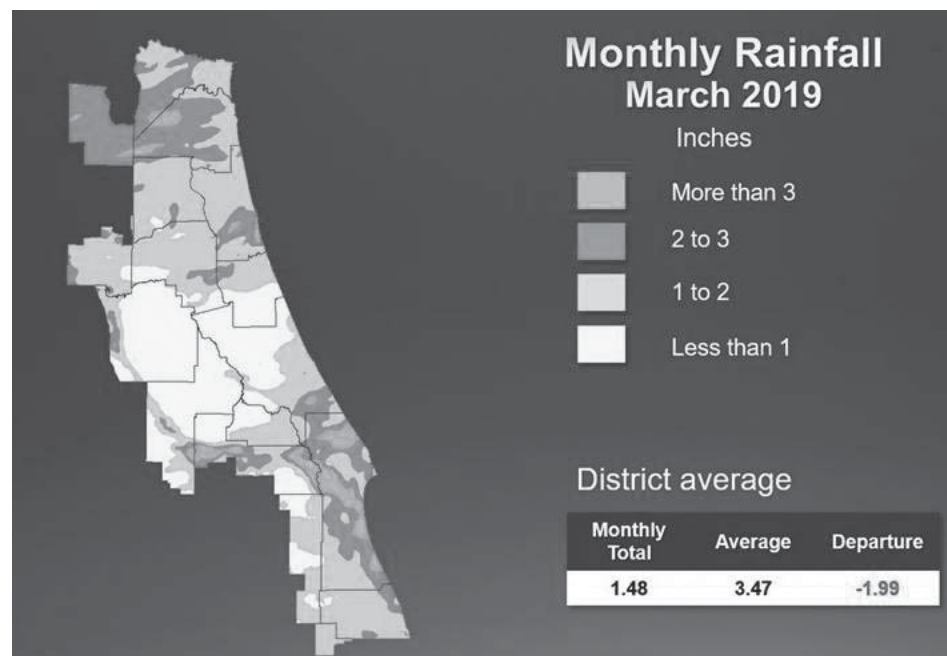
on the beaches of Kiawah Island, S.C., and Destin, An African safari and a hand-crafted replica of Prince's Signature Love Symbol guitar. Some of the offerings from the silent auction include: an autographed guitar from Molly Hatchet, a firepit for smores, a basket filled with Italian delicacies and wine and a pizza made entirely of money and lottery tickets.

Klaybor said the Rotary Club hopes to clear \$30,000 to benefit local charities like: Mercy Support Services, The Salvation Army, Police Athletic League, National Association of Veterans & Family, Quigley House, Orange Park High NJROTC, Clay Humane Society, Boy Scouts of America, Food Pantry, BASCA, Orange Park Athletic Association and The Believe Foundation.

"We generally average about \$30,000 every year, but we think it will be more this year," Klaybor said. "The best thing is it's a great time and you don't always realize how much you're helping. That's what makes it so much fun."

Tickets to Gourmet Night are \$50, and they are available at the door or at Clay Today, 3513 U.S. 17 on Fleming Island.

The Rotary Club of Orange Park took over Gourmet Night eight years ago. The organization provides a unique opportunity to make a difference in the local and global community through inspired action and specific projects for doing good.



March rainfall below average in Clay, but 12-month totals still ahead of 2018

CLAY COUNTY – Data collected by the St. Johns River Water Management District shows that March rainfall was below average districtwide, with a zone of very low rainfall in Lake, Marion and portions of Volusia County.

March's low rainfall followed a period of prolonged wet conditions in many areas of the district, with surface water and groundwater conditions staying in the high or normal range for this time of year.

Abnormally dry conditions in Brevard and Indian River counties remain but are less extensive. Indian River County had the lowest 12-month rainfall total, with 46 inches of rain.

Clay County was down by 1.59 total inches from its monthly average of 3.15 inches of rain in March. For the past 12 months, Clay received 54.72 inches of rain.

Marion, Putnam and Alachua counties had the highest 12-month rainfall totals, each receiving between 61 and 63 inches of rain.

Overall, rainfall totals from the previous 12 months remain more than four inches above average for the 18 counties that are included in the SJRWMD.

For additional hydrologic data or to learn more about the district's data collection program, visit www.sjrwmd.com/data.

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of Tourism & Film Development Kimberley Morgan gave city leaders a tourism update. The tourism industry provides 3,000 jobs and brings in about \$169 million a year to the county. From surveys, most visitors to Clay County were from Orlando, Tampa, Jacksonville, Gainesville and Atlanta.

"We now know who that visitor is, and we can target our marketing efforts a lot more," Morgan said.

Morgan said the tourism department was looking forward for further promoting Clay County through a standalone tourism website, conducting a Google Audit to streamline county-related search results for businesses and finding an agency of record for advertising spots.



Sweet Homegrown Traditions

Lynyrd Skynyrd front man Johnny Van Zant stopped by the Clay County Clerk of the Circuit Court/Archives's tribute to Southern Rock at the Clay County Agriculture Fair last week. His family, from left, daughter Taylor and her boyfriend Kris, wife Lisa, grandsons Ryatt and Kannon, daughter Harmony and sister Darlene loved the exhibit that resembled a 1970s living room filled with memorabilia from Lynyrd Skynyrd, .38 Special and the Johnny Van Zant Band.

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Fair
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younger, which led to the single-day attendance mark.

While Hyder already has shifted her attention to next year's fair – which is from April 2-11 – she doesn't want to change the promotions that worked.

“Joe Diffie was a big success. Our new seating for the concerts was a big success. And the truck and tractor pulls, I imagine they will be back, too.”

Other highlights included shows by the Marshall Tucker Band, Big and Rich, Shenandoah, Jordan Davis and Jimmie Allen, as well as the E-Zone for children, Redneck Romper Fashion Show and gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches at a new stand called Giddy Piggy.

“We're ready for 2020,” Hyder said. “We already have new ideas to make it even better.”



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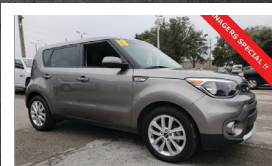
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Ken Brock UPDATE 2,650 Miles

Keystone Heights to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Teens, young people rally around Brock's long journey for WWP

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

AUBURN, Neb. — Just as Ken Brock trooped into town, a man in his 20s stopped the U.S. Army Veteran to ask why he was pushing a cart with his service dog along the highway.

Brock told the man of his battle with post-traumatic stress disorder and the help he got from Wounded Warrior Project. He told him how he finally felt empowered to walk from Amvets Post 86 in Keystone Heights to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to raise awareness for the veteran's organization.

The young man, who currently serves in the U.S. National Guard, then did what so many other young people have done on Brock's grueling journey by giving him a hug.

"He told me to keep doing what I'm doing," Brock said.

So he marches on.

Brock put another 109 miles behind him last week, which leaves at 1,398 to go before his self-imposed deadline of July 4. Since leaving Keystone Heights on Feb. 1, Brock already has logged more than 1,252 miles of walking.

He's also made hundreds of friends



When Ken Brock left Keystone Heights on Feb. 1, he had no idea that many young people would be interested in his story. Students from West Platte High in Weston, Mo., invited him to talk about WWP. Afterwards, many briefly walked with him before returning to class.



As word of his 2,650-mile walk to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, spreads, Keystone Heights' Ken Brock is stopped several times a day from people who are inspired by his commitment to bring attention to Wounded Warrior Program's work with post-traumatic stress disorder.

along the way.

When he got to Weston, Mo., on April 12, he was met by deputy sheriff Jeff Wilson, who escorted Brock to the town's high school. Waiting on the baseball field were school children and a television crew. Everyone wanted to hear his story.

After that, he rounded up his guide dog, Pam, and the students suddenly started walking with him. If for only a few hundred yards in a 2,650-mile journey, they wanted to be part of Brock's voyage.

"It was an honor to have the entire town rally around me," he said. "I told them how this 53-year-old came up with the crazy idea to walk."

Sheriff deputies and state patrolmen seem to be waiting for Brock at every state, county and city line. Apparently, they've created their own message hotline to make sure everyone's keeping an eye on Brock and he pushes along back roads and busy highways.

"When I got to the Nebraska state line, there was a deputy [Sgt. Jonathan Kirk-

endall of the Richardson County Sheriff's Office] waiting there to welcome me to the state," Brock said. "It's like that everywhere I go."

However, Brock said the admiration and interest of teen-aged children and young adults wasn't expected.

When he got to Sabetha, Neb., early Sunday, he stopped at the Country Mart for a few groceries. The five people working inside — four of them teens — refused to let him pay.

"There is no rhyme or reason for me to be where I'm at right now," Brock said. "I was so out of shape when I started this. Now I feel good, and I haven't even had a blister."

There are more hugs planned in the next three months. He has six grandchildren living in Coeur d'Alene.

"I picked a place where I knew there'd be plenty of hugs and kisses waiting more me," Brock said.

He just didn't expect so many along the way.

Business

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thank Congressman John Rutherford, Senator Marco Rubio, our entire congressional delegation, DOT, the Federal Transit Administration and the Florida Department of Transportation for their strong support on these community projects."

The FCF Purple Line will include 24 Transit Signal Priority devices, construction of 22 platforms at 13 stations, and 15 buses. With a distance of 12.9 miles, the FCF Purple Line will provide service from the JRTC to the Orange Park Mall.

On its way, it will have stops at Blanding Boulevard and at Florida State College at Jacksonville's Kent Campus. The FCF Purple Line is expected to launch service in December 2020.

Once the FCF network is fully built, the JTA will have completed and be operating the largest Bus Rapid Transit Corridor in the southeast. At an overall cost of \$137.6 million, the JTA has received grants totaling \$88.6 million from DOT.

Time finally right for The Hall Closet

ORANGE PARK — Joyce Hall always has wanted to open her own consignment shop. After being a district manager with Avon and visiting numerous shops throughout her district, she had many ideas she would like to put into place.

Even when writing down her business plan, time kept slipping away and just couldn't come into existence. Then, with the closing of a consignment shop in her area, it began to take shape. She finally decided now was the time to Open The Hall Closet at 1871 Wells Rd., Orange Park.

What makes her shop unique is the size, the friendliness, the quality and the variety of the merchandise.

It's all about building community through connections and events held at the shop once a month. Starting with a painting class and next a tea party and future events. The customers and consignors want to be involved and enjoy the friendships being made.

Hall is involved in local organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Pink Ribbon Symposium, the Orange Park Women's Connection and her church.

Clay will get share of \$16.2 million grant for St. Johns River

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – Twenty-one projects in 10 counties will share in nearly \$16.2 million for construction of water supply and water conservation, water quality improvement and flood protection projects. The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board on Tuesday approved the project ranking for the fiscal year 2019–2020 An-

nual Districtwide Cost-share Program.

“Cost-share programs are a great way to ensure worthy projects get done and taxpayers get the best return on their tax dollars,” said St. Johns River Water Management District Executive Director Dr. Ann Shortelle. “These cost-share projects will help develop approximately 3 million gallons per day of alternative water supplies, reduce nutrient loading to our water-



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ways and springs, protect against flooding and conserve water.”

District cost-share funding for water resource protection and restoration projects helps local governments make progress in preserving, restoring and enhancing the Floridan aquifer system, the St. Johns River, Indian River Lagoon and other waterways and Outstanding Florida Springs.

Highlights of the approved project list include:

Nineteen projects comply with the goals of Gov. Ron DeSantis's Executive Order 19-12 promoting environmental protection, including addressing algal blooms and nutrient reduction, investing in green infrastructure and developing alternative water supply sources.

Sixteen water quality protection projects are estimated to reduce nutrient loads by 20,700 pounds of total nitrogen per year and 14,280 pounds of total phosphorus per year. These include:

Wastewater treatment improvements and/or expansion in Volusia, Clay, Marion and St. Johns counties.

Septic-to-sewer conversion in the city of Longwood and Brevard and Indian River counties.

Muck removal in Cocoa Beach.

Three water supply projects are estimated to provide approximately 3 million gallons a day of alternative water supply and to conserve 0.012 MGD, including:

- Clay County Utility Authority's reclaimed water storage and expanded distribution project, which will deliver

reclaimed water to more than 2,000 new customers.

- JEA's low-income toilet exchange conservation program.

- Two flood protection projects in St. Augustine and Jacksonville are estimated to protect 56 acres.

The approved list includes seven springs restoration projects benefitting Outstanding Florida Springs, including Silver, Volusia Blue and Wekiwa-Rock springs.

Projects are located in Brevard, Clay, Duval, Indian River, Lake, Marion, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns and Volusia counties.

