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Sweet Sensations Cafe, a Green Cove Springs staple, has moved to a take home menu.

Ban on on-site dining crippling workers

By Don Coble
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INSIDE

Social gathering places hit hard by COVID-19 restrictions

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – As Shelby Douglas handed the ticket to the kitchen, a mother and daughter took their seat at Sweet Sensations Café to wait for their late lunch to be made.

A cellphone alert then made Douglas' knees buckle.

Gov. Ron DeSantis had just announced he was closing all of the state's eateries to sit-down customers as a precaution to COVID-19. Until further notice, the only way

to leave the cooking to someone else is to have it delivered or take it home from the

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Sign of the times:

Local company offering free banners to businesses

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – When Jamie Thole went to lunch earlier this week, he was frustrated when his favorite café was closed. His frustration turned to agitation when he had to walk to the door and read the fine print on an 8½-by-11 piece of paper where the owners tried to explain their regrettable situation.

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"A business with no sign is a sign of no business."

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Jamis Thole is offering to help other businesses with free banners during COVID-19 threat.

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That's when he got the idea to provide free banners to all business during the crisis created by COVID-19.

"I was tired of getting out of my car to walk up to a door to see what was going on," Thole said from his Custom Graphics and Sign Designs. "I figured if everyone had a banner, it was a nice way to give back."

Here's the catch: there's no catch.

"There are no strings attached," he said. "Tell us what you need, and we'll make it."

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The offer applies to 4 feet-by- 2 feet banners. Business owners who want to keep their customers informed only need to visit signs@cgsigns.net and clicking on the "Restaurant Relief" tab, or call the company at (904) 264-7667, extension 2. The Tholes will help with design as well as the printing. The banners can be picked up at 230 Industrial Loop South in Orange

Park.

Custom Graphics and Sign Designs was started by Tholes' parents, Marvin and Patti Thole, in 1987. "I've been in here since I was old enough to walk," Jamie said. All three will work on the project to support their community.

The company decided to reach out to the area it serves – Clay, St. Johns and Duval counties – during a desperate time. Some businesses are closed. Others are operating with limited services. And a select few have been able to maintain customary hours.

"We won't turn anybody away," Thole said.

"When you have a sign visible from the road it makes it easier," Thole said. "Even if it's closed, it's good to know. These are tough times. People are struggling. I'm here to help the small businesses in my community. We're just trying to make it a little easier. Whatever you want on the sign, we'll do it. And we'll do it for free."

Hours at the shop have been reduced by



an hour in the morning and an hour at closing so the family can disinfect the counters and machinery. Even with fewer posted hours, the family is prepared to work past closing time to make sure their neighbors are better served in a time of need.

"Nobody wants to drive up, get out and

have to read a paper notice," Thole said. "I'm sure the business hates doing it. Customers don't like it either. This can help. The best way to get through this is by working together."

U.S. Attorneys, Florida Attorney General issue warning against COVID-19 scam artists

For Clay Today

TAMPA – Florida's three United States Attorneys joined with Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody to warn scam artists that they will vigorously pursue anyone trying to capitalize on the coronavirus pandemic by cheating Florida consumers, especially the state's vulnerable elders. The federal law enforcement team is now actively collaborating and cooperating with the state's top prosecutor team in a concerted effort to stop the scams relating to coronavirus.

The state's top prosecutors at the federal and state levels vowed that their offices are committed to remaining vigilant in preventing, pursuing, prosecuting, and punishing individuals and businesses that try to take advantage of the crisis for personal profit. They emphasized the importance of this effort in light of Florida's large elderly population and reports of everything from bogus COVID-19 "cures" to phishing scams that purport to be official government health websites.

"Unfortunately, there are those who seek to exploit others in times of crisis,

without regard to who they harm or the damage they cause," said United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, Maria Chapa Lopez. "Those criminals should know that we will combine our resources, at every level, to investigate and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law."

"The real threat of this pandemic is bad enough on its own – but we are going to have zero tolerance for the added risk created by lowlife scammers who would prey on Floridians at a time when their focus needs to be on protecting their own health

and well-being," said Lawrence Keefe, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida. "We will be vigilant and aggressive in our efforts to find and stop anyone trying to make even one dirty dollar off the backs of anxious Floridians."

Ariana Fajardo Orshan, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, said the risk of scams is particularly high in her district, which is home to a large portion of Florida elders and has seen many of the state's confirmed COV-

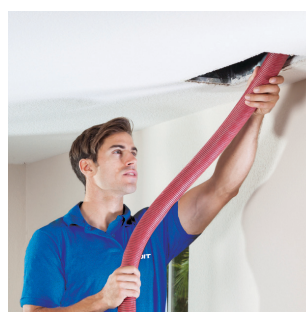
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DeSantis reassures public as drive-thru testing ramps up

By Scott Powers
For FloridaPolitics

Federally-backed drive-through testing programs underway in Broward County and Jacksonville, being beta-tested in Miami, and soon to begin in Orange County sent Gov. Ron DeSantis to Miami's Hard Rock Stadium last Sunday to assure Floridians they should be fine, if they take precautions.

DeSantis appeared at the stadium parking lot with Lt. Gov. Jeanette Núñez, Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz and others to offer details on how the drive-through testing would work there, to provide limited updates on the new coronavirus outbreak, and to reassure Floridians that strong commitments to personal hygiene and social distancing should keep them safe.

The Governor didn't announce any new statewide emergency orders, bans or shutdowns. Instead, DeSantis appeared to send the message that the dramatic events, most recently the long lines of traffic queuing up at drive-through testing locations, should not alarm people.

On Sunday he continued to advise people to follow the oft-urged recommendations to stay at home, practice social distancing, and wash hands frequently. He said if people stay "in those comfort zones ... then you are going to be protecting yourself."

As of Wednesday, the latest reports from the Florida Department of Health indicated there now are 830 cases of COVID-19 in Florida, including 768 among Florida residents, and 62 with visitors who have been tested and isolated in Florida. The state also has suffered 13 deaths from the disease caused by the new coronavirus.

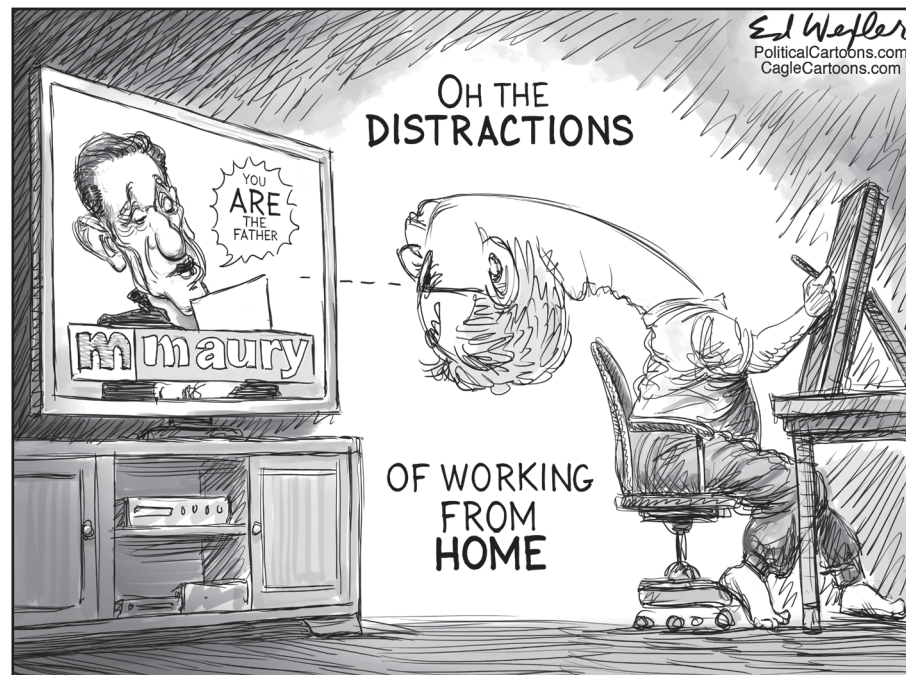
"Florida is seeing more reported positive cases, but some of that is to be expected, because Florida is testing a lot more people today," DeSantis said. "But that actually helps us identify, you know, where some of these areas are, and then be able to tailor whatever measures need to be taken to try to protect folks," he said. "I would say, that as testing has increased in places like Broward and Dade, we have seen more overall increases, but the percentage of people who have test positive have declined. And so you have, even under criteria where you have to be symptomatic, the vast, vast majority of people are testing negative for this."

"So I just want to put people at ease," he said.

What about in a week, two weeks, a

SEE TESTING, 5

OPINIONS



What will be the new normal after COVID-19 is finally gone?

By Don Coble
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In the past week, I've talked with a lot of overworked grocery store clerks, desperate restaurant servers and teenagers in fast food drive-thrus who handle my plastic credit card like it's a live grenade.

Then everyone sanitizes their hands and moves on.

Traffic is quiet on the county's busiest roadways. Like a Sunday morning at 6 quiet. Parking lots at food and liquor stores are full, but everything else is a ghost town.

COVID-19 presumably started last November when a bat transferred the virus to an Asian anteater called pangolin, which then passed it on to a 55-year-old man in Hubei province in China. And like a math problem gone haywire, the coronavirus now is a worldwide pandemic.

For most of us, however, it's more of a crisis of uncertainty, doubt and fear.

The most prominent question asked in the past couple weeks has been: When will we get back to normal?

The bigger question is: What will be normal?

Will future sporting events be moved to a sterile soundstage and performed without fans? Sounds silly doesn't it? But



Don Coble

that's exactly what World Wrestling Entertainment will do next weekend with its Super Bowl, Wrestlemania.

Is fighting for the last pork chop and rationing toilet paper in our future after the last snuffle is wiped away from the virus?

Will we be forced to spend more quality time with our children and parents?

Will "Wash hands!" replace "Let's Roll!" as the nation's rally cry?

For now, a lot of our community is hurting. And we're scared. The local places where we took our first dates, gather for lunch and celebrate birthdays and anniversaries have their chairs stacked on tables and most the lights turned off. Some are closed until this virus goes away. Whenever that is. The rest are trying to stay open by offering takeout and delivery menus. It's certainly not ideal, but it's better than nothing.

As a community, we can do our part by supporting our local businesses. We can still eat out, even if it means sitting at our own dining room table with to-go boxes. We can check on our neighbors to make sure they're all right. If they're part of the group who are more vulnerable to the coronavirus, we can do their shopping.

And we can pray.

COVID-19 clearly turned out to be more serious that we expected. Having lived through a myriad of other health scares, it certainly fooled me. Like a hurricane warning, it took a catastrophe to make us pay attention to all of the other warnings that turned out to be false alarms.

Experts said the worst is yet to come.

SEE NEW NORMAL, 5

Word OF THE WEEK

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

Pandemic: (pan'demik) an adjective that means a disease that's prevalent over an entire country or the world.

"The current coronavirus pandemic has created more than 10,000 deaths globally and a worldwide economic crisis."

Letter to the Editor

Health, safety still a priority at Gordon Chevrolet

Dear Clay County Residents:

At Gordon Chevrolet, we value the health and safety of our guests and team members above all. It is important to us that we share with you the steps we are taking to respond to COVID-19 Coronavirus to ensure the well-being of everyone while continuing to serve our loyal customers and guests.

We have enhanced our already top-notch cleaning standards and are in regular contact with our cleaning crew to ensure they are paying particular focus to cleaning and sanitizing high-touch high-traffic areas.

Our team members are being diligent about regularly washing their hands and wiping down work spaces to disinfect desks, phones, keyboards, doors, etc. We have adopted a self-quarantine policy for employees who feel symptomatic to stay at home and seek medical attention and not return until medically viable. We have enacted an in-store no handshake policy for formal greetings. We have adjusted travel schedules for team members to ensure compliance with all CDC recommendations.

Based upon our response to guidelines from the CDC, WHO and Florida State Department of Health, Gordon Chevrolet stands ready to serve you. In the event you should not feel comfortable coming into the dealership, please know there are convenient ways we can still serve you.

Vehicles can be dropped off and picked up for service without having to come into the dealership.

We are happy to bring you a car for a test drive (in the Jacksonville area) and

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Send us a letter ...

We'd like to hear from you. Perhaps you are concerned about the county commission, the school board or your city council or commission, sit down and take a few moments to write us a letter. All we ask is that you keep it

civil, no name-calling and write no more than 600 words. All we ask is that you stick to local issues, be clear and make a point. We reserve the right to edit for AP Stylebook errors, grammar and spelling. In your email, type Letter to the Editor in your subject and send it to Managing Editor Don Coble at don@opcfla.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Opinions ...

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This Week In History

Five years ago, 2015

- In an effort to save \$4 million, the Clay County School Board agrees to cut 80 teacher and support jobs.
- Heritage Garden at the Clay County Agriculture Fairgrounds' Florida Village is renamed the Lee Henry Heritage Garden to honor his longtime commitment to connecting agriculture with the community.
- Construction starts on a 28-acre parcel in Middleburg near Tynes Elementary for the second charter school in Clay County.

