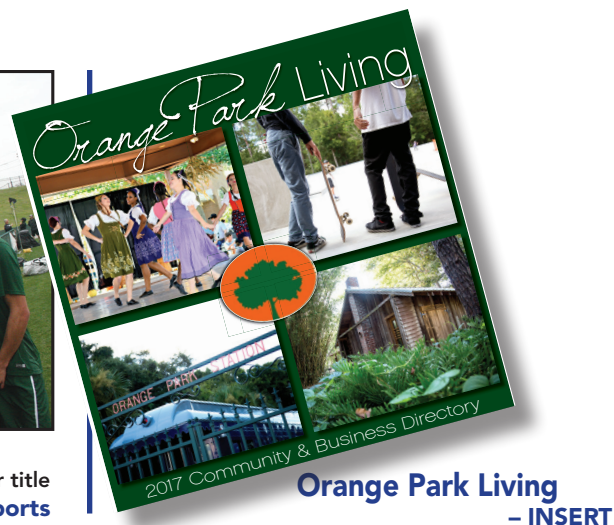


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DOE drops Van Zant investigation

By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — State education officials say they are not going to consider an independent investigation into alleged misconduct of district employees, including some principals and former Clay County School Superintendent Charlie Van Zant Jr.

State education investigators say unless further information arises to prove otherwise, they will cease further investigation into allegations that Van Zant fraudulently placed students under the Exceptional Student Education label to bolster school and district graduation rates.

The Florida Department of Education Office of Inspector General reviewed the

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PHOTO BY LISA COLEMAN

Celebrating the old 'Colonial Days'

Children danced together to colonial music during Orange Park Elementary's 20th 'Colonial Day,' an event intended to connect children more deeply to the history they read of in Social Studies Class. **See story, page 8**

Dragway slated to close

Lucrative contract pushes dragway out

By Wesley LeBlanc
For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — A long-running dispute between the Green Cove Dragway and its opponents in town will come to an end next month when the dragway hosts its final event on March 11.

It has been confirmed by the owner and operator of the Green Cove Dragway, Peter Scalzo, that the lease for the dragway was not renewed by Reynolds Industrial Park. This means that when the currently-in-place contract is up, the Green Cove Drag-

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Bill seeks to create free market structure for hospitals

By Nick Blank
For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND — Florida Republicans are aiming to remove a key regulation in the process to build hospitals.

To build a hospital, health companies have to apply for a Certificate of Need in which they must prove a community's population could sustain a hospital and gain approval from hospitals in the area before constructing a new facility.



Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Fleming Island) has filed the bill to eliminate the CON, with a companion bill sponsored in the House of Representatives by Rep. Alex Miller (R-Sarasota). Bradley said he hoped the bill would result in more choices for Clay County residents due to the increase in competition.

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No vacuum Superintendent on a mission to improve the district

By **Eric Cravey**
Managing Editor

MIDDLEBURG – Although his last “Listen and Learn Community Meeting” was held Tuesday night, Clay County School Superintendent Addison Davis said his plan to engage the community does not end there.

Davis and his staff are gathering input from multiple avenues – visits to classrooms, chats with administrators called ‘Dialogues with Davis’ and these community meetings – with the goal of creating and then presenting a new strategic plan for the school district on April 10.

“I’ve tried my best in this first 55 days to be out in front, so people know that I’m here – I’m not just someone that’s going to just sit in an office and work without being connected to the community, without being connected to our students, without being connected to our teachers and this is an opportunity for me to really capture key findings and observations and feedback that will allow me to develop a strategic plan to be most successful. I need to be connected to this community.

“They need to see that I’m fighting and creating the best opportunities for our kids to be most successful within Clay County, so they can be competitive when they leave [the district],” Davis said.

About 90 attendees packed into the media center at Middleburg High on Feb. 16 for the sixth of seven “Listen and Learn” meetings Davis set up shortly after being sworn into office in November. He and his cabinet are reviewing everything in the district ranging from class scheduling to teacher training to the social and emotional development of students.

Davis has also fielded a number of concerns – something he described as angst – about the wall-to-wall academies, which were established at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year. He said he has found that the wall-to-wall academies are not always a fit for the student or business partners involved in nurturing the academy.

“Staff worked hard but they were really trying to be very creative on the labels of academies and what pathways they actually put underneath the academies,” Davis said. “They were putting pathways that have no connectivity whatsoever, no rhyme nor reason, so they had advisory boards that really didn’t have the same direction, mindset and also field, so when they met, they really couldn’t talk about apples and apples.”

Davis said there is no truth to the rumor

that has been circulating that the district’s academies – those academies that thrive under the district’s Career and Technical Education department – that have been in place for years are being shut down. He is looking at a plan that will bolster the pre-wall-to-wall academies by creating what he described as “anchor academies.”

“So, what we’re trying to do is create really intentional anchor academies, but continue every pathway that kids currently have. We are in no way shape or form going to eliminate the pathways. We think there is a great opportunity for kids to be industry-certified in a lot of areas and then also to continue our partnership with business partners to have internships and externships where they can be most successful.”

Davis said he envisions stronger academy advisory boards that become involved in the district’s hiring processes, are “very savvy” and who help the district’s students go on to their next step whether it be college, career or life.

The second issue that has emerged from the Listen and Learn meetings, Davis said, surrounds student scheduling. He had previously announced an aggressive plan to establish block scheduling at the district’s seven high schools beginning with the 2017-18 school year. However, after hearing from parents and teachers, Davis said, the plan is now pushed forward to the 2018-19 school year. He said that will allow the district time to explain the benefits of block scheduling and how it improves teaching and learning. “What it does is allow us to develop the whole child. Right now, kids take six classes a day and they are in 50-minute classes,” Davis said.

“By the time a teacher introduces a concept or a new standard for the day, and the kids get to that productive grapple/struggle time – by the time they get into the meat of [the standard] – we have to say, ‘Guess what, time out. We’ll see you tomorrow. We’ll be able to finish it.’ So, why not have an opportunity where kids can take four classes a day, which means they take four classes one day, four different classes the next day and have 90-minute classes.”

He said block scheduling does not extend the length of the school day or modify the bus schedules, but what it does is create an environment for individualized teaching and learning. He said a 90-minute class, for example, can allow teachers to work for 20 minutes with a small group of students, while another set of students



About 90 attendees listened and asked questions to Clay County School Superintendent Addison Davis last Thursday at Middleburg High. The “Listen and Learn Community Meeting” was the sixth of seven such events aimed at hearing parents’ and others’ concerns about the district and how these issues can be addressed and then improved.

use computer-based blended learning to tackle the same lesson and another group of students works together to grapple with and solve the lesson they were assigned.

“Every 20 minutes they can rotate and then, after you do 60-minutes of that, you launch a lesson for 15 minutes or 20 minutes, you close it out, you have a lesson where kids are actively being engaged and are not only exposed to standards-based education, but they are also able to help them from remediation and also from an enrichment standpoint and they get to really dive in, to have conversations with one other learners, it allows them to be most successful,” Davis said.

Along with parents, teachers in the district have attended the community Listen and Learn meetings. From their feedback, Davis said he realizes the district has to improve the manner in which it provides teachers support.

“We’ve got to provide professional development for them, to show them how to use curriculum in order to be most successful, so they’re not starving for knowledge and starving for intel and reaching out to identify every supplemental material they can in order to better assist your child and students to not only be successful through standards, but also have skill remediation as well,” Davis said.

Davis also mentioned other initiatives that could be put in place to improve the environment for learning. He said he wants to develop a “Parent Academy” to teach parents how they can be their child’s

‘first teacher.’ He also wants to establish a homework hotline and a bullying hotline to handle that would allow students to report behavior problems without fear of further bullying from their peers.

“We’ve got to continue focusing on positive behavior supports where are focusing on the social and emotional side of every learner and every aspect and creating the right conditions where kids can be most successful. And then, we’ve got to do a better job of having continuity from all of our feeder patterns – from elementary, middle and high school – and engage in our caregivers and our support staff through family engagement opportunities,” Davis said.

When asked if he thought the Listen and Learn meetings were having a positive impact on the community, Davis said, he has received a tremendous amount of positive feedback.

“I say culture, we’ve already created a climate where people feel connected and eventually it will become a systematic culture and I think that people love to have an accessibility to me and they love that I’m being visible and they love that I’m being transparent and being open with them and honest with them and being able to be a think partner with them and I’m not disenfranchising any dimension or facet of this community,” he said.

In the coming weeks leading up to April 10, Davis said he wants to hold more town hall type meetings to educate the community about the budgeting process, however, no dates have been set for those meetings.

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MILITARY NEWS

McNeil completes basic training

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – U.S. Air Force Airman Kaleb McNeil recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

McNeil completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

McNeil, son of Jason Gambill of Green Cove Springs and Amanda McNeil of Fleming Island, is a 2014 graduate of Clay High. McNeil is the brother of Michael Triglaff of Barksdale, La., and grandson of Ginny Young of Middleburg.



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Credit unions work to protect consumers' interests, balance Florida economy

By Patrick La Pine
FloridaPolitics.com

As a member-owned cooperative, a credit union's success is directly related to the financial health of the people who use its services every day. This symbiotic structure is why credit unions remain the safest and most consumer-friendly option for financial services.

This is the reason the government was not bailing out credit unions after the 2008 financial crisis. Washington seems to have forgotten who was responsible for that crisis. Regulations written and created to police the bad behavior of Wall Street and big banks have been slapped onto credit unions, too.



Patrick La Pine

These massive one-size-fits-all regulations have been detrimental to many Florida credit unions, with limited resources as not-for-profit financial institutions. It is simply not reasonable to treat behemoth financial institutions the same way as not for profit, member-owned and governed credit unions.

How can the big banks collapse the economy and emerge in even better shape than the credit union industry that safeguarded its members all along? This is unjust.

Certainly, Congress was not ill intended when they created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Protecting consumers from the irresponsible behavior we saw from big banks makes sense. It was not reasonable, however, for this agency to blanket all financial institutions with the exact same regulations, regardless of size.

It is not common sense for Florida credit union members, to pay for the mistakes of the big banks. Something must be done.

As the 115th Congress works on these and other issues, credit unions need support from our elected officials for legislation that will rectify these problems. We need legislative fixes that will direct the CFPB to treat credit unions like credit unions, and not like big banks. We need more oversight at the CFPB, such as the installation of a multimember board instead of one, single-minded director.

Since the financial crisis, more Americans have chosen credit unions as their best financial partner. In fact, in 2015, 3.5 million Americans joined credit unions. Compared to other providers, credit unions offer services to lower-income members at prices that are much more affordable.

A study found that the fees banks collect on an annual basis on low-balance checking accounts are two and a half times higher than what they collect on high-bal-

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The Grinch who stole your pineapple

By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

Dear former neighbor,

Although this occurred many years ago, I doubt you've forgotten the reason why I write you today. I use this medium to explain the events that transpired on a forgotten spring day before I could reach the top cupboard. I want to help you come to terms with the vilest side of human nature.

I want to solve the mystery of the man who stole your pineapple.

I watched you over those many months through a bay window, juice box in hand. You tilled the land in your suburban parcel afforded by your office job.

Every evening you trudged in your front door wearing a dress shirt, tie, trousers and frown. You would emerge from the back door in basketball shorts, t-shirt with trowel in hand.

You planted strawberries, purple kale, lavender, Italian oregano and roquette. What you lacked the ability to do in your office job you made up for in farming.

Your desire to kill every living thing you could touch kicked in.

Over the summer, when the black top



Jesse Hollett

grew sticky and air-conditioner wall units melted into window sills, you worked. While others fanned themselves, you stuck it out with a hoe and a shovel, digging graves among the skeletal remains of blueberry bushes you executed.

Nothing you ever grew lived.

Your backyard became a grotesque graveyard. Until, one day, out of the nowhere, your sweat sprouted life into the green beginnings of a potted pineapple. Over the next year, you stood out in lawn chair and stared at it, beer and book in hand.

You had the look of a would-be teenage father, eyes wide, brows forming strange angles and hands like bowling balls holding a baby boy.

You didn't know what to do. Over the next year, the pineapple matured into a golden glister among a field of calcified branches.

By the tail end of next winter, you were ready for its harvest. Your pace to the front door became confident, more excited every day.

I knew it was time for harvest when you removed the Christmas decorations from the leaves the day before Christmas. Before going to bed that night, you put your hands on your hips and grinned. The first thing you had ever grown sat brimming with juice. You and that pineapple had grown together as friends, compadres,

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Corrections and Clarifications

- The article "The Clay Theatre 'has everything but us,'" which ran in the Feb. 2 Clay Today incorrectly stated that Bill Gause was the former owner of the Clay Theatre. Bill Gause is the Vice President of Wheeler Investment Group, which operated the theatre. The story also incorrectly stated a reconstruction of the building cost \$700,000.

- In the story about Virginia Hash Day that ran last week, the student's correct name is Gabryelle Lee.

- In the story that ran last week about Black History Month, the event was created by Brandye Mackey.

Letter to the Editor

Reader takes issue with Black History Month story

There was an ambitious Black History Month program organized by Mrs. Brandye Mackey of Fleming Island last Friday. In spite of the fact that the impetus for the event was Black History Month, I was impressed by the diversity and inclusion of the participants. I don't think the writer of the article stayed for the entire program because the point of the evening was sorely missing and even misunderstood. This wasn't even "Fake news" it was no news at all.

The group featured in the article performed and was paid to do so. Many of the other players, models, singers not to mention sponsors and vendors were not only unpaid volunteers, they were not Black. The article featured an albeit good act but they were not uniquely representative of the theme of the show by any means.

Mrs. Mackey worked for several months to get sponsors and chose to benefit the PACE Center for Girls. In the 2010 Census, perhaps only 10% of Clay County residents identified themselves as African-American, but seven years later a fabulous Fashion Show and Black History Month program attracted a panoply of Clay County residents of all races, ages and persuasions. Shouldn't this have been the highlight of the article?

It is fine to write about the dance troupe but this wasn't the place to give them an exclusive. I hope to see a real write-up soon.

Alberta Wilson
Middleburg

This Week in History

5 years ago, 2012

- On Feb. 20, Clay County Sheriff's deputy detective David White was buried, just four days after the 35-year-old was shot and killed while investigating a suspected meth lab at a foreclosed home on Alligator Boulevard in Middleburg.

- Owners of two Wells Road night clubs affected by two new county alcohol ordinances said they will appeal a federal judge's ruling that upheld the ordinance restricting alcohol sales.

- Orange Park Town Council voted to place eight charter amendments on its March 11 ballot they said will help the town conduct business more efficiently and make outdated policies, procedures and protocols comply with Florida statutes.

10 years ago, 2007

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office charged Michael Renard Jackson of Orange Park with the pre-dawn murder and rape of Andrea Boyer, a veterinary technician at Wells Road Veterinary Medical Center.

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Credit

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ance accounts.

The Credit Union National Association estimates that Florida credit unions provided more than \$517,648,000 in direct financial benefits to the state's 5,249,940 members during the 12 months ending in September 2016. These benefits are equivalent to \$99 per member or \$187 per member household.

Estimated total benefits of credit union membership are calculated by accounting for differences in credit union and bank pricing. Specifically, average credit union savings account yields, loan interest rates and fees are compared to average bank savings account yields, loan interest rates and fees. The interest rate differences are then applied to respective average credit union loan and savings balances. Fee differences are weighted and applied to credit union non-interest income to obtain the total estimated benefits arising from fees.

The per-member and per-household

benefits delivered by Florida credit unions are substantial, but these benefits are averages. Mathematically, that means the total benefits provided are divided across all members (or all member households) – even those who conduct very little financial business with Florida credit unions.

I hope my members of Congress will support regulation measures and preserve the tax-exempt status of credit unions. Our members, your constituents and your communities need relief.

Patrick La Pine is president and chief executive officer of the League of Southeastern Credit Unions & Affiliates, which represents 261 credit unions in Alabama and Florida with a combined total of \$76 billion in assets and more than 7 million members. LSCU provides advocacy and regulatory information; education and training; cooperative initiatives (including financial education outreach); media relations and information; and business solutions. His message occurs courtesy of FloridaPolitics.com.

History

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- Green Cove Springs City Council hired former state senator and former Florida Education Commissioner Jim Horne to serve as its lobbyist for \$20,000 for the term of the legislative session and up to \$36,000 for a full year of service.

- The Clay County School Board deleted a proposed Fleming Island junior high school from its five-year plan citing how the school would leave just 300 students attending Green Cove Springs Junior High where a portion of Fleming Island students currently attend.

20 years ago, 1997

- Green Cove Springs City Council met in a special session to determine what they could do after learning former City Manager William Emmerich was receiving unemployment compensation.

- Meanwhile, Green Cove Springs City Council narrowed a list of 40 city manager applicants from 40 to 1. The top applicant was Eric Meserve, city manager of Indian Rocks Beach in Pinellas County.

- Concerns over chopped down palm trees on Walnut Street in Green Cove Springs during the making of an HBO film put contract Clay County Film Commissioner Carl Post into hot water with the

Tourist Development Council.

30 years ago, 1987

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Richard Marc Evonitz, a sailor base at Mayport, for allegedly exposing himself to a 13-year-old boy and a 15-year-old girl while in his vehicle on Bellair Boulevard.

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife agent Robert Prather said an investigation into the destruction of a bald eagle's nest on Fleming Island was almost complete, saying he had some suspects in identified. The nest was cut down during construction of the Doctors Landing subdivision.

40 years ago, 1977

- Florida Transportation Secretary Thomas Webb toured Clay County by helicopter during rush hour to get a firsthand look at the county's traffic problems, while county commissioners pushed for a secondary north-south corridor such as Bran-an Field Road.

- The Clay County School Board passed a new contract for teachers that gave them a 3.9 percent pay hike, not the 6.5 percent raise they'd negotiated for.

- Orange Park Town Council awarded a \$4,990 contract to Skaggs and Willis Landscaping Inc. of Jacksonville to beautify three medians on U.S. Highway 17/Park Avenue.



Chipping in for kids

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville Automobile Dealers Association presented a \$5,000 check to help fund the programs of the Clay County Sheriff's Office Police Activities League. CCSO Chief Gary Cross, from left, and Sheriff Darryl Daniels are shown here accepting "the check" from Nathan Potratz, JADA Treasurer and general manager of Gordon Chevrolet on Blanding Boulevard. Potratz presented the check at the Prime Osborn Center, home of the Jacksonville International Auto Show, which ran last weekend.

Pineapple

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brothers.

Your first mistake was not harvesting it that night.

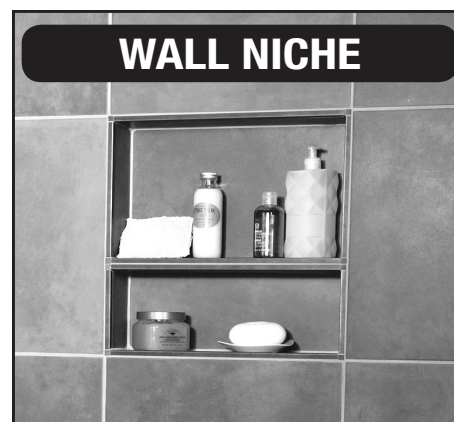
I could barely believe my eyes, I tell you. How someone could come up and swipe your pineapple under the cover of darkness.

And how that someone was me vaulting your fence, skulking through your yard and stealing your pineapple – it was the strangest thing.

The next morning's morning nipped at your toes hovering under your robe. I was eating a criminally fresh fruit salad. Your pot sat empty. You stood still for a moment, as if a truck had just hit the person whose hand you were holding. Your coffee mug fell to the floor but your hand remained stapled close to your ribcage.

You removed your glasses and knelt down to retrieve your mug. The back door closed behind you without a sound.

I'm writing this open letter as an apol-



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ogy to you, considering the written word is so often used as a confessional.

I can only imagine this incident changed your view of humans, and quite possibly brought into question the existence of a God so cruel as to create dirty pineapple thieves such as me.