Forty-eight applications totaling \$31.6 million in requested district funding were ranked and scored based on core mission benefits, cost effectiveness, likelihood of successful and timely completion, and application quality and completeness. Extra points were awarded if an applicant provided evidence of an ordinance adopting the district's water conservation rule. Projects must begin during fiscal year 2019-2020 and be completed within two years.

The board also approved a list of 15 projects that provide water quantity and/or water quality improvements to Outstanding Florida Springs within the district, including Volusia Blue, Silver and Wekiwa-Rock springs. These springs protection projects will be sent to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Florida Legislature for funding consideration.

Between 2014 and 2019, more than 160 district cost-share projects have reduced total nitrogen entering Florida's springs by more than 1 million pounds per year and have provided over 70 MGD of alternative water supplies. During this same time, cost-share programs have provided approximately \$89 million in funding for springs restoration projects.

Visit the district online at www.sjr-wmd.com/localgovernments/funding/ for more information about cost-share opportunities and the rankings.

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Clay Humane reminds families to be careful with pets at Easter

Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Clay Humane, a nonprofit veterinary clinic serving the county, is offering tips for pet owners to keep dogs and cats safe during Easter.

“While many people celebrate Easter with baskets of treats and special dinners, it is important to remember to keep our pets safe as we celebrate,” said Dr. Christian Broadhurst, senior staff veterinarian at Clay Humane. “Taking a few simple precautions can help keep your beloved pets safe during Easter.”

Dr. Broadhurst offers the following tips to protect pets:

Watch the treats: Chocolate and other candies containing xylitol, raisins or macadamia nuts are poisonous to pets. They can cause gastrointestinal upset, pancreatitis,

seizures or even death. Give pets a treat designed for them.

Avoid Easter grass: The grass often used to line Easter baskets can become lodged in an animal’s intestines, causing vomiting, diarrhea or other issues. If you suspect your dog or cat has ingested Easter grass, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Avoid some human foods: Many of the ingredients we use to cook Easter dinner such as onions or garlic are poisonous for pets. Do not give your dogs or cats scraps from the dinner table to ensure they don’t get sick. Even small scraps of food pets are not accustomed to eating can lead to stomach upset.

Monitor drinks: Alcohol is also poisonous to pets. Make sure to keep beer, wine and other alcoholic drinks away from curi-



ous dogs and cats.

Research before adopting a rabbit: Many people adopt bunnies at Easter but tire of them after realizing they require a lot of care. Prior to bringing home a rabbit, understand bunnies need daily exercise, litter box cleaning each day and special diets. If you decide a rabbit matches your

lifestyle, visit a local shelter to find your perfect match.

“Holidays are a great opportunity to spend quality time with your furry friends,” Dr. Broadhurst said. “If your pet does ingest something poisonous or experiences vomiting, diarrhea or lethargy, contact your veterinarian immediately.”

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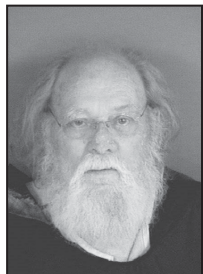
Brother of former NASCAR star charged after deputies find red marks around girlfriend's neck

MIDDLEBURG – The brother of a former NASCAR star was arrested last week and charged with trying to strangle his girlfriend.

Lloyd "Eldon" Yarbrough, 76, was booked in the Clay County Jail after deputies noticed red marks around the girlfriend's neck and slight swelling on her right cheek.

According to the arrest report, deputies responded to a domestic disturbance. The girlfriend said Yarbrough smacked her "approximately three times and grabbed her by the throat with both hands." Deputies also said it appeared both had been drinking.

Yarbrough is the younger brother of former NASCAR driver LeeRoy Yarbrough. The older brother won 14 times in an abbreviated career, including the 1969 sweep of the Daytona 500, World 600 and Southern 500.



Lloyd "Eldon" Yarbrough

Eldon Yarbrough made three NASCAR starts, with a career-best finish of fifth at Columbia, S.C., in 1969.

LeeRoy Yarbrough was found not guilty by reason of insanity for trying to strangle his mother in 1980. The family, including Eldon, didn't believe LeeRoy would hurt their mother.

LeeRoy eventually was committed to Northeast Florida State Hospital in Macclenny. He died in 1984 after suffering a seizure and falling, the hospital said.

Eldon Yarbrough was being held on a \$10,003 bond.

Putnam man in Clay County jail for violating injunctions for domestic violence, stalking

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Putnam County man already in jail in Graceville was brought back to Clay County last week to face several charges, including stalking and repeatedly violating injunctions for domestic violence.

Danny Scott McGuirt, 34, remained in the Clay County Jail



Danny McGuirt

with bonds totaling \$187,511.

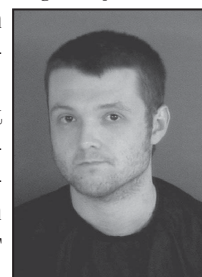
McGuirt originally was charged with aggravated stalking and violating an injunction for protection against domestic violence on May 18, 2018. He was charged up again on June 14, 2018, for violating another injunction for protection. And on Sept. 26, 2018, he was charged with another injunction for protection violation, as well as criminal mischief.

His next court appearance is on April 22.

Melrose man to be sent back to Bradford for retaliating against victim

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Raymond Scott-Ashton Drawdy was caught in Keystone Heights on a Bradford County warrant charging him with violating his parole for retaliating against a victim with holding injury.

According to court records, the 22-year-old man also was arrested in January in Bradford County for violating his parole.



Anthony Michael Madej

Middleburg man arrested for domestic battery against his pregnant girlfriend

MIDDLEBURG – a local man was jailed last Sunday after Clay County Sheriff deputies said he got violent with his pregnant girlfriend.

Anthony Michael Madej, 25, was booked on charges of aggravated domestic battery on a pregnant woman. The woman is three months pregnant with the boyfriend's baby, she told deputies.

According to the arrest report, deputies noticed a cut on the girlfriend's lip and blood on her chin.

Keystone Heights woman arrested for grand theft, using fraudulent ID

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A woman was arrested with an outstanding warrant from Bradford County for using someone else's identity to commit grand theft.

Teresa Diane Lipsey, 53, was charged with the fraudulent use of personal identification information with the victim being at least 60 years old.

Arrests and Bookings

(Name, age, location of arrest, charges). Key: FTA-Failure to Appear; DWLSR-Driving Without a License-Suspended or Revoked; DUI-Driving Under the Influence; VOP-Violation of Parole.

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

John H. Jarvis, 45, Green Cove Springs, Grand Theft Auto, Possession-Firearm by a Convicted Felon

Lauren A. Bennett, 27, Orange Park, VOP-Possession less than 20g-Marijuana, VOP-DUI

Michael G. Trely, 30, Green Cove Springs, Fugitive from Justice

Kristen E. Webb, 50, (no address given) DWLSR, Contempt of Court

Devante A. Bond, 18, Orange Park, Grand Theft \$300-\$4,999, Possession-Cocaine, Possession/Use Drug Equipment, Resist/Obstruct/Oppose Police Officer

Doyle C. Tucker, 76, Middleburg, Aggravated Domestic Battery

Benjamin L. Chaisson, 34, Middleburg, Possession-Amphetamine, Possession less than 20g-Marijuana, Operating Motor Vehicle without a License

Zachery J. Simmons, 24, Orange Park, Resist/Obstruct/Oppose Police Officer

Jerry L. Ritchie, 77, Middleburg, Simple Domestic Violence

Monday, April 15

Shrika D. Kirtsey, 30, Orange Park, Possession-Controlled Substance without a Prescription, DWLSR

Aaron M. Harris, 39, Green Cove Springs, Non-Support

Joseph O. Gorden, 31, Orange Park, Possession-Cocaine

Nicole M. Johnson, 31, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Domestic Battery

Michael R. Hudzinski, 34, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Grand Theft

Michael G. Trely, 30, Orange Park, Resist/Obstruct/Oppose a Police Officer

Santrina K.R. Small, 26, Middleburg, Simple Domestic Battery

Leo C. Svitek, 47, Keystone Heights, VOP-Battery

Jacqueline A. Gardner, 33, Orange Park, DUI

Sunday, April 14

Shirell Y. Blot, 54, Orange Park, Assault with Deadly Weapon, Simple Domestic Battery

Jordan M. Littles, 21, Green Cove Springs, DUI

Jennifer E. Tele, 36, Orange Park, Simple Domestic Battery

Micah J. Lewis, 41, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Timothy D. Feaster, 31, Middleburg,

Assault/Battery during Burglary, Simple Battery, Trespassing

Raymond S. Drawdy, 22, Keystone Heights, VOP-Retaliating Against Witness

Anthony M. Madej, 25, Middleburg, Aggravated Domestic Battery against Pregnant Woman

Keith K. Grant, 36, Orange Park, Criminal Mischief

Christine D. Ritch, 54, Keystone Heights, DUI

James L. Garland, 35, Keystone Heights, FTA

Marcus T. Leach, 26, Orange Park, DWLSR

Antonio M. Moore, 27, Orange Park, Concealed Firearm without License, Possession/Use Drug Equipment, Possession more than 20g-Marijuana

Saturday, April 13

Amanda J. Champ, 46, Oakleaf, Simple Domestic Battery

William A. Lavin, 38, Orange Park, DUI

Lana A. Nietman, 33, Orange Park, Aggravated Assault, Simple Battery, Possession/Use Drug Equipment

William C. Avery, 40, Orange Park, Resist/Obstruct/Oppose Police Officer

Amy L. Spicer, 34, Orange Park, Petit Theft

Brian J. Webb, 31, Green Cove Springs, Burglary

Lee E. Rupert, 28, Orange Park, Possession-Schedule I or II drug

James B. Smith, 49, Orange Park, Possession-Heroin, Possession/Use Drug Equipment, Possession-Xanax

Jamie L. McKnight, 42, Middleburg, VOP-Community Control

Lon W. Dunlap, 34, Green Cove Springs, Resist/Obstruct/Oppose Police Officer

Sylvester Butler, 55, Orange Park, Roadway Solicitation from Motorists

Courtney S. Kennett, 26, Orange Park, Possession more than 20g-Marijuana, Possession/Use Drug Equipment, Illegal License Tag/Mobile Home Sticker, DWLSR

Jada M. Brown, 42, Fleming Island, DWLSR

Michael L. Hawkins, 18, Orange Park, DUI with Property Damage

Lloyd E. Yarbrough, 76, Middleburg, Felony Battery, Domestic Battery by Strangulation

Jayme D. Reed, 49, Fleming Island, DUI, DWLSR

Nicholas T. Challen, 58, Green Cove Springs, DUI

Jacob A. Merilan, 21, Orange Park, Simple Battery

Creal Tyest Jones, 23, Orange Park, Possession less than 20g-Marijuana

Robert J. Graham, 35, Orange Park,

Arrests

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Possession-Methamphetamine, Possession/Use Drug Equipment

Friday, April 12

Teresa D. Lipsey, 53, Keystone Heights, Fraudulent Use of ID with Victim Older than 60, Grand Theft-Bradford County Warrant

Maximo P. Pabella, 82, Orange Park, Trespassing

Ashley N. Smith, 35, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Decoda B.L. Sluder, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Possession with Intent to Sell-Cannabis

Dinez M. Britton, 20, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Burglary/Grand Theft

Jessie R. Gregerson, 35, Green Cove Springs, VOP-Domestic Battery

Jason A. Woodcock, 45, Orange Park, Simple Domestic Battery

Shawn W. Clark, 31, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR

Michael R. Howell, 36, Middleburg, Possession-Marijuana with Intent to Sell, Manufacture, Deliver; Possession/Use Drug Equipment; Possession-Alprazolam

Alisha A. Temoney, 41, Middleburg, Resist/Obstruct/Oppose Police Officer

Amanda L. Hanshaw, 24, Green Cove Springs, Affray

Thursday, April 11

Hope Kuipo, 22, Middleburg, Domestic Battery

Richard A. Kralisz, 68, Middleburg, DUI

Robert Q. McGhee, 49, Orange Park, Burglary

Stephen E. Bonnette, 38, Green Cove Springs, Disorderly Intoxication

David E. Feaster, 29, Green Cove Springs, Homeland Security/Out of County

Warrant

Danny S. McGuirt, 34, Middleburg, three counts Violation of Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence, Criminal Mischief, Aggravated Stalking

Michael G. Nordgren, Green Cove Springs, Trespassing

Sally J. Sowers, Orange Park, Retail Theft

Cody R. Nelson, 20, Fleming Island, two counts FTA

Linda B. Dickson, 54, Orange Park, Pre-Trail Condition Release for Domestic Violence

Dylan C. Hurt, Keystone Heights, VOP-Community Control

Nicholas A. Berrios, Orange Park, Possession less than 20g-Marijuana

Wednesday, April 10

Katherine D. Straub, 31, Orange Park, Simple Domestic Battery, Out of County Warrant, FTA-No Valid ID

Tinna M. Slagle, 48, Fleming Island,

Simple Domestic Battery

Robert Q. McGhee, 49, Orange Park, Burglary

Mitchell T. Ambrose, 20, Middleburg, VOP-Robbery by Sudden Snatching with Firearm/Deadly Weapon

Jocelyn J. Charles, 40, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR

Donald J. Herndon, 35, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-Burglary

Petar Komazec, 34, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR

Elisha D. Harper, 42, Green Cove Springs, Out of County Warrant

Matthew G. Thurston, 40, Orange Park, VOP-Possession-Heroin, VOP-Attempting to Flee/Elude Law Enforcement, VOP-Burglary

John J. Mirack, 32, Middleburg, SWLSR-third offense

Curt A. Marwtiz, 57, Middleburg, Domestic Battery

Michael W. Smith, 38, Keystone Heights, FTA-Putnam County

Filling shortage as simple as putting the 'U' in volunteer

By Matthew Olson

UF/IFAS 4-H Youth Development Agent

GREEN COVER SPRINGS – April is National Volunteer Month, a time to recognize those individuals who give their time, effort, and resources to help community organizations achieve their mission. Many organizations doing outstanding work in our communities are facing a shortage of volunteers. As a 4-H Youth Development professional who relies on volunteers, I'd like you to consider volunteering with an organization.

Now, you may have a couple questions when it comes to volunteering such as: "my time is valuable to me, why should I volunteer?" or "I want to volunteer, where do I start?" All are valid questions and I hope to give you some guidance and get you volunteering today.

It's important to remember there are benefits for everyone, including YOU! As a volunteer you'll gain confidence, self-esteem, new skills, knowledge and experience. Adding to that, you'll get to meet new people, make new friends, be valued as a part of the team, and most importantly get



to know our community and the challenges we face together. You'll have the opportunity to make a difference and help others who may be less fortunate, or who find themselves without a voice in local issues.

The first decision you'll need to make is how much time can you spend volunteering? The great news about volunteering is that you can be as involved as you'd like to be. In our communities, there is a wide-ranging need for volunteers, from an hour a month, to a couple hours a week.

The second decision you'll need to make is what kind of an organization you'd like to volunteer with, think about a cause that you feel passionately about. This may be helping a child learn, aiding the elderly, helping at a blood drive, or even helping at the library. A great tool that you may not know about is the United Way of Northeast Florida 2-1-1 helpline which hosts a volunteer portal on their website with over 200 volunteer needs: uwnefl.galaxydigital.com.

Now I may be a little biased, but I hope

you'll consider volunteering for the Clay County 4-H Youth Development Program. We work with young people across the county to help them gain confidence, build leadership skills, and help them find their passion in life. We have opportunities for you to volunteer short term, such as judging speeches and giving valuable feedback, or long term, such as serving as a mentor for youth.

The best part is, you get to share what you're interested in with youth. Have a knack for computer coding? We'd love to have you as a volunteer, and I know that there are youth who would be excited to learn from you. Whatever you're passionate about, we have youth who would love to learn.

If you have an interest in helping youth reach their fullest potential, please consider being a volunteer with 4-H. You don't need to be the expert, just willing to learn alongside a child. For more information about volunteering, STEM or 4-H you can contact Matthew Olson at (904) 284-6355 or m.olson@ufl.edu.

College Briefs

11 Clay students earn degrees from WGU

SALT LAKE CITY – Eleven students from Clay County recently earned their degrees from Western Governors University.

The include: Michele Bear of Fleming Island (Bachelor of Science, Business - Healthcare Management); Alison Watson of Middleburg (Bachelor of Science, Nursing); Garrett Norman of Middleburg (Bachelor of Science, Nursing); Jeffery Adams of Middleburg (Master of Science, Cybersecurity and Information Assurance); Kyle Lane of Middleburg (Bachelor of Science, Business Management); Nophie Severns of Middleburg (Bachelor of Science, Nursing); Ali Fares of Orange Park (Bachelor of Science, Nursing); Melissa Jarman of Orange Park (MBA, Healthcare

Management); Caitlyn Hayes of Orange Park (Master of Education, Learning and Technology); Keisha Anderson of Orange Park (Master of Science, Nursing - Leadership and Management); and, Vanessa Marbry of Orange Park (Bachelor of Science, Nursing).

WGU has recognized 12,920 undergraduate and 8,885 graduate degree recipients, who have completed their degrees since June 1, 2018. Their areas of study include business, K-12 education, information technology, and health professions, including nursing. The average time to graduation for those earning a bachelor's degree was 2 years, 5 months, while the average time to degree for graduate programs was 1 year, 7 months. The average age for those who graduated is 38 years old.

WGU pioneered competency-based education, which measures learning rather than time spent in class. Designed to meet the needs of working adults, competency-based education enables students to study and learn on their own schedules with individualized, one-to-one faculty support. They complete courses as soon as they demonstrate that they have mastered the subject matter, allowing them to move quickly through material they already know so they can allocate time for what they still need to learn. As a result, many WGU students are able to accelerate their studies, saving both time and – under WGU's flat-rate tuition model – money.

Camp Chowenwaw event to show oranges aren't the only edible plant in Florida

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Everyone knows Florida for its oranges, but there are dozens of other edible plants, including the only native plant in America that has caffeine.

It's easy to forget Florida is home to plants that aren't orange trees. After all, the state's license plates prominently feature oranges.

Amy Morie, principal of a small landscape, architecture and educational firm who specializes in adorning parks and trails with educational signage, is holding an event on April 20 at Camp Chowenwaw to educate people on what else exactly

there is to eat natively in Florida.

While nothing might be tastier than a Florida orange, she's excited to let people try some unfamiliar Florida resources.

"There's quite a bit in Florida that I think people will be surprised about," Morie said. "We have root crops, radish-like plants, wild onions, wild fruits other than oranges and quite a few grains. We'll be looking at those during our walking tour and some other plants, too."

Starting at 11 a.m., Morie and anyone that attends will embark on a trail to discover what's likely already growing in everyone's backyards. Because Camp Chowenwaw is a fresh-water area with plant regions known as Uplands, she expects to



find great diversity in vegetation during these field activities.

After that, Morie will hold an indoor presentation where she'll talk more in-depth about taking advantage of what's growing all around us.

"We all buy the same 10 or 20 produce items without realizing that there's so much in our yards already that we can incorporate into our favorite meals," she said.

Morie has been doing that for as long as she can remember. That's because she grew up regularly embracing nature.

"I used to camp all the time and we'd forage for food," Morie said. "I also garden and I'm always looking for another source of food to grow."

Morie's indoor presentation will teach those who attend how they too can eat what they grow. All the while, they'll be sipping on holly tea. While you can get

tea with caffeine in it at any grocery store or coffee shop, this tea will be made using Yaupon Holly, the only plant with caffeine in it native to America.

And it's native only to Florida.

On a first-come first-serve basis, people can get some wild mint clippings that they can then take home to grow themselves, too.

Beyond edible plants, Morie will also be discussing ways that Florida vegetation can be used beyond what most might think. For example, Spanish Moss once was used to be used as mattress stuffing. Morie is excited for people to learn about the history of other Florida plants.

Anyone interested in attending won't have to register. Simply show up to Camp Chowenwaw.

"Come have fun and come learn something," Morie said.



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Pictured left to right: Jeanmarie Grimsley, Sandra Royal, Jane DiLoreto, Jane Lanier, Dr. Jeff Sapolsky, Dr. Wendy Sapolsky, Susan Carter, Mary Beth Johnson
Second row: Vanna DeLorenzo, Betsy Ponte, Celeste Goldberg, John Campbell, Judson Sapp, Nancy Walthour, Virginia Hall, Suzanne Dawes
Not photographed: Amanda Buchanan, Denise Boykin, Lisa Chafin, Denise Daniels, Sadie Durham, James Machado, Charles Raulerson, Van Royal, Kelly Sapp, Matthew Steinmetz, Stephanie Thomas-Klodzinski, Lynne Weeks

Community Calendar

PASTORS AND CHURCH APPRECIATION:

for Resurrection Christian Life Center will be April 12 at the Courtyard Marriott, 610 Wells Rd., Orange Park, from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Pastors Jonathan and Stephanie Bryant will host a banquet, featuring "69 Boyz." Tickets are \$40 and available at the church at 3114 County Road 220, Middleburg.

MILITARY COLLECTORS SWAP MEET:

April 13 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., The Military Museum of North Florida, 1 Bunker Ave., Green Cove Springs. A one-day event for military collectors to buy, sell, and trade their stuff. Enjoy military vehicles and re-enactors, too.

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS: Easter Festival is April 13 from 9 a.m.-noon at Advent Lutheran Church, 2156 Loch Rane Blvd., Orange Park. Festival includes free food, games and an Easter egg hunt.

SPRING FLING: April 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 16 College, Dr., Orange Park. Craft fair includes food vendors, baked goods, live entertainment, clowns. Children's ID program, bounce house, Big Red Bus for blood donations, Easter gifts and much more.

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WINE TASTING GALA: to benefit Quigley House, the domestic violence shelter for Clay County, April 13 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Sullivan Hall 7190 U.S. Hwy 17. \$50 per person or \$1,000 for table sponsorship. Quigleyhouse.org/events or (904) 284-0340 extension 317 for more info.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING:

April 13 and Clarke House, 1039 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park, at 10 a.m.

PASTORS AND CHURCH APPRECIATION:

for Resurrection Christian Life Center will be April 14 at the Courtyard Marriott, 610 Wells Rd., Orange Park, from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and available at the church at 3114 County Road 220, Middleburg.

LIVING HEALTHY WORKSHOP:

at Keystone Heights Senior Center, 125 Commercial Cr., on April 15 from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Participants will receive a copy of "Living A Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions." To register, call (904) 482-0189.

CTE COMMUNITY TOUR: April 16 at Middleburg High from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Business partners can visit the school's CTE programs, including automotive technology, auto collision and repair, agriculture, business, drafting, carpentry, health science, computer systems/IT, culinary arts, early childhood education, digital design, electrical wiring, horticulture and entrepreneurship.

BRUNCH WITH THE BRONCOS: The District Business Partner speech is April 16, 9:30-11 a.m. at the Career and Technical Education classrooms at Middleburg High. RSVP at mary.carter@myoneclay.net or at (904) 336-8093.

COUNTY FINANCE AND AUDIT

COMMITTEE: will meet April 16 at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room and the Administration Building, Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, at 3 p.m.

BINGO-BURGER DINNER: Waste Not Want Not will offer bingo at Talon's Restaurant, 2217 Eagle Harbor Pkwy, Fleming Island on April 16. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by a buffet at 6 p.m. and bingo at 7 p.m. Dinner and bingo, \$25, just bingo \$15. RSVP at (904) 810-8012.

SKYWARN TRAINING: April 17, 6-8:30 p.m. and the Clay County Emergency Operations Center, 2519 State Road 16 West, Green Cove Springs. The National Weather Service will train volunteers to be the "eyes and ears" when severe weather is reported.

DIABETES EMPOWERMENT: At Conviva Orange Park, 20 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, on April 17 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Program encourages lifestyle changes while learning how diabetes affects your health.

LENTEN LUNCHES: April 17 at noon at St. William Catholic Church, 275 Satsuma St., Keystone Heights. Speaker: Dr. Tom Farmer.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW:

Meeting will be April 18 at the Zoning Department Conference Room on the third floor of the county administration building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, at 10 a.m.

SWING INTO SPRING DINNER AND

MUSIC: April 18, at Bradford County School Board Meeting Room, 501 W. Washington St., Starke, at 6:30 p.m.

DOGGONE EASTER EGG HUNT: Is April 20 at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park St. from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Presented by Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming Fleming Island is sponsoring the largest dog-friendly event in Clay County on April 20 to benefit Friends of Clay County Animals.

KIWITA NATURE CENTER EVENT: Is April 20 at Camp Chowenwaw Park, 1517 Ball Rd., Green Cove Springs from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Explore nature exhibits and speak with park naturalists.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: Is April 21 at Keystone Beach. Dr. Tom Farmer from Keystone United Methodist Church will be the guest pastor.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE MEETING: April 11 at 2:30 p.m. at the Board of County Commissioner's Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. Open to the public. Anyone needing special accommodations should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator at (904) 269-6347.

DINING OUT FOR LIFE: On April 25 will be NFAN's 14th annual DINING OUT FOR LIFE® in Jacksonville. Diners can check the websites www.diningoutforlife.com or www.nfanjax.org for the list of participating restaurants and go dine out with friends, family, or co-workers. For that one day, 25 percent or more of your check will be donated by the restaurant to help support NFAN's services to HIV/AIDS clients

and their families. All funds raised for the event stay in the Jacksonville area to provide help and hope. This event is also held in over 50 cities across the U.S. and Canada. Call Stephen at NFAN if you have any other questions. (904) 356-1612 extension 125.

DIABETES EMPOWERMENT: At Conviva Orange Park, 20 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, on April 25 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Program encourages lifestyle changes while learning how diabetes affects your health.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW:

Meeting will be April 25 at the Zoning Department Conference Room on the third floor of the county administration building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, at 10 a.m.

KOI POND TOUR: Two local koi ponds will be featured in a daylong tour of eight on April 27 to display the variations between water feature, water gardens or koi ponds. Ponds listed on the tour include: 3136 Longleaf Ranch Cr., Middleburg and 2730 Brookwood Rd., Orange Park.

SCHOOL VOUCHER PUBLIC MEETING:

April 27 at the Fleming Island Public Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island, at 10 a.m. Sponsored by Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Kathleen Kane from League of Women Voters will discuss current school voucher programs and projected expansions being considered by the Florida Legislature.

HOME BUYERS SEMINAR: At Resurrection Christian Life Center, 3114 County Road 220 in Middleburg, on April 27 from 10 a.m.-noon. Topics include: pre-approval process, what to expect when buying, what to expect at closing and what to expect from your realtor. A realtor, mortgage banker and lender consultants will be available.

CHEERS CAR SHOW: to benefit K9s for Warriors is April 28 at Cheers Park Ave., 1138 Park Ave., Orange Park at 11 a.m. Entry fee is \$10 for K9s for Warriors and \$20 for preregistrations.

EMPTY BOWLS EVENT: for Clay County Women's Auxiliary is April 30 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Orange Park United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 2051 Park Ave. The event will feature lunch served in ceramic bowls created by local students. Visitors will be allowed to keep their bowls. Cost is \$20 a ticket, with all proceeds benefiting the Clay County Salvation Army Food Pantry. A silent auction and bake sale are part of the program.

DIABETES EMPOWERMENT: At Conviva Orange Park, 20 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, on May 1 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Program encourages lifestyle changes while learning how diabetes affects your health.

PETE THE CAT: May 4 at the Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr. in Orange Park at 2 p.m. The play is based on a series of Pete the Cat books written by James and Kimberly Dean. Tickets are \$19 with a family four-pack (buy three, get one free) available. For more information, call (904) 276-6807 or online at thcenter.org.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

7 p.m. on May 7 at Clay County Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, administration building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

DIABETES EMPOWERMENT: At Conviva Orange Park, 20 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, on May 8 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Program encourages lifestyle changes while learning how diabetes affects your health.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

GRANT WORKSHOP: May 9 at 5 p.m. at the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Fourth Floor, Green Cove Springs. Workshop will help applicants work through the grant process, marketing tips and reimbursement of document practices.

CLAY COUNTY TEACHER RECRUITING

FAIR: May 11 at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy from 9 a.m.-noon. Open to all certified teachers and those eligible for Florida certifications. Bring a resume. For questions email at samantha.wright@myoneclay.net or michelle.bily@myoneclay.net.

DIABETES EMPOWERMENT: At Conviva Orange Park, 20 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, on May 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Program encourages lifestyle changes while learning how diabetes affects your health.

CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL FESTIVAL: is May 18 at the historic triangle at 915 Walnut St. in Green Cove Springs.

TOUCH A TRUCK: May 18 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Orange Park Mall, sponsored by the Clay County Division of Emergency Management. Kids get to interact with response vehicles, heavy equipment and other unique vehicles and a hazard preparedness event for families and children. The first two hours of the event will be horn and noise free to accommodate children and/or adults with special needs.

BINGO: Waste Not Want Not will offer bingo at Talons Restaurant, 2217 Eagle Harbor Pkwy, Fleming Island on May 21. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by a buffet at 6 p.m. and bingo at 7 p.m. Dinner and bingo, \$25, bingo only \$15.

DIABETES EMPOWERMENT: At Conviva Orange Park, 20 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, on May 22 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Program encourages lifestyle changes while learning how diabetes affects your health.

BINGO: Waste Not Want Not will offer bingo at Talons Restaurant, 2217 Eagle Harbor Pkwy, Fleming Island on June 18. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by a buffet at 6 p.m. and bingo at 7 p.m. Dinner and bingo, \$25, bingo only \$15.

BINGO: Waste Not Want Not will offer bingo at Talons Restaurant, 2217 Eagle Harbor Pkwy, Fleming Island on July 16. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by a buffet at 6 p.m. and bingo at 7 p.m. Dinner and bingo, \$25, bingo only \$15.

SAWYER BROWN CONCERT: At Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr., Orange Park, on Aug. 30 at 8 p.m. Tickets available at THcenter.org or by calling (904) 276-6815.

Science

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temperatures more than 200 degrees. As a result, transpiration would occur which would allow the plants release their stored water. The still catches this water and it's this water that could then be drinkable.

"I read about the [Ugandan] water crisis and was trying to come up with ideas to solve it," Chen said last February. "In Uganda, they've been trying to fix this problem for a very long time but because the long-term solutions for things like this are related to government, problem solvers are often up against corruption. This [corruption] has been holding back development in these areas...and it leads to a cycle that they can't escape. I want this to be a solution that can empower the people of Uganda to give them the ability and access to water using the plants they already have."

Like Chen's project, Baker also aims to solve a real-world problem: the energy crisis.

"My project is a continuation of a past project," Baker said. "I came up with a way to control air flow in each individual room of a home to eliminate hot spots and cold spots which is essentially just an unbalanced system. What this [balance fix] does is cut down costs of having to operate an air conditioning system while being more energy efficient."

This May will be Baker's first international science fair, and Chen's second. He attended last year and he's taking everything he learned from that experience to excel even further in 2019. According to Chen, last year, he learned about what a project can do beyond the International Science Fair. Specifically, he learned that the data collected from his project can be sent to institutions like NASA or the UN.

"I plan to do that as well so that I can really show them that my project can have a positive impact on the world," Chen said.

While this science fair can land Baker



Fleming Island High sophomore Gavin Baker is one of two Clay County students who will compete for prizes at the 2019 International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix. Baker's project controls air flows in rooms to eliminate hot and cold spots, which will reduce costs for air conditioners. Baker and Michael Chen will leave in May.

and Chen prize money and scholarships, it also lands them a great reference point on college applications and future resumes. Despite how focused their projects are, neither are quite sure of where their career lies just yet. Baker said he wants to do everything – he's especially fond of science and engineering – but music as well. Chen wants to be in a leadership position, with a focus on science or politics, or perhaps, a melding of the two.

For now, though, Baker and Chen are focusing on the coming weeks as they prepare to head to Phoenix, where both expect

to make new friends with fellow researchers around the world.

"I remember after last year, I kept telling myself, 'I really want to come back here,' because it's so much fun," Chen said. "I met so many amazing people. I made some friends from around the world that I'm literally still talking to right now...I remember talking to some really cool people and we made a pact to try our best and get back to international to hang out again."

While Chen has reunions with friends from around the world, Baker will be taking in as much of the experience as he can.

It's been a years-long dream to do so.

"Starting in sixth grade, I knew a dream of mine would be me being able to compete [internationally] one day and I'm just really glad that I can do that this year," Baker said.

Despite the fun and excitement of the international competition, it will be a nervous time for Science Fair Director and Secondary Science Curriculum Specialist for the Clay County School District, Chris Okamoto. That's because this is the final stage in the competition featuring the best of the best.

"International is the culmination of the whole yearly science fair cycle and it's the best of the best from each country and each state competing," Okamoto said. "Students have opportunities for full-ride scholarships to colleges, cash scholarships from various organizations and to place in their category."

While Okamoto is hopeful Baker and Chen won't come home empty-handed, he believes that even if they did, they'd be richer in experience as a result.

"This is such a great opportunity and with something like the international science fair, even if you don't come home with thousands of dollars in prize money or an award, you come back richer for the experience and better equipped to compete next year in return," Okamoto said.

Beyond the prize money, the scholarships and the awards, Chen sees the science fair as altruistic for students around the world.

"I think that doing things like the International Science Fair, you get a lot of attention towards science and I think that's really important because one of the things I really care about is spreading an interest in science," he said. "I really feel like a lot of students don't believe they can make an impact in the world, but I feel like doing things...like science fair projects can make ideas come to reality. Spreading what we're doing is really important because it's inspiring to other kids."

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BOSTON MARATHON

Epic Enoch Run

Keystone Heights' Nadler finishes 22nd at Boston Marathon

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

BOSTON – Keystone Heights High graduate (2004) and track standout Enoch Nadler, now a coach in Gainesville of the Florida Track Club elite racing team, showed off some 'street cred' to his disciples with a 22nd place finish in two hours, 17 minutes and 6 seconds finish at the Boston Marathon on a cold, damp morning in Boston on Monday.

"I remember growing up in Keystone Heights and we had an old beat up track and running wasn't a thing," said Nadler,



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Keystone Heights High graduate (2004) Enoch Nadler absorbs the energy at the finish line of the Boston Marathon after finishing in 22nd place, ninth American in two hours, 17 minutes, 6 seconds.

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Orange Park weightlift coach Tom Macpherson with his two state champs.

CLASS 1A WEIGHTLIFTING

Raiders romp to two state lift titles

Sermons, Araujo: Class 1A champions

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

PANAMA CITY BEACH – Orange Park High weightlifters Zykeim Sermons and Davis Araujo traveled to Panama City not for a Spring Break vacation, but for business and the duo took care of business bringing back two gold medals in the FHSAA Class 1A weightlifting championships held Saturday at Arnold High School.

With the two titles; one of five teams to get two individual titles in the 72 team field. Citrus High won with 34 points with Baker County second with 20. Orange Park finished third with 14 tied with Arnold and Sneads. Also from the area, Ridgeview earned two points and Keystone Heights earned one team point. Clay had zero points.

"I'm proud as heck of these two guys to set goals before the season, work hard and then achieve," said Orange Park weight-

lift coach Tom Macpherson. "In my 20 years of coaching, these two are my first state champions in the many sports I've coached. It's important to know that it happened at Orange Park High School."

Sermons and Araujo join an elite team of weightlift champions from Orange Park High School with Roger French winning in 1984, Carlos Jefferson winning in 2008, Andrew Ratica and Jacob Abdel both in

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Knights' comeback short on Florida No. 1

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GAINESVILLE — Oakleaf High softball coach Christina Thompson loads up her schedule each year for that battle testing part of the Knights season.

On Saturday, in a three-team slugfest of sorts featuring 8A-No. 1 Lakewood Ranch (16-0, Lost 1-0 to Oakleaf in 2018 state semifinal), 8A-No. 3 Oakleaf (18-2, 2018 8A champs) and 7A-No. 6 Gainesville (15-6, 2016 7A champs), Oakleaf got to watch a 14 inning pitcher's duel between Lakewood Ranch and Gainesville that ended with a 2-0 win for Lakewood Ranch.

"We try to keep the schedule as tough as possible throughout the entire season," said Thompson. "It's important to chase



Oakleaf High pitcher Cambria Arturo was a strong presence on the mound keeping the Lakewood Ranch batting lineup in check.

the best competition."

Note: Oakleaf's schedule gets no easier with 8A-No. 4 Bartow (18-2) visiting Oakleaf on Wed., April 17 in the championship game of the Kissimmee Klassic tournament held two weeks ago, but hampered by rain.

Taking on Lakewood Ranch, last year's state semifinal opponent, a 1-0 win for Oakleaf, Oakleaf opened with Jaeda McFarland smashing a sharp single to left field that set a tone, but Mustang pitcher Claire Davidson got two flyouts that left McFarland at third.

Lakewood Ranch struck back with a run in the ensuing at-bat coming off a walk and an RBI-double off Oakleaf pitcher Cambria

Arturo.

In the third, Oakleaf would tie the game with Jazmine Lamug singling and Kaylee Lambrecht getting on with a fielder's choice grounder. Lamug would score off a Baylee Goddard chopper single with Lambrecht in on a chopped hit back to Davidson that elicited no throw.

Cambria locked down the Mustang counterattack until the fifth inning where Lakewood Ranch got four runs and chased Cambria for Mady Davis on the mound.

Davis gave up two runs on the entrance with passed balls and two walks.

In the seventh, with both sidelines sensing yet another Oakleaf flurry, Oakleaf got another single from Lamug to set the stage. McFarland hit a monstrous double to the centerfield fence to push one run with Lambrecht blasting a second double to centerfield that put the score at 5-4.

"Lakewood Ranch is an exceptional team, and I'm sure that there are many teams that would quit once they fall to a three run deficit to the No. 2 team in the nation... but not us," said Thompson. "Quit is not in our vocabulary."



One of top hitters for Oakleaf, Jaeda McFarland goes airborne to slide into second in early inning double.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Oakleaf High baserunner Baylee Goddard is a cloud of dust with safe steal of second base in Lady Knights 5-4 loss to 8A-Lakewood Ranch, the top ranked team in Florida.



Rain hampered play in the late innings of the Oakleaf versus Lakewood Ranch showdown, but play continued as the Lady Knights orchestrated a seventh inning comeback that fell a run short against the top-ranked Mustangs.



Oakleaf High baserunner Jazmine Lamug heads to home plate for a Knights run. Lamug had key hits against the vaunted Lakewood Ranch defense to set up a seventh inning surge in the 5-4 loss Saturday at Gainesville High. Oakleaf beats 7A-Gainesville 12-1 in the second game.

Goddard hit a flyball to give Jaycie Brookshire the final shot at giving the Mustangs their first loss of the season. Brookshire would tag four fouls ball deep downfield to show off her power at the plate, but the effort ended with a swinging strikeout.

"Jaycie has been incredible for us all season, and proud of the at bat she gave;

that's tough to be the kid at the plate with two outs," said Thompson. "But she's a warrior, and happy with the way she produced Saturday."

In the ensuing game against Gainesville, Oakleaf crushed the host Hurricanes 12-1 with a six run fourth inning behind a 15 hit, 12 RBI batting day. Davis whiffed eight batters in just four innings.

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Boston

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by Justin Keefe. "I never got to see what running was. I only heard about guys like Frank Shorter (US Olympic marathoner). I remember going to my first Gate River Run as a freshman and realizing that this might be for me. From that point on, I always en-



Enoch Nadler had winning half marathon run at recent Jacksonville Half Marathon, here with wife Angela, as part of preparation for 2020 U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL SCOTT

Enoch Nadler, a Keystone Heights High graduate (2004), is two steps from crossing the finish line in 22nd place at the Boston Marathon. Nadler ran the 26.2 miles in two hours, 17 minutes, 6 seconds.

visioned running in the elite field and being on the podium."

Nadler, who has already qualified to run in his second U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon in Atlanta in 2020, was attempting to better his previous best of 2:18.17 set in California last year.

"The race was super tough; pretty much from the gun a big group separated away from us," said Nadler. "I had to settle into my own pace and I ran a lot of it by

myself; about a minute in front of people and a minute behind the front runners."

Nadler detailed the thoughts going through his mind thinking of his mom, his wife Angela, his friends, his Florida Track Club group that was in the race behind him and just kept clicking off the miles.

"I just kept grinding though my legs were getting tired," said Nadler. "It was a big PR by over a minute so proved I could run in tough conditions with the wind in my

BOSTON MARATHON

Finishes of area runners

Josue Velazquez, 28, OP, 2:57:05
 Belissa Del Valle, 31, OP, 3:34:04
 Sharon Hawley, 32, FI, 3:51:37
 Julie Boyette, 63, OP, 4:29:30
 Joi Troutt, 41, FI, 3:49:31
 Dan Adams, 46, FI, 3:39:07
 Debra Register, 32, MB, 4:32:21
 Hank Gibson, 57, MB, 3:49:26
 Enoch Nadler, 33, Gville, 2:17:06

face most of the way. I'll take some time off then get back to training for the Olympic Trials Marathon."

The U.S. Olympic marathon standard is 2:19.00.

For the race, Kenyan Lawrence Cherono outsprinted Ethiopian Lelisa Desisa in the last 25 yards to win in 2:07:57 with Desisa two seconds off the mark.

Top Americans were Scott Fauble in eighth place in 2:09:09 with Jared Ward ninth in 2:09:25.

Womens winner was Worknesh Degefa of Ethiopia in 2:23:31 with American Jordan Hasay third in 2:25:20. Defending womens champion American Desiree Linden finished fifth in 2:27:00.

"Ever since I started training to run marathons, Boston has been on my list," said Nadler.

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Panthers blitz Ponte Vedra, await Clay showdown II

Casey keeping Roger aura alive

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – Ridgeview High softball coach Casey Thompson had the unenviable task of replacing a coach that got a championship attitude along with a district title and playoff spot into the Lady Panthers dugout.

“Roger Harvey (former Ridgeview coach who passed away unexpectedly last year) is a big reason why I even made the transition from baseball to softball,” said Thompson. “I grew up around him and know just how much of an impact he made on this community. The girls and I miss him dearly.”

Earlier in the season, a district win over Clay after a 2-1 loss to Orange Park put the Tues., April 16 game against Clay as a deciding game in district 4-6A.

In 2018, Ridgeview, under Harvey, upset Clay for the district 4-6A title with Clay reversing the outcome with a win in the region semifinal en route to a Final Four finish.

“Roger built an amazing program and through their hard work and dedication, they have engaged in the competitive nature of the sports,” said Thompson. “In regard to putting my own ‘twist’ on the coaches style this year, I would say that is accurate. I am envious of how Roger guided these girls with love and rightfully earned all of their respect/loyalty. I’ve implicated three plus hours of practice times and even had mandatory ‘optional’ days in hopes of working out a few things. Whereas Roger, being the lovable man he was, could simply smile.... crack a joke about a parrot (inside joke) and have the girls fired up for the next big game.”

Thompson, with an 11-hit blast, got a



Ridgeview High batter Hannah Foster lays down successful bunt that later produced runs for Panthers in their 6-0 district win over Ponte Vedra.

boost with a 6-0 win over Ponte Vedra on Fri., April 11 that avenged an earlier 9-3 blowout loss to the Sharks.

“Like any other team, we have had our ups and downs but they have persevered to keep their/his drive alive,” said Thompson. “I cannot say that there is a single player that has made the team transition from Roger to me easier because they have simply all done it as a family.”

The Ponte Vedra win set up the Clay showdown as for the district top seed with Clay having just the lone loss in district play to Ridgeview.

Clay High responded to the Ridgeview loss on April 3, a 5-2 game, with 15-0 and 17-0 blowouts of district foes Orange Park and Menendez and a 5-1 Saturday win over Episcopal to set up the April 16 Ridgeview clash. Clay pitcher Morgan Crutcher pounded out six strikeouts against Episcopal.

Against Ponte Vedra, Ridgeview got

went 0-0 for three innings with Brittany Michael throwing heat against the Sharks batters with 13 strikeouts on the night.

In the fourth, Ridgeview struck for two runs with Brooke Michael and Alyssa Adams getting singles and a run with Brittany Michael pushing Ashlyn Halford across for the second run.

Two more strikeouts kept the Sharks at bay with an error leaving one baserunner at third.

In the bottom of the fifth, Ridgeview got a single to open from Natalie Frost before a double from Brooke Michael scored the game 3-0.

Ponte Vedra again got to third base with an error, but Michael locked down and got two strikeouts to squash the threat.

In the sixth, Ridgeview stayed with singles and smart baserunning to add the final three runs with Reghan Boyd and Hannah Foster moving baserunners with a single and a fielder’s choice bunt.

For Clay, against Episcopal, a top two



Ridgeview High outfielder Meghan Boyd has a bead on a Ponte Vedra pop fly in foul territory in 6-0 Panther win.

team in district 2-4A with Trinity Christian, the Blue Devils scored first off a walk to Ali Sarman and a sharp double down the third base line from Morgan Silvis in the first inning.

A diving snag by Clay second baseman Ali Sarman kept an Episcopal single from scoring in the second inning.

In the third, Clay got their second run off a walk to Madison Alexander and a single from Dakota Worley to go up 2-0.

A single and two stolen bases scored a run for Episcopal in the fifth, but the Blue Devils responded to coach Matt Lewis’ “dugout chat” with three runs off singles from Sarman, Silvis and Crutcher to go up 5-1.



The pitcher-catcher combination of sisters Brooke, left, and Brittany Michael has been strong defensive front for Panther defense. Also with pair is Raven Little, No. 8.



Ridgeview 8, Clay 3

Ridgeview High softball coach Casey Thompson gives a preliminary safe signal on play at third base between Panther baserunner Brooke Michael and Clay third baseman Madison Alexander. Ridgeview won 8-3 to take top spot in district 4-6A with districts set for April 29-May 4.



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Ridgeview High senior Joel Nesi had a banner final district track championship afternoon with a second place anchor in the 4 x 800, a best-run for third in the 1600 and a just-miss fifth in the 3200 in the Bolles-strong district 4-2A track championships.

Area distance runners highlight track districts

Rodgers rocks, Guy grabs two titles, Chiang wins two bigs

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE – With the track district-to-region-to-state runs now upon us, area distance runners are making their mark on district championships meets with the 1600s and 3200s being populated with area high schoolers looking to storm region meets in two weeks and, ultimately, the state championships at University of North Florida on May 3-4.

Region meets are set for Sat., April 27; region 1-4A at Showalter Field in Winter Park; region 1-3A at Washington High in Pensacola; region 1-2A and region 1-1A both at Bishop Snyder.

One of the top performances of the week came from Ridgeview High senior Joel Nesi who smacked down in the ever-tough district 4-2A championships at Bolles with a four minutes, 22.44 personal best in the 1600 to take third against Bolles seniors Charles Hicks and Chase Rivera, who clocked in at 4:20.78 and 4:22.38, respectively.

For the girls, Fleming Island High freshman Mei Chiang continued her domination of the both the 1600 and 3200 with district 1-4A titles in both with her teammates; Lauren Schaudel and Emma Millson making waves to join the top four party to state.

At last year's district 1600, Nesi ran a fifth place fairly pedestrian 4:45.63 with Hicks second at 4:23.56 and Rivera fourth at 4:23.88. Bishop Kenny's Nathan Jubran, now a freshman at UNF, won in 4:18.69. Hicks would go fourth at state in 4:18.53 with Rivera fifth in 4:19.54.

On Friday, Nesi returned to the track two hours later and continued his ascent into a possible state meet berth in a third event; Nesi also anchored the second place

4 x 800 relay, with a fifth place 9:45.59 that was just one spot off the top four spots that advance to regions. Hicks won in 9:34.34.

Other highlights of district 4-2A was a shot put title to Grier Burrows for Ridgeview with coach Al Nesi also getting a second place finish in the 110 hurdles from Joaquin Castro, a third place in high jump from Jaden Roy and a second place team finishes from both the girls and boys teams. Also in district 4-2A, Clay got a second from Austin Anderson in triple jump and thirds from Alyssa Huggins in shot put and discus.

At the district 4-1A championships held at Bishop Snyder, St. Johns Country Day School's dynamic duo of freshman Matthew Stratton and senior Benjamin Kailes stayed tethered with Stratton taking third in the 1600 in 4:36.94 and Kailes fourth in 4:39.61 to both move to regions. Later, in the 3200, the duo kept their table for two reservations with a second by Stratton in 9:47.51 with Kailes in third at 10:27.61. Stratton and Providence freshman Steven Cartwright, who won the 1600 in 4:34.95, broke from the pack early in the 3200 with both very familiar with each through cross country season and early track meets. Cartwright won the 3200 in 9:47.28 holding off a surging Stratton with a 9:47.51 finish.

Other highlights for St. Johns included a first in the 300 hurdles from Courtney Sage, a 1-2 finish in the 400 from Jett Isley and Corey McDaniels with McDaniels third in the 200 and Kendall Sage's third in the 100.

Also for St. Johns, Seventh grader Sofia Conde battled with the likes of state-ranked veterans Laci Watford of University Christian, Gianna Forte of Bishop Snyder



St. Johns Country Day School distance duo of Matthew Stratton, left, and Benjamin Kailes, right, both advanced to regions in the 1600 and 3200 with top four finishes in both events at the district 4-1A track championships at Bishop Snyder High School.



Fleming Island High's trio of fast distance girls, left to right, Lauren Schaudel, Emma Millson and Mei Chiang, plus Marisa Kortright, not pictured, advanced in the 800, 1600 and 3200 in the district 1-4A track championships. Chiang, a freshman, won the 1600 and 3200.

and Providence senior Audrey Woods, all returning state meet athletes to finished fifth in 5:49.49 in the 1600. Watford, fifth in the 1600 and 10th in the 800 last year, won in 5:15.3. The same four took the top four spots in the 3200 with Watford winning in 11:44.99.

At district 5-2A, with Keystone Heights High senior Alex Guy, a recent school record breaker in the 1600 with a recent 4:23 clocking at the Pepsi Relays, dropped to the 800 to blast the field with a 2:02.11 split to win by four seconds. Guy doubled down with a jog-like 4:42.70 split to win the 1600 before watching teammate Tyler Shaw, a freshman, take fourth in the 10:56.88. Guy also anchored the third place 4 x 400 relay to a 3:44.37 split with Jerry and Jay Payne and Tyler Cumbus.

In district 5-2A, Keystone Heights High sophomore Camryn Williams dominated her 1600 with a 5:38.47 winning time by 22 seconds. The Lady Indians also got a fourth in the 800 from sophomore Shelby

Phillips in 2:51.77.

In district 1-4A, at Flagler Palm Coast High, with the Fleming Island High distance coach Karen Moritz having the unenviable task of choosing from a stable of at least 8-10 possible athletes for the distance events; led by senior Will Livesay and sophomore Kameron Wallizada, it was junior Landon Opp who emerged with a scintillating 4:35.89 second place finish in the 1600 to Buchholz senior Cade Monk, seventh in 4A last year in 4:23.19, that caught the wide-eyed Moritz on the sideline.

Monk had already won the 3200 in 9:55.74, but three area athletes; Oakleaf High junior Dylan Nelson, Livesay and Wallizada finished out the top four with Nelson surging to take second in 9:59.198. Livesay and Wallizada have both been under 10 minutes and will be needing that at the region meet.

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Lift

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2014 and Ratica again in 2015.

"I think Orange Park is the only school in the county to have two state champions the same year twice in the last five years," said Macpherson. "That says a lot about the program."

Clay won titles in 1983 with Bob Sweat and Kenneth White.

Sermons and Araujo went in as hard-fought region 3-1A champions and also district champions, but would be faced with challenges from around the state as well as familiar region faces to get the final title.

Both responded.

"It's a great feeling to get through the districts and regions with strong lifts and then execute at state," said Araujo, who was fifth in 2018. "It was a lot tenser being in the position of having to measure each lift to counter what the other guys are doing. We knew the Baker County kid was going to be right with me."

Araujo, who overwhelmingly won his two pre-state titles; with a 675 total at regions behind a 30 pound win over his closest challenger; Baker County's Brandon Combs, knew that the state meet would bring the best of his competition despite the state list.

"I can only advise them based on numbers from districts, regions and season records," said Macpherson. "But, we saw the Baker County kid at districts and regions and knew about where he was capable."

Araujo would again battle with Combs for the state title and the deficit would be just five pounds as Araujo bench pressed at 345 to Combs' 340. Both would tap out at 325 on the clean and jerk.

"My clean and jerk was a little more than his at region and I knew I had that as



Orange Park High senior Zykeim Sermons had his best bench press lift at the Class 1A championships then delivered a title-winning clean and jerk to team up with Raider teammate David Araujo to bring home two gold medals from Saturday's state championships.

my ace in the hole," said Araujo. "With a small advantage on the bench press, I just had to watch and wait. Coach Mac wanted me to go to 340."

At regions, Araujo finished with a 335 clean and jerk to beat Combs.

"We knew we had more in the tank for the clean and jerk if needed," said Macpherson.

Sermons, seeded with the second best lift total in the state after regions, was five pounds off the top seed total of 605.

"Our strategy, because he had been sick all week prior to the state meet, was to get on the podium (top six) early, then compete," said Macpherson. "He needed to go big on the bench and let the other guys try to catch him."

For Sermons, the difference came with a 325 bench press that bested his region

total of 310 after a failed final lift attempt at 320. Two other lifters; James Eddings of Jay High and Tim Maxwell of Eastside also lifted 325 with Mason Manning, a region 3-1A foe from Fort White, besting the field at 335 to challenge the field. The state qualifying field had 11 lifters in the 300-plus pound bench press range.

"Our strategy was to go big and make the other guys think about their lifts," said Sermons. "The clean and jerk would decide the title."

Sermons and Macpherson strategized on the best move to grab the title after Sermons cleared 265 on his first lift.

"I had my gut instinct to try 300 for a personal best, but coach Mac wanted to get a clean lift to be safe," said Sermons, who was good at 265, then faulted at 275 before clearing 285. "I'm glad I listened to him." In the clean and jerk, where Sermons' 290 at region was just third best in the state field, the challenge would be to

lift enough to make his strong bench press hold. Sermons' 285 held court despite two lifters over 300 pounds and three equaling his 285. Manning's strong bench was nullified as he was only able to lift 245 in the clean and jerk with a final miss at 265.

Sermons had been injured last year after finishing third at the district meet.

Also in the 183 weight class, Ridgeview High's Wesley Moore finished fourth with a 570 total; 300 on bench, 270 on clean and jerk.

At 119, Keystone Heights had Zach Glover with no lifts.

At 129, Keystone Heights had Holden Cummings-Knapp finish last with a 330 total; winner at 470.

At 139, Ridgeview's Ralando Grey took seventh at 440 with Keystone Heights' Ulysses Freed 12th at 425 and Jesse Donohue finishing 17th with no clean and jerk total. Winning total was 560.

At 154; won by Baker County's Marcus Dialo at 595, Keystone Heights' Colton Tibbets finished 12th at 470 and Ridgeview's Jaiden Turner finished 15th at 460.

At 169, won by Baker County's John Green at 610, Keystone Heights' Mike Kirtley finished eighth at 530 with Clay's Wilguens Dorvilus not starting despite qualifying from region.

At 219, won by Citrus' Carson Fluegel at 665, Keystone Heights' Colby Townsend finished seventh at 610 with teammate Josh Hughes also at 610.

At 238, won by Father Lopez' Ryan Waddell at 690, Keystone Heights' Carter Semione finished sixth at 640 with Orange Park's Kendy Charles ninth at 625.

"Kendy got personal bests in both the bench and the clean and jerk at the state meet," said Macpherson. "He is the ultimate teammate to continue to work hard despite being 20-30 pounds off the podium."

In the heavyweight, won by Union County's Agelu Nunu at 825 with a state record 525 bench press, Keystone Heights' Dan Dodd finished seventh at 695.

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CLASS 2A WEIGHTLIFTING

Thomas, Williams get seconds in 2A lifts

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

PANAMA CITY BEACH – Oakleaf High's Mike Williams and Fleming Island High's Andrew Thomas were the top two area finishers at Friday's Class 2A weightlifting championships held at Arnold High School in Panama City Beach.

Navarre High eked out the team title with 25 points to Spruce Creek's 24. Oakleaf finished sixth with nine points with Fleming Island landing five points.

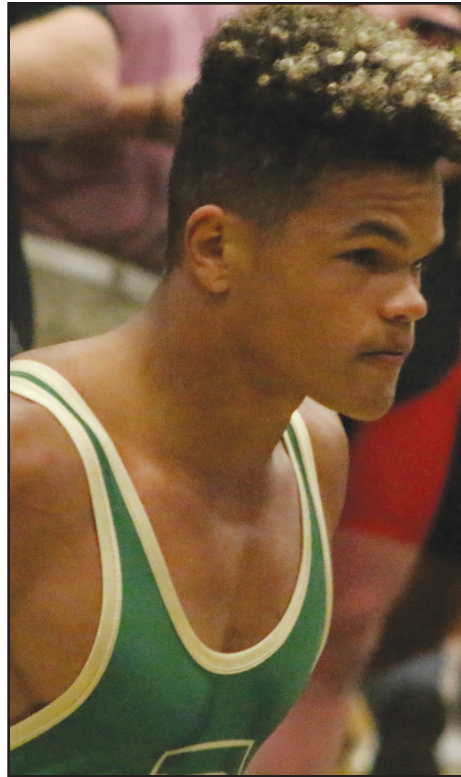
Williams, the 119 pound region 2-2A champion over Fleming Island's Ian Ali, took the silver medal in Panama City with a 420 total behind Sunlake High's Caleb Huff who bested the field with a 480 total. Williams was 10 pounds up on his region winning title with Huff dominating the bench press with a 255 best lift setting the field up to chase him. Williams benched just 215.

Also in 119, Fleming Island's Charlie Callahan finished 12th at 345. Ali did not get a clean and jerk lift.

At 169, Thomas also had to chase a big bench press with Matanzas' Will Lam besting the field with a 360 bench press ahead of Thomas' 335. Lam kept his distance with a 295 clean and jerk lift to Thomas' 285 for the win, 655 to 620. Thomas' 620 total was 10 pounds better than his region winning total.

Also in 169, Fleming Island's Broden Domenico, region runnerup to Thomas, finished 11th at 515.

At 183, Oakleaf High's Tayari Otis medaled at fifth place with a 580 total to winner Josh Bozzacco of Oviedo besting the



Fleming Island High's Andrew Thomas could not overcome a title-winning bench press from Matanzas' Will Lam and finished second in the Class 2A 169 pound division.

field with a 635. Fleming Island's Azzie Ramirez total 535 for 15th.

At 199, Oakleaf's Kevin Davis also took fifth with a 640 total to winner Marvin Scott of Spruce Creek's 700 for the win. Fleming Island's Tim Thomas finished 10th at 570.

At 238, Fleming Island region champion Jeremiah Jackson finished with no clean and jerk total.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Clay High wideout Paolo-Jorge Silva slices between Fleming Island defender Shea Barbuto for gain in Blue Devils' 9-0 flag football win Monday night. Clay stayed unbeaten, 10-0.

Two goal line stops, INT not enough to stop Blue Devils

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Fleming Island High got two fourth down goal line stands and a goal line interception, but Clay High got the scores; a safety off an errant center snap and a fourth down 30 yard touchdown by Alexis Stilianou with the halftime buzzer sounding, to win 9-0 in flag football action Monday night at Clay High School. Clay remains unbeaten while Fleming Island suffered their second loss of the season.

In the closely competitive first quarter, the Fleming Island defense got a quick quarterback sack from rusher Ky-

anna Montoya who snagged Clay quarterback Ciena Zino on the first snap to set the tone for the Golden Eagle defense.

Fleming Island moved the ball behind quarterback Ashlyn Byrd scrambles and passes to wideout Aubrey Burke, but their first drive stalled behind a sack by Clay's Katie Dziwulski.

Clay started to click on offense on their second possession with Zino hitting Stilianou and speedster Skye Paradise at the corners of the Golden Eagle defense, but a pass breakup from Madison Mas and Byrd on a fourth down pass at the goal line prevented Clay's first scoring

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Keystone Heights senior Alex Guy continued a banner year after setting a school record in the 1600 a week ago with district wins in the 800 and 1600.

Track

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For the girls, Chiang chunked out wins of 16 seconds in the 3200 with an 11:37.73 winning time with Millson third at 11:54.95 while coming back to win the 1600 in 5:16.05 with Schaudel seven seconds off that mark in second. Both girls are just freshmen.

Also at district 1-4A, Glenn Rodgers won in the 110 hurdles with another sub-15 second split and Ezra McCollum got second in the high jump for Fleming Island.

For the Fleming Island girls, Audrey Millican was second in the 400, Marisa Kortright was fourth in the 800 and Lily Amsden was third in the 100.

Oakleaf got a first in shot put from Jalen Rivers with the girls 4 x 400 getting a tremendous anchor leg from Hadassah Davis, also third in 200, to win that event. Takayla Edwards got second in the 300 hurdles and third in the 100 hurdles with defending state triple jump champion Loren Johnson fouling out of that event, but winning the long jump. Tamira Briley was fourth in the triple jump. Sydeny Brown won the high

jump at 4'-11.75 with less misses at the same height from teammate Tahja Peoples.

For district 4-3A, scheduled for Tues., April 15 at Nease High School, Orange Park High senior John Bear, injured through most of 2019 has slowly and methodically made his way back to contention with a recent 10:04 at the St. Johns River Athletic Conference and a 4:41 at the Don Hall Invite 1600. Bear was last year's district champion in 4:27.85 and looks to be targeting a defense of that title plus his 3200 title. Bear finished a disappointing fifth at regions, but went to regions in the 3200 at 9:52.55. At state, Bear finished ninth in the 1600 in 4:25.08 and finished 14th in the 3200.

Orange Park and Middleburg both have top sprinters in Alex Collier and Marcus Floyd who have tangoed all season with Collier, third in 3A last year in the 400, one of the top junior runners in the USA.

Orange Park has shot putter and discus thrower Destiny Basden as a top area thrower. Middleburg high jumper Bryce Quiett looks to return to the state meet after a third last year.

District 1-4A: OHS, FIHS

Region qualifiers

800

4th Damien Pryce, OHS, 2:01.85

1600

2nd Landon Opp, FIHS, 4:35.89

3200

2nd Dylan Nelson, OHS, 9:59.19
3rd Will Livesay, FIHS, 10:07.54
4th Kameron Wallizada, FIHS, 10:12.59

110 High Hurdles

1st Glenn Rodgers, FIHS, 14.52

4 x 400 Relay

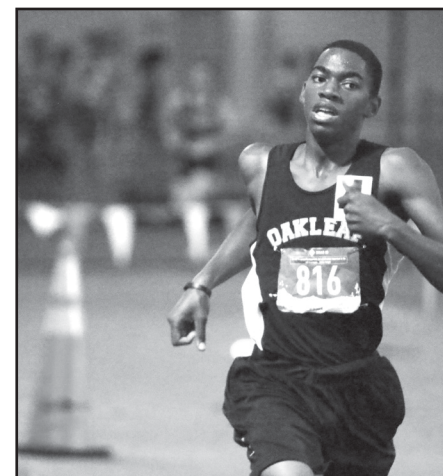
3rd FIHS (Jacob Ashe, Austin St. Laurent, Trystan Ayers, Jared Ashe) 3:27.49

4 x 800 Relay

2nd FIHS (Ayers, Jared Ashe, Jacob Ashe, Landon Opp) 8:14.38

High Jump

2nd Ezra McCollum, FIHS, 6'-15"



Oakleaf High senior Damien Pryce capped his senior season with a fourth in the 800.

Triple Jump

2nd Anthony Taylor, OHS, 42'-11"

Shot Put

1st Jalen Rivers, OHS 54'-3.25"

TRACK REGION QUALIFIERS

From District 1-4A

100 Meters

3rd Lily Amsden, FIHS, 13.09

200 Meters

3rd Hadassah Davis, OHS, 27.27

400 Meters

2nd Audrey Millican, FIHS, 1:00.62

800 Meters

4th Marisa Kortright, FIHS, 2:28.98

1600

1st Mei Chiang, FIHS, 5:16.05; 2nd Lauren Schaudel, FIHS, 5:23.16

3200

1st Mei Chiang, FIHS, 11:37.73; 3rd Emma Millson, FIHS, 11:54.95

100 Hurdles

3rd Takayla Edwards, OHS 16.67
4th Melina George, OHS, 17.80

300 Hurdles

2nd Takayla Edwards, OHS, 48.87
3rd Isabelle Flores, FIHS, 49.49

4 x 400 Relay

1st OHS (Edwards, Arianna Eason, Sydeny Brown, Davis) 4:06.15
3rd FIHS (Aubrey Burke, Lily Amsden, Marisa Kortright, Audrey Millican) 4:10.24

4 x 800

2nd FIHS (Burke, Lauren Schaudel, Grayson



Oakleaf sprinter Hadassah Davis won a thrilling anchor leg in the 4 x 400 to give the Knights first place in the event.

iller, Kortright) 9:59.93

High Jump

1st Sydeny Brown, OHS 4'-11.75"
2nd Tahja Peoples, OHS, 4'-11.75"
3rd Ella Shaw, FIHS, 4'-6"

Long Jump

1st Loren Johnson, OHS, 18'-0.5"

Triple Jump

4th Tamira Briley, OHS, 34'-0"

Pole Vault

2nd Sasha Ortiz, FIHS, 7'-6"

Long Jump

4th Maliyah Deas, FIHS, 15'-9.75"

Discus

4th Camilla May, FIHS, 99'-2"



Oakleaf High hurdler Takayla Edwards gained two region spots in both hurdle events.

DISTRICT 4-2A REGION QUALIFIERS

100
3rd Trai Cooper, RHS, 11.09

400
2nd Matt Koziolk, RHS, 51.73

800
2nd Elias Perez, RHS, 2:00.33

1600
3rd Joel Nesi, RHS, 4:22.44

110 High Hurdles
2nd Joaquin Castro, RHS, 16.31

300 Hurdles
4th Joaquin Castro, RHS, 42.53

4 x 100 Relay
3rd RHS (David Osborn, Reynaldo Gonzalez, Trai Cooper, Cameron Rockett) 52.56
4th RHS girls (Elaina Reynolds, Anabelle Polk, JhaTarra Sampson, Zoe Whaley) 54.57

4 x 400 Relay
3rd RHS (Osborn, Jaden Roy, Koziolk, Perez) 3:32.12
4th RHS girls (Blythe Duchene, Katy Anferova, Hayler Schaefer, Whaley) 4:33.57

4 x 800 Relay
2nd RHS (Jose Paolo Miguel Garcia, Dominik Frietze, Perez, Nesi) 8:24.64
4th CHS (Luke Bybee, Luis Duran, Carlton Wai-guru, Daniel Carter) 9:12.74
4th RHS girls (Schaefer, Anferova, Duchene, Anna Magruder) 11:05.32

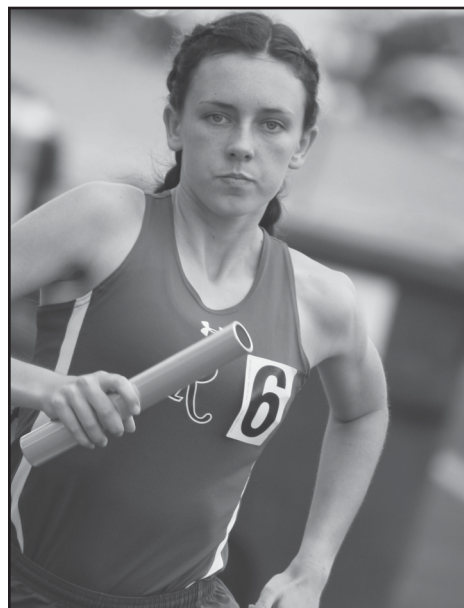
High Jump
3rd Jaden Roy, RHS, 6'-2.75"
4th Matthew Koziolk, RHS, 5'-10.75"
2nd Zoe Whaley, RHS, 5'3"

Long Jump
4th David Osborn, RHS, 20'-5"

Triple Jump
2nd Austin Anderson, CHS, 41'-11.5"
3rd Victor Moore, CHS, 40'-2.25"

Shot Put
1st Grier Burrows, RHS, 32'-2"
3rd Alyssa Huggins, CHS, 30'-11.25"

Discus
3rd Alyssa Huggins, CHS, 85'-6"



Ridgeview High distance ace Anna MacGruder anchored Panthers 4 x 800 relay to fourth place for region berth.

DISTRICT 4-1A REGION QUALIFIERS

100
3rd Kendall Sage, SJCDS, 12.79

200
3rd Corey McDaniels, SJCDS, 22.80

400
1st Jett Isley, SJCDS, 51.44
2nd Corey McDaniels, SJCDS, 51.75
2nd Ava Johnson, SJCDS, 1:04.13

800
2nd Juliet Moody, SJCDS, 2:28.44

1600
3rd Matthew Stratton, SJCDS, 4:36.94
4th, Ben Kailes, SJCDS, 4:39.61

3200
2nd Matthew Stratton, SJCDS, 9:47.51
3rd Ben Kailes, SJCDS, 10:27.61

100 Hurdles
3rd Courtney Sage, SJCDS, 16.13

300 Hurdles
1st Courtney Sage, SJCDS, 45.53

High Jump
4th Cameron Mackenzie, SJCDS, 5'-3.75"

4 x 400 Relay
2nd SJCDS (Kelsey Gregson, Johnson, Moody, Courtney Sage) 4:21.60

DISTRICT 5-2A REGION QUALIFIERS



St. Johns Country Day School freshman Ava Johnson took second in 400 in district 4-1A.

800
1st Alex Guy, KHHS, 2:02.11
4th Shelby Phillips, KHHS, 2:51.77

1600
1st Alex Guy, KHHS, 4:42.70
1st Camryn Williams, KHHS, 5:38.47

3200
4th Tyler Shaw, KHHS, 10:56.88

100 Hurdles
3rd Victoria Bannon, KHHS 18.83
4th Natalie Hilliard, KHHS, 19.48

300 Hurdles
3rd Lindsay Qualls, KHHS, 1:00.81
4th Victoria Bannon, KHHS, 1:03.39

4 x 400 Relay
3rd KHHS boys (Jerry Payne, Jay Payne, Tyler Cumbus, Guy) 3:44.37
4th KHHS girls (Danielle Garvey, Mallory Dennis, Phillips, Jessica Yeldell) 5:01.67

4 x 800 Relay
2nd KHHS girls (Haley Phillips, Yeldell, Lindsey Schrader, Shelby Phillips) 11:49.80

High Jump
4th Jessica Yeldell, KHHS, 4'-0"



St. Johns Country Day School sprinter pair; Jett Isley and Corey McDaniels took 1-2 in the 400 with McDaniels also finishing third in the 100 and 200 to advance to regions.



Ridgeview High high jumper Jaden Roy stayed in the hunt for a state run with a third place 6'-2.75" in his event at the district 4-2A track championships at Bolles.



Orange Park High trackster John Abate soars over 6'-8.75" to win the district 4-3A championship Tuesday at Nease High School. Abate also won the 300 hurdles and took second in the 110 hurdles. Orange Park won the 100, 200 and 400 with Alex Collier taking the 100 and 400 and Keanan Restall taking the 200. See complete results in next week Clay Today Sports.

DISTRICT 2-8A BASEBALL

Eagles continue push for top spot in district

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE— Fleming Island High baseball got up 2-0 in the second inning, but would leave the bases loaded several times before eventually pulling out a 6-1 district win over First Coast High.

“It’s always funky when we come out here. The gnats, the low lighting. The kids can make all the excuses they can, but it’s still a ballfield and we still have to play our game” said Fleming Island Head Coach Grant Bigilin. “We were able to scrap and claw for a couple early, or it would have been very interesting toward the end of the game.”

In their last at bat, the issues finally worked themselves out to put four more on the board to lock on second place district

2-8A behind the Oakleaf High Knights.

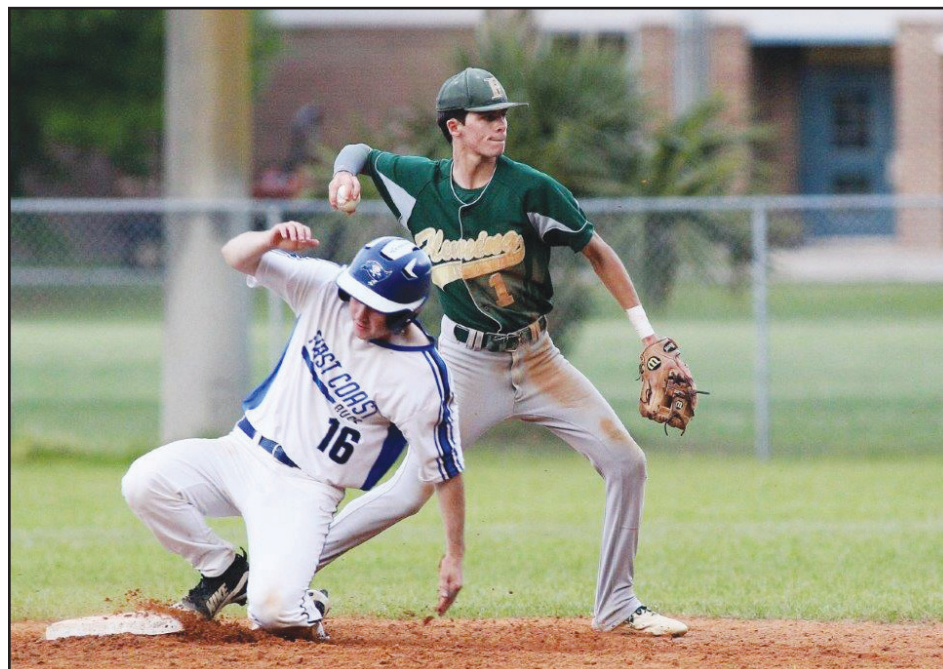
“We didn’t have school today, the routine is thrown off, they are looking ahead to Oakleaf,” said Bigilin.

Fleming Island would put 21 runners on base, but only pull six around to score, leaving 15 on base.

In the second inning, Adam Peck came up to tattoo a shot to right field that scored Scott Kondroik and Justin Hawkins for the early 2-0 score.

Pitcher Aiden Mastantuno held the shutout through four innings when he was replaced by Jason Asdot. The pair racked up eight strikeouts.

At bat, The Golden Eagles loaded the bases in the top of the third, top of the fourth, top of the fifth, and left one on top of the sixth, all to come away empty handed. Top of the seventh, it was a new



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Fleming Island High shortstop Noah McCollum looks to finish off double play throw in Golden Eagles 6-1 district win over First Coast. Golden Eagles in position to battle with Oakleaf from top spot in district 2-8A.

game for the offense as Fleming Island off a passed ball, a walk and a Cole Pittman single to put the Golden Eagles up 6-0 with one at-bat left for the Bucks.

“We don’t want to harp on the negative, we kind of hold our own destiny here for the district, but somebody has to step up

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Panthers drop two to Sharks

Clay vs. Ridgeview April 17-18

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - Ponte Vedra High exacted two district losses to the Ridgeview High baseball team; 4-1 and 1-0, with Panther coach John Sgromolo put a positive spin on the second game.

“I was just telling the team the baseball Gods have a way of evening things out” said Sgromolo. “Evan’s (Wickeri) been like that all season. Tonight, he had the eye of



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Clay High got strong pitching from Justin Mosley in blowout win over Menendez in one of two shutout wins in district play.

the tiger, he put the team on his back.”

Despite the Panthers throwing a two-hitter, picking off runners three times, and Pitcher Evan Wickeri going all seven innings in a defensive clinic put on by Ridgeview, the team succumbed to a Ponte Vedra single run in the second inning scored off an error.

That one mistake would be enough to carry the Sharks to a 1-0 defeat of the Panthers.

“Tonight, the dice didn’t come up our way,” said Sgromolo. The win tightened the Shark’s bite of first place in District 4-6A over Clay and Ridgeview who now sit in second and third place.

The Ponte Vedra losses sets up a gauntlet of sorts for the Clay High baseball team that has put out blowout wins over Menendez; 9-0 (Justin Mosley 13Ks) and 11-0 (Dylan Faulker 11Ks, Nick Barrie, Justin Mosley RBI triples), also a district 4-6A

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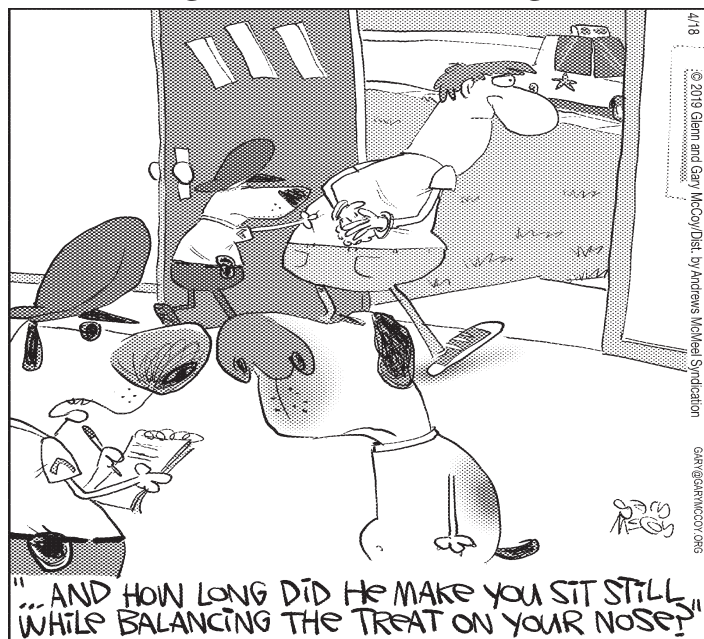

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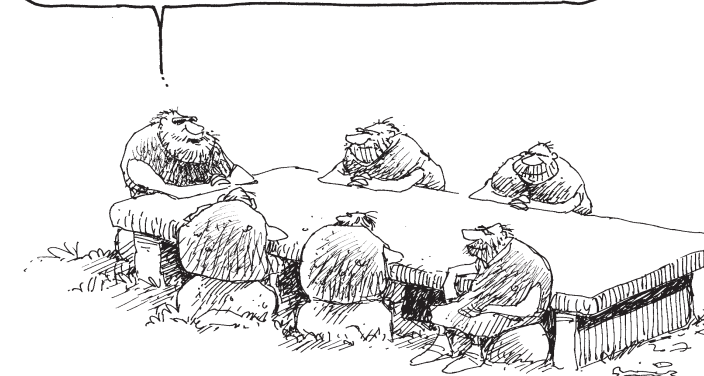
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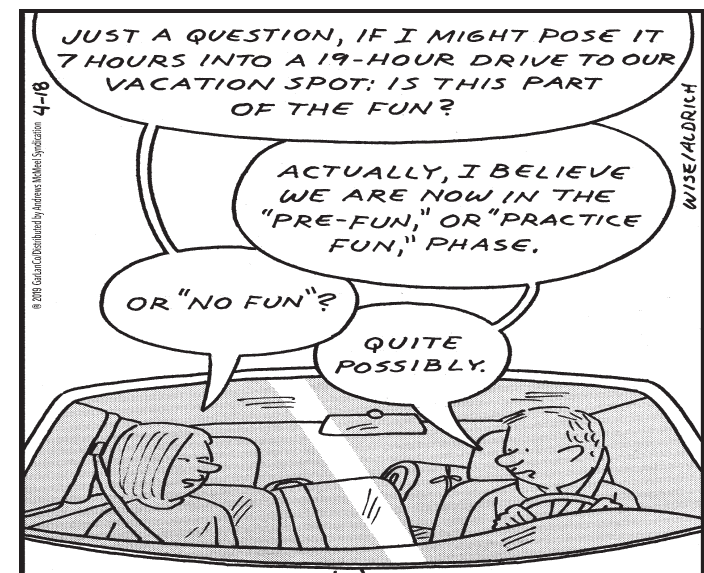
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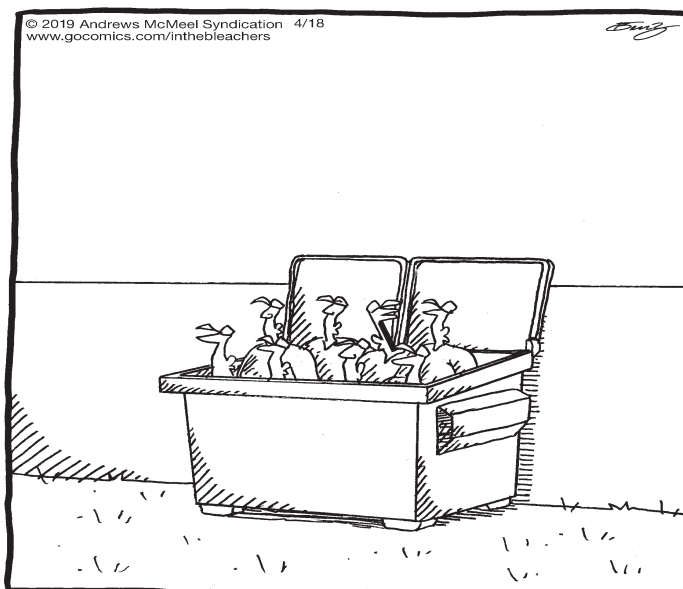
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attempt as the second quarter ended.

In the second quarter, Byrd was distracted on center Katie Richard's snap and let the ball sail into the end zone for a two-point safety and possession back to Clay.

Zino and company generated a long, 10-play drive highlighted by an 18 yard end run by Zino and a 12 yard pass play to Paradise that kept the chains moving.

Zino threaded the needle with a pass to Stilianou in between Byrd and safety Hope Rozier on third down to keep the ball moving before Rozier answered on the goal line with a pass breakup of a fourth down pass to Abby Hawkins in the end zone.

After a Fleming Island punt, Zino took over again and put together a quick-hitting drive to the goal line that seemed destined to stalling with a penalty flag and a sack by Mary Schaudel sack of Zino inside the 20 ayrd line. Another pass breakup by Rozier gave the Blue Devils a fourth down with just 11 seconds to the break and offensive coordinator Jared Moses dialing up a last-chance play for a score.

With Zino rolling left and hitting Hawkins on a swing, Hawkins set up for a pass and found Stilianou alone in the end zone for the score. Zino's PAT gave the Blue Devils a 9-0 halftime lead.

In the third period, Fleming Island's offense backfired with a missed lateral and a sack by Clay's Hannah Agee to force a punt.

A penalty and sack by Montoya halted a Clay drive on the next possession with Fleming Island responding with their best offensive series of the night. Unfortunately, Rozier's pass downfield to Burke was overthrown on a fourth down play.

Clay again moved efficiently downfield behind a pass play to Paola Jorge-Silva that reversed another Montoya sack of Zino. Three plays later, at the goal line, Fleming Island nearly got a pick-six interception from Madison Mas.

Down 9-0 with six minutes to go, Fleming Island moved downfield quickly and got a scoring strike to Meghan Rodriguez, but officials called her out with one foot.

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Spartans move up with UC win

By **Dennis Bergin**
Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE – St. Johns Country Day School senior left-handed Brad Hodges pitched a complete game two-hitter striking out nine and walked two while Luke Shannahan added three hits and two RBI's to power St. John's Country Day to a 5-0 victory over host University Christian in a key district 2-3A game. Both teams were in the district final last year with University winning 5-0. University Christian was the 2017 Class 3A runnerup and a region semifinalist last year.

The Spartans (12-6) are now undefeated in the district while the Fighting Christian (7-8) now are 5-1 in District play.

"We still have work to do," said Spartan head coach Tom Lucas. "We pitched well and played defense tonight. We missed some opportunities at the plate as well."

The Spartans pushed two runs across in the top of the third inning when with one out Shannahan reached on an infield single, Finn Howell drew a walk and both scored on Connor Moore's double to left. The rallied stalled on consecutive strikeouts.

St. John's Country Day moved out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning when Brad Hodges laced a two out single to center and pinch runner Gavin Russell advanced to second when Jack Tolbert was hit by pitch and Russell scored on Shannahan's single to right.

Hodges was dominant facing two batters over the minimum on the night. He struck out the side in the fifth and seventh innings. Hodges gave up a bunt single in the third and an infield single in the seventh. He picked off two runners as well.

"He has been solid all year," said Lucas. "He has four pitches he can throw for strikes and he throws to both sides of the plate."

Shannahan added an RBI single in the sixth inning plating pinch runner Russell and Mason Davis added a safety squeeze RBI bunt to score Jordan Taylor who laced a one out double to left in the seventh to close out the scoring for the Spartans.

"We showed that we can be a very good team," said Lucas, who has led the Spartans to back to back regional semifinal games. "We still have areas we need to improve."

Eagles

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in a big moment. We used just about everybody off the bench because nobody who started was getting the job done. I gave a couple guys a few chances to hit with runners on base, so the third time they came up, I pinch hit for them. One kid had a good knock, a couple guys came through in the clutch and luckily, we won the game. It would have been unfortunate if we didn't maximize that potential we had with all the runners on base the whole game."

With two outs, First Coast caught a break with a batter hit by a pitch, then a single to have two runners on. A misplayed fielder's choice loaded the bases. With an attempted pick off, First Coast got on the board, 6-1, but it was all for nothing as the batter was struck out by reliever Jason Asdot to end the game on a high note and allow Fleming Island to finally lock in and concentrate of the upcoming matchup with Oakleaf for first place bragging rights in District 2.

"We just flush this and move on." Tuesday evening, 6 pm at Oakleaf, we'll know who has the secret sauce.

Panthers

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team with Ridgeview set for April 17 and April 18 followed by two dates with Ponte Vedra the following week (April 23-24) to set up the final surge into the district tournament.

In the Ridgeview and Ponte Vedra clash, the defensive action started quickly as the Sharks had two runners on in their first at-bat. The effort was quashed by the Panther defense and it was on to offense. After three up, three outs, the Panthers needed a spark to get the bats awakened.

"We don't have a power hitting team and everyone knows this," said Sgromolo. "We have a bunch of young guys and we're a small ball kind of team."

But the needed spark came from the wrong direction as the Sharks went on at-

tack again. The first batter up to the plate got on as Wickeri made one of his few miscues on the evening, hitting the batter with a two balls, one strike count, then gave up a single putting runners on first and third and only one out. As the Sharks runner on first took a huge lead, Wickeri missed on a pickoff move and first baseman Richard Long overthrew the second baseman with the errors allowing the lone run. To add insult to injury, the batter struck out for the second out. With the next at bat, Wickeri picked off the runner at second base to close the inning.

"I'm preaching to them; Baseball is a game of failure," said Sgromolo. "If you get it right three out of 10 times, you're a hero. Come the end of the season we're going to be battle tested and we're going to be ready."

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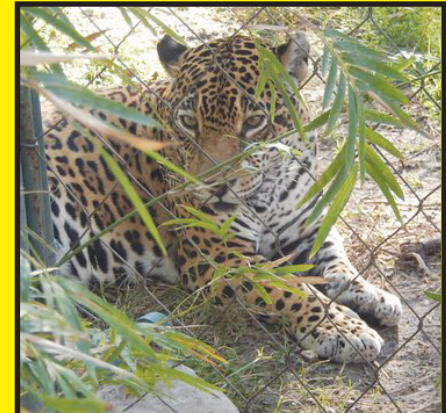
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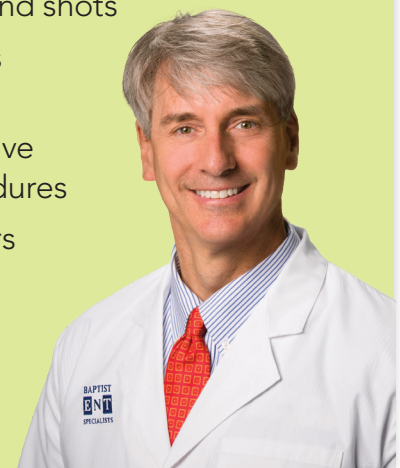
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