10 years ago, 2010

- Green Cove Springs Mayor Felecia Hampshire claims she's being harassed on the internet because she supports two candidates, whom she didn't identify, for the upcoming city council election.
- The Clay County Emergency Management Division uses CodeRED program to provide rapid dissemination of information vital to the welfare of county residents.
- The Clay County's Charter Review Commission decide not to put an amendment on the ballot so residents can decide whether they can buy alcohol on Sundays.

20 years ago, 2000

- The Orange Park Town Council refuses to evaluate the residency status of councilman Paul Armstrong following re-

ports he didn't live inside the city limits.

- It took hundreds of volunteers working 13 hours a day for six days to complete a new playground at Clarke Park in Orange Park.
- The Orange Park High baseball team extends its winning streak to 14 games with a 2-1 victory against Middleburg.

30 years ago, 1990

- So far, 141 people have applied for the Clay County Administrator's job, according to the Board of County Commissioners.
- The fourth annual Clay County Fair attracts a record crowd during its five-day run.
- Gwenda Knowles is selected as the new director of the Green Cove Springs Boys and Girls club

40 years ago, 1980

- Following a day-long trial, Green Cove Springs city councilman John Bradley is found not guilty of violating the state's Sunshine Law.
- Mary Zellner, who started her teaching career at Clay High in 1942, announces she will retire at the end of the school year.
- The Green Cove Springs Middle School band receives its second superior rating in two years at the District Band Festival in Gainesville.

New normal

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More people, including some in our neighbors, will be diagnosed with the virus. And some may die.

It's difficult to know if anything else will be restricted or shut down. The truth is, there isn't much left. We can't eat out or enjoy Happy Hour. Our children can't go to school. We can't visit our grandparents at assisted living or nursing homes. Many shelves are bare at grocery stores.

We shook our heads in disbelief when we heard stories of bread lines in Russia and fighting for a pair of blue jeans. Now we shake our heads because COVID-19 has

forced our country to accept rationing Chef Boyardee, Ramen noodles and bologna.

Gasoline is finally cheap enough we can finally afford to go anywhere we want. The problem is, nothing's open. You can't even go to most beaches.

So, we're stuck. We can choose to ignore the warnings and live dangerously, or we can work together by staying apart. We can stay informed and remain diligent to protect ourselves and our neighbors.

If we do that, we will get back to normal.

Whatever that may be.

Letter

from page 4

you can completely purchase a vehicle without coming into the store.

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Nathan Potratz, General Manager

Testing

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month, or two months? DeSantis challenged, putting the question to himself.

He didn't give any prognostications. DeSantis simply said Florida officials are working with the President's Advisory Committee, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local governments to try to stop the spread.

Moskowitz used the occasion to chastise people for not social distancing, particularly spring break revelers.

He also cautioned that even if something is open, "it doesn't mean you have to go to it."

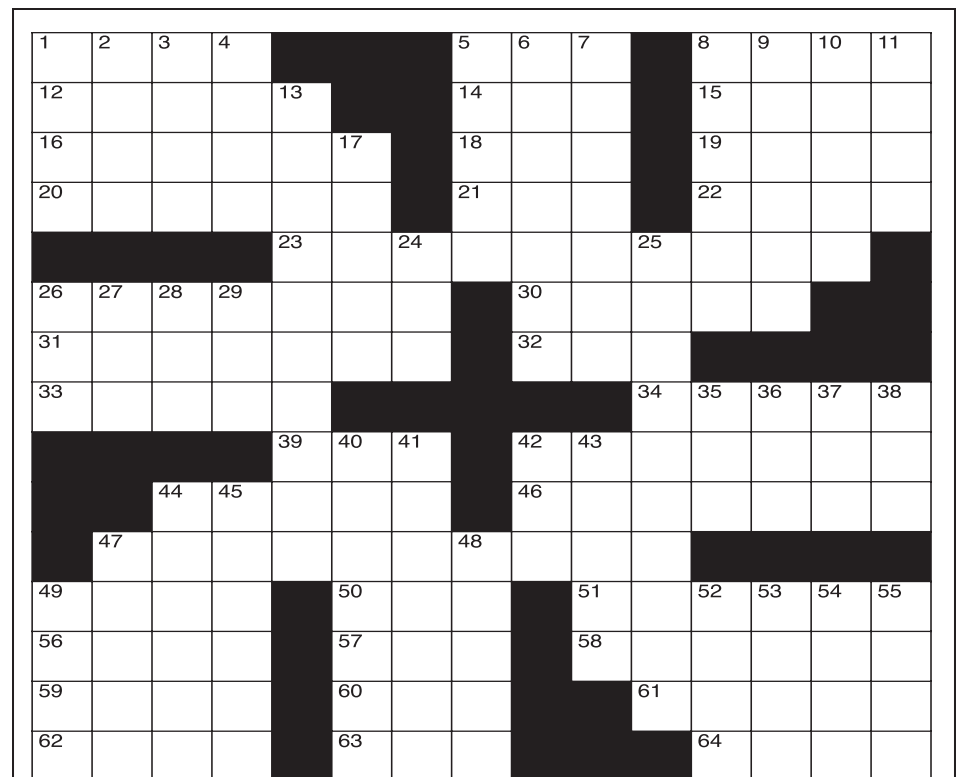
"I know young people are thinking that their spring break has been ruined, or their summer has been ruined. But to the young people out there: You could ruin somebody's life, you could ruin a family's life by not social distancing. This is just a spring

break. It's just a summer. The beaches will still be there," Moskowitz said.

"If one segment of the community doesn't do their part, it affects everybody else," he said.

Scott Powers is an Orlando-based political journalist with 30-plus years' experience, mostly at newspapers such as the Orlando Sentinel and the Columbus Dispatch. He covers local, state and federal politics and space news across much of Central Florida.

His career earned numerous journalism awards for stories ranging from the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster to presidential elections to misplaced nuclear waste. He and his wife Connie have three grown children. Besides them, he's into mystery and suspense books and movies, rock, blues, basketball, baseball, writing unpublished novels, and being amused. Email him at scott@floridapolitics.com.



CLUES ACROSS

- Bond villain Mikkelsen
5. A team's best pitcher
8. French river
12. Mountain nymph (Greek)
14. City of Angels airport
15. Military force
16. Scrawny
18. Value
19. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
20. Highly seasoned sausage
21. Trouble
22. Prong
23. Showing varying colors
26. Cloaked
30. Renters sign one
31. Acquires
32. Type of language (abbr.)
33. Partner to pains
34. Third portion of the small intestine
39. Excessively theatrical actor
42. Infraction
44. Classical music for the stage
46. Slogged
47. One who terminates
49. Breakfast is an important one
50. Moved earth
51. Medical procedures
56. Genus of clams
57. Not well
58. Comparative figure of speech
59. Covered thinly with gold
60. Principle underlying the universe
61. A parent's sisters
62. Professional engineering group
63. Coniferous tree
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- Female parents
- Region
- Transaction
- Heroic tale
- Of algae
- Luminous intensity unit
- Uncovers
- French commune name
- Poisonous gas
- Pearl Jam's bassist
- Horse groom in India
- Destroyed
- A way to alter
- Promotional materials
- American state
- Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 'Modern Family' network
- Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- Exercise system ___-bo
- Type of bulb
- Opposite of beginning
- Utilize
- Type of student
- Deficiency of moisture
- Areas of the eye
- Select
- Sheets of floating ice
- Priests who act as mediums
- Roof of the mouth
- Unnatural
- Illuminated
- There are three famous ones
- Large, fast Australian birds
- 'Dracula' heroine Harker
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Moosehaven closes its gates as precaution during COVID-19 pandemic

Visitors limited solely for compassionate visitations

By Wesley LeBlanc
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ORANGE PARK – Clay County’s largest population of elderly people are concentrated within the gates of Moosehaven, and in an effort to protect them, the massive complex has restricted access to a select few.

Virtually every aspect of Clay County has been affected by ongoing COVID-19. Be it fewer sales at the local barbershop, no customers inside a restaurant or emptied grocery store shelves, it’s not hard to find someone affected by the virus.

Since the chance of death grows among older residents, Moosehaven Director John Capes said the campus is closed.



John Capes



“Except for compassionate visitation, the campus is closed,” Capes said. “If family has a resident here in end-of-life stages, they’re allowed to enter but Moosehaven is closed off to everyone else otherwise.”

Moosehaven is a 63-acre active retirement community comprised of about 300 members of the Loyal Order of Moose and their spouses.

Capes said the community is following

the governor, CDC and White House recommendations. That’s why large gatherings more than 10 people have been canceled. The residents aren’t, however, confined to their rooms. Capes said they’re still permitted to ride bikes and walk around the campus. Large gatherings, however, have been canceled.

Instead of feeding residents in the dining hall, residents are having their meals delivered to them to be eaten in their rooms.

“They’re really used to that social experience the dining room gives them so they’re a little stir crazy but they understand the situation,” Capes said.

Capes, who plans to retire in May, said residents aren’t allowed to leave the campus, either. If they need something, the Moosehaven staff will make a grocery run. Capes joked about the popularity of beer requests since the start of the coronavirus outbreak.

Nurses and staff wear masks inside buildings and practice additional sanitati-

on methods on top of what Moosehaven customary protocols. He also said that staff are watching for signs and symptoms of the virus.

“Because of the incubation period, we’re having to keep an eye on everyone,” Capes said. “Just because nobody here is showing signs, doesn’t mean we’re in the clear.”

As of Wednesday, there have been no cases of COVID-19 at Moosehaven, and Capes said the community is doing everything it can to ensure that remains that way. Staff are screened every day and their temperatures are checked often.

While it’s not preferable not to be allowed to visit, Capes said they haven’t received any kind of negative pushback. He said families outside of Moosehaven understand the situation and are very supportive.

“Perhaps we’re being overly cautious but I think everyone here is on the same page,” Capes said. “It’s for the well-being of everyone here.”



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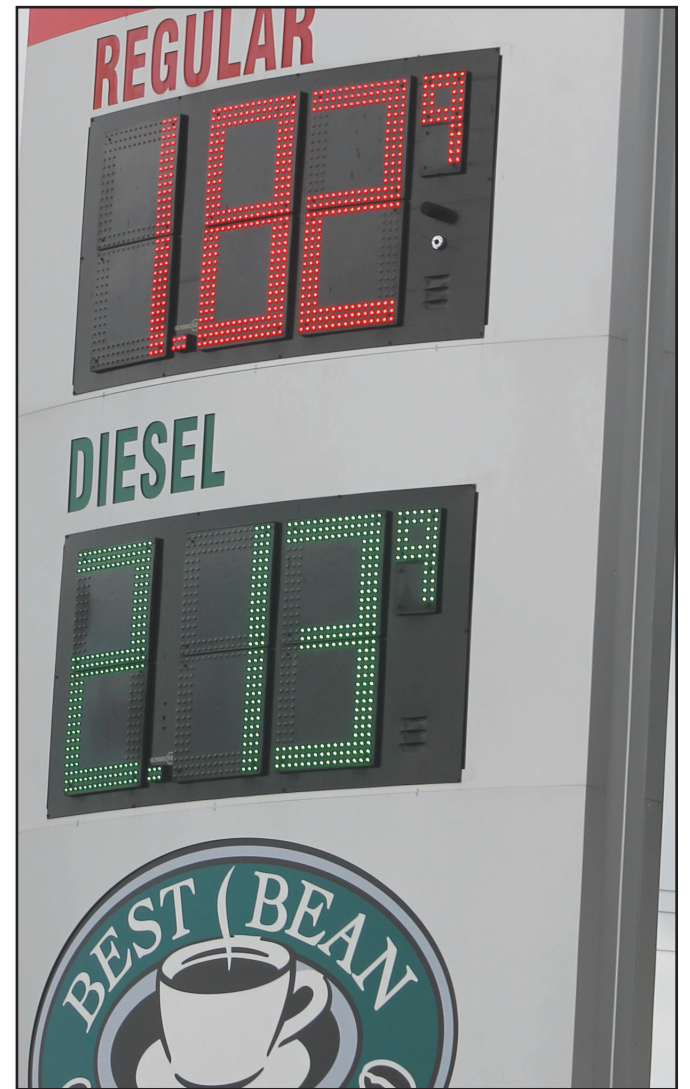
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COVID-19 as seen through our camera lenses

A man, above, powerwashes the picnic tables and playground equipment at Seven Bridges School in Orange Park to reduce the chances of spreading the virus, while the combination of the coronavirus and a dispute between Saudi Arabia and Russia have created the lowest gas prices, right. In more than five years. With crude oil trading at less than \$20 a barrel, experts said prices should continue to drop. Rich Roberts of Fleming Island, below right, said playing disk golf at Ronnie Van Zant Park was his way of practicing social distancing - and getting outside to exercise. Below, the food court at the Orange Park Mall is deserted as most shopping centers have closed. Meanwhile, the only way to get hashed browns scattered and covered is by ordering it to go. Angela Heatherington, bottom left, took a curbside order from Waffle House on Blanding Boulevard as the fast food giant adjusts to the executive order that prohibits customers from eating in the dining room. And perhaps the greatest sign of the time is the "Closed" placard hanging on the front door of Tom and Betty's Restaurant in Orange Park. If you have photos and stories about how COVID-19 has affected your life, please forward them to us at Clay Today at don@opcfla.com.