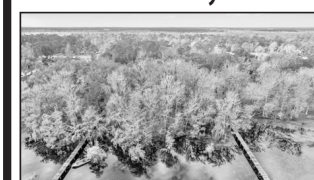
Although I've since moved away from Mandarin, where you undoubtedly still live, I want you to know I'm still checking milk cartons for the image of your missing pineapple.

I would have slipped this letter under the door, but strawberry season is quickly approaching and, as I'm sure you know, old habits die hard.

Signed,

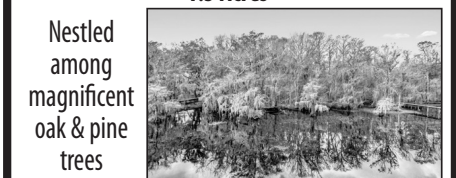
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Friends honor five-year anniversary of slain detective's death

By **Jesse Hollett**
Staff Writer

LAKE ASBURY — On the fifth anniversary of Det. David White's death, deputies with the Clay County Sheriff's Office and White's loved ones gathered at his grave at

Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery off Sandridge Road.

Speakers made it clear that Feb. 16, 2012, the night White died in the line of duty, was only one day of his life and choose instead to remember him for the many other days he shared with friends,

family and children.

"I'm the one who gets to see them grow up and who gets to see how wonderful they are every single day and to know how much he would love seeing them grow," said Jennifer White, David's widow. "Good can come of an awful situation because of the love that was there and the love that will never die."

David, a veteran, died from a gunshot wound during a raid of a suspected drug house on the 4800 block of Alligator Boulevard in Middleburg. Six squatters used the home as a meth lab. His fellow Narcotics Unit member Detective Matt Hanlin was seriously injured.



David White

As Detective White and another detective approached the front door, one of the occupants — known methamphetamine cook Ted Arthur Tilley — immediately



Jennifer White, left, widow of slain detective David White, hugs White's mother Feb. 16 in a ceremony honoring his service and memory.

opened fire, killing White and injuring Hanlin. Tilley died after being shot by detectives while trying to flee the home. Ryan Christopher Wilder — who was sentenced in November 2014 — is serving two consecutive life sentences in a state prison for his role in the shooting.

White served with the Clay County Sheriff's Office for nine years.

"Of course, I would want Dave back," Jennifer said. "I'm just thankful for the chance to keep living and honoring him, and to have the privilege of raising our children.

Since his death, Jennifer White has created a foundation in her late husband's name to honor his memory and support law enforcement and their families.

The David White Scholarship Program also pays for recruits to go to the police academy every year. The Board of the Foundation is comprised of members from Clay County Sheriff's Office, Orange Park Police Department and the Green Cove Springs Police Department.

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Orange Park Elementary brings history to life

By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Students in blouses, britches and bonnets lived the life of early colonists last week, part of a 20-year tradition at Orange Park Elementary that connects students physically with America's history.

Students churned butter in jars, learned to dip candles, write with a quill pen, performed traditional Southern dances and ate apple fritters throughout the morning of Feb. 17.

Fifth graders participated in the event along with other teachers, dressed in their finest frocks from circa 1700s.

"Social studies was always a boring subject for kids," said Molly Geeser, OPE social studies teacher. "I wanted the kids to have fun while learning, so they could experience what life was like during the colonial time period."

In its infancy, Geeser held the event in her classroom and held small activities daily, but the activities consumed too much curriculum time. She knew she wanted to continue the activity, but knew she would have to make it a one-day event.

That was roughly 20 years ago.

"I think it's important that they understand how life has changed, how we've evolved," Geeser said. "How we do things has changed, and how it's going to continue



Dressed in period clothings, kids raced while hitting a wheel with a stick. Although the game has been lost to time almost entirely, the excitement of the game remains.

to change."

Because the event is only available to fifth graders – the year when teachers study colonial times in social studies class – many underclassmen catch glimpses of students playing and taking part in the event every year as they progress through the grades.

"I was excited [seeing it while I was young,] because it looked like they were experiencing something new," said Emory

Thomas, a fifth grader who participated in the event. "Over the years, I saw it more clearly and I understood it more, what they were doing. My interest grew."

Thomas spent the morning rotating between the various activities and learned that while today's world of instant ramen noodles and pocket-sized computers allows for slouch time, the world her ancestors lived in was much more tedious.

"It's almost like learning a different culture because you're learning how things were done differently and how things have progressed through the years," she said. "I've learned how ink is made and how to

write with ink using the quill pen. I've kind of learned new techniques on how to do things."

For some, the event ends once the last whistle blows. For fifth grade student Daric Boehmer, reenacting history is a much more tactile and worthwhile approach to the standard lesson plans.

"I find that it is easier to learn through example, it's much more fun and interactive," Boehmer said.

Without events like this to spice up the subject matter, he said sometimes social studies can get a little bland.



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A helping hand comes full circle

By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Last fall, complications from a simple gallbladder surgery landed 85-year-old Bill French in a bed at Orange Park Medical Center for a 10-day recovery process.

Doctors placed him in physical therapy to strengthen his legs and balance. French, the gregarious past president of the Orange Park Lions Club, struck up a conversation with his physical therapist, Robin Catbagan, while she helped him shuffle through the hospital hallways on a walker.

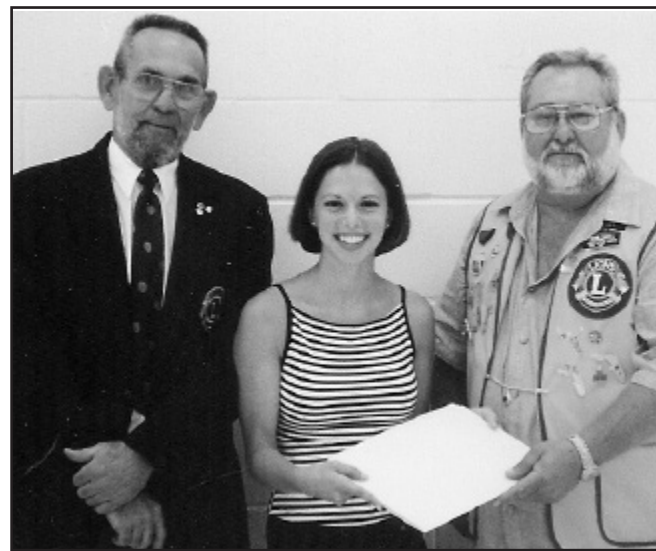
“I said ‘maybe I need one of those leader dogs like the Lions Club supports, and she asked ‘are you a member of the Lions Club?’ and I said yes, and she said ‘the Lions Club gave me a scholarship when I graduated from high school,’” French said.

The two stopped with the sudden re-



Robin Catbagan, now 34, stands with Bill French after speaking to Orange Park Lions Club members about how, 15-plus years ago, the club awarded her a scholarship, and how last fall, she repaid it.

alization that they knew each other. They stopped and realized that, 15 years prior,



Robin Catbagan stands with former Lions Club members as she receives the award for her college scholarship in June 2001.

French’s signature appeared at the bottom of an acceptance letter telling Catbagan the club paid her first two years of college tuition and books in entirety.

“I told him I actually still have my acceptance letter,” Catbagan said. “When I went back and saw him the next day at work I brought in the letter signed by him congratulating me for the scholarship.”

Catbagan had framed the letter shortly after receiving it. That was before she earned her associate’s degree from St. Johns River State College and well before she finished her doctorate in physical therapy at the University of North Florida.

Catbagan is just one recipient out of nearly 40 local young men and women to have their first two years of their college lives paid for by the organization.

The Orange Park chapter of the international community service organization has sponsored young high school graduates through their first two years of college through a donation-funded scholarship program for the last 34 years.

Lately, however, the organization has had to postpone their yearly scholarship from lack of membership and lack of funds.

“If we could recruit more members we could raise more funds and do more things like scholarships,” French said. “We’ve lost a few [members], a couple have moved away. We’re getting older and it seems younger people are harder to recruit – we’ve got some momentum going right now and I think we’re carrying between 16 or 18 members.”

When French first joined the Orange Park Lion’s Club 28 years ago, the club carried roughly 50 members. Community service organizations across the country have reported declining memberships. In 2015, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported a decline in the percentage of men and women 16 and older who volunteer.

The membership dip remains part of a noticeable downward trend in young people willing to commit to community service nationwide.

As Lions Club International celebrates

its 100-year anniversary, French believes the scholarship will live on in smaller donations to students rather than a full scholarship. That is, until the organization can bolster its membership and, therefore, its donations.

In the meantime, the organization will continue its other community service efforts. Nationwide, the organization focuses on collecting used eyeglasses and donating them to communities that, otherwise, might never get them.

The program, dubbed ‘Recycle for Sight’ distributes those glasses to recycling centers. From there, the glasses go to middle to low income communities.

The club also gives to efforts to reduce blindness and offers free vision screenings. It’s part of the club’s pick-your-flavor approach to community service. And when fundraising events pick up – along with membership – French hopes to one day distribute the club’s scholarship to students.

But, as he notes, the cost of college and tuition is always on the rise. He said the club needs to be, as well.

“Over the years... [we] seldom hear of whatever happens to [recipients],” French said. “They don’t always follow through later and let us know where they ended up. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage local high school graduates to continue and serve the community.”

He said Catbagan remains a fine example of a recipient who will continue to serve her community, and said being able to see her work in action was a very humbling experience.

The serendipity of the chance meeting isn’t lost on Catbagan, either. Although she now lives in St. Johns County and works at the Mayo Clinic, the encounter sticks with her.

“Mr. French and the Lions Club helped me to obtain my degree, which in turn, allowed me to return the favor and help him when he needed it,” she said. “To me, that is a beautiful thing.”

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Clay County Board of County Commissioners
to Consider a Petition to Establish
Cross Creek North Community Development District

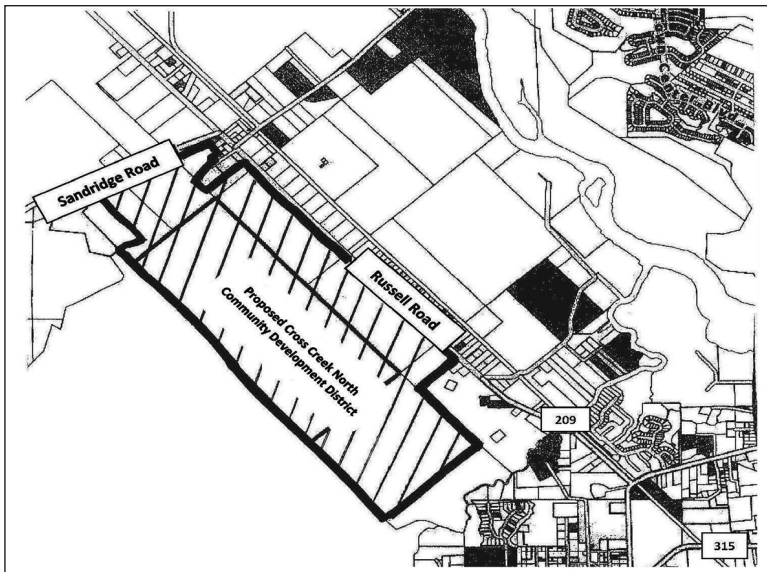
DATE: February 28, 2017
TIME: 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard
LOCATION: Clay County Administration Building
BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor
477 Houston Street
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, a public hearing will be held by the Clay County Board of County Commissioners on the 28th day of February, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, to consider an ordinance to grant a petition to establish the Cross Creek North Community Development District. The proposed Cross Creek North Community Development District is comprised of 970.12 acres, generally bounded on the northwest by Sandridge Road and the northeast by Russell Road. The petitioner has proposed to establish the Cross Creek North Community Development District to plan, finance, acquire, construct, operate and maintain infrastructure and community facilities which may be authorized by such district under Florida law, including but not limited to: stormwater management system, roadway improvements, water and sewer systems, recreation improvements, landscaping and signage, and other infrastructure.

Copies of the petition and the proposed ordinance are open to public inspection at the Clay County Attorney’s Office, 2nd Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, (904) 284-6376.

All interested persons and affected units of general-purpose government shall be given an opportunity to appear at the hearing and present oral or written comments on the petition. Any persons or affected unit of general-purpose local government, who wish to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing will need a record of the proceedings. For that purpose the person or unit of general-purpose local government may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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. Within five working days of receipt of this notice, please contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 269-6347.



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way will be no more.

According to Scalzo, the decision to not renew the lease for the dragway was strictly financial and comes with no hard feelings.

"We've always been here on a year to year lease so we knew that something like this could happen," Scalzo said. "[McGowan] was offered an amount and a deal that they absolutely could not turn down."

Currently, there is no confirmation on what that deal was or who it was with, but Ted McGowan, president of Reynolds Industrial Park, did mention that there was interest in the land.

"We have another tenant that wants the space," McGowan said.

McGowan said he could not comment further on the subject as the discussion with the broker working on the deal is still taking place.

Over the past year, the dragway and

some residents of Green Cove Springs have been at odds with each other due to the noise the dragway generates.

Peter Swanson, a vocal opponent of the dragway, believed that the dragway should have never been allowed.

"It is a shame that the track has to close, but it's been obvious for a while that it never should have been allowed to locate in Green Cove Springs to begin with," Swanson said.

Swanson, on multiple occasions, has called out for the dragway to be closed due to the noise it generates and, according to him, its negative effects on the city.

"Had they been clever and diligent, the track's owner may well have moved on to another, more suitable location where his business could thrive," Swanson said.

Scalzo said that the dragway noise issue was solved, per Green Cove Springs regulations in cooperation with the Green Cove Springs Police Department, and that the closing of the Green Cove Dragway has nothing to do with the noise levels the dragway generates.

According to Scalzo, this isn't necessarily the end of the Green Cove Dragway either.

"When the new lease is done, we are going to be invited to come back again," Scalzo said. "McGowan has assured me that if its available, I will have first right of refusal."

Scalzo said much of the dragway will remain intact in the coming two years, including the concrete barriers and the track lighting, in the case the dragway does come back in a few years.

While some might be happy to see the dragway go, others are not.

Doug Freeman, a track photographer is sad to see the dragway end its run.

"I really hate to see it go," Freeman said. "It was good, friendly, wholesome family fun."

For Freeman, it was more than just entertainment. It was a way to keep our

streets safe too.

"Closing the dragway will hurt the racing scene locally," Freeman said. "It helped get some of the illegal racers off the street and into a safe venue."

Scalzo, sad to see the dragway go but understanding of why it must, is thankful for the years of support he's received from the town and the city council.

"I came in with something totally different and they were smart enough to look at this and say, 'let's make this happen,'" Scalzo said. "I just want to thank them for their support since day one and for allowing this to happen."

He believes in the future of the dragway, even as its current run is coming to an end.

"This city, the council and its residents, have been very supportive and I hope to be back one day."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Clay County Board of County Commissioners to Consider a Petition to Establish Wilford Preserve Community Development District

DATE: February 28, 2017
TIME: 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard
LOCATION: Clay County Administration Building
BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor
477 Houston Street
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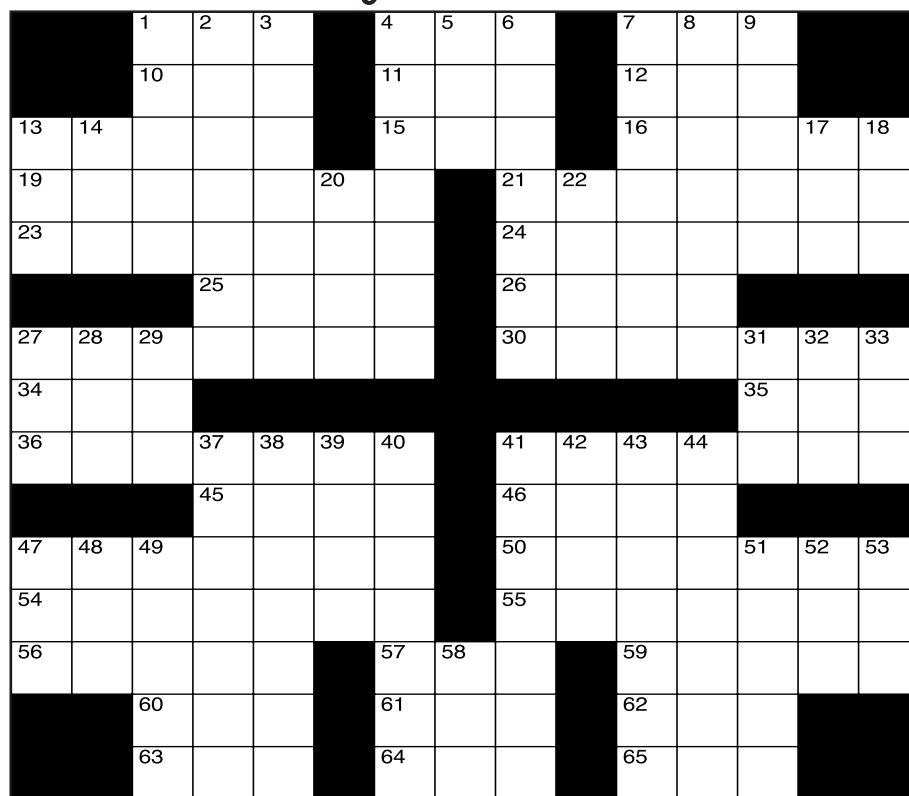
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1. ___ fi (slang)
4. Carolina Panthers' Newton
7. Documented organizational practice
10. A way to change color
11. Boxing legend
12. Football coach Parseghian
13. Rewards (archaic)
15. Colbert's network
16. Palm trees
19. Capital of N. Carolina
21. LA ballplayers
23. Does not sit
24. A way to intensify
25. Penny
26. Elements' basic unit
27. Muscular weakness (pl.)
30. Makes sense
34. Helps little firms
35. Go quickly
36. Found at the end of books
41. A way of carving
45. The back of one's neck
46. Israeli dance
47. They help golfers

CLUES DOWN

1. Upright stone
2. Beat
3. Intestines (informal)
4. Distinguishing marks
5. Clergical vestment
6. Give cards incorrectly
7. Underground construction worker
8. Japanese art form
9. Franz van ___, German diplomat
13. Wife
14. Consume

17. Curve
18. Midway between south and southeast
20. Unit of heredity
22. Upon
27. Pressure unit
28. Australian TV station
29. Cool!
31. A person's guardian spirit
32. French river
33. Body part
37. Gratify
38. Watertight chamber
39. Dueling sword
40. Term
41. Having an attractive shape
42. Togo capital
43. Island nation
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Sheila F. Graham

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William Blanchard Bretz

William Blanchard Bretz, 87 of Green Cove Springs, Fla. passed away February 13, 2017. Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 904-284-7720 www.RHRFH.com



Salina Mary Nichols

Salina Mary Nichols, 34, of Jacksonville, Fla. passed away February 14, 2017. Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 904-284-7720 www.RHRFH.com



Cathy J. Richardson

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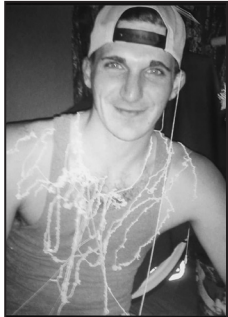
Joseph Paul "Joe" Loiacono, 31, of Jacksonville, Fla. passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

Joe was born in Baltimore, Maryland and moved to Florida in 1997. He was a resident of the Riverside area of Jacksonville for the past 5 years. Having grown up in a firefighter's household, Joe was always interested in the ways of the firehouse, was a Jaguar Football fan, watched NASCAR, enjoyed cooking, going to concerts, spending time at the beach and playing pool. One of his most enjoyable times was taking the girls to the park.

Mr. Loiacono is survived by his fiancé, Sarah Oakley; daughters, Karina Marie Loiacono and Molly Abigail Loiacono, parents, Gerald (Mary) Loiacono, Sr. and Rosemarie Gabriel; brother, Gerald Loiacono, Jr.; sister, Angela Bull Walters; grandmother, Jean Torre Osborne; uncles, James Osborne, John and Peter Gabriel, aunts, Debbie Warfield and Mary Gabriel Linton, nephews, Calvin and Gunnar Baswell.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, February 18, 2017 in the Chapel of Russell Haven of Rest. Visitation was held on Saturday evening.

Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Family and friends may share their condolences at: www.RHRFH.com 904-284-7720



Joseph Paul "Joe" Loiacono



Billy Wright Hicks

Billy Wright Hicks, 81, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away February 20, 2017. He was born on July 18, 1935 in Athens, AL to parents James W. and Clara Odell (Coffman) Hicks. Billy served in the Alabama National Guard then in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He loved being a truck driver and received a pin for driving a million miles without an accident. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and said his proudest achievement was helping numerous veterans to receive their benefits.

Survivors include his loving wife of 59 1/2 years, Phyllis A. (Brown) Hicks; 4

sons, Michael W. (Sandra) Hicks, Keith (Carol) Hicks, Danny L. (Tracy) Hicks and Daryl W. (Lori) Hicks; daughter, Tammy L. Moyers; 9 grandchildren, Corey Hicks, Becky (Jason) Shawley, Paige Hicks, Chris Hicks, Amanda Hicks, Erica Moyers, Jacob Moyers and Tiffany (Nick) Griffin; 8 great-grandchildren; 4 brothers, Thomas Allen (Ann) Hicks, James M. Hicks, Rickey J. (Connie) Hicks and Stephen D. (Dawn) Hicks; sisters, Linda Faye Lauderdale, Patricia Gayle (Jerry) Lorensen, Margaret Jeanette (Larry) Thornton and over 100 nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm Thursday, February 23, 2017 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 1:00 pm Friday, February 24, 2017 at Hickory Grove Cemetery with Pastor Bill Clayton and Pastor Jason Shawley officiating. Pallbearers will be Jason Shawley, Nick Griffin, Chris Hicks, Gregory Mitchell, Corey Hicks and Danny Brown.

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



Herman Greenewalt

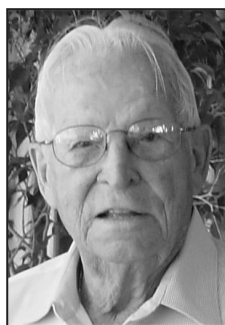
Herman Greenewalt entered Heaven's Gate on February 6, 2017 to take his place at the right hand of the Father.

He was a twin born in Lincoln, NE to immigrant parents, Johann Peter Gruenewaldt and Elizabeth Schneider. He attended and graduated from schools in Lincoln where he is also survived by many relatives still located there. For many years, he owned and operated

a window cleaning business. After retirement from the US Department of Justice as Chief Deputy with the US Marshals Service, Middle District of Florida, he managed a condominium complex.

Always a very active person, he enjoyed golf, water sports, fishing, tennis, running, bowling, travel and bridge.

He always looked forward to family gatherings and special activities, fishing trips with son Gary, those lunches and activities with son Earl, bridge games and going on cruises. His many memberships



Herman Greenewalt

included The American Legion Post 0373, Loyal Order of Moose, Master Mason of Albert J. Russell Lodge 126 as well as a 32nd degree life member of Valley of Jacksonville Orient of Florida since 1943.

Now a resident of Orange Park, the US Navy brought him to Jacksonville for active duty during WWII and recalled him during the Korean Conflict. It was here that he became actively involved in Republican politics.

History will record his accomplishment as the founder and first Chairman of Florida Young Republicans.

Herman influenced and touched the lives of many throughout his interesting and adventurous life. Somehow, he managed to maintain his great sense of humor all the way to the end of his courteous battle with lung problems. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him.

Herman is survived by his loving wife, Edna whom he met at the bridge table, two sons Earl and Gary, two granddaughters, two grandsons, great and great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Graveside Services with full military honors will take place at 11:00am, March 4, 2017 at Magnolia Cemetery, 1040 Kingsley Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073.

The family wishes to thank the many physicians, nurses at Orange Park Medical Center, Pastor Gerald Nordsiek of Advent Lutheran Church where he held membership as well as Life Care Center at Wells Crossing and Haven Hospice who cared for and administered to his medical/spiritual needs. Instead of flowers, a donate to your favorite charity would be a wonderful way to remember him. Family and friends are invited to stop by his Orange Park home after the service.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 (904)284-4000.



Richard "Harold" Jones Sr.

Richard "Harold" Jones Sr, 79, of Green Cove Springs, Fla., passed away on February 14, 2017. He was born April 5, 1937 in Springville, Ala., the son of Raymond Edward Jones Sr and Margaret Jones.

He was a supervisor at Gustafson's Dairy for 30 plus years. He loved fishing, car racing, gardening and college football, a fan of several teams. He enjoyed his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, always looking forward to family get-togethers.

Although, the majority of his life was spent in Florida, his roots and love of family in Alabama were strong in his heart.

Harold is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Ruby (Hendricks) Jones, his children Cynthia Hunter (J.L.), Richard Jones Jr. (Teresa), Angela Scarborough (Wayne), and Rodney Jones, siblings Martha Ann Glenn, Janice Jones and Charles "Earl" Jones (Diane), 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Thursday, February 16, 2017 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel. Funeral services were held at 11:00 am, Friday, February 17, 2017 at the Congregational Holiness Church, 2079 State Road 16 W, Green Cove Springs, FL. with Rev. Ronnie Surrency officiating. Interment will follow in Hickory Grove Cemetery. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com.

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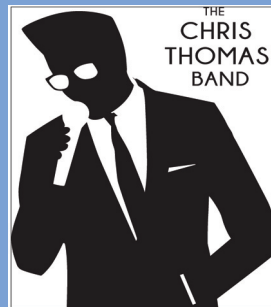
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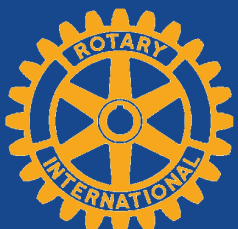
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TEEN COURT MOCK TRIAL
COMPETITION: Clay County Teen Court will host this year's Mock Trial Competition at the Clay County Courthouse, 825 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, on Feb. 24. Clay will be competing against Flagler and Volusia County Teen Courts in the case of State of Florida v. Beck Martin; the defendant is accused of 2nd degree murder/manslaughter of a classmate. The trial competition is open to the public and starts at 9 a.m. Please contact Debbie Mueller at (904) 278-3602 for more information.

BABY BOOK WORMS: Storytime for age birth through 23 months-old offered Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m. each date. Middleburg-Clay Hill Branch Library, 2245 Aster Ave., off County Road 218.Middleburg. (904) 541-5855.

TODDLER TALES: Story time for ages 2-3 offered Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m. each date. Children can of language through stories, rhymes, and music. Orange Park Branch Library, 2054 Plainfield Ave. (904) 541-5815.

KEYSTONE CRAFTY KIDS: Entertaining and creative arts & crafts fun offered Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. each date for grades 2-6, Keystone Heights Library, 175 Oriole St. (352)473-4286.

KEVIN SASSER MEMORIAL JAM: Feb. 26 from 2-6 p.m., American Legion, 3939 County Rd. 218, Middleburg. Donations will be accepted to help Kevin's family with some of his final expenses. Food will be available for purchase at this event. \$10 a plate.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE: More than just a good story, MGOTL offers interactive activities, finger plays, songs, poems, crafts and games, Feb. 27 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 0-24 months. Orange Park Branch Library, 2054 Plainfield Ave. (904) 278-4751.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: of Clay County meets Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Green Cove Springs Public Library on Ferris Street. Historian Eugene Francis narrates from his book "Preserving the Quest of Enslaved People" that spans 200 years from slavery to freedom. Public is welcome!

CODE ENFORCEMENT: A Clay County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Hearing will be on March 2 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The public can attend.

TOURISM COUNCIL: A Sub-Committee of the Tourist Development Council will meet on March 6 at 2 p.m., at the Urban Bean, 2023 Park Ave., Orange Park. The meeting is open to the public.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE: meets March 7 at 10 a.m. and March 21 at 10 a.m. in the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. Open to the public.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Meets March 7 at 7 p.m., in the Board of County



What's Trending in 2017

Lauren wakes up in time for Stage 1 of the Tour de France. She chooses an instructor, scans her competition – the fellow cyclists – and within seconds, she's riding. After an intense 45-minute workout, miles are logged, calories counted, points earned and she almost earns the coveted yellow jersey. All this from the comfort of her own living room.

Does just such fitness technology exist? It does. Maybe not to that detail, but

the ability to log into a live cycling class, choose a route and instructor, and interact with the class is here. Trends like this and many others are entering the fitness and nutrition world fast and strong.

Fitness and nutrition trends that are growing now will be around more than just this year, probably several years to come. From several online magazines including the 11th annual ACSM Health & Fitness Journal's survey of 1800 fitness profes-

sionals, I've grouped below some of these trends with some local Clay County flare:

1) Wearable fitness technology and tracking apps

I'll assume you already do this, or know someone who does. But wearable fitness technology and fitness apps are here to stay. These include smart watches (Garmin, FitBit, Apple, Samsung), heart rate monitors, GPS tracking devices and activity tracking apps. Want to count your daily steps, track your heart rate during a workout, or compute your calorie count for the day? There's an app or device for that.

2) DIY social media workouts from YouTube to Instagram

Don't have time, money, and/or the convenience of a local gym? Just do it yourself in your home or garage. Thousands of online fitness workouts are at your finger-

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Bernie Berania, left, recently completed his first 26.2 road race. Recently, he has been asking Clay Today readers to send him their personal FitLife success stories.

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"Baptist in the past has expressed interest. I would love to see every family in Clay County have a variety of choices to meet their healthcare needs. Competition makes everybody better. It drives down prices and it increases quality," Bradley said.

Bradley said he values a free market approach to healthcare which was also expressed by Gov. Rick Scott. Bradley said the CON would be replaced with a licensure process and there will still be quality standards hospitals have to meet.

"The states have a role to play when we redesign healthcare, to create for access and affordability for consumers," Bradley said "I believe this bill adds a more free market approach to delivery of services offered by hospitals."

Certificates of Need regulations were federally mandated in 1972, though they have been rolled back in several states and repealed completely in 14. A bill to eliminate Florida's CON was shot down in the Senate last year.

Baptist Health applied to build hospital on Fleming Island twice in the past 10 years, but they were denied both times. However, Baptist Health Chief Executive Officer Hugh Greene wanted the CON law to stay in place. Greene said repealing the law would generate an "arms race" between hospitals in areas where there might not necessarily be a need. Greene said that even though a removal of the CON would enable Baptist Health to build a hospital in Clay County, there are long term consequences of changing the law.

"When you're talking about hospitals, you're talking about a major 50-year heavy investment, and to let those build in a non-

planned, non-need driven way concerns me," Greene said.

Greene said he a few of the current CON restrictions could be stricken. Currently, a company can only build a new hospital within a mile of an older aging facility. Greene favored a limit on how long an existing hospital can delay another hospital from acquiring a CON. Under current regulations, Greene said, the process may take years.

Health consultant John Lynch has 35 years of experience with CONs in Massachusetts, which are roughly similar to Florida's CON law. He said treating healthcare as a free market is a slippery slope.

"The whole free market argument hinges on the premise that healthcare is a normal marketplace with willing and able consumers that are controlling their own purchasing decisions," Lynch said. "But that's not really true in healthcare."

Lynch said most healthcare decisions aren't made by the patients, they're made by the doctors. They go where a doctor has admitting privileges, they don't necessarily choose the hospital they go to.

Removing the CON would hurt hospitals that have unprofitable services such as emergency room and psychiatry services, Lynch said, because specialty healthcare providers may cherry-pick profitable services such as imaging and surgery centers.

On Feb. 15, the bill passed in a House Health Innovation Subcommittee 11-5 on party lines. The bill faces its next test in the Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee.

The Florida Legislature convenes March 7.

FitLife

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tips. YouTube alone has over 10 million video channels dedicated to just fitness: full body workouts to fast 30-minute high-intensity interval training. Don't have time for that? Then grab your device and jump over to Instagram for even quicker, how-to clips with simple keyword searches.

3) Themed runs whether for fun or endurance

Running doesn't have to be boring. Even the most dedicated runner needs a little variation. Here in our area are runs like Seamark Mudder, Color Me Rad 5K and Easter Keg Hunt. Or, how about running through bubbles, bouncing off obstacles, or being chased by zombies? Maybe you want something more enduring, choose 904's Fittest competition, the Donna 26.2, the Spartan race in Palm Coast, the Hammerhead sprint triathlon at Camp Blanding, or the Angry Tortoise trail run in northwest Jacksonville.

4) Hiring individual customized coaching and nutritionists

With more organizations offering fitness and nutrition certificates, the demand for one-on-one coaching is increasing and consumers know it. Competitive pricing, flexible hours, and customized body and nutrition plans give people more options than ever before. They want both educated and experienced professionals; ones with personal testimonies and visible results. Social media or websites like CoachUp and NSCA, offer hundreds of fit and "hungry" experts in the surrounding area.

5) Group fitness whether functional or specialized

Still in the fitness movement are group classes in strength or body-weight training, yoga, pilates, cycling, HIIT – high intensity interval training – dance and boot camps. Recently added to the mix in group fitness are team competitions and challenges where you can earn points that ac-

cumulate to a reward.

6) "JERF"ing, just eat real food

Eating real food is a real trend. Health conscious people are going back to food the way it was intended: simple, clean and fresh. Of course, this include fruits, veggies, whole grains as well as wild caught seafood, meats, unseasoned nuts and seeds, water, natural juices and natural sugars.

7) Meal prepping delivery

Why buy a low-calorie frozen meal high in sodium, when you can have it delivered fresh, balanced in fats, proteins and carbohydrates. You can have prepared dinners, or all your meals pre-made for the week. In the area, or online, are Fit Meals Prep, SuperFit Foods, Kathy's Table, and Hello Fresh.

8) Fusion (mixed) fitness activities indoors and outdoors

And last, people want variety. Being stuck in just one setting or scene can get boring. Mixed fitness options with indoor and/or outdoor components might include indoor rock climbing (Jacksonville), Velocity Air Sports (obstacle course), stand-up paddleboarding (SUP), Crossfit-on-the-Road and the like.

Throughout the year, I'll expand on some of these fitness and nutrition trends focused in our area. But for now, take some time to look at what interests you and get into the FitLife!

You've Responded! Thank you.

Over the past several weeks, I received many personal success stories from YOU, the Clay County resident. I'm excited to hear, see, and share your story with our community. Contact me at bernie.rom828@gmail.com. Tag/follow me on Instagram @ [berni3trirun](https://www.instagram.com/berni3trirun). Facebook Clay Today Newspaper. Instagram @ [claytodaynewspaper](https://www.instagram.com/claytodaynewspaper) #claytoday #claytodayfitness

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INTRO TO VEGETABLE GARDENING: March 8 from 6-7:30 p.m., UF/IFAS Extension Office, 2463 State Rd. 16 W, Green Cove Springs. Info, (904) 284-6355.

SWEET TO THE SOUL: Orange Park Chorale presents its spring concerts including the music of Bach, Mozart, James Taylor and Steven Foster. March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Anglican Church, 5804 U.S. 17, Fleming Island and March 12 at 3 p.m., Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, 4001 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. Free, but donations accepted to defray costs.

SPRING VEGGIES: ...what and how to grow them is the March 13 program of the Garden Club of Fleming Island, at 10:15

a.m. in the meeting room of the Fleming Island Library, 1985 Town Center Blvd. Master Gardener Sarah Harvey will discuss how to easily make raised garden beds along with the proper way to plant tomato plants. She also has a freebie for attendees. The public is welcome, no registration is required. Info, (904-264-3986).

HEALTH SEMINAR: H2U Family Connection, March 21 at 5 p.m. with light refreshments, 5:30 p.m. speaker June Gentle, chiropractor, discusses diabetes at Orange Park Medical Center, Classroom 7. RSVP to 800-889-3627, seating is limited.

CARD CLUB: Make new friends when you try your hand at the meeting of the First Coast Card Club, March 29 at 1:30 p.m., Fleming Island Public Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd.

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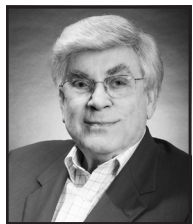
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Jesus told an interesting story about interaction between two people. One was a judge and the other was a woman seeking justice in his court. In this parable, the judge was “unjust.” He was biased, prejudiced and corrupt. No one ever expected justice or even fairness in his court.

The woman, a widow, had a grievance and she went to this corrupt judge for justice. The judge rejected her, then tried to ignore her. But she continued to appeal to him for help. He would not help her and she would not stop asking for fair treatment and justice.

Finally, just to get her to leave him alone, the judge decided to help her. Jesus made it clear in his parable that her persistence was the only reason the judge helped the widow.

Then He made the point of the parable clear. “And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly.’” (Luke 18:6-8 NIV)

Do not quit. Do not give up. Do not surrender. Continue to seek God, serve Him and apply to Him in prayer.

If a judge who cares nothing for this woman or her cause would grant her justice because she refuses to quit, how much more will God, who loves you, answer you, if you will not give up.

“Everyone who asks *and* keeps on asking receives” is what Jesus said. (Luke 11:10 AMP)

Continuing to pursue our requests with our Lord is a statement of our confidence in His love. He will answer because He loves us.

I encourage you to read in your Bible in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 11 verses 1 through 13. It could provide the very understanding you need to continue with your Lord.

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\$25 million ALF to serve Oakleaf area

By Eric Cravey
The Oakleaf

ATLANTA – When he worked in Ocala in 1983, developing an assisted living facility there, Allen Porter would often observe the ubiquitous horses on the lush rolling hills. He took a liking to how they would canter, come to a measured pace of ease and grace.

Next month, Porter, director of development for Atlanta-based Medical Development Corp., will open Canterfield of Clay County, the newest entry in the assisted living facility market in the south Oakleaf area. He said he came up with the name Canterfield because it reflects the time of life when seniors enter a period of measured pace.

The \$25 million project includes a three-story assisted living building that has 91 assisted living apartments along with 22 secure memory care units. In addition to the assisted living building, the Canterfield of Clay County campus

has 22 independent living villas, built as two triplex units and eight duplex units. All villas will have attached garages. In total, the center – built on 14 acres near St. Vincent’s Medical Center Clay County – includes 110,662 square feet of space.

“We are very excited to bring the Canterfield program to Clay County,” Porter said. “We know it is important not only to have a great building, but also to provide caring, well-trained professional staff. Our Canterfield employees strive to accommodate whatever our residents might need in order to maintain our consistently high customer satisfaction ratings. We are very happy to provide Clay County with a new senior living option, and we look forward to opening this Canterfield property and innovative lifestyle to the Clay County senior community.”

Canterfield of Clay County is located at 1611 Winners Circle, just off 3200 Old Jennings Rd.

Construction has been underway since

the middle of 2016.

Canterfield of Clay County is part of the Canterfield Senior Living Communities signature brand that is establishing its footprint throughout the Southeast region of the U.S.

Its exterior façade is a transitional design that takes its cues from Florida’s vernacular architecture by utilizing stucco and coral stone.

All Canterfield Senior Living Communities offer social model assisted living, which utilizes the “neighborhood” concept to accommodate various stages of acuity. Neighborhoods are designed to allow residents as much independence as possible, with numerous onsite amenities and programs to promote social interaction. For those who need more care, there is a higher acuity neighborhood that contains a larger ratio of nursing aides to residents. The specialized memory care neighbor-

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School

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findings of private consultants hired by the district to investigate complaints arising from an August letter to the school board written by former Keystone Heights High principal Susan Sailor.

The letter alleged Van Zant and school administrators had placed students in ESE after they failed the Florida Standards Assessment so the students’ failures would not count against the district school grade or graduation rate.

“Our review determined that you have addressed the allegations posed by the complainant, and no further action will be required,” stated OIG Director of Investigations Oscar Restrepo in a Feb. 8 closure letter. “Please be advised, if additional information is brought to our attention this may be subject to change.”

However, School Board Chairman Janice Kerekes said additional information is strong and forthcoming.

“I do know that we have been contacted by individuals with information in the district and after receiving this letter,” Kerekes said. “These are employees who were nervous about coming forward beforehand. We were asking for the Office of Inspector General to come back and do an independent investigation, which was the hope, that they would come back and contact [these employees.]

“The OIG never did,” she said. “Now there’s some of these people sitting here with information.”

The school board voted unanimously in a December special meeting to ask the state to review the findings of the investigation performed by Saylor Lannon Associates LLC based in Fort Pierce, consultants recommended by the Florida Association of District School Superintendents – a lobbying organization representing the interests of superintendents.

The school board hoped after its review, the state would launch an independent investigation to either corroborate or denounce the district’s investigation.

“Based on numerous interviews of district employees and considerable document and data review, the investigators find that the allegations...to be unfounded,” stated the investigation overview.

The investigators interviewed 24 current and former administrators during their investigation.

A startling chart revealed in the district’s investigation shows a 374 percent increase in students who were labeled ESE students between the 2013-2014 school year and the 2015-2016 school year.

The significant uptick in ESE placements over the period was due, in part, to increased graduation requirements, an increased ESE population and increased rigor in the school district.

DOE requires districts to offer special courses for students who meet requirements who are gifted or who have disabilities. These disabilities can include students with autism spectrum disorder, hearing or speech impairments, visual impairments or intellectual disabilities.

ESE students would not have to take the state’s new rigorous test required for earning a diploma and would instead receive a testing waiver and be allowed to graduate. At the same time, the school district would receive more money per student from the

federal government.

Higher graduation rates follow closely with state funding to any given district.

Kerekes along with Vice Chairman Carol Studdard and Board Member Mary Bolla raised concerns during board discussions regarding the legitimacy and independence of a district investigation and instead preferred a state review to take place.

Board Members Betsy Condon and Ashley Gilhousen – longtime supporters of Van Zant – also voted for an independent state review, but also said they were personally satisfied with results from the district’s investigation.

The investigation did find, however, many students placed in ESE classes were in their junior and senior years – which is abnormal because the earlier a student is identified as requiring extra help due to a disability, generally, the better they will do in their coursework.

When investigators questioned Linda Garcia, assistant principal of Clay High about the school’s unusually high frequency of seniors placed into ESE status, she said the discrepancy was due in part to the lengthy and rigorous “interventions” that take place in language arts and intensive reading classes. Because of this, some students either rectify their deficiencies before ever receiving ESE placement.

“I wish for students’ sakes that we did identify them earlier, as the earlier they can start getting the ESE services, the more likely they are to find success,” Garcia said.

In a response to the complaint, the school board will train counselors, administrators and teachers about the criteria for determining students who qualify for ESE and the procedures to better record when an ESE waiver is issued.

Community Briefs

Francis to address Historical Society

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Local historian Eugene Francis will narrate from his book “Preserving the Quest of Enslaved People” at the next meeting of the Clay County Historical Society.

The meeting will be held Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Green Cove Springs Public Library on Ferris Street.

Francis will discuss his family’s 200-year history, from slavery to freedom to close out Black History Month.

The meeting is free and open to the public.



Eugene Francis

Workshop for seniors concerned about balance

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Clay County seniors age 60 and older who have concerns about falling have a chance to learn about a new program involving balance.

The program, “A Matter Of Balance,” will be offered for free March 31-April 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Keystone Heights Senior Center at 125 Commercial Circle.

This award-winning program is designed to teach seniors how to manage falls and increase activity levels. It is being presented by the Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center.

Classes meet Mondays and Fridays for four weeks. Movements that will be taught in the class can be performed seated or standing.

Class participants will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home and exercise to increase strength and balance. The class is designed specifically for seniors who are concerned about falls, interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength, anyone who has fallen in the past and anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns.

Call to register at Northeast Florida AHEC (904) 482-0189, extension 111.

Buy an FFA emblem, help a student

RICHMOND, Va. – Farm supply retailer Southern States Cooperative will kick off its annual FFA fundraiser on March 1 to raise funds for agricultural education.

The annual “FFA Paper Emblem” campaign benefits the National FFA Organization’s local, state, and national levels to provide funding to the youth organization that prepares students for leadership

OPMC doc appointed to national commission

ORANGE PARK – The Chief Medical Officer at Orange Park Medical Center was recently appointed to a 4-year term as a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians’ Commission on Membership and Member Services.

In his role that began December 15, 2016, Joseph Parra, MD, will help guide the AAFP’s membership efforts and assist the constituent chapters in their membership efforts. Parra has been a part of Hospital Corporation of America – owners of OPMC – for more than 14 years.



Joseph Parra, M.D.

roles, personal growth and career success in agriculture.

The community is encouraged to purchase a \$1 “I’m Supporting FFA” paper emblem at their local Southern States to support the cause.

“Every dollar collected will benefit FFA members across the area,” said Jeff Stroburch, president and chief executive officer of Southern States. “Southern States has a rich heritage of working with FFA and hopes the public will assist with the project by supporting the effort.”

Those who donate can sign their name to the emblem or the name of a child or loved one that they care about.

“We are deeply appreciative of Southern States and the company’s assistance to raise financial support for FFA and heighten community awareness about our organization,” said Molly Ball, National FFA Foundation president. “Money donated by Southern States customers will help ensure that we’re able to continue to develop students’ leadership, growth and career success potential.”

The FFA Emblems are available at Clay Agricultural Services, 4879 Highway 17 South in Green Cove Springs, Russell’s Feed & Farm Supply, 4479 County Rd. 218 in Middleburg and Lisa’s Feed & Pet Depot, 2905 Blanding Blvd. in Middleburg.

Air Potato roundup this weekend

JACKSONVILLE – Clay County residents can fight invasive species by participating in the 11th Annual First Coast Air Potato Roundup this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. The Invasive Species Management Branch of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District and partners at the First Coast Invasive Working Group host the event to celebrate National Invasive Species Awareness Week.

Locally, air potato hunters will gather at the Health Building parking lot at the College Drive campus of St. Johns River State College.

“Invasive species such as air potato smother our native plants and are one of the greatest ecological threats to natural communities in Florida,” said Jessica Spencer, Jacksonville District biologist.

“The annual Air Potato Roundup is a family-friendly event where people of all ages – even little ones - can get outdoors together and make a difference. Just grab your garden gloves, some sunscreen and the kids, and head over to one of the work sites. All participants will be entered into a random drawing for great prizes.”

“This annual volunteer effort, combined with the use of a tiny biocontrol, the air potato leaf beetle, have been so successful that we can expand our efforts beyond air potato,” Spencer said. “Volunteers can now focus on other problematic species, such as kalanchoe, aptly nicknamed ‘mother of millions’ and coral ardisia, which has red berries that are spread widely by birds and small mammals.”

Air potatoes grow on vines and drop to the ground in the winter. Each potato sprouts a new vine that can grow extremely quickly – about eight inches per day. The invasive vine grows to the tops of trees and smothers native plants. The potatoes can survive for 20 years and produce thousands of new potatoes during that time. For information on backyard air potato management, visit <http://1.usa.gov/1g5HyKv>.

“The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will use all of the potatoes that we collect to rear air potato leaf beetles at their Gainesville biocontrol facility,” said Spencer. “The beetles have been so successful at reducing the numbers of air potatoes in Gainesville that the department is having a hard time finding enough potatoes to support the beetles at the rearing facility. By donating the air potatoes from our roundup, we will be supporting the work that they are doing to rear and release more biocontrol beetles.”

Registration is only required for large groups. The event may count as volunteer hours by students looking for credit. Contact Jessica Spencer at jessica.e.spencer@usace.army.mil or (904) 232-1696 for questions about the event.

FWC encouraged by 2017 manatee survey

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reported a preliminary count of 6,620 manatees

in Florida waters. A team of 15 observers from 10 organizations counted 3,488 manatees on Florida’s east coast and 3,132 on the west coast of the state. The FWC is encouraged by a third straight year of a minimum count higher than 6,000 manatees in Florida waters.

Researchers conduct synoptic surveys annually, weather permitting, to count manatees that are visible in Florida waters at the time of the survey. These surveys are conducted after a cold front and cover all of the known winter habitats of manatees in Florida. This year’s counts were aided by warm, sunny weather with low winds and good visibility.

“Successful conservation of manatees is a product of the commitment made by many different organizations over multiple decades. The relatively high counts we have seen for the past three years underscore the importance of warm water habitat to manatees in Florida. The FWC will continue to work diligently with our many partners to ensure the long-term viability of these habitats and the well-being of the manatee population,” said biologist Gil McRae, head of FWC’s Fish and Wildlife Research Institute.

Aerial surveys provide information about manatee distribution throughout the state. Manatees use warm water sites, like springs and power plant discharges, during the winter. Sustaining adequate winter habitat for manatees remains a statewide conservation goal and a key factor in the long-term recovery of manatees.

FWC biologists, managers and law enforcement staff work closely with partners to evaluate current data and identify necessary actions to protect this iconic animal. Florida spends more than \$2 million annually for manatee conservation.

Riverkeeper launches campaign to get folks out on the water

JACKSONVILLE – The St. Johns River Riverkeeper is launching a three-week campaign to get Northeast Florida residents out and about on the river.

From March 18 to April 2, the Riverkeeper is encouraging kayak outfitters, tour boat operators, local governments, nonprofit organizations, civic groups and individuals to help activate the St. Johns River from its headwaters to its mouth.

Eco-tours, paddling trips, and outings will be scheduled throughout the St. Johns River watershed to introduce people to the St. Johns and its tributaries, show support for clean water and a healthy river, and demonstrate what could be lost if action is not taken and no one speaks for the St. Johns.

“By activating the St. Johns, we can make a powerful statement about the riv-



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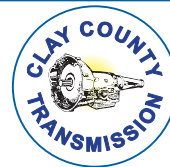
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er's importance, while introducing new audiences to the wonders of this magical waterway," said Lisa Rinaman, the St. Johns Riverkeeper. "Through these experiences with the river, we also hope to inspire others to join the effort to save the St. Johns."

The campaign website savethestjohns.org is a clearinghouse for the various events and opportunities for the public to experience the waterway and show support for its protection.

The Riverkeeper hopes to raise awareness of the wildlife, beauty, and special places that make the St. Johns such an important waterway and the pollution problems that threaten our river's future.

The campaign also serves to provide opportunities for people to experience the river and its tributaries and springs, showcase the tremendous recreational and economic opportunities provided by the St. Johns and highlight some of the businesses that depend on the St. Johns and the economic benefits of a clean and healthy river. The event will also demonstrate strong public support for protecting and restoring our river and send a powerful message to elected officials that the St. Johns must be saved.

Organizations, groups and businesses interested in promoting an event on the Save the St. Johns website, can contact Shannon Blankinship at (904) 256-7613 or Shannon@StJohnsRiverkeeper.org.

Clay company named to Gator100

GAINESVILLE – A Clay County human resources company has been named to a prestigious list by the University of Florida Alumni Association.

Dynamic Corporate Solutions Inc. was named No. 12 on the University of Florida's 2017 Gator100 during a ceremony Feb. 10 at UF's J. Wayne Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

Sponsored by the UF Alumni Association, in partnership with the UF Entrepreneurship & Innovation Center, the Gator100 recognizes the 100 fastest-growing businesses owned or led by UF alumni. Ernst & Young calculated each company's compounded annual growth rate over the



Pam Gibson, left and Suzy Lemen of DCSI display the company's Gator100 award.

past three years to generate the ranking. DCSI was ranked 12 with a compound annual growth rate of 89 percent. Led by University of Florida Alumna Suzi Lemen, DCSI provides human resources consulting, services and support to organizations of all shapes and sizes.

"It is quite an honor to have been recognized amongst such outstanding organizations with such impressive growth and stature throughout the nation," said Lemen, chief executive officer.

"The Gator100 is a campus-wide initiative that recognizes the entrepreneurial spirit entrenched in the university," said Timothy Walsh, executive director of the UF Alumni Association and assistant vice president of Alumni Affairs. "UF Alumni have created and guided some of the most innovative and profitable businesses in the nation and world. The Gator100 celebrates the very best of our Gator Entrepreneurs."

To qualify for the Gator100, companies must be in business five years or more as of Oct. 1, 2016, and have had verifiable annual revenues of \$250,000 or more in 2013. Additionally, a UF alumnus or alumna must have met one of the following three leadership criteria:

1. Owned 50 percent or more of the company from Jan. 1, 2013, through Oct. 1, 2016; or
2. Served as company's chief executive from Jan. 1, 2013, through Oct. 1, 2016; or
3. Founded the company and been active as a member of the most senior management team from Jan. 1, 2013, through Oct. 1, 2016.

College Update

Fisher named to Dean's List

GREENSBORO, N.C. – Kyle Thomas Fisher of Orange Park was among 221 Greensboro College students named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester.

To qualify for the honor, a student must have a 3.5 grade-point average or better for the semester while having taken at least half of his/her course credit hours at Greensboro College's main campus.

Greensboro College, an independent,

coeducational college affiliated with the United Methodist Church, is an academic and social community that unites the liberal arts and Judeo-Christian values in an atmosphere of diversity and mutual respect.

Founded in 1838 and located in downtown Greensboro, the college enrolls about 1,100 students from 32 states, the District of Columbia and 24 nations in its undergraduate liberal-arts program and four master's degree programs.

This plant stinks! – Skunk Vine in your landscape

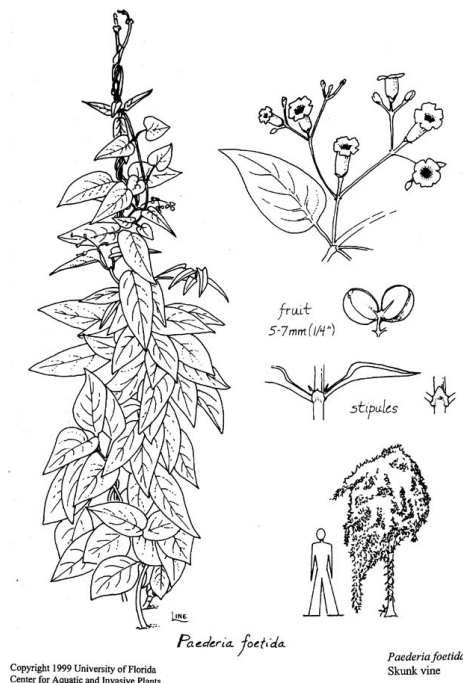
By Wayne Hobbs

Environmental Horticulture Agent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – In Florida, we are constantly dealing with all sorts of weeds and invasive species entering our yards. Whether it is Air Potato, Coral Ardisia, Chinese Tallow Tree, or Torpedograss, there is always a challenge to remove, eliminate and eradicate the plants that threaten to take over our landscape and our natural areas. However, this is often much easier said than done.

One of these common invaders in the landscapes and wildlands of Clay County is Skunk Vine, *Paederia foetida*. This twining, vining perennial can often be found snaking its way through shrubs in the landscape. First introduced to Florida before 1897, the Asian plant was reported as a troublesome weed in the state as early as 1916 and has been found in our fencerows and thickets ever since. It is most widespread and serious in west-central Florida but can be also be found in North Carolina, Louisiana, Texas, South Carolina and Hawaii.

The skunk vine derives its name from the odor it puts off, especially when the leaves are crushed. It can be identified by



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Paederia foetida
Skunk vine

its spear or lance shaped leaves that are opposite along the stem with smooth edges. At the base of each leaf, you will also see a small appendage, known as a stip-

ule. In late summer and fall, these vines do flower, with small grayish pink or lavender blooms which then develop small black fruit that can persist through the winter.

The danger of this plant to our natural areas is its adaptability, being able to survive in the landscape and many of the natural habitats in the state. Once established, this vine forms dense canopies growing over other vegetation. This stops light from reaching whatever is underneath and soon causes death for plants underneath.

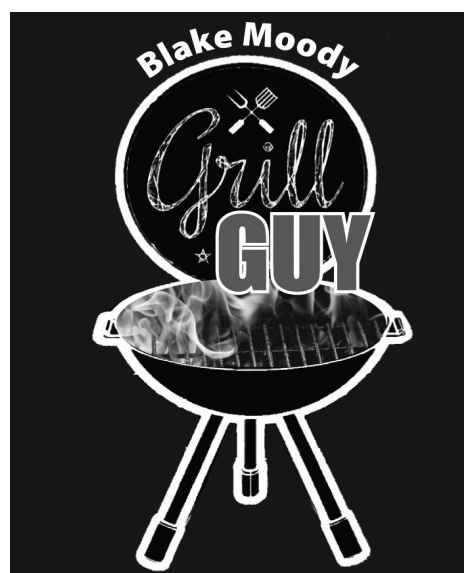
Skunk vine can reproduce by both seed and asexually by its root stock. This means that if you remove a plant from your landscape and do not get all of its roots, it can grow back. Even worse is if that root stock or seed is transported, the vine can sprout somewhere else. In the landscape, pulling up the plants can lead to some control but precautions to prevent its spread must be taken.

It is worth noting that skunk vine is both a Category I invasive species as defined by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council and was added to the Florida Noxious Weed List in 1993. This means it is illegal to possess, move, or release it. It is

recommended that if you remove this plant from your landscape, place it in a plastic bag, tie it off, and place it in the garbage. Never compost or leave this plant out for curbside debris pickup.

Due to the woody rootstock that is able to regrow the plant, mechanical control by hand pulling is never fully effective. Chemical controls such as those containing Glyphosate, Aminopyralid, Imazapic, Triclopyr amine and Triclopyr ester can be utilized for control but repeated applications may be necessary. If using herbicide, make sure to follow all directions on the label. Remember that many of these chemicals will also harm your landscape plants with direct contact so if the plant is growing within your shrubs, hand removal may be the only method available to you.

If you have any questions about landscape and garden topics, or need plant or pest materials identified, contact the University of Florida/IFAS Extension Office online at <http://www.clay.ifas.ufl.edu>, follow us on Facebook, or call by phone at (904) 284-6355.



Have fire, will cook but get spousal approval too

So, you want to be a competition barbecue cook? Do you really know what you are getting yourself into? Do you have any idea what this is going to do to your bank account?

If you want to beat some of the very best in the world, I would recommend taking out a second mortgage on your house and investing in a quality smoker. You would never take a knife to a gunfight and a quality cooker can be the difference in you winning or losing a competition. The pit most definitely does not make the cook, but a great pit can make you a better cook.

My barbecue journey started out on a driveway on the Southside of Jacksonville. Armed with a Weber kettle grill, I could grill you some of the most overcooked salmon that money could buy. I was terrible and I would never blame the grill for the food that came off of it. This grill taught me fire management and the basics of grilling and smoking.

Having developed a full-blown barbecue addiction, I ordered a 36-inch patio model from Lang Smokers. Ben Lang of Nahunta, Georgia rolls their own steel and makes what is called a reverse flow, offset smoker. If an offset is what you prefer, the Langs are some of the finest smokers on the market. This grill will teach you fire management and is not for the faint of heart. On my first attempt, I made a rookie mistake and seriously over smoked some chicken. I promise you that it was the cook



Walter "Stump" McDowell of Stump's Smokers, left, poses with one of the company's handcrafted smokers with The Grill Guy, Blake Moody.

and not the cooker.

Years later, I decided that I needed a bigger smoker in order to compete in barbecue competitions. I went for the gusto and placed a call to the greatest pit builder that ever lived, my friend Walter "Stump" McDowell of Stump's Smokers. Located in Centerville, Georgia, Stump's Smokers makes every cooker by hand and all orders are placed months in advance.

To pass the time I found a new and reasonably priced Weber 18-inch Smokey Mountain on Craigslist. This was a fantastic cooker that resembles R2D2. It is a reasonably priced option and has been used to win some of the top barbecue competitions in the world. When my Stump's was ready for pickup, I put a "for sale" sign on the Smokey Mountain and it was adios muchachos.

To this day, my cooker of choice is the Classic model from Stump's Smokers. It is a double insulated gravity fed cooker and almost cost me my marriage. I can only speak on things I have experience with, but this cooker is really hard to beat. I'll never forget seeing, opening and feeling that door for the first time. I knew I was dealing with some *serious* craftsmanship. I still have this cooker and have no plans to get rid of it anytime soon.

If you are in the market for a cooker, I would recommend that you choose wisely and purchase a high-quality product. I would recommend anything by Weber, Lang and Stump's. Just like anything else, you get what you pay for. Just make sure your significant other is on board with your barbecue dreams.

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hood features a secure environment with its own private garden and dedicated activities.

Canterfield of Clay County offers a homelike environment designed to allow seniors to feel comfortable and safe. There are nine assisted living apartment floor plan choices with sizes ranging from 350 to 590 square feet. Every apartment includes granite surfaces, high ceilings with crown molding, and fully-tiled bathrooms. Some units include a walk-in closet and bonus sunroom. All residents receive three meals per day served in the restaurant-style dining room, weekly laundry and housekeeping services, all utilities and basic scheduled transportation. If assisted living help is needed, cost for this service is determined by the resident's required level of care.

The assisted living building contains numerous conveniences such as a theater, library, barber and beauty salon, exercise room, arts and crafts room, and fitness room and rehabilitation suite. The country kitchen, family parlor and restaurant-style dining room branch off from the spacious grand lobby gathering area. Multiple enrichment activities – such as educational speakers, musicians and entertainers, physical workouts, game and discussion groups, community outings, social hours and parties – will take place daily. Trans-



portation to various shopping areas, restaurants, public activities and medical appointments also will be provided for Canterfield of Clay County residents.

Porter said MDC selected the site because of its proximity to other healthcare facilities and medical services, such as St. Vincent's, as well as to numerous shopping, banking and entertainment venues.

"Our intent is to take our knowledge of senior care and integrate it with the lessons learned through our hospitality ventures," said Winston Porter, MDC president and founder. "We want to provide our senior residents with a higher level of customer service and amenities, similar to what we execute in our award-winning hotels and restaurants. We are pleased to now be an active participant in flourishing Clay County as we bring the newest of our well-received Canterfield projects to this bustling community."

Winston Porter has a 30-year history in both the hospitality and assisted living industries. Focusing on the Southeast U.S., Porter has developed, owned and managed nursing homes, assisted living facilities,

independent living apartments and villas, outpatient therapy projects and home care rehabilitation therapy programs in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Florida. In addition to senior housing and related programs, Porter has development

expertise in and ownership of several Marriott and Hilton hotel properties and independent upscale dining venues.

MDC has been active in the long-term care and senior retirement housing sector for the last 25 years and has developed close to 1,500 senior residential, assisted living and nursing home units with a valuation of approximately \$150 million. Currently the company and its affiliates have developed, own and/or manage 14 properties including outpatient rehabilitation clinics in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina and Florida. Ocala-based Edwards Construction Services is the general contractor for Canterfield of Clay County and financing was provided by BB&T.



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Town considers ZIP Code change

By **Jesse Hollett**
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Officials in the Town of Orange Park are seeking a way to clearly differentiate its three square miles of town limits from parts of unincorporated Clay County with which it shares a ZIP Code.

The town took the first steps towards clarification this week.

Town Council voted unanimously Tuesday to send the topic of a ZIP Code change to its General Government Administration Committee for further study and discussion.

If changed, town papers, logos and business cards would need to be changed – a laborious, tedious and costly process – but in doing so, the town could distance itself from crimes, insurance claims and miles of distance that separate the town limits from the rest of the 32073 ZIP Code.

The ZIP Code attached to the town incorporates the Orange Park Mall, Argyle Elementary and a healthy chunk of Oakleaf – none of which are within the town limits.

Because of this geographic quandary, Town Manager Jim Hanson said the insurance rates of town residents may be a victim of a discriminatory insurance practice known as ‘redlining,’ where insurance companies deny coverage to individuals based on ZIP Code by either flatly denying coverage or selectively raising rates based on the risk assessment associated with the ZIP Code.

“The issue is that 32073 is much larger than the town limits, and we feel that our town, which is protected by the Orange Park Police Department, if it was segregated by our own Zip Code, then we are a much safer three square mile area than the rest of 32073,” said Town Clerk Sarah Campbell. “There’s 122,000 of them and only 3,000 of us.”

Conversation on a possible ZIP Code change began at a prior council meeting

where a town resident, Steven Dozier, said after he moved from Fleming Island, his insurance rates climbed.

He claimed this was due, in large part, to the town being coupled with the rest of its ZIP Code, which includes Blanding Boulevard – named the worst road in Northeast Florida repeatedly in resident polling.

Roughly 10 years ago, the Fleming Island Zip Code changed from 32073 to 32003 when the U.S. Postal Service opened a new post office on the island.

“I definitely believe we have an identity crisis, so that’s high the priority list for me,” said Mayor Eugene Nix.

A ZIP Code change could help alleviate some misconceptions about the town portrayed in local media as well, Hanson said.

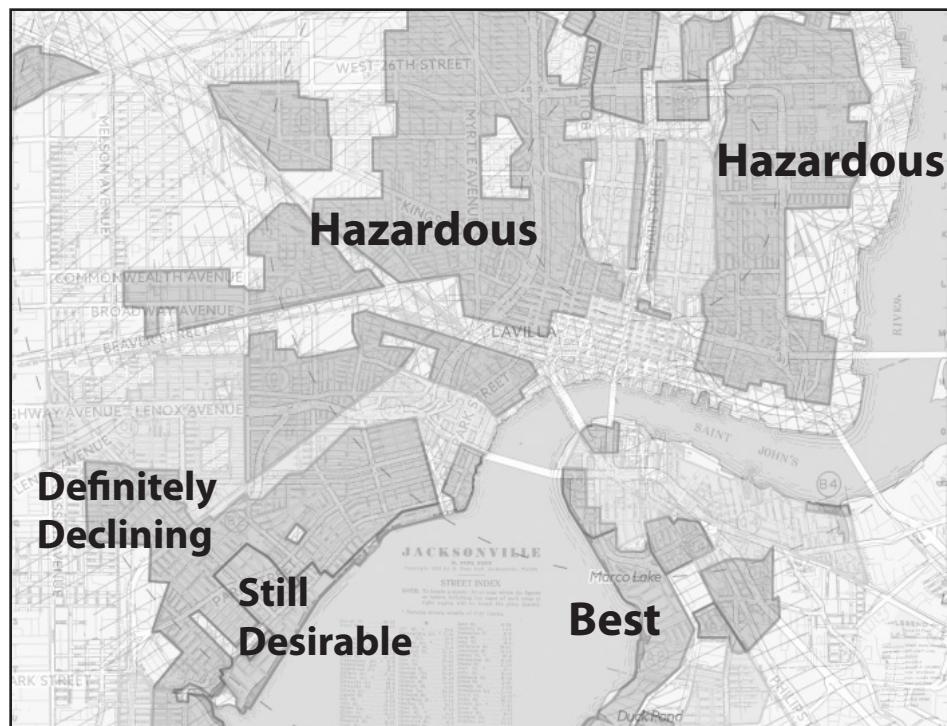
“A lot of the news stories reflect bad things happening in Orange Park, but they’re not in Orange Park,” Hanson said. “We did a lot of checking on that and we found that the police and fire reports are based on ZIP Code. The sheriff will say Orange Park for anything that’s in our regular ZIP Code here.”

And as for insurance company redlining being as a possible cause of higher insurance rates in the town, Campbell said a ZIP Code change could help alleviate that, as well.

“[We would be] creating a new ZIP Code that doesn’t have any risk data associated with it,” Campbell said.

In the aftermath of the Great Depression, the U.S. government set out to evaluate the riskiness of mortgages and in doing so essentially created the first map of inequality in the nation. For instance, the area around Moncrief Road, a site Jacksonville officials point to as a site of urban blight, high crime – and subsequently cheap housing – is outlined as a hazardous area on these maps.

The racially-charged insurance spikes have largely stayed since the 1930s, when



A project between a team of scholars and four universities spent seven months compiling old map data from the 1930s Home Owners’ Loan Corporation to create ‘redline’ maps, which ranked neighborhoods from good to bad based largely on race and partially on class. The map became a way to rank the risk of a certain neighborhood and charge more to customers based on where they live.

the Home Owners’ Loan Corporation first created these maps. The federal agency ‘graded’ neighborhoods on a four-tiered system based largely on racial makeup. Largely-minority neighborhoods were outlined in red – which infamously created the term redlining.

A project to digitize this data was completed in last October. The ‘Mapping Inequality Project’ took seven-months to compile the data and digitize using a team of scholars from four universities. The map provides redlining data for approximately 150 cities across the U.S.

Maps also include the reason why a certain area was given a certain designation using files pulled from the National Archives. For example, with Moncrief Road,

the reason, simply, was that it was “occupied 100 [percent] by Negroes,” with “so-called ‘slum areas’... scattered throughout the entire district.”

If the town decides to give the go ahead on a ZIP Code change, the district manager for the Postal Service has 60 days to approve or deny their request. From there, the town must survey its residents to see if a majority even support the change. If denied, the town can also appeal the USPS decision.

However, there are no forms to fill out – the town must send a letter citing their identity crisis as a reason.

There was not a committee meeting date set by Wednesday deadline.

To protect and serve

ORANGE PARK – Mayor Eugene Nix swore in the newest addition to the Orange Park Police Department, Officer Gardell Branch, Tuesday night as a room of Branch’s friends and colleagues looked on.



Police Briefs

Man jumped by group of four

ORANGE PARK – A man staying at the Stay Suites on Wells Road in Orange Park told police he was jumped Saturday by a group of four. Mitchell Adam Inglett, 50, a resident of Orange Park, is currently residing in the Clay County Jail and is being charged with home invasion without a firearm or weapon, as a result of what occurred Feb. 18.

Orlen Hess was standing on the balcony in front of his room when he was approached by a female who asked to use his bathroom. Hess allowed her into his room and followed her in. A few moments later, while the woman was in the bathroom, Hess heard a knock on the door.

According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office report, Hess opened the door and was immediately pushed to the ground.

After being pushed to the ground, Hess said he was kicked and punched by the three men that entered the room. At this time, the girl using Hess' bathroom exited the bathroom and also began attacking Hess. During the attack, one of the men stole \$200 from Hess' wallet as well as his room key.

When police arrived, Hess told them that he recognized one of the attackers as someone who lived on the first floor of the same motel. Hess and the police went to the room Hess believed the attacker was staying in and found the suspect standing by the door. The police detained this man for questioning.

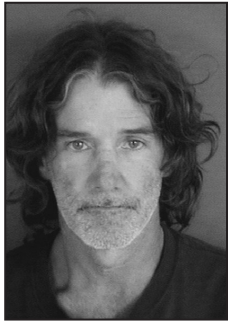
Inglett is currently in jail with a bond set at \$50,003 and a court date set for March 22.

Sister steals sister's car

MIDDLEBURG – A Middleburg resident was arrested last Friday after allegedly stealing her sister's car.

On Dec. 27, Ashley Silcox called the police to report that her car had been stolen. Silcox told police that she had given her car keys to her six-month-old daughter to play with when Silcox's sister, Teresa Ann Silcox, 45, asked her to grab a bottle for the baby in another room.

When Silcox went to do this, her sister Teresa grabbed the keys from the baby and left the house out of a window in one of the back rooms, according to the Clay County Sheriff's Office report. Police said Teresa Silcox broke part of the window



Mitchell Inglett

when jumping out and ran to her sister's Lancer vehicle.

Teresa Silcox left the scene with her sister's car.

Last Friday, police made contact with the defendant and she was arrested soon after, police said.

Teresa Silcox is currently in the Clay County Jail with bond set at \$25,003 and a court date set for March 22.

Man steals roommate's vehicle

ORANGE PARK – Last Friday, Jonathon Lankford and Tanner Strickland were driving to a friend's house. While at the friend's house, Strickland asked Lankford if they could go back to their apartment. Lankford said no and Strickland said he was going to walk home, according to the Clay County Sheriff's Office report.

Strickland went to the vehicle they arrived in, found the keys in the car and proceeded to drive away. Lankford noticed this happening and attempted to stop Strickland from doing so.

Lankford then notified the police that his car had been stolen and said that Lankford would probably drive the vehicle back to their apartment. Lankford also told police that he had never given Strickland access to his vehicle to drive.

The police went to the apartment where they did, in fact, find Strickland. The police positively identified the vehicle at the apartment as the one in question, a PT Cruiser. Strickland was arrested soon after.

Tanner Carson Strickland, 22, of Orange Park is currently in the Clay County Jail charged with grand theft auto. His bond is set at \$753 and is set to appear in court on March 29.

Middleburg duo charged in meth scheme

MIDDLEBURG – Two Middleburg residents with prior drug arrests now face charges of making methamphetamine.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Zachary Tyler Baize, 23, and Lauren Michelle Thomas, 22, on Feb. 20 shortly before 11 p.m. at a home in the 2300 block of Broom Court in Middleburg after conducting a brief investigation.

According to the heavily redacted police report, detectives found chemicals in Baize's room that



Tanner Strickland

are usually used to manufacture methamphetamine.

After interviewing Thomas, detectives determined that Baize – and not Thomas – was the one primarily responsible for making the illicit drug.

Baize is charged with one count each of manufacturing methamphetamine and possession of listed chemicals for the manufacture of a controlled substance. Thomas faces one count of conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine.

Both were booked into the Clay County Jail on the charges. At press time, both remained in jail with Baize's bond set at \$150,006 and Thomas' bond set at \$100,003.

Baby feeding time argument ends in assault arrest

MIDDLEBURG – What began as a Saturday morning request to get out of bed and feed an infant, ended in an alleged assault and an arrest for a Middleburg man.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested and charged Patrick Saint Fenix, 33, with one count of aggravated battery on a pregnant female after conducting a brief investigation. The arrest took place at 12:45 p.m. on Feb. 18.

According to the police report, the argument began when the victim asked Saint Fenix to get up and give an infant some milk. The argument escalated from the bedroom to the living room, where police said, Saint Fenix jumped on the victim's back when she attempted to gather his belongings and throw them out of the house.

Police said the victim was cut inside of her lip while trying to defend herself by pushing Saint Fenix away from her.

After police arrived, the victim began having trouble breathing and had to be transported to Orange Park Medical Center. Two other children, along with the infant, were placed into custody of the victim's sister, while Saint Fenix was transported to the Clay County Jail. He has since been released on an undisclosed bond.

Alleged auto thief turns himself in

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Jacksonville man wanted by Clay County authorities for one felony count of grand theft auto

recently turned himself over to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Police then charged Joseph Stephen Vestal Jr., 26, on Feb. 16 at 9:19 a.m. after he surrendered himself at CCSO headquarters in Green Cove Springs.

Police used a warrant they obtained last fall after conducting a brief investigation. According to the warrant, the victims said they allowed Vestal to use their 2011 Subaru Outback on Sept. 11 to go to "retrieve his children from Jacksonville."

The victims told police he could use the vehicle for one hour, however, Vestal did not return the vehicle to their home on Preakness Plaza near Orange Park.

"After waiting approximately four hours, and after sending numerous messages to return the vehicle, the victims never heard from the defendant and never saw their vehicle again," states the warrant.

CCSO detectives then contacted the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office who attempted to locate the stolen vehicle at Vestal's last address there. However, officers found that Vestal no longer lived at the address they were given.

He was booked into the Clay County Jail where his bond was set at \$20,003.

Consensual sex ends in arrest

MIDDLEBURG – A 19-year-old Middleburg man faces one count of lewd and lascivious behavior with a person between ages of 12 and 16 following an investigation by the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Police arrested Damien Alexander Stitt on Feb. 16 at 12:44 a.m. at his home using a warrant they obtained after conducting their investigation.

According to the warrant, Stitt and the victim "engaged in consensual intercourse" at Stitt's home between December 2015 and January 2016, when Stitt was 18.

The investigation began on October 16, 2016 when the victim gave birth to a child she said was conceived while she was in a relationship with Stitt.

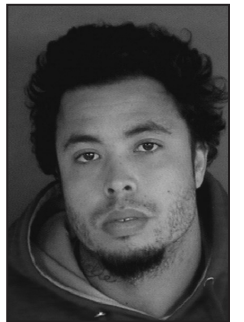
Stitt was booked into the Clay County Jail, but has since been released after posting \$5,003 bond.

Sex charge for Palatka man

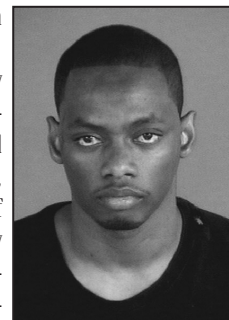
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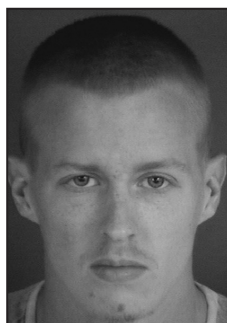
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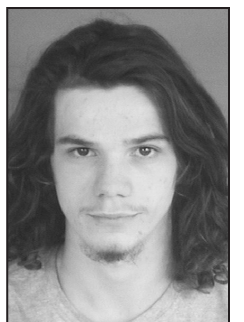
Patrick Fenix



Teresa Silcox



Zachary Baize



Damien Stitt

Arrests & Bookings

Tuesday, February 21

Aplicano, Etelvina, 42, Jacksonville, CCSO, Petit Theft
 Belden, Christy, 34, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Two Counts of Simple Battery
 Conway, Christopher, 27, Jacksonville, CCSO, Robbery-Unarmed, Simple Battery
 Dealing, Rhiannon, 18, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
 Dees, Lance, 42, Middleburg, CCSO, Writ of Bodily Attachment, Two Counts of Failure to Appear for Court
 Dew, Chad, 29, Fleming Island, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control
 Dinnat, Delaina, 20, Middleburg, CCSO, VOP - DWLSR
 Elias, Tamara, 39, Middleburg, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery
 Elliott, Joshua, 27, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Drug Equipment Possession
 Farhat, Sara, 28, Fleming Island, CCSO, Resisting an Officer
 Johnson, James, 46, Jacksonville, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court
 Johnston, Tara, 29, Jacksonville, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court
 Lamb, Ashley, 27, Orange Park, CCSO, Non-Support
 McDaniel, Jessie, 35, Orange Park, CCSO, Disorderly Intoxication
 Minion, Laquashia, 27, Jacksonville, CCSO, Burglary, Child Neglect Child Without Great Bodily Harm, Simple Domestic Battery
 Pierce, Keon, 22, Jacksonville, CCSO, Giving False Name or ID, Resisting an Officer
 Reynolds, Cynthia, 46, Jacksonville, CCSO, Non-Support
 Tawil, Abdulkarim, 21, Jacksonville, OPPD, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
 White, Devin, 18, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Affray/Interfering With School, VOP - Giving Police False ID
 Wiley, James, 19, Jacksonville, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court

Monday, February 20

Baize, Zachary, 23, Middleburg, CCSO, Manufacturing Methamphetamine, Possession of a Listed Chemical for Manufacturing Methamphetamine
 Burton, Stuart, 44, Orange Park, CCSO, Contempt of Court
 Griffin, Joshua, 24, Interlachen, Fla., CCSO, Cocaine Possession, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Possession of a Weapon or Ammo By Convicted Felon
 Hillegas, Kaitlyn, 22, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
 James, Paul, 26, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
 Kingsbury, John, 37, Middleburg, CCSO, Operating a Motorcycle Without a License, DWLSR
 Sinclair, Katlyne, 24, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Drug Equipment Possession,

Possession of a Controlled Substance
 Thomas, Lauren, 22, Middleburg, CCSO, Conspiring to Manufacture Methamphetamine
 Williams, Tedarrell, 19, Jacksonville, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control

Sunday, February 19

Bennett, Shane, 32, Fleming Island, OPPD, Resisting an Officer With Violence
 Davidson, Timothy, 25, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Disorderly Conduct
 Depperschmidt, Jarrod, 18, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
 Inglett, Mitchell, 50, Orange Park, CCSO, Home Invasion Without Firearm or Weapon
 Jones, Johnny, 55, Middleburg, CCSO, VOP - DWLSR
 Kay, Emily, 20, Orange Park, CCSO, Cannabis Possession
 Kelley, Melissa, 35, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Crack Cocaine
 Lee, Mary, 42, Middleburg, CCSO, Two Counts of Fraudulent Use of Credit Card, Grand Theft \$300-4,999
 May, Bria, 22, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
 Mitchell, Torie, 25, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
 Mount, David, 39, Fleming Island, CCSO, Possession of Crack Cocaine
 Mullins, Sara, 23, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Disorderly Conduct
 Osborne, Tracy, 42, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR, FTA - DWLSR
 Radford, Eddie, 22, Orange Park, CCSO, Carrying a Concealed Firearm, Possession of a Firearm By Convicted Felon
 Schmidt, Michael, 29, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Disorderly Conduct
 Simmons, Micaiah, 35, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
 Zappulla, Julian, 20, Orange Park, CCSO, Cannabis Possession

Saturday, February 18

Black, Joel, 25, Middleburg, CCSO, VOP - Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
 Calley, Raymond, 30, Middleburg, CCSO, Drug Equipment Possession
 Chappell, Cedric, 45, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
 Cilley, Dwight, 47, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Non-Support
 Figueroa, Ashley, 23, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of a Controlled Substance Without a Valid Prescription, Carrying a Concealed Firearm
 Gibney, Brent, 28, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Cocaine Possession, Drug Equipment Possession
 Hinojosa, Suraiya, 26, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Trespassing
 Leigh, Shannon, 32, Middleburg, CCSO,

DUI
 Saint Fenix, Patrick, 33, Middleburg, CCSO, Aggravated Battery on a Pregnant Woman
 Schumacher, Samantha, 25, Orange Park, CCSO, Petit Theft
 Woolbright, Damon, 21, Orange Park, OPPD, Resisting an Officer
 Zick, Jessie, 31, Middleburg, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Friday, February 17

Aldridge, Adrian, 46, Jacksonville, CCSO, Non-Support
 Barber, Amy, 38, Middleburg, CCSO, DUI
 Borlaza, Jeanelyn, 41, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery
 Brandenburg, Angela, 22, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis Brockwell, Michael, 19, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
 Bullard, Kevin, 21, Orange Park, CCSO, Driving Without a Valid License
 Burns, Davell, 29, Jacksonville, CCSO, FTA - DWLSR
 Cery, Douglas, 34, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Petit Theft
 Crawford, David, 26, Orange Park, OPPD, Trespassing
 Cummings, Jeremy, 36, Middleburg, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court
 French, Joshua, 31, Jacksonville, CCSO, Petit Theft
 Mater, Daxton, 18, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis,
 Drug Equipment Possession, Two Counts of Violate Probation - Community Control
 Megorash, Aviv, 28, Jacksonville, OPPD, Driving Without a Valid License, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
 Moore, William, 38, Crossville, Tenn., CCSO, Felony Battery, Domestic Battery
 Mott, Quelory, 23, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
 Nolan, Joanne, 44, Middleburg, CCSO, Habitual Traffic Offender, Drug Equipment Possession
 Palmeto, James, 21, Orange Park, CCSO, Drug Equipment Possession, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
 Richmond, Cory, 24, Middleburg, OPPD, DWLSR
 Rodriguez, Nicolas, 62, Jacksonville, OPPD, Habitual Traffic Offender
 Silcox, Teresa, 45, Middleburg, CCSO, Grand Theft Auto
 Strickland, Tanner, 22, Orange Park, CCSO, Grand Theft Auto

Thursday, February 16

Baugh, Danielle, 23, Orange Park, OPPD, Resisting an Officer, Simple Battery
 Brown, Timothy, 32, Jacksonville, CCSO, DUI
 Dew, Chad, 29, Fleming Island, CCSO, Burglary
 Digiaco, Tyler, 19, Orange Park,

CCSO, Two Counts of FTA - Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, FTA - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
 Exline, John, 39, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
 Galloway, Andrew, 19, Palatka, CCSO, Lewd and Lascivious Behavior on a Victim Age 12-16 Gehring, Ronald, 66, Orange Park, CCSO, Domestic Battery
 Glisson, Robin, 41, St. Augustine, CCSO, Writ of Attachment
 Jewel, Christopher, 42, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
 McKenzie, Zachary, 20, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
 Stitt, Damien, 19, Middleburg, CCSO, Lewd and Lascivious Behavior on a Victim Age 12-16 Vestal, Joseph, 26, Jacksonville, CCSO, Grand Theft Auto
 Williams, Courtney, 19, Jacksonville, GCSPD, DWLSR
 Williams, Taishaun, 25, Orange Park, CCSO, Driving Without a Valid License

Wednesday, February 15

Baier, Richard, 24, Middleburg, CCSO, Resisting an Officer With Violence, Drug Equipment Possession
 Barker, John, 43, Middleburg, CCSO, VOP - DUI
 Bowman, Tyler, 32, Tallahassee, CCSO, Three Counts of VOP - Possession of a Controlled Substance - Other
 Coughlin, Daniel, 41, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Domestic Battery
 Driscoll, Juanita, 66, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Fugitive From Justice
 Griffin, Asil, 33, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery
 Hunt, Stevie, 24, Jacksonville, CCSO, Heroin Distribution
 Kenney, Charlene, 36, Jacksonville Beach, CCSO, Fugitive From Justice
 Monroe, Rosa, 18, Jacksonville, CCSO, Retail Theft \$300+



Stay at the Scene – it could save a life

TALLAHASSEE – Law enforcement around Florida are teaming up this month to try and lower the number of hit and run crashes in the Sunshine State.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles recognizes February as Hit and Run Awareness Month and reminds all motorists to Stay at the Scene when involved in a crash. The initia-

tive seeks to reduce the number of hit and run crashes in Florida in partnership with the Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association, Florida Department of Transportation and AAA – The Auto Club Group.

“All motorists involved in a crash must be prepared to act responsibly and in accordance with state law,” said Terry L.

Rhodes, DHSMV executive director. “Motorists are required to stay at the scene, provide certain information to the other parties involved and contact necessary law enforcement and first responders. These actions may save a life.”

Staying at the scene is not only the law, but ensures that those impacted by a crash are safely assisted. In 2016, there were 99,004 hit and run crashes in Florida with 15,851 resulting charges. Under Florida law, a driver must stop immediately at the scene of a crash on public or private property that results in injury or death. Leaving the scene of a crash is a felony and a driver, when convicted, will have their license revoked for at least three years and can be sentenced to a mandatory minimum of four years in prison.

“Leaving the scene of a traffic crash is a crime,” said Col. Gene Spaulding, FHP director. “It is your responsibility to remain at the scene and immediately report the accident to law enforcement. You should do your best to provide immediate assistance to other motorists, passengers or pedestrians that may have been injured in the crash and wait for emergency first responders to arrive.”

Vulnerable road users, like bicyclists and pedestrians, are particularly at risk for drivers leaving the scene. In fact, of the 179 hit and run fatalities in 2016, more than 55 percent were pedestrians. During that same period, 18 to 28 year olds received over one third of all hit and run charges issued, 70 percent of which were male.

“Leaving the scene of a crash is dangerous, and it can be deadly. Help our officers render aid and protect lives by making the responsible decision to remain at the scene and immediately contact first responders,” said Albert “Butch” Arenal, police chief of Coconut Creek and president of the Florida Police Chiefs Association. “Don’t make a bad situation even worse by leaving – it’s a felony.”

“Motorists who leave the scene of a traffic crash not only violate the law, but create a situation where additional law enforcement resources must be deployed to make roadways safe,” said Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings, president of the Florida Sheriffs Association. “For this reason, and to protect the citizens that we serve, our Florida sheriffs fully support the DHSMV Stay at the Scene initiative.”

“If you’ve crashed, try to stay calm,” said Amy Stracke, managing director, Traffic Safety Advocacy, AAA – The Auto Club Group. “That will help you keep a clear head, so you can focus on getting the help you need.”

The most important thing a driver can do when they are involved in a crash is to Stay at the Scene and call for help. The public is encouraged to report hit and run crashes by dialing *FHP (*347). For more information on hit and runs and staying at the scene, visit: <http://www.flhsmv.gov/stayatthescene>.

Active Hit and Run cases in Clay County:

October 17, 2014, County Road 220

The Florida Highway Patrol is seeking any information about the driver and/or vehicle involved in a fatal hit and run collision that occurred on October 17, 2014 around 11:22 p.m. on CR 220. The collision occurred directly in front of Mercury Moon Bar/Grill and Whitey’s Fish Camp in the Fleming Island area. The suspect vehicle pulled out in front of a motorcycle causing it to strike the vehicle in the driver’s side area. The suspect vehicle is described as a dark colored compact sedan such as Toyota Camry, Toyota Corolla, Nissan Sentra, or similar vehicle. There should be damage to this vehicle in the driver side door area and a broken driver’s window. The vehicle may have also had tinted windows. The Florida Highway Patrol is interested in any additional information on this case. Sergeant D. Smith and Corporal A. Bennett are the lead investigators for this investigation (FHPG140FF043394). If anyone has information on the above listed case, please call the Florida Highway Dispatch Center at 904-359-6572 or First Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS (8477).

August 31, 2014, Hibiscus Avenue

The Florida Highway Patrol is attempting to obtain information on a person or vehicle involved in a hit and run traffic crash. The traffic crash occurred on August 31, 2014 during the morning hours upon Hibiscus Avenue in Middleburg, Florida. An unknown type of vehicle struck a pedestrian while walking along the roadway. The pedestrian is currently in critical condition and receiving medical treatment at UF Health of Jacksonville. This vehicle shall have damage to the right front portion near the headlight assembly. In addition, the vehicle may be described as a year 2010 - 2014 domestic vehicle (GMC, Chevrolet, Dodge, Ford, and some Volkswagen). The driver then left the scene to an unknown destination. Our investigators are interested in any information on the persons and/or vehicle involved in this case and encourages the public’s assistance. The case number for this investigation should be referenced as FHPG140FF036475. If anyone has information on the above listed case, please call the Florida Highway Dispatch Center at 904-359-6572 or First Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS (8477).

Police

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recently transferred a Palatka man to Green Cove Springs to face charges here for lewd and lascivious behavior with a person between the ages of 12 and 16.

On Feb. 16, the Clay County Sheriff’s Office charged Andrew Boyd Galloway in connection with an incident that happened on November 1, 2016.



Andrew Galloway

According to the warrant, Galloway and the victim were at her home in Clay County where they went for a walk in a remote area. According to the warrant, Galloway began touching the victim all over and she told him to get away, but he hit her on the arm, “pulled her hair and forcefully took her shorts off.”

Police said Galloway forcefully performed oral sex on the victim and then forced her to reciprocate. According to police, Galloway then forced her to the ground where they he forced her to have intercourse. Police interviewed Galloway at his home in Palatka on Jan. 25 and then obtained a warrant for his arrest.

He was booked into the Clay County Jail where his bond is set at \$15,003.

CRIME WATCH

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

CCSO Contact Numbers Main: 264-6512
Emergency: 911
Community Relations: 213-6114

Thefts

2/14 A cell phone was stolen from an unattended backpack in a locker room at Lake Asbury Elementary School on Sandridge Road.

2/14 a piece of landscaping equipment was stolen from Tractor Supply on Blanding Boulevard just north of Middleburg.

2/13 a gate was damaged and miscellaneous signs were stolen from a home on County Road 315C in Keystone Heights. It is not known when the incident occurred.

2/13 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from a home in Canopy Oaks Drive in Oakleaf Plantation.

2/12 cell phone equipment was stolen from the Sprint Store in Wells Road near Orange Park.

2/10 construction materials were stolen from a McDonald’s restaurant under construction on Blanding Boulevard in Middleburg.

Burglary to Structures

2/14 two new microwave ovens were stolen from homes under construction on Chestnut Ridge Way in Oakleaf Plantation.

2/13 a table game was damaged inside a home on Lakeview Street in Keystone Heights.

2/12 miscellaneous electronics items were stolen from a home on Logan Avenue near Orange Park.

2/11 two bicycles were stolen from a backyard shed at a home on Inglewood Drive in Middleburg.

2/11 a front door was damaged and miscellaneous accounting equipment was stolen from Corbitt’s Produce on U.S. Highway 17 in Green Cove Springs.

Burglary to Autos

2/13 power tools were stolen from a vehicle at a home in Rustic Oak Trail in Middleburg.

2/12 a vehicle had glass damaged on it at a home on Pebble Sand Lane in Oakleaf Plantation. Nothing was reported missing.

2/11 miscellaneous personal and electronic items were stolen from a vehicle at a home on Linkside Drive on Fleming Island.

2/11 glass was damaged and miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen from a ransacked vehicle on Thoroughbred Drive in the Silver Leaf section of Oakleaf Plantation.

2/10 construction tools were stolen from the back of a vehicle at the Middleburg Winn Dixie on Blanding Boulevard.

Criminal Mischief

2/14 paint was damaged on a vehicle at a home on Spencer Road near Orange Park.

2/12 fencing and playground equipment was damaged and spray painted on at Waverly Community Park in Oakleaf Plantation.

2/10 a small community park was vandalized with graffiti at Spencer Plantation Boulevard in Argyle.





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Jake & Scout Award winner Rebekah Harp, center, is shown here with her parents.

Clay Humane honors volunteers, advocates

FLEMING ISLAND – The Clay County Humane Society honored some of its most dedicated volunteers and a number community animal advocates at its annual Vol-

unteer Appreciation Dinner on Jan. 27 on Fleming Island.

CCHS recognized individuals and businesses for their outstanding contributions in 2016 in advancing the mission of the organization in “the prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, and the extension of humane education.”

Mary Ann Baugh was named Volunteer of the Year, JudiBelle Roman was named Humane Educator of the Year, Black Knight was named Humane Business of the Year, Keiko Day & Rachel Janosz were named Employee of the Year, Kim Pugh was honored with a Recognition Award, as were Frank and Chrissy Yournette.

Special recognition was also given posthumously to Kim Stordahl, founder and president of The Old Dog House for her efforts to save animals. The Old Dog House is a Jacksonville-based nonprofit dedicated to rescuing senior dogs.

Clay Humane also presented The Jake & Scout award, which is awarded to the individual that goes above and beyond in their dedication to animal welfare. Reserved for a person whose efforts create a more humane world, the Jake & Scout award is the animal welfare equivalent of a Lifetime Achievement Award.

This year's recipient, Rebekah Harp, is a teacher at W.E. Cherry Elementary School where she created the Junior Humane Society, a club that welcomes all students, and has helped cultivate a sense of kindness, responsibility, and compassion for animals in hundreds of children over the years.

Harp also operates Muttworks, a program in which jewelry and artwork are crafted and sold to benefit animals in the community. She also recently won a “Positively Jax” Award from WJXT Channel 4 for her efforts on behalf of local nonprofits. Described as the epitome of activism, Harp has orchestrated fundraisers, volunteered at animal sanctuaries, and has incorporated kindness to all creatures into her Sunday school lessons and hosted an animal-themed vacation bible school. Rebekah recently held a successful animal expo at her church that both showcased different rescue groups and raised money for them.

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Rogue Gallery expanding with new kid-centric vision at the forefront

By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Dustin Brunell created a business model on making oases out of art deserts.

When he opened the Rogue Gallery of Orange Park last April, he wanted to root his comic book shop firmly in an area where there not a comic book shop – but in a place where art was taken for granted.

Now, with community support, he wants to make The Rogue Gallery Comic Book Shop a household name.

Brunell has partnered with Andy Morlock of the childhood reading advocacy nonprofit Superheroes of Literacy to open a second storefront on Jacksonville's Northside focused on colorful, interesting books to encourage the love of reading among young people.

Four years ago, Morlock read weekly to classrooms full of children while wearing superhero t-shirts. He has since expanded the idea to inviting speakers dressed in full superhero costumes, an idea Brunell latched onto almost immediately. Morlock is working on getting more support for the program.

Six months after Brunell opened in April, he asked Morlock to become a partner with him to open and run the new store. The two plan to open their new store on Free Comic Book Day – May 6 – but have not yet found a firm location for the store.



From left, Dustin Brunell and customer Mark Jenkins stand with Andy Morlock outside the Orange Park location of the Rogue Gallery during last month's 'Rogue's Night Out' Jan. 28. Brunell and Jenkins reveal the news about a new store while revealing company shirts.

Morlock is currently looking at a number of promising locations.

With Morlock's help, Brunell hopes to expand superhero-reading events into Clay County Schools, as well.



Andy Morlock holds t-shirt celebrating Heroes of Literacy that advocates reading among youth.



Dustin Brunell stands in the Orange Park location of the Rogue Gallery.

respected as much as it should be anymore because anyone can go onto the internet and download whatever image they like.

"I created what I did here for what was missing," Brunell said. "I grew up in this town, and I knew what it needed, what it didn't have, and what I never saw. I didn't want to go to Jacksonville... If you look at the Northside, there's schools everywhere – no shops for these young people to go to."

He slowly began to realize the same went for writers and their work, and wanted to work to change that.

Brunell said the new store would have children at the forefront.

"When you can go to a place where they're safe from that, and pick up a book that is safe for them to pick up and they can hang out, talk shop and everything with everyone else – that's a thing man. That's powerful," he said.

Morelock said that means costume contests, book specials and community events. His store will feature a 'Smash Card.' Children who meet their school's reading requirements will walk out of the store with free merchandise.

The Orange Park location will host its first 'Kids Go Rogue' event at the Orange Park store located at 2186 Park Ave. for kids to become better engaged with the store. Children can participate in a costume contest and other activities with the hope being children become a part of the community and develop a lifetime love of reading.

"If kids don't think it's important to read now, they won't read later," Brunell said. "My daughter will walk up and pick up Charles Dickens and ask her to read it to you. She wants to read because it's interesting now... If you've got a child, and all of a sudden they come to you and ask, 'Hey, I've read this book, can I read it to you?' Dude – I can't tell you what that feels like."

To learn more about Superheroes of Literacy, contact Andy Morlock at northsidecomics@gmail.com.

Morlock approached Grove Park Elementary administrators to pitch the program to them. The school has since sponsored the program. Morlock hopes to continue to spread the program through the school system from its Orange Park epicenter.

"I don't want children to feel like reading is a punishment – I want them to want to read," said Brunell, who has a six-year-old daughter. "When my daughter first started, she hated it, absolutely hated it. It was hard for her when she first started so she didn't want to do it."

"We started picking up books from [the shop] to bring them to the house so she can read them, and it was easier for her to take her time reading and not worry about an assignment. It was 'I'm enjoying this, so I want to read it.' It's a powerful thing."

Morelock formed Superheroes of Literacy to combat technologies' incursion on the intrinsic value of a paper book.

The new store will donate 10 percent of its profits to local PTAs with the caveat that the money is used exclusively for a literature program.

"We want to promote not just comic books, we want to be the gateway to real literacy. We want them to also pick up novels eventually," Morlock said.

The Orange Park location opened with the idea of watering Clay County's artscape through local artist promotion, bringing in out of town artists and hosting Clay County's first art walk. He said artists' work isn't

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Second title for Eagles

Suhrer double-tap seals Golden Eagles' soccer title

By Randy Lefko
 Sports Editor

DELAND – After a 0-0 tie at the halftime break, Fleming Island High boys soccer coach Frank Pontore asked his team to

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Fleming Island High's soccer team gets team selfie from forward Reed Davis after winning the Class 4A state title 4-0 over Doral Academy of Hollywood on Feb. 18 in Deland. Fleming Island coach Frank Pontore now has two state titles with Golden Eagles.

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO



Six state titles

St. Johns County Day School soccer players smile to celebrate first goal in Lady Spartans' 2-0 win over Lakeland Christian in the Class 1A championship on Wed., Feb. 15 in Deland. **See page 38 for story.**



Final Four bound

Fleming Island High girls basketball coach Joey Williams celebrates after the buzzer of the Lady Golden Eagles' 63-53 win in the Region 1-8A final against Tallahassee Lincoln on Feb. 17 on the Golden Eagles' home court. Fleming Island travels to Lakeland Friday for a state semi-final game against South Broward High. **See page 32 for story.**



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Durden sparks Golden Eagles to Final Four

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND – Freshman Rayna Durden spent more time in the air, on the floor and smiling than the rest of the Fleming Island High School girls basketball team and the effort fueled a 63-53 region 1-8A championship win over Tallahassee Lincoln (17-9) Feb. 17 at Fleming Island High School.

"I've been trying to prove to coach Williams that I can play at this level," said Durden, who played on the junior varsity volleyball team at Fleming Island High School also. "I just know how to play hard and compete."

Durden's sister, Kenya Johnson, is a graduated Fleming Island High point guard who played guard at the University of Evansville in Indiana. Johnson was on hand for the game.

Fleming Island led 30-20 at the half then held off a fourth quarter push by Lincoln behind scrappy defense and opportunistic offensive play, plus a slew of clutch free throws from Hope Rozier and Aubrey Burke. Burke finished as high scorer for the Golden Eagles with 19 points with one three-pointer.

"We just had more heart tonight," said Burke, a sophomore. "We've worked to get here and get to state."

The Golden Eagles (28-2) advance to the Class 8A state semifinals in Lakeland at the Lakeland Civic Center on Fri., Feb. 24 to face South Broward High of Hollywood (28-3). Broward, who won Class 5A

titles in 1998, four consecutive titles from 2000-2003 and a 6A title in 2008, defeated Fort Lauderdale in overtime 73-69 to win their region championship game. South Broward, with a 52-16 record in state tournament play, is fourth on the Florida championships record with six titles behind Ribault's 10, Dillard's nine and Laurel Hill's seven. Fleming Island has played in just region semifinal games prior to 2017; in 2004 and from 2012-2015.

The other half of the state semifinals bracket have Winter Haven (25-4) facing off with Gulf Coast of Naples (26-2). Semifinal games start at noon.

Winter Haven has a long history in the Final Four with 13 appearances dating back to 1994 with state titles in 2005 and 2007. Gulf Coast has never played beyond the region finals in 10 region playoff berths dating back to 1999.

The 8A championship game is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 25.

Fleming Island High coach Joey Williams, in his second year, did not have a smooth ride through the season with an early season loss to Creekside in district play.

"I think the girls practice hard every day for situations like Molly Ragle going down (knee) and Clare Ragle going down (knee)," said Williams. "Each time, I had to elevate someone to step up, including Rayna, and they responded. Somebody came through and answered each time. Amazing."

Williams lost guard Tia Robinson to fouls as the fourth quarter started and



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island High guard Tia Robinson drives hard past the Lincoln bench in first half action against the Lady Trojans in the Region 1-8A final won 63-53 by the Golden Eagles.



Fleming Island sophomore Aubrey Burke finished as team leader in scoring with 19 points coming mainly off hard drives to the basket and offensive rebounds converted to layups.



Region 1-8A Champions

Fleming Island High School's girls basketball team, coached by Joey Williams, right, shows off their best number ones after winning region 1-8A title over Tallahassee Lincoln 63-53 on Feb. 17. Golden Eagles head to Final Four action Friday at noon at Lakeland Civic Center with the state semi-final game against South Broward High School.

needed some help bringing the ball up-court against the rugged press defense of Lincoln.

"I rely on her to bring the ball up and when she went out, we asked Hope to do that task," said Williams. "I remember Middleburg where we had to pull her and Middleburg took advantage and beat us. We took that game and prepared for this situation."

Fleming Island opened up against the taller, seemingly more athletic Lincoln squad by racing to a 13-7 first quarter lead off three-pointers from guard Malory Sin-sel and a final three from Rozier as Lincoln called time out to try to simmer the momentum shift.

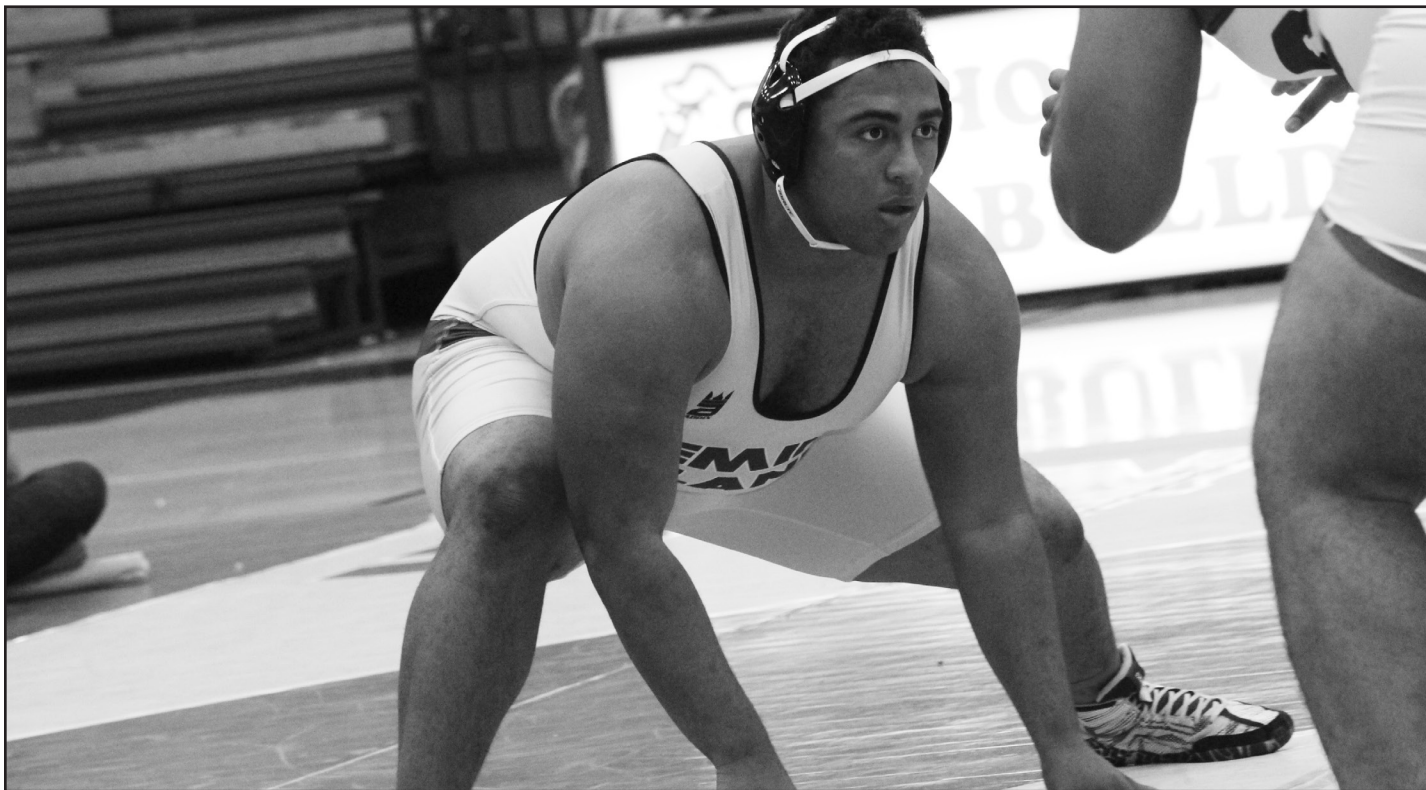
With Durden grabbing rebounds and also getting into the fast break scheme, Fleming Island continued to roll up the score to a 28-13 deficit with three minutes

left in the half.

In the second half, Lincoln made a final push to close the gap and ran the score to as close as 37-36 with 2:23 left in the third quarter.

Durden, with a layup and a jumper off a feed from Rozier pushed Fleming Island back to a comfortable 41-36 lead as the fourth quarter began. Robinson fouled out just before the start of the fourth quarter to force Williams to put Rozier in to bring the ball up court.

In the final two minutes, with Fleming Island holding on to a 51-46 lead, it was Burke who hit seven free throws on nine tries to keep Lincoln at bay to the final 63-53 score. Burke finished with eight of 12 free throws for the night. Rozier finished with 13 points with one three-pointer with guard Lizzie Labas hitting two more three-pointers on the night.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island High heavyweight Jose "Big Cat" Concepcion eyeballs Flagler Palm Coast's Vincent Eubanks in championship match at District 1-3A tournament.

Golden Eagles dominate 1-3A wrestling

Seven district champions

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

PALM COAST – Seven individual champions fueled a dominant team performance by the Fleming Island High wrestling team as they cruised to a 293 point total and a near-50 point spread on runnerup Flagler Palm Coast in the District 1-3A wrestling championships held Saturday at Flagler Palm Coast High School. Champions crowned were Briar Jackson, Albie Snedaker, Paul Detwiler, Ben Sann, Jason Davis, Ryan Smenda and Brandyne Mackey.

"We've been working our butts off all season," said Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbert. "We're in good shape, but we just have to clean up some technique."

Wrestling action continues on Sat., Feb. 25 with the Region 1-3A championships to be held again at Flagler Palm Coast High School. Top four finishers at regions advance to the state championship meet a week later at Kissimmee's Silver Spurs Arena.

Fleming Island scored their win with a

state-leading 293 team points with Flagler second at 237.5. The top teams from districts 1-3, which encompasses the region 1-3A lineup, include Winter Springs, in district 3-3A with 238.5 points over Hagerty's 175.5; Apopka, in district 2-3A with 211 points ahead of Orlando Evans' 161.5 points for second place, and Freedom winning district 4-3A with 225 points with Timber Creek second at 151.5. Fleming Island, with Ryan Smenda and Jason Davis region champs, won last year's region 1-3A championship with 187.5 points over Winter Springs' 156 and Flagler's 150.5. Winter Springs, with nine district championships from last week, returns with three defending region champions.

In last year's Class 3A state meet, South Dade won with 140 points with Fleming Island sixth at 72, Winter Springs seventh at 68 and Flagler eighth at 66 to set up this year's region championship as a precursor to next week's state championship meet.

"We've been primed to have a great run here," said Fleming Island senior Jason Davis, a two-time third place winner at 195 pounds. "We had a two week period after our last meet that has gotten us re-

charged, recovered, injury free and primed to go. We are a solid nine on a 10 scale on readiness."

Fleming Island has won the district title the past three years over Flagler with both teams tying for the title three years ago.

"I think we are coming together as a unit," said Davis. "If you watch our guys compete, the entire team is usually on the corner watching and coaching up. That's a big deal to know your team has your back if you get lost out there. It's a whole new dynamic this year that has kept us close as a team."

In matches featuring Fleming Island battling Flagler Palm Coast wrestlers, at 106, Jackson stopped Flagler's Christian Sheppard 14-5; at 113, Flagler's Michael DeAugustino, a state runnerup last year, beat Fleming Island's Deandre Demus a third time this year 3-2 in what may be also a region final clash; at 120, Flagler's Avery Holder, fifth in 3A last year, beat Fleming Island's Jacob Sandoval; at 138, Flagler's Michael Martins beat Fleming Island's Vince Hauser 7-1; at 153, Fleming Island's Paul Detwiler beat Flagler's Cur-

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Blue Devils win all but two district titles

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE – Clay High put nine wrestlers at the top of the podiums Saturday afternoon at Jacksonville Raines High School en route to a blowout win in the District 3-1A championships.

Champions crowned were Lou Gagliardo, Chris Merring, Peyton Hughes, Dylan Fabiani, Cody Taylor, Keath Sawdo, Dylan Taylor, Kaleb Collins and Kurt Jackson.

Justin Byler and Ryan Rivers both advanced to next week's Region 1-1A meet

on Feb. 24-25 at Clay with top four wrestlers at region advancing to the Class 1A state championships in Kissimmee on March 4-5.

Clay scored 220.5 team points for the win with Yulee second at 175 and Westside third at 113.5.

District 3-2A wrestling Raiders wrestlers back on top of district

Six champions for Orange Park

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

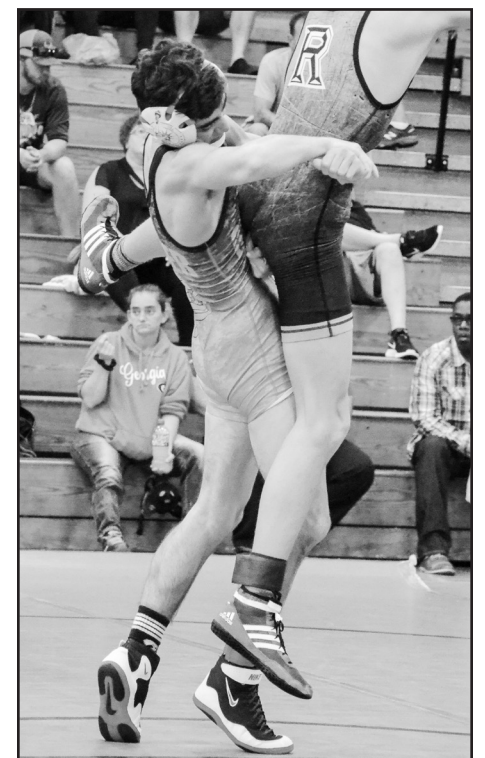
JACKSONVILLE – Orange Park High wrestling Justin Daniels fulfilled a prophecy of sorts by returning home with a district wrestling championship behind six champions and after a close battle with county rivals Middleburg and Ridgeview at the District 3-2A championships on Saturday at Terry Parker High School. Champions and top four finishers advance to the Region 1-2A championships at Tallahassee Lincoln High School on Feb. 24-25.

"It feels good to get the district trophy back at Orange Park High School," said Raider coach Justin Daniels. "There has been a strong history of wrestling from this school and we were a little upset that we just missed the title last year. We scored a lot of bonus point wins in our matches with pins and major decisions."

Orange Park finished first with 183 team points just ahead of Middleburg with 178 and Ridgeview with 149 points.

Champions crowned for the Raiders were Cameron Broughton, Frank Sawyer,

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CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY PATRICK CRAWFORD
Orange Park High's Frank Sawyer lifts and tosses Ridgeview's Jonathan Kaylor in 113 championship match.

Eagles

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“Man up” and play Fleming Island style soccer; running through loose balls, banging bodies with opponents and taking control of tense situations.

“Wow, unbelievable. I literally questioned their manhood and told them to play our style of ball,” said Pontore. “They kind of were sleeping in the first half. They woke up. This is a great second half team.”

Senior forward Mark Suhrer must have been listening as he tapped in two goals; one a high-flying header, junior forward Reed Davis smashed one and senior Alex Cruz won a one-on-one breakaway as the Golden Eagles put away the Doral Academy Firebirds 4-0 to win the Class 4A soccer title Saturday afternoon in Deland.

“That first one I said, ‘no way that is going in’,” said Suhrer, a senior. “When Marcus played his ball over, I just hit it as hard as I could with my head.”

Fleming Island (28-1-2) finishes the season with just one regular season loss, two overtime region wins and a thrilling overtime state semifinal win to complete the task and give Pontore his second title with Fleming Island. Pontore also produced a title at Orange Park High School.

Goalie Omar Zermeno, with seven saves, was spectacular in goal for a second straight game with a handful of diving stabs of shots from the Firebirds to preserve the win. Doral, with a 24-4-1 overall record, came in looking a little bigger, maybe faster and, at first, more aggressive against the Fleming Island lineup and even scored the first shot on goal of the game that created a corner kick at the Golden Eagle end of the field. “We are usually hard



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island's forward Mark Suhrer watches as his header goes over Doral Academy goalie Bryan Lasseter's outstretched hand for first goal of Golden Eagles' 4-0 win. Suhrer scored twice.

nosed from the start, but that first half was not us,” said Pontore. “We knew they were going to pinch on Marcus and Reed and Mark would be the key target for us.”

Zermeno's first major save on goal came at the 37 minute mark. From the save, Doral, with the wind at their backs, would be awarded with another corner kick as the Fleming Island defense was unable to get forwards Reed Davis, 50 goals, and Marcus Murphy, 17 goals, the ball past the 50 yard line. Davis, with 33 minutes left in the half, would intercept a clearing pass from Doral's goalie that looked to be a breakaway attempt, but the Doral defense was quick to avert Davis outside the goal box.

Doral's strongest shot on goal came near the half, at 29:35 to go, came off an intercept of a throw-in from Fleming Island defender Ryan Perry that became a laser shot to the right side goal post behind Zer-

meno.

“He had a great game and a great Final Four series,” said Pontore.

The Firebirds would persist after the near-goal with three consecutive throws deep in Fleming Island territory that resulted in zero shots on goal.

Two corner kicks by Murphy failed with Andrew Labelle's header going over the goal crossbar and the other being picked off by Doral goalie Bryan Lasseter.

With 3:58 left in the half, Murphy found himself centered in front of the Doral goal and ripped a hard shot just inches left of the goal post.

With 25 seconds left in the half, Davis was tripped up about 40 yards right of center and given a free kick attempt that failed. In the second half, with the wind behind them, Fleming Island seemed energized by Nature's aid as Pontore's instructions were to go fast and forward. Doral was still pushing forward themselves with Zermeno crashing into a Firebird striker in the goal box causing a momentary stop in play.

“We were playing Fleming Island ball,” said Pontore. “We were on our heels that first half. Mark's first goal made us click.”

Inside the 30 minutes to go in the game, Zermeno was peppered with three straight shots on goal that were on goal but not dangerously fast as Doral was still able to get inside the Fleming Island defense.

At 24:38, Trevor Broadbridge retrieved

a loose ball at midfield and found Murphy in the deep left corner of Doral's defense while Suhrer lurked near the right side of the Doral. Murphy fancy-footed a Doral defender before launching a high loft toward the center of the goal box that Suhrer timed his head to smash the ball up and left of Doral goalie Bryan Lasseter's outstretched hand for the first goal of the day.

Suhrer's goal woke up the Doral attack as the Firebirds starting aggressively advancing the ball forward.

“They held us that first half, but Mark's goal woke us up and we started to play our game,” said Davis, who finished with four shots on goal and an assist. “I'm glad Mark got to get the big plays today as a senior.”

Fleming Island also revved their engines as Davis took a solo advance nearly to the left post of the goal before pounding a shot directly into Lasseter that he repelled for a corner kick.

At 15:04, Doral again got a series of corner kicks, but Zermeno was determined to not let anything go bad at this point.

Davis apparently broke free from a tangle with a Doral defender at 14:36 to go in what would have been a one-on-one situation, but officials called a yellow card foul on Davis to put the ball in the opposite direction. At 12 minutes to go, Suhrer was in front of Lasseter with two defenders closing before taking a hard shot with his left foot that Lasseter rejected back to Suhrer. Suhrer continued his assault with an outside tap from his right foot that put the ball in the net for his second goal of the day. “That one was just being at the right place at the right time,” said Suhrer. “It was like slow motion because I had to switch to hit it with my right leg and thought he would have enough time to react.”

Just three minutes later, a 9:30 to go, Davis executed a nifty foot and ball clinic about 30 yards out as the Doral defenders tried in vain to defend him before Davis smashed a left footer that hit the inside of the right side post and caromed into the net for a 3-0 lead.

Less than a minute to go and it was Cruz' time to light one up with a breakaway that put him face-to-face with Lasseter about 15 yards out from his goal. Cruz zigged and zagged twice before tapping the final goal of the day in for a 4-0 Fleming Island advantage.



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Fleming Island High's 152 pound wrestler Paul Detwiler gets set to turn over opponent in District 1-3A championship meet Saturday at Flagler Palm Coast. Detwiler won 152 pound weight division and is rated as top contender for Saturday's Region 1-3A championships.



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Oakleaf High 138 pound wrestlers Ethan Gustillo holds on tight for back points in early match at the District 1-3A championships. Gustillo and four Oakleaf teammates advanced with top four finishes to this week's Region 1-3A championships at Flagler Palm Coast High School.

Wrestling

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Island's Paul Detwiler beat Flagler's Curtis Brock by pin; at 160; at 170, Flagler's Steve Candidate beat Fleming Island's Jalyln Robinson 4-3; at 182, Fleming Island's Jason Davis pinned Flagler's Eddie Bryant; at 220, Fleming Island's Brandyne Macket beat Flagler's Tyler Irigoyen 3-1 and, at 285, Flagler's Vincent Eubanks beat Fleming Island's Jose Concepcion in overtime

3-2.

"Jose has had a lot of overtimes for the season," said Cobbert. "He's got to learn to close out. It's all about the coin flip too."

Also in district 1-3A action, Oakleaf High finished sixth with 56 points with five wrestlers in the top four to advance to regions; Cam'Ron Dove, Ryan Rosano, Ethan Gustillo, Vince Karl and Dexter Moore.

Dove, a freshman, faced off against Buchholz' Bryan Perkins and lost in the consolation final 20-2 to finish fourth; Rosano, took third in 113 over Sandalwood's Leon

Cruz 5-0; Gustillo, took third with a 13-4 win over Mandarin's Gunner Stier at 126; Karl lost to Fleming Island's Trace Insalaco at 132 by pin and Moore, at 195, finished fourth with a 12-5 loss to Robert E. Lee's David Johnson.

"Cam'Ron got thrown in there from junior varsity after a kid quit and has fought his battles well," said Oakleaf coach Wes Champs. "Dexter is a strong athlete that has worked hard to learn to wrestle in his first year and Ethan has been one of the faster learners on the team. We just have

to get him to slow down a bit and finish. Ryan is a returning state qualifier in a very tough bracket."

Rosano, 1-2 at states last year, lost to eventual district runnerup Rayquan Piper of Fletcher who was beaten in the final by Snedaker of Fleming Island. Gustillo lost in the 126 semifinal to Sandoval of Fleming Island. Karl got pinned in the 132 semifinal by Buchholz Gant Moore, a state qualifier last year. Dexter Moore lost his first match to Fletcher's Stepanyan, the district runnerup to Smenda.

Raiders

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Jacob Campbell, Nartorian Lee, Reed Danielson and Tyler DeHart. With top four finishes were Dean Ganci, second at 120; Robert McGlynn, second at 132; Dasher St. Vilus, third at 138; Abraham Sunworbah, fourth at 145, and Noah St. Vilus, second at 195.

"Guys like Frank Sawyer, Nartorian Lee and Tyler DeHart have set the example in the wrestling room," said Daniels. "They have taken the guys we have, gotten through some injuries and stuff and put it all together at the district meet. We figured we needed more than three-point decisions to take the team title from Middleburg."

Middleburg maintained a slight lead through most of the district meet until Orange Park's Reed Danielson, at 182, pinned Bronco Bryan Heflin in the semifinal match then won his championship match against Michel Augustin of Englewood.

"When Reed pinned the Heflin kid, it got us the lead and the guys were fired up to keep it," said Daniels. "Tyler came up big with a pin in his championship match to give us enough to win despite their guy (Bailey Barnard at 285) pinning his finals' guy."

Middleburg had championships from Chris Burch, Bryce Williams and Bailey Barnard with top four finishers go-

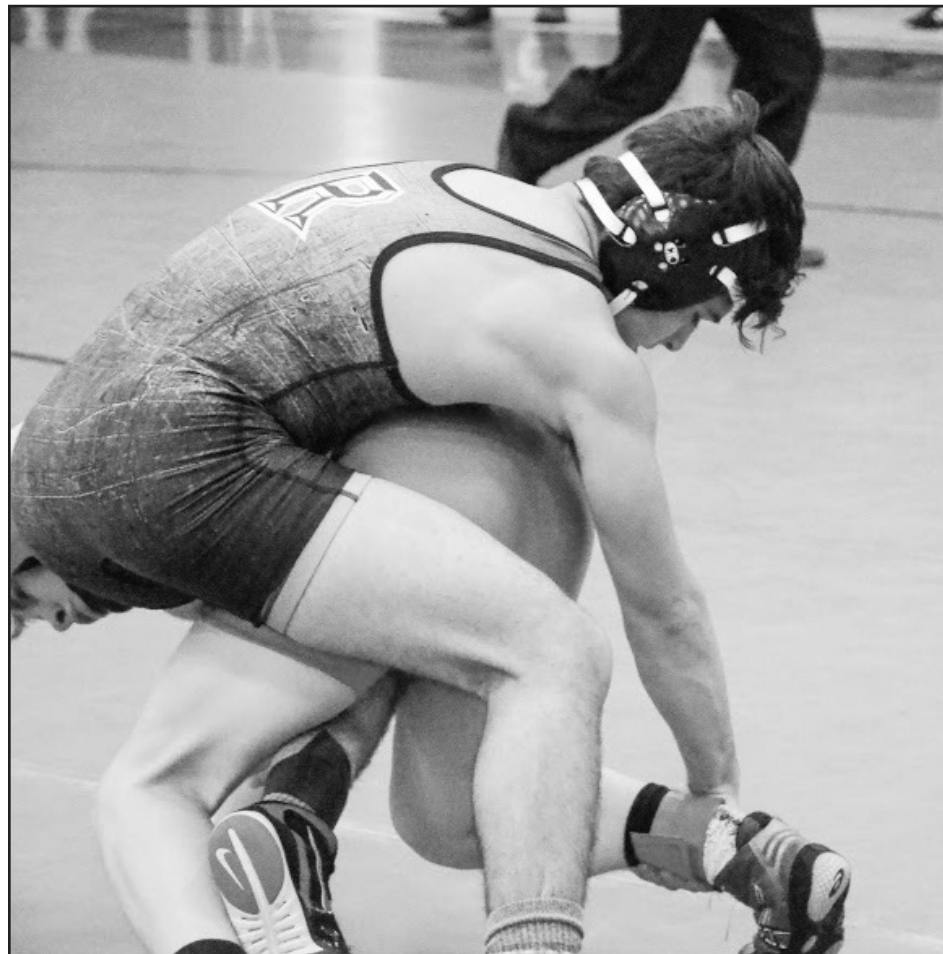
ing to region including Logan Kline, third at 113; Dustin Tollison, second at 138; Trenton Carroll, second at 145; Joe Manfredi, fourth at 152; Cody Eastwood, third at 160; Dylan Hanna, second at 170, and Bryan Heflin, second at 182.

Ridgeview had championships from Marcus Reid, Jr., Saeid Ejmali and Malachi Martin with top four finishes by Gabriel Guzman, third at 106; Jonathan Kaylor, second at 113; Tanner Belden, second at 1326; Jacob McGowon, third at 132; Reed Propes, second at 152; Keine Avery, fourth at 170, and Kenneth Tresvant, third at 285.

Middleburg won the Region 1-2A title last year with Lincoln second, Orange Park eighth and Ridgeview 14th. Two Middleburg wrestlers who finished in the top four last year at the region 1-2A championships; Briar Jackson and Kurt Jackson, are now wrestling for Fleming Island High and Clay High, respectively. Eastwood and Heflin both wrestled at the region meet, but did not finish in the top four spots for a state meet invite.

For the Raiders; Ganci, Sawyer, Lee, Dasher St. Vilus and Danielson return to regions with Lee the lone wrestler advancing to state.

For Ridgeview; Reid and Ejmali both return to the regions but with Ridgeview High School. Belden competed in last year's region meet but did not advance to state.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY PATRICK CRAWFORD

Ridgeview High's Saeid Ejmali goes for ankle in championship match at District 3-2A meet. Ejmali and teammates Marcus Reid and Malach Martin won district titles and advanced to the Region 1-2A championships at Tallahassee Lincoln on Feb. 24-25. Ridgeview also had seven wrestlers finish in top four to also advance to regions.

Miller tops River Day 8K

Chiang second for women

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – Fleming Island High School state cross country runner Andrew Miller and Orange Park Junior High trackster Mei Chiang both had outstanding pre-season tuneups Saturday afternoon with top finishes at the annual River Day 8K (4.97 miles) road race staged at Grace Episcopal School in Orange Park.

Miller, 17, a junior at Fleming Island High, held off a tough final surge from Jacksonville runner Douglas Baasch, 30, to win in 26 minutes, 51 seconds. Baasch finished in 27:18. Miller's Golden Eagle teammate, Gage West, 16, took third in 29:17.

For the women, Jacksonville resident Rachel McFarlane, 26, won in 28:09 to finish an impressive third overall just ahead of West, while Chiang finished second in 31:29 for eighth overall in the field of 422 runners. Third woman was Jacksonville's Lydia McRae, 35, in 31:52.

Master's titles went to Shawn Svehla, 55, of Hilliard, in 32:11 and Cari Holbrook, 40, of Jacksonville, in 35:31.

Area male runners that took age group honors were, in Men 11-13, Taylen Bader, 12, of Green Cove Springs, in 38:29; in Men 14-19, Kameron Wallizada, 14, of Fleming Island, in 33:36; in Men 40-44, George Simcox, 43, of Middleburg, in 32:22; in Men 45-49, Scott Olivolo, 48, of Middleburg, in 35:17; in Men 70-74, George White, 70, of Orange Park, in 38:26, and, in Men 80-Up, Wellford Reed, 80, of Flem-



Orange Park Junior High's Mei Chiang crossed the finish line as second female with time of 31:29 in River Day 8K road race.

ing Island, in 1:10:13.

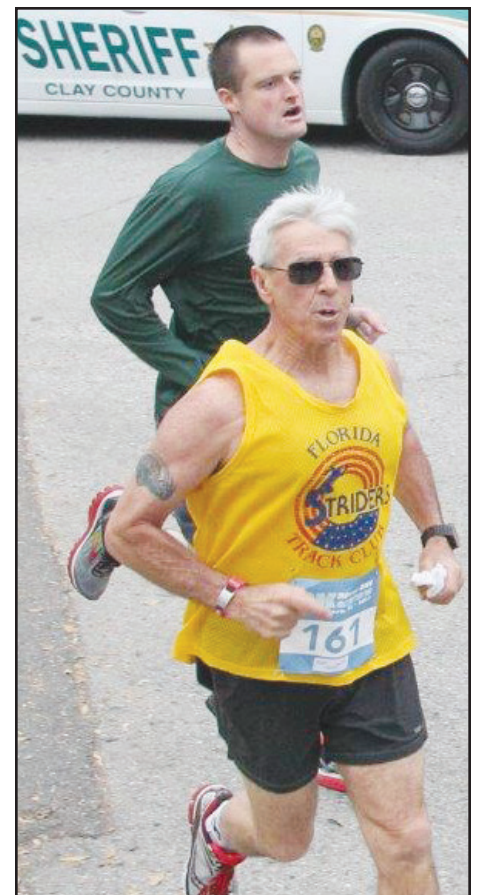
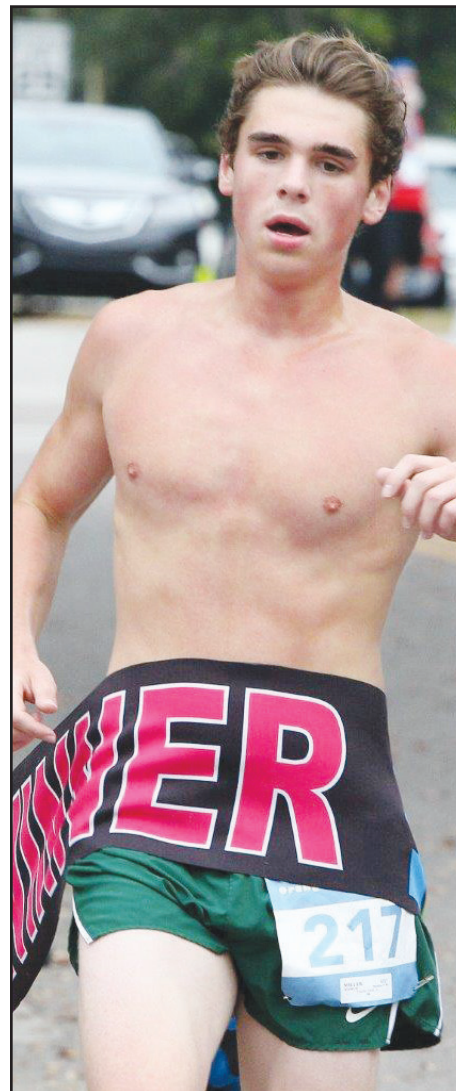
For the women, age group first were earned by, in Women Under 11, Katherine Tillis, 10, Green Cove Springs, in 43:59; in Women 11-13, Ava Jordan, 12, of Fleming Island, in 43:58; in Women 14-19, Jacqueline Cascante, 14, of Fleming Island, in 40:32; in Women 40-44, Jennifer Szala, 42, of Middleburg, in 39:36; in Women 55-59, Shelli West, 55, of Green Cove Springs, in 45:30, and, in Women 65-69, Dee Robertson-Lee, 66, of Fleming Island, in 57:08.

In the adjoining 5K (3.1 miles) race, Allison Gubitz, 25, of Jacksonville bested the field in 20:50 with Marisa Kortright, 14, of Middleburg, getting second overall just ahead of top male runner Tyler Noble, 15, of Keystone Heights, who took third in 22:21.



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Kids take off in Fun Run as part of River Day running races at Grace Episcopal Church on Saturday. Runners also ran an 8K race and a 5K race.



Left: Fleming Island High School cross country state meet runner Andrew Miller won the overall title, while running veteran George White, right, took top honors in the mens' 70-74 division.

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Dressel named conference swim MVP

Neidigh wins 1,650 free

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — University of Florida junior freestyle swim specialist Caeleb Dressel, a Clay High School graduate and two-time Rio Olympic gold medalist, won the Southeastern Conference Male Swimmer of the Meet award for totaling the highest number of individual points. Dressel collected 96 points, 32 for each of his three individual event wins, and was also a part of four relay victories.

On Sat., Feb. 18, at the Allan Jones Aquatic Center, the Florida men's swimming & diving team captured its fifth-straight SEC Championship, scoring 1,271.5 points over the five-day meet. The Gators have won 38 men's conference titles in program history, which is rivaled only by Kentucky men's basketball's 47 titles in the history of the Southeastern Conference.

SEE SWIM, 39



Orange Park resident Ashley Neidigh shows off her gold medal after winning the 1,650 freestyle at the Southeastern Conference championships. Neidigh was second in 500.

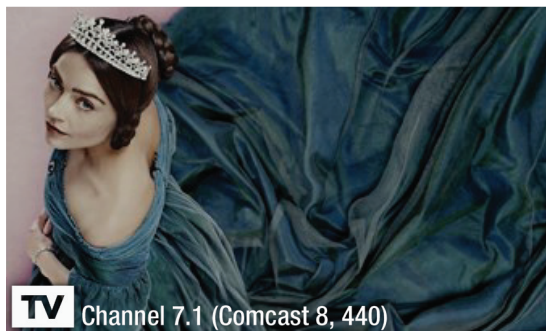
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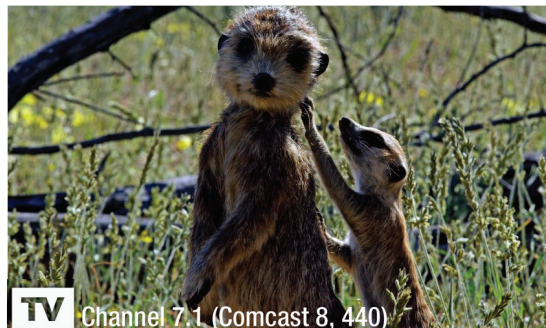
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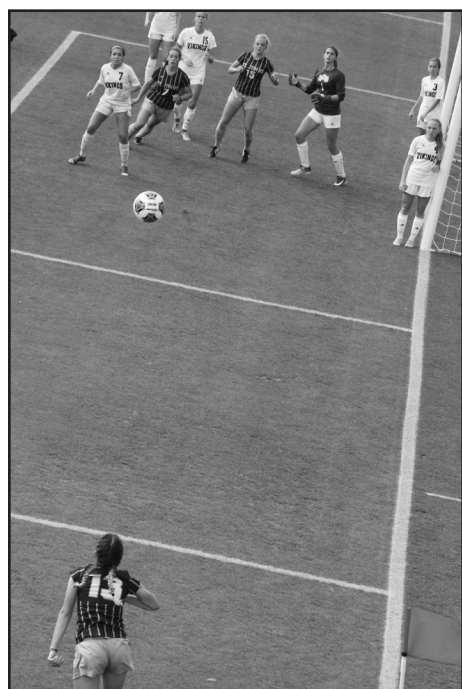
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Lady Spartans get sixth state soccer title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

DELAND – In a championship game reminiscent of the United States women's team World Cup championship over Japan on a brutally sunny day in Canada, the 40 miles per hour winds in Deland's Spec Martin Stadium became the focal point of St. Johns Country Day School girls soccer coach Mike Pickett's strategy for the Feb. 15 Class 1A title defense against Lakeland Christian.

With the gusts at his team's backs, Pickett employed a heavy full frontal attack mode on the field that ended two quick first



St. Johns Country Day School benefited from the great throw-ins from Payton Walton, No. 13, whenever the Spartans got near the Lakeland Christian goal area.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

St. Johns Country Day School recorded their sixth straight state title (all in Class 1A) with a 2-0 win over Lakeland Christian at Deland's Spec Martin Stadium. The Lady Spartans scored two first half goals on a blustery windy day then held off Lakeland Christian with solid defense in the second half. After a self goal off a long throw-in, St. Johns junior Abbey Newton scored the second goal.

half goals and a final 2-0 championship win. The USA women's team, with the sun glaring into the eyes of the Japan team's goalie, scored four quick goals, three by all star Carli Lloyd, en route to a 5-2 World Cup championship in Vancouver in 2015.

"Obviously the wind played into the strategy and when we got the two quick goals for the half, we didn't need to get more in the second half, so we protected out goal," said Pickett, with the sixth con-

secutive Class 1A trophy returning to Orange Park with an unbeaten 28-0-0 season record. "The field is much smaller and the wind being what it was limited what we could do. It was ugly, but we did what we had to do."

With just two minutes off the clock, St. Johns first goal was a scramble in front of the Lakeland goal that became a self-goal off a long throw-in from Payton Walton while junior stalwart Abbey Newton landed



St. Johns junior Alisa Detlefsen sets up for free kick in second half action. Detlefsen, Payton Crews and Abbey Newton all shifted to midfield defenders in windy second half.

the second goal off a traditional power kick from about 18 yards out.

"I don't think any of us hit the first one," said Newton, who was closest to the ball before it fell into the net. "I think one of their girls hit it."

Newton's goal came at the 32:58 mark to end the scoring for the day. St. Johns goalie Cassidy Wassdin made a spectacular diving save of a second half penalty kick to preserve the shut out.



St. Johns Country Day School forward Kamy Loustau gets hammered over top by Lakeland Christian's goalie on a corner kick attempt by the Spartans.



St. Johns County Day School goalie Cassidy Wassdin preserved the Spartans' 2-0 shutout with a spectacular diving save off a penalty kick awarded to Lakeland Christian late in the second half. Spartan teammate Abbey Newton, No. 20, reacts with fist pump after Wassdin's save.

Swim

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Dressel won the 50 free in 18.46 over Alabama's Zane Waddell's 19.17; won the 100 free in 41.24 over Missouri's Michael Chadwick's 41.95, and won the 100 butterfly in 44.21 over Florida teammate Jan Switkowski's 45.59

"It's always special, especially this group," said head coach Gregg Troy. "We dealt with a lot of adversity this year. I was really happy with the way the team – both the men and the women – dealt with it."

For Auburn University's womens team, Orange Park's Ashley Neidigh, a standout swimmer at Bolles, won the 1650 free in 15:56.95 over Autumn Finke of Florida who swam 16:06.64, then took second in the 500 free in 4:39.91 just a second off the winner's time of 4:38.92, from Sarah Gibson of Texas A&M. Neidigh swam four events at the U.S.Olympic Swim Trials in Omaha.

The Florida women's team, consisting of