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Election 2016

Numbers speak for themselves – district declining

By **Jesse Hollett**
Staff Writer

FLEMING ISLAND – Superintendent Charlie Van Zant Jr. entered the most recent superintendent debate with less ammunition than he has had during this election cycle.

The Florida Department of Education's 2016 preliminary school grades released July 9 demoted the Clay County school district from an "A" to a "B" rating and low-

ered the district's rating from 11th to 20th in the state.

Last Thursday's superintendent debate gave Van Zant a chance to explain the district's apparent decline to voters, teachers and parents who filled the Fleming Island High cafeteria.

Clay County schools have held its "A"

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STAFF PHOTO BY JESSE HOLLETT

Superintendent Charlie Van Zant Jr., left, and opponent Addison Davis dug into the numbers and each other July 14 when fielding questions from former Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll.

City, committee developing building mural program

By **Eric Cravey**
Managing Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Splashes of color and scenes from the city's bygone days are in the planning stages, set to converge in the core business district.

The city council on Tuesday accepted a report from a citizen's committee comprised of artists, civic leaders and business owners outlining the preliminary plans of how a city-supported building mural program can be established.

Committee members presented their proposal, which included raising \$10,000 in private cash and in-kind contributions during the next six months had the council approved the measure July 19. However, council members and staff raised multiple



This vibrant oil painting of "an alligator's view" of Spring Park could become a building wall mural after a proposal from a citizens committee gets final approval.

concerns saying more research was needed before moving forward.

The idea first surfaced when the city's communications coordinator, Chris Ever-

sole, asked whether the city had ever considered adopting a mural program. Having worked in other communities that have thriving mural programs, such as Gaines-

ville, Eversole thought such a program would be a way to not only beautify the city but promote tourism and the city's history and natural resources, such as the springs.

"I started asking some questions six or so months ago about 'wouldn't it be great if we had murals,' as it turns out, a bunch of folks have thought the same thing over time but they've never come together. So, now they're coming together," Eversole said.

Committee member Sandra Royal, representing the Cala Vida Festival, said murals would play a role in showcasing the city, particularly during the annual festival when guests come to Green Cove Springs.

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Clay County Memories



By Mary Jo McTammany tamctammany@comcast.net

Steamship May Garner served Clay County for almost two decades

In the decades of the 1880s and early 1890s, more than 70 commercial vessels of varying sizes and designs traveled the northern section of the St. Johns River between Jacksonville and Palatka.

In 1893, a new member of the marine cavalcade was launched with pomp and revelry at a New Berlin shipyard near the mouth of the river in Jacksonville. After a leisurely cruise accompanied by much pre-ceremony celebratory toasting, distinguished guests from Jacksonville arrived for the ceremonies on board the Merrill-Stevens Engineering's steamer, Eloise.

There, they were served several more rounds of potent punch supplied by the boatyard owners. Then commenced with varying degrees of ability, the trip on-board the May Garner for the christening by Capt. Garner's eight-year-old daughter May. Finally, the last chocks pinning the ship to land were pounded loose and she splashed into the St. Johns.

Little May Garner managed to keep her footing at the bow, unlike many of the well-primed adult guests aboard, and firmly broke the bottle of wine, festooned in ribbons to match her dress, across the bow rail. Then, with poise, she clearly pro-

claimed the official words to christen her namesake.

Now, on launch day, the May Garner was just a shell consisting of a hull and deck all built of locally-grown oak and pine. Her hull measured 94 feet long and 25 feet wide. Her floor timbers were 5x10s and her side timbers 6x5s.

At this point in the nautical ceremony, more libations and luncheon baskets were brought on board for the leisurely tow up the river to Jacksonville. There, her state-rooms and salons were to be finished in hardwoods to accommodate 150 passengers and her dual propellers and 100 horse power engine installed.

The May Garner's career began in the heyday of the winter tourist era and she continued to serve after the railroads began to whisk most of the vacationers further south.

After World War I, river excursion trips for locals and travelers were limited to weekends but on weekdays she ran a regular route between Jacksonville and Green Cove Springs stopping at any dock flying a signal flag to pick up passengers or cargo.

To accommodate her changing role, a portion of the lower deck was leased by



The May Garner operated on the St. Johns River for almost two decades and was named for owner and Capt. C.E. Garner's daughter, May. The ship's crew included a pilot, engineer, fireman, watchman and three deckhands.

Mr. Swarthy who bought and sold chickens, eggs, fish, fresh game and vegetables. There is a story that at one time every woman and girl along the river sported a fancy rainbow colored parasol because Mr. Swarthy got a good deal from a traveling salesman sweating in his wool suit and was anxious to get home to Philadelphia.

The May Garner was one of the last riverboats to ply the St. Johns River. She did it first as a grand lady then as a steady dependable workhorse but she stayed the course until the late 1910s. The little girl became a sparkling debutante, married and moved to Miami but her namesake became part of Clay County history.

Embarking on a journey

FIHS graduate to teach English in Japan

By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

FLEMING ISLAND – When Michelle Bureau first traveled to Japan in the summer of 2015, she was just a student. Through the guidance of a prestigious Japanese exchange program, this time she will return as a teacher.

Bureau boards a 14-hour flight this Saturday for Yosano, a town of about 24,000 along the Sea of Japan, to begin her year-long residency in the Japan Exchange and Teaching program. The JET program invites participants from 65 countries to teach English in Japanese schools.

"I think everyone should have a chance to get out of their comfort zone like this, but I don't know what it's going to be like," said Bureau, a Fleming Island High gradu-



Michelle Bureau poses in front of the Tokyo skyline during her first trip to Japan in the summer of 2014.

ate. "It's the same thing with teaching in general, you don't know what it's going to

be like until you're standing in front of a group of students and you have to teach

them."

Bureau will receive a monthly stipend comparable to a beginner teacher's salary to pay the bills as she works as a teacher's assistant for elementary and junior high school students. The program also pays for her round trip airfare.

Alumni have lauded JET for offering selected candidates the chance to work abroad as well as acting as a kind of grassroots diplomacy between two starkly different cultures. A bachelor's degree in any field and proof of citizenship in their native country are the only requirements to submit an application.

JET participants do not have to have any Japanese language ability nor any experience living there, but they must have an interest in learning about Japan," said

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Rick Scott appoints judge despite lawsuit

By Jim Rosica

Gov. Rick Scott has appointed a new circuit judge in Central Florida despite a candidate still suing to get the seat filled by election.

Scott last week tapped David V. Ward of Sebring for the judgeship. Ward, 47, has been an assistant state attorney since 2001.

He will replace Judge Olin W. Shinholser for the 10th Judicial Circuit for Hardee, Highlands and Polk counties.

Scott's action follows a recent Florida Supreme Court decision that Shinholser's seat was one of three that could be "filled by gubernatorial appointment," rather than by voters.

Undaunted, Lakeland attorney Steve Pincket then filed a complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief against Scott and Secretary of State Ken Detzner, the state's chief elections officer.

That case, in Leon County civil court, was still active as of July 18, according to court dockets.

Pincket wants a court to find that the state Division of Elections' refusal to qualify him to run was unconstitutional, and to order that his name be placed on the ballot for Shinholser's seat.

Otherwise, he said in his complaint, voters will be "deprived of the opportunity" to exercise their constitutional right.

Pincket referred questions to his attorney, Nick James of Jacksonville. James was not immediately available at his law office Monday morning.

Pincket, however, noted Shinholser doesn't step down till late December.

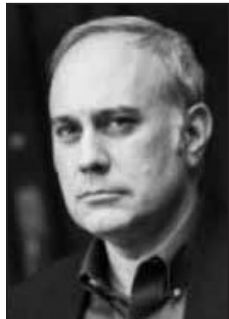
Scott's appointment of Ward "doesn't really matter," Pincket told FloridaPolitics.com. "We're staying the course" with the lawsuit.

Shinholser had made his retirement effective 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 26, saying in a letter it was his "desire and request" that Scott appoint his successor.

"While there are certainly debatable points as to the pros and cons of succession by appointment versus election, it is my belief based upon years of observation that the appointment process is superior to the election process in the judicial context," he wrote to Scott on April 1.

Writing separately, Justice Barbara Pariente noted his letter came "just prior to the start of the qualifying period for elections on May 2, 2016, but ... his last day in office would not take place until late December, leaving just four working days remaining in his term."

"The personal preferences of individual judges, however well-motivated their in-



Jim Rosica

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From the editor

Anger is downright ugly

In recent weeks, I've been approached by a number of people who say they're angry over recent news from Tallahassee.

I've responded with something to the effect of 'What are you going to do about it?'

On July 8, the Florida Department of Education reported that the Clay County School District had dropped from an "A" to a "B" district and its ranking overall had dropped from 11th to 20th. A number of schools dropped in letter grade and the district's first charter school went from a "D" to an "F." (Remember, charter schools are funded by public tax dollars.)



Eric Cravey

Anger, even in its most perceivable forms, is ugly. It tears up a person inside, harms relationships, creates division and – even if some form of reconciliation occurs – trust is damaged, sometimes permanently.

My first encounter with Charlie Van Zant Jr. was one of anger and division. Yet, it was also one of 'I am going to win at all costs.'

It was the August 21, 2012 meeting of the Clay County School Board, just one week after defeating incumbent School Superintendent Ben Wortham by a mere 1,590 votes. After fielding calls, emails and requests from voters who felt cheated due to the closed primary caused by the sham write-in candidate, Fred Gottshalk, board member Janice Kerekes had launched a discussion seeking to place a measure on the November 2012 general election ballot to allow voters to decide whether to move from an elected to an appointed superintendent model in Clay County.

"If you try to make this kind of decision in the next 15 or 20 minutes, you will make a mistake and there will be litigation when

the sun comes up. This is absolutely an illegal action by the board," Van Zant said in a high-decibel tone of contention.

Little did I know that that display of anger and unstatesmanlike behavior would carry on for the next four years. 'If I don't get my way, I'll simply threaten you,' or worse – completely retaliate.

For the tangential Clay County School Board follower, it's way too easy to think that the culpability of contention sits solely in the laps of the board, when the reality is, it's this superintendent who has set the divisive tone from the outset. His us versus them behavior has been evident even before he took the oath of office.

The following month's meeting on September 20, 2012 – again before being officially sworn in to office – Van Zant made a motion to fire – basically retaliate – against Bruce Bickner, the school board attorney. You see Van Zant disagreed with Bickner's handling and opinions given regarding the contrived now-infamous prayer-at-the-flagpole PR stunt that catapulted Van Zant into office.

He continued to set the tone of division. Divide and conquer.

And the contentious behavior kept coming the further he got into his administration.

On April 15, 2013, the school district's public information officer issued a news release on behalf of Van Zant stating that Van Zant was going to hire Jacksonville attorney Michael Korn to file a lawsuit against the school board. The suit asked the courts to issue a ruling on whether or not the school board is authorized to write job descriptions or whether that task was only to be conducted by the school superintendent.

The suit was again a retaliation for not having his way at the March 2013 school board meeting in which the board voted to tighten up language in school board policy regarding the job description for the dis-

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Letters to the Editor

Time for an educator to run our schools

It's time for Clay County to demand more from our School Superintendent than just being a nice guy.

Imagine that you are a stockholder in a \$100 million corporation that is located here in Clay County whose fundamental role is educating the counties children. It affects our children's futures, our property values, crime rates, and community pride. The chief executive officer, who is responsible for the day-to-day workings of this company, has limited expertise on this subject, but is a nice guy that is good at pulling at your heart strings. He has limited experience and supervisory abilities, mostly political skills. But he is a "nice guy."

Fast-forward to today and the company has grown to being the county's largest employer, the budget has increased to more than \$300 million with 35,000 students and 41 schools. The demands on the "CEO" – the Superintendent – are now greater than ever because of the sheer numbers, the regulations for running a school district are more complicated, and now has a staff of more than 5,000 employees. But the school district leadership has not changed, the county still has the same superintendent who lacks the required expertise.

The Clay County School System is no longer an "A" rated district. In the last four years we have dropped in state ratings from 13th to 20th, we have dipped below the required 3 percent minimum fund balance, and our credit worthiness has been downgraded twice in the last four years. <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/reports/> Clay County is in need of a qualified superin-

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Administrator rebuffs Van Zant campaign story

First of all, contrary to the front page article by Jesse Hollett in the July 7 edition of the Clay Today, I am a member of the senior support staff for Clay County schools and have never been asked by Mr. VanZant to contribute to his campaign, to work for his campaign, or encourage others to do so. I try to stay apolitical and keep my thoughts and opinions to myself as it pertains to the upcoming election.

So why am I writing this now? Maybe it's out of a sense of fairness. It's not uncommon to read Mr. Cravey's rants against Mr. VanZant on the Editorial page, and that's fine, that's his soapbox, and his opinion – and you know what they say about opinions.

What I find hard to take is an opinion piece – some might say hit piece – disguised as a front page news story. Mr. Hollett makes an assertion that Mr. VanZant is using the senior staff to contact administrators in person, by phone, or through text

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tendent that can help our county grow and once again become an efficient and innovative “A” school system. Don’t you feel it is time for Clay County to elect a qualified and knowledgeable superintendent?

We have a choice for a qualified, knowledgeable, nice, and passionate, superintendent of Clay County Schools. He has lived in Clay for more than a decade, bringing up

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The quote given in the article is not attributed to anyone, and although he tries in the next several paragraphs of his article to confirm his allegation, Mr. Hollett fails to produce any hard evidence that it’s true. Undeterred, since he’s unable to demonstrate to us that what he believes to be true is in fact true, he leaves the unproven allegation as it stands and assumes that the Superintendent’s “scare tactics work.” Really? Is this what serious objective journalism has become? You can’t prove to the reader that your premise is accurate and correct but you leave it out there as fact anyway? Show me some hard facts and I’ll believe you.

Mr. Hollett takes a good portion of the rest of his article to try and find, and interview, Clay County School District employees, or ex-employees, who Mr. VanZant has let go, or reassigned. What I didn’t see is any interviews by Mr. Hollett of people Mr. Davis may have had to let go during his tenure as principal, Cluster Chief of Middle Schools, or Chief of Schools in Duval County. When Mr. Davis took over as Cluster Chief of Middle Schools, and then later as Chief of Schools, did he replace any of the

his children here. But more importantly, he isn’t a politician – he is an experienced and gifted school administrator. Please read his qualifications. <http://www.addisongraydavis.com>

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*Virginia Collins
Fleming Island*

existing staff members and bring in people he was comfortable working with and trusted? Will we see any Clay County principals replaced with Duval County principals if he’s elected?

There you go Mr. Hollett, I’ve given you a couple of good questions to pose to Mr. Davis – since gradually changing/reassigning staff members was such a horrible thing for Mr. VanZant to do when he became Superintendent, can you get a commitment from Mr. Davis that, should he become Superintendent, he will keep everyone in their current jobs until they decide to retire or leave?

If Mr. Davis is half the administrator I think he is, I doubt you’ll get that commitment. Fair and honest reporting is all we ask. Provide the readers with just the facts, be honest, balanced and fair and let the chips fall where they may. Keep the opinions, biases and innuendos for the Editorial page. Once again, Mr. VanZant has never asked me for a contribution, to campaign for him, ask others to campaign for him, or write this letter. If he had, I probably wouldn’t have done it.

*John Merrill
Assistant Superintendent for Support
Services Orange Park*

Fast forward to January 2016, where parents in the Oakleaf Plantation area spoke out in droves against a Van Zant proposal to rezone elementary school boundaries. That was an instance in which anger – quite possibly fear also – created a positive result for the children of Clay County. It usually doesn’t result in good stuff for kids when the adults – the ones supposedly running the place – lash out in anger.

In the bigger picture, there are numerous outbursts and incidents in which Van Zant blasts the board – or the press – at meetings. However, it wasn’t until the June board meeting when he lashed out in anger after a high school student questioned – for the second month in a row – his stance on allowing transgender students safe and appropriate bathroom access.

Clay County voters have a decision to make Aug. 30. Any angry stewing around out there can be turned into a positive thing. Whether you sit on the side of improving economic development or simply want to do better than a No. 20 school district, voters have the power to enact change.

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tentions, should not be the basis for determining whether a vacancy exists that can either be filled by election or appointment,” she wrote.

The “better way to resolve this issue for the future is by a declaratory judgment – or, if necessary, a clarifying constitutional amendment,” Pariente added.

In other action, Scott appointed Daliah H. Weiss and Cymonie S. Rowe to the 15th Judicial Circuit bench for Palm Beach County.

Weiss, 46, of Wellington, has been a county court judge since 2012. Rowe, 47, of Boca Raton, is a senior trial attorney for Liberty Mutual. They replace Judges John L. Phillips and Amy Smith, respectively.

Scott also named Christopher A.

France to the 7th Judicial Circuit for Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties. France, 46, of Palatka, has been an assistant state attorney since 1997.

France replaces Judge Joseph G. Will, another judge who had timed his retirement to ensure that Scott would be able to appoint his successor.

Jim Rosica covers state government from Tallahassee for Florida Politics. He previously was the Tampa Tribune’s state-house reporter. Before that, he covered three legislative sessions in Florida for The Associated Press. Jim graduated from law school in 2009 after spending nearly a decade covering courts for the Tallahassee Democrat, including reporting on the 2000 presidential recount. This column appears courtesy of FloridaPolitics.com.

Clay SafetyNet Alliance meets today

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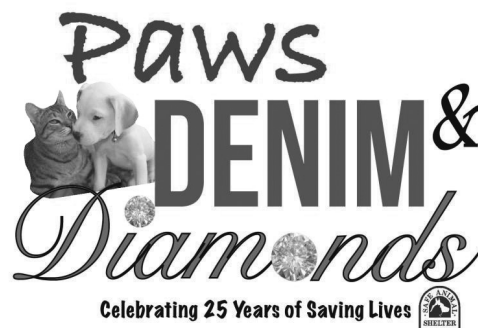
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trict’s director of career and technical education.

After about two months, and untold thousands of dollars in legal fees, the suit ended with an agreement that neither the board or Van Zant were to make mention of the legal action again.

The atmosphere had gotten so bad that the Clay County Chamber of Commerce spent money on a poll asking residents and business leaders their opinions regarding the issue. In short, the Chamber said to both entities, “Simmer down now!” They feared the malaise would have long-term negative impact on economic development. Perhaps it still does.

Again, in 2014, there was another lawsuit, this time involving the school board suing the board of county commissioners after the BCC refused to let voters decide whether they wanted an elected or appointed superintendent. When all was said and done, the courts found the BCC at fault and the voters eventually rejected the appointed, or hired, superintendent concept.

Eyes on Atlantic City

Kingsley Lake's Sexton to compete for Miss America

By Eric Cravey
Managing Editor

MIAMI – Like many people who grow up in the Lake Region, it's easy to feel as though life is split between two, if not three, counties – Alachua, Bradford and Clay.

And even though that's somewhat the case for the new Miss Florida, Courtney Sexton, she is thankful for the hometown support she received from everyone, everywhere.

"I am thankful for the outpouring of support and encouragement. I really felt I had my community behind me as a strong support system. I felt all of the love I received. I'm just so happy to be able to bring the crown of Miss Florida home to such a great area," Sexton said in a phone interview from the offices of The Miss Florida Scholarship Pageant Inc.

While growing up in Clay County's Kingsley Lake, Sexton grew up attending Bradford County public schools. Her mother, Sherry Sexton, teaches kindergarten at Clay County's Shadowlawn Elementary.

"We went to Publix in Middleburg to get our groceries," Courtney Sexton said. "I can say I honestly grew up in both [Clay and Bradford]. I did spend a lot of time in Starke."

Sexton, 23, won an \$18,000 scholarship, which will help her complete a master of health administration at the University of Central Florida, however, right now, her full-time job is Miss Florida. She will complete her master's in 2018.

"I still have a year-and-a-half to go," she said.

Sexton admits she has "to pinch myself all the time" to realize she is actually not in a dream and that she actually was crowned Miss Florida on July 2 at the Youkey Theatre at the Lakeland Center. Having won the Miss Florida Outstanding Teen as a 15-year-old, Sexton was crowned Miss Orlando while also at UCF and went on to compete to represent the Sunshine State on Sept. 6 in the Miss America pageant. She won the "lifestyle, fitness and swimsuit" preliminary competition earlier that week, her talent is dance, but her passion lies with her platform – getting Floridians to volunteer.

"Only 18 percent of my generation is volunteering and that's an outrageously low number. I see a real need for volunteerism in our state," Sexton said.

Next year, Sexton will embark on a statewide tour where she will promote literacy in tandem with encouraging others to get out and connect with a nonprofit cause.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MISS FLORIDA SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT INC.

Miss Florida 2016 Courtney Sexton, center, first runner-up Lindsay Bettis, right, second runner-up Victoria Humphrey, right.

"My platform is all about connecting people with organizations and causes that they care about and that they want to volunteer with," Sexton said. "It's about starting the volunteer bug around our state and our nation."

One of Sexton's favorite places at which to volunteer her time are children's hospitals, particularly those connected to the Children's Miracle Network. She enjoys

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brightening the days of children who are undergoing everything from cancer to surgery recovery who may simply need a visit from someone they never could imagine having met.

“When I’m at a hospital talking with a child, I just try to be as real and me as possible. I just have a conversation with them that they don’t normally get to have. I just get to know them and make that moment special. It’s not every day that Miss Florida will walk into a hospital room, so I just try to make it a memorable experience, an experience they will never forget.”

When asked about whether some of the age-old stereotypes about pageants are still valid today, Sexton said Miss America and its state-level organizations are first and foremost about service.



Courtney Sexton

“I think that service is the backbone of giving. Miss America is someone who is more than a title and more than a crown. She is a woman who can go to Capitol Hill in the morning and then later in the day sit

on the floor and color and bond with children and because of that, we’ve definitely broken all stereotypes because of what we stand for,” Sexton said.

Fresh off a visit to Washington, D.C. and a Miss America Organization orientation session where she met 51 other contestants who will compete for the crown, Sexton said she is easing into her new role. However, the coming weeks will be filled preparing to be thrust in the national spotlight in Atlantic City on Sept. 6.

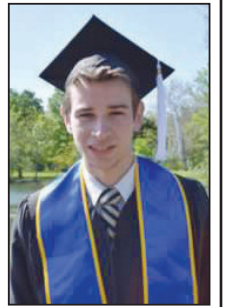
She views the women she met as her new family of sisters.

“We’re embarking on this journey together. We’ve all worked so hard to get where we are, and although it’s a competition, we are working together. We’ve all put so much into this and we’re supporting each other through this journey and that’s what sisters do – sisters support each other,” Sexton said.

“We really want to make a difference.”

Monaghan graduates from Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Hunter Monaghan, a 2012 graduate of Ridgeview High School’s International Baccalaureate program, recently was graduated from the University of Notre Dame where he received four years of academic scholarships.



Hunter Monaghan

He earned a degree in economics and history and is spending the summer backpacking through Europe. He accepted an offer from a global consulting firm in New York City and will begin working upon his return.

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Japan

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Melissa Takeuchi, JET program coordinator at Atlanta's Consulate General of Japan. "They don't have to have any teaching experience or any experience with children, but at the same time they have to have an interest in learning, and of course they have to like children. That would be a problem."

However, submitting an application is the easy part.

Bureau submitted her lengthy application to the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C. last July. In the meantime, she also had to write an essay and do a face-to-face interview at one of the 16 United States consulates.

"It can be very difficult to get into the JET program, that's the only downside," Takeuchi said. "There's no guarantee you're going to get in, but if you do get in it's an excellent way to get your foot in the door to Japan."

Each year, JET plucks approximately 1,000 applicants from their homes in the 65 participating countries, a number Takeuchi said could dramatically increase following the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. There is strong support from the Japanese government to continue the federally-funded program because of a belief that it not only increases English literacy among students, but also encourages cultural diplomacy.

When she traveled to Japan the first time, Bureau found herself enamored with the architecture more than anything else. She was especially caught by the shrines and temples. In Japan, shrines appear to come from nowhere, sometimes even situated in the middle of a city.

It was incredible, she said, "being in a building that's older than your country."

Bureau said she had never been a foreigner – or even been in a big city – until she traveled to Tokyo for the first time during a school trip abroad while she studied for her bachelor's degree in English.

"My favorite part of the trip – and it's a little odd – but riding the bullet train we had a two hour ride from Kyoto to Tokyo. When you look at pics of Japan you see the cities of Japan but on the bullet train you get to see this vast amount of country side. I got to see Japan the way a lot of people don't get to see Japan," Bureau said.

Bureau completed her degree in December of 2015 from Augusta University in Augusta, Ga. and worked as a substitute teacher until the end of the school year.

When JET alumni come back from Japan after their residency, the hope is they will share Japan's culture with others. The

program tends to lure candidates back into participating in one way or another, Takeuchi said. The consulate selected her for participation in the JET program in 2004, now she coordinates the program for Atlanta's consulate.

"I think personally and character-wise it made me a stronger person, more capable of dealing with different situations, better able to work in international work environments," Takeuchi said. "It, of course, boosted my resume having international working experience right after college."

Takeuchi stayed in Japan for five years, the max-allotted time. JET candidates are

initially on a one-year contract, but they can choose to renew it once it expires. Bureau said she's going to take it one year at a time, but she wants to stay for more than a year.

"There's a lot to say, but also not too much to say," Bureau said. "You're moving to a foreign culture you don't know what to expect. You may have preconceptions but I've never taught in a Japanese school, so there's a lot to say, but there's not a lot to say. I don't want to come in there with too many preconceptions, because I don't want to have an expectation for what it's going to be. It can be anything."

Repeat code offender's backyard a health hazard

Neighbors fed up with fighting his lawn

By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Weeds, mosquitos, snakes and rats.

Henry Politano fights with them in his backyard on a daily basis. However, he said they're not coming from his yard, they're coming from his neighbor.

For six years, Politano and his wife have fought the incursion of their neighbor's yard. The weeds in Michael Larioza's back yard grow to the pitch of his roof, providing ample feeding for vermin and parasites. However, Larioza has kept his front lawn manicured.

"It's a health issue. It's a nuisance too," Politano said. "I've known this guy for 25 years he's lived there, he's a nice young man. After his father passed, he just hasn't taken care of the property. Every year it just seems to be getting worse and worse. He used to cut it once or twice a year, but I don't think he's cut it since last August."

The Town of Orange Park attempted to give Larioza a 10-day notice to appear before a special magistrate several times, but Larioza never answered his door. Instead, they placed a notice in his front yard and posted it in town hall, a statutory requirement.

Larioza must appear before the special magistrate on July 28. If he fails to comply, the town can then clean his backyard themselves and send him a bill or charge him a fine.

"Typically the fine gets stiffer the more egregious the violation or the more experience we've had with one particular prop-

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The view of Michael Larioza's backyard from his neighbor's yard shows weeds growing higher than eight feet. Henry and Ronnie Politano have battled with their neighbor's overgrown backyard, and the animals who come from it, for six years.

Schools

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USC Upstate recognizes graduates

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The University of South Carolina Upstate recognized its May graduates during commencement exercises held May 3 on the Quad behind the John C. Stockwell Administration Building. Among the graduates were two Clay County students – Maddison Kieffer of Middleburg and Caleb Tierney of Orange Park.

USC Upstate offers more than 40 bachelor's degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences, business administration, nursing, and teacher education, and master's degrees in education, informatics,

and nursing. Among the fastest-growing universities in South Carolina, USC Upstate is a diverse and dynamic community of 6,000 students from across the Upstate, 36 states, and 15 countries.

Stamets graduates from Hofstra University

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. – A Clay County student was among about 2,100 students who earned their undergraduate, graduate or law degrees from Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York during ceremonies on May 15-16 at the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex.

Margaret Stamets of Green Cove Springs, completed all of the requirements to graduate with a bachelor of arts in journalism.

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Civic group reaches out to students in need

By **Weston Williams**
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK — Charity comes in many different forms. Often it's plain old-fashioned over-circulated money, or fresh

black ink on crisp bank-checks, tossed into a basket, but as many Clay County teens are learning, charity can also come in the form of deodorant, shampoo, soaps and toothpaste.

These goods wafted from a lounge

in the Orange Park Holiday Inn July 12, where the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunset made a donation to Project Reach, a nonprofit that helps homeless students in the Clay County School District. The Rotary Club donated 70 backpacks, filled with hygiene items, to be distributed through Project Reach to 70 local homeless students.

"We are pleased to partner with Project REACH kids in this most meaningful way," said Sharon Wright, president-elect of Rotary Sunset and chair of the backpack project committee. "It takes the collaboration of individuals, businesses, community

organizations and governmental organizations to meet the needs of our community's most vulnerable citizens."

Rotary Club members walked from table top to table top gathering items to stuff into the 70 backpacks. However, Project Reach does not even know yet how great the need is until school starts and the Clay County School District does a head count of how many homeless students there are in the district. Homeless is defined as any student who does not have stable hous-

SEE CIVIC, 21



Table tops at this Holiday Inn banquet room were not covered in delicious food last week, but personal hygiene products collected and packed up by members of the Orange Park Rotary Club Sunrise. The civic club donated the items to the nonprofit Project Reach, which helps homeless students attending Clay County public schools.

Clay County Veterans Service Office

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Summer feeding program – every little bit helps

By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Every night, more than 15 million kids crawl in bed with empty stomachs in the United States.

Summer meal programs might not ever slow that number, but most parents would agree “every little bit helps.”

During the last month and a half, Clay County Schools have followed a 10-year record of offering free breakfasts and lunches to children under the age of 18.

“There’s really a need – 41 percent of the students being free, we look at what the individual schools are for free and reduced,” said Susan Glover, nutrition director for the Clay County School District. “When you see those numbers, you know those children are dependent on those meals, so to be able to extend those services and be able to provide those meals during the school year is equally important. If they need it during the school year, they need it during the summer as well.”

The program aims to fill the nutritional gap between school-age years where kids run the risk of going to sleep malnourished. Currently, the district offers the program at nine of its 41 schools.

“We’ve been coming probably for three years, four years, probably more,” said Adina Tomlinson, a Melrose resident. “It’s necessary because there’s a lot of people that struggle with the food. Kids, they will literally eat you out of house and home, especially over the summer. Food is expensive, you can get fresh fruits and vegetables, apples and it’s free. For adults it’s a \$1.50, you can’t beat that.”

Tomlinson and her daughter Mia previously went to the program at Keystone Heights Elementary before she said the district moved it to Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High.

Tomlinson has rheumatoid arthritis and lives off disability along with her daughter’s salary. She said it’s hard to give kids the nutrition they need over the summers



The summer lunch program at Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School gets a thumbs up from this young man who was spotted there on July 14.



Officials say that some Clay County families would not have access to meals during summer if it were not for the Summer Meal Program, which is administered by the Clay County School District’s department of food and nutrition services.

and the breakfast the schools provide are not only convenient, but nutritious as well.

Nearly half of the students at Keystone Heights High School receive free or reduced lunch, above the district average of 42 percent free lunch and five percent reduced lunch.

Because free and reduced lunch is based on parental income, Glover said a good indication on pockets of poverty in a community are those places where the percentages of free and reduced lunch are higher.

Glover said the school district examines poverty pockets such as the ones at Wilkinson Elementary, Grove Park Elementary and Keystone Heights High School to determine where to place summer meal programs where children both have the need and the necessity for them.

By comparison, Fleming Island High School’s percentage of free lunch is only 17

percent, so a disparity exists in the county. Glover said identifying these pockets is a good way to determine the location of the need.

“We also look at where children can also walk to the location we find that we have a higher participation in communities where kids can walk, ride their bike, where they have means of transportation to get to the location,” Glover said.

She said the program has seen great success in Charles E. Bennett Elementary in Green Cove Springs because it is in the middle of a neighborhood.

When there’s locations where the need is there but the means to get to the meal program aren’t, the school system rolls out its mobile food bus and delivers hot meals straight to Ronnie Van Zant Park in Lake Asbury.

Likewise, kids eat for free in this program and parents eat for \$1.50.

A helping hand for needy families

Special to Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – When Timothy Rust, owner of Fleming Island Insurance, began supporting the nearby Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs, he didn’t realize he already had a connection to pantry director Wynema Lovell.

“Turns out, I have known Wynema virtually all my life,” Rust said. “We attend the same church. And last year, when the pantry decided to have an annual fundraiser, she asked me to spearhead it and I couldn’t say no.”

The risk of Rust saying no was probably pretty low – he’s been a leader of Fleming Island Lions Club, having served as president and now a director, which is how he first got involved with the pantry.

The food pantry, founded in 1989, provides emergency food for the working poor, acts as a stopgap in times of crisis and also assists people waiting for Food Stamps.

“Many times, people find themselves in a temporary situation, and they aren’t to the point of needing government assistance,” Lovell said. “Often, they come to us one or two times and then find work or make other arrangements in their lives.”

Rust and his wife, Melissa, co-owner of Fleming Island Insurance and a board member for the Food Pantry, have hosted and promoted food drives, organized items for distribution and participated in other events in addition to the gala, which is in its second year and ramping up quickly al-

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Miss Clay County Fair Brooke Searles, Pre-Teen Miss Clay County Fair Erica Carnegie, Teen Miss Clay County Fair Britnee Luke and, in front, Jr. Miss Clay County Fair McKenzie McCullough, stand with Wynema Lovell, right after a recent drive for the Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs.

Bolstering the economy?

Council ponders alcohol sales downtown

By Eric Cravey
Managing Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Restaurants in the downtown core could be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages after a plan recently discussed by city council moves forward.

Vice Mayor Steve Hart introduced a draft of an ordinance that evolved out of discussions in the council's Growth Management Committee. Committee members, he said, believe alcohol sales would boost sales at downtown restaurants that sell at least 51 percent food.

"This is more likely to have legs. Growth Management did come up with some language to allow alcohol sales in restaurants," said Hart who ran the July 11 meeting as Mayor Tony Brown was called out of town with a family matter.

Currently, establishments north of the downtown area are permitted by ordinance to serve alcoholic beverages. Hart said businesses in the downtown area should be allowed the same option.

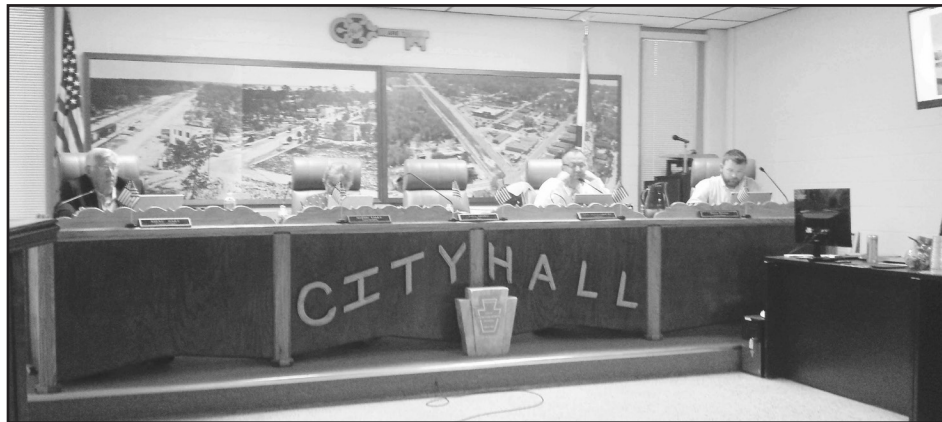
"In our mind, it only makes sense to do this. Why allow one set of standards for the same businesses just because they have different geographic locations," Hart said.

Hart suggested turning over the Growth Management Committee's draft ordinance to the city attorney so he could draft a revised ordinance that would fall in line with state statutes and alcoholic beverage regulations. However, before a vote was taken to move forward, council member Steve Brown said he had been contacted by constituents who were concerned about the proposal. He said the concerns focused on outdoor seating and how it would play into alcohol sales.

"If there's any outdoor seating, would we be willing to look into somehow placing some sort of – I don't want to say barrier, but like a fence – or something because the comments I got back was, say for instance, the pizza place, they do have outdoor tables; if somebody was there and they were consuming, what is there to prevent from just walking away or completely going out on the sidewalk and being in the way of other people walking back and forth," Brown said.

There have been some discussions on how iron fencing or similar enclosures would play into the city's planned upcoming streetscape project. Brown indicated he was concerned about safety.

"What would keep a couple of people from having drinks out there with the high-tops and then decide to stroll around the block with anybody coming and going and walking by there being interfered with as



City council recently voted to have its city attorney draft an ordinance that would allow restaurants in the downtown core to sell alcoholic beverages.

well," Brown said.

Scott Kornegay, city manager, said such restrictions could be addressed in the ordinance.

Hart said the mandate to restaurants to build an enclosure or fence could possibly be addressed in a separate ordinance.

Meanwhile, City Attorney Richard Komando asked Hart if the ordinance would address beer gardens or craft beer brewers.

"Are you only looking at restaurants and package stores and the reason I'm asking is that there's a current trend towards the beer garden-type place where there's a lot of local craft breweries that are popping up. I didn't know with the conversation contemplated, those types of establishments as well," Komando said.

Hart said the ordinance did not take into account those type of businesses, but mainly focused on restaurants.

After the discussion, council members voted 4-0 to have the city attorney draft an ordinance to present at the next council meeting in August.

In other business:

Hart presented draft language for an ordinance that would require dogs to be leashed during hours of operation at Keystone Beach.

However, before taking any action moving into an official draft ordinance phase, he suggested council members talk to residents and gauge whether there was a groundswell of support. He said the council's Growth Management Committee supports the leash proposal as a means of protecting public health.

"No. 1, health concerns – people running around barefoot at the beach and second, and I think one of you had mentioned this – public liability concerns," Steve Hart said.

After Hart's presentation, no council members weighed in on the measure.

Council member Dan Lewandowski

brought up the idea of purchasing the former Kangaroo station at the corner of State Roads 100 and 21 in order to convert it into part of the city's planned gateway

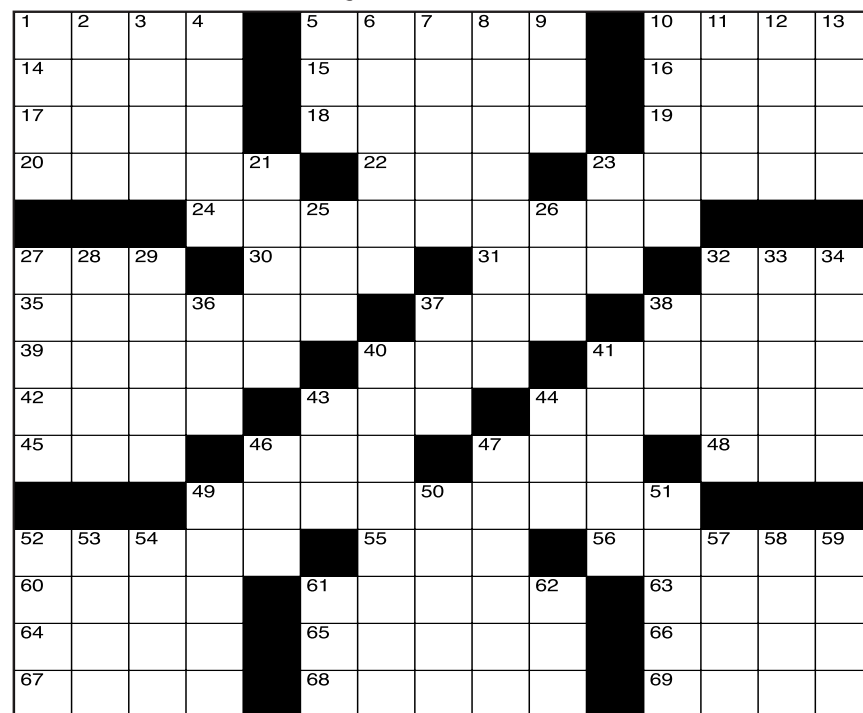
entry into the city or use it for extra downtown parking or a trailhead for the rails to trails that currently runs through the city on the airport property.

He threw out the possibility of having city officials negotiate with the property owner to determine if the city can afford to buy the property.

Hart said the city's Community Redevelopment Agency wanted to pursue the project, but did not want to go ahead until the full council and mayor were brought into the discussion.

Council also voted to hold a meeting July 25 at 5 p.m. to set its maximum millage rate for the 2016-17 budget year. Council holds its next meeting – and a budget workshop – on Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. along with a meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Weekly Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. 'ER' actress Leslie
5. The Ibo tribe
10. Weapon
14. Olympian Jones
15. Moth genus
16. In addition
17. Neighborhood in Rio
18. Anoint
19. Insect repellent
20. Indigenous person
22. Tooth caregiver
23. Vacation here
24. Aware
27. 7th letter Greek alphabet
30. Actress Ling
31. Gandalf's real name
32. Luxury car
35. Evil doer
37. Cricket term (abbr.)
38. Primal goddess of the Earth
39. More depressed
40. Cattle genus
41. Dish
42. Not west
43. Founder of Babism
44. Speak rapidly and foolishly
45. Fall back, spring forward
46. Where you sleep
47. Inform

CLUES DOWN

1. Reveal secrets
2. Private school in New York
3. Pancake
4. Cichlid fish
5. Independent Voters Association
6. Nonviolent advocate
7. Suburb in Copenhagen
8. Heavy cotton garments
9. Self-addressed envelope
10. A way to make wet
11. Genus of trees
12. Millisecond
13. Kiss ballad
21. Unlock
23. ___ mot
25. Joy Luck Club author Amy
26. Catch
27. ___ and flowed
28. Monetary units
29. Scorched
32. Italian aviator
33. Things to eat
34. Waddles
36. A Queens ballplayer
37. It's on your driver's license
38. Talk
40. Witty conversation
41. Satisfies
43. Sound unit
44. Placental mammal
46. Offer
47. Flower cluster
49. Stamps
50. Palmlike plant
51. Developed poliomyelitis vaccine
52. Newhart, Marley, Dylan
53. Wings
54. Away from wind
57. Slugger Ruth
58. Musician Clapton
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Clay kids prove they are cool “Cats”

By Kenneth Detwyler Jr.
Staff Writer

JACKSONVILLE – When the lights dim and the curtains come up in the Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts at Florida State College this weekend, three Clay County teens will be on the stage for an upcoming production of “Cats.”

FSCJ has opened doors for many young talented performers to participate in a theater production on a much larger scale than they are used to, for some it is a first major step toward a professional resume. The Summer Musical Theatre Experience provides the opportunity for students to work hands-on with some of the highest recognized local theatre professionals.

“The Jellicle Cats come out to play on one special night of the year – the night of the Jellicle Ball,” the shows description reads. “One by one they tell their stories for the amusement of Old Deuteronomy, their wise and benevolent leader, who must choose one of the Cats to ascend to The Heaviside Layer and be reborn into

a whole new Jellicle life.”

Many young performers auditioned to be a part of the upcoming theatrical event, and of the few that made the cut, three hailed from drama programs in Clay County schools.

“This is my third year at SMTE, I’m really excited and it’s been great so far,” said Caitlin Couch, 14, a student at Fleming Island High School. “Seeing new faces is really refreshing.”

“I was pumped when they called me, I was literally jumping up and down,” said Jeremy Ferri, 15, a Clay High School student who was selected to be in the production.

“I’m best friends with Caitlin Couch, and she had done this in past years, she told me ‘hey you should come audition for Cats with me,’” said Gannon Thomas, 16, also a student at Fleming Island High School. “I came in with a big smile on my face, and I got Skimbleshanks [show

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When the Summer Musical Theatre Experience kicks off this weekend at Florida State College at Jacksonville, these three Clay County teens will have a stake in delighting the audience. From left, Thomas Gannon of Fleming Island, Jeremy Ferri of Middleburg and Caitlin Couch of Fleming Island.

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Obituaries

George Thomas Monroe Coombes

George Thomas Monroe Coombes passed peacefully at home on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, after a brief illness, at the age of 90.

Born in Duluth, Minnesota, he called Virginia Beach and Florida home. He was an avid runner and athlete. A Navy veteran and salty Chief, he was a proud American, who served his country with honor during WWII, Korea and Vietnam.



Memorial Services scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at Alt-meyer Funeral Chapel, Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, Va.. A social reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made at www.tmcfunding.com

Richard L. Arnold

Richard L. Arnold, 64, of Middleburg, Fla. passed away July 12, 2016. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000



Kenneth Chapman

Kenneth Chapman, 61 of Jacksonville, Fla., passed away July 12, 2016. Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 904-284-7720. www.RHRFH.com



Ronald Cheeseman

Ronald Cheeseman, 79 of Jacksonville, FL, passed away July 17, 2016. Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 904-284-7720. www.RHRFH.com



Terry "Lil Terry" Jeffers, Jr.

Terry "Lil Terry" Jeffers Jr., 49, of Middleburg, Fla., passed away July 15, 2016. He was born on January 15, 1967 in Jacksonville, Fla. to parents Terry O. Jeffers Sr. and Sherry Masche Craft.



Terry Jeffers Jr.

Terry was a life-long resident of Middleburg and of the Christian faith. He loved his children above all else in this world.

Terry was a loving and talented man that gave without expectations. He was always there for a friend in need. Terry was an avid camper, hunter and sportsman, playing on almost every softball team in NE Florida. He was as a hard worker who loved live music of all varieties. Terry is a beloved father, son, brother and uncle.

He was preceded in death by his father and sister, Tonya Jeffers.

Terry is survived by his mother, Sherry Masche Craft; step-mother, Nita Jeffers; son, Terry "TJ" Jeffers, III; daughter, Kaylea Jeffers; brothers, Jamie Jeffers (Heather) and Andrew Jeffers (Katie); sisters, Stephanie Padgett, Lynne Cofield (John), Erin Jeffers and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, July 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Broadus-Raines Chapel with Reverend Charlie Hunt officiating, followed by visitation until 8:00 pm.

A Celebration of Terry's Life will be held on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1932 Long Bay Road, Middleburg, FL 32068.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com.

Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000.



Robert McCann

Robert McCann, 56 of Middleburg, Fla., passed away June 30, 2016. Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 904-284-7720. www.RHRFH.com



Beverly Ann Olson

Beverly Ann Olson, 68, of Orange Park, Fla. passed away July 14, 2016. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000



Cathleen Anne Stacy

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Marjory Ruth Done

Marjory Ruth Done, 91 of Middleburg, Fla., passed away July 19, 2016. Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 904-284-7720. www.RHRFH.com



Cats

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character]"

The opportunity to perform with FSCJ is a valuable one and also requires a lot of hard work. The performers rehearse most evenings, very late at night. Their work comes at a time when their classmates are probably enjoying their summer off. However, the performers in "Cats" are confident that all of their hard work will be worth it in the long run.

"It's going to be crazy," said Ferri, referring to opening night. "It's definitely going to be different being in that costume, it's very tight and I've never been in anything that tight before. All around it's a very different experience and I'm looking forward to it."

Based on author T.S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats," the play opened in London's West End in 1981 and then with the same talented cast and crew on Broadway in 1982. At one point, "Cats"

was described as the fourth longest-running show in Broadway history.

"I think people are generally going to enjoy it, because this version of Cats is a new one," Couch said. "We're focusing more on the story, which a lot of productions might not do."

As the show's opening night draws near, the performers are reminded everyday of why they do what they do on the stage. For them, this is more than just a show it's a part of who they are.

"Musical theater is my heart and soul all-together, without it, I would be nothing. It's all I'm ever going to have," Thomas said. "Everyone's hope and dream is to make it to Broadway, musical theater has so many possibilities and I hope to get the best."

FSCJ's Cats opens on July 22 and runs through July 31. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m., while weekend matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$15 for students and can be purchased by calling (904) 646-2222.

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Keeping out the roaches

By Wayne Hobbs
UF/IFAS Environmental Horticulture
Agent, Clay County

The first time I raked the leaves in my yard after coming to Florida, I was shocked by the hundreds of roaches that scattered for cover. These insects are often reviled for the putrid smells they produce and the allergies they can trigger from their feces and shed body parts. However, most perform the service of recycling dead or dying plant and animal material and are only pests once they come in contact with people.



Wayne Hobbs

Do I have cockroaches?

With 69 different species of cockroaches in the United States, they come in a range of sizes and colors, with the largest in Florida being the Florida Woods Roach, also known as the palmetto bug, being over two-inches long as an adult. Chances are that, in Florida, there is a species of roach somewhere on your property but that does not mean you have an issue.

To look for roaches in the home, check in sheltered dark areas such as under cabinets, beneath or behind molding, under

furniture, and around water sources. In the yard they will congregate near mulch and leaf litter.

How do I prevent them from entering my home?

To prevent roaches in your home, it is a good idea to seal all possible entry points with caulk or sealant such as the foundation, around door and window molding, and any area where they might enter. It is also a good idea to keep mulch to a maximum thickness of one inch near the home and to keep plant material off the side of the home. You should also limit water sources around the yard and home, as roaches need water for survival and will enter the home looking for it in dry weather.

One of the best ways to prevent an infestation of indoor cockroaches is to limit their food sources. Recycle cardboard and do not keep it around the house and make sure to properly store and dispose of garbage. Also keep counters, appliances, dishes, and sinks clean, especially the strainer. Finally, make sure to seal up all groceries and pet food.

What if I find a cockroach?

One of the first parts of a proper pest management plan is to identify the roach and the scale of the infestation to see if it is an issue. One palmetto bug who wandered inside for a drink of water is not usually an



issue but hundreds of german cockroaches living under your cabinets can definitely warrant a reaction. The UF/IFAS Clay County Extension Office can help to identify the species.

Integrated Pest Management practices should be utilized to manage any infestation of pests, including indoor and outdoor cockroaches. To manage an indoor infestation, you would first thoroughly clean and vacuum the area and apply baits or gels near entry points, as these are highly effective and limit your pesticide exposure. These should be monitored and replaced as needed until populations decrease. If populations are very high, a liquid pesticide can be used to knock down the population before using baits.

Outdoor cockroaches can be best managed by limiting entry into the home and by using granular control products within three feet of the home and around any areas in the yard where cockroaches may be, such as around railroad ties, stones, shrubs

or leaf litter.

With any pesticide treatment, all products can be dangerous, so make sure to follow all directions on the label. If you need any further advice on cockroach management you can check the UF EDIS Fact Sheet on cockroaches found at <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/1G/1G08200.pdf> or contact the UF/IFAS Clay County Extension Office.

Want someone to answer a specific plant question for you? Go online to <http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu> and under the heading "Horticulture" (left hand side of page) left click on "Ask a Master Gardener" and a reply will be sent plus a hyperlink to the appropriate University of Florida Fact Sheets. Please send us a digital picture of the problem. To read past articles that might help you with seasonal problems and to learn about upcoming Extension Programming in our area go to our website at UF/IFAS Clay County Extension.

This Week in History

5 Years Ago, 2011

- The Green Cove Springs City Council passed a six-month ban on allowing "Internet cafes" to set up in the city saying it needed time to study the gambling emporiums or write an ordinance permanently banning them.

- Orange Park Town Council set its preliminary tax rate at 6.3 mills – the previous year's level – knowing the rate would bring in 5.94 percent less revenue.

- Jim Alabiso or Jacksonville swam from Walter Jones Historical Park in Mandarin to Fleming Island Marina in two hours and two

minutes.

10 Years Ago, 2006

The Clay County School Board reached a tentative contract agreement with the Clay County Education Association that would give teachers 13.3 percent hike in pay and benefits.

- Orange Park Town Council amended its current year budget adding \$1.3 million needed to fund construction projects, such as paving, drainage and water and sewer improvements.

- The Town of Penney Farms announced

plans to use a \$100,000 state grant to build a passive park for residents.

20 Years Ago, 1996

- Clay County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Wes Gronikowski said four W.E. Cherry Elementary School students would be sentenced to scrubbing, sweeping and mopping up at the school after breaking in and allegedly stealing a box of party favors, some coins and candy.

- The Keystone Heights City Council unanimously accepted \$84,123 in services and benefits offered by Clay County as part of an interlocal agreement, a seven percent increase from the previous year.

- Orange Park resident Melissa Moses, 28, a graduate of Orange Park High, prepared to swim for the gold in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. She would go on to finish fourth in the women's three-meter diving competition.

30 Years Ago, 1986

- Susan "Soozi" Weigel, a Middleburg realtor and member of the Clay County Development Authority, announced she would run against incumbent Republican Florida House member Chance Irvine. Weigel was the ex-wife of former House member Frank Williams who held the seat for 12 years.

- Michael Gustaf Nordgren of Lake Asbury was charged with criminal mischief af-

ter he repeatedly spit snuff into a Clay County Sheriff's Office bullet-proof vest that was in the floorboard of the officer's patrol car. The officer had given Nordgren and a friend a ride from Strickland's store in Kingsley Lake to a convenience store at County Road 218 and State Road 21 in Middleburg.

- Clay County School Board Chairman George Bush announced he had been subpoenaed in a lawsuit filed by School Superintendent Ann Wiggins, whose suit claimed board members usurped her authority when they rejected the transfer of seven district administrators to other jobs.

40 Years Ago, 1976

- George Wesley Rosier, 34, pled guilty to five counts of vehicular manslaughter in July 1975. Included in the accident on U.S. Highway 301 in Maxville was Jerry Stillson, a former assistant state attorney. Rosier registered a .27 blood-alcohol content after the crash.

- Duty-free lunch and lower class sizes remained sticking points in federal mediation between the Clay County Education Association and the Clay County School District.

- William Ernest Cherry and his wife Nernie Cherry celebrated their 60-year wedding anniversary. W.E. Cherry served on the Board of County Commissioners from 1924 to 1936. In 1937, he ran for the Clay County School Board on which he served until 1965.

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New daycare fills void for children who need medical care daily

By Katherine Marshall
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Florida is facing a profound nursing shortage, and perhaps none have been hit harder than the families of children with special medical needs.

The increasing demand for pediatric home care nurses means that the parents of children who require daily medical attention are constantly struggling to find care, and are more often finding themselves forced out of jobs to stay home and care for their children.

Enter All Kids Care of Orange Park, Clay County's first and only Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care center. Accredited by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, All Kids Care is a combined daycare and healthcare facility staffed by registered nurses that cares for children from birth to age 21 with complex medical concerns.

"A child that has a seizure disorder or is fed through a g-tube or requires oxygen, for example, may not be eligible to go to a regular day care center because they require that skilled nursing intervention," said Debbie Schoen, All Kids Care's director of nursing. "And it's not just nursing tasks, it's really integrated. We try to incorporate a lot of learning activities in a

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Certified Nurse Assistant Sondrica Cox takes care of two-year-old Kiara Flores at All Kids Care of Orange Park, which opened last month near Orange Park on Bolton Road.

Taste of the Islands

Ethnic market caters to special palates

By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Eury Lindor sits on a metal fold up chair in the upper left corner of her newly-opened market overlooking heaps of bagged rice, yucca root and porcelain vases. This is her market. Ask her though, and she'll ignore the work she and her husband put into opening the shop because, to her view, God built this for her.

Eury's Market, Orange Park's only Haitian and Jamaican market, celebrated its first month in business in the strip mall at 1177 Park Ave. The shop sells fresh produce imported from Haiti, fresh plantains, yellow yams and dinner plate sized avocados.

"We sell for everybody, we have all nations coming here," she said. "Is not only for island people, no, it's not. We have something for all people. White people, Spanish people, everybody. We are welcoming and love to see everybody."

The 1,950 square foot market has a little bit of everything. Lindor and her husband Fritz dedicated three quarters of the store to Haitian and Jamaican favorites such as watermelon sodas, powdered milk and fresh produce imported from Haiti. They dedicated the other quarter to purses, perfumes and hallowed porcelain vases

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closed classroom environment.”

All Kids Care also provides occupational, physical, and speech therapy on site, keeping parents from needing to drive to appointments multiple times a week.

Making life easier for parents was a top priority for Debbie Moon, the owner and administrator of All Kids Care, who decided to open the PPEC in Orange Park in response to the struggle Clay County families have faced finding care for their medically fragile children.

“It’s really difficult for home care agencies to staff in Clay County, especially out in remote areas like Middleburg and Key-stone Heights,” Moon said.

The nursing shortage has made it even tougher on home care agencies in the Jacksonville area, especially after several agencies recently sent out letters to parents asking them to give up some of their hours so that families could share nurses.

“This relieves the parent of the concern of waking up that morning and not knowing whether that nurse is going to be able to be there,” Schoen said. “They don’t have to think about that here, they know that they can bring them here and there is someone here every day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. It’s a really big relief for them.”

Having access to a facility like All Kids Care gives parents of children with com-



Kiara Flores’ parents don’t have to worry about their child’s special health needs at All Kids Care of Orange Park. The center not only offers traditional daycare services, but has a fully-certified healthcare staff that can care for children needing special care and attention.

plex medical needs the ability to work, go to school, or simply take a day off from being a caregiver. As the only PPEC in metro Jacksonville that offers care on Saturdays, All Kids Care gives parents the opportunity to have leisure time on the weekends as well.

“Nowadays, it usually takes a two-parent income just to maintain a lifestyle,” Schoen said. “But when you’re not able to go to work because you don’t have consistent nursing, or you lose a position because you have to call out so often because your nurses have canceled, it makes it tough. A lot of families are struggling financially, and this helps give them a lot of financial freedom.”

“The best part is that the care is all covered under Medicaid,” added Moon, “so there’s no cost to the family, which is a huge blessing.”

“It gives them the option to have a safe, clinical and educational environment for their children while they either work or go to school,” Schoen said. “Two of our parents just took brand new jobs. They’re able to go to work now because they have the care that their kids need. It’s a real blessing to be able to provide that.”

All Kids Care officially opened the doors to its 3,000 square foot facility on Bolton Road in June, but already anticipate a waiting list for enrollment and have plans for opening a second center.

Offenders

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erty owner,” said Sarah Campbell, town clerk. “So he can be fined up to \$500 a day.”

Larioza is a repeat code offender with complaints from Politano dating back to 2013. Politano has dealt with the problem before then, but was reluctant to file more complaints against Larioza because he wanted to give Larioza more chances to right the wrongs himself.

The Town of Orange Park gave Larioza 30 days to clean his backyard overgrowth in November 2013. He complied with the order. In August of 2014, a judge ordered him to pay a \$650 fine for the severe overgrowth of his backyard. For any further code violations, the town would fine Larioza \$500.

“Typically they comply,” Campbell said. “We have a much smaller percentage that then have to come before the magistrate. That doesn’t even happen every month, that might happen 12 times a year. Of those, an even smaller of those become repeat offenders. I would say two or three of those cases become repeat offenders.”

Knocks to Larioza’s door were not answered by press time.

Politano sent out a letter to town officials in April detailing his past struggles with Larioza at his house on Leestan Court. He said although the initial response to the

letter was quick, he was still frustrated about the three-month downtime between his letter and the magistrate hearing.

“The problem is that the whole process is too slow,” Politano said.

Nothing grows within a foot of the fence line on Politano’s side because of the bi-weekly weed sprays he has to pump out to keep Larioza’s yard from becoming his yard. Each spray costs Politano around \$15, so the cost stacks up throughout the years.

Politano is half-retired and works three days a week as a real estate analyst for Fidelity Financial, so the sprays take a chunk out of his limited budget.

“It’s unfortunate,” Campbell said. “I think there are times most neighbors want to be good property owners and they want to comply. Sometimes you have health reasons. Sometimes the people are just being negligent, so the judge has to take all those things into consideration.”

The special magistrate will decide the actions to take on the case on July 28. Failure to comply could come attached with hefty fines and even a lien against his property. Politano just wants the weeds, the rats, the snakes and the mosquitos gone for good this time.

“I was good friends with his father,” Politano said. “His father kept the lawn well maintained. He’d probably be rolling over in his grave right now if he saw how it looks now.”



Henry and Ronnie Politano have battled with their neighbor’s overgrown backyard, and the animals who come from it, for six years.

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Market

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and bowls.

They intend to add to their eclectic offerings soon. Once their scale passes inspections, the two will start to sell fresh meat, goat, chicken and Bacalhau, the Portuguese word for salted cod.

"I have some nice stuff when they come, so they see," Eury said. "Nice things people don't see outside like that, I carry them. You don't find them like that. When you come to Eury's, Eury has everything for you."

Fritz said the key to keeping customers is to be neighborly and to welcome every customer, make them feel comfortable. He said his wife already does a great job of that.

Renovations on the space, which had been vacant for some time, began in March and proved to be a 15-hour job considering the two did most of the updates themselves.

"It wasn't easy to do it. I should be in bed, because I'm tired. My bones are cracking," said Fritz Lindor, with a laugh. "When we were fixing stuff I had to be here seven in the morning till 10 at night to fix things because I wanted to open."

Eury works at Allegro Senior Living as a patient care assistant, Fritz, as a handyman and, in his spare time, an online preacher. His sermons stress the importance of family bonds and encourage youth to go to college, "be somebody," Fritz said. They both live in Oakleaf and attend First Renaissance Baptist Church.

God plays a large role in their life. It's clear from the first step into the market where a television hangs above playing sermons from well-known preachers. Eury, who was born in Haiti, met Fritz in a church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida 13 years ago. Four years later, they moved to Orange Park.

"My dad gave me residence, a green card," Eury said. "I'm happy. I always say



Eury Lindor stands in her market at 1177 Park Ave. displaying fruit she sells.



Eury's Market offers vegetables and fruits you usually won't find on the shelves of mainstream supermarkets.

thank you God, I thank God and I'm happy. I can say it's good to be here. I love Jacksonville, Orange Park."

Even after 17 years away, undoubtedly her love of Haiti still resides in her. Over the counter, they sell phone cards to load

minutes onto cell phones so Haitian Clay County residents can call their relatives in Haiti. Often times she has customers who come in to buy products just to ship them off to their relatives in Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest country.

Since the early 2010 earthquake, a cholera epidemic has killed roughly 10,000 people and infected more than 800,000 in Haiti. Officials traced the cholera epidemic to infected United Nations peacekeepers entering the country to provide relief after the disaster.

Eury and Fritz do what they can out of their small market. They donate food to the country and thank God for what he has given them.

"We just started, but business is OK, because everybody comes in," Eury said. "We will be OK in the name of Jesus, because that's the one person I trust is God. We didn't open this business, God did. We believe in God and we know we will be a big market one day. Yes, in the name of Jesus. This is going to be a big one."

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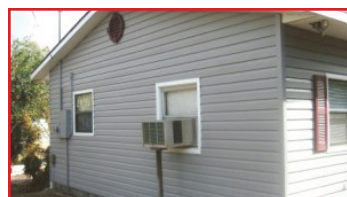
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Community Briefs

Caution urged on upcoming voter mail out

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless is warning voters to be aware of an election season mailer that may land in local mailboxes in August or October.

The Washington, D.C.-based Voter Participation Center maintains that it is trying to help under-represented populations become registered to vote, however, Chamb-

less said what is actually happening is voter confusion.

Chambless, who serves as president of the Florida Association of Supervisors of Elections, said the confusion created by the VPC mailer could be straightened out if the center simply validated its voter database with current Florida voter registration rolls.

To achieve his goal, Chambless has written separate letters to the VPC, as well as each of Florida's 67 supervisors of elections to shine a light on the issue.

"Failing to confirm your information beforehand is likely to continue your record of an inaccurate mailing, resulting in increased voter confusion from current registered voters who question what has happened to their voter registration, or question why they have received pre-filled applications in the names of their adult children who do not reside with them, underage children, pets, and sadly even deceased family members," Chambless states in his letter to VPC Executive Director Page S. Gardner.

Chambless said he is concerned that when voters see the mailer and it's asking them to register to vote, it will simply create more confusion. He said there have even been cases in some Florida counties where voters have gotten so confused, they have called their local supervisor of elections and asked to be removed from the voting rolls altogether. He said that is too high a price to pay for confusion.

"Your past misleading and inaccurate mailings by the VPC DID NOT instill voter confidence in the process and, in fact, created suspicion, mistrust, and increased

anger among the Florida voters. These continued inaccurate mailings from the VPC will only serve to erode the confidence of voters in the election system and unnecessarily place a burden on the elections' office staff which is actively preparing for the upcoming election cycle," Chambless writes to the VPC.

Meanwhile, the VPC states that it is targeting under-served voters and voters who have moved since the previous election.

"The registration mailings will go to unregistered young people who will be eligible to vote in the upcoming elections for the first time, their parents, and "movers" – voters who have moved into the state or from one county to another since the last election and have not re-registered or updated their voter registration records (according to the latest available information). Others who are unregistered in the voting age population also may receive these mailers," states the letter from the VPC.

Chambless recommends voters call his office if they receive a mailer from the Voter Participation Center in the coming months.

Do you know a child who wants to sing?

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville Children's Chorus is holding auditions next week in preparation for its 2016-17 season.

The goal of the Jacksonville Children's Chorus is to introduce and develop a love

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Dr. William P. Register
First Assembly Fleming Island

Faith Walk

Strikeout

There is a great old poem that has brought loads of entertainment to multiple people for many years. The poem is "Casey at the Bat." Written in 1888, it tells the story of the local baseball hero, Casey, who walked up to the plate to hit with two outs and two men on base in the bottom of the ninth inning. The crowd adoringly cried out with faithful expectancy as Casey stepped up to hit. They were two runs down but Casey was the winning run at the plate. Everyone in the stadium expected him to save the day. With two strikes on him, Casey swung his bat with great power at the third pitch. Then the poem says,

Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;

The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light,

And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout;

But there is no joy in Mudville – mighty Casey has struck out.

Casey was not the only one to strike out at a crucial moment. It happens to everyone. Babe Ruth, the famed "Sultan of Swat," struck out 1,330 times. So far, there are 114 major league players who struck out more times than he did! But Babe Ruth also hit 714 home runs in his career. Almost no one remembers the Babe's strikeouts. But many fans know he hit 714 homers and for many years was the record holder.

You may feel like you are the "strikeout king." Falls and failures have plagued you. You have fallen so many times you cannot remember them. But I want to tell you there is one who does not count your strikeouts; He does not even count your strikes. He is not standing by you to highlight your times of falling.

The Lord will not push you down into your defeat; He will lift you up into great victory! It is God's plan and His will to bring you into the place of powerful victory in your life.

You can say, "I may be down but I'm not defeated." That is the statement of winners. Do not emphasize your failures. Dwell on your victories!

Paul said it well. "But thanks be to God, who always causes us to triumph in Christ."

Families

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ready.

"I've never lacked for food, and can't even imagine what it is like for those who do," Rust said. "That's why I continue to help."

Lovell has been with the organization since the beginning. She was looking for volunteering opportunities after retiring from the U.S. Postal Service, and knew immediately the pantry was the right fit.

"To see the tears of a young mom when you roll out that shopping cart of food makes it all worthwhile," she said.

With 90 volunteers, no paid employees and no government funding, the pantry served nearly 10,000 people last year. Clients are served four times per year, with a minimum of 30 days between visits, and must have a referral from a church partner or social services agency so the pantry can utilize its resources wisely, Lovell said.

Those resources have continued to grow, thanks to support of people like the Rusts.

"From working on fundraisers with the Lions to serving on our board, the Rusts have been an amazing asset," Lovell said. "And Tim is a mentor for me personally, helping to coach me as I seek donations and other support for the pantry."

It's all part of Rust's belief in giving back — and getting his staff and others involved, too.

"I want my clients to think of me as more than just an insurance agent," he said. "I live, work, play and give in my neighborhood, and I always invite them to join in."

That approach has earned Fleming Island Insurance a 2016 Safeco Insurance Make More Happen Award. The award comes with a \$4,000 donation to the Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs from Safeco on behalf of Fleming Island Insurance.

"Thanks to donations like this one, we've never had to turn anyone away in all those years," Lovell said. "This money will go straight to purchasing food — and as we typically provide about \$150 worth of groceries, \$4,000 will go a long way for local families in need."

Rust said the award is gratifying, but helping families is the most important — and rewarding — thing, he said. "All this volunteering, it really fills the heart."

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rating since 2003. The rating changed to a “B” in 2012, the year Van Zant took office. St. Johns County kept its “A” and Duval County kept its “B” rating.

Perhaps due to an oversight on his part, Van Zant never got around to explaining what he would do to fix the district and instead spoke statistics.

“In the last four years our graduation rates have gone up nine-and-a-half percent,” Van Zant said. “Clay County students ranked in the Top 10 of the State of Florida in 10 of 22 measured areas...Duval County has been the top 10 of zero categories in Florida.”

Republican opponent Addison Davis – an Oakleaf resident and chief of schools in Duval County Public Schools – rebutted by including the numbers Van Zant left out when talking about the district’s condition.

“You’ve got to understand that 18

schools in Clay County decreased this year, 18 schools, lack of leadership,” Davis said. “Let’s talk about Duval County because you brought it up ... we went from 39th to 32nd. You’ve moved in your leadership from 12th to 20th, that’s a decrease, that’s a spiral down.”

Van Zant – determined to continue a numerical fight – said Duval County leads the state in the “number of schools in the bottom 300.”

Many in the crowd held fans Van Zant and his supporters passed out at previous debates. The sign once read, “Clay is an ‘A’ school district.” The new signs had the “A” crossed out with a marker and replaced with the letter “B” to reflect the current grade.

Van Zant continued a trend of shifting the blame for his actions onto others when questioned about changing open house dates on the district website to run the same day as the Aug. 30 primary.

The change, he said, came from the instructional division and he had no part in

the change.

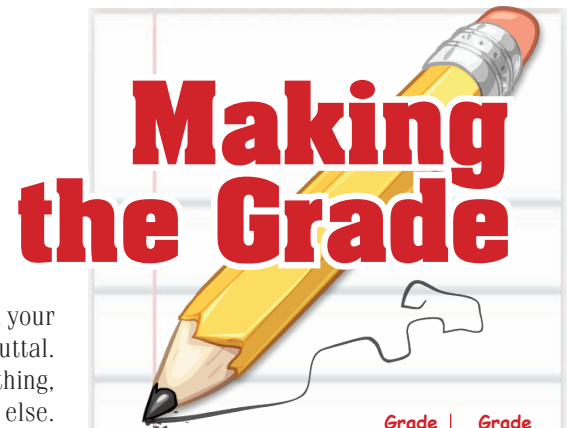
The only school whose schedule was not changed was Keystone Heights Elementary and Keystone Heights Jr.-Sr. High School, which were to hold open house nights on Aug. 23. Van Zant lives in Keystone Heights.

“It is disrespectful to blame this on your employees,” Davis said during a rebuttal. “As superintendent, you own everything, so this is passing the buck to someone else. You own everything as a leader. This is just another example of disenfranchising our community.”

If open house dates overlapped with voting day for the primary, many parents who work on that Tuesday would have to choose between attending open house and voting. Currently, different schools will hold open house on different nights in August.

Both Van Zant and Davis broached the subject of low teacher morale, however,

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	Grade 2016	Grade 2015
Florida Youth Challenge Academy	F	—
Green Cove Springs Junior High	A	A
Charles E. Bennett	C	D
Orange Park Elementary	A	A
Grove Park Elementary	I	C
W.E. Cherry Elementary	A	B
Orange Park High	C	B
Doctors Inlet Elementary	B	B
Middleburg Elementary	B	B
Keystone Elementary	B	B
Keystone Jr./Sr. High	C	B
S. Bryan Jennings Elementary	C	C
Clay High	B	A
Lakeside Jr. High	A	A
Lakeside Elementary	B	A
Orange Park Jr.	C	B
Wilkinson Jr.	B	B
Monclair Elementary	B	C
Middleburg High	C	B
Ridgeview Elementary	B	B
Clay Hill Elementary	C	C
Ridgeview High	B	A
Lake Asbury Elementary	B	A
R.M. Paterson Elementary	B	A
Lake Asbury Jr. High	C	A
J.L. Wilkinson Elementary	C	C
Tynes Elementary	B	B
Mc Rae Elementary	C	B
Fleming Island Elementary	A	A
Thunderbolt Elementary	A	A
RideOut Elementary	B	B
Thunderbolt Elementary	A	A
Rideout Elementary	B	B
Fleming Island High	A	A
Swimming Pen Creek	C	B
Argyle Elementary	B	A
Coppergate Elementary	C	A
Oakleaf Junior	B	B
Oakleaf Village Elementary	B	A
Shadowlawn Elementary	B	A
Plantation Oaks Elementary	B	A
Oakleaf High	B	A
OP Performing Arts Academy	F	D

Source: Florida Department of Education

God Heals a Young Mother

By Kelly Stigliano

Cassie Colon and her husband, David know that God heals people. They experienced it first hand while attending First Assembly of God Clay County in Fleming Island.

“My husband and I, along with our 20-month-old daughter, Elena, began attending First Assembly in October. My husband is a Navy pilot and was stationed at NAS Jax.”

That January, Cassie had increasing pain under the left side of her rib cage. The pain was extreme and increased in frequency. She visited her doctor, who ordered an ultrasound.

“The results were that I had a large cyst that measured six centimeters, which is actually two and a half inches across,” Cassie remembers.

She and David went to the altar for prayer at church that Sunday. Their church family joined them in asking God to touch Cassie and heal her.

Two weeks later Cassie returned to the doctor for another ultrasound to determine the necessary treatment. “The cyst was now three centimeters—half the size that it had been two weeks earlier.”

The Colons knew that their prayers were being answered. Their faith grew and their church family continued to pray. “This church loves God and also loves people,” Cassie said.



“... (we) went to the altar for prayer again, believing God to completely heal me.”

“The next Sunday, David and I went to the altar for prayer again, believing God to completely heal me. My next appointment was two weeks later, in early February. This ultrasound showed that the cyst was totally gone. I praise God for this miraculous healing in my body and for a church that believes in praying for the sick.”

The Colons recently moved because David is a specialized Navy pilot of the class aircraft P-8, the largest the Navy has. When the aircraft was transferred to another base, David went with it.

The Colons anticipate the day they can return and again attend First Assembly of God, “where God is performing miracles,” Cassie said, adding, “I sincerely thank all who prayed for me.”

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5:14 (NIV)

This testimony, and many others from First Assembly of God in Fleming Island, can be seen on YouTube via a link on the church’s website, www.firstagcc.org.

For further information about Pastor Bill Register and the miracles and ministries at First Assembly of God Clay County, check out their website, visit them at 6865 Pine Avenue, Fleming Island, FL 32003, or call the church at (904) 284-3030.

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ing, which ranges from families living in extended-stay motels to couch-surfing with friends or extended family.

These unaccompanied youths are teenagers that lack a legal guardian who can take care of them. Project Reach grant funding can provide these children any school expense that has an educational component to it, but cannot provide necessary hygiene products.

The items in the backpacks included shampoo, conditioner, makeup bags filled with feminine hygiene products, nail clippers, tweezers, razors, shaving cream, de-

odorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toothbrush holders, mouthwash, dental floss, soap and soap storage boxes. By donating these items, the organizations believe the first step to changing students' lives is to first change their outlook on themselves.

"One of Rotary's guiding principles is community service," said Ralph Puckhaber, president of Rotary Sunset. "Every Rotarian assumes a responsibility to find ways to improve the quality of life for those in their communities. It is in support of this principle that the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunset is pleased to partner with Project Reach to assist some of Clay County's most vulnerable citizens."



After filling the backpacks, Rotary Club members loaded them up for Reach to store away.

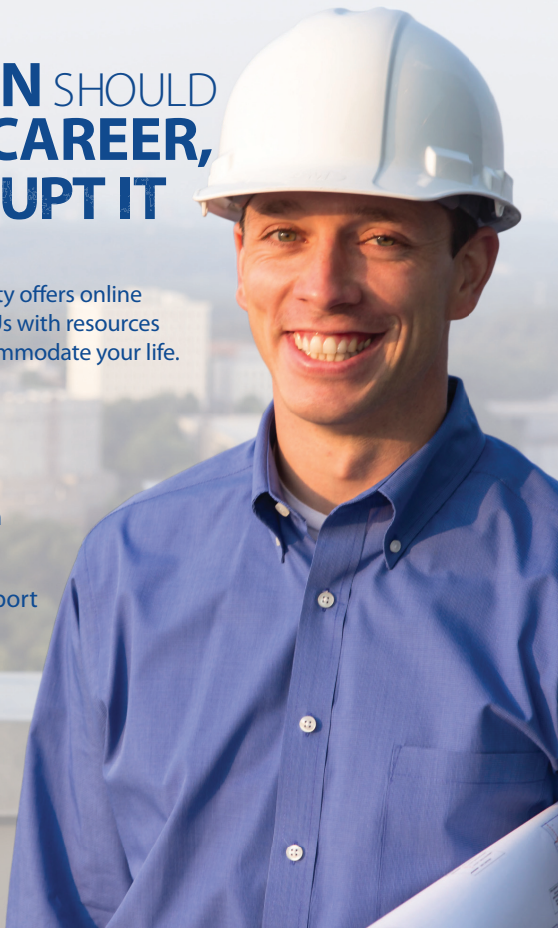
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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: meets July 21 and July 28 at 10 a.m. in the Zoning Department Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. Meetings are open to the public.

COFFEE WITH A COP: Meet members of the Clay County Sheriff's Office at "Coffee with a Cop," July 22 from 9-11 a.m., Panera Bread, 661 Blanding Blvd. CCSO deputies and detectives would like to meet residents and hear about any crime-related issues or questions they have.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: July 28 at 7 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

INDOOR YARD AND BAKE SALE: July 30 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Calvary United Methodist Church, 112 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park. Proceeds go for church ministry & operations. Info, Margie Harris, (904) 291-5017.

CHARITY DOG WASH: To benefit the SAFE Animal Shelter, 2913 County Road 220, July 30 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Pay with cash donations, kitty litter or canned pet foods.



PLANNING COMMISSION: Meets Aug. 2 at 7 p.m., Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

ROUND ROBIN SHAKESPEARE: Aug. 4 at 6:30 pm, Fleming Island Public Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Join in a continued reading of "The Merry Wives of Windsor," and begin "Troilus and Cressida." Meeting monthly to read one of Shakespeare's plays aloud, round robin style. Free Admission. No experience necessary. Everyone welcome. Come to read, or come to

listen. Some copies available, or free downloads. More info at roundrobinshakespeare.com

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Garden Club of Middleburg is hosting a membership tea, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m., Watson Realty, 2239 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg. Learn about all of the exciting garden club programs and activities for the coming year and enjoy refreshments. Everyone invited. Call (904) 282-4268.

BACK TO SCHOOL EXPO: Aug. from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Orange Park Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave., sponsored by the Clay County Ministerial Alliance. All ages welcome, includes free school supplies, live entertainment, bounce houses, free lunches and haircuts. Info, (904) 520-1027.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH: Aug. 6 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Salvation Army Clay County Corps, 2795 County Rd. 220, Middleburg. Back-to-school bash with free food, backpacks filled with school supplies (while supplies last), fun, and resources for Clay County residents.

GARDEN CLUB OF FLEMING ISLAND: Meets Aug. 8 at 10:15 a.m. presents "Growing Roses in Northeast Florida" with guest speaker Mabel Keller, a Consulting Rosarian and member of the Jacksonville Roses Society since 1995. Free and open to the public, Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Info, (904) 264-3986.

HISTORY OF NURSING: Nurse historian and artist Linda E. Sabin, Ph.D. retired registered nurse presents "The History of Nursing" using art quilts and art dolls depicting the stories of the men and women who served before modern nurses. At the headquarters library, Fleming Island, 1895 Town Center Blvd., Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited. No registration required.

CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MAGISTRATE HEARING: Aug. 11 beginning at 9:30 a.m., Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. Open to the public.

FAMILY TO FAMILY EDUCATION: Sponsored by NAMI, 12-week course for families and friends of individuals with brain disorders called mental illness beginning Aug. 22 through Nov. 14 from 6-8:30 p.m., Orange Park Medical Center. Limited to 25 with required pre-registration. (904) 264-6402.

PEDIATRIC COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Aug. 23 at 8:30 a.m., Classroom 7, Orange Park Medical Center, 2001 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park with guest speaker Heather Huffman, Florida Department of Health in Clay County, discussing Clay County Infant Mortality Data Assessment Summary Findings and Zika Virus Update.

UNTAPPED: Aug. 25 from 5-8 p.m., Thrasher-Horne Conference Center, \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Taste foods from top local restaurants and caterers and pair them with craft and domestic beer and wine. Save \$5 by clicking the image below or by going to: http://events.claychamber.com/sbaweb/events/events.asp?details=true&cale_id=416&month=6/27/2016 Or call the Clay County Chamber at (904) 264-2651 to order tickets.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH: Aug. 30 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Watson Realty, 4729 U.S. Highway 17, Fleming Island featuring the Ancient City Privateers pirate group, food tents, water slides, bounce houses and photos with pirates. Pay admission by donating school supplies to benefit needy Clay County students in kindergarten through sixth grade. (904) 264-9526.

HEROES GALA: Sponsored by Clay County Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America to benefit the Fallen Warriors Memorial Monument planned for the Historical Triangle in Green Cove Springs. Sept. 16 from 6-9 p.m., Sullivan Hall. \$650 tables, \$50 individual tickets, tax deductible. Gary Newman, (904) 269-1857.

PAWS, DENIM & DIAMONDS: To benefit Clay County's only no-kill animal shelter, SAFE Animal Shelter, Sept. 17 from 5-9 p.m., Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr., \$50 per single and features Live! and silent auctions and entertainment from the U.S. Navy Band. (904) 276-7233 or info@safeanimalshelter.com

YARD SALE: to benefit Waste Not Want Not, Oct 1 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Orange Park Town Hall. Save the date to shop for great bargains or rent a 15'x15' space for \$30 to sell your treasures. For details, www.wastenotflorida.com.

FOOD PANTRY GALA: "For I was hungry and you gave me food" Gala to benefit the Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs, Nov. 4, Sullivan Center, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, U.S. 17, Fleming Island. Sponsorships available. Wynema Lovel, (904) 284-5789.

CORKS & FORKS: To benefit St. Vincent's Healthcare Foundation, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m., Club Continental, 2143 Astor St., Orange Park. Celebrate with a masquerade party and fine wine and foods. Info, (904) 308-7338.



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Mural

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"We came together with the idea of trying to beautify our city. We're trying to get people here and when they come, we want them to have something fun to see," Royal said. "We have some very large blank walls along [U.S.] 17 that would lend themselves beautifully to murals."

Also presenting the mural concept to city council was Lynn Vincent, a member of the Green Cove Springs Business League who worked with Royal on the committee, who said members are ready to get the program started.

"When this was brought to the business league, the enthusiasm was crazy. Everybody has ideas. Everybody wants to get involved and I'd just like to let the council know that the business league is very interested in getting involved with fundraising, finding volunteers and facilitating some kind of standard program moving forward with this," Vincent said.

Vincent said the committee agreed that painting three murals would be ideal in kick starting the program. As conceived, the artwork would be agreed upon first, then prints of the artwork would be made and sold to fund the painting itself. However, the committee did not give specifics of how such aspects as corporate sponsorships would play into the actual murals themselves.

"As long as it's not advertising – once you hit the name of a business, that would trip our sign code," said Janis Fleet, development services director for the city.

Fleet indicated support for a mural program and cited having recently returned from Philadelphia where she toured that city's wall mural program, which shows depictions of the city's past.

"They are huge three, four story buildings with all kinds of historical paintings and so a lot of communities have done this – it's a way to improve property that are vacant properties...so it's been used as that in a lot of communities to give a thing for a community to show historic value of that community."

Committee members called upon the expertise of artist Amy Stump who presented council members with two conceptual pieces of art that could be used as future building murals. One painting was an historical depiction of the old Magnolia Inn, while the second was "an alligator's view" of Spring Park from the edge of the St. Johns River.

"When we first started talking about this, and said, we don't have any way on [U.S.] 17 to let people know that we've got Spring Park," said council member Van Royal, who is also Sandra Royal's husband. "My idea of a mural over the last few years ... has been different until I saw Amy's and then I thought, 'Wow' – that being there, I think, is an advertisement for Spring Park and for whatever that you go, 'Wow, that's neat.'"

Before council voted on the measure, City Manager Danielle Judd suggested getting with City Attorney Jim Arnold to draft guidelines or an ordinance – whichever would be the most appropriate – to bring



Artist Amy Stump's color rendition of the historic Magnolia Inn, shown here, is being suggested as one of the paintings to be used as a building wall mural when the proposed program gets codified and established in conjunction with a citizens group and the Green Cove Springs City Council. Stump and members of the citizens committee presented the artwork and mural proposal at the July 19 city council meeting.

the mural concept closer to reality. Judd threw out the idea of possibly expanding the city's existing pilot matching grant program that matches city funds with business owners' funds when businesses make specific improvements to a building's sign or façade.

"Just, for me as city manager, I really would like to see the funding for this not coming on the city and then, if the conduit is, is someone gets a mural concept and puts it in and they have the funds and it would run through the city and whatever and the form is...one page long, it takes somebody five minutes to fill out, they attach something to it and maybe you make this another component of our current grant program, which is, what, landscape, signs, façades."

Council members and staff also discussed the what-ifs. They want any ordinance that arises out of Tuesday's 45-minute discussion to include language that will prohibit anything offensive or political from ending up on buildings in the city, which is also why Judd and Fleet said the city's sign ordinance may need amending to include painted murals.

"We can always change our code to require murals to be approved by the council. We have various ways of doing this to make sure the city maintains the control of what they want. We have our CBD and Gateway Corridor design standards and we can easily add a section about building painting – there's a lot of stuff we can do to make sure that we don't sit back and say, 'Oh my God, how did we allow this'," Fleet said.

At the same time, Judd reiterated that she wants this program to be citizen-led, not a government project.

"For me, as city manager, I just want to make it clear – I do not want the city in this project. I really want this to perc up from the community. I'm just indicating – at the end of the day – if there's a process thing that we can do through the matching grant thing or something, fine, but I would really like to see this come forth from the commu-

nity and the groups and the business league and the artists and let that creativity flow if you will," Judd said.

After the discussion, council voted unanimously to accept the committee's report and move the proposal along to the research and draft ordinance phase.

In other business, the council informally agreed by consensus to host the Clay County Board of Commissioners in a public

forum on July 28 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers. Judd said the city was asked to host the meeting by county so it can make a public presentation regarding the Aug. 30 ballot measure for extending the one-cent sales tax surtax, of which the city gets a portion to use on capital projects. One project, for example, is the current restoration and re-design of Spring Park.

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their differing views were bovius.

"I don't think our morale is a real big problem either," Van Zant said, prompting laughter from the audience. "I love our teachers. We have a very low attrition rate in Clay County. Only seven percent of teachers left the profession in Clay County."

Davis acknowledged the low morale in the school district when he asked the teachers in the audience to stand up.

"The first thing you do is take care of these folks and show them some love," Davis said.

Van Zant deflected questions regarding his alleged use of senior staff to meet with school administrators and principals via text, telephone call and in person to donate to his campaign.

"I would ask you to look at any previous school board member or any superintendent candidate campaign or anyone who runs for sheriff or any other organization and see if there are not other people who value their leadership in that organization

they contribute in," Van Zant said.

Van Zant pointed out Davis's campaign contributions as an example. Van Zant said Davis received a \$1,000 donation from Renna Lee Paiva, president of the Clay County Education Association teacher's union, but neglected to say why it was noteworthy.

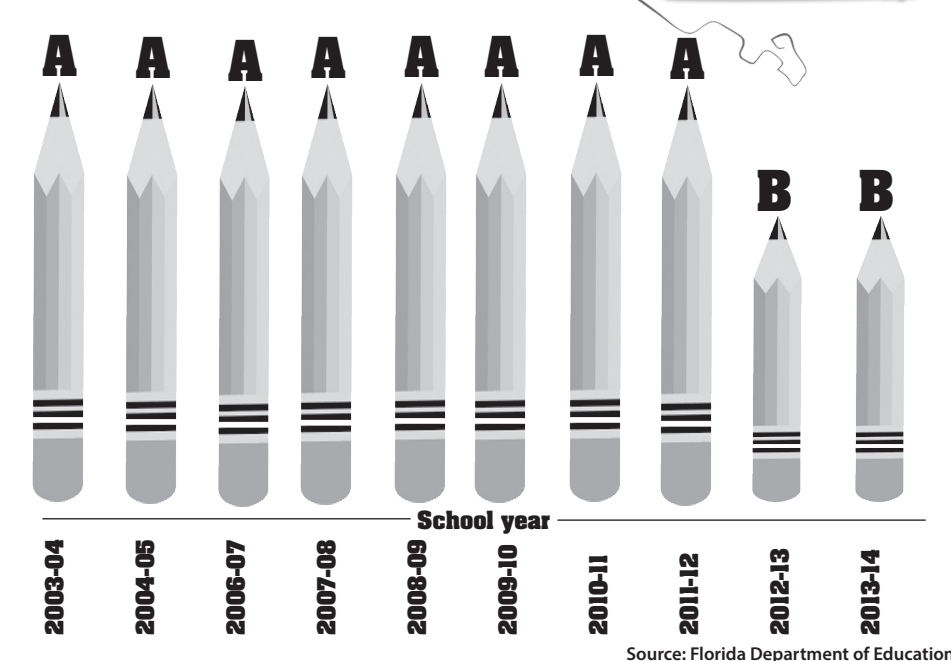
"Mr. Van Zant shouldn't be focused on who's giving me money and more importantly focused on a school system he continues to divide," Davis said. "Who's running the schools? You are politicizing principals. Administrators should be focused on improving teaching and learning."

This election cycle marks the second time he allegedly asked staff to contribute to his campaign. In October 2012, while serving as a school board member and having defeated incumbent Ben Wortham by 1,590 votes in the August primary, Van Zant sent out a letter to administrators and principals asking for financial support. He requested the funds despite only having to face a sham write-in candidate in the November general election.

Van Zant used the contributions to pay off \$13,000 of his campaign debt.

The Aug. 30 primary remains closed to

School Grades



only Republican voters. Those who are registered as non-party affiliated, Democrat or other party voters cannot cast a ballot in the Aug. 30 primary. The winner of the

primary will face independent candidate Rebekah Shively in the November general election as Marion Keith Nichols is on the ballot as a write-in candidate.

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Green elected to association officer position

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers swore in its 2016-17 board of directors during the organization's annual summer conference in Orlando. Led by incoming president, Nassau County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller John Crawford, board members will serve one-year terms.

Executive committee officers include

Franklin County Clerk Marcia Johnson is first vice president, Palm Beach County Clerk Sharon Bock is second vice president, Polk County Clerk Stacy Butterfield is treasurer and Clay County Clerk Tara Green is secretary.

"The roles and responsibilities of Court Clerks and Comptrollers in each of Florida's 67 counties are vast and far reaching, but most importantly we are the keepers, protectors and preservers of public trust and that has always been, and will continue to be, our highest priority," stated President and Nassau County Clerk John Crawford. "It is my great privilege to serve the FCCC membership as President and I look forward to building upon our successes while also finding viable solutions to the critical issues we face both independently and collectively."

Urban Land Institute accepting awards applications

JACKSONVILLE – The Urban Land Institute North Florida is launching its 2016 Awards for Excellence Call for Entries. Complete details on the competition and entry submission are available at www.northflorida.uli.org.

Entries for the award may come from across ULI North Florida's District Council, which covers 34 counties from Flagler to Escambia, including Jacksonville, St. Au-

gustine, Gainesville, Tallahassee and Pensacola. The entry fee is \$200 for nonprofit-public sector projects and \$500 for private sector projects. Entry deadline is Aug. 30.

The annual awards for excellence program is the centerpiece of ULI's efforts in North Florida to identify and promote best practices in all types of real estate development. The Awards recognize the full development process of a project from planning and construction to economic viability, management and design.

Winners in each of the five categories will be announced at an awards ceremony on Oct. 11, 2016, to be held at Taliaferro Hall, St. John's Cathedral in downtown Jacksonville.

- **New Development:** Submissions in this category are projects that are responding to community needs, markets or vision which provide strategies that are worthy of being applied in other communities.

- **Reuse/Repurpose:** Projects demonstrating the rehabilitation, reuse or repurposing of existing structures to reinvigorate an area, satisfy a unique need within the community or bring underutilized properties back into the marketplace.

- **Public Sector/Open Space/Non-Profit:** Desired submissions are projects driven by the public or non-profit sector that employ best practices to provide the public with enhanced civic, open or public access space or experiences.

- **Downtown:** Projects that serve as a catalyst to revitalize the downtown core or surrounding area through enhanced access to choices in housing, entertainment, transportation, live-work-play or which stimulate additional urban development.

- **Interiors:** Interior projects that are making a positive impact on our quality of work/life that have applied best practices and ULI's Principles for Building Healthy Places.

In addition to the category winners, ULI North Florida will present the prestigious 2016 Visionary Leader award to Robert M. Rhodes, former executive vice president of St. Joe Company.

Submissions are open to real estate developments and programs that were completed in the past three years within ULI North Florida's District Councils. Qualified submissions will be reviewed by a panel of independent judges from the local and national development community.

Winners of the 2015 Awards for Excellence were 220 Riverside for the Downtown Sector; College Town for Private Sector; Unity Plaza in the Public/Open Space Category; and the Jessie Ball DuPont Center received the Reuse/Repurpose Sector award. Southern Charm Kitchen in Gainesville received the Judge's Choice Award. Learn more about these projects under the Events tab at www.northflorida.uli.org.

Board of County Commissioners' Finance & Audit Committee meets

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The BCC's Finance & Audit Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 2 and Tuesday, August 16. Both meetings will be at 10 a.m. and will take place in the BCC's meeting room on the fourth floor of the County Administration Building.

The county building is located at 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

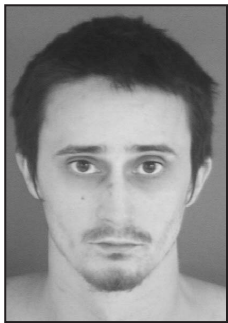
The meeting is open to the public. All interested residents are invited to attend and be heard at the meeting.

20-year sentence in 2014 stabbing death

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Lake Asbury man was transported to a Florida prison this week to serve a 20-year sentence of one count of manslaughter for stabbing his friend and roommate in January 2014.

Fourth Circuit Court Judge Don H. Lester sentenced William Arthur Hutchison, 32, to 20 years in prison on July 14, two days after Assistant Public Defender J. Mark Wright filed a motion asking the judge for what's called a downward departure in the sentencing phase. Having already entered a plea agreement confessing the murder of Brandon Lee Blansit, 30, Hutchison sought to have leniency in the sentencing phase of his prolonged trial.

Hutchison was arrested January 11, 2014 at 6:21 a.m. in the 2200 block of Hidden Waters Drive in Lake Asbury where he had been living in a small pull-behind



William Hutchison

camper in the backyard of his mother's home. Hutchison was originally charged with second degree murder. Police said he stabbed Blansit at least 10 times having found wounds on the man's head, torso, face, back and chest. Clay County Fire Rescue pronounced Blansit dead at the scene.

Hutchison had allowed Blansit to live with him there while Blansit – who was homeless – got back on his feet. Wright also pleaded with the court regarding Hutchison's character saying that Hutchison let Blansit live there for free – in return for helping with chores – and also helped Blansit get a job where they worked together at Saucy Taco in Julington Creek in St. Johns County.

However, the night before his arrest, Hutchison and Blansit were playing video games in Hutchison's mother's home at the front of the property on which the camper sat. The two men got into an argument because Blansit was drinking heavily, mixing beer and liquor.

"Mr. Hutchison grew tired of arguing with Mr. Blansit, so he retreated to the camper and locked the door," states

Wright's motion to the court.

Blansit, in his intoxicated state, repeatedly went upstairs to Hutchison's mother, Susan Hutchison, and kept "barging into her bedroom uninvited and yelling at her about how he feels unappreciated for the few chores he does around her house."

While her son was in the camper, Susan Hutchison texted him "discussing Mr. Blansit's condition."

William Hutchison later unlocked the camper and allowed Blansit in and the argument escalated to a fist fight and wrestling all in an approximately 40-foot space in the tiny camper. Susan Hutchison, who was recovering from knee surgery at the time, intervened and got between the two men to break up the fight. However, it did not end there.

Wright states that Blansit "began acting very irrational and aggressive again" until William Hutchison "backed towards the kitchen area."

"During the fray, Mr. Hutchison swiped at Mr. Blansit several times with the knife creating numerous incised wounds to his head, right arm, and chest...Mr. Hutchison

also did thrust the knife into Mr. Blansit's right arm and again into his chest area through the right armpit. The knife apparently entered between the ribs, perforated the right lung, penetrated the mediastinum, causing significant bleeding inside the chest cavity and pericardial sack. Mr. Blansit dies as a result of these complications," states the motion.

Meanwhile, William Hutchison said he could not remember what happened the night of the stabbing due to being in a "blind red rage" and said he only meant to scare Blansit, not kill him.

"Reaching for a knife to protect himself, even though the use of deadly force may not be justified, is hardly an act of artful sophistication," Wright states in his motion.

Under the state's sentencing guidelines, Hutchison faced anywhere from 10.37 years to 30 years in prison. Under Florida law, he will have to serve at least 85 percent of his sentence.

After prison, Wright wrote, Hutchison wants to complete an associate degree in culinary arts.

Police Briefs

Former Marine infantryman killed in armed SWAT standoff

LAKE ASBURY – What began as a call regarding a man threatening to commit suicide on July 16 ended in police shooting and killing the man.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office first responded to the home in the 3,300 block of Citation Drive around 3:15 p.m. in response to a call that a person was threatening suicide. Police said when deputies got the home, they heard gunfire inside and determined that a man later identified as

Billy D. Smith was alone.

Deputies surrounded the home and called in the CCSO SWAT Team and began evacuating neighbors for their safety.

CCSO officials did not release the deputy's name, but said this was his first officer-involved shooting in his seven-year career. As standard procedure, the deputy was placed on three days of administrative leave while an internal investigation is conducted.

Police said Smith came out of his home and pointed a weapon at an officer after a three-hour stand-off. During the standoff,

Smith fired multiple shots while he was still inside the residence.

According to police, Smith fired up to 20 gunshots before coming outside the home where officers were posted across his street.

Smith, 31, a former U.S. Marine with four years of infantry service, had been placed in a mental health facility without his consent under Florida's Baker Act in the past.

"The subject [Smith] apparently was desperate to kill himself but did not want to do it himself, and wanted a law enforcement officer to do it for him," Sheriff Rick Beseler told The Florida Times-Union. "It was clear that his intent was to commit suicide from what he told his family members and from what he told the negotiators. When someone comes out and points a gun at an officer, there's not a whole lot you can do."

He said even attempts to talk Smith to end the standoff were unsuccessful.

Police said the SWAT officer fired one round and struck Smith who was killed in the yard of the home. Police found a handgun on the ground by his body.

Police went to the home after Smith's father called 911 saying he had received several text messages from his son saying he wanted to take his life.

Orange Park man convicted of rape

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Clay County jury has convicted an Orange Park man of raping a woman in January 2015.

Kirby William Kines, 22, was found

guilty as charged July 15 of one count of sexual battery.

In January 2015, the victim and several others were at a party at Kines' home. When the victim became ill and was unable to move, she was taken to Kines' bedroom to lie down. While the victim was physically immobile, Kines had sex with her against her will.

Kines' co-defendant in the case, Spencer Andres, 23, also pled guilty to sexual battery for his role in the case. Both men now face up to 30 years in prison. Kines will be sentenced the week of August 29.

Assistant State Attorneys Khary Gaynor and Anna Hixon prosecuted this case.

Attack ends in robbery arrests

ORANGE PARK – Two Middleburg men and an Orange Park woman face one count each of robbery following a Clay County Sheriff's Office investigation.

Kevin Michael Bailey, 20, and Paul Cark Boyles, 19, both of Middleburg and April Conway, 18, of Orange Park were ar-

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Clay County Sheriff's Office Most Wanted

As of Monday, July 18, 2016



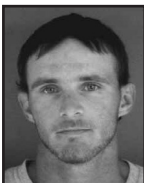
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use of a Credit Card



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Felony Retail Theft



Tiffany Monique Austin
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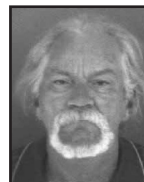
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Controlled Substance



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Moultre
VOP Grand Theft



Charles Dolphus
Newman
Simple Battery/ False
Imprisonment



Larry Wade Smith
Uttering a Forged
Instrument



Justin Tyron Virginia
VOP Domestic Battery
2 CTS



Frank Allan Willison
VOP Domestic Battery



Brionna Daujone Snow
VOP Domestic Battery

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Clay County Sheriff's Office provides photographs and related information about suspects appearing in Clay Today's Most Wanted section. Anyone with information on these subjects is asked to call CCSO at 284-7575.

CRIME WATCH

This is a weekly collection of crime reports from the Clay County Sheriff's Office Community Relations Unit meant to inform, educate and generate community feedback. To receive these alerts via email, go online to www.claysheriff.com, click on the Sharing Tree logo and follow the instructions.

CCSO Contact Numbers

Main: 264-6512

Emergency: 911

Community Relations: 213-6114

Thefts

7/19 signs were stolen from the St. Catherine's Catholic Church on Kingsley Avenue in Orange Park.

7/19 a delivered package was stolen from a home on Michaelwood Road in Middleburg.

7/18 rear body damage occurred on a vehicle at a home on Firefly Drive in Lake Asbury. It is unknown where the location of the theft occurred.

7/17 a firearm was stolen from a locker at Island Walk Dental Care on Eagle Haven Drive in Lake Asbury.

7/16 miscellaneous firearms were stolen from a home on Kettering Way in Orange Park.

7/16 a used air conditioning unit was stolen from the side yard of a home on Valley Drive in Keystone Heights.

7/15 a vehicle and firearms were stolen from a second vehicle at a home on Plantation Oaks Boulevard in Oakleaf Plantation.

7/15 a bicycle was stolen from the front of one of the Publix stores on Blanding Boulevard near Orange Park.

7/15 a tire was stolen from a vehicle at an apartment on Oakleaf Plantation Parkway in Oakleaf Plantation.

7/14 a boat trailer was stolen from the yard of a home on Nemaclin Trail in Doctors Inlet.

7/14 truck parts were stolen from the yard at a home on County Road 214 in Keystone Heights.

7/12 environmental equipment was stolen from a cart in a hallway at Orange Park Medical Center on Kingsley Avenue.

7/11 a presidential election sign was stolen from the yard at a residence on Longmeadow Trail north of Middleburg.

7/11 items were stolen from delivered packages at a resident on Foggy Day Drive north of in Middleburg.

Burglary to Structures

7/19 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from a home on Marsh Hawk Lane on Fleming Island.

7/18 pool equipment was stolen from a home on North Lee Drive in Middleburg.

7/18 glass damage and miscellaneous personal and electronic items were stolen from a ransacked home on Burwick Avenue in Orange Park.

7/16 miscellaneous firearms and electronics items were stolen from an unoccupied home on Appomattox Avenue in Keystone Heights.

7/16 miscellaneous power tools and electronics items were stolen from an unlocked shed at a home on Karen Drive in Middleburg.

7/16 miscellaneous fishing equipment, firearms, assorted household and electronics items were stolen from an unoccupied home in Furman Avenue in Keystone

Heights.

7/15 electronics items were stolen from an outdoor storage room at an apartment complex on Wells Road in Orange Park.

7/14 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from a home on U.S. Highway 17 in Orange Park.

7/14 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from a home on Plankton Avenue in Middleburg.

7/14 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from a home on Doctors Lake Drive in Orange Park.

7/14 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from a home under construction on Plantation Oaks Boulevard in Oakleaf Plantation.

7/13 miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen from a ransacked home on Murray Street in Orange Park.

7/12 hand and power tools were stolen from a job site on Westwood Road South in Middleburg.

7/11 maintenance equipment was stolen from a shed at a residence on Gano Avenue in Orange Park.

7/11 numerous classrooms and administration buildings were vandalized at the Lake Asbury Elementary School on Sandridge Road in Lake Asbury.

7/11 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from two office trailers on J.P. Hall Boulevard in Green Cove Springs.

7/11 there was interior damage to an unoccupied home on Dowling Road in Middleburg.

7/11 painting and construction equipment were stolen from a home on Sheraton Lakes Circle in Doctors Inlet.

Burglary to Autos

7/18 power tools and miscellaneous personal electronics items were stolen from a glass damaged vehicle at a home on Old Village Drive in Oakleaf Plantation.

7/18 two vehicles were ransacked at homes on Pickwick Place on Fleming Island.

7/18 miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen from two vehicles at a home on Misty Lake Drive on Fleming Island.

7/18 miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen from a vehicle at a home on South Brook Drive on Fleming Island.

7/18 miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen from three unlocked vehicles at homes on Winston Lane on Fleming Island.

7/18 miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen from a ransacked vehicle at a home on Marsh Hawk Lane on Fleming Island.

7/16 personal electronics items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle at a home on Virginia Beach Lane in Melrose.

7/14 an unlocked vehicle was found

with a door open at a home on County Road 214 in Keystone Heights. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicle.

7/13 a firearm was stolen from a vehicle at a home on Plantation Oaks Boulevard in Oakleaf Plantation.

7/13 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle at a home on Harvard Avenue in Keystone Heights.

7/13 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from three vehicles at homes on Plantation Oaks Boulevard in Oakleaf Plantation.

7/12 miscellaneous personal items and a firearm were stolen from an unlocked vehicle at an apartment on Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park.

7/12 miscellaneous personal items and a firearm were stolen from a vehicle at a residence on Country Side Drive on Fleming Island.

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Criminal Mischief

7/19 a section of a dock was damaged at a home on King Street in Keystone Heights.

7/19 a vehicle's paint was damaged at a home on Wells Road in Orange Park.

7/19 glass was damage at an unoccupied home on Thornwood Lane in Orange Park Country Club.

7/18 damage to a fence at a home on Winston Lane on Fleming Island.

7/18 glass and body damage was found on a vehicle at a home on Turtle Dove Drive in Argyle.

7/17 a vehicle was damaged by an object thrown at it while in the vicinity of Golden Links Drive in Orange Park Country Club west of Orange Park.

7/17 at a home on Piedmont Manor Drive in Oakleaf Plantation.

7/16 a mailbox was damaged and the front window of a home on Duckwater Drive in Middleburg.

7/15 a window was damaged on a vehicle at Papa Johns on Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park.

7/15 a window was damaged on a ve-

hicle at an apartment complex on Sherwin Oaks Lane in Orange Park.

7/15 a window was damaged on a vehicle at an apartment complex on Sunrise Village Drive near Orange Park.

7/15 a window was damaged on a vehicle at the Clay County Health Department on Bear Run Boulevard north of Middleburg.

7/15 an American flag was cut down from a pole and left on the ground at a home on Ursa Street near Orange Park.

7/15 a window was damaged on a vehicle at the John Deere Dealership on County Road 220 in Doctors Inlet.

7/15 windows were damaged on a work van at a home on Marybeth Drive in Doctors Inlet.

7/15 a stop sign at State Road 100 and Hebron Avenue was vandalized in Keystone Heights.

7/15 a presidential election sign was damaged at a home on Shortridge Court near Orange Park.

7/15 a window was damaged on a minivan at a home on Sioux Street north of Middleburg.

7/15 park equipment was damaged at Spencer's Plantation neighborhood park at Woodstock Trail and Snowy Egret Trail in Argyle.

7/15 a vehicle received glass damage at a home on Tumbleweed Drive near Orange Park.

7/14 the side and top of a vehicle were damaged at the 5th Street Boat Ramp in Keystone Heights.

7/12 the front yard was damaged by a vehicle at a residence on Muscovy Drive in Middleburg.

7/12 a vehicle was covered in eggs at a residence on Summit Drive in Orange Park.

7/11 there was glass damage to a vehicle at a residence on Sioux Street west of Orange Park.

7/11 there was glass damage to a vehicle at a residence on Madison Avenue in Orange Park.

Arrests and Bookings

Tuesday, July 19

Anderson, Crystal, 34, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Non-Support

Anderson, Mitchell, 23, Jacksonville, CCSO, Two Counts of Failure to Appear for Court

Bailey, Kevin, 20, Middleburg, CCSO, Robbery

Bell, Samuel, 38, Jacksonville, CCSO, Violation of Probation

Boyles, Paul, 19, Middleburg, CCSO, Robbery

Carter, Sarah, 27, Green Cove Springs,

CCSO, FTA DWLSR

Coleman, Skylar, 19, Jacksonville, OPPD, Possession of Drug Equipment, Possession of Not More than 20 g. Cannabis

Conway, April, 18, Orange Park, CCSO, Robbery

Crosdale, Keyo, 19, Jacksonville, CCSO, Five Counts of Burglary, Two Counts of Grand Theft \$300-4,999, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Eden, Gerald, 29, Green Cove Springs,

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Arrests and Bookings

CCSO, Trafficking Heroin

Edinger, James, 31, Fleming Island, CCSO, DUI

Elkin, Michael, 18, Middleburg, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control

Fulton, Daniel, 20, Jacksonville, CCSO, Four Counts of Burglary, Two Counts of Grand Theft \$300-4,999

Hicks, Lewis, 63, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Domestic Assault

Howell, William, 51, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Michael, John, 28, Orange Park, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control

Robinson, Kerry, 47, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR

Singleton, Nancy, 23, Middleburg, CCSO, Petit Theft

Taff, Yvette, 48, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery, Violence on an Officer Firefighter or EMT

Waggy, William, 54, Orange Park, CCSO, Criminal Mischief, Dumping Litter

Washington, Lester, 42, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Attempted Murder

Williams, Derrian, 18, Jacksonville, CCSO, Four Counts of Burglary, Two Counts of Grand Theft \$300-4,999

Monday, July 18

Asberry, Jeremy, 28, Jacksonville, CCSO, Sell of a Schedule II drug, Sale and Delivery of Crack Cocaine

Baker, Paul, 36, Orange Park, CCSO, Non-Support

Clark, Juwan, 19, Jacksonville, CCSO, DWLSR

Crosdale, Keyo, 19, Jacksonville, CCSO, Two Counts of Burglary, Grand Theft \$300-4,999

Fulton, Daniel, 20, Jacksonville, CCSO, Two Counts of Burglary, Grand Theft \$300-4,999

Jones, Zaji, 22, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Martin, Adam, 46, Jacksonville, CCSO, Domestic Battery

Mhooon, Aaliyah, 21, Jacksonville, CCSO, Sale and Delivery of Crack Cocaine

Moore, Jesse, 29, Green Cove Springs, Judge, Heroin Within 1,000 Feet Place of Worship or Business

Roberts, Brontrell, 23, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Crack Cocaine

Sanchez, Mario, 27, Gainesville, Ga., CCSO, Driving Without a Valid License

Simmons, Lawrence, 43, Middleburg, OPPD, DWLSR, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Snow, Brionna, 18, Orange Park, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control

Torres, Kermin, 47, Jacksonville, CCSO, FTA - No Motor Vehicle Registration

Williams, Derrian, 18, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Two Counts of Burglary, Grand Theft \$300-4,999

Wilson, Alexander, 20, Orange Park, OPPD, Simple Domestic Battery

Sunday, July 17

Colson, Heather, 22, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Trespassing

Crawford, Gregory, 43, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Curry, David, 23, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Possession of Paraphernalia

Ferranti, Rosalyn, 21, Orange Park, OPPD, Trespassing After Warning, Domestic Battery

Malovini, Grace, 66, Orange Park, CCSO, Domestic Battery

Mayo, Savannah, 19, Middleburg, CCSO, Petit Theft

McGhee, Javon, 24, Orange Park, OPPD, Resisting an Officer, Failure to Stop or Remain at a Crash Involving Injury to Others

Mondragon Mendoza, Holman, 28, Jacksonville, OPPD, Driving Without a Valid License

Sapp, Payton, 19, Fleming Island, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Wainwright, Christine, 31, Orange Park, OPPD, Domestic Battery

Williams, Lasalle, 21, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Saturday, July 16

Bunk, Russell, 46, Green Cove Spring, Burglary, Simple Assault, Petit Theft

Daugherty, Justin, 32, Jacksonville, CCSO, DWLSR

Dewitt, Sean, 53, Fleming Island, CCSO, Violence on an Officer Firefighter or EMT, Simple Battery, Disorderly Intoxication, Resisting an Officer Without

Hayes, Mack, 53, Orange Park, CCSO, Driving Without a Valid License

Sasser, Rebecca, 44, Orange Park, CCSO, Introducing or Removing a Controlled Substance from a State Correctional Institution

Friday, July 15

Allen, Terrence, 19, Homeless, CCSO, Petit Theft, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Resisting Arrest in the Commission of a Theft

Bowling, Hershel, 32, Middleburg, CCSO, Sell and Delivery of Morphine

Callahan, Jason, 34, Jacksonville, CCSO, Concealed Firearm, Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Florida Felon

Curran, Robert, 20, Florahome, Fla., CCSO, VOP - DUI

Doster, John, 28, Middleburg, CCSO, Two Counts of Burglary

Felton, James, 29, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Possession of Drug Equipment

Honshul, Kristin, 35, Middleburg, CCSO, Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon

Kahric, Armin, 24, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Possession of a Weapon or Ammo by Convicted Florida Felon, Resisting an

Officer, Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon, Carrying An Illegal Firearm

Verrios, Andreas, 33, Reedsburg, Wisc., CCSO, Domestic Battery, Felony Battery

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Baker, Michael, 30, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, DWLSR, Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis, Possession of Drug Equipment

Donley, Mark, 47, Middleburg, CCSO, VOP - Lewd and Lascivious Molestation

Little, Timothy, 48, Hawthorne, CCSO, Petit Theft

Menshouse, Ashley, 29, Orange Park, CCSO, Petit Theft

O'Connell, Tracy, 41, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR

Roton, Tammy, 47, Florahome, Fla., CCSO, Petit Theft

Schull, Ronald, 56, Orange Park, CCSO, Abuse Elderly or Disabled Adult

Smith, Leslie, 34, Holly Hill, Fla., OPPD, Contempt of Court, Revoked Bond - Burglary, Revoked Bond - Grand Theft

Widgeon, Anthony, 47, Daytona Beach, Fla., CCSO, Non-Support

Wiley, James, 42, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Wednesday, July 13

Carpenter, Cody, 23, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control

Cook, Jamie, 34, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Simple Battery

Cooper, Johnny, 20, Jacksonville, OPPD, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Corrigan, Christian, 28, Orange Park, CCSO, Non-Support

Doster, John, 28, Middleburg, CCSO, Burglary

Gold, Robert, 40, Middleburg, CCSO,

VOP - Leaving the Scene of an Accident Involving Injury or Damage

Hall, Jennifer, 24, Middleburg, CCSO, Assault and Battery During Burglary, Simple Battery

Hollen, Tiffany, 28, Middleburg, CCSO, FTA - Failing to Redeliver a Hired or Leased Vehicle

Hunter, Keith, 24, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Possession of Cocaine

Jimenez, Francisco, 52, Jacksonville, CCSO, Non-Support

Johnson, Kieron, 19, Fleming Island, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control

McCloud, Melissa, 43, Hollywood, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court

Mitchell, Patricia, 27, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Patrick, Brandon, 20, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Dealing Stolen Property

Price, Steven, 52, Orange Park, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control

Purcell, Branon, 26, Jacksonville, CCSO, Contempt of Court - DWLSR, FTA - DWLSR

Rodgers, Joseph, 27, Jacksonville, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court

Roman, Heri, 19, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Drug Equipment, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Stacy, Gregory, 26, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Driving Without a Valid License

Turner, Nicholas, 18, Orange Park, CCSO, Loitering or Prowling, Resisting an Officer

Valentin, Dorothy, 53, Middleburg, CCSO, Domestic Battery

Williams, Orynthyal, 44, Middleburg, CCSO, Three Counts of Cocaine Distribution

Wills, Tony, 24, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Trespassing

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rested July 19 at 3:51 a.m. for allegedly going to a man's home and taking his wallet and vaporizer.

According to the police report, the victim told police that he had been texting with Conway through Facebook and cellphone but had never met her in person.

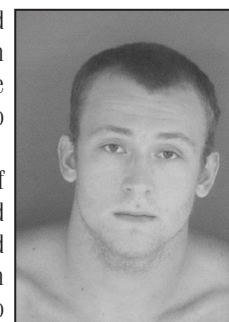
The victim said when he arrived at a house in the 1200 block of Ticonderoga Trail in Orange Park, he saw Conway and another man, who was later identified at Boyles, on the street in front of the home.

The victim got out of his vehicle and told his girlfriend to wait. He then went through a back gate at the home, where he

said, Boyles grabbed him and pushed him to the back of the property with two other men.

He said one of the men punched him in the face and the two other men grabbed his arms so he couldn't move. That's when one of the men allegedly took the victim's vaporizer and wallet.

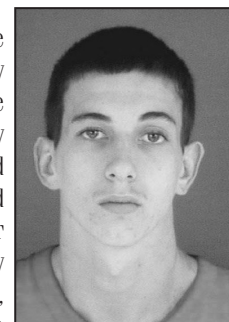
All three were taken to the Clay County Jail, where at press time they remained held on different bond amounts. Bond for Conway and Bailey is set at \$25,003, while it is set at \$35,003 for Boyles.



Kevin Bailey



April Conway



Paul Boyles

Police

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Attempted murder and felony firearm possession charges for Orange Park Man

ORANGE PARK – An Orange Park man faces attempted murder and possession of firearm by a convicted felon charges after he allegedly shot into a car at a gas station.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Lester Lamont Washington, 42, on July 19 for allegedly shooting from the passenger seat of a vehicle at the victim who was pumping gas at a Kangaroo Service Station on the 1600 block of Wells Road.



Lester Washington

Deputies transmitted a look out via CCSO radio describing Washington's appearance and vehicle. After a short search, Washington was found with his girlfriend in a parking lot.

Security footage from the Kangaroo corroborated the victim's statements and the defendant's identity, the report said.

Deputies later discovered Washington had 12 felony convictions within the State of New York, the report said.

Deputies arrested Washington and transported to the Clay County Jail. At press time, Washington remained in jail where his bond is set at \$75,006.

Homeless man arrested for attempted murder with a machete

MIDDLEBURG – A homeless man living out of a tent in the woods near Black Creek is charged with attempted murder and aggravated battery following an investigation.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Caleb Winston Ertly, 24, on July 12 after a victim stated Ertly was the man who attacked him with a machete, the report said.

Deputies responded to a call stating the callers neighbor was slumped over their front porch with severe stab wounds caused from a machete. Clay County Fire Rescue took the man to Orange Park Medical Center with life threatening injuries. Before leaving, however, deputies allegedly heard the victim state Ertly had attacked

him, causing several lacerations to their body, facial and skull, stab wounds to the back and a severely lacerated arm.

An investigation revealed the victim was stabbed several times causing severe blood loss in the laundry room and kitchen area of the victim's residence. The report states Ertley's positioned his tent near the back of the victim's property.

Deputies took Ertley into custody and booked into the Clay County Jail where is held without bond.

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Dunning opens as an Auburn Doubleday



By **Jeremy Houghtaling**
The Auburn Citizen

AUBURN, Ala. — Dane Dunning doesn't feel any extra pressure associated with the 'first-rounder' tag. Dunning, of Fleming Island, a graduate of Clay High School and most recently a junior pitcher at the University of Florida, was drafted in the Major League Baseball draft last month and was added to the Auburn Doubledays roster Monday and tossed three scoreless innings in his New York-Penn League debut July 7 in New York. The Doubledays are the Class A Short Season minor league squad for the Washington Nationals who drafted Dunning.

Dunning is focused on sticking with what has worked for him and hopes that translates to wins with the Doubledays.

"In my opinion, you're a first-rounder for a reason," Dunning said. "You have to live up to your potential, but really, it's just going out there and having fun. There's no

CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY SARAH JEAN CONDON/
 THECITIZEN

Dane Dunning smiles in home field of Auburn Doubledays in New York.

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Golf campers at the Golf Academy of North Florida at Magnolia Point Country Club swing away during Monday drills with Kathryn McNeill, center in white glove, eyeballing a long drive on the driving range. See more pictures, Pages 37 & 40.



One giant leap

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Middleburg High graduate Sam Stelmascek clears 11 feet in a pole vault exhibition in downtown Jacksonville last Saturday. The Jacksonville Athletics Club sponsored the JAC Street Vault event staged near the Jacksonville Landing.

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Olympic Previews

Men's 100 Free, Dressel in gauntlet

By Lauren Neidigh
SwimSwam.com

Lauren Neidigh, a resident of Orange Park, swam at the Bolles School in Jacksonville, then Arizona State University before becoming a swim writer at Swimswam.com. Neidigh looked at the 100 meter freestyle field which features Clay High graduate Caeleb Dressel, a second place finisher at the U.S. Olympic Trials.

Men's 100 Free Records

2012 Olympic Champion: Nathan Adrian (USA), 47.52

2015 World Champion: Ning Zetao (CHN), 47.84

World Record: Cesar Cielo (BRA), 46.91

ORANGE PARK – With the defending Olympic Champion, 2015 World Champion, and current fastest man of 2016 all throwing their hats into the ring in the men's 100 freestyle, the 47 second barrier will be the target for a medal at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics beginning Aug. 4. This summer's highly anticipated battle has Cesar Cielo's World Record of 46.91 in danger, particularly in the hands of Australia's Cameron McEvoy.

After having a breakthrough season in 2016, McEvoy is the clear front runner in this event. He'll be making his 2nd Olympic appearance after swimming on the relays

in 2012 as a 17-year-old, but this time he'll be chasing individual gold as well as team titles. McEvoy sits on top of the 2016 World Rankings after clocking a 47.04 at 2016 Australian Nationals, the fastest time ever done in textile. If he can replicate his performance from earlier this year, he looks almost untouchable.

Reminiscent of McEvoy in 2012 is his Rio teammate Kyle Chalmers. Like McEvoy, he became the Junior World Champion in the 50 and 100 freestyle the summer before qualifying for his first Olympics at 17. Chalmers swam a 48.03 alongside McEvoy at Nationals, shattering his own Junior World Record in the process. Currently ranked 8th in the world, we could see the young Aussie make his first Olympic final.

There to challenge McEvoy for the win will be Team USA's Nathan Adrian, the 2012 Olympic Champion in this event. Adrian has been having a great season, winning U.S. Olympic trials in 47.72 to land 2nd in the world rankings. That swim was his 2nd fastest ever, behind only his 47.52 that he swam to overcome heavy favorite James Magnussen by a hundredth for the gold in 2012, proving that he can take things down to the wire and get his hand on the wall first in a tight racing situation.

The concern for some swimmers is that they may not be able to swim as fast at the Olympics as they did at their respective Trials or Nationals, but Adrian has had no trouble replicating his fast swims in the



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Clay High graduate Caeleb Dressel, left, battled to a second place finish with 2012 London Olympics 100 free champion Nathan Adrian, right, to earn a shot at the Rio Olympics in August. Dressel and Adrian will be top 10 favorites with swimmers from Australian and China in mix for the coveted gold medal in the 100 freestyle.

past. He's consistently dropped time from his Trials swims at Worlds, Pan Pacs, and the Olympics, so his time in Omaha bodes well as he heads into Rio. Last time around, he was over half a second faster in London that he was at Trials.

While Adrian is the defending champion, Team USA will also be sending out a fresh face at these Games. Caeleb Dressel, the American Record holder in the 100 yard free, will be joining him this summer. Dressel fought off a loaded field to grab 2nd at U.S. Olympic Trials in 48.23. While that was his best time, he still believes he has a 47 in him. If his ability to drop time from SECs to NCAAs is any indication, Dressel could be even faster in Rio, and we might see another American swim sub-48 this summer. This is his only individual event, and he'll only swim the 100 free on relays, so Dressel can put all his chips in the 100 free basket – a bit like Adrian did at the 2012 Olympics.

Dressel's former club teammate, Santo Con-

dorelli, will swim at his first Olympics as a member of the Canadian team. He turned heads last summer when he broke 48 for the first time, swimming a 47.98 at Pan Ams that tied him as the fastest swimmer in the World at that point with his former USC teammate, Russia's Vlad Morozov. At 2015 Worlds, he just missed the podium with a 4th place finish. Notably, he almost missed out on the final in Kazan with the 9th fastest time, but Morozov was DQed, bumping him to 8th. This year, Morozov and Condorelli are 9th and 10th in the world rankings, with times of 48.06 and 48.09, respectively.

China's Ning Zetao, the 2015 World Champion in this event, is the 3rd fastest swimmer of 2016. His season best is from 2016 Chinese Nationals, where he swam a 47.96. Notably, the time he swam the semifinals before scratching. Ning has been faster before, as his lifetime best is his Asian Record of 47.64 from Chinese

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Dunning

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pressure. I've been playing the same game since I was a little kid. I just need to do the same thing I've been doing the whole time."

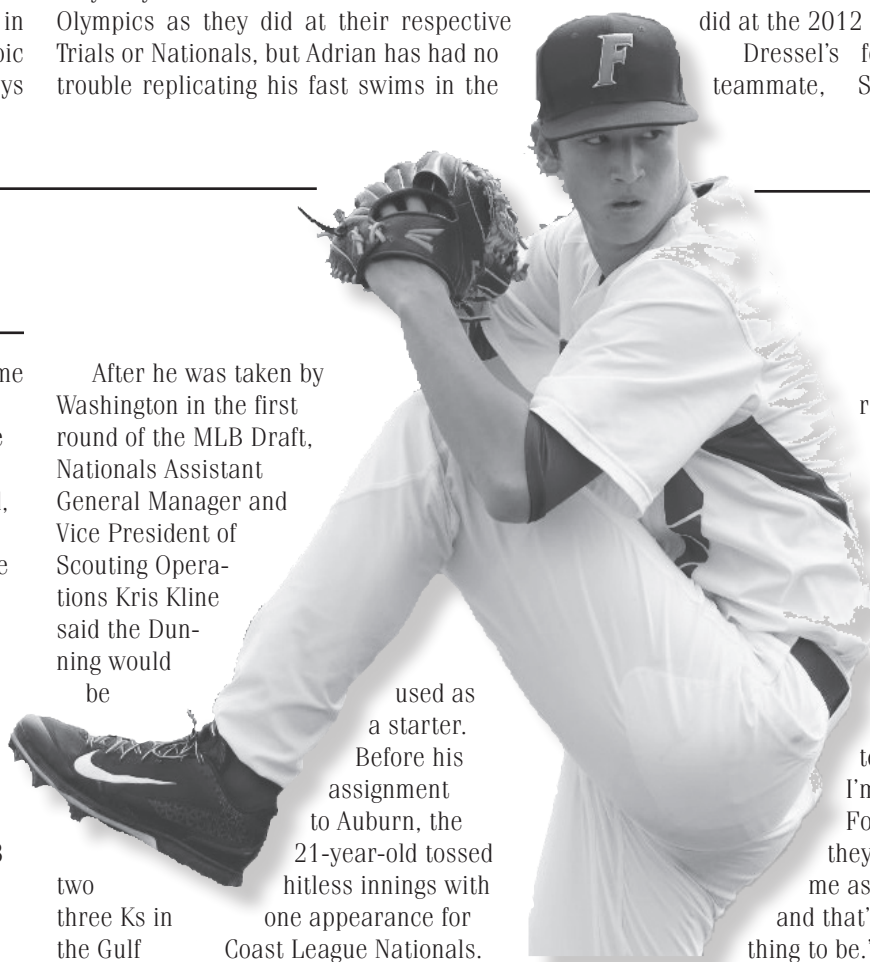
For Doubledays manager Jerad Head, where a player is drafted doesn't matter. The expectations for Dunning are the same as any other Auburn player.

"It's no different than any other guy in the clubhouse," Head said. "He knows what's expected and what he's here to do."

Dunning primarily worked out of the bullpen in his junior season with the Gators. The 6-4 right-hander made five starts in 33 appearances totaling 78 2/3 innings. He struck out 88 and registered a 2.29 ERA, a 6-3 record and two saves.

After he was taken by Washington in the first round of the MLB Draft, Nationals Assistant General Manager and Vice President of Scouting Operations Kris Kline said the Dunning would be

used as a starter. Before his assignment to Auburn, the 21-year-old tossed hitless innings with two three Ks in one appearance for the Gulf Coast League Nationals.



"Starting, relieving, closing — it doesn't matter to me," Dunning said. "As long as I get to pitch and help the team win, I'm OK with it. For right now, they're putting me as a starter and that's a good thing to be."

Like any pitcher coming off a college season, Dunning's innings will be built up throughout the summer.

"They said that they were going to take it slow and not run me out there for a lot of innings since I threw so many in college," said Dunning, who is from Fleming Island, Florida. "They're going to keep it slow for next season. In my first full pro season, I'll be in a better position. Right now they're building me up slow."

When it comes to goals for this summer, Dunning's approach is straightforward.

"Just try to get the team W's," Dunning said. "It's that plain and simple."

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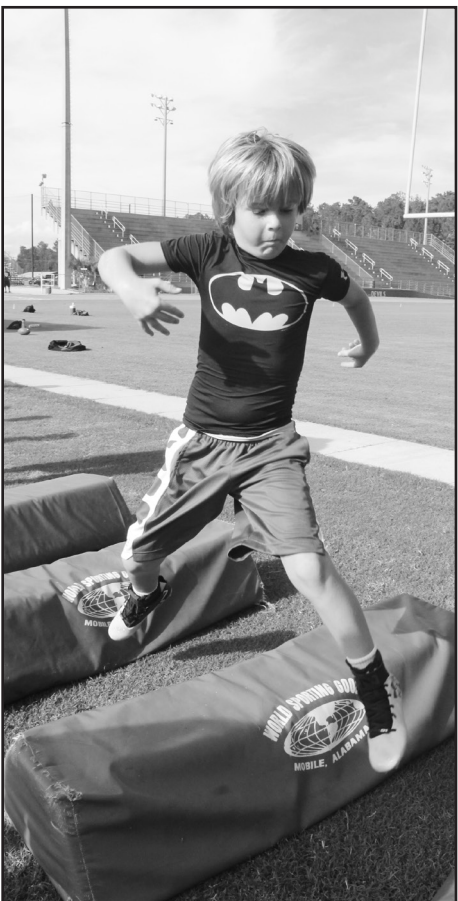
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Fleming Island High School 800 meter specialist Cameron Dill, No. 9, battled to a seventh place finish in his event with a 1:59 split then hit 1:55.79 as the anchor of the silver medal 1600 medley relay team.

Dill, Shaw fuel area tracksters at nationals

By James May
Correspondent

KISSIMMEE, Fla. – Several Clay County athletes earned medals from the AAU Club National Championships at the ESPN Wide World of Sports held here July 15-17.

Two Fleming Island High track standouts; Cameron Dill and Spencer Shaw teamed with two Oakleaf High tracksters; Isaiah Gladden and Kyle McDaniels in the 17-18 year old 1600 medley relay; a race of a 1600 meters with runners running an 800, a 400 and two 200s. Dill ran the anchor leg 800 in a scintillating one minute, 55.79 seconds for the second place finish for the four-man crew. Dill got the baton after legs from Shaw (400) and Oakleaf's Isaiah Gladden (200) and Kyle McDaniels (200). The squad missed out on gold by .09 sec.

Also competing for 1st Coast Track Club, Middleburg High's Marcus Floyd led the way with three top four finishes in the boys 15-16 age group. Against some of the best high school runners in the country, Floyd captured bronze in the 400-meter dash (48.37) and triple jump (44-7) before



Middleburg High track sprinter Marcus Floyd had three top four finishes with thirds in the 400 and triple jump and fourth in 200.

closing out the meet with a 4th place in the


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Incoming Fleming Island High School freshman Camilla May earned a silver medal in the 15-16 javelin with a best throw of 89 feet, five inches.



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UM's next great linebacker?

By Susan Miller Degnan
Miami Herald

MIAMI – University of Miami early-enrollee linebackers Shaq Quarterman, Michael Pinckney and Zach McCloud are Baby Canes who play like grown men.

That, in so many words, is what coach Mark Richt and defensive coordinator/linebackers coach Manny Diaz told reporters after Tuesday's 10th spring practice session. And in case fans don't know already, Richt and Diaz have not spared criticism of their new team if they believe it's warranted.

"They're all mature beyond their years," Diaz said, when asked his impression of the three, who were in high school just a few months ago. "They've come in and have not been daunted by being on the field with guys three or four years older than them, when you can imagine they should all be in English 12 right now reading *The Great Gatsby* or something.

"They were all very well coached in high school. You can see that because of some fundamentals that they've come in with that have really helped them in the transition.

"...They're all physically what you want at linebacker. They can all run, hit; They all show really good toughness. It is a major blessing for our program not only that they're here but that they enrolled early so they can get these 15 days and be a factor for us in the fall."

The 6-1, 239-pound Quarterman, who graduated early from Orange Park Oakleaf High, is the first-team middle linebacker, followed by 6-4, 236-pound redshirt freshman Jamie Gordinier, 6-3, 228-pound redshirt sophomore Terry McCray and 6-1, 224-pound redshirt sophomore Mike Smith.

2016 University of Miami Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	vs. Florida A&M	6 p.m.
9/10	vs. Florida Atlantic	6 p.m.
9/17	at Appalachian State	Noon
10/1	at Georgia Tech	
10/8	vs. Florida State	
10/15	vs. North Carolina	
10/20	at Virginia Tech	7:30 p.m.
10/29	at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m.
11/5	vs. Pittsburgh	
11/12	at Virginia	
11/19	at North Carolina State	
11/26	vs. Duke	

Michael Pinckney, 6-0 and 213 pounds, is from Jacksonville Raines, and is first-team weak-side. Behind Pinckney are 6-2, 245-pound junior Juwon Young and Smith.

Zach McCloud, 6-2 and 215 pounds, is out of Lantana Santaluces and playing third-team – sometimes second-team – strong-side. The strong-side starter is 6-1, 221-pound senior Jermaine Grace, followed by 6-1, 220-pound sophomore Charles Perry. Behind McCloud is walk-on sophomore Eddie Dunn.

Richt said Tuesday that the "top two plays in the scrimmage" were made by Quarterman and Pinckney.

Quarterman, the coach said, "was the one that caused the fumble that was a scoop-and-score. It was textbook the way he approached, great football position. He struck the runner and his hat was right on the ball, popped the ball out.

"Then later in the scrimmage, they had an all-out blitz on, and Pinckney, he's on the blitz, and then we throw the screen and then he turns and runs like a madman and he clips the heels of the back who would have easily got a first down and maybe even a touchdown. It was like third-and-eight,



SPECIAL TO CLAY TODAY

Oakleaf High All American linebacker Shaquille Quarterman, now a University of Miami probable starter in the fall, has maintained his high standard of excellence for the Hurricanes' defense.

third-and-nine and that thing is about to go a long, long way, if not a touchdown, and because of his effort he clips him just in time to keep him short of the first down, force a punt.

"Maybe a play like that can win the game. There were other things that happened that were good, but it's nice to see those kids come in and make that kind of impact right away."

When told that Diaz said to Fox Sports recently that some of his players look like they're good enough to be at Miami and some don't, Quarterman said, "Actually, I like it. I think it's getting back to the process of the old U, when there was straight competition. All he's doing is weeding everybody out. Because you know this sport is not for everyone and this college definitely isn't for everyone."

Quarterman, a consensus four-star recruit and U.S. Army All-American who had 101 tackles this past season, said Diaz was "very tough, but it's all out of love. We all really appreciate that."

McCloud chose UM over schools such as Auburn, Alabama, Florida and Florida State. He told the Miami Herald on Tuesday that he had previous nerve damage in his right shoulder but is practicing full-contact and competed in the scrimmage. "Every morning I come in and do different exercises to get the strength back and it has been coming back pretty fast."

Of his new, tough coaches, McCloud, like Quarterman, approved.

"They're always on us about something," he said. "nobody can be stagnant. You always have to grow."



Josh Lee

NCAA men's golf championships

Lee leads FSU to 19th at NCAA golf

Courtesy: Seminoles.com

EUGENE, Oregon – The 13th-seeded Florida State University Men's Golf team, led by Fleming Island grad Josh Lee, saw its run in the NCAA Golf Championship in May end with one stroke the difference between a Top 15 finisher's cutline at Eugene Country Club at the University of Oregon. Host Oregon, sixth-ranked nationally, won the team title over number one ranked Texas.

The Seminoles were 9-over on Sunday and finished at 28-over for the championship to tie for 19th with Houston and Auburn. An opportunity to get into the Top 15 tie-breaker was had on the 18th hole, but a missed putt from a not-so-easy distance foiled that chance.

"It came down to the last guy and the last putt and that does not always go your way," FSU head coach Trey Jones said.

Lee, a junior, was the top performing

Seminole once again, shooting 1-over for the Sunday round and finishing at 4-over for the tournament to tie for 30th so far. His birdie putt attempt on the 18th to possibly put FSU in the Top 15 for Monday was not converted, but he kept FSU in the hunt all weekend with a superb display. Lee finished with rounds of 70, 73 and 71.

"The underclassmen gave us something to be excited about," Jones added. "All Seminoles should be very proud of this golf team. They gave everything they had this week and fought to the very end. They never stopped believing in themselves or their teammates."

Lee executed well on the par 5s all weekend, shooting 4-under overall. The highlight of his tournament was a hole-in-one on the par 3, 205-yard 16th hole that gave FSU life into advancing to Monday's final stroke play round. Lee also birdied

the first hole, a 401-yard par 4 hole.

Oregon's Aaron Wise was top individual with a 275 score (70-70-64-71) for four rounds.

Redshirt junior Cristobal Del Solar concluded his tournament shooting 6-over overall, including 1-over on Sunday. He tied for the tournament lead with two eagles, including one on the 10th hole that was 395 yards out. He is currently tied for 50th among all players, and ended his round with an important birdie on the 18th hole.

Freshman Corey Carlson played well in his first NCAA Championship, shooting 9-over. On par 5 holes he shot 6-under for the tournament, currently tied for the best among all players. Carlson had rounds of 71, 73 and 75.



Orange Park women win tennis title

DAYTONA BEACH – The Eagle Landing Country Club 40-Over Women’s 3.5 division tennis team won their USTA Florida League sectional title in Daytona Beach on July 15-17 at the Florida Tennis Center and Sanlando Park in Altamonte Springs.

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No. 2 Doubles: Sue Newman/Jody Cabrera (Clay) d. Jill Meunier/Janet Franklin 6-3, 7-5


No. 3 Doubles: Jean Zambrano/Daisy Estoesta (O/S) d. Kim Barelare/Carol Rynne 7-5, 6-4

Clay Season Roster: Sharel Grissett-Macon (captain), Stacie Lamoureux, Beatrice Plummer, Laura Drake, Timothe Romani, Sue Newman, Arlene Muehl, Ronda Allen, Renee Lewis, Kaya Frechette, Carol Rynne, Angela Johnson, Judibelle Roman, Jody Cabrera, Kim Barelare and Brenda Sy.




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Fleming Island High School football coach Damenyum Springs and the Golden Eagles Booster Club recently donated uniforms to the West Virginia high schools for football apparel and equipment. FSU head football coach Jimbo Fisher, who grew up in West Virginia, sent out a football uniform donation request to Florida schools to aid fellow teams that suffered losses due to catastrophic flooding in West Virginia. Fleming Island mailed six boxes full of uniforms to FSU football who handled the donation project. FSU will ship all uniforms to West Virginia on July 25.



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Left: Teaching pro, Mike Trinley helps student Matthew Scrogins with his swing.



Dylan Carey takes a big swing. Golf campers ranged from five years old up to teen aged athletes.



Coach Brian Kibbler, shows Matthew Scrogins about elbow position while in his driving practices at the golf camp.



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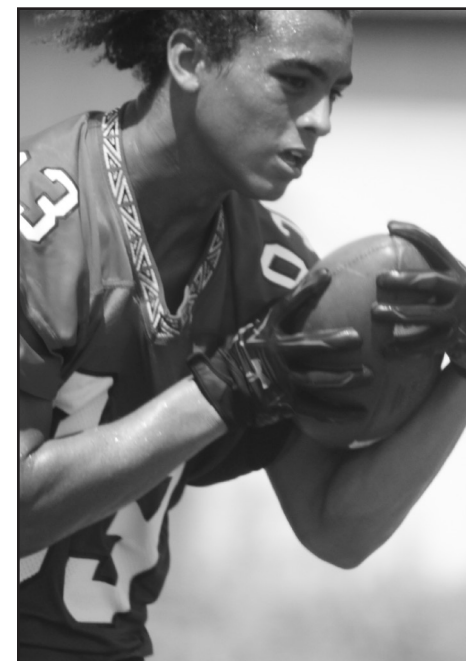
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NCAA leading slugger Weeks leads Modesto over Bakersfield 5-3

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BAKERSFIELD, Ca. — Former Clay High slugger Drew Weeks homered and had two hits, driving in three as the Modesto Nuts topped the Bakersfield Blaze 5-3 on Wed., July 14 in minor league action in the California League. Modesto is a Class A (Advanced) minor league team for the Colorado Rockies.

Weeks, who was an NCAA leading slugger at the University of North Florida, was drafted by the Major League Baseball Colorado Rockies. Weeks' younger brother, Wes, will be playing at UNF in 2016.

With the game tied 1-1 in the third, Bakersfield went out in front when Justin Seager hit a solo home run.

Modesto answered in the top of the next frame, scoring four runs to take the lead for good. Weeks hit a two-run single en route to the three-run lead.

The Blaze saw their comeback attempt come up short after Austin Wilson hit a solo home run in the fifth inning to cut the Modesto lead to 5-3.

Modesto left-hander Jack Wynkoop (2-1) picked up a quality start and the win after allowing three runs on six hits over six innings. Opposing starter Eddie Campbell (10-6) took the loss in the California League game after a rough outing in which he allowed five runs and six hits over 4 2/3 innings. Luis Alberto Niebla retired the side in order for his third save of the season.

Despite the loss, Bakersfield is 10-5 against Modesto this season.

In the California League North, Modesto held a 7-14 record for fourth place behind the Bakersfield Blaze (Seattle), the San Jose Giants (San Francisco), the Stockton Ports (Oakleaf) and were ahead of fifth place Visalia Rawhide (Arizona).

On July 11, Weeks doubled and singled for two RBIs in a 6-2 win over the Lake Elsinore Storm.

Omar Carrizales doubled twice and singled, scoring two runs as the Modesto Nuts topped the Lake Elsinore Storm 6-2 on Sunday.

Modesto took the lead in the first when it crossed the plate for four runs, including a two-run double by Weeks.

After the teams traded runs, the Storm cut into the deficit in the sixth inning when Ty France hit an RBI double, bringing home Franmil Reyes.

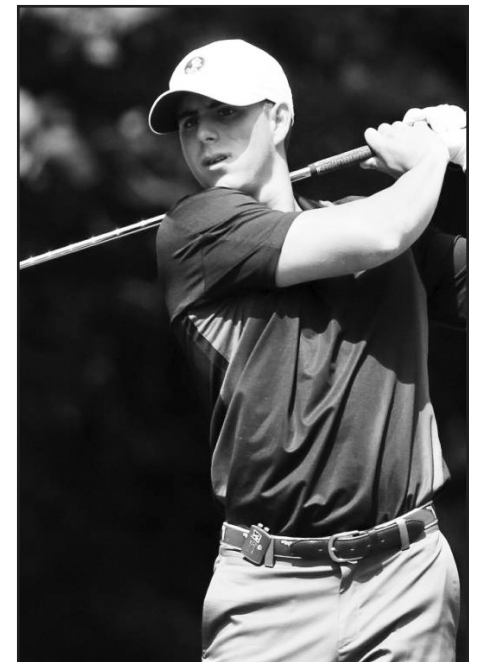
The Nuts tacked on another run in the seventh when Wes Rogers hit an RBI single, scoring Carrizales.

Modesto right-hander Parker French (5-6) picked up a quality start and the win after allowing two runs on seven hits over six innings. Opposing starter Enyel De Los Santos (1-3) took the loss in the California League game after allowing five runs and eight hits over 5 2/3 innings.

France doubled twice and singled, driving in a run and also scoring one for the Storm.

summer CAMP

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Corey Carlson

Golf

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Senior Hank Lebioda wraps up his top-notch FSU career with a 2-over 72 on Sunday, shooting 10-overall altogether. Lebioda's next stop includes a trip to the Mackenzie Tour in Canada. Senior Rowin Caron finished 14-over for the tournament. Lebioda, Del Solar Named to Division I PING All-Southeast Region Team

Both Lebioda and Del Solar were also named to the All-ACC Team, while Lebioda was honored as the ACC Player of the Year.

FSU finished tied for third with three teams in the ACC championships behind Clemson and Wake Forest with Lee tying for 29th (219-72-76-71, +3) and Carlson tying for 25th (218, 71-73-74, +2). FSU, Georgia Tech, Duke and Louisville all tied for third in team scores.

The Division I PING All-Southeast Region Team is named by the Golf Coaches Association of America. A total of 156 players were honored across six regions.

Track

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200-meter dash (22.14 into headwind).

Dill and incoming Orange Park Junior High's Mei Chiang were also multiple medal winners. Dill ran 1:55.79 in the 800 to anchor the second place 17-18 boys sprint medley relay squad. Dill overcame being tripped, boxed in, and being trapped outside to take 7th in the open 800 (1:59). Chiang placed sixth in the 12 year old girls 3000 (11:44) and 1500 (5:13).

The highest individual finish was Camilla May's silver medal in the 15-16 girls javelin (89-5). Orange Park Junior High's Devin Graham took 6th in the 13 year old triple jump (33-9.5) followed closely by incoming Lake Asbury Junior High's Harrison Robinson (7th in 32-9). Robinson missed out on 100-meter finals by .001 and then tragically dislocated his hip in the 200-me-

ter hurdles. Robinson was seeded to place in the hurdles and long jump. Luckily, no chipping occurred in dislocation and he has a 6-8 week recovery period.

Other medalists were Shawn Floyd in 12-year old discus (8th with 67-9) and Kavon Miller in 11 year old 800 (7th in 2:25). Miller narrowly missed 400 finals (9th 1:02) before breaking his toe and not being able to run in 200 semifinals.

Other interesting notes: Marcus placed third out of lane eight in 400. He PR'd in 200 (21.89 in prelims to have three PRs in a row; two at USATF regional in South Carolina). Spencer Shaw narrowly missed out of 800 finals (.09) with a 7 second PR (2:01). Shaw had 50.71 split in medley and also PR'd in open 400 (51.92). Dill ran well each day (1:55 split, 1:58 in 800 semifinals, 50.10 in 400 semis, 49.06 4x400 relay split, and the 1:59 in finals).



Orange Park Junior High runner Mei Chang, No. 8, at right in photo, had a stellar weekend with a sixth place in the 12 year old girl's 3000 meters and 1500 meters.

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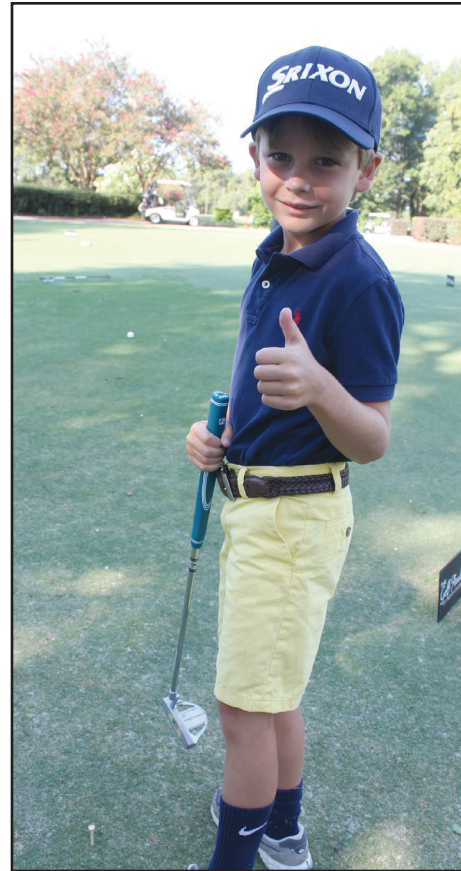
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Will Strickland smiles and gives the thumbs up to golf camp after sinking 28-foot putt.



Jake Euelfeld takes a swing.



Natalie Harper tees up her ball on the driving range.



Ray Scrogins places his ball on the tee.



Andrew Scrogins demonstrates a full swing to the golf campers.



Natalie and Dylan Harper get ready to warm up on the putting green Thurs., July 14 at The Golf Academy of North Florida's annual golf summer camp program. Camps continue through July 25-30.

Dressel
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Nationals in 2014.

Tied with Zetao is Italy's Luca Dotto, who had an identical result at Italian Nationals with his flat start relay leg. Dotto set a new Italian Record in that race, becoming the first Italian man under 48 seconds and establishing himself as a possible finalist in Rio. The interesting thing about Dotto is that he's been significantly faster on his relay leadoffs than in his individual swims. He won the 100 free in 48.40, so he'll have to be able to replicate the motivation behind his relay swims in order to make the Olympic final individually.

France will send 2 swimmers to Rio who are ranked in the world's top 10 this year. Sitting 5th is Jeremy Stravius, a former backstroke World Champion, who won the 100 free at French Nationals in 47.97. His teammate Clement Mignon took the 2nd spot, just hundredths behind in 48.01. Mignon is actually the 3rd fastest French swimmer and 6th in the world this year, but Florent Manadou, who sits just ahead of him at 48.00, has opted out of swimming this event individually in Rio.

There are several swimmers bunched in the 48.2-48.3 range who could break into the 47s to reach the top 8. Two of those swimmers, Marcelo Chierighini and Nicolas Oliveira, will have the home advantage with the Olympics taking place in their native Brazil. Both swam their season bests at the Maria Lenk Trophy, where Chierighini was a 48.20 to Oliveira's 48.30.

Men's 100 Free Top 8 Predictions:

Place	Swimmer	Best Time	Predicted Time
1	Cameron McEvoy AUS	47.04	47.1
2	Nathan Adrian USA	47.72	47.3
3	Ning Zetao CHN	47.64	47.5
4	Kyle Chalmers AUS	48.03	47.8
5	Santo Condorelli CAN	47.98	47.8
6	Vlad Morozov RUS	47.62	47.9
7	Jeremy Stravius FRA	47.97	47.9
8	Caeleb Dressel USA	48.23	48.0

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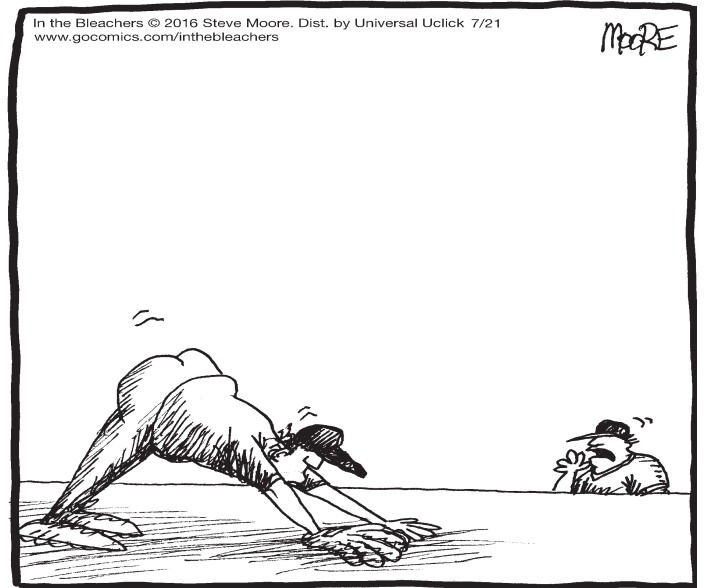
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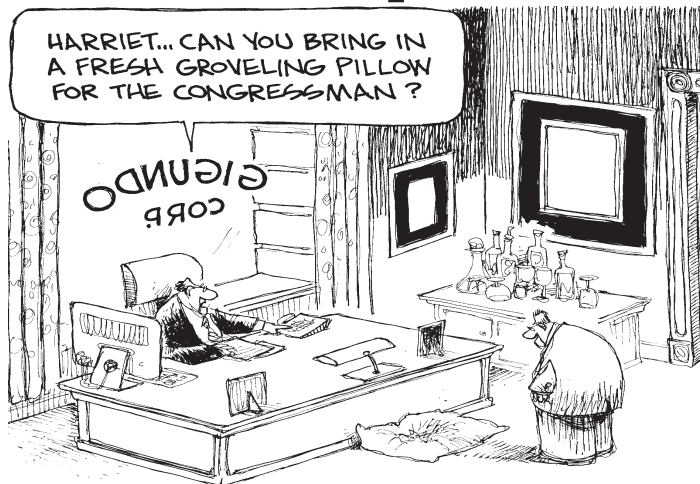
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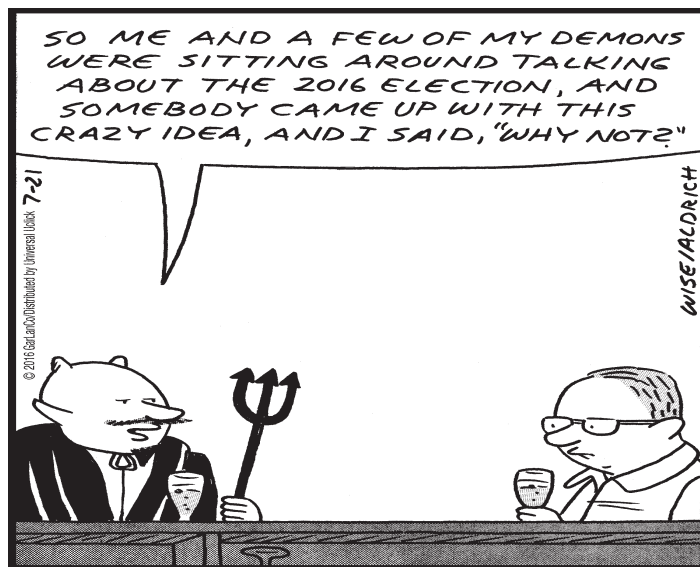
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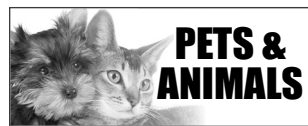
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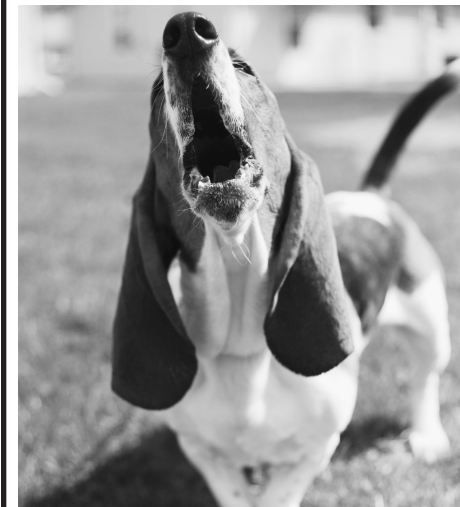
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

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

TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS AND A REGULAR MEETING

DATE: August 10, 2016
 TIME: 6:00 p.m.
 LOCATION: Courtyard by Marriott, 610 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL 32073

The first public hearing is being held to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budgets for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 ("**Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget**"). The second public hearing is being held to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("**O&M Assessment**") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the District's Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. The public hearings are being conducted pursuant to Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, and using the procedures authorized by Florida law for the levy and collection of special assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it.

Description of Assessments

The District imposes special assessments on benefitted property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget and providing the funds necessary to pay debt service on outstanding bonds as reflected in the District's debt service budget. A geographic depiction of the District (i.e., the property potentially subject to the assessment) is identified in the map attached hereto. The District adopts its budgets for these operations and maintenance expenses each year after consideration by the Board and after the holding of a public hearing.

All benefitted lands within the District pay these assessments, including undeveloped and developed lands. Lands within the District are assigned units of measurement, known as "Equivalent Assessment Units" or "EAUs," in accordance with their use and as described more fully in the District's assessment methodology on file at the offices of the District Manager. All single family lots within the District contain one EAU.

The District intends to refund and refinance its currently outstanding bonds. This refunding is expected to result in an increased par debt amount of outstanding District debt, but due to the reduced interest rate associated with the re-issuance, the annual payment amount of debt assessments will decrease. Contingent upon the successful refunding of these bonds, and for the purpose of enhancing the District's Operations and Maintenance reserve account, the District intends to increase the annual O&M Assessments by the exact amount that the annual debt assessments amounts decrease. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments for a single family lot within the District:

FY 2016 O&M Assessment	FY 2017 O&M Assessment	Current Debt Service Assessment	Projected* Refunded Debt Service Assessment	Total FY 2017 Assessment (Combined O&M and Debt)
\$754.00	\$934.85	\$1,500.00	\$1,319.15	\$2,254.00

*The projected amounts referenced above reflect the maximum O&M assessment that may be levied against a single family lot. Such amount will only be levied if the District is able to achieve the same amount of savings on the annual debt assessment. The amount of savings the District may achieve on the annual debt assessment is directly impacted by interest rates at the time the bonds are marketed. The projected annual debt assessment referenced above reflects the maximum amount of savings the District may achieve. **It is possible that such savings will not be achieved and the annual debt assessment may only be decreased to \$1,406.85.**

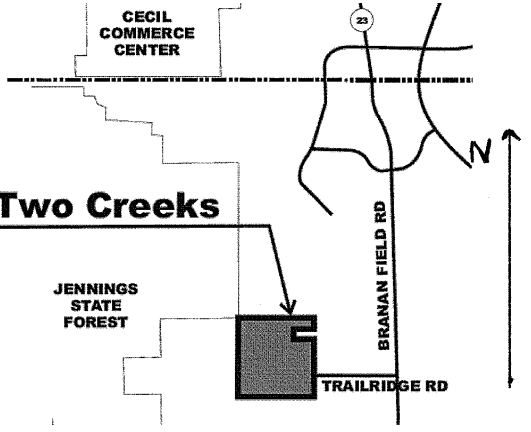
For all O&M Assessments levied for Fiscal Year 2016/2017, the District expects to collect no more than **\$583,345.74** in gross revenue. The proposed O&M Assessments as stated include collection costs and/or early payment discounts, which the County may impose on assessments that are collected on the County tax bill. Moreover, pursuant to Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, the lien amount shall serve as the "maximum rate" authorized by law for operation and maintenance assessments, such that no assessment hearing shall be held or notice provided in future years unless the assessments are proposed to be increased or another criterion within Section 197.3632(4) is met.

By operation of law, the District's assessments each year constitute a lien against benefitted property located within the District just as do each year's property taxes. For Fiscal Year 2016/2017, the District intends to have the County tax collector collect the assessments. For delinquent assessments that were initially directly billed by the District, the District may initiate a foreclosure action or may place the delinquent assessments on the next year's county tax bill. It is important to pay your assessment because failure to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title, or for direct billed assessments, may result in a foreclosure action, which also may result in a loss of title. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

Additional Provisions

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the proposed budgets, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at 2806 North Fifth Street, Unit 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084, Ph: (904) 436-6270, during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 436-6270 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.



Please note that all affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearings and meeting, and may also file written objections with the District Manager within twenty days of publication of this notice. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Lesley Gallagher
 District Manager

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO: 10-2016-CA-000175 DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST KATHERINE PFLANZ A/K/A KATHERINE RENE PFLANZ A/K/A KATHERINE RENE PFLANZ A/K/A KATHERINE R. FLANZ A/K/A KATHERINE R. SCOTT DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).
 To: **THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, KATHERINE PFLANZ A/K/A KATHERINE RENE PFLANZ A/K/A KATHERINE RENE PFLANZ A/K/A KATHERINE R. FLANZ A/K/A KATHERINE R. SCOTT DECEASED**

Last Known Address: Unknown
 Current Address: Unknown
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.
 Last Known Address: Unknown
 Current Address: Unknown
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida:

LOTS 17 AND 18 AND THE WESTERLY 20 FEET OF LOT 19, BLOCK 25, LAKEVIEW HIGHLANDS, A SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE(S) 69 AND 70, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA A/K/A 230 FAIRWAY DR SW, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court within 30 days of first publication otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Clay Today.
 WITNESS my hand and seal of this court on this 5th day of July, 2016.

(seal)
 Tara S. Green
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Julia Wilcox
 Deputy Clerk

See the Americans with Disabilities Act

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at (904) 630-2564 within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. To file response please contact Clay County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, Tel: (904) 269-6302 x 6566; Fax (904) 278-3653.
 Legal 37552 published July 14 and July 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 2015-CA-001061
REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.,

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Plaintiff,
 v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ROSEMARIE RIVERS, DECEASED, et al.
 Defendant(s)
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ROSEMARIE RIVERS, DECEASED

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

A PORTION OF SECTION THIRTY-NINE (39), Z. KINGSLEY GRANT, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS: FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 39, (WHICH IS ALSO THE NORTH CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 1, SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST); THENCE RUN ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 79, PAGE 193 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, SOUTH 48° 18' EAST, 1933.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 71° 35' WEST, 252.59 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. S-224-A; THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE RUN SOUTH 49° 50' EAST, 172.96 FEET; THENCE NORTH 71° 35' EAST, 221.83 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 40° 20' WEST, 159.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 12th day of July, 2016

(seal)
 TARA S. GREEN
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By Rebecca Crews
 DEPUTY CLERK
 Legal 37595 published July 21 and July 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 15-049464

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO: 2016-CA-000427
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,
 Plaintiff,
 Vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. HARTNETT A/K/A WILLIAM EDGAR HARTNETT, et al., Defendants.
 TO: **UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. HARTNETT A/K/A WILLIAM EDGAR HARTNETT UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM E. HARTNETT A/K/A WILLIAM EDGAR HARTNETT**

Last Known Address: 5670 ACADIA ST, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656 12461 RIDGETON DR, LAKESIDE, CA 92040
 Current Residence: Unknown
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOTS 18, 19 AND 20, BLOCK 33, BIG

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TREE LAKES SECTION A, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11 ON PAGES 54 THROUGH 61 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2003 HOMES OF MERIT DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME IDENTIFIED BY VIN NUMBER(S): FLHML2F163727083A & FLHML2F163727083B

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Choice Legal Group, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. BOX 9908, FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33310-9908 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice in the Clay Today and file the original with the Clerk of this court either before service on plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 5th day of July, 2016.

(seal)
 Tara S. Green
 As Clerk of the Court
 By Julia Wilcox
 As Deputy Clerk
 Legal 37559 published July 14 and July 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 16-00046

NOTICE OF ACTION

CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 2016-CA-000520
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"),
 Plaintiff,
 v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF BETTIE JOHNSON, DECEASED, et al.
 Defendant(s)
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF BETTIE JOHNSON, DECEASED

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 9-A A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING LOT 9-A OF OAK LAKE ESTATES, SOLD PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 15, WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE BELLAMY ROAD (A 66 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) AND RUN NORTH 64 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SOLD NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 601.73 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 64 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SOLD NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 517.80 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST, 674.93 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST, 100.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST, 1,310.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 78 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, 80.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF

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BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 78 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, 40.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 24 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, 511.72 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, 341.24 FEET TO THE CENTER-LINE OF ROOKERY ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID CENTER-LINE 89.28 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST, 30.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE CENTER-LINE OF ROOKERY ROAD, 60.56 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 330.61 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 33 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST, 386.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND THAT CERTAIN 1984 CHARLAMAR MOBILE HOME WITH VIN GBICM16592A AND VIN GBICM16592B. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND GENERAL ROAD PURPOSES ACROSS THE EAST 30 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC POWER USE ACROSS THE EAST 10 FEET OF THE WEST 40 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 8th day of July, 2016

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Julia Wilcox
DEPUTY CLERK
Legal 37586 published July 21 and July 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 16-005051

FICTITIOUS NAME
Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Holiday CVS, L.L.C., One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of CVS/pharmacy #16828, with its principal place of business in the State of Florida at 1490 County Rd 220, in the City of Fleming Island, County of Clay, intends to file an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name with the Florida Department of State.
Legal 37596 published July 21, 2015 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2016-CA-000580
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DANIEL L. OSBORNE A/K/A DANIEL LEE OSBORNE, DECEASED; ROBERTA OSBORNE A/K/A ROBERTA LYNN OSBORNE; GARY L. WILKINSON, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL L. OSBORNE A/K/A DANIEL LEE OSBORNE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendant(s)
To the following Defendant(s):
UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DANIEL L. OSBORNE A/K/A DANIEL LEE OSBORNE, DECEASED

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(RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: LOT 7, BLOCK 1, HERITAGE FARMS UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGES 49, 50, 51, 52 AND 53, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 1592 ABELLA MNR, MIDDLEBURG, FLORIDA 32068 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Kahane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Suite 3000, Plantation, FLORIDA 33324 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice in the CLAY TODAY and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904)-630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 14th day of July, 2016.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Court
By Jaimie Blake
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 37608 published July 21 and July 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 15-04630

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2015-CA-000462
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff
V.
JESSICA HAZELWOOD A/K/A JESSICA LYNN HAZELWOOD; HAITHAM HABIB BHACKER HABIB; COVENTRY AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; MILLSTONE/COVENTRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; OAKLEAF PLANTATION WEST PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendants.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgement of Foreclosure dated the 7th day of July, 2016, and entered in Case No. 2015-CA-000462, of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff; and JESSICA HAZELWOOD A/K/A JESSICA LYNN HAZELWOOD; HAITHAM HABIB BHACKER HABIB; COVENTRY AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; MILLSTONE/COVENTRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; OAKLEAF PLANTATION WEST PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at 10:00 A.M. in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 22nd day of August, 2016, the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit: **UNIT NO. 713, IN BUILDING NO. 7, IN PHASE 7 OF COVENTRY AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2954, PAGE 1405, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA, AS AMENDED.**
Property Address: **625 OAKLEAF PLANTATION PKY #713, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065**
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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Dated this 8th day of July, 2016.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
by Melissa Brewer
Deputy Clerk
Legal 37575 published July 14 and July 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 04-075243

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 2014-CA-001465
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES,

AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS F. GODFREY A/K/A THOMAS FRANCIS GODFREY, DECEASED, et al.
Defendant(s)
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS F. GODFREY A/K/A THOMAS FRANCIS GODFREY, DECEASED whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: LOT 37, BLOCK 12-A, BELLAIR UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGES 12 AND 13 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a

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default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 8th day of July, 2016

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Julia Wilcox
DEPUTY CLERK
Legal 37587 published July 21 and July 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 14-83798

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UNCLAIMED MONEY HELD BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
The following moneys are unclaimed by the named individuals or companies and unless claimed by September 1, 2016, will be forfeited to the county.
Persons having or claiming interest in such funds or any portion of them shall file their written claim to the Sheriff's Office by September 1, as follows:
By mail to Clay County Sheriff's Office, PO Box 548, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043-0548 Attention Unclaimed Funds Processing, Fiscal Department.
By hand-delivery to 901 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL and clearly marked Unclaimed Funds Processing, Fiscal Department.
Claimant must provide valid proof of ownership, mailing address and phone number where they may be reached in case additional information is required to support the claim.
FULL NAME / AMOUNT

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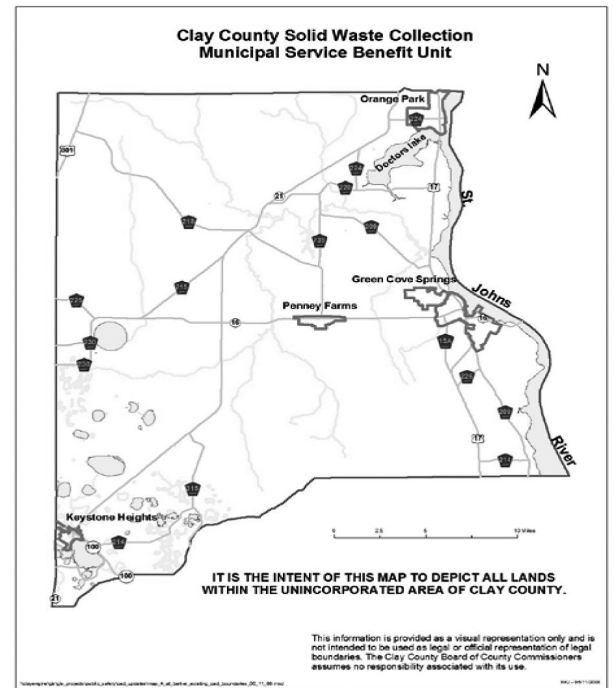
Jose Geronimo	13.31
Ashlee Larry Anderson	5.77
Roberto Angeaga	120.25
John Michael Benson	25.00
Joshua Adam Blakeslee	3.18
Richard Todd Broadus	100.06
Michael James Brown	30.00
Andre Laderrick Colson	1.25
Michael Angel Cornejo-Zepeda	3.92
Scotty Mathew Green	50.00
Kevin Alfred Griffin	39.41
Shane Alexander Griffin	25.00
Michael Scott Hawkins	12.00
Kendell Renaldo Joseph	1.39
Kelly J. Malone	8.00
Joshua William Northcutt	16.75
Eddie Gene Padgett	1.56
Shawn Caleb Payne	3.54
Kevin Antonio Sampson	7.24
Donald James Stone	50.00
Jeremy Andrew Vaugh	3.45
Sane Allen Watkins	5.00
Keith Wallace Williams	2.53
James D. Willis	4.19
Cameron McQuaig	1.32
Brandon Hall	1.51
Keith Carter	7.08
William Gressel	2.94
Felicia McKnight	27.65
RICK BESELER, SHERIFF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA	
Legal 37584 published July 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 BUDGETS; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.
PINE RIDGE PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Hearing to Impose And Provide For Collection of Solid Waste Collection Special Assessments

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider the imposition of special assessments against certain improved residential properties located within the Clay County Solid Waste Municipal Benefit Unit, which serves the unincorporated area of Clay County, to fund the costs of solid waste and recovered materials collection services, facilities and programs to such properties and to authorize the collection of such assessments on the annual ad valorem tax bill. Failure to pay the assessments may result in the loss of title to such property by tax deed sale. A public hearing to receive comments from affected property owners and to authorize the imposition and collection of the Solid Waste Collection Special Assessments will be held at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, on August 23, 2016 in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, 477 Houston Street, Clay County Administration Building, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board within 20 days of this notice. Actions taken by the Board at the public hearing shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented, including the method of apportionments, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments, unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of the Board action at the hearing. Any person wishing to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered will need a record and may wish to ensure that a verbatim record is made.

The assessment will be computed by multiplying the number of dwelling units on each parcel by the rate of assessment. The rate of assessment for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September, 30, 2017 shall be \$146.40. The maximum rate of assessment that can be imposed in future fiscal years without additional notice is \$161.00. When applicable, the assessments will include an amount equivalent to the payment delinquency for the prior year's Solid Waste Collection Assessment. Copies of the Assessment Roll showing the amount of the assessments imposed against each parcel of property, and the legal documentation relating to the assessments are available for inspection at the office of the County Manager, located on the fourth floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator, by mail, at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, or by telephone at (904)284/269-6347, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).



If you have any questions, please contact the Clay County Environmental Services Department at the following telephone numbers: 284/269-6374, 473-3711 or 533-2111. Legal 37550 published July 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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DISTRICT
The Board of Supervisors of the Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District will hold a public hearing on August 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Ridge Plantation Amenity Center, 4200 Pine Ridge Parkway, Middleburg, Florida 32068 for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the budgets of the District for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

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

Legal Public Notice
Clay County School Board

The Clay County School Board will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 5:01 p.m., in the Teacher Inservice Center located at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island, Florida 32003. The purpose of the meeting will be to hold the first Public Hearing on the 2016-2017 Budget and for adoption of the millages and tentative budget.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2016-CP-000223
Division:
IN RE: ESTATE OF KAY WORLEY COLLINS, Deceased.
The administration of the estate of Kay Worley Collins, deceased, whose date of death was May 18, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 Orange Avenue, P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

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FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is July 14, 2016.
Attorney for Person Giving Notice: Geraldine C. Hartin
Florida Bar Number: 015201
Drawdy & Hartin, P.A.
784 Blanding Blvd., Suite 108
Orange Park, FL 32065
Telephone: (904) 639-5320

Person Giving Notice: Steven Collins
784 Blanding Blvd., Suite 108
Orange Park, FL 32065

Legal 37571 published July 14 and July 21, 2016, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF MEETING SOUTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the South Village Community Development District will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.

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continued to a date, time and place to be specified on the record at the meeting.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

James Oliver
District Manager
Legal 37611 published July 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS - PROPERTY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2016-CA-000539
Division No.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,

Vs.
Curtis S. Moffett, et al, Defendants/
TO: CURTIS S. MOFFETT
Whose Address Is Unknown But Whose Last Known Address is: 2888 Sundance Court, Orange Park, FL 32065

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CURTIS S. MOFFETT Whose Address Is Unknown But Whose Last Known Address is: 2888 Sundance court, Orange Park, FL 32065

Residence unknown and if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendant, if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other person claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant; and the aforementioned named Defendant and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant and such of the unknown named Defendant as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property, to-wit:

LOT 59, BAY HILL LANDING UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 23, PAGES 73 AND 74, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

more commonly known as 1275 Suffolk Pl, Orange Park, FL 32065. This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, GILBERT GARCIA GROUP, P.A., whose address is 2313 W. Violet St., Tampa, Florida 33603, (email:service@gilbertgroup.com) on or before 30 days after date of first publication and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service of Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 5th day of July, 2016. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, CLAY County, 825 N Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs FL 32043, TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service'.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
CLAY County, Florida
By: Taylor Solomon
Deputy Clerk

Legal 37577 published July 14 and July 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 2016-CA-000577
CITIMORTGAGE INC.,

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Plaintiff, v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JUDITH M. SIMONS, DECEASED, et al.

Defendant(s)
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JUDITH M. SIMONS, DECEASED

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
LOT 16, BLOCK 77, JACKSONVILLE SOUTH, UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 1 THROUGH 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1991 MERRITT LIVESTOCK TRAILER DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME CONTAINING VIN # 'S HML2F28262256885A AND HML2F28262256885B

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 29th day of June, 2016

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Julia Wilcox
DEPUTY CLERK

Legal 37549 published July 14 and July 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 16-002492

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Orange Park Planning & Zoning Board will hold a public hearing to consider Application for Variance V-2-2016 to provide relief from Section 2.05.21.01(f) of the Town of Orange Park Code of Ordinances to increase the maximum height of an accessory structure from 16 feet to 22 feet, and to reduce the minimum yard setback requirement for the rear and west side yard from ten (10) feet to five (5) feet for property located at 2239 Marcel Drive. This public hearing will be held in the Town Council Chambers on Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 5:00 P.M.

Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of the application may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard.

Sarah Campbell, Town Clerk
Legal 37600 published July 21 and July 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

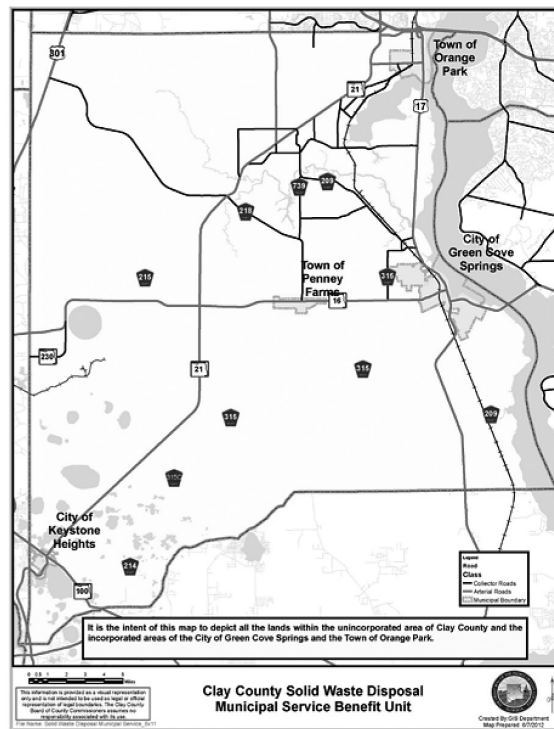
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 10-2016-DR-000580
Division: F

Concha Ozuna-Betancourt, Petitioner and
Rodrigo Espinoza Hernandez, Respondent
TO: Rodrigo Espinoza Hernandez whose last address was:
337 Uranus Ln
Orange Park FL 32073
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been

Notice of Hearing to Impose And Provide For Collection of Solid Waste Disposal Assessments

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider the imposition of assessments against certain improved residential properties located within the Clay County Solid Waste Municipal Benefit Unit, which serves the unincorporated area of Clay County and the incorporated areas of the City of Green Cove Springs and the Town of Orange Park, to fund the costs of the solid waste disposal services and facilities to such properties and to authorize the collection of such assessments on the annual ad valorem tax bill. Failure to pay the assessments may result in the loss of title to such property by tax deed sale.

The assessment will be computed by multiplying the number of dwelling units on each parcel by the rate of assessment. The rate of assessment for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September, 30, 2017 shall be \$84.00. When applicable, the assessments will include an amount equivalent to the payment delinquency for the prior year's Solid Waste Disposal Assessment. Copies of the Assessment Roll showing the amount of the assessments imposed against each parcel of property, and the legal documentation relating to the assessments are available for inspection at the office of the County Manager, located on the fourth floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



If you have any questions, please contact the Clay County Environmental Services Department at the following telephone numbers: 284/269-6374, 473-3711 or 533-2111.
Legal 37551 published July 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Concha Ozuna-Betancourt whose address is: 337 Uranus Ln Orange Park FL 32073 on or before August 29, 2016 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: July 13, 2016

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Taylor Solomon
Deputy Clerk
Legal 37594 published July 21, July 28, Aug 4 and Aug 11, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on August 9, 2016 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

2012 Kia KNDJT2A58C7449598
1996 Lexus JT8BF12G4T0159856
2000 Dodge 1B3EJ46X2YN112913
Scott's Affordable Towing Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
Legal 37603 publish July 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2016-CA-000200
LIVE WELL FINANCIAL, INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOYCE R MURRAY AKA JOYCE RITA MURRAY, DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants
TO:
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOYCE R. MURRAY AKA JOYCE RITA MURRAY, DECEASED
961 HIBERNIA FOREST DR GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
DARON JAY MURRAY
961 HIBERNIA DR GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
DARON JAY MURRAY
961 HIBERNIA FOREST DR FLEMING ISLAND, FL 32003
KEVIN W. MURRAY AKA KEVIN WAYNE MURRAY
POE: CREATIVE CONCRETE LLC: 36 VALESIDE DR COVINGTON, KY 41017
KEVIN W. MURRAY AKA KEVIN WAYNE MURRAY
3914 TRAPPERS CT. FLORENCE, KY 41042
JAMES E. MURRAY JR. AKA JAMES EDWARD MURRAY JR.
144 N. TRIANGLE LN APT. 412 LOUISVILLE, KY 40229
JAMES E. MURRAY JR. AKA JAMES EDWARD MURRAY JR.
100 LANDMARK CT APT 8 SHEPHERDSVILLE, KY 40165
JAMES E. MURRAY JR. AKA JAMES EDWARD MURRAY JR.
801 HARDING ST BARDSTOWN, KY 40004
AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or

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against the aforesaid Defendant(s). YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: **LOT 27, HIBERNIA FOREST, UNIT NO. 2, A SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE(S) 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** has been filed against you, ad you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and then file original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice in the CLAY TODAY, otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 10th day of June, 2016.

(seal)
Tara Green
As Clerk of said Court
By Taylor Solomon
As Deputy Clerk
A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint and Lis Pendens were sent to the above-named Defendant(s) at the last known address.
IMPORTANT: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at PO BOX 698, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043, 9046302564. If hearing or voice impaired, contact (TDD) (800) 955-8771 via Florida Relay System.
Legal 37569 published July 14 and July 21, 2016, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 34407.0433

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2016-CA-000490
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
JANICE AUSTIN; TERRA MAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, AS TRUSTEE OF CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST 22-05-25-010109-008 -38; UNKNOWN TRUSTEE OF THE 2891 CROSS CREEK DRIVE LAND TRUST; SILVER CREEK OF CLAY COUNTY HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendant(s)
TO the following Defendant(s):
UNKNOWN TRUSTEE OF THE 2891 CROSS CREEK DRIVE LAND TRUST (RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: **LOT 438, SILVER CREEK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGE(S) 52-72, INCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** A/K/A 2891 CROSS CREEK DR GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA 32043 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Kahane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Suite 3000, Plantation, FLORIDA 33324 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice in the CLAY TODAY and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crntntrp@coj.net or (904)-630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Legal Notice

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 14th day of July, 2016.
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Court
By Jaimie Blake
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 37607 published July 21 and July 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 15-04839

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2015-CA-000974
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
JASON L DAILEY A/K/A JASON LEE DAILEY AND SHANNON LEA BILBAO-DAILEY, et al.,
Defendants.
TO:
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JASON L. DAILEY A/K/A JASON LEE DAILEY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHANNON LEA BILBAO-DAILEY
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 811 ELMWOOD ST, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065
CURRENT RESIDENCE : UNKNOWN
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: **LOT 7, RIDGECREST, UNIT ELEVEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGES 63, 64, 65 AND 66 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.** has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Choice Legal Group, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. BOX 9908, FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33310-9908 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice in the Clay Today and file the original with the Clerk of this court either before service on plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crntntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 14th day of July, 2016.
(seal)
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
By Julia Wilcox
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 37605 published July 21 and July 28, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 16-00046

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:
Because It's Home
Located at P.O. Box 8217, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32006 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 13th day of July, 2016.
Owner's name/corporation:
Brittany Castro
Legal 37590 published July 21, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO: 13-01396
DIVISION: A
U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF8 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
NOISUFNOC, LLC, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST #02-04-25-007862-006-11, DATED MARCH 12, 2015, et al,
Defendant(s).
To:
THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES

ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

The Board of Supervisors for the Rolling Hills Community Development District ("District") will hold the following two public hearings, and a regular meeting August 3rd, 2016 at 6:00 at the Rolling Hills Amenity Center, 3212 Bradley Creek Parkway, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The first public hearing is being held to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budgets for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 ("Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget"). The second public hearing is being held to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("O&M Assessment") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the District's Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it.

Description of Assessments

The District imposes special assessments on benefitted property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget and providing the funds necessary to pay debt service on outstanding bonds as reflected in the District's debt service budget. A geographic depiction of the District is identified in the map attached hereto.

All benefitted lands within the District pay these assessments. Lands within the District are assigned units of measurement in accordance with their use and as described more fully in the District's assessment methodology on file at the offices of the District Manager.

The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments for each product type within the District:

Lot Type	Current O&M Assessment	Change in Dollar Amount	Proposed O&M Assessment
Single Family	\$868.00	\$60.00	\$828.00
Underdeveloped/Per Acre	\$170.48	\$26.00	\$196.48

For all O&M Assessments levied for Fiscal Year 2016/2017, the District expects to collect no more than **\$334,626.68** in gross revenue. The proposed O&M Assessments as stated include collection costs and/or early payment discounts, which the County may impose on assessments that are collected on the County tax bill. Moreover, pursuant to Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, the proposed O&M Assessment shall serve as the "maximum rate" authorized by law for operation and maintenance assessments. This means that no assessment hearing shall be held or notice provided in future years unless the assessments are proposed to be increased. Note that the O&M Assessments do not include any debt service assessments previously levied by the District and due to be collected for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

By operation of law, the District's assessments each year constitute a lien against benefitted property located within the District just as do each year's property taxes. For Fiscal Year 2016/2017, the District intends to have the County tax collector collect the assessments imposed on certain developed property, and will directly collect the assessments imposed on the remaining benefitted property by sending out a bill prior to, or during, November 2016. For delinquent assessments that were initially directly billed by the District, the District may initiate a foreclosure action or may place the delinquent assessments on the next year's county tax bill. It is important to pay your assessment because failure to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title, or for direct billed assessments, may result in a foreclosure action, which also may result in a loss of title. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

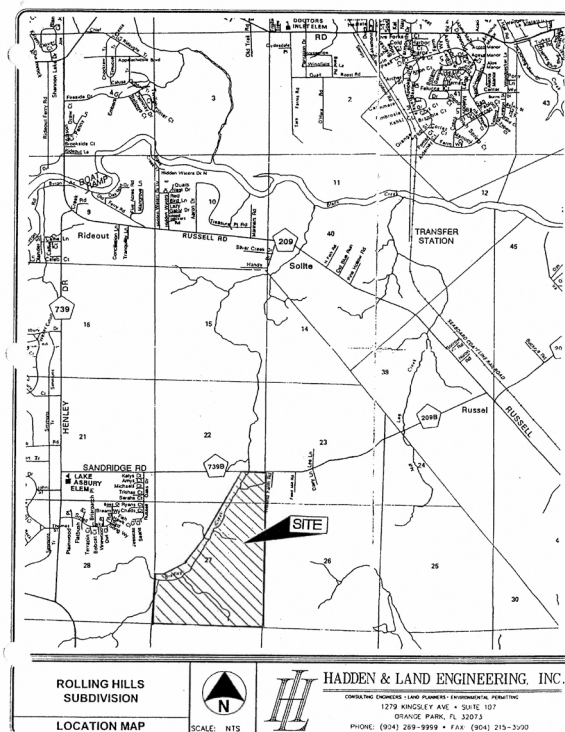
Additional Provisions

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the proposed budgets, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, Ph: (904) 940-5850, during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

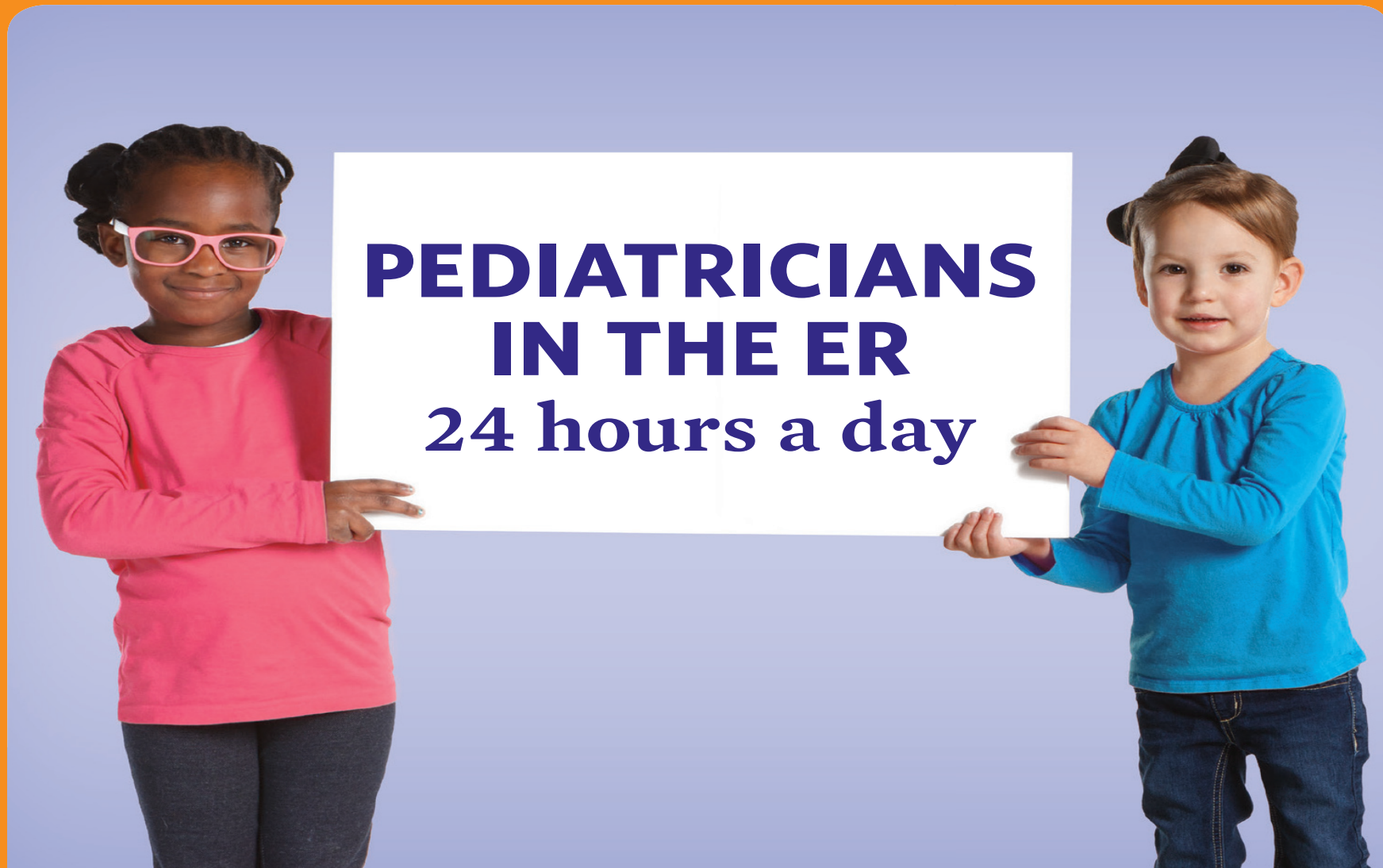
Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

Please note that all affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearings and meeting, and may also file written objections with the District Manager within twenty days of publication of this notice. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

James Oliver
District Manager



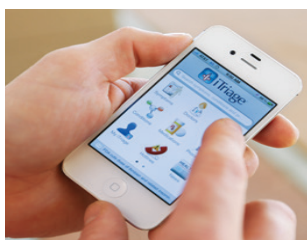
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