Obituaries

Earl Mosley

Earl Mosley, age 92, of Clay Hill, FL passed away peacefully on March 17, 2020 at Isle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Fleming Island.

Earl was a lifelong resident of Maxville, FL. He enlisted in the United States Marines and was stationed in China during WWII. After his service he came back to Maxville and started Mosley Trucking. He worked there until his retirement.

Earl was an active member of Long Branch Baptist Church and served as a deacon for over 60 years. He was also a Duval County (Maxville) Station 43 volunteer firefighter for 30 years.



Earl Mosley

Earl is preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Lorraine Mosely; son, Ronnie Earl Mosley; daughter, Judy Diane Mosely; brothers, Charlie, Donnie and Nathan Mosley and sisters, Hazel Griffis and Bell Rosier.

Earl is survived by his daughter, Vicki (Jody) Wallick; grandchildren, Tammy Riggs, Dale (Rachel) Mosley and Cheyenne (James) Brigman; great-grandchildren, Emily Riggs, Bailey Riggs, Garrett Mosley and Aulden Brigman; great-great-grandson, Carter Reddish.

A service to honor Earl's life was held on Saturday, March 21st at 11:00a.m. at Long Branch Baptist Church. Family received friends for a visitation beginning at 10:00a.m. (one-hour prior). The service was officiated by Pastors Harry Conway and Richard Fish. Interment was held at Long Branch Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer Funeral Home. 386-496-2008 archerfuneralhome@yahoo.com

Renae Bassett Taylor

Renae Bassett Taylor passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

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



Hildegard Soltys

Hildegard Soltys, 79, of Middleburg, passed away on March 21, 2020, after a four month battle with pancreatic cancer, with her children by her side.

She was born in Berlin, Germany and raised in Hirzweiler. Hildegard was an active member of her church, St. Luke's and the Legion of Mary.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John; parents, Rini and Otto Glaser, and sisters, Helga Glaser and Ingrid Biehl.

She is survived by her children Susan Soltys, Catherine Nicholson, John Soltys, Michael Soltys, and Rini Butler; her three grandsons, Christopher-Jon, Nikolaus and John-Gabriel Butler; brother, Uwe Glaser; son-in-law, Robert Nicholson and daughter-in-law, Leidy Soltys; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral mass will be held at St. Luke's Catholic Church at 1606 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, Florida on July 11, 2020 at 11:00 am and interred at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida on July 13, 2020 with her husband, John.

Barbara "Heather" Hamilton

Barbara "Heather" Hamilton, 63, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away March 15, 2020.

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



Bonnie J. Guy

Bonnie J. Guy passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

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GUEST COLUMN

The Benefits of Smoke/Vape-Free Events held in Clay County

The Tobacco Free Partnership of Clay County would like to thank the Clay County Fair for their efforts to continue to promote a smoke/vape free fair event with smoking in designated areas only. The Clay County fair has thousands of visitors each year and by having a tobacco/vape free event they are promoting a healthier lifestyle and setting examples to the younger generations for years to come.

Tobacco free events promote a healthy culture for everyone in attendance, protect our families from deadly second hand smoke, remove temptation for people who have quit using tobacco/vape products, also provides a place to show children who may be exposed to smoking daily, that smoking is the exception and not the norm. Tobacco free events are more accessible to people who suffer from asthma, cancer, or other diseases that are negatively affected by tobacco products.

A 2012 study on hospitality workers health was performed using 45 studies of 33 different smoke free laws, with an average follow up time of 24 months. It showed that comprehensive smoke free laws were associated with lower hospital admission rates, lower death rates, fewer coronary events by 8%, other forms of heart disease by 6%, fewer cerebrovascular accidents (strokes) by 8%, and respiratory disease by 8%.

In another study of hospitality workers by the Community of Preventative Services, they concur with the previous study mentioned, while also stating that smoke

free policies have not had an adverse impact on businesses such as bars and restaurants.

Tobacco free environments save in cleanup and costs because there would be no cigarette butts, vaping products, or dip cans to clean up, and this would also reduce the possible risk of fire due to cigarette butts being dropped on the ground or being placed in a trash can while still lit.

Most people prefer tobacco free environments and feel that smoking should at least be kept to a designated smoking area. Studies have also shown that the safest and healthiest events are those that prohibit the use of all forms of tobacco/vape products and it has been concluded in worldwide studies by health authorities that there is no safe level of secondhand smoke.

Secondhand smoke causes lung cancer, stroke, heart disease, low birth weight, sudden infant death syndrome, serious respiratory conditions, and premature death. In conclusion, best practice would be a 100% smokeless environment. If there is zero tolerance it makes enforcement much easier. There would be no worries about enforcing tobacco use outside of designated areas because it's stated beforehand that the event is tobacco free with zero tolerance therefore, no gray area to debate.

For more information please contact the Tobacco Free Partnership at jmoritz@quitdoc.com to help make your next event become a smoke/vape free event.

Keystone SafetyNet connecting isolated residents with supplies

For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The Keystone Heights SafetyNet Alliance distributed produce and milk to another 70 families on Saturday who are shut off from necessary needs by restrictions created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The alliance of faith, government and nonprofits asked residents to fill out self-

identification cards to determine their needs. The group then worked with Lake Area Ministries and Elevate Young Adults, to collect enough food, milk and recipes for five meals.

"We are amazed at how leaders from every sector in our community are working together to make sure everyone is taken

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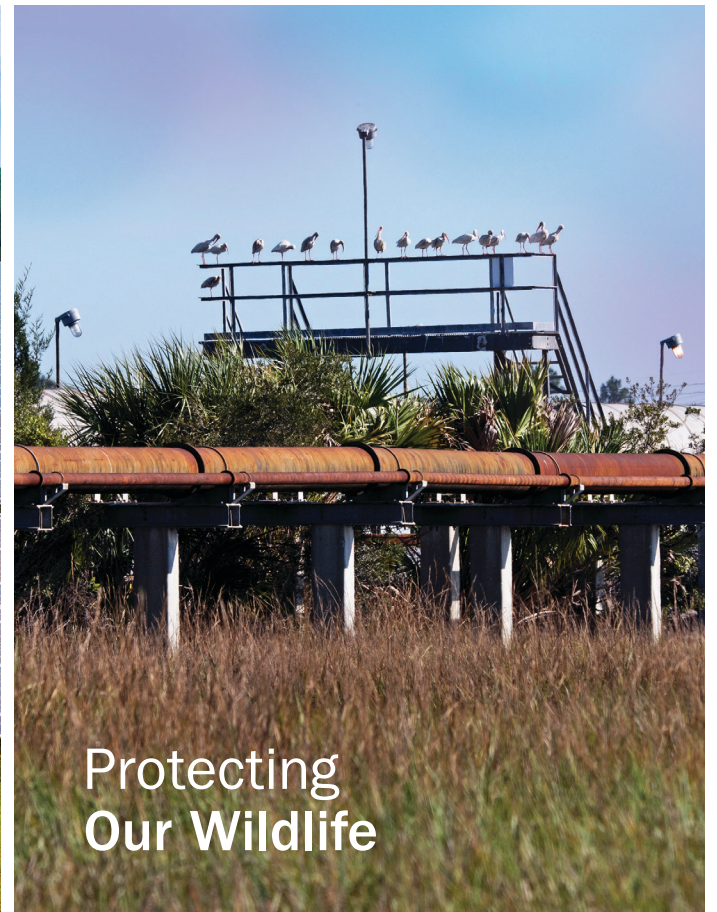
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Coronavirus weighing heavy on fitness industry, local gyms

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – For the time being, workouts will be moved out of the gym and into the home as a result of Gov. Ron DeSantis' order last Friday to close down all workout facilities.

Without word of how long COVID-19 could last, getting into shape and improving the capabilities of one's health might sound more appealing than ever right now. Workouts could soon be conducted through YouTube, and group workouts are already

a thing of the past for now. The biggest concern about the coronavirus is keeping things sanitized. The few gyms that are open are drastically increasing the frequency of cleanings.

"We always pride ourselves on having the cleanest facilities in town," Clay and Duval County Regional Workout Anytime owner Blake Odom said. "However, since the news broke, we have ramped up our cleaning efforts."

Odom said the gym urged members to be more vigilant in wiping down equipment after use – something the gym already





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asks its members to do. He said staff were going behind members and completely sanitizing the entire piece of equipment. A member may wipe down the parts of the dumbbell their hand touched, but a Workout Anytime employee followed by wiping down the entire dumbbell.

Apparently, that wasn't enough.

"We were also sanitizing door handles, restroom stalls, toilets, shower handles, counters, door jams and any other areas that are commonly touched every hour," Odom said. "At the end of each day, we went through the entire club and do a deep clean. We are committed to keeping up this regiment until we have been made confident this virus is no longer a threat."

Odom said he noticed a slight decline in member usage but has seen a number of new faces signing up for memberships, presumably after other gyms in the area temporarily closed their doors. Now all gyms are closed.

Some of those new signups came from LA Fitness and Planet Fitness members after their respective gyms closed their doors early in the virus' outbreak. Both closed last week and are not expected to open again this month.

Planet Fitness is ensuring its members still get a workout, though. Workouts with certified trainers will be livestreamed on the company's Facebook page every day at 7 p.m. The company said the workouts are available to everyone, not just members. For those that can't catch the live stream, the workouts will be available on-demand on the Planet Fitness YouTube channel.

LA Fitness has online workouts available as well and they can be viewed through the gym's app. Both YMCA locations in Clay County are currently closed as well, but like LA Fitness and Planet Fitness, the YMCA is offering live online fitness classes as well as on-demand exercise videos.



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Tyler, left, and Ryan bagged up litter along an Orange Park street last week to put their time away from school to good use.

No school, no problem: Boys turn their energy into cleaning OP street

ORANGE PARK – There is a lot of good things happening, despite these days of worrisome and trying times. Tyler, 7, and his friend Ryan, 8, decided to turn their time away from school into making a difference on a the access road off Ridgecrest on Blanding Boulevard. They picked up trash as part of their distant online “act of kindness” assignment for school to earn credit and make a difference in the community. At the same time, they delivered a timely and important message for everyone: trash has germs!



Keystone

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care,” the alliance said.

Keystone SafetyNet said other food distributions are planned. The group asked local residents to fill out a self-identification cards posted at <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfOCOXYT8RcUPPqp1.../>

viewform. The alliance also said if you’ve already filled out a card and didn’t receive a response, please send them a message on their Facebook page – Keystone SafetyNet Alliance.

“If you filled out a form expressing other needs, we are working on gathering supplies...we’ll be with you shortly,” the group said.



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Unexpected free time creates challenges for parents, children

Families look for unique ways to fill void by closed schools

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – With school out until at least April 15, parents are having to deal with essentially feels like an unplanned summer vacation.

Gov. Ron DeSantis announced last week that all Florida schools will be closed to protect families from the threat of COVID-19. That left parents and students with a lot of unexpected time on their hands and an uncertainty of what the next few weeks will look like without classroom work to fill the void.

As the district determines a workable solution, parents must find ways to fill the time of their children now at home.

“I have two kiddos at home, one a third grader and one an 11th grader,” Tiffany Wagner said. “We have gone to our summer plan in that the boys and I have a daily schedule of learning, chores and entertainment.”

Wagner said she’s working from home on a modified work schedule and creating weekly projects that she can use to teach her children new schools in light of no school. She said communication has



helped a lot.

“Lots of anxiety about what’s to come so we talk about it all,” Wagner said. “Social media and video platforms have been a great way to stay connected and engaged.”

Selena Gasbarro said her children are working through educational workbooks daily to make up for lost school time. For her, dropping everything, including work,

isn’t an option.

Gasbarro works in the tax industry, which she said is in its busy season right now, and between her business and her two elementary-aged children at home, sleep is on the backburner.

“Who needs sleep anyway?”

Elsewhere in the county, Hickory Grove Early Learning in Green Cove Springs has its daycare doors open each day to help parents in need of supervision for their children.

“A lot of our parents are first responders, nurses, people that work in nursing homes,” Hickory Grove Early Learning director Erin Howard said. “Them not working or working from home is not an option so it’s very important that we’re here for them.”

Howard said the day care has children from infant ages all the way up to 11 years old. She said some of the older children understand what’s going on and understand why it’s important for them to help maintain cleanliness around the facility.

“We’re doing a lot more cleaning and really trying to teach our kids how important washing their hands is,” Howard said. “These are things they’re used to doing already but we’re really revving up how much of it we do.”

There are still things to do in Clay

County. County parks, along with parks in Orange Park and Spring Park in Green Cove Springs remain open, but health officials ask residents to maintain social distancing to keep from spreading the virus.

Ronnie Van Zant Park in Green Cove Springs has seen a noticeable increase in visitors, too, as residents look for a way to get out of the house – and away from the news cycles.

If workbooks aren’t enough to keep your child educationally-engaged, there are a number of free online learning resources. The University of Florida has opened up its Math Nation digital courses for free during the coronavirus outbreak.

“Math nation provides a comprehensive digital textbook for Middle Grades Math, Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 courses as well as PSAT and SAT preparation,” UF said. “The platform includes more than 5,000 engaging instructional videos led by dynamic virtual co-teachers utilizing various strategies to meet a range of student learning styles and abilities.”

Code Academy is another online learning resource free for all during the outbreak and all it requires is an account sign up. After plugging in your email and making a password, you’ll have access to interactive lessons and daily practice courses about coding.

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- Precautions taken to treat patients with COVID-19 are similar to those taken to treat patients with influenza, with restricted visitation to limit exposure. This is commonplace procedure for us during any flu season.
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Gun sales spike as COVID-19 sparks fear of lawlessness

By Bruce Hope
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ORANGE PARK – The COVID-19 outbreak has spawned a variety of responses across the country, including a spike in gun sales and concealed carry permits.

As some residents fear a possible imposition of martial law and the breakdown of order, people are reacting, gun and pawn stores have seen an increase among proponents of the second amendment.

“We have had a spike in requests for concealed carry permits – and the class for it – and also people looking for ammo,” said Sherry Gonyan of Basics Range and Gun on College Drive in Orange Park. “People are not able to find ammunition anywhere. It’s getting bought out practically everywhere around town. Also, popular handguns are going fast.”

According to Gonyan, most people coming into her store cite their reason for purchasing a firearm as personal protection.

Some believe that with many out of work for an extended time, there may be increases in both crime and desperation.

“There’s a feeling of unease everywhere right now,” she said. “People are, I think, are just grasping for an opportunity to ease their fears. Some of them, it’s with a gun.”

Basics not only sells guns and ammunition but also has a range where people can

practice shooting and offers many different classes.

The use of the range has not seen the same jump that gun sales have, according to Gonyan.

“It comes in waves,” she said of customers entering the store to use the range. “I think people are a little cautious of using up their ammunition. So, we are seeing people come in. Some people are coming in because they’re bored. There’s not much else to do. I had a family come in a couple of days ago; two parents and four children and they spent a couple of hours in here.”

Money-Bridge Pawn Superstore on Blanding Boulevard has also seen steady uptick in the sales of firearms.

“We have seen a slight uptick, but we always sell [firearms] well anyway,” said Dan Sibert, general manager of Money-Bridge Pawn. “We’ve had a lot of people asking for ammo. We have regular customers that usually buy a lot of our firearms. Everybody is afraid of what the government’s trying to do unconstitutionally. They’re trying to take away our rights. They’re already trying to take away in certain cities, the right to buy a gun. So that’s one thing that they’re worried about.”

“People just panic when things like this go on,” said James, a shopper in Money-Bridge who declined to share his last name.



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While there are plenty of guns at Value Pawn in Orange Park, ammo is becoming scarce.

First the fair, now the livestock show canceled

Association decides not to re-schedule popular program

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Days after the Clay County Fair Association canceled this year’s fair, it had little choice but to pull the plug on the livestock program and sale, as well.

“With guidance and recommendations from the CDC and local emergency management officials, the decision was made to cancel the traditional show and sale that is typically done during the fair,” the

association said in a release. “We understand the amount of work and money participants have put into each animal and although we never would have imagined this would be the case, we have developed a contingency plan for our participants to recoup their costs and make the best of the situation that has been given to us.”

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County officials unify to protect, inform residents of COVID-19

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County officials have a unified plan to protect residents and keep them informed of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It’s our attempt to make sure that everyone, no matter how secluded, knows exactly what’s going on, at least in Clay County,” said Clay County Commission Chairman Gayward Hendry.

Florida Department of Health in Clay County Administrator Heather Huffman, Director of Emergency Management John Ward and county manager Howard Wanmaker will make frequent announcements of developing details at the EMC near the Clay County Fairgrounds until the coronavirus threat has subsided.



From left, Health Department’s Heather Huffman, EMS Director John Ward and County Commission Chairman Gayward Hendry assure residents of the county’s plans to face COVID-19.

Ward reassured the residents despite the urgency of the current situation, that this is not a hurricane-type event.

“We will not be without power,” Ward

said. “We’re not going to have a long time to have to deal with this event. Don’t surge buy. Buy your normal products and allow the system to restock accordingly. The

commodities are out there, but we’re seeing a lot of surge buying and that’s what’s causing a lot of the shelves to stay empty the way they are.”

He also encouraged residents to only gather information from official sources such as the CDC, the Florida Dept. of Health websites or the Emergency Management social media pages.

“We currently have three full-time epidemiologists on staff with the Clay County Florida Department of Health,” Huffman said. “We have paired them with an additional staff member in-house that has a master’s in public health, in addition, so they are three two-man teams working and working 10-12-hour days to do case investigations, field calls from providers and

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Veterinarians say humans safe from COVID-19 while snuggling pets

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – There hasn't been any evidence of a transfer of the coronavirus from pets to humans or vice versa, but owners should still prepare for quarantine at home with their pets.

Nobody wants their furry best friend to get sick. While there's a lot of other things that can cross-contaminate germs between you and your pet, so far there have been no risks to hugging your pets when it comes to the coronavirus.

However, as more businesses in Florida temporarily close to combat the virus, a quarantine at home could be in your future. Local veterinarians recommend stocking up on pet-related supplies now just in case a quarantine is put into place.

"At this point in time, there are no transmissions from humans to pets or from pets to humans," Clay Humane Society Senior Staff Veterinarian Christian Broadhurst said. "However, you should be prepared to be in your home with your pet for the next however long all of this ends

up being. Make sure you have enough food, litter and medicine for your pets."

Broadhurst said pet owners should treat the coronavirus crisis as a hurricane-style disaster as far as supply demand goes, and he reiterated that the coronavirus poses no health risk to pets, be it a cat, dog or something else.

If you're still looking to stock up on supplies for your pets, the Petco in Fleming Island is still open. Petco CEO Ron Cough-



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hospitals and nursing homes to give correct information."

Huffman also reiterated the standard message from Gov. Ron DeSantis to regularly wash hands, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol and to practice social distancing.

Regional testing sites operated by the federal government are open in Orlando,

Jacksonville and Miami.

"Asymptomatic personnel will not be tested," said Huffman. "Every person that has been categorized and risk assessed according to our disease control staff, that have been high-risk and are symptomatic, we have tested those. No one has been turned away for those. Medium and low risk do not necessarily need testing. It depends on their exposure. Every case is a little bit individualized. We are asking the providers in the community before they send anybody to call our disease control

staff and do a triage with them to ask what category does this patient fall in so that we can get them to the appropriate place if they need to be tested or if they need to self-isolate."

John Cook of Clay County Fire and Rescue said everyone will be tested before being allowed to enter the EMC.

"When they first arrive here, they have to check in here," said Cook. "We have to take their temperature and go through a series of questions of whether or not they've been around someone with COVID-19 or if

they've been out of the country. The normal measures of being screened. If they have a certain temperature, then they're not allowed into the facility at this time.

"At that time, we'd notify the administration inside and go through further steps from there." Any temperature of 100 degrees or more would cause an immediate failure in the screening process.

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lin said he believes Petco is an essential business at this time.

“We understand that maintaining supplies for the entire family includes your pets and for more than 50 years, we’ve served as a vital one stop shop in serving the needs of pets and families,” Coughlin said. “Some suggest non-essential businesses close their doors. We believe pets are a part of their family, and feeding and caring for them is always essential.”

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day during the outbreak.

Clay Humane Society Executive Director Linda Welzant said the Humane Society is still open but its hours have been shortened.

Elective surgeries, or non-emergency surgeries, have been suspended.

The feral cat Wednesday program has been suspended as well.

Clay County’s Animal Services are still open but access is limited to the shelter. It’s recommended that people call the shelter at (904) 269-6342 to schedule appointments for things like owner reclaims and foster pick-ups.

Adoptable, lost, and found pets from your area can be viewed at www.FindingRover.com.



Clerk’s office: Use online services, drop boxes

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Clerk of Circuit Court Tara Green announced adjustments to courthouse procedures and security on Monday. The new drop box system in the lobby was deemed a success, due largely to the work of the deputies like these who conducted the screenings. Green thanked everyone for continuing their business while preventing spread of COVID-19. Most services can be done online at <https://www.clayclerk.com/online-services-instructions-links/>.

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Critic's choices

LeBlanc: Plenty of options to keep entire family entertained

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – With home situations currently shaken up due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, you might be looking for things to keep yourself and your children busy.

I'm a pro at spending time indoors parked in front of a TV on a couch so I've gathered up some of the best movies, TV shows and games for people of all ages. Check out my recommendations:

For All Ages:

Movies:

- Disney Pixar's "Coco": Coco is a movie about pursuing your passions and family. It's the perfect pick-me-up movie, and it's



a great look at how humans can make the best of situations in the worst of times. It's colorful, full of wonderful music and sure to keep your children engaged. It can be found on Disney Plus or rented from movie renting services.

- Disney Animation's "Moana": This movie is pure joy and takes place in the most tropical of settings (a nice getaway from halfway-shutdown Clay County). It features some of Disney's best songs and has a main character voiced by The Rock. What more do you need? It can be found on Disney Plus or rented from movie renting services.

- Dreamwork's "How to Train Your Dragon": This series actually has three movies in it at this point and all can be rented for less than a few bucks on services like Amazon Prime and Apple Movies. It's a series about dragons first and foremost so virtually any child will quickly fall in love, and the trilogy is about a character growing into the person they truly are, not who their family wants them to be.

Games:

- Epic Games' "Fortnite": There's a good chance your children are already playing this game. It's a battle royale game where 100 players drop onto a massive map. Using cartoonish guns, players will shoot and attack other players (there's no

blood or guts) in an attempt to be the last player alive on the island. It's available on all mobile devices, the Nintendo Switch, the Xbox One, the PlayStation 4 and PCs.

- Activision's "Crash Bandicoot N. Sane Trilogy": There's a good chance you've heard of Crash Bandicoot. It's a video game series stretching all the way back to the 1990s and this trilogy is a remaster of the series' first three games. Its platforming fun with colorful cartoon visuals with just enough challenge to keep your child playing for days on end. It can be played on the Nintendo Switch, the Xbox One, and the PlayStation 4.

- "Nintendo's New Super Mario Bros. U Deluxe": This is the most recent iteration of a classic 2D Mario game released by Nintendo. It's the tried-and-true Mario formula you likely grew up with brought into 2020 with revitalized graphics, new levels and worlds to complete, and an entire cast of characters that stretches far beyond just the usual Mario and Luigi. It can be played on the Nintendo Switch.

For Older Children and Adults:

Movies:

- Annapurna Pictures' "Booksmart": This is one of my all-time favorite movies. If you've seen Superbad and enjoyed it, you're going to love this movie. It's about

two high school girls who realize on the eve of graduation that they spend their entire time in high schools worrying more about grades than actually having fun. They want to change that and will spend an entire night going great lengths to finally have fun. It's raunchy, very rated-R, and packs a message that anyone and everyone can learn something from. It can be rented on movie renting services or viewed on Hulu if you subscribe to that service.

- A24's "Hereditary": Life is a little scary right now and what better remedy than watching the lives of someone else grow to be absolutely terrifying. Sure, it's scary to watch but it'll make you feel like life could be worse. It's about a family haunted by something (that's all we'll say to save you from spoilers) and the movie's tension and scares continue to rise from start to finish, ending in a climax that will keep you scared of the unknown long after the credits roll. It's not for the faint of heart but if you're interested, it can be rented for just a few bucks on movie renting services like Amazon Prime or Google Play Movies.

- Warner Bros. Pictures' "Contagion": If you want to see how not to react during a pandemic, this is a movie you should watch. Hyper-relevant as we all currently

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to-go window. He also waved rules to allow for take-home cocktails.

An industry already decimated by fear, declining sales and a disappearing customer base got what some fear may be a decisive blow to the future to many mom-and-pop restaurants.

At Sweet Sensations, half the tables were closed to make sure all guests were at least six feet from each other. That was a response the DeSantis' directive on Wednesday that also required all bars and night clubs close their doors.

"We've been pushing the option of take outs or we'll bring it out to your car," Douglas said. "We've tried to be as normal as we can."

Many were forced to focus on delivery and pick-up days before DeSantis made it official. At one popular restaurant on County Road 200 on Fleming Island, three servers were huddled near the bar with arms crossed – and no customers in the building.

A normal staff of about 10 servers during the dinner hours already had been cut in half. Many from the kitchen also had their hours slashed.



"This has stressed me out," one server said. "This is the sole income for about 95% of the people who work here. Now we're only getting a few days and there's not a lot of people coming in. How are you supposed to pay your rent?"

When the state's schools closed, many of the servers also faced issues with child care. Another server said her fellow employees are working together to watch



each other's children until the pandemic subsides.

"It's the unknown that scares me," another server said. "At first, they told us it would be [gone at] the first of April. Now they're saying it could be the end of June or July. What are we supposed to do?"

All three servers said the handful of customers that had been coming in were elderly – the demographic that's supposed

to be the most-threatened by the virus.

"We haven't seen a kid in here in days," the first server said.

Down the road at V Pizza and Tap Garden, there were only five people at the bar during happy hour. The restaurant was empty.

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Christian Campbell provided curbside delivery last weekend at Texas Roadhouse in Orange Park. Restaurants have been forced to providing to-go meals in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis.

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decline,” server Michael Newman said. “The hard part is you rely on tips. There aren’t any tips when there aren’t any people. But we plan to stay open.”

That was Wednesday. Two days later, the doors were shut.

“We’ve had to make a lot of cuts,” V Pizza kitchen manager Carl Davis said. “There’s certainly more coming.”

Texas Roadhouse quickly adapted by setting up a take home delivery drive-thru at its Blanding Boulevard location.

Business on Sunday was steady, but

clearly not to the levels of an open dining room, and it allowed a handful of servers to stay on the job.

Orders were either called in or made in the parking lot. Food then was delivered while the customer waited in the car. The stream of hungry customers was so steady, it required someone to direct traffic in the parking lot.

Douglas said she had to send several of her employees home once business slowed. And like the Fleming Island restaurant, Douglas said her customers also seemed more elderly than usual.

“I don’t know what’s going to happen,” Douglas said.

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Coffee houses, barber shops, salons report dramatic decrease in business

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY — Local businesses that thrive as social gathering hubs are feeling the impact of COVID-19-related regulations and safety measures recently put into place.

Gov. Ron DeSantis announced last week that bars and nightclubs were to close for 30 days. He also announced that restaurants were to limit their capacity by 50% and asked other types of businesses to follow suit. Virtually every business owner immediately felt the effect.

It got even worse two days later when the governor ordered all restaurants to close their dining rooms for sit-down meals. Other social centers are bracing for continued restrictions.

“It’s been really slow,” Gracie’s Barber-



shop owner Gracie Mahler said. “There’s been a dramatic drop off in clientele this week.”

Mahler said her Green Cove Springs barber shop is still open but that she’s unsure how much longer that’s to last. Both barber shops and salons rely almost exclusively on their daily clientele. Mahler said

they need to cut hair to make money, and if nobody is coming in for haircuts, nobody is getting paid.

“People just aren’t coming out,” Mahler said. “If need be, I may have to close but for now, we’re just going to wait and see.”

Magnolia Hair and Salon is feeling the effects, too.

“We’ve had a couple of ladies cancel because their elderly but there haven’t been many cancellations,” one employee there said. “People aren’t making appointments though and we’re not getting as many walk-ins. We’re clean and people don’t come in if their sick. I think it’s just that with people opting to stay inside at home, we’re not seeing as many people and that’s hard.

“We rely on people, our customers,” they said. Other community joints like locally-owned coffee shops Spring Park Coffee and The Urban Bean Coffeehouse are

re-working how business works during the outbreak as well. Spring Park Coffee owner Steven Kelley, who’s also the city mayor, said the store’s seating was been significantly reduced to comply with the original coronavirus regulations. Since Friday, it’s been forced to rely on customers ordering their drinks online or getting them to go.

Urban Bean’s shop owner, Chuck Warren, said with less people leaving their homes, his business was forced to close.

“The amount of people coming in is definitely lower,” Warren said. “We fill our seats and with less seats, there’s less people coming in [before the latest restrictions]. Our drive-thru [had] remained busy though.”

Coffee chains like Starbucks have removed indoor seating from their locations nationwide, adopting a to-go-only model for the time being. Dunkin has done the same.



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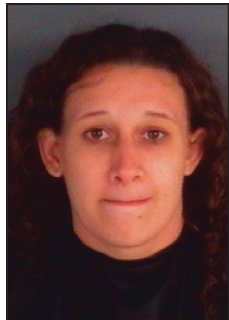
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Drug raid leads to arrest of four in Green Cove Springs

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Four people were arrested following a raid on their mobile home at 2758 Lazy Gator Drive on March 20.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office's Targeted Narcotics, Organized Crime Section and SWAT teams converged on the home to serve a warrant at 8 a.m. Moments later, Jonathan Elliott Cartwright, 36, was charged with selling Subutex, possession of methamphetamine, hydrocodone and drug paraphernalia and maintaining a residence for illegal drug sales, Rodney Grambo, 58, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance, as well as maintaining a residence for illegal drug sales, Victoria Gracelyn Greenway, 21, was charged with possession methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia and Tricia Payton, 25, was charged on an out of county warrant for possession of cocaine.

All four are from Green Cove Springs.

Man arrested after deputies find woman severely beaten

MIDDLEBURG – A man was arrested after the Clay County Sheriff's Office found his girlfriend with a "bloody mouth, bloody nose, swollen lips, abrasions on her neck and various other scrapes and bruises" on March 22.

Zackery Michael O'Loughlin, 25, of Jacksonville was charged with felony domestic battery by strangulation and possession of a firearm or ammo by a convicted felon and marijuana was deputies responded to a disturbance call in the 1800 block of Sheraton Lakes



Zackery O'Loughlin



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According to the arrest report, the victim was asleep in her son's bed at the back of the house when she reportedly was attacked. She refused to file charges, but deputies arrested the man after seeing her injuries. He remained in the Clay County Jail with a \$76,008 bond.

Two in jail after firing shots from SUV near Moody Park

ORANGE PARK – Two men remained in the Clay County Jail with a \$300,006 bond after deputies said they fired at least five shots from their speeding SUV near Moody Park on March 19.

Lazarus Charles Lee, 19, of Green Cove Springs, and D'Marcus Kahlid Allen, 19, of Jacksonville, were charged with possessing an unlicensed firearm and shooting from a vehicle within 1,000 of bystanders.

According to CCSI, a deputy on patrol along Moody Avenue heard the gunshots. Two SUVs sped away from the scene. The deputy saw muzzle flashes of at least five shots coming from the second SUV.

Another deputy eventually stopped Allen and Lee at the intersection of Old Jennings and Rainbow roads. A K-9 detected the presence of drugs, so the two were detained and their SUV was searched. Deputies then found two guns and spent casings on the floorboard. Five spent 9mm casing also were found in the roadway at the park.

Man jailed for breaking into car with a child

ORANGE PARK – A Jacksonville man was in the Clay County Jail on March 19 with a \$75,006 bond after he broke into a woman's car at The Home Depot on Wells Road.

Jon Wesley Bartley, 38, was charged with grand theft and contributing to the delinquency of a minor since he had a child with him during the break in, the Clay County Sheriff's Office reported.



Jon Bartley

Orange Park pedestrian killed on Blanding Boulevard

ORANGE PARK – A 53-year-old Orange Park man was hit and killed as he crossed Blanding Blvd. on March 18.

The Florida Highway Patrol said Mi-

chael Black died at Orange Park Medical Center after he was hit by an SUV driven by Larry Hal Rener, 56, of Middleburg at Jefferson Avenue.

Black wasn't using the crosswalk when he was struck, FHP reported.

Local man critically injured in rollover crash in Union County

RAIFORD – A Middleburg man is at UF Health in Gainesville after being critically injured in a single-car accident last Saturday night.

John Bassett, 30, was hurt when his Ford F-250 veered off County Road 229 near C.R. 793 and rolled several times, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Arrests & Bookings

Key: FTA-Failure to Appear; DWLSR-Driving Without a License-Suspended or Revoked; DUI-Driving Under the Influence; VOP-Violation of Parole. There are no assumptions or representations about guilt or innocence. Anyone arrested or booked is presumed innocent.

Tuesday, March 24

Gordon W. Baker, 56, Keystone Heights, two counts FTA

Joshua S. Harden, 18, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Deanna J. McGuire, 52, Orange Park, battery on person 65 or older

Katelyn L. LaBelle, 26, Orange Park, uttering forged counterfeit bill

Eugene Georges, 22, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Gary W. Mitchell, 55, Orange Park, disorderly intoxication, battery on police officer/firefighter/EMT

Amanda K. Horsley, 39, Green Cove Springs, out of county warrant

Glenda D. Watson, 35, Orange Park, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Charles W. Thurston, 42, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose police officer, DWLSR

Jimmy K. Wilds, 49, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Camala K. Young, 36, Orange Park, possession-Fentanyl with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Crystal M. Newham, 39, Orange Park, FTA

Heather M. Powell, 29, Orange Park, FTA

Mathew A. McDonald, 43, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

Monday, March 23

Jessica M. Bercich, 34, Green Cove Springs, VOP-two counts felony child abuse

Allan R. Lewis, 58, Orange Park, DUI

Jackie M. Howard, 35, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine with intent to sell/distribute, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Sunday, March 22

Jackson R. Perint, 23, Green Cove Springs, introduction/removal contraband into jail

Bradley L. Ward, Middleburg, VOP-community control

Zackery M. O'Loughlin, 25, Middleburg, felony battery/domestic battery by strangulation, possession of firearm/ammo by convicted felon, possession-marijuana

William R. McCrimmon, 36, Middleburg, aggravated battery with deadly weapon,

vandalism

Mindy Samaroo, 37, Middleburg, DUI, DUI with BAL of .15 or higher

Kristine N. Madej, 28, Orange Park, simple battery

Eugene C. Jazwinski, 34, Orange Park, two counts simple battery

Portia P. Matthews, 42, Orange Park, DWLSR (Duval)

Sean R. Scully, 37, Middleburg, domestic battery, simple battery, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Saturday, March 21

Elliott C. Giles, 37, Oakleaf, DUI

Nathan R. Morris, 42, Orange Park, grand theft auto

Brittany L. Harter, 24, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Steven A. Farris, 32, Orange Park, battery on police officer/firefighter/EMT

Clarence R. Berry, 37, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Savanna A. Helwig, 22, Orange Park,

possession-Xanax, VOP-community control

Justin R. Fisher, 34, Orange Park, DWLSR

Friday, March 20

Rebecca C. Paul, 37, Middleburg, possession-Fentanyl, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Stephen Vorst, 41, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Benjamin R. Walters, 33, Middleburg, disorderly intoxication

Jonathan E. Cartwright, 36, Green Cove Springs, selling Buprenorphine (Subutex), possession-methamphetamine, possession-controlled substance, maintaining home for drug business, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Rodney V. Grambo, 58, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine, possession-controlled substance, maintaining home for drug business, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Victoria G. Greenway, 21, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Tricia M. Payton, 25, Green Cove Springs, out of county warrant

Verdell H. Alexander, 31, Orange Park, two counts out of county warrant

Edward Ardakoc, 62, Green Cove Springs, FTA-expired vehicle registration

Business as usual: New inmates tested for COVID-19

By Bruce Hope
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Just like everyone else, the Clay County Jail has been affected by the threat of COVID-19.

Balancing in- and out-going traffic while also maintaining the health of those incarcerated is a task that requires diligence. From the beginning of the process – arrest through incarceration, Clay Sheriff's Officers are doing all that they can to ensure the welfare of themselves and the inmates.

"If you happen to encounter someone who may exhibit signs of COVID-19, to take the proper and necessary precautions, the universal precautions that the CDC has put out," said Dep. Andrew Ford of the steps that his fellow officers are taking. "Also, if officers suspect that someone may be ill, it's just like if someone complains they have heart pain or chest pains or whatever the case, we usually call [fire and] rescue to have them evaluated before we even transport them. We also put out information to our deputies on the street in reference to those proper precautions. You know it's just business as normal. Not only for the safety of them but also for those they may encounter, even if it's a person

we are arresting and taking to jail."

Every inmate entering the jail is screened and evaluated under the guidelines set by the CDC and the Florida Department of Health. Any inmate who does not pass the screening – found to have symptoms of an infectious disease – they are separated and further evaluated by jail medical staff.

Since March 12, inmate visitor programs that allow for or require any close contact has been suspended. All visits have been and will continue to be conducted in the jail visitation booths. Also, all entrants to include program coordinators and facilitators have been screened before entry into the jail.

Inmates already in the jail who demonstrate signs of COVID-19 are evaluated by the medical staff.

"Essentially, what happens is that they will be placed into a negative air-flow room, which means that there's no air that circulates through the building. All that air goes out," said Ford. "So, they're placed into a negative air-flow room and they are monitored by our staff."

The exact amount of cases that could be handled at one time in the facility is cur-



rently unknown, and by following the guidance of the CDC and doing everything to try and limit the possible spread of a contagion, sheriff's office officials hope they don't have to find out.

Unlike many other organizations, the jail can operate with a skeleton crew and corrections officers can't work remotely from home.

"I'm not aware that there has been any reduction in staff. We're still a jail. We still have to operate. We still have to keep folks safe. There is no reduction in staffing," said Ford. "We made sure that we pushed

out to the men and women of our agencies, following those universal precautions from the CDC. We're making sure that if someone does exhibit signs of COVID-19 who's already in the jail, the proper process that's in place now because of COVID-19 to follow what they should do if they see an inmate with those particular signs or symptoms."

The sheriff's department's primary focus is that everyone under their purview, from officers to inmates, follows protocol for the betterment of all involved.

Scams

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ID-19 cases. "As communities across our nation confront the COVID-19 pandemic, know that my office will not waver in its commitment to protecting South Floridians, including our vulnerable seniors. We are focused on COVID-19 scams and will prioritize prosecuting fraudsters who try to capitalize on this health crisis," Fajardo Orshan said.

Moody issued a strong **consumer alert** urging the public to beware of potential coronavirus scams when researching information about COVID-19.

"Floridians are eager for any meaningful guidance they can find about coronavirus, but they must be careful not to believe everything they hear," said Attorney General Moody. "Scammers are expert at taking advantage of such emotions, but we cannot and will not let them succeed."

The prosecutors' warning comes on the heels of U.S. Attorney General William Barr's directive on Monday for all United States Attorneys around the country to place a high priority on stopping scam artists trying to take advantage of the coronavirus situation. In a memo to the U.S. Attorneys, Barr wrote, "The pandemic is dangerous enough without wrongdoers seeking to profit from public panic and this sort of conduct cannot be tolerated."

Some common scams being reporting around the nation include:

- Individuals and businesses selling fake cures for COVID-19 online;



- Phishing emails sent from entities posing as the World Health Organization ("WHO") or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"); and

- Malware being inserted onto mobile phones by apps pretending to track the spread of the virus.

The officials advised the public to remain vigilant during this time. Citizens should not click on computer links from sources they don't know and be aware when it comes to donations, whether through charities or crowdfunding sites. No one should allow themselves to be rushed by another person into making a donation, and if someone wants donations in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, don't do it.

The three U.S. Attorneys said their offices are working with the Department of Justice's Consumer Protection Branch, Fraud Section, and Antitrust Division to coordinate efforts to stop scammers preying on concerned Floridians. Citizens are asked to report potential scams to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at IC3.gov. In addition, the public can contact the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida's Public Trust Unit at USAFLN.Corruption@usdoj.gov or by phone at (850) 216-3873.

Arrests

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Michael A. Celso, 23, Green Cove Springs, VOP-petit larceny

Charlotte R. Matthew, 55, Orange Park, breach of peace/disorderly conduct/fighting/brawling

Najda Terzic, 31, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Thursday, March 19

D'Marcus K. Allen, 19, Orange Park, possession-unlicensed firearm, shooting firearm from vehicle within 1,000 feet of a person

Lazarus C. Lee, 19, Orange Park, possession-unlicensed firearm, shooting firearm from vehicle within 1,000 feet of a person
Lincoln D. Veasley, 24, Green Cove Springs, simple domestic battery

Paul D. Stone, 41, Green Cove Springs, FTA-trespassing

Katelyn L. LaBelle, 26, Green Cove Spring, forging/altering bank draft

Virgil L. Ford, 25, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DUI with BAL .15 or higher with passenger younger than 18

Trenton B. Knight, 44, Green Cove Springs, FTA-grand theft \$300-\$20,000, FTA-resist/obstruct/oppose police officer

Jon W. Bartley, 38, Orange Park, grand theft, contributing to delinquency of minor

Lisa R. Hunt, 33, Green Cove Springs, introducing/removing contraband into county jail

Nathan A. Goode, 37, Keystone Heights, burglary

Michael E. Hoilman, 28, Green Cove Springs, non-support, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-petit theft

Janice E. Walsh, 44, Green Cove Springs, child abuse

Felicia M. Bowen, 35, Green Cove Springs, introducing/removing contraband

into county jail

Henry L. Roberson, 44, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand theft of firearm, VOP-community control

William J. McGrath, 33, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Michael W. Kyle, 26, Middleburg, simple battery

Ashley M. Owen, 35, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Lori D. Harris, 45, Orange Park, DWLSR-habitual offender

Sean P. McDonald-Brazier, 27, Orange Park, non-support

Alana B. Pons, 42, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control

Wednesday, March 18

Andrew H. Stephenson, 33, Green Cove Springs, non-support

Jessica M. O'Brien, 30, Green Cove Springs, simple battery

Christopher B. Conaway, 29, Green Cove Springs, VOP-DUI

Sandra G. Coody, 50, Green Cove Springs, FTA-petit theft

Antione L. McLauren, 28, Green Cove Springs, courtesy hold

Amy N. Fleming, 42, Orange Park, DWLSR

Devin E. Flynn, 27, Orange Park, violation of condition of release

Kieshawn R.C. Smith, 23, Middleburg, retail petit theft, possession-marijuana

Daniel J. Soles, 23, Middleburg, VOP-community control, resist/obstruct/oppose police officer

Rebecca L. Keenan-Hughes, 23, Middleburg, possession-marijuana

Benjamin H. Kall, 30, Middleburg, DWLSR

Barbara L. Huffman, 56, Keystone Heights, petit theft

Technology keeps community connected during pandemic

Internet programs eases sense of isolation during COVID-19 threat

By Bruce Hope
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CLAY COUNTY – Most people are experiencing things they could never have conceived of before the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. People are out of work or working from home. Restaurants and banks are open only to drive-thru service. People are being advised in some places to stay home if possible.

In previous generations, it would have been nearly impossible to continue any sense of normalcy under those conditions.

Modern technology is playing a role it has never played before. Being shut-in doesn't disconnect you from the world. The only way to truly be disconnected is if you lose power.

Students from elementary schools to universities are attending classes online. School districts that don't regularly host a lot of online courses have quickly adapted to virtual learning to continue the school year that was already in progress with the possibility that in-seat classes may not resume for the remainder of the school year. Many parents are getting used to virtual schooling for their children as well.

"We are new to this online school system," said Shay Cabrera, a parent of a sixth-grader. "Although my daughter already had some homework done online. She is not used to having her full class done virtually."

Clay County School District recently sent out a survey asking if students had access to a computer or the internet at home. They soon will be allowing students to sign out Chromebooks. Visit oneclay.net for details.

St. John's River State College is also adjusting. Spring break for students and



classes was extended to give instructors time to convert from in seat to online courses. That transition is expected to be ready by March 30.

"Many of our classes are already offered with an online option, with some being online only," said Susan Kessler, Director of public relations. "Our math classes, English/composition, science, business, history, etc. are offered both on-campus and online. Right now, on-campus faculty are continuing to work on that transition and that includes the distance learning platform [Canvas]. Many already teach both on-campus and online classes and they are assisting the on-campus faculty through this learning curve."

Education isn't the only thing affected by COVID-19. With the recommendation/order that people engage in social distancing, most natural processes have been made more difficult. Technology, however,

again becomes the savior.

Many people, especially here in Florida, have relatives in senior living facilities. The elderly is particularly susceptible to the virus. As such, just about all visitation is suspended. It's here that technology swoops in again. Some facilities are setting up virtual visits where the family can visit with their resident online. Applications like Skype, Facebook, WhatsApp and Facetime make face to face communication over a distance a much simpler task.

We can do almost anything digitally. Apps on our phones allow us to do most banking functions. We can order takeout or groceries. With social distancing being embraced, e-commerce has increased in certain areas. Purchases of household goods and groceries from various online retailers for both pickup and delivery have increased significantly. Items best fit for extended quarantine such as shelf-stable

milk, beans and fruit snacks are among those seeing the increase.

Restaurant dining rooms are closed to on-site service, but hungry patrons don't need to dine in. Applications like Uber Eats, Doordash, or Grubhub, people can order whatever they have a taste for and have it delivered.

A quarantine of any type, voluntary or not, can leave everyone scrounging for ways to occupy their time. The internet, video games, and streaming platforms of tv and movies can provide endless hours of entertainment. Netflix, Hulu and Amazon Prime TV, among others, can give a person nearly-infinite options.

Today, almost no matter the situation, once there are devices with power and internet connectivity, there is access to the world, virtually and all without a person going beyond their own front door.

Options

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deal with the ongoing coronavirus pandemic this movie is about the heroes and the villains in a disease-based crisis. The cast is awesome and will have you saying, "Hey I know who that is" out loud for its entire duration.

Games:

- Bethesda's "DOOM Eternal": Sometimes you just want to be an action hero living out an extreme power fantasy. DOOM Eternal is that feeling in the form of a video game. It came out just last week and is about the Doom Slayer or Doom Guy wreaking havoc to hellish creatures and monsters working to ultimately destroy earth. Its soundtrack is very metal, its gunplay is smooth and crisp, and its world is grotesquely beautiful. If you need a win in your life, DOOM Eternal is the game for you. It can be played on PC, Xbox One and

PlayStation 4.

- Naughty Dog's "The Last of Us": Easily one of the greatest games of all-time (and its 200+ Game of the Year awards would agree with that), this is the story about a father-like figure and a young girl working together to survive in a world fraught with a global pandemic. Its stealth-based action with a story that will bring you to tears multiple times throughout its 15-hour duration. We won't say too much more so as to save you from spoilers, but simply put, it is an absolute must-play for anyone that plays video games. It is available on PlayStation 4.

- Microsoft's "Halo: The Masterchief Collection": This collection of Halo games comes with five unique Halo experiences on one disc. If you haven't heard of Halo, it is arguably the greatest first person shooter of all time and when the first game released in 2001, it changed the way video games were played and designed for good.



This collection sees all four original games, plus a side-story prequel, remastered with modern day graphics and it's sure to keep you busy for weeks on end. It is available on PC and the Xbox One.

Wesley LeBlanc has been writing about games, movies, TV and other forms of entertainment for years. It's why he originally

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Florida Dairy Farmers Girls Soccer



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St. Johns Country Day School junior forward Paige Crews put her name on an elite list of former Lady Spartans players after being named the Florida Dairy Farmer Class 2A Player of Year. Crews is now on a six player list for the Dairy Farmer Player of Year. Spartan coach Mike Pickett was named Class 2A Coach of Year and is also on the Dairy Farmer Coach of Year.

Crews among finalists for state's best player; Pickett for coach

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GAINESVILLE (March 16) — The Florida Dairy Farmers girls soccer players of the year by class have been released and St. Johns Country Day School junior forward Paige Crews is one of the top six candidates for the prestigious Florida Dairy Farmers girls soccer player of the year.

"It is an honor to be chosen because there are a lot of great players across the state," said Crews, who put out 12 goals and 12 assists for the Spartans while being instrumental in scoring with her wicked accurate corner kicks finding the net with front of the goal scrambles. "We definitely dominated at scoring off our set pieces and, with Maddy Moody's long throw-ins, that kind of replaced the type of scoring of previous players like Abbey (Newton),

Kamy (Loustau) and my sister Payton, who got 25-30 goals."

Crews, who joins an elite list of past Spartans' players; Abbey Newton and Carson Pickett, both double winners and both players at Florida State University, and Kamy Loustau, now at Princeton, and Chelsea Burns, who played for Duke.

"Our whole team and coach Pickett with those past players have established such a culture here that the new players coming in who don't have the experience of state championships have bought in to the process and trust it," said Crews, who is slated to join sister Payton at Texas Christian University. "My senior season, one of my key things to improve is my senior leadership. I understood my role from midfield to the goal box and tried to use my teammates to create the scoring."

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Coaches look to team leaders to keep focus

Eye on future vs. lots of free time

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - The CoronaVirus has reared its ugly head to push school dates to April 15 with the affects of no school permeating to area sports teams preparation for the future and also completion of seasons; track, softball, baseball, weightlifting, now at the halfway point.

For football, the April 15 deadline affects preparations for a scheduled April 27 spring football start with fall football preparation tentatively set for July 27.

"First and foremost, family is first and safety of family," said Fleming Island High football coach Damentyum Springs. "I haven't left my house since this thing started and I expect that my guys are doing their part. It puts everyone behind the eight ball as far as spring preparation."

Springs, who anticipates the April 15

deadline for school versus the normal May start of spring football; the spring board for fall football, as an equalizer effect.

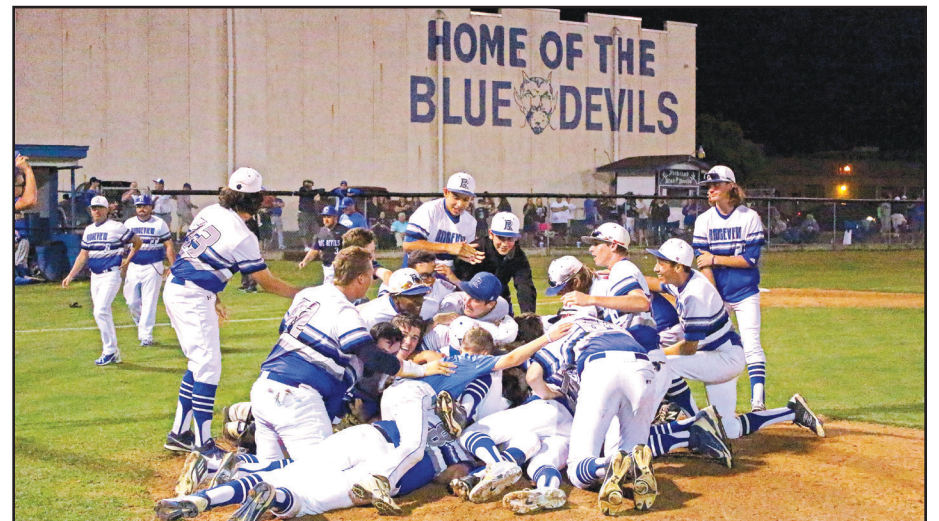
"Everyone in Florida is affected by the same rules," said Springs. "Our kids all have a little workout that they can do at home."

In Sweden, former Orange Park High soccer standout Tabitha Padgett (Nyberg), now a professional soccer star with Telge United FF, noted the same rules apply.

"Sweden is still functioning mostly like normal," said Padgett. "Any large group events are postponed though. Our season is postponed a couple months but we are still practicing as normal. Sweden closed its borders and only allows European Union members to fly in and out. Mattias (my husband) works in IT so he can do his job from home."

On the baseball front, with area teams

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One of the potential consequences of the CoronaVirus season shutdown is moments like this; a district baseball title celebration like the Ridgeview High Panthers baseball team had in 2016.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Sebastian Astor Sr. FIHS Basketball

Sebastian Astor finished off his final basketball season with a district title and two playoff appearances on his way to being nominated for the Florida Dairy Farmers Boys Basketball Player of the Year for Class 6A.




Paige Crews, Jr. SJCD Soccer

Paige Crews was instrumental in pushing the Lady Spartans to a ninth consecutive girls state soccer title, this one in Class 2A, that got her named the Florida Dairy Farmers Class 2A girls soccer Player of the Year.

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Florida Dairy Farmers Girls Basketball

Range, Hayward make Dairy Farmers nominee list

Oakleaf freshman Kaylah Turner among Dairy Farmer selections

By Randy Lefko
 Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - Oakleaf High freshman point guard Kaylah Turner, Knights girls basketball coach Frank Jenkins; Middleburg guard Britany Range and her coach, Michael Hayward, and St. Johns Country Day School eighth grader Mary Kent Kent and her coach, Yolando Bronston, were among the selections by the Florida Dairy Farm-



Oakleaf High freshman Kaylah Turner roared to the forefront of point guard play in northeast Florida is one of a select very few players on the prestigious Florida Dairy Farmers Player of Year nominees.

ers nominees for area athletes to sport-specific players and coaches of the year for winter sports.

Kent and Turner, both surprise nods for Class 7A and Class 2A girls basketball as one just a few underclassmen, to get a nominee nod in all sports.

Turner, in Class 7A, led Jenkins' final year of coaching with her run and gun style of gutsy play that got her 17 points per game, five steals per game and two assists per game.

Turner, with freshman teammate Fantasia James running the Knights' backcourt, pushed the young squad to a 16-11 overall record with a six game season opening win streak, an quasi-upset 46-41 win over Mandarin and two wins over Nease High and acclaimed head coach Sherri Anthony.

Oakleaf ended its season with a district championship loss to Flagler Palm Coast, 49-32, with the FHSAA playoff points system not selecting the team for the regional playoffs.

In their district 1-7A lineup, Oakleaf was up against three region playoff qualifiers; Flagler Palm Coast, Sandalwood and Flagler Palm Coast.

For coach Jenkins, a nominee for 7A girls basketball coach of the year, the season's final two games may have been the high and low for the year with a come-from-behind win over Nease in the district



Middleburg High senior Britany Range guided the Lady Broncos to a district title and the region playoffs in a season highlighted by a scholarship signing to Seton Hall University in the very rugged Big East Conference.

semifinals and his final game in a district championship game.

In Class 7A, among the nominees were Sandalwood's Mmari Wright, a senior, and Mandarin coach Anthony Flynn, who finished at 14-8.

In Class 5A, Range joined the ranks as a top state player with her 20 points per game, 8.6 rebounds per game, three steals and near five assists as the Lady Broncos ran the roughest schedule in the county to a region playoff finish.

Range, with super center teammate Skylar Baltezegar carrying the Lady Broncos on their respective shoulders, will graduate to play at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, while Baltezegar returns to add to her prowess under the backboard for one more season.

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Foles, Campbell gone; Ngakoue franchised

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE — Beware the Ides of March has a Jacksonville Jaguar tag on it now after March Madness produced two significant trades and a franchise tag on the teams' roster.

In one of the biggest free agent moves in the NFL, longtime New England Patriot quarterback and Super Bowl champion Tom Brady, 43, was traded to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. New Orleans Saints sent quarterback Teddy Bridgewater to the Carolina Panthers.

Jaguars defensive end Yannick Ngakoue avoided free agency prospective moves by being labeled the teams' franchise player, according to Jaguars Writer John Oehser, in a March 13 column on Jaguars.com.

Ngakoue will be required to sign a contract solidifying the franchise tag on him. Ngakoue was a 2016 third round draft selection by the Jaguars and has put up 37.5 sacks in his four season with a Jaguars rookie record of eight in his rookie campaign.

With 12 in 2017 as his career season best, Ngakoue posted sack totals of 9.5 and 8.0 for 2018, 2019 respectively. Ngakoue has 36 career tackles with four sacks and one interception.

As for March Madness, veteran defen-



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Former Jacksonville Jaguar quarterback Nick Foles, now a Chicago Bear, got hurt two steps later by Kansas City Chiefs defensive end Chris Jones to end his Jaguar career abruptly while releasing Minshew Magic on Jacksonville.

sive end Calais Campbell, nicknamed the "Mayor of Sacksonville" for his All-Pro status of play from the corner was traded to the Baltimore Ravens, while quarterback Nick Foles, who got on the field sparingly last year after an injury in game one against Kansas City, has been sent to the Chicago Bears.

In a Yahoo sports video posted March 17, Campbell admitted he has always been a Ravens fan.

"The first time I said, Calais Campbell

with the Baltimore Ravens, if sounded kind of nice," said Campbell, who has 88 sacks from his 2008 rookie season with the St. Louis Cardinals and his Jaguars career that started in 2017 when Campbell had a career-best 14.5 sacks. "I've always been a Ravens fan with Ray Lewis (MLB and also a former University of Miami graduate)."

Campbell, 34, and a five-time Pro Bowler, was reportedly traded for a 2020 fifth-round pick.

Foles, entangled in a fan support battled with popular rooker Gardner Minshew, who filled in for Foles, the Super Bowl MVP from the Philadelphia Eagles who came in with an \$88 million trade after his Super Bowl win over the New England Patriots.

Foles, was traded in exchange for Chicago's compensatory pick in the fourth round, a 140th pick. Foles will battled with starter Mitchell Trubisky, the No. 2 pick for the Bears in 2017.

Foles does have connect with the Bears with head coach Matt Nagy an offensive coach for the Eagels in 2012 and Kansas City in 2016 when Foles was on both rosters. The Bears current offensive coordinator Bill Lazor was the Eagles' offensive coach in 2013 when Foles made his only Pro Bowl appearance.

Foles accumulated just 736 yards passing with three scores and two interception for the Jaguars after getting 1413 yards and seven scores with four interceptions in 2018 for the Eagles. Foles' best season was 2013 for the Eagles with 2,891 yards, 27 scores and just two interceptions. The Eagles finished 10-6 after a 4-1t 2 2012 season, clinched the NFC East title, and lost in the Wild Card to New Orleans.

In 2013, Michael Vick led the Eagles until an injury put Foles in the lineup.

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Florida Dairy Farmers Boys Basketball

Astor lone Florida Dairy Farmers Player of Year nominee

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - With a first in school history district basketball title trophy, Fleming Island High basketball senior guard Sebastian Astor garnered a nomination on the prestigious Florida Dairy Farmers Class 6A Player of the Year list.

Astor, who was the wing man for Gianfranco Grafals last year in the Golden Eagles historic Final Four finish, became the prime time ballhandler for coach Traa-

vis Chandler after Grafals' graduation.

Astor finished with a 15.6 points per game average with 3.3 rebounds and 4.7 assists per game to lead the Golden Eagles to a 20-9 record with string of high-scoring team points in the last six games putting the Golden Eagles into the region semifinals where they lost a thrilling 71-64 game to Daytona Beach Mainland. Fleming Island beat Tate High, 79-67, in the region opener. Mainland eventually lost to Columbia High in the region finals, 70-65.

Astor's counterplayer on the Mainland team, Jordan Sears, was also on the Class 6A Dairy Farmers' Player of Year nominees list as well as Mainland coach Joe Giddens and Columbia coach Steve Faulkner, 28-3, Final Four finisher. Astor's best games were 26 points against Melbourne, a 65-60 loss, and 24 points against Palatka, a 73-71 win.

Astor had a best of five three pointers in Golden Eagles overtime win over First Coast for the district 3-6A championship.

Against Oakleaf, Astor dished for a sea-

son-best 10 assists. Other area players included Williams Spriggs, senior point guard at Mandarin (7A); Joshua Bailen, Nease point guard (7A); Alex Fudge, junior center at Robert E. Lee (5A); Stephen Jenkins, coach at Lee; Isaiah Adams, senior guard at Paxon (4A); Deebo Coleman, junior guard at West Nassau (4A); Toby Frazier, coach at Paxon (4A); Jerry Buckley, coach at Bishop Kenny (4A); Logan West, senior forward at Andrew Jackson (3A) and James Collins, coach at Andrew Jackson (3A).

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Range had best game totals of 38 points and 36 points twice in a win over Sandalwood (38) and wins over Lincoln (10 3-Pointers) and Oakleaf (7 3-pointers).

Led by Hayward, who coyly put his team's schedule out as one of the toughest, had wins over the likes of Tallahassee Lincoln, Bartram Trail and Raines before the season got thumped by Bishop Kenny, Raines, Apopka and Ribault in a mid-season slump before correcting with six straight wins; one over previously unbeaten University Christian, to earn a district

title and region playoff berth. The Broncos would lose 71-65 in their region semifinal to Tallahassee Rickards after beating Booker T. Washington 49-37 in their playoff opener.

In Class 2A, where St. Johns finished behind Bronston with a 17-9 record, Kent took over the high-scoring duties from senior Kendall Sage, who had nagging injuries throught the season. Kent finished with a 12.1 points per game, 3.5 rebounds per game, 1.4 assists per game and 1.2 steals per game. Kent was an additional threat on Bronston full pressure defense and came up with timely steals that converted to three pointers for both herself and Sage. Sage finished with a 14.4 scoring average

for the Spartans and also surpassed the 1,000 points mark for her career.

Kent had best games of 32 points against Ridgeview with six three-pointers and 26 points in the Lady Spartans playoff finale with another six three-pointer game. Sage passed 1,000 points against Ridgeview with her game-high 34 points.

Bronston got the Lady Spartans into the playoffs with a sixth seed with University Christian the top seed. The Spartans did defeat Trinity Christian of Deltona in the regular season only to lose in the district championship.

Middleburg High girls basketball coach Michael Hayward is on a short list of potential coaches of year nominees for the Florida Dairy Farmers.



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teams excelling near midseason with St. Johns Country Day School baseball (7-1) at number one in Class 2A, Ridgeview (5-3) fifth in 5A; Keystone Heights (6-2) 10th in 3A; Clay (8-3) eighth in 4A; Oakleaf (6-2) 13th in 7A; Fleming Island baseball (5-3) 23rd in 6A and Middleburg (5-3) 29th in 5A, coaches reactions are to stay hopeful of a restart.

"We issued workout plans and throwing regimens that the team can do at their home," said St. Johns Country Day School baseball coach Tom Lucas. "This is the first playoff plan that we don't have to play all of our district teams to get to playoffs. They can use the rankings to pick the playoff matchups."

Lucas felt the jolt of the season stop when handed a number one ranking to his three year program that has skyrocketed to a state power.

"The first few days after the stoppage and the loss of the season made me sick to my stomach," said Lucas. "We've done all we could do to be ranked number one. Now, there are a lot of things out of our control. The kids want to play; they busted their tails from summer time on and even the three year plan, to have this happen."

One area player, junior soccer player Paige Crews of St. Johns Country Day School, who just recently earned the Florida Dairy Farmer Class 2A Player of the Year after leading her team to the Class 2A title.

"My heart breaks for the athletes that don't get the shot to play for that state title," said Crews. "We got lucky that we were able to finish our season to the end. Our baseball team, I am sure, is excited



Fleming Island High football coach Damenyum Springs has faith in his next football team with the Golden Eagles looking forward to spring football and summer preparations for the fall season.

about their ranking and wanting to get back on the field."

Ridgeview High baseball coach John Sgromolo, the possible loss of the final quarter of high school and a senior sports season is daunting.

"When we were playing Trinity prior to the shutdown when the NBA shutdown and March Madness was cancelled, I told them to realize that that game may be the last time they can play as a team," said Sgromolo. "We won 12-2 with a lot of fire and the season stopped the next day as we were heading to Columbia High for an away game. It's truly heartbreaking for these seniors who have to maybe give up their best semester of their learning career to this point. My approach is just to be honest and they are not in this alone. Students all over the nation are suffering."

Sgromolo almost defined the situation as a life-affirming moment for their 17th or 18th year.

"We may get to play and I believe we will see a truly emotional response from athletes nationwide who take the return as their one final shot," said Sgromolo. "Every senior that has had that final game of their high school career gets that feeling; whether winning or losing that final game, of turning the page into the real world. This is like that final post season loss."

On the softball front, area teams excelling near midseason include Oakleaf (7-1) number one in Class 7A; Ridgeview (8-1) third in 4A; Clay (6-4) 12th in 4A; Keystone Heights (6-3) 15th in 3A and Middleburg (6-6) 19th in 5A.

Clay High softball coach Matt Lewis, who has been through nearly two decades of team ups and downs, sees the present situation as a possible learning experience.

"We had a team meeting after our last game; against Orange Park, knowing that we would not have the ability to practice," said Lewis. "It's time to go out and throw with dad and hit in the backyard. Our pitchers have individual coaches and may be able to continue."

Lewis noted that his teams have historically got to the district tournament without impressive won lost records, but have responded with successful post season by learning each game during the regular season.

"The hard part for me is our record is not so stellar in February and March, but the team and I both learned and evolved to play better as a team near district tournament time," said Lewis. "I switch players from one position to another as the season moves. I coach one way against one team and take notes for the playoffs if we get there. Now, it's a whole new book if we get back on the field."

For Fleming Island High track coach Dave Allen, who halted his season with some standout performances at Creekside High's Friday Knight track meet, the balance of keeping the training and racing peak geared for May's post season is something that is hard to keep optimistic about.

"The guys who are serious about their track performances; kids who have progressed to state level performances to generate college interest, will be the ones that do the workouts to keep that progress," said Allen, who also coaches his wife, Shelly Allen, a top master's track runner who has had numerous national championship level

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Fun and Humor

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meets cancelled. "It is definitely affecting the seniors on our team. Honestly, I would be surprised if school returned on April 15 the way things are progressing."

Allen noted that running on their own is simply up to the athletes to do.

"A lot of our seniors are running really well and I feel sorry for them," said Allen. "Now, they have to be self-motivated and do what we did as a team on their own. Some will run on their own, some will go to the beach. Parents have a big part in this."

Springs concurred that the upper-classmen of the team will need to become the leaders and take the situation and make the best of it.

"We have had personal tragedy on this team and it became a motivation, but this is a different situation," said Springs. "The isolation is really pushing people apart. All the work that we have done to make the brotherhood and family of this team will take a step back. The return to normal will come from within while the situation continues."

Springs put some of the responsibility on parents to make their athletes aware of the dangers of disregarding the precautions taken.

"At the high school level, a lot of the restriction has to come from strong parenting with regard to safety," said Springs. "At the college level, those kids are hopefully a little more aware of the situation and should respond with some maturity."

Allen's situation runs from parents who seem to allow the runners to congregate, but with caution, while others prohibit group runs.

"It's up to each individual family to make their own decisions," said Allen. "Me, personally, think this season is a wash, but their future in running may come from how they respond to this. My job is to keep them all as fit as I could from afar."

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Clue: Gives financial support

B. 9 6 21 20 22 8
Clue: Sale of goods

C. 25 18 9 5 11 20 24 6
Clue: Buy something

D. 5 8 22 6 4 21
Clue: Person using services of another

Answers: A. patron B. retail C. purchase D. client

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to customers.

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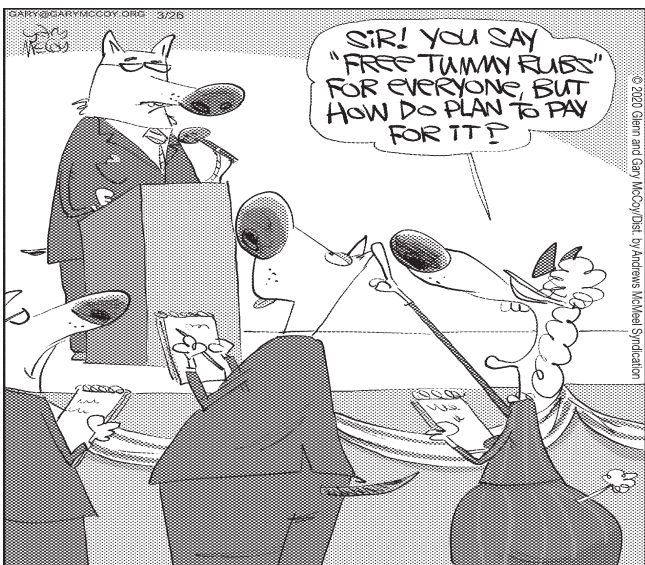
Answer: Loyal

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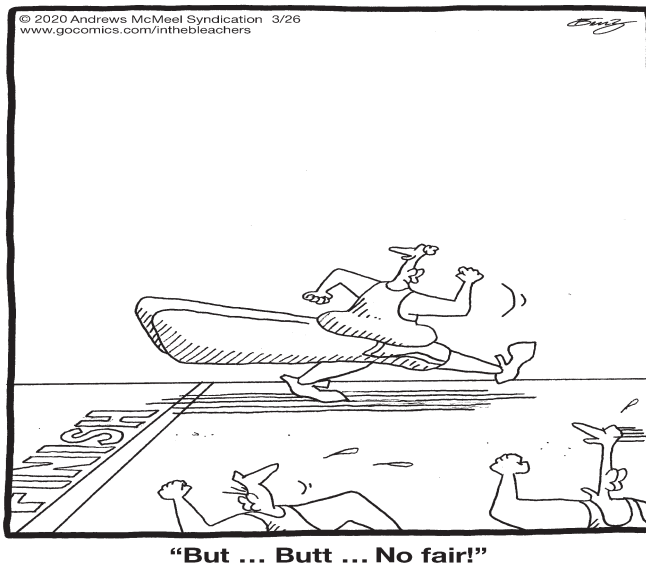
I am an actor born in Germany on April 2, 1977. My parents relocated to the Republic of Ireland when I was two to open a restaurant. I eventually found my way into acting, and audiences were first introduced to me in "Band of Brothers." I've made many other popular movies since then.

Answer: Michael Fassbender

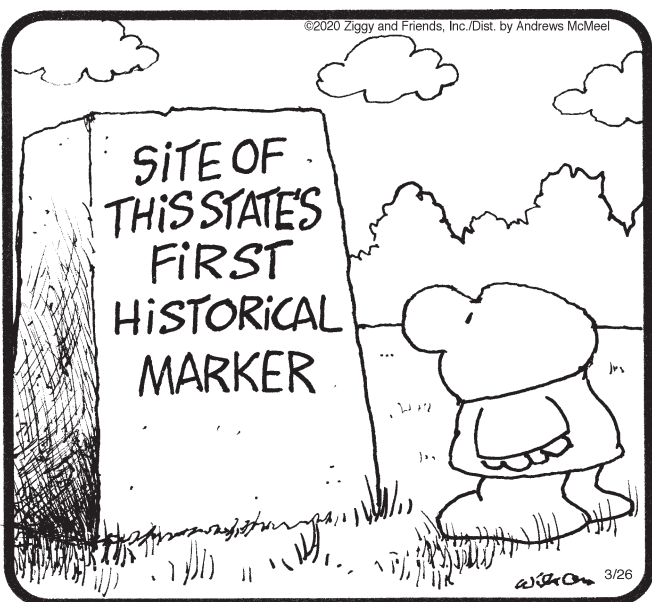
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On the coaching side, St. Johns coach Mike Pickett, who has been the Dairy Farmer coach of the year 11 times, is top coach in Class 2A with the same potential to be selected as the state coach of the year. Pickett coached to a 24-1 season record with a ninth-consecutive state title; a 4-0 win over Shorecrest Prep in late February.

The six individual class finalists for the 2020 Florida Dairy Farmers Miss Soccer and Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year have

been announced following balloting by a statewide panel of high school girls' soccer coaches and prep media representatives.

Every finalist was the leading vote-getter in their classification, making each one the Player of the Year or Coach of the Year in that class. The 2020 Miss Soccer and Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year will be announced following a final round of balloting by coaches and media.

Also chosen as a Class 7A player of year candidate was Oakleaf High junior Hannah Johnson who finished third in the Class 7A player of year voting.

Finalists for the

2020 Miss Soccer Award:

- Madelaine Rhodes, Senior, Forward, Vero Beach,
- Mia Atrio, Senior, Forward, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy
- Jordyn Pitter, Senior, F/MF/D, Archbishop McCarty
- Chloe Iuliano, Senior, Forward, Bishop Kenny
- Olivia Candelino, Senior, Forward, The Bolles School
- Paige Crews, Junior, Midfield, St. Johns Country Day

Finalists for the

2020 Coach-of-the-Year Award:

- Jen Rodriguez, Bartram Trail
- Ramiro Vengoechea, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy,
- Mike Sica, Archbishop McCCarthy
- Tom Devenny, Bishop Kenny
- Matt Tracy, The Bolles School
- Mike Pickett, St. Johns Country Day

Final voting numbers by class

Class 7A

- Madelaine Rhodes Vero Beach 89
- Ella Dudley Bartram Trail 51
- Hannah Johnson Oakleaf 38

Coach

- Jen Rodriguez Bartram Trail 120
- Kate Dwyer Cypress Bay 40
- Daniel Dickens Vero Beach 34

Class 6A

- Mia Atrio Lourdes Academy 69
- Kimberly Slinkosky Cooper City 36
- Kat Jordan Venice 31

Coach

- Ramiro Vengoechea Lourdes Academy 84
- Gary Bolyard Venice 78
- Calvin Dixon Viera 34

Class 5A

- Jordyn Pitter Archbishop McCCarthy 47
- Delmis Reyes Englewood 41
- Guiliana Johnston Suncoast 34

Coach

- Mike Sica Archbishop McCCarthy 91
- Dave Silverberg Ponte Vedra 58
- Matt Diamond Estero 25

Class 4A

- Chloe Iuliano Bishop Kenny 52
- Sydney Polivka Cardinal Gibbons 47
- Reece Oliver LaBelle 44

Coach

- Tom Devenny Bishop Kenny 95
- Margo Flack Cardinal Gibbons 65
- Katie Cook Lemon Bay 41

Class 3A

- Olivia Candelino The Bolles School 121
- Jeanette Galvan Crescent City 34
- Ella Simpson The First Academy 29

Coach

- Matt Tracy The Bolles School 95
- Jason Streets Lakeland Christian 56
- Eric Vasquez Carrollton School 31

Class 2A

- Paige Crews St. Johns Country Day 67
- Haley Woodaz Carrollwood Day 58
- Natalie Gorji Out-of-Door Academy 29

Coach

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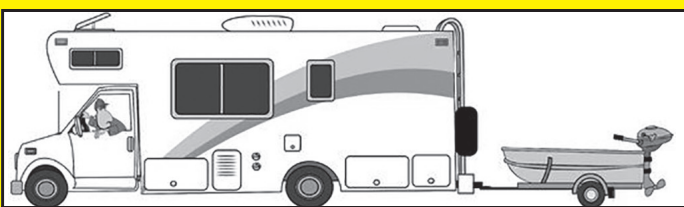
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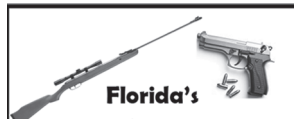
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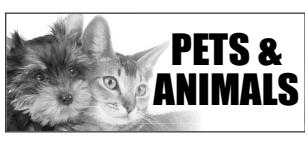
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If the sale is set aside, the Purchaser may be entitled to only a return of the sale deposit less any applicable fees and costs and shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Dated at Clay County, Florida, this 12th day of March, 2020.

(seal)
Tara S Green, Clerk
Clay County, Florida
By Stacie Towns
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

Case No. 102019CA001111CAAXXX Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. Nancy E. Arnold, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 11, 2020, entered in Case No. 102019CA001111CAAXXX of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is the Plaintiff and Nancy E. Arnold; Unknown Spouse of Nancy E. Arnold; Mark D. Arnold are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by electronic sale at <https://www.clay.realforeclose.com>, beginning at 10:00AM on May 11, 2020, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 8, BLOCK 108, JACKSONVILLE SOUTH UNIT TWO, ACCORDING

Notice of Sale

TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 1-13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH 1998 MOBILE HOME VIN NOS. N17297A AND N17297B

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2020.

(seal)
Tara Green
As Clerk of the Court
By: Jaimie Phippen
As Deputy Clerk

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RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

Case No.: 2014-CA-000883

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

v. SHIRLEY M. WILLIAMS;

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY M. WILLIAMS; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; MAYFIELD OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; MAYFIELD ANNEX OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, AND OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS.

Defendants(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 23, 2018 and an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 9, 2020, entered in Civil Case No.: 2014-CA-000883 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff, and SHIRLEY M. WILLIAMS; TROY WILLIAMS; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; MAYFIELD OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; MAYFIELD ANNEX OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, AND OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 AM, on the 9th day of April, 2020, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit: LOT 15, MAYFIELD, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGES 52 THROUGH 58, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on March 10, 2020.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE COURT
by Jaimie Phippen
Deputy Clerk

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Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 2019-CC-1183 DIVISION: C

OAKLEAF PLANTATION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, Plaintiff,

v. RASHEAN MATHIS; and UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 24, 2020, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via online sale at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., on April 7, 2020 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit: Lot 27, WORTHINGTON OAKS AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 39, Page 52-60, Public Records of Clay County, Florida.

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(seal)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Melissa Wilder
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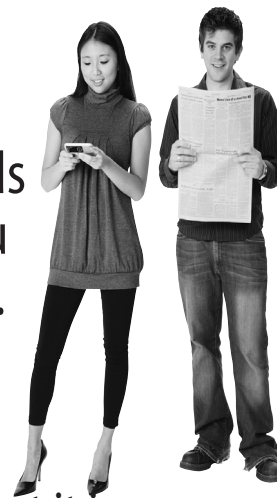
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