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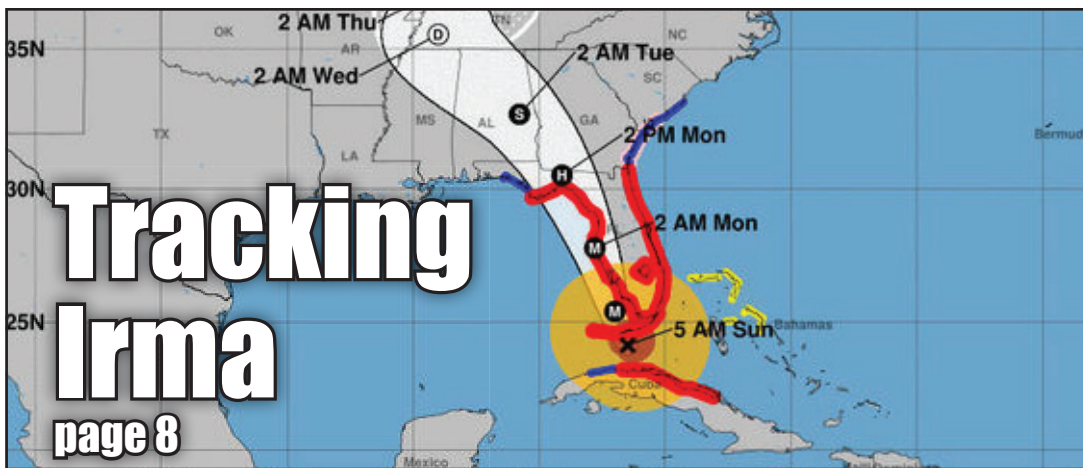


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This aerial shot shows how impassable the County Road 218 and Blanding Boulevard intersection was after flooding from Black Creek due to torrential rain from Hurricane Irma and a nor'easter.

Riding out Hurricane Irma

By **Jesse Hollett**
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK — Some brought air mattresses and thick fleece blankets to lay

their laptops on so they could tune out the sounds of chatter in the shelter.

Others evacuated quickly, bringing with them cigarettes, thermoses and instant

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Animal shelter assessing damage

By **Eric Cravey**
Managing Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Officials with Clay County Animal Care and Control are assessing the damage to the local animal community in the wake of Hurricane

Irma making its way through the area. Animal Control Director Christina Sutherin said one unfortunate aspect of Hurricane Irma that officials are learning is that numerous Clay County residents

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Hopefully we learned Irma's lessons

By Joe Henderson
FloridaPolitics.com

The winds have died and the mopping up has begun. Businesses are reopening as people head back to work while dealing, at least for now, with their new realities.

I know people whose homes were badly damaged by this storm, while others – myself luckily included – had only minor inconveniences. No matter whether Irma dealt you a mighty blow or a glancing scratch, we're all in this together.

That's why the most important questions in Irma's wake is what we learned about the experience, and whether those lessons will stay with us as we go forward into what seems increasingly to be an era of super storms.



Joe Henderson

Have a plan

You know all those TV people who start preaching in June about the necessity of having a hurricane plan? Maybe everyone ought to listen.

When the news of Irma's impending arrival became real, there was a rush on water, batteries, flashlights, and necessities like canned goods. Those things are a lot more available in June than they are 48 hours before a Category 5 hurricane is predicted to strike.

Water doesn't spoil.

If you have bought supplies in the past, you might want to update the inventory. On Saturday, after shelves had been cleared out and stores started to close, we confidently pulled out the giant plastic container that kept the supply of size "C" and "D" batteries. They were right where we left them.

They also had expired in 2011.

Cut forecasters a break

I actually heard some people complain weather forecasters were totally wrong on this one because Irma didn't follow the initial projected paths. That's crazy.

They routinely warned viewers that even the slightest change in conditions could send the hurricane off in many directions. They emphasized everyone was in

SEE PLAN, 5



Guest column A strong sense of community

By Tresa Calfee

Kudos to the businesses who gave their employees last Friday off to prepare for the storm. As I rode in to the Clay Chamber office I thought about those organizations that could not close, would not close, because their mission is to ensure our health and safety. I cannot thank them enough for their selfless dedication.

The Clay Chamber has reached out to the Small Business Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency so that we have their help as soon as Hurricane Irma passes. We aspire to provide a centralized point of contact for Clay County businesses to get information about services and support they may need to recover from this historic storm.



Tresa Calfee

One of the things I like most about Clay County is our strong sense of community. We stand strong and united every day to preserve and enjoy our many natural resources and our business community always comes through for our nonprofits, schools and the community at large. Our dedicated civil service, local municipalities and government agencies and military are always there for us. What one thing above all others can we, as a community do to

repair, rebuild, and move on?

I think we must "Buy Local." Buying local helps to nurture those local businesses that make sure we weather the storm. They employ local workers and serve primarily local customers. If we help them recover and stay strong, they will help the county, ensuring that we have good jobs and low taxes. If we buy local, we determine the character of where we eat, shop, and have fun. Local businesses – the specialty shops, the boutiques, the neighborhood restaurants – color our community distinctive, personal and caring.

The business community in Clay County is robust and many generations of residents have grown their businesses and families here. The Clay County Chamber of Commerce has served the business community since 1962 and has grown to nearly 1,000 members. While we offer a myriad of programs and resources that encourage entrepreneurship, we also encourage our members to support one another's businesses. In the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, I would like to encourage the entire Clay County community to help by supporting all our local businesses. If you want to help rebuild, have dinner at the corner restaurant, replace your fence with the small business down the street, hire the local arborist to maintain your trees. If we all pull together, we can pull out of the damage and debris and pull Clay County back to where it was before the storm – even better.

Tresa Calfee is interim president of the Clay County Chamber of Commerce.

This Week in History

5 years ago, 2012

Orange Park Town Council considered moving \$600,000 from its reserve fund to balance its 2012-13 budget before taking a final vote on the new spending plan.

Faced with a 25.8 percent drop in property valuations in the wake of the Great Recession, Green Cove Springs City Council considered a 16 percent property tax increase for its 2013 fiscal year budget.

The Clay County School District named Charles E. Bennett Elementary School Principal Evelyn Chastain its "Principal of the Year" and Oakleaf High Vice Principal Michelle Daly its "Vice Principal of the Year."

10 years ago, 2007

The Clay County School District filed an updated long-range plan with the Florida Department of Education that called for spending \$825 million to build 24 new schools through 2027.



Meanwhile, the district braced for a cut in state funds due to a \$1 billion shortfall in states sales tax collections after passing a \$451 million budget that included \$83 million for capital improvements.

Jacksonville punk metal band Evergreen Terrace came to Lake Asbury to film the music video for its song "Chaney Can't Rift Like Helmet's Page Hamilton."



20 years ago, 1997

The Green Cove Springs Police Department contracted with Jeff's Excavating to raze a house at the corner of Washington Street and Middleburg Avenue that was a haven for drug activity.

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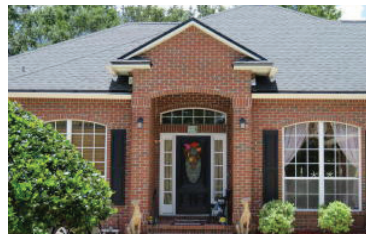
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County to trapped residents – ‘Help is on the way’

By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

MIDDLEBURG -- In a press conference Tuesday morning, Clay County emergency officials addressed the current state of the county and spoke to those still trapped in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irma.

Their message – sit tight, help is on the way.

“Help is on the way,” said Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels. “We know where the folks are... we’re coming to you.”

Hurricane Irma, which was downgraded to a tropical storm Monday, drowned county homes with over 11 inches of rain, downed power lines and stranded individuals across the state.

Within 12 hours Monday, emergency personnel had rescued 178 individuals and 49 animals from the storm’s after effects.

Homes hugging Black Creek were among the hardest hit areas in the county, where record-level flooding caused a three and a half foot storm surge that submerged homes and vehicles.

Both the north and south prongs of



Clay County Emergency Management Director John Ward speaks to reporters Tuesday morning at Middleburg High School.

Black Creek crested Tuesday morning at 28.5 feet and likely won’t begin to recede until Friday.

Aiding in the rescue efforts for those residents and others are 264 emergency personnel drawn in from the Southeastern United States and Mississippi and county emergency personnel.

Rescuers came from various local, state and federal agencies including the Florida National Guard and the United States Coast Guard.

Those individuals are currently performing a grid sweep of homes and businesses throughout the county to assist in evacuation and rescue efforts.

“This is going to take some time...this is going to be a long-term recovery event we’re not going to be picked up in a couple days and over with,” said Director of Clay County Emergency Management John Ward.

It is currently unknown how many residents need to be rescued.

Ward said Tuesday individuals who are low on supplies and should evacuate to a

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BUDGET SUMMARY					
TOWN OF ORANGE PARK FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018					
THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE PARK ARE 2.5% MORE THAN LAST YEARS OPERATING EXPENDITURES					
General fund 6.18180					
ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Taxes: Millage per \$1000					
AD VALOREM 6.1818	\$ 3,130,242				\$ 3,130,242
Other Taxes	\$ 1,743,800	\$ 704,200	\$ 1,570,000		\$ 4,018,000
Franchise Fees	\$ 909,300				\$ 909,300
Licenses and Permits	\$ 5,000	\$ 170,100			\$ 175,100
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,116,200				\$ 1,116,200
Charges for Services	\$ 953,600			\$ 5,458,400	\$ 6,412,000
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 601,900	\$ 8,000			\$ 609,900
Investment Income	\$ 23,750	\$ 562	\$ 5,000	\$ 17,250	\$ 46,562
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 78,000				\$ 78,000
TOTAL SOURCES	\$ 8,561,792	\$ 882,862	\$ 1,575,000	\$ 5,475,650	\$ 16,495,304
Transfers In	\$ 525,000		\$ 250,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,575,000
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	\$ 125,421	\$ (38,017)	\$ 755,000	\$ (888,678)	\$ (46,274)
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES	\$ 9,212,213	\$ 844,845	\$ 2,580,000	\$ 5,386,972	\$ 18,024,030
EXPENDITURES					
Administration	\$ 579,925		\$ 200,000		\$ 779,925
Finance	\$ 437,000				\$ 437,000
Police	\$ 3,180,400	\$ 38,000	\$ 93,000		\$ 3,311,400
Fire	\$ 2,013,950		\$ 525,000		\$ 2,538,950
Economic and Community Development	\$ 189,000	\$ 64,345			\$ 253,345
Public Works	\$ 1,699,600	\$ 680,500	\$ 885,000	\$ 4,923,972	\$ 8,189,072
Other Financing Uses	\$ 862,338		\$ 77,000		\$ 939,338
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 8,962,213	\$ 782,845	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 4,923,972	\$ 16,449,030
Transfers Out	\$ 250,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 463,000	\$ 1,575,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$ 9,212,213	\$ 844,845	\$ 2,580,000	\$ 5,386,972	\$ 18,024,030

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.



PHOTO BY KILE BREWER

The Safe Animal Shelter off County Road 220 sits surrounded by water after Hurricane Irma brought immense flooding to the area over the weekend and into Monday. All the shelter's animals have been placed in foster care while workers begin to assess the damage.

SAFE Animal Shelter flooded

DOCTORS INLET – No amount of preparation could have prevented the flooding at the Safe Animal Shelter just west of Fleming Island.

About a week before Hurricane Irma moved through the Florida peninsula, the shelter's director Sherry Mansfield and her team began hitting the phones to try and foster out their animals, about 35 dogs and 60 cats. Due to their quick thinking, every animal is safe.

"Some people wanted to foster, but as

the storm got closer they decided to evacuate," Mansfield said. "We pretty much got everybody out before the storm hit. Everybody is being fostered right now, and they're all safe."

Mansfield noted that one of the most generous foster parents was the vet tech employed at the shelter. Wendy Blackburn took in all the shelter's kittens and some cats, about 30 felines in total. She said one foster family immediately fell in love with

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Town of Orange Park has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy.....\$	<u>3,132,092</u>
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....\$	<u>(964)</u>
C. Actual property tax levy.....\$	<u>3,133,056</u>

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$ 3,260,669

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

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A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

Legal No. 40316 published September 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Plan

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could send the hurricane off in many directions. They emphasized everyone was in danger, and everyone had to prepare like they were going to be directly in the damage path.

Even with the advanced and other equipment, plotting an exact course of these storms can be an inexact science. They get it right more often than not, though.

I remember hearing Steve Jerve of WFLA-TV in Tampa say last Friday that the eye of Irma likely would pass just east of the city, which is exactly what it did.

Shelter from the storm

People seem to have this one down. Shelters filled early as people wisely took no chances, Hillsborough County had to open more.

I wonder, though, if the story would have been the same had Irma stayed on the original east-coast track. Given the size of the storm, that could have been catastrophic here. Some people in Miami probably thought they were safe when Irma moved west.

How did that work out?

A political model

Future leaders take note: Gov. Rick Scott again provided a blueprint for how someone in his position is supposed to lead during a threat like this.

Like last year with Hurricane Matthew, Scott was here, there and everywhere, sounding the warning early, often and loudly.

As someone noted, when you see Rick Scott wearing the Navy ballcap, you know it's getting real.

Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn was all over TV, radio and Twitter with similar warnings. He gets the quote of the week with his one about how after 90 years of avoiding, Tampa was about to "get punched in the mouth."

Do your homework

DO YOUR HOMEWORK: Remember the lessons from this adventure because there will be a test. Just look at 2004 after Hurricane Charley left devastation in its path. Three more storms followed.

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Churches join together to lend a hand

By **Kile Brewer**
Staff Writer

FLEMING ISLAND – After ensuring the safety of their own families, members of local churches joined together to help members of their church family early Monday morning after mass flooding affected Clay County residents following Hurricane Irma.

Dozens of cars lined the street outside a home off Pine Avenue on Fleming Island Tuesday morning as volunteer efforts continued to increase in the storm's wake. The home had become inundated very early

Monday morning, as the owners began noticing the approaching flood water, they gathered up their household and began going door-to-door warning neighbors to get out, according to volunteers.

After evacuating, the water took over the neighborhood, and a few hours later members of their church had already sprung into action.

"The water was knee high, it was too deep to get a vehicle [to the house]," said Carmen Queen, a volunteer from River Christian Church in Green Cove Springs where she met the home's owners in a



STAFF PHOTO BY KILE BREWER

Helpers carried damaged items out of a house Tuesday morning on River Reach Road through volunteer efforts from two local churches. The home's owners are staying with family and the items will be placed in storage or kept with their friends from church until the house can be repaired.

bible study group. "Today we're taking out drywall and insulation, and trying to repair everything we can."

About a dozen church members of the River Christian congregation responded initially. Using paddle boards and kayaks to carry items, volunteers waded through knee-deep water to remove clothing and any items the family would need immediately as they moved in with relatives until their home is repaired.

"Their clothes we've taken out are being washed and then taken back to the family," said Queen's daughter Jacqueline.

After people got their bearings and

dealt with their own storm-related problems, the effort became a full-on assembly line of volunteers from all over the county, including some from Christ's Church on Fleming Island, which is operating as a headquarters for those wishing to get involved in the volunteer effort.

Christ's Church lists itself as a "clearinghouse for all volunteer mobilization," and officially opened at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The church, however, began seeing willing volunteers earlier Tuesday morning and had already sent out about five crews like the one off Pine Avenue before 11.

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If you become trapped in rising water, immediately abandon the vehicle for higher ground. Try to open the door or roll down the window to get out. If you are unable to get out, call 911 or get the attention of a passerby so that they may call for help. Be safe this week. Let's prepare for the worst and hope for the best.



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Clay County residents prepare for the worst and form extensive lines outside Wilford Propane Gas on Kingsley Avenue.



Green Cove Springs residents worked together to fill sandbags for themselves, friends and neighbors at the city's public works headquarters Thursday before the emergency sand supply was cut off Friday.

STAFF PHOTOS BY KILE BREWER

Hurricane Irma sweeps area

Aug. 27 - Sept. 6

Hurricane Irma forms west of Africa and travels strengthening to a Category 5 over the warm waters of the Atlantic Ocean as it ravages islands southeast of the United States.

Thursday, Sept. 7

Updated meteorological models show Irma on a direct collision course with Florida with sustained winds of more than 160 miles per hour.

"We're trying to keep everyone alert and trying to keep them aware," said Keystone Heights City Clerk Lynn Rutkowski. "And that's all we can really do right now, make sure people are prepared."

Friday, Sept. 8 - Sunday, Sept. 10

Irma impacts the north coast of Cuba and the Bahamas.

The storm's winds quieted to 120 mph, but strengthened between Cuba and the Florida Keys. Storm bands struck South Florida.

Clay County fully activates its emergency operations center the morning of Sept. 9.

Hurricane Irma makes mainland landfall in South Florida as a Category 4 hurricane and cuts a path along the west coast of Florida, bringing with it high storm surges and heavy rainfall. Clay County orders a mandatory evacuation for areas near the St. Johns River, Doctors Lake and Black Creek, including the north and south prongs. Some stay.

The storm's outer bands begin to affect Clay County. Some residents evacuate overnight Sunday.

Monday, Sept. 11

The storm hits in the early morning.

Hurricane Irma is downgraded to a tropical storm and reaches Clay County. The storm drops more than 11 inches of rain over some areas and fells trees. A three-and-a-half foot storm surge

SEE TIMELINE, 9

BUDGET SUMMARY					
City of Green Cove Springs, Florida-Fiscal Year 2017-2018					
THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS ARE 7.3% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.					
General Fund 3.6000 MILLS					
ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	ENTERPRISE UTILITIES	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Ad Valorem Taxes-Millage \$3.6000 per \$1000	1,389,599				1,389,599
Other Taxes, Local, State, Utility	2,097,728				2,097,728
Franchise Fees and Taxes	374,397				374,397
Private Developer	200,000				200,000
License & Permits	44,000				44,000
Charges for Service	49,000				49,000
Physical Environment				16,622,696	16,622,696
Economic Environment	100,848	277,500			378,348
Recreation Events	42,000				42,000
Fines & Forfeitures	666,730	15,000			681,730
Miscellaneous Revenues	128,415			455,445	583,860
Interest	14,545			44,600	59,145
Grants	197,400			511,500	708,900
Loans	0			1,106,000	1,106,000
TOTAL SOURCES	5,304,662	292,500	0	18,740,241	24,337,403
Transfers in	1,589,518		241,710	2,007,220	3,838,448
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	1,532,364			3,731,500	5,263,864
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	\$8,426,544	\$292,500	\$241,710	\$24,478,961	\$33,439,715
EXPENDITURES					
General Government Expenses	1,543,776				1,543,776
Public Safety	2,687,984	15,000			2,702,984
Health and Human Services	195,047				195,047
Transportation	2,170,126				2,170,126
Physical Environment				21,435,463	21,435,463
Economic Environment	154,825	268,496			423,321
Culture & Recreation	1,389,926		81,535		1,471,461
Debt Service			160,175	594,149	754,324
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,141,684	\$283,496	\$241,710	\$22,029,612	\$30,696,502
Transfers Out	245,433			2,043,016	2,288,449
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	39,427	9,004		406,333	454,764
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$8,426,544	\$292,500	\$241,710	\$24,478,961	\$33,439,715

The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above referenced taxing authority as a public record.

Legal No. 40319 published September 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.



Cars wrapped around the corner from County Road 220 leading into the shell station along the road Thursday On Fleming Island as gas stations received fuel resupplies during the night in preparation for the weekend's severe storms.

Timeline

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swallows homes along BlackCreek. Rescue efforts begin immediately.

Within 12 hours local, state and federal agents rescue more than 170 trapped resi-

dents. The St. Johns River reclaims real estate along Club Continental as several condominiums and cars are swallowed by flood waters.

Stretches of County Road 218, State Road 21 and State Road 16 are underwa-

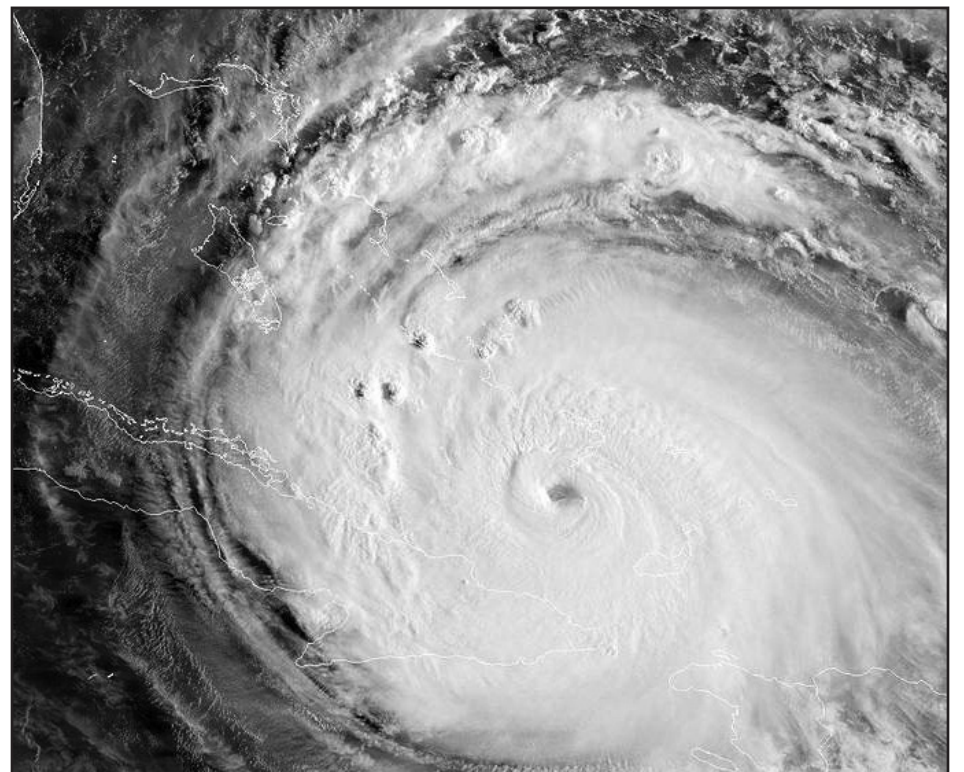


Image of Irma, Sept. 8, 8 a.m. SOURCE: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Neighbors assess the damage to their homes and assist their neighbors on foot and canoe.

"We're trying to plan our attack," said Orange Park Town Manager Jim Hanson during the storm. "Everybody is either working or sleeping in their buildings right now...This is the time we need to basically knuckle down. We've got a lot of very professional and dedicated people here who are tired of sitting around waiting for the storm to get here who are ready to get out there and start fixing."

"It's pretty bad right now at this point," said Club Continental maintenance manager Jose Torres during the storm. "This isn't my first rodeo though. We can fix this."

Volunteers evacuate the Clay County Animal Care and Control shelter after the facility floods. A total of 101 animals are saved

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Residents rebuild for those who can remove the wood from their windows and

tree limbs from their yards. Businesses reopen. Families that evacuated begin to return to Clay County. Crews of linemen scatter to make repairs. According to emergency officials, many rescue personnel have not been home in days.

Waters begin to recede. Rescue efforts continue.

"Help is on the way," said Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels. "We know where the folks are... we're coming to you."

"We sustained the same damage as everyone else did," said Clay County Emergency Management Director John Ward. "Our families, homes our homes were impacted just like those that we're out rescuing...a lot of our [rescuers] have not been home in four or five days, so we're trying to work tirelessly to get teams and organizations within our public safety and law enforcement orgs to help their families that are home and make sure that they're OK and also get our crews rotated out so they can go home and see their families."

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Green Cove Springs has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

Initially proposed tax levy	\$1,332,467
Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes	\$4,226
Actual property tax levy	\$1,328,241

This year's proposed tax levy	\$1,432,576
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All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
7:00PM
321 WALNUT ST.
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

Legal No. 40318 published September 14, 2017 in CLay County's Clay Today newspaper.



Irma destroys Black Creek homes, but not residents' resolve

By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

MIDDLEBURG – April Jones stands at the water's edge, the turnoff to her street.

Further down Byron Road in Middleburg, mailboxes sit almost entirely submerged by the three-and-a-half foot storm surge that accompanied Hurricane Irma's arrival into Northeast Florida early Monday morning.

Her husband left on a canoe with a neighbor 45 minutes earlier to check how their home fared during the catastrophic flooding of Black Creek. And while the condition of her home weighs on her conscious, her hope right now is that her husband makes it back safe.

"I just hope my husband comes out OK at this point," April Jones said.

The canoe emerges in the distance and floats down the flooded street. April could see her husband's smile from halfway down the street, but that doesn't stop her from giving him an earful.

"You've been gone 45 minutes," she yells from the water's edge. "I thought you were dead. I was about to call Clay County rescue."

"There was some people in dire need down there," said Lance, April's husband. "The house is fine."

Lance and his neighbor who owns the canoe, Tim Merritt, dock at the corner of Byron and Henley roads.

Merritt, like the Jones family, lives along Black Creek. Just last week, homes sat quaint and cast their shadows along the creek, which is long-prone to flash floods.

On Monday, however, after the worst of Hurricane Irma had passed, the roofs of homes looked like nothing more than lily pads on the water's surface.

The historic flooding along Black Creek astonished April, whose home sits above the 100-year floodplain. According to Clay County Emergency Management, both the north and south prongs of Black Creek crested Tuesday morning at 28.5 feet and likely will not recede below flood

SEE BLACK, 14



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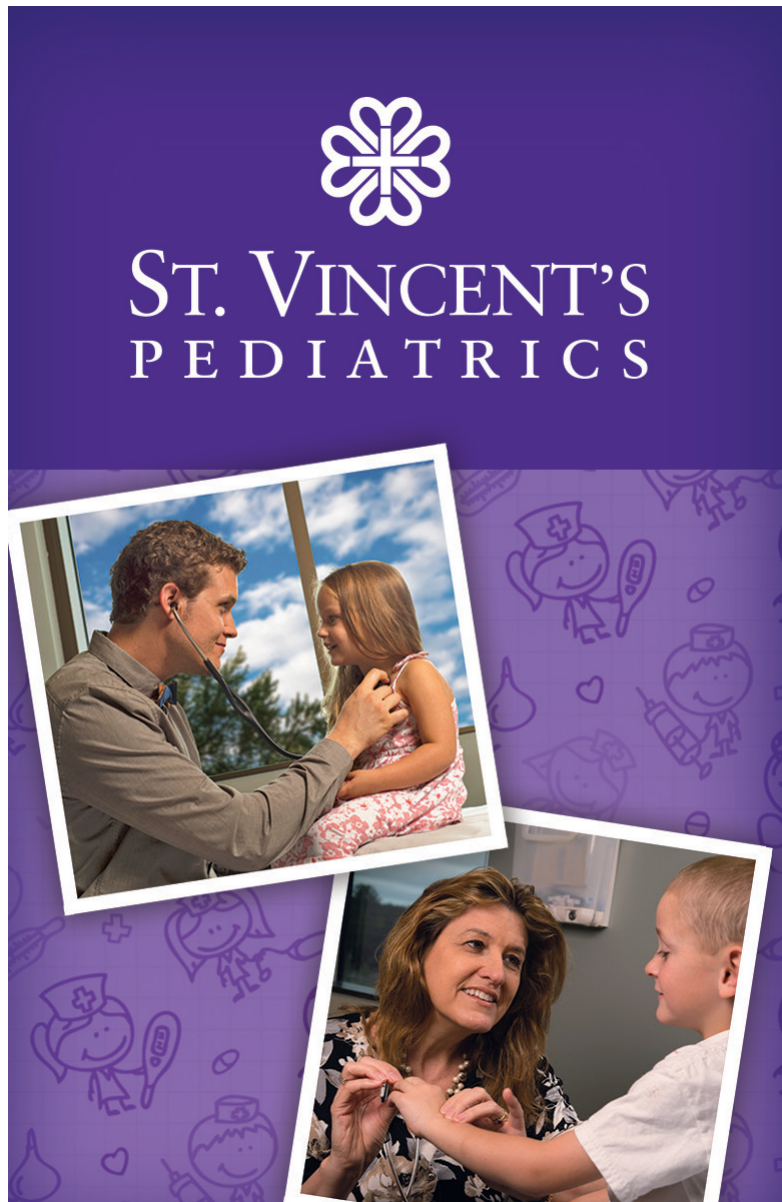
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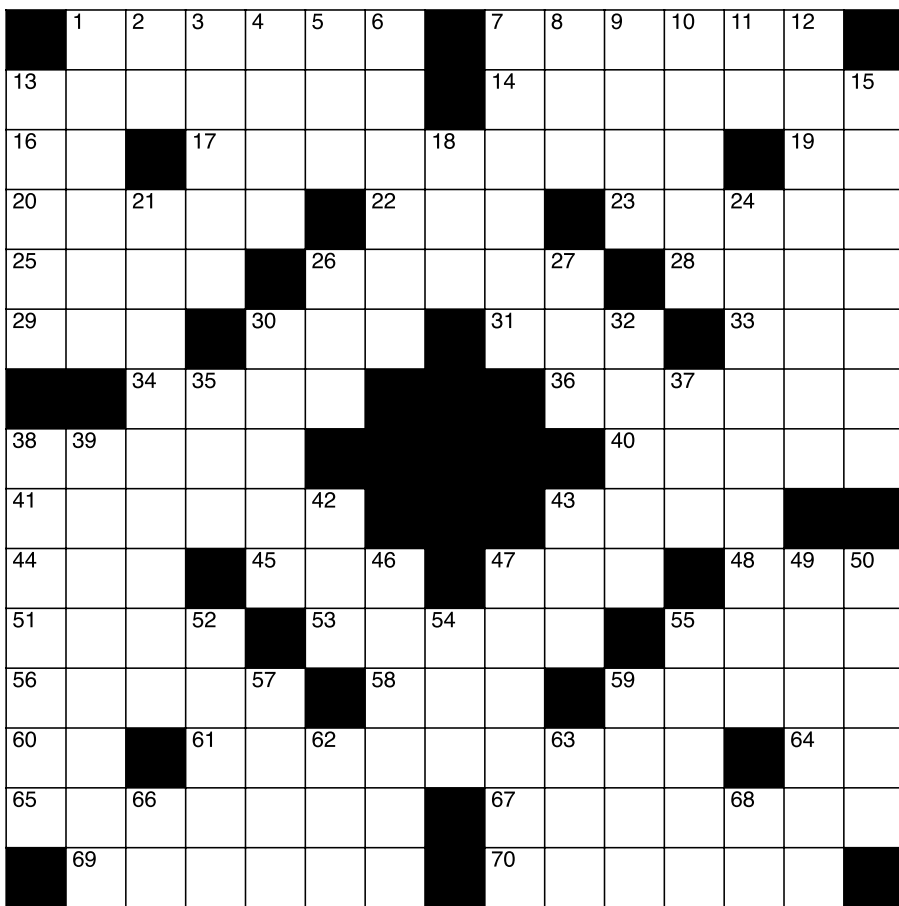
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Flooding hits the streets of Clay County from near Orange Park to Middleburg to Green Cove Springs.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. SPANISH CITY
- 7. MIDDLE EAR BONE
- 13. SATISFY TO THE FULLEST
- 14. ABLE TO BE CONSUMED
- 16. US ISLAND TERRITORY (ABBR.)
- 17. PREDATORY REPTILE
- 19. BEACHWEAR MANUFACTURER
- 20. EUROPEAN SPACE PROGRAM
- 22. ALIAS
- 23. METRICAL FEET
- 25. LARGE INTEGERS
- 26. MATRILINEALITY
- 28. SNOUTS
- 29. GIANTSŐ SIGNAL CALLER MANNING
- 30. PACIFIC TIME
- 31. ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES
- 33.  ANNA KARENINAŐ AUTHOR
- 34. SNARE
- 36. SLEEVELESS GARMENT
- 38. MORE ARCTIC
- 40. CLEAN OFF
- 41. SIGNS
- 43. COMMON JAPANESE SURNAME
- 44. ALLOW
- 45. A WAY TO MARK
- 47. BALLPLAYERS NEED ONE
- 48. _ AND CHEESE
- 51. KGB MOLE

CLUES DOWN

- 1. WHISKEY RECEPTACLE
- 2. WESTERN STATE
- 3. CEREAL GRASSES
- 4. NEEDLEFISHES
- 5. RELATING TO THE EARS
- 6. MATHEMATICAL RATIO
- 7. DIGNIFIED
- 8. PACIFIC SEA BREAM
- 9. ONE OF THORŐS NAMES
- 10. SONG OF PRAISE
- 11. EQUAL TO ONE QUINTILLION (ABBR.)
- 12. DROOLS
- 13. CLUSTER
- 15. ONE IN A SERIES

CLUES ACROSS

- 18. EGYPTIAN UNIT OF WEIGHT
- 21. BROACHED
- 24. SKIN CANCERS
- 26. SECOND SIGHT
- 27. SHOCK TREATMENT
- 30. WHITTLED
- 32. MURDERED IN HIS BATHTUB
- 35. A WAY TO SOAK
- 37. SMALL PIECE
- 38. RELATING TO ISLAM
- 39. CLIMBING PLANT
- 42. DRUNKARD
- 43. TEST FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS
- 46. LEAST EXCITING
- 47. AMANDA AND JAMES ARE TWO
- 49. SOMETHING COMPARABLE TO ANOTHER
- 50. SOOTHES
- 52. MONTH IN THE ISLAMIC CALENDAR
- 54. WHITE GULL HAVING A BLACK BACK AND WINGS
- 55. JAPANESE SEAPORT
- 57. THE SOUTH OF FRANCE
- 59. BATMAN VILLAIN
- 62. BRITISH AIR ACES
- 63. BODY PART
- 66. CLEARINGHOUSE
- 68. MANGANESE

**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
FISCAL YEARS 2018/2022**

The City of Green Cove Springs will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at 321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, Florida for the purpose of receiving public comments on the adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2018/2022.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 PROJECTS

	BUILDINGS	IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS	MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND:				
General Government		146,000	143,980	289,980
Police			57,700	57,700
Public Works	500,000	577,500		1,077,500
Right of Way Maintenance			12,500	12,500
Parks	400,000	626,535	12,000	1,038,535
Total General Fund	900,000	1,350,035	226,180	2,476,215
UTILITY FUND:				
Electric		1,713,000	165,000	1,878,000
Water	50,000	660,000		710,000
Wastewater	1,106,000	180,000	30,000	1,316,000
Solid Waste			125,000	125,000
Stormwater		775,000		775,000
Reclaimed Water		1,550,000		1,550,000
Total Utility Fund	1,156,000	4,878,000	320,000	6,354,000
TOTAL ALL FUNDS:	2,056,000	6,228,035	546,180	8,830,215

The Capital Improvement Plan is on file at City Hall, 321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, as a public record.

Help

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shelter if possible. By Monday, over 700 had sought refuge in shelters across the county. In Clay County, 62 percent of residents are without power.

The shock of the flooding has led some to take canoes, kayaks and boats down swamped streets and overflowed creeks to aid in the rescue efforts of their neighbors.

Ward discouraged those individuals from assisting Tuesday.

"We would ask that they not do that... we have a multitude of resources that are out there," he said. "A lot of these issues are swift water, a lot of boaters that are out there...are not used to the type of swift

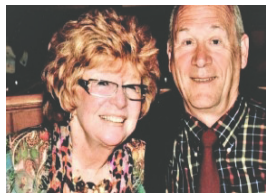
water that we're seeing."

Residents who have animals and attempt to evacuate should either go to Orange Park High School or Keystone Heights Jr./Sr. High, which both accept pets. Residents should bring supplies and a crate for their pets. There have been no deaths reported in Clay County attributed to Hurricane Irma, however according to Daniels a woman is in critical condition after driving into a body of water early Tuesday morning. Residents who need immediate assistance should call local law enforcement. Those with concerns are advised to call the Clay County Call Center at (904) 284-7703.

Those who wish to volunteer are advised to call Christ's Church of Fleming Island at (904) 644-0311.

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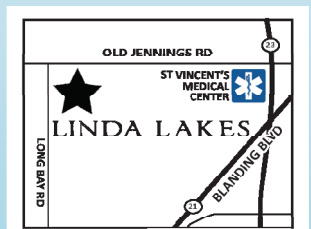
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Black

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stage until Friday. The previous record was 24.3 feet, set in 1923.

She's never seen anything like it, she said, "never, never. Before, we lived in Lake Asbury when Tropical Storm Debbie came through, and we never saw anything like this."

The Jones family is new to the creek. The flood occurred while they were still embroiled in a home remodeling project.

Some were not so lucky.

John Griffiths, who has lived on the creek since 1976, stands on his porch, a cat on his feet, Monday morning shortly after the storm had subsided. The creek he loves has crept up almost up to his front door, suspended several feet above a wheelchair ramp and stone staircase.

As for the water, "I hope that it gets out of here," Griffiths said.

As for the creek – "I'm not leaving," he said. "I love it out here. Black Creek is one of the most beautiful creeks around."

It's a feeling shared by many of his neighbors.

"This is definitely different, I've been here 25 years and it's never been like this, never," Merritt said.

He spent Monday during the storm assisting neighbors whose homes drowned, he said, are crushed, but not broken.

"They're miserable, they're miserable," Merritt said. "But that's what you do when you live on the creek. This is part of living on the creek. Nobody likes it and nobody wants it, but that's part of it."

Merritt looked out over the flooded neighborhood and smiled.

The damage is worth living on the creek, "to me it is," he said. "This is a minor thing compared to the joy you get off this creek."

Rescue efforts continue for those trapped in their homes along Black Creek. On Monday, emergency personnel rescued 173 individuals and 43 pets from homes affected by flooding. Crews rescued an additional 72 people and 18 pets by Tuesday night.

On Wednesday, Florida Gov. Rick Scott toured the creek by boat and surveyed the

damage. In a press conference, Scott said those affected should remain aware of programs offered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency as they rebuild. He praised rescue efforts.

"The biggest thing we have to do is keep everybody alive," Scott said. "As you know, you can rebuild your house but you cannot rebuild your life or your family...we all anticipated the storm surge, we anticipated the wind and the rain, I think the flooding shocked people."

Scott said the next step is to restore electrical power to homes and businesses and refuel so people can return to their homes.

"You just feel sorry for people," Scott said. "No one plans for a disaster, and if you listen to this, nobody anticipated the water would come up like this. The water came up fast...I'm thankful that it looks like we didn't lose any lives, but now it's going to be a lot of work to rebuild their lives."

Florida Department of Transportation PUBLIC MEETING

County Road 220

from Shamrock Drive to Knight Boxx Road
Financial Project ID: 430719-2-22-01
Clay County, Florida

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to attend a public meeting to discuss the proposed improvements to County Road (CR) 220 from Shamrock Drive to Knight Boxx Road in Clay County, Florida. **The public meeting will be held on Thursday September 28, 2017 at Highpoint Community Church located at 84 Knight Boxx Road, Orange Park, Florida 32065.** The meeting will be in an "open house" format from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm to allow you an opportunity to review the exhibits and talk one-on-one with FDOT staff.

The FDOT is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate alternatives to enhance safety and provide additional capacity to meet existing and future traffic needs on CR 220. FDOT encourages you to get involved throughout the study by providing comments, concerns, questions and/or suggestions to the Study Team.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016, and executed by Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact David Tyler, at the number provided below at least 7 days before the meeting.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

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Florida Department of Transportation
1109 S. Marion Avenue, MS 2007
Lake City, FL 32025-5874
Phone: (800) 749-2967 ext. 7842
Email: david.tyler@dot.state.fl.us

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Calendars

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: Meets Sept. 14, Sept. 21 and Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. in the Zoning Department Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meetings are open to the public.

ROUND ROBIN SHAKESPEARE: Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m., Fleming Island Public Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Join the continued oral reading of "Antony and Cleopatra." Group meets monthly to read one of Shakespeare's plays aloud, round robin style. Free Admission. No experience necessary. Everyone welcome. Info at roundrobinshakespeare.com.

GARDEN CLUB OUTING: Whippoorwill Circle of the Garden Club of Orange Park is traveling to Winter Park on Sept. 27 in a coach leaving at 8 a.m. from Orange Park. Will tour Florida Federation of Garden Clubs headquarters and gardens, followed by an optional tour of the Morse Stained Glass

Museum. Trip is \$50; museum entry fee is \$4 on-site. RSVP by Sept. 15 to Mary Ann Baugh at (904) 349-7024.

WOMAN'S CLUB: The Woman's Club of Keystone Heights will hold its first meeting of the new program year, Sept. 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the clubhouse, 6747 Woman's Club Dr. Guest speakers will be Vice Mayor Steve Hart and Scott Kornegay, city manager. The public is invited. Please bring a covered dish.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE: Meets Sept. 19 at 3 p.m. in the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

PARENTS' GRIEF OUTREACH: Sept. 20 from 6-8 p.m., sponsored by "Grieving Parents Sharing Hope" with guest speaker author Laura Diehl. Snacks and drinks will be available. First United Methodist Church of Green Cove Springs, 500 Walnut St., (904) 284-9700.

CLAY SAFETY NET ALLIANCE: Meets Sept. 21 at 8 a.m., Salvation Army Conference Room, 2795 County Rd. 220, Middleburg. Human services nonprofits come together to discuss networking and how to avoid duplication of services. Info, André at (305) 395-0912.

HEALTH EXPO: Community Connected Health & Business Expo, Sept. 21 from 4:30-7 p.m., Thrasher Horne Center, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. Free and open to the public, food, door prizes & health screenings. For more information call the Clay County Chamber of Commerce at (904) 264-2651.



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STAFF PHOTO BY JESSE HOLLETT

John Griffiths has lived on Black Creek since 1976 and while he said he has never endured anything like Hurricane Irma, he would never live anywhere else. See full story, page 10.



STAFF PHOTO BY KILE BREWER

Call center operators began working nonstop as Hurricane Irma approached Clay County. Since the EOC was activated the center opened under the direction of Emergency Management Director John Ward.

Obituaries

Michelle Perrie

Michelle Perrie, 42, of Palatka, Fla., passed away September 3, 2017. She was born on November 25, 1974 in Palatka, Fla. to parents, Leonard and Dale (Phillips) Taylor. Michelle was a lifelong resident of the area and a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church. She loved her family, had a heart of gold and she enjoyed horseback riding and doing barrel racing with her children and niece. She was a beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, and aunt.



Michelle Perrie

Michelle is survived by her parents; her husband, John Perrie; sons, Michael Knowles, Christopher Perrie (Savannah Goodson), and Colden Perrie; daughter, Michrista Perrie; brother, Louis Taylor (Aimee); sister, Amanda Johns (Lee); niece,

Erin Johns and grandchildren, Michael Fedricks and Chloe Geoghagan. She is also survived by Johnny and Joyce Knowles "Papa and Granny J."

Funeral services will be held at 1:00pm on Friday, September 15, 2017 at Shiloh Baptist Church with Pastor Marc Swarhout and Pastor Keith Stewart officiating. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service. 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 32043. (904) 284-4000.

Janice Shields

Janice Shields, 85, of Green Cove Springs, Fla. passed away September 7, 2017.

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Shelter

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coffee.

When Amany Tafish and her children evacuated, they brought children's books, a loaf of bread and their holy book, the Quran.

On Monday, shortly after the gusts from Hurricane Irma reached their height, Tafish, 39, and her children, Louay, 13, and

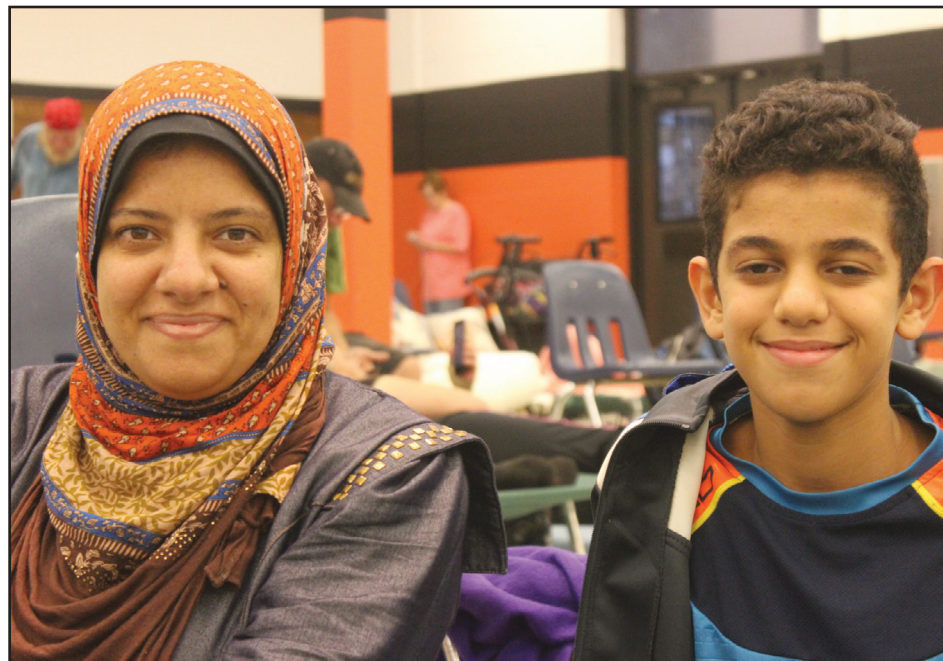
Hamzay, 6, sat on green, mesh cots chatting amongst each other in the center of the brightly lit cafeteria of Orange Park High, one of four Clay County high schools converted to a shelter during the storm.

Tafish shared similar concerns as many of the 700 county residents who took refuge in a Clay County shelter during the storm – whether or not they would find their home in one piece.

"I want to know what about my house, did the water enter the house, did anything



More than 700 took refuge in shelters during Sunday and Monday, when Hurricane Irma was at its worst. Shown here are a portion of the inhabitants of the Orange Park High shelter on Monday morning.



Amany Tafish, 39, of Fleming Island, spent the hurricane in the noisy Orange Park High shelter with her children, Louay, shown right, and Hamzay.

bad happen to trees, I want to know," Tafish said.

Officials placed a curfew on travel within Clay County Monday that would last until 8 p.m. that night. Tafish said if she could, she would have travelled to her Fleming Island home to assess the damage.

Louay, who occupied himself with books, had on his mind something undoubtedly shared with most youngsters cooped up in the shelters Monday. Boredom.

With little she could do about her worries, she waited.

Tafish moved to Florida from Egypt a year ago, so Hurricane Irma was her family's first experience with a hurricane, but not her first with a natural disaster.

"Once, when I was in high school in 1992, an earthquake happened," Tafish

said. "It was very severe. Old Cairo was destroyed, but our city was safe. We had about three weeks vacation to repair the houses and the schools."

The earthquake left 50,000 homeless.

Tafish had time to prepare for the hurricane, and spent Sept. 7 bringing items inside the house to minimize potential damage.

She, and undoubtedly others in the shelter waited for the moment when they would return to their homes and take those first nervous steps towards whatever damage awaited them.

It was an anxiety that would touch many across Clay County and the state as Hurricane Irma, which made mainland landfall Sept. 10 as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaged homes and businesses.

Many who left as evacuees hoped they would come back as homeowners.

Among the hardest hit were homes hugging Black Creek. The storm caused a three and a half foot storm surge that swallowed homes and cars.

At a press conference Tuesday, Clay County Emergency Management Director John Ward addressed the reaction of homeowners along Black Creek and across the county.

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Safe

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a puppy they had agreed to foster and has since decided to adopt the pup – something Mansfield hopes will continue to happen.

Once most of the animals were out, the reality of the situation set in. While retrieving the last group of dogs, the water – already waist deep – was still rising. The hallways where their kennels are kept became rivers. Computers and supplies floated by as volunteers and workers got the last few dogs loaded up. Their new air conditioning unit, new washer and dryer, and all their medical supplies can be seen sitting on top or underneath flood water in photos posted on the shelter's Facebook page.

"Pretty much everything is wet or damaged," Mansfield said. "We're going to have to start over from the ground up."

Mansfield, whose two-story Middleburg home is also flooded, has been staying with one of the shelter's board members, Lee Oliver. The two expect to make a trip to the shelter Friday once the water has receded from the gravel road that winds around the retention pond and to the front of the building. Once they can get in, they will assess the damage, but for now, the two women can't imagine being able to replace everything that was damaged with the shelter's shoestring budget.

"We're on our own with this, we have no funding except for what we get from fundraisers and donations," Oliver said.

"We don't receive government funding, so we rely on the community," Mansfield said.

Once the damage has been assessed and recorded, they will immediately begin recovery efforts. Oliver and Mansfield expect to begin removing damaged property and cleaning out the kennels and cat rooms this weekend once they have completed their initial walkthrough.

Since the shelter updated its Facebook page with a photo of a dog being evacuated with the simple message "We Need Help," they have received so many donated supplies that they are seeking dry storage to house things until the shelter reopens.

At this point, those interested in helping can do two things.

The biggest need for the shelter is funding. They have more supplies than they can store, but they will need to raise money to replace everything lost in the water. To donate directly to the shelter, prospective donors can go the main PayPal site and send funds to info@safeanimalshelter.com.

Additionally, the shelter is hosting its annual auction fundraiser later this month. The event has been planned for months, but could not have been scheduled at a better time.

"The auction is always our biggest fundraiser of the year," Mansfield said. "Right now we need it more than ever."

The Pawsport to Purradise auction will be held on Sept. 23 from 5-9 p.m. at the Thrasher Horne Center. There will be

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– Lee Oliver

"We don't receive government funding, so we rely on the community."

– Sherry Mansfield

catered food and live and silent auction items. Tickets can be purchased through the Safe Animal Shelter Facebook page, or on their website at www.safeanimalshelter.com.

Beginning Saturday, tentatively, they will also need ongoing help from volunteers, specifically those with experience in building repairs, landscaping and flood recovery.

One of the more surprising and unfortunate things that has happened since the storm hit came Tuesday evening when someone drove to the flooded shelter, picked up a discarded dog carrier that sat near the entrance to the shelter's driveway, and put about eight kittens inside and left them at the water's edge, as close as they could to the front door. Luckily, an employee stopped by the shelter to check on things before going home for the night

and found the kittens, soaking wet, and posted a photo to the shelter's Facebook page. As of Wednesday morning, all the kittens had been placed in foster care. Though this sort of thing isn't uncommon for shelters, now it hits especially hard.

"This is the hardest job I've ever had," Mansfield said while looking through photos of the flooded shelter on her phone. "But my staff has been amazing, they've gone above and beyond. We're a small shelter, but we operate as a team and we're all like family. Our No. 1 priority is taking care of the animals."

Mansfield said the Safe Animal Shelter Facebook page is the best way to keep track of their situation. She and her employees will be posting regular updates and keeping the community informed when they have a specific need.

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By Pastor William Register

Horatio Spafford was a 43-year old lawyer who lived in Chicago, in a suburb on the north side of the city. He was married to Anna and they had five children – one son and four daughters.

In 1871, his only son died at four years old. Later that same year, the city was consumed by the great Chicago fire. Horatio Spafford's real estate investments were lost and suddenly his entire life savings were gone. Two years later, the Spafford family took a vacation in Europe. Horatio was delayed by business, but his wife and four daughters sailed for their vacation on the S. S. Ville du Havre. Horatio planned to join his family in a few days.

Their ship was struck by an iron sailing vessel on November 22, 1873. The S.S. Ville du Havre sank in twelve minutes and 226 lives were lost. Among those who died were the four daughters of Horatio Spafford. When Anna Spafford arrived in Europe, she cabled her husband the message: "Saved alone. What shall I do?"

Spafford immediately left Chicago to join his wife and bring her home. On his way to meet his wife, while sailing near the place where his daughters died, in the depths of his sorrow, he wrote the words to the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul."

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,

When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,

It is well, it is well, with my soul.
And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,

Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Horatio and Anna Spafford moved to Jerusalem in 1881 to serve the needs of the people there. They ministered Christ to poor Arabs and Jews bringing compassion to others from the depths of their own suffering and sorrow.


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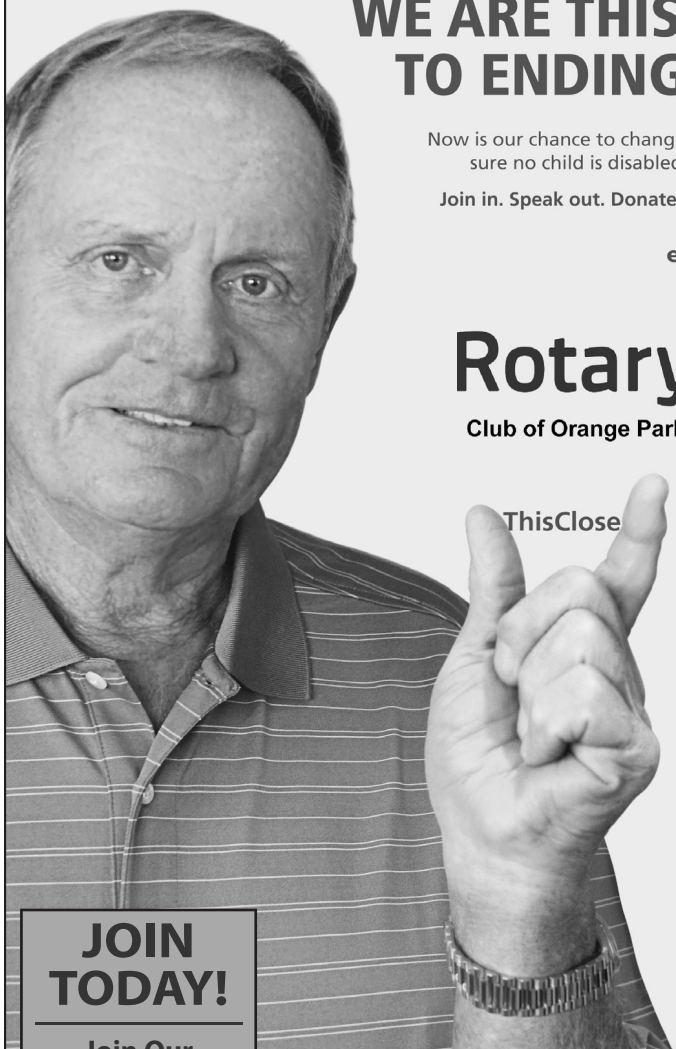
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History

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The Crossings at Fleming Island Community Development District officially turned over operation of its water and sewer system to Clay County Utility Authority.

Sharon Marsh, a teacher at Grove Park Elementary School, was named Educator of the Year by the organization Clay County Children and Attention Deficit Disorder.

30 years ago, 1987

The Clay County School Board voted to 3-2 to rescind a previous vote to establish a \$900 per home impact fee on new residential construction.

The Florida Department of Revenue ruled a new 2-cent gas tax hike was legal despite it being approved after the July 1 deadline.



Clay County Clerk of Court George Carlisle, who also served as the county comptroller, said the Clay County Sheriff's Office investigative fund was not overdrawn after conducting the fund's first-ever audit.

40 years ago, 1977

The Green Cove Springs City Council passed a recommendation from the city's planning board to approved plans to build two apartment complexes that would include 51 apartments at Roberts Street and Melrose Avenue.

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Dr. Gould received his medical degree at Wright State University, Boonshoft School of Medicine in Dayton, OH. Dr. Gould completed his family medicine internship at Naval Hospital Bremerton before completing his residency in orthopaedic surgery at Naval Medical Center in San Diego, CA. He finished a one year fellowship in foot and ankle reconstructive surgery at the University of Washington, Department of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine in Seattle.

Dr. Gould was head of the Foot and Ankle Reconstructive Surgery Division, Department of Orthopaedics, at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, and since 2008, he served at the Naval Hospital Jacksonville, treating injuries of the foot and ankle. In 2006, he served a busy combat deployment as an orthopaedic surgeon in Al-Anbar Province, Iraq.

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Animals

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evacuated their homes without taking their pets with them. She said one horse perished in the flooding at Black Creek and she and two staff members rescued another injured horse by kayak on Falcon Run in Middleburg.

These events come after Monday's daring rescue of the dogs and cats at the shelter near Penney Farms.

Sutherin and staff went to the shelter around 8 a.m. on Sept. 11 to check on the

animals, give them treats and blankets and try and calm them in the storm. What they didn't count on was waist-deep water that appeared to not stop coming.

"The water wasn't quite in the cat area, but it was coming in the back door," Sutherin said. "Within 45 minutes, the water rose to a point where we were swimming animals out of our shelter. I'm just thankful that our staff was there – our people risked life and limb to get out there."

Sutherin said she is grateful for the help the shelter received from The U.S. Coast Guard, Clay County Sheriff's Office and Clay County Fire Rescue in removing



After the Clay County Animal Care and Control shelter, above, flooded Sept. 11, staff moved operations to the Clay County Fairgrounds, shown below. Animal Control officials are still assessing damage to the aged building before returning operations to the State Road 16 center near Penney Farms.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY CODE AND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM AS SET FORTH IN CITY ORDINANCE NO. O-16-2016 ON THE OPERATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS AND LICENSED DISPENSING ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS UNLESS RESCINDED OR EXTENDED BY A SUBSEQUENT ORDINANCE, OR BY A SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS REGARDING THE REGULATIONS OF MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS AND LICENSED DISPENSING ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the above described Ordinance at the following scheduled public hearings to be held in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the time stated herein or shortly thereafter:

**City Council: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
or shortly thereafter
(Second Reading of the Ordinances by Title Only)**

The public is invited to attend these public hearings to offer comments for or against the proposed change to the City Code. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection at City Hall, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, during normal working hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Written comments may also be submitted.

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at these scheduled public meetings, they will need to ensure that a verbatim transcript of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City Clerk's Office by U.S. Mail addressed to 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs,

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All interested individuals are invited to attend these public hearings.

By: Janis K. Fleet, AICP, Development Services Director
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the animals to safety.

"I am so thankful for the way everybody just came together," she said.

Denise Deisler, executive director of the Jacksonville Humane Society, said she learned about the Clay County shelter flooding via social media and reached out to help. The Jacksonville shelter told Clay County Animal Care and Control they could take in 20-30 dogs and 20-30 cats. By 7 p.m. Monday night, Jax Humane took in 27 dogs and 32 cats, which are still at the Beach Boulevard facility. However, Deisler said the Clay pets will "go north" as the Jax Humane shelter prepares to take in other animals from more hard hit areas of South Florida.

"They all checked out in good health. Some seemed stressed, but they are all healthy animals that can be adopted out," Deisler said.

Deisler said the facility was able to take in the Clay animals because it had already evacuated 30 dogs and 30 cats under their care to the Lynchburg, Virginia affiliate of the Humane Society and had another 40-50 animals go to foster homes due to having medical needs.

Deisler said she learned a lesson from what happened in Houston with the animal welfare community and the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. She described the strategy employed by Houston-area shelters as "a genius move," which involved shipping their animals out to other shelters.

Sutherin said the Clay animals that had been in custody were past the time required for surrender and will not be returning to Clay County, but will be going to no-kill shelters and other animal welfare partners throughout the U.S. And on Tuesday, Sutherin said, Animal Control made contact with four pet owners and reunited them with their pets.

Meanwhile, the Clay animals' rescue doesn't stop with Jax Humane. One other organization involved was Jacksonville-based Pit Sisters, a general animal shelter on San Jose Boulevard.

"I got the call [Monday] that the shelter was under water and they had to evacuate all the animals and that they needed help so I called the two vets that I use and asked, 'Hey can you take a bunch of dogs and cats temporarily until we can figure out what to do with them?' and they said yes," said Jennifer Deane, Pit Sisters' executive director.



Deane said her organization took in 16 dogs and 14 cats from Clay County

"They had to evacuate 101 animals and they actually had to swim the dogs out to save them," Deane said. "It was bad, it was bad. I've been here for over 40 years and I've never seen anything like this."

Sutherin said the flooding of the State Road 16 shelter does not necessarily speed up the timetable to replace the aging Clay County Animal Care and Control facility. She said the current Clay County Board of County Commissioners has made a new shelter one of its priorities.

"All of the commissioners have agreed before this that we do need a new shelter. I think that they've all agreed on that. I don't know how much this will speed up the process. It's a serious issue ... might move up on the priority but it was on the Top 5 priority to begin with."

Sutherin said she knew the aging facility would lose power during Irma, but was not expecting the flooding. Now, along with assessing the damage to the stray pet community, she and her staff will be assessing the damage to the building.

"We are still answering calls. As we get animals in we will post them to our Facebook page if anyone is missing their animal. If someone is missing animal, email us a picture," Sutherin said.

In the meantime, Sutherin said, Animal Control is operating out of facilities at the Clay County Fairgrounds. She has fielded calls from the United State Humane Society and Petco that are offering to help. Deisler said the national organization can provide a temporary mobile animal shelter to help with pet rescue efforts.

"We don't know the extent of the damage to our shelter," Sutherin said.

Staff writer Jesse Hollett contributed to this report.

Arrests & Bookings

Tuesday, September 12

Dodd, Scott, 33, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Aggravated Assault With Intent to Commit a Felony

Locke, Anita, 40, Middleburg, CCSO, Simple Battery - Dating Violence

Mueller, David, 57, Fleming Island, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Perkins, Jeffery, 36, Middleburg, CCSO, Heroin Possession Heroin

Sebree, Amelia, 36, Orange Park, OPPD, DUI

Monday, September 11

Rueda, Carrie, 42, Middleburg, Simple Domestic Battery

Sunday, September 10

Cornish, Mason, 39, Jacksonville, CCSO, Cocaine Possession of Cocaine, Drug Equipment Possession, Possession of a Firearm or Ammo By a Convicted Florida Felon

Hollifield, Kristen, 33, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Petit Theft, Burglary, Petit Theft

Smoke, Colton, 22, Middleburg, CCSO, Grand Theft Auto, Drug Equipment Possession

Saturday, September 9

Brooks, Regina, 41, Green Cove

Springs, GCSPD, Abuse of Elderly Or Disabled Adult Without Great Harm

Dunson, Michael, 26, Jacksonville, OPPD, Unsafe Storage of Firearms Access By Minor

Lyon, Zachary, 35, Orange Park, CCSO, Writ - Child Support

McLaughlin, Eileen, 64, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Friday, September 8

Bollinger, Melanie, 32, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Crowder, Lemuel, 47, Orange Park, FHP, Cocaine Possession With Intent to Sell, Possession of a Controlled Substance, DWLSR, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Reckless Driving, Firearm Possession by a Convicted Felon, Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Has an Injunction Against Committing Acts of Domestic Violence, Two Counts of Distribution and Delivery of a Schedule II Drug, Distribution and Delivery of a Schedule 4 Drug, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Lepore, Abigail, 21, Middleburg, CCSO, Theft \$300 or More

Matthews, Jairus, 25, Jacksonville, CCSO, Violence On an Officer Firefighter or EMT, DWLSR, Resisting an Officer With Violence, No Vehicle Registration

Merry, Jon, 42, Orange Park, CCSO, Theft of Credit Card, By Taking Or Retaining Possession, Grand Theft \$300-4,999

Proefrock, Madison, 19, Orange Park, CCSO, Petit Theft

Steward, Andrea, 35, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Wilson, Dallas, 23, Middleburg, CCSO, Retail Theft \$300+

Thursday, September 7

Beste, Clifford, 33, Maxville, CCSO, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Marshall, Irah, 21, Middleburg, OPPD, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Pouliot, Amber, 21, Middleburg, OPPD, DUI

Toa, Jeremy, 32, Jacksonville, CCSO, FTA - No Vehicle Registration

Wednesday, September 6

Beaver, Oshea, 24, Middleburg, CCSO, Resisting an Officer With Violence

Camacho, Jordan, 26, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Domestic Battery

Cashen, Melissa, 27, Orange Park, CCSO, Domestic Battery

Crosdale, Keyo, 21, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Drug Offender Probation

Dellapenna, Peter, 32, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Battery On A Law Enforce-

ment Officer, Resisting an Officer With Violence

Douglas, Renard, 37, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Disorderly Intoxication

Garrett, Rosalin, 35, Jacksonville, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Henderson, Timothy, 20, Jacksonville, CCSO, FTA-Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis, FTA- No Valid Driver's License

Honea, John, 33, Middleburg, CCSO, Petit Theft

Johnson, Bennie, 23, Jacksonville, CCSO, Grand Theft \$300-4,999, Felony Battery, Robbery-Armed Firearm

Mangrum, Larry, 61, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, VOP - DUI, VOP - DWLSR

Padgett, Christopher, 39, Middleburg, CCSO, Robbery-Unarmed

Parisaca, Victor, 40, Miami, CCSO, FTA - Grand Theft \$300-\$20,000

Pierce, Joseph, 51, Jacksonville, CCSO, Non-Support

Tims, Christopher, 40, Middleburg, Other Agency, VOP - Lewd & Lascivious Molestation

Todd, Brandon, 24, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - DWLSR

Underwood, Roger, 36, Keystone Heights, CCSO, DUI With Property Damage, DWLSR

Police Briefs

OP driver strikes, kills pedestrian

JACKSONVILLE – The Florida Highway Patrol reports that an Orange Park woman struck and killed a pedestrian alongside Interstate 295 on Sept. 12 at 8:13 p.m.

Police said Natasha Atkinson, 27, of Orange Park was driving southbound on I-295 in a 2017 Toyota Camry when, according to witnesses, the pedestrian's dog somehow jumped out of the car she was traveling in. When the pedestrian, Sylvia Taylor, 56, of Jacksonville, got out of her vehicle to rescue the dog, she was struck by the right front of Atkinson's vehicle.

FHP said charges are pending and two passenger's in Atkinson's vehicle were not injured nor was Atkinson.

FDOT and FLHSMV Monitoring Santa Fe River at I-75 for unprecedented flooding

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Transportation is actively monitoring a small bridge on Interstate 75 at mile marker 408 crossing the Santa Fe River on the northern border of Alachua County.

The river is expected to crest at historic and unprecedented levels present-

ing a potential threat to safe travel on the bridge. The Santa Fe River under I-75 has rapidly risen 15 feet within the past 36 hours due to the heavy rainfall over North Florida from Hurricane Irma.

An additional rise is expected within the coming days as water levels from upstream move southward down the river. The river level is currently safe at 55 feet. However, if the river were to rise to an unsafe level, the bridge would become impassable both northbound and southbound, and would be closed immediately.

At this time, I-75 remains safe and passable. Floridians that are traveling home should monitor this situation and remain aware of travel conditions. Wwww.FL511.com has up-to-date info on road closures and travel routes.

Mall clothes thief collared

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A man arrested in Duval County last Wednesday was transferred to the Clay County Jail on a warrant issued after he stole clothes from a Clay County department store.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office booked Bennie Joe Johnson Jr., 23, of Jacksonville, after he was transferred from the

Duval County Jail.

In mid-June, Johnson allegedly entered the Dillard's store at the Orange Park Mall and began collecting several pieces of clothing from the men's department. An employee noticed Johnson had begun acting strange and moved toward one of the store's exits. After approaching Johnson, the employee was shoved in her chest and fell onto a wooden display where she received multiple cuts and bruises, which required hospitalization.

A mall employee chased Johnson into the parking lot where he dropped the stolen merchandise and a car pulled up to pick him up. The driver yelled to the employee that Johnson had a gun so the employee let him go and the suspect fled the scene.

Johnson faces three felonies for grand theft, battery, and armed robbery. He is being held on about \$100,000 bond and will appear in court on Oct. 11.

Alleged Moped thief busted

MIDDLEBURG – A Middleburg man was arrested last Wednesday after attempting to steal a moped from a Dollar

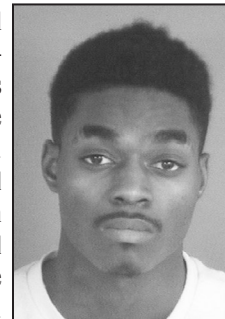
Tree employee.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Christopher Shaun Padgett, 39, of Middleburg, after he was found at the Middleburg Dollar Tree where he had attempted to steal an employee's vehicle.

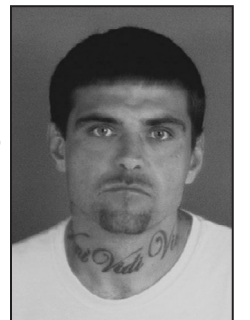
The Dollar Tree worker had exited the business, started his moped and lit a cigarette. According to police, Padgett then approached the employee and asked for a cigarette. As soon as Padgett was given a cigarette, he punched the man in the face and got onto the moped. Padgett attempted to leave when the man grabbed his legs and dragged him off the moped. After the scooter's owner retrieved his vehicle, he circled to the front of the store and called police.

Padgett was found behind the Dollar Tree sitting on the curb with minor scrapes from falling off the stolen moped. He was booked into the Clay County Jail.

Padgett faces a felony for unarmed robbery, and is being held on a \$100,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 11.



Bennie Johnson



Christopher Padgett



STAFF PHOTOS BY KILE BREWER

Assorted belongings sit underneath a driveway basketball hoop Tuesday morning along River Reach Road. Flooding crept into the neighborhood as wind and rain moved through Clay County Sunday night and early Monday morning.



A pile of interior doors sits outside a home on River Reach Road Tuesday while volunteers from Christ's Church in Fleming Island and River Christian Church in Green Cove Springs cleared out the house and began drying out drywall and flooring.

Churches

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The church volunteered itself to host volunteer efforts a few months back during a conversation between the church's pastor and Andre Van Heerden of the Clay SafetyNet Alliance.

"A few months ago the EOC hosted an

event to get all the organizations together to get prepared, and I threw our hat in the ring," said Todd Bussey, the campus pastor at the Fleming Island Christ's Church. "A day or two before things got bad, we got the call, and opened our doors this morning. As the week goes on we'll start to get a greater sense of what people need and what our volunteers can do."

The church is assigning volunteers to



A truck passes through a partial roadblock on Pine Avenue on Fleming Island Tuesday morning.

provide workers who can clear debris, tarp roofs and muck out homes, according to a release from the church.

Anyone who needs help is welcomed to contact the church at 904-644-0311 and they will coordinate a volunteer to help. Those wishing to volunteer can also contact the church's main office at the same number or get involved by showing up at the church with proper clothes, shoes, work gloves, and a will to work.

The Christ's Church Facebook page also provides a link to a www.signupgenius.com page where volunteers with specific skills or tools can sign up to provide those tools and services.

They are looking for anyone with hammers, rakes, crowbars and chainsaws. They are also looking for people with administrative and/or office experience to help with maintaining their operations for several weeks as the need for volunteers continues.

existing teams as they arrive at their campus off State Road 17 just south of County Road 220. They are currently working to

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Jack Surgeoner
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 Fleming Island

Surgeoner punched out four tackles for losses, two sacks and picked up a first

quarter fumble to lead the Golden Eagles to a 27-6 win over Middleburg.

OFFENSE

Denali Lindo
 WR, Sophomore,
 Ridgeview



Lindo had a career night for the Panthers with three touchdowns; a 55 yard pass, a 43 yard pass and a 42 yard run to lead Ridgeview to a 51-36 win over Westside.

GAMES
 SEPTEMBER 15

Buchholz @ Fleming Island
 Clay @ OPHS
 Ridgeview @ Palatka

Keystone @ Umatilla
 MHS @ Englewood
 Oakleaf @ Bartram Trail
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CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY DONNA J. CONVERSANO

Ridgeview High wideout Denali Lindo heads downfield with long touchdown play in Panthers third consecutive win, a 51-36 decision over Westside High, on Friday at Ridgeview High. Lindo scored three times for Panthers.

Panther offense overwhelms Westside

By Mike Zima
 Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - Ridgeview High football's point-per-minute offense and two huge coaching decisions offset an unsteady performance by the defense as the Panthers notched their third straight win to start the season, a 51-36 victory over visiting Westside Thursday, Sept. 7 at Ridgeview High School.

Ridgeview wide receiver Denali Lindo was the most potent of Ridgeview's multiple offensive weapons, scoring long-range touchdowns three of the five times he touched the ball while amassing 220 all-purpose yards. He traveled 42 yards down the left sideline on a jet sweep to score on Ridgeview's first possession, ran under a deep ball from quarterback Tyler Huff to give the Panthers' a 20-6 lead in

the second quarter, and scored a clinching touchdown on a 55-yard catch and run in the fourth quarter. The sophomore set up another score with a twisting, weaving 64-yard kickoff return.

"Lindo had a good night and played well. But he is one of many that can touch the ball and are dynamic," said Ridgeview

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Clay nearly upends Bears

Onside kick costly

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

BARTRAM TRAIL – Clay High answered nearly every challenge put forth by the third-ranked in 7A Bartram Trail Bears in their Thursday clash, but the Blue Devils fell a hair short after an intemely onside kick produced two quick touchdowns for the Bears en route to a 49-28 non-district win at Bartram Trail High School. Clay also unveiled a quick-strike passing game with wideouts Ajay Belanger and Spencer LeSage finding big-gain scoring opportunities to counter the Bears' attack.

"We battled," said Clay coach Joshua Hoekstra, who had been reading the state predictions of a 30 point loss to the high-scoring Bears. "I am so proud of the way they battled, especially on offense. Now we are ready to get into our district play."

Clay, now 1-2 overall and ranked 17th in Class 5A, opens district 5-5A play with winless (0-3) Orange Park, a 23-13 loser to Atlantic Coast, hosting the Blue Devils. Bartram Trail, 11th ranked state wide, moves to 2-1 after a Monday 35-24 win over 6A-Daytona Beach Mainland

Clay, with a battery of running backs punishing the Bears front line; started with junior crash-master Aundre Carter who bullied the first snap for a 12 yard gain that put the Bears on notice that the Blue Devils were going to attack the meat of the Bears defense. Clay's stable shifted from Carter's power, to Christian Sweat's corner speed to inside running from Cedrick Brown to slashing runs from Tymious Goodman.

"The game that coach Tobler (ex-Clay QB Ulysses Tobler, assistant coach) was great," said Hoekstra. "The offensive line did exactly what we asked them to right

from the start."

Clay got to the Bears 30 and stalled on their initial drive and Bartram wound up taking over and benefited from a defensive holding penalty that was aided two plays later by a pass interference call on defensive back Jordan Copeland. Bartram Trail would swing a screen pass around Clay defensive end Josh Griffis to score from the 40 with 4:41 left in the quarter.

Bartram Trail pooched the ensuing kickoff and Clay quarterback Caleb Eason took two plays to find wideout Ajay Belanger on an out pattern that Belanger fought through three tacklers to the end zone and a quick 7-7 retaliatory strike for the Blue Devils.

With Bartram Trail's two-man quarterback system featuring Auburn-bound Joey Gatewood and Riley Smith, both capable throwers and equally efficient runners out of the pocket, finding seams in the Clay outside rush by Griffis and inside push from Colby Butler and Kenneth Johnson.

From the Clay 40, Bear running back Devin Ellison made short work of swing passes with a slashing scoring run from the Clay 16 just as the second quarter started.

Clay got to near midfield on their next possession with a steady run game and two passes to LeSage, but the drive stalled.

Bartram Trail took over with Gatewood in the shotgun tossing toward Copeland again who was covering wideout Griffin Helm a little too close, according to officials. With the ball moving from the Bartram Trail 11 to midfield, the Bears got squeezed by a holding flag and a sack from Clay outside linebacker Cody Devore and Johnson. Bartram Trail stuck with their quick out pass game, but Copeland struck with a huge tackle on Ellison who coughed up the ball to safety Marcus Dixon the Clay 16 with 6:38 left in the half.

On the second handoff to Brown on



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Bartram Trail High School quarterback Joey Gatewood gets trapped between Clay High defenders Marcaun Robinson, No. 12, and Cody Devore in second half action of Friday night game at Bartram Trail High School. Clay lost 49-28.

the ensuing drive, the powerful left side of Clay's line cleared and alley that nearly set Brown downfield to paydirt.

From the Bears' 40, Eason found a wide-open LeSage over the middle with no defenders within 15 yards for a 14-14 score with 2:19 left in the half.

"It was blown coverage and Tobler saw it," said Hoekstra.

Unfortunately, Bartram Trail put their own punch in the mound with Ellison shredding the right sideline to put Bartram

Trail up 21-14 with 31 seconds in the half.

Eason was sacked to end the half after the kickoff.

Clay tried an onside on the second half kickoff, but no luck, but Griffis and Devore started to track Gatewood to create some backfield chaos and force a midfield punt.

A shanked punt by Clay punter Chris Hancher gave the Bears opportunistic field position that was bolstered by a flag

SEE DEVILS, 29

Raiders still winless

By Doug Deter
Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE – The Orange Park Raiders played their third straight game against a higher classification school on a short week, falling to Atlantic Coast 23-13 on Thursday at Atlantic Coast High School.

Not to mention having to go on the road a day earlier as all schools scrambled to get their teams prepared to play and prepared their families for Hurricane Irma which was making a B line toward the state of Florida.

"It's not a secret that we start seven sophomores on defense which four of those guys are under 155 pounds. Even with that, I think we played a solid game overall defensively" said Orange Park head coach Tom Macpherson.

Looking at both with the naked eye one could tell there was a distinct size advantage for the Atlantic Coast Stingrays; and they showed it on their first drive.

Stingray running back Zavion McHelon had a 35 yard run to the Orange Park 10 yard line. Two plays later, quarterback



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY PATRICK CRAWFORD
Orange Park High wide receiver Marquise Brown looks for yardage for Raider offense. Raiders lost 23-13 to Atlantic Coast on Friday and are scheduled to play Clay High on September 15.

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Sadie

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Ridgeview High wideout Damien Toney tries to hold on to pass in Panthers' 51-36 win over Westside High.



Ridgeview High running back Jaiden Turner goes around right end for big gain in Panthers win over Westside High School.

Panthers

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coach Cameron Porch.

The Ridgeview attack was as balanced as it was effective. Eight different ball carriers pounded out 223 rushing yards for the Panthers, led by Caleb Plyler's 88 yards on 13 carries. Meanwhile, quarterback Tyler Huff used five different receivers in throwing for 189 yards and three scores.

"We do not want to ride one guy," explained Porch. "If we distribute the ball, we feel like we will be the fresher team in the second half, and I think you saw that tonight."

The Panthers further pressure defenses by operating a no-huddle offense, running play after play in rapid succession to prevent the defense from substituting. The

results have been an average of 51 points per game and only the second 3-0 start in school history.

Two coaching decisions by Porch helped turn an evenly matched affair in favor of the hosts.

After Lindo had matched Westside's game-opening scoring drive with his scoring run, Porch turned the tables on the Wolverines by ordering a short, high kick from kicker Charlie Barrett. Barrett executed perfectly, and Ridgeview senior Kiran Turner, racing downfield, caught the ball in the air at the Westside 40 before any Wolverine had a chance to field it. The Panthers gained an extra possession, and senior running back Trent Coleman made it pay off, scoring on a 14 yard run four plays later. Instead of trying to match the Westside offense all evening, Ridgeview forced the Wolverines to play catch-up.

Porch's other critical call was his decision to go for it with the Panthers facing a fourth and three at the Westside 25 yard line after the Wolverines had cut a 28-6 deficit to 28-21. Huff faked a handoff and hit Turner in stride on a skinny post for a touchdown to put the Panthers ahead 34-21 two minutes before halftime.

The Panthers needed every bit of offensive firepower and coaching savvy to offset a defense that was shredded for 441 passing yards by Westside's Adrien Webster, and allowed 525 yards overall.

"They did a good job of isolating routes, and their quarterback did a good job of dropping the ball in the bucket," said Porch.

Webster's favorite target was fellow senior David White, who led all receivers with eight catches for 218 yards, Nelson Pagan added 160 yards receiving and a

touchdown on four receptions.

Turner returned the second half kickoff 32 yards to the Westside 45 yard line. The Panthers seized control with a six-play march that was capped by another 14 yard scoring run by Coleman.

Huff finished with three touchdown passes, two to Lindo and one to Turner. Standley Thomas had four rushing touchdowns for the visitors.

The Panthers begin District 5-5A play at Palatka Friday, September 15. Ridgeview lost to Palatka 35-30 in 2016 when an errant punt snap led to a game-winning touchdown in the game's final moments.

"We are going to face a similarly athletic team next week," said Porch. "If we tackle better, I think we will be all right."

Westside, now 0-3, begins District 4-5A play Friday by hosting Ponte Vedra.

Raiders

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Terry Gilliam Jr found Travon Wallace on a seven yard touchdown pass to take a 7-0 lead less than three minutes into the game.

The Raiders, having lost their starting quarterback, A.J. Mealer, for the season with a broken leg, looked to wideout Terrence Johnson to lead the offense.

"We played solid but it just wasn't enough to win. Although I think we are getting better and growing up heading into district play" said McPherson. "Having lost our starting quarterback for the year we need to find a way as coaches to put our players in positions to be successful even if that means cutting down the size of our playbook."

The Raider offense looked solid early especially when Johnson found wideout David Frederick on a 35 yard pass to the Stingray 23 yard line. Johnson would call his own number later in the drive on a third down run to the eight yard line. Johnson

would score from the four yard line after an Atlantic Coast penalty and the Raiders would tie the game at 7-7 with 4:13 left in the first quarter.

The undersized Raider defense would force a punt after a third down sack by Shaq Magwood.

The Raider offense would stall out after a 36 yard run by running back Zykiem Sermons. The Raiders special teams would impact the game after a perfect punt would be downed at the one foot line by Isiah Blair to pin the Stingrays deep in their own territory.

The Stingrays responded with a quick 32 yard run plus a 15 yard late hit penalty giving Atlantic Coast great field position at midfield after just one play. Gilliam converted two third down runs to keep the drive alive to increase the lead to 13-7 after a missed extra point midway through the second quarter. The defenses would stiffen for both teams and that would be the score headed into the second half.

In the third period, the Stingrays would get a 50 yard run by Jamari Broussard to set up first and goal at the three yard line. After a tackle for loss and penalty, quarterback Travon Wallace threw a 20 yard touchdown pass to give Atlantic Coast a 20-7 lead with four minutes left in the third quarter.

Raider defensive lineman Kendy Charles blocked a Stingray punt to give Orange Park a first down at the Atlantic Coast 10 yard line, but the Raiders gave up the ball on downs.

Adding to the defensive stop, Wallace would take the first play of the drive 80 yards to the Orange Park 15 yard line, but the Raider defense would hold the Stingrays to a field goal with 6:45 left in the game.

Orange Park kick returner Marquise Brown would take the kickoff to midfield to give the Raider offense another short field to work with. Johnson would gain 17 yards to the Stingray 33 yard line. Orange Park

would get a big break after a high snap resulted in a loss of 10 yards but a targeting penalty by the Stingrays gave the Raiders a first down at the Atlantic Coast 19 yard line. The drive would stall and Orange Park would again turn the ball over on downs.

The Raiders would get the ball back at the Stingray 35 yard line late in the fourth quarter. Johnson hit Brown on a 26 yard touchdown pass with 2:27 left in the game and an opportunity to cut the lead to one possession with a two point conversion. They would be unable to get the conversion and the Stingrays would be able to recover the onside kick and run out the clock for a 23-13 win.

The Raiders have played three games (All against higher classification schools) and although they are 0-3 heading into district play under the new playoff point system they earned as many points from losing to larger schools as winning against smaller schools. They open district play next against the Clay Blue Devils.

Eagles steamroll Broncos



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Fleming Island High tailback Anfernee McCaskill scored on a 93 yard scamper in the first half.

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island tailback Anfernee McCaskill blazed 93 yards to open the scoring up for the Golden Eagles who stayed unbeaten with a 27-6 non-district win over 6A-Middleburg High

Thursday night at Fleming Island High School. Area high schools played Thursday in anticipation of Hurricane Irma.

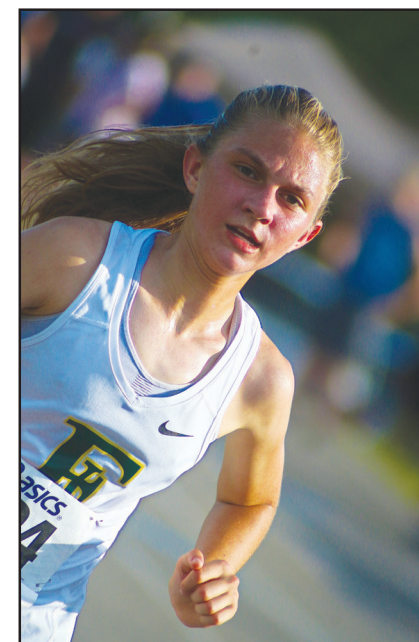
"Anytime Anfernee gets an open space, you can go up six," said Fleming Island coach Damenyum Springs, now 3-0 with a district 3-7A showdown with defending district champion Gainesville Buchholz this week. "I mean 4.4 speed (4.4 seconds for 40 yards), not many are going to catch him."

Fleming Island has stormed to an unbeaten record with a season-opening win over county rival Clay High before a hard-fought, lightning delayed win over 8A-Sandalwood last week to set up the showdown with Buchholz High (1-2) with a season-opening win over Gainesville Eastside (44-14) and two consecutive losses; to Ocala Vanguard (44-33) and to Columbia (42-7). Buchholz beat Fleming Island last year 28-14 in Gainesville prior to beating Bartram Trail, the district runnerup.

After two missed field goals, with 1:02 still left in the first quarter, McCaskill took the handoff and dove off tackle to find noth-

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Miller, Franzoni win county XC titles



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Left: Fleming Island High seniors Andrew Miller and Evan Fuller lead Ridgeview High junior Joel Nesi in early miles of Clay County Cross Country Championship held Tues., Sept. 5 at Middleburg High. Miller won with Fuller second and Nesi third.

Right: Fleming Island High senior Julie Franzoni won a third consecutive Clay County cross country title with a sprint finish away from teammate Emma Millson in Tuesday's championship race at Middleburg High School.

Golden Eagles defeat Knights

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High volleyball burst through a week of erratic play with losses to district 4-8A foes Buchholz and Bartram Trail plus a win over Creekside, Fletcher and Oakleaf. The Golden Eagles bounced back with a resounding win over Oakleaf High School Thursday night at Fleming Island High School.

Oakleaf, with a dominating win over an



Fleming Island High senior hitter Kaci Hollenbacher slams scoring shot against Bartram Trail High in Golden Eagles district game on Tuesday. Hollenbacher returned to lineup after minor ankle injury to lead Fleming Island to win over Oakleaf High on Thursday.

unbeaten Clay High team on September 5, had built up a 4-1 season record with a lone loss to Buchholz in four games last week and were set to give the Golden Eagles some rivalry challenge, but Fleming Island's senior hitters Emily Charbonneau and Kaci Hollenbacher had alternate plans

as both combined for 18 scoring shots for coach Amy Walker.

Charbonneau had been the solo scoring force for the Golden Eagles in past games, but Hollenbacher performances, after an opening week of nursing a sore ankle, seemed to strengthen the Fleming Island attack.

With game scores of 25-14, 25-14 and 25-12, the Fleming Island attack was quick and lethal at the net as Oakleaf's pair of power hitters; Bryanna Parrett and Challya Campbell, seemed unable to keep up.

Fleming Island, reversing a three game losing skid; Chiles, Providence and Bartram Trail last week and adding a win over Fletcher on September 6, improved to 6-4, 2-2 in district play, while Oakleaf fell to 4-2, 0-2. Oakleaf will face Bartram Trail (4-1, 2-0) on September 12 with Creekside set for September 14 to complete their

first round of district play. Fleming Island has their second match with Bucholz (5-0, 2-0) scheduled for September 11. Bartram Trail's lone loss is to Fletcher High.

In 3-7A, Middleburg (2-3, 1-0), lost 3-0 to 8A-Leon on defeated Creekside in three games with district games against Ed White (0-6) and St. Augustine (5-2, 1-1) sandwiched around visits to Ponte Vedra and Oakleaf. Against 8A-Creekside, Middleburg senior hitter Mallory Roney exploded for 18 scoring kills in 40 attempts with Jillian Bemis adding eight.

In the Leon loss, Roney and Bemis combined for 17 scoring shots against the unbeaten Lady Lions (5-0).

In district 4-6A, Ridgeview is on top of the district lineup at 4-0 with a 5-2 overall record with losses to 8A-Oakleaf and 8A-Fleming Island. The Lady Panthers have a handful of net hitters with junior Janae Sanders leading the group with 50 kills with Kaubrey Brown and Saige Rivers both adding 40 more. Sanders is hitting an astounding 58 percent of her scoring shots.

Orange Park is at 1-4, 1-1 in district 4-6A play with a September 5 district win over Wolfson.

In 4-5A, Keystone Heights (3-2, 2-1) has a district loss to district leader Taylor-Pearson with wins over Bradford and Fort White to set up a five game district slate of Bradford, Fort White, Taylor, Newberry and Interlachen through September.

For the Lady Indians, sophomore Madison Heskett leads the scoring spree with 48 kills with senior Hannah Jones at 27. Keystone Heights is strong serving with Emily Loose, Jones and Jessi Yeldell all in double figures; 13, 12, 12, respectively, in service aces. Yeldell is lead blocker with 18 snuffs.

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Devils

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that allowed Smith to scramble in from 22 yards out.

Down 28-14, Clay was looking for a way to slow down the Bears attack and it was Eason to LeSage on the exact same play as the first half from 33 yards out to score the game 28-21 with five minutes left in the third quarter.

“Same play,” said Hoekstra.

Bartram Trail executed a tight end screen to midfield before Butler caught Gatewood behind the line of scrimmage, but Gatewood roared past Devore to the Clay 18. A flag gave the Bears five more yards and Gatewood finished the drive from 13 yards out eluding Johnson on his way to the end zone.

Up 35-21, Bartram Trail coach Darrell Sutherland doubled down with his own onside kick picked up by the Bears’ Timothy Adams that turned into a 44 yard score from Ellison and a 42-21 Bears lead with 3:19 on the clock.

Hoekstra needed a break from not only the Bears defense, but the strange referee calls against the Blue Devils and Carter responded with a 40 yard blast from midfield to the Bears 15 with a wake of tacklers behind him. Swilley loaded up to the 10 on three carries with Belanger taking another out pass to the two. Carter finished the drive to put Clay within reach at 42-28 with 11:11 left in the fourth quarter.

With Smith at quarterback, Bartram Trail again went to the swing pass with Helm avoiding safety Dylan Taylor for a 24 yard gain to the Clay 36.

Devore would crash down on Gatewood at the Clay 17 before Clay defender Dakari Augustin got hit with a pass interference call on a play in the end zone to set up a three yard score for the Bears.

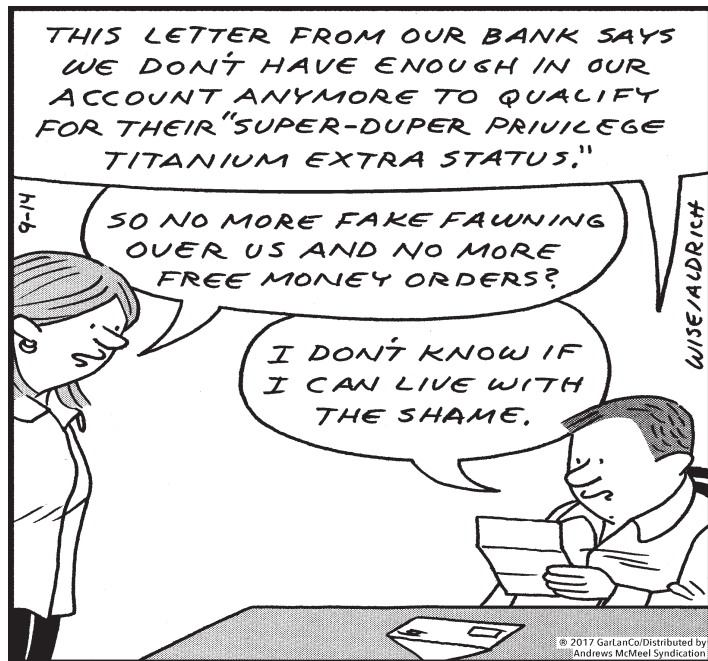
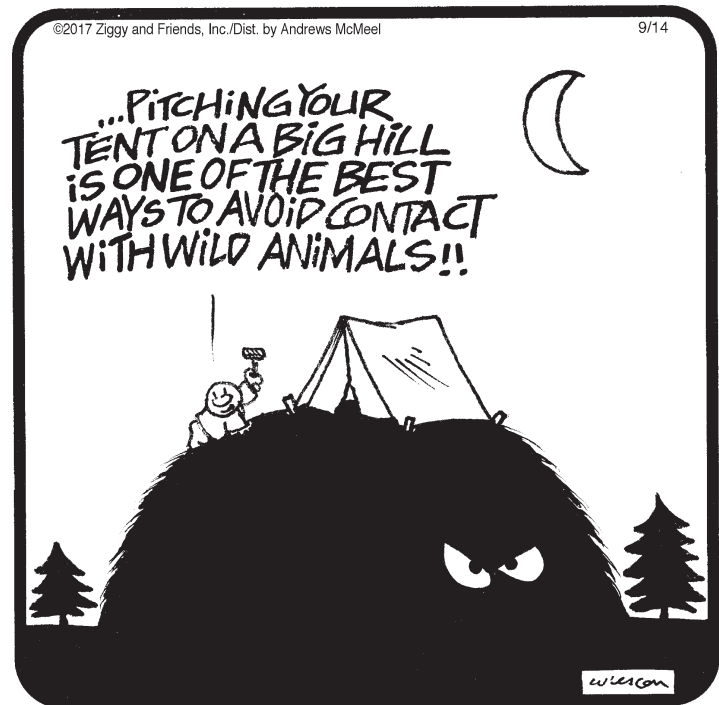
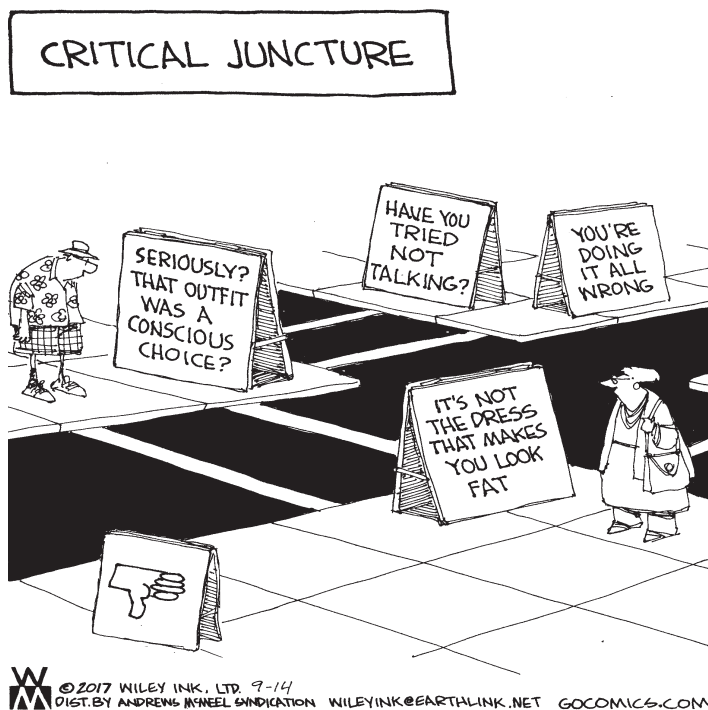
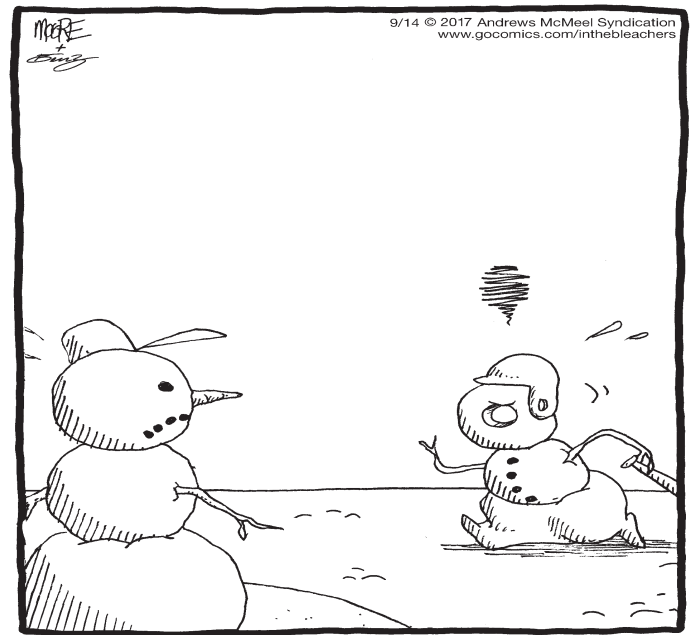
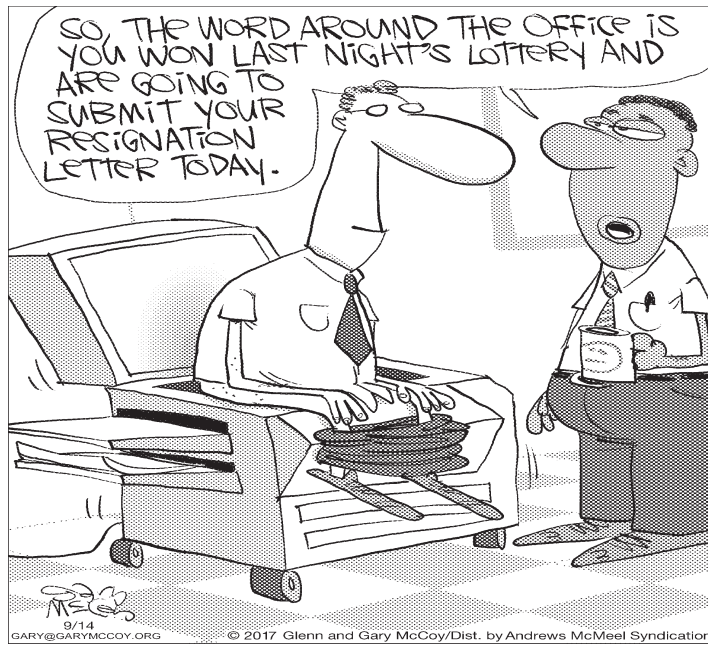
Eason showed off some pocket coolness with a pump fake left and toss to Belanger that Belanger took to the Bears 19, but Eason misfired three times to end the effort.

A sack by Butler on Smith forced a Bears’ punt with 6:05 to go and Clay pushing for a fourth quarter surge.

This time, Goodman took the running mantle and rumbled from the Bears 45 to inside the 23 on six carries before Eason missed a fourth down pass to Ty Whitaker near the Bears 20 yard line.

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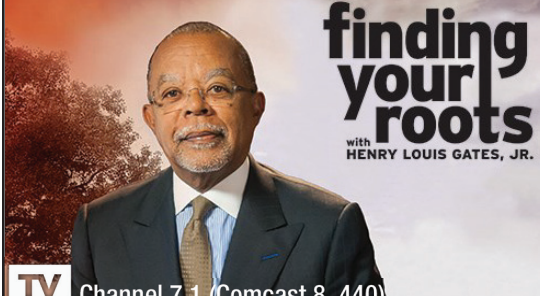


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CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY TERI BETH BRIGGS

Middleburg High quarterback Garrett Blanchett gets swallowed up by Fleming Island High defenders Gavin Cisneros, left, and Glenn Rodgers in Golden Eagles 27-6 win Thursday night at Fleming Island High School.

Eagles
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ing but open field ahead of him. Ninety three yards later, McCaskill was in the end zone.

"I was thinking we had to open up the team, wake up the team, so I was trying to score for the team," said McCaskill.

Starting at their own 20, the Broncos' offense found the Fleming Island defensive trio of Marquavian Wright, Jalyn Robinson, and Jose Concepcion too much to protect Middleburg quarterback Garrett Blanchett, who coughed up the ball to Fleming Island linebacker Jack Surgeoner and gave Fleming Island a first down at the 10 yard line. Just three clock seconds after the first score, linebacker and now utility athlete Ryan Smenda plowed through a gaping hole to score.

Midway through the second quarter, after several 10 plus yard runs from McCaskill, Fleming Island's other ball carrier, Chauncey Garrison, broke three tackles for

20 yards to the Bronco three. From their, safety speedman Isaiah Walker bounced in for the score and a 20-0 lead.

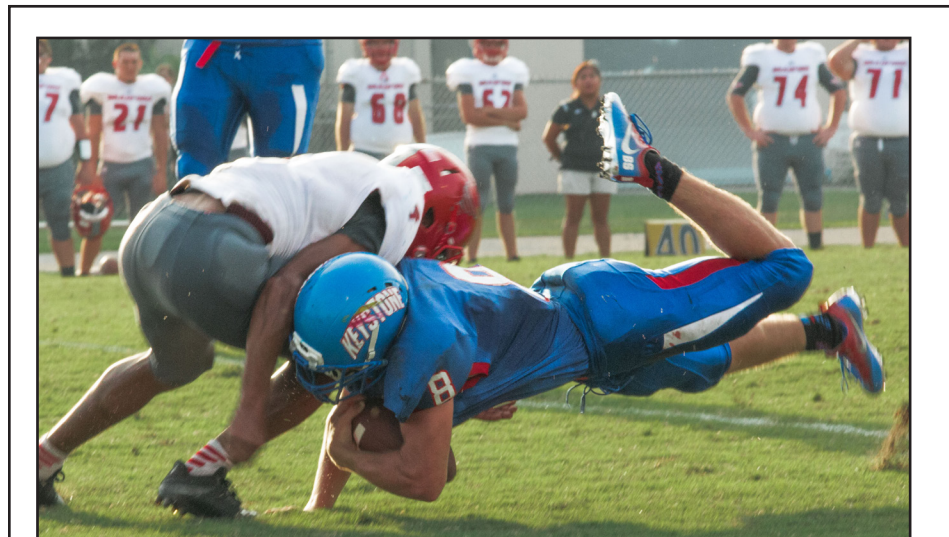
"We wanted to get Chauncey's confidence back up, so we told him we were going to feed him, feed him, feed him. As the game went on his confidence progressed" said Springs.

In the third period, quarterback Brian Brown, in for sophomore Dean Hyams, found slot back Ozzie Ramirez for a score to put the game at 27-0.

Springs did note that Hyams would be the starter against Buchholz.

The Broncos only two positives were the blocked point after early in the game, then a touchdown from Dylan Minton. Fleming Island was sure to return the favor by blocking Middleburg's point after attempt when Isaiah Walker stretched out and kept the ball from going anywhere. With the loss to Fleming Island, the Broncos are still winless after week three.

Hurricane preparedness for both teams; Buchholz in Gainesville and Fleming Island, will dictate the week of practice and Friday's game.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY TONYA GIBBS

Keystone Heights High running back Briar Smith dives for more yards in Indians' 33-0 district loss to Bradford County High on Thursday. Keystone High (1-2) travels to Umatilla on Friday for game four.

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Legal Notice
Physical Address: 4701 GADARA RD, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS
Classification: MOBILE HOME
Name in which assessed: ROSE HELEN PEACE
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TAX EASE FUNDING 2016-1 LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Legal 40322 published Sept 14, Sept 21, Sept 28 and Oct 5, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: CAPITAL ONE CLTRL ASSIGNEE OF FIG 2241, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Legal 40308 published Sept 7, Sept 14, Sept 21 and Sept 28, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: CAPITAL ONE CLTRL ASSIGNEE OF FIG 2241, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO: 2017-CP-000333
Division: E
IN RE: ESTATE OF JIMMY L. MINCEY, Deceased.

Legal Notice
Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043.
The names and addresses of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

Legal 40302 published Sept 7 and Sept 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: FLORIDA TAX LIEN ASSETS IV, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Legal 40247 published Aug 31, Sept 7, Sept 14 and Sept 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.
NOTICE OF ACTION IN EMINENT DOMAIN AND NOTICE OF HEARING OF CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA TO:
To the above named Defendants and to all said defendants who are living, and if any or all defendants are deceased, the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against any such deceased defendant or defendants, if alive, and, if dead, their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, legatees, grantees, creditors, lienors, or other parties claiming by, through, under, or against any such deceased defendant or defendants, and all other parties having or claiming to

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have any right, title or interest in and to the property described in the Petition, to-wit:
Item # 4229383 Parcel 155
SR 23 (First Coast Outer Beltway) - Clay County
Section No. 71493 State Road No. 23 Clay County

Legal 40289 published Sept 7, Sept 14, Sept 21 and Sept 28, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.
PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809).

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: CLAY COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INC., the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Legal Notice
and place designated and be heard at the time and place designated and be heard. Any defendant failing to file a request for hearing shall waive any right to object to the Order of Taking.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: CLAY COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INC., the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Legal 40323 published Sept 14 and Sept 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: CAPITAL ONE CLTRL ASSIGNEE OF FIG 2241, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: CAPITAL ONE CLTRL ASSIGNEE OF FIG 2241, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Legal Notice
FERRIS TRACT AS REC O R 1368 PG 410 & 1841 PG 49 EX PT REC O R 2042 PG 320
Parcel ID No: 380626-017053-000-00
Opening Bid: \$6,203.14
Physical Address: 314 RUBY ST, GREEN COVE SPRINGS

Legal 40188 published Aug 24, Aug 31, Sept 7 and Sept 14, 2017 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

Legal 40305 published Sept 7 and Sept 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: CAPITAL ONE CLTRL ASSIGNEE OF FIG 2241, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 2017 CP 345
Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF SHMEKA R. BYRD, Deceased.

Legal Notice
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 25th day of October, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

Legal 40267 published Aug 31, Sept 7, Sept 14 and Sept 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: TAX EASE FUNDING 2016-1 LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Legal 40290 published Sept 7, Sept 14, Sept 21 and Sept 28, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: CAPITAL ONE CLTRL ASSIGNEE OF FIG 2241, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 2017 CP 345
Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF SHMEKA R. BYRD, Deceased.

Legal Notice

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 25th day of October, 2017 at 9:30 AM.
Dated this 25th day of August, 2017.
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Clay County, Florida
By: Jewel Baskin
Deputy Clerk
Legal 40270 published Aug 31, Sept 7, Sept 14 and Sept 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **CAPITAL ONE CTRLL ASSIGNEE OF FIG 2241, LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No: 3436/2015
Legal Description: **PT OF SW 1/4 O R 3330 PG 544**
Parcel ID No.: 090626-015515-001-00
Opening Bid: \$2,307.47
Physical Address: 1938 STATE ROAD 16 W, GREEN COVE SPRINGS
Classification: **SINGLE FAMILY**
Name in which assessed: **DOUGLAS T HILL**
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 25th day of October, 2017 at 9:30 AM.
Dated this 25th day of August, 2017.
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Clay County, Florida
By: Jewel Baskin
Deputy Clerk
Legal 40264 published Aug 31, Sept 7, Sept 14 and Sept 21, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 10-2017-DR-000889
Division: E
EUGENIA DAVIS, Petitioner, and TERRENCE PORTER, Respondent. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Domestication and Modification, including claims for modification of parenting plan, timesharing, and child support, has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Kameisha Presley, Esquire, of Owenby Law, P.A., Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 6136 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32211 within 30 days, and 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
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 this 29th day of August, 2017
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Alissa Demay, Deputy Clerk
Legal 40293 published Sept 7, Sept 14, Sept 21 and Sept 28, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF IMPOSITION OF UPDATED ROAD IMPACT FEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, on September 12, 2017, in regular session, at a properly noticed public hearing, adopted Clay County Ordinance 2017-29, the amendment to the Clay County, Florida Road Impact Fee Ordinance which authorized the imposition of updated impact fees to fund capital improvements and additions to the County Road System (the "Road Impact Fee") necessitated by future growth.
The Road Impact Fee rates will be imposed upon all Road Impact Construction occurring within the unincorporated area of the County and shall be collected prior to Electrical Power Clearance for said construction. The schedule of Road Impact Fee rates to be imposed commencing December 14, 2017, is available for review at the office of the Clay County Planning Department, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida.
DATED THIS 14th day of September, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Legal 40309 published Sept 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **CAPITAL ONE CTRLL ASSIGNEE OF FIG 2241, LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No: 1622/2015
Legal Description: **PT GOV LOT 4 S26T5R24 A/K/A TR 64 JACKSONVILLE SOUTH U 5 AS REC O R 2015 PG 1124, 2651 PG 1590 & 2974 PG 943**
Parcel ID No: 100524-005955-759-02
Opening Bid: \$4,572.78
Physical Address: 4092 H O N E Y S U C K L E C I R M I D D L E B U R G
Classification: **VACANT**
Name in which assessed: **SCOTT DOCKERY**
Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 18th day of October, 2017 at 9:30 AM.
Dated this 17th day of August, 2017.
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Clay County, Florida
By: Tameika Hampshire
Deputy Clerk
Legal 40185 published Aug 24, Aug 31, Sept 7 and Sept 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Bid Notices

REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, October 9, 2017, at the Clay County Administration Building, fourth floor, Reception Area, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, for the following:
BID #16/17-43, "SHIP Demolition and Reconstruction Project - Pine Avenue North"
Bids will be opened at 1:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, on

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Tuesday, October 10, 2017 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", fourth floor, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, in the presence of the Purchasing Department staff, and/or the Clerk or Deputy Clerk and all other interested persons.
The opened bids will be read aloud and preserved in the custody of the Purchasing Department for later examination for conformance to specifications and tabulated. The Finance and Audit Committee of the Board will present its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners as soon thereafter as possible.
Bids will not be valid unless received by the proposal deadline and in a sealed envelope marked: **BID #16/17-43, "SHIP Demolition and Reconstruction Project - Pine Avenue North"**, to be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, October 9, 2017.
Envelopes are to be submitted in person or delivered by courier to the above address. No postal mail will be accepted.
During the bidding process, all prospective bidders are hereby prohibited from contacting (i) any member of the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager or any County employee or agent regarding the solicitation in any respect during the solicitation period, and (ii) the County Manager or any County employee or agent regarding the solicitation in any respect during the evaluation period. The violation of this rule shall result in the automatic disqualification of any response to a bid solicitation submitted by the violator (as specified in Section P of Chapter 8 of the Purchasing Manual attached hereto). The no-contact rule set forth shall not apply to inquiries submitted to County employees or agents in the manner specifically provided in the bid solicitation package, or to pre-bid conferences provided for in the bid solicitation package, or to formal presentations by finalists to the Board of County Commissioners or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the bid solicitation package. For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact the Purchasing Division, Donna Fish by email purcasing@claycountygov.com or at (904) 278-3761.
The County reserves the right to waive formalities in any response, to reject any or all responses with or without cause, to waive technical and non-technical or non-material defects in the solicitation or submittal of any responses, including the lack of availability of adequate funds, regulatory agency requirements, to make award in part or completely, and/or to accept the response that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the County of Clay. Bids in which the prices obviously are unbalanced will be rejected.
FOLLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID" OR A "NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT: <http://www.claycountygov.com/departments/purchasing-division/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids> THIS WEB PAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: www.claycountygov.com BY FOLLOWING THE "NOTICE OF INTENT BIDS" LINK UNDER THE "BUSINESS" ROLLOVER BUTTON ON THE COUNTY'S HOMEPAGE. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE

Bid Notices

NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, OR THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 8. (N), OF SAID POLICY, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID SOLICITATION. ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER SAID POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.
A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
Legal 40321 published Sept 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRMS Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Management at Risk Services
The School Board of Clay County, Office of Facilities Planning and Construction announces that Construction Management At-Risk services are required for the following Project:
AICE Testing Building at Fleming Island High School
Responses are due on or before September 22, 2017 and will be accepted until 3:30 p.m.
The selected Construction Manager will provide preconstruction services including value engineering, constructability analysis, and estimating, as well as, developing a (GMP) Guaranteed Maximum Price. Scope of Work: The project is to construct a new building, approximately 6,000 square feet, for use as an AICE Testing site at Fleming Island High School. Selection of finalists for interviews will be made on the basis of construction manager qualifications, including but not limited to experience and ability, financial capability, record keeping/administrative ability, critical path scheduling expertise, cost estimating, cost control ability, quality control ability, qualifications of firm's personnel, staff and consultants, distance from the construction site and knowledge of the project. Only Firms having been pre-qualified by the Clay County School Board are eligible to submit for this project. A firm that has not been pre-qualified is not eligible to submit for this project per Florida Statutes. Applications, in triplicate, are to be sent to:
Dr. Michael Kemp
Assistant Superintendent
for Operations

Clay County District Schools
925 W. Center Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Applications must be documented as received no later than 3:30 p.m. on September 22, 2017.
For additional information contact James Connell, Clay County District Schools, at 904-591-1566
Legal 40216 published Aug 31, Sept 7 and Sept 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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For additional information contact James Connell, Clay County District Schools, at 904-591-1566
Legal 40216 published Aug 31, Sept 7 and Sept 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2016-CA-001115
VYSTAR CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,
vs.
ESTATE OF PATRICIA A. GRIFFIN; ET AL. Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated the 23rd day of August, 2017, and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-001115, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein VYSTAR CREDIT UNION is the Plaintiff, and ESTATE OF PATRICIA A. GRIFFIN; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER FOR PATRICIA A. GRIFFIN; CYNTHIA ANN GRIFFIN; TENANT #1 AND TENANT #2 AS UNKNOWN TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via electronic sale at www.RealForeclose.com at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes on the 9th day of October, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 14, BLOCK 16, BELLAIR UNIT NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGES 12 AND 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 426 Janell Dr., Orange Park, FL 32073

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 SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, disabled persons who, because of their disabilities needs should contact the ADA Coordinator at 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 or Telephone Voice TDD (904) 630-2564, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service not later than five business days prior to such.
Dated this 24th day of August, 2017.
(seal)
TARA S GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Alissa Demay
Deputy Clerk
Legal 40286 published Sept 7 and Sept 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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 SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, disabled persons who, because of their disabilities needs should contact the ADA Coordinator at 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 or Telephone Voice TDD (904) 630-2564, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service not later than five business days prior to such.
Dated this 24th day of August, 2017.
(seal)
TARA S GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Alissa Demay
Deputy Clerk
Legal 40288 published Sept 7 and Sept 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 16-298579

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2016-CC-152
DIVISION: C
OAKLEAF PLANTATION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
BRANDON M. STOLTE; FOWLER E. STOLTE; and UNDETERMINED PARTIES. Defendants.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Supplemental Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 29, 2017, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via online sale at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., on October 10, 2017 the following described property as set forth in said Supplemental Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:
Lot 38, CANNONS POINT AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, PHASE 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 44, Page 1-13, Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
Address: 1279 Bedrock Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065
ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (Clay County)

Notice of Sale

as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT BIGLEY; CYNTHIA BIGLEY; UNKNOWN PARTIES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE; UNKNOWN TENANTS; KERRY BRUCE LAMB; LAKE ASBURY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-001888 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, Plaintiff and ROBERT BIGLEY are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash using the following method: <http://www.clay.realforeclose.com>, beginning AT 10:00 A.M. on October 16, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 34, LAKE ASBURY UNIT 10, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 25 AND 26, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
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.
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; 330 East Bay Street, Suite 507-C, Jacksonville, Florida 32202; (904) 630-1897 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Dated: August 29, 2017
(SEAL)
Tara S Green
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Clay County, Florida
Jaimie Pippin
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
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(seal)

Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Melissa Wilder
Deputy Clerk

Legal 40292 published Sept 7 and Sept 14, 2017 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 10-2016-CA-000880
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs
MARCOS MEJIA A/K/A MARCOS R. MEJIA, et al.
Defendant(s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 1, 2017, and entered in 10-2016-CA-000880 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and MARCOS MEJIA A/K/A MARCOS R. MEJIA; MILAGROS MEJIA; US IMMIGRATION BONDS AND INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.; LEXINGTON NATIONAL INSURANCE CORPORATION; RIDAUGHT LANDING THREE ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on October 16, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 173, RIDAUGHT LANDING UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGES 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 AND 32, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 2979 BILOXI TRAIL, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068
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. Dated this 28th day of August, 2017.

(seal)

Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
by Stacie Towns
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2015-CA-000803

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Plaintiff,
vs.

Grace R. Huxtable-Mount a/k/a Grace R. Huxtable a/k/a Grace Huxtable; Jason C. Mount a/k/a Jason Mount; Bank of America National Association; Oakleaf Plantation Property Owners Association, Inc.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgement, entered in Civil Case No. 2015-CA-000803 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Grace R. Huxtable-Mount a/k/a Grace R. Huxtable a/k/a Grace Huxtable are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash using the following method: <http://www.clay.realforeclose.com>, beginning AT 10:00 A.M. on December 21, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 149, PEBBLE CREEK AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 43, PAGES 4-10, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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.

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; 330 East Bay Street, Suite 507-C, Jacksonville, Florida 32202; (904) 630-1897 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Dated: August 29, 2017

(SEAL)

Tara S Green
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Clay County, Florida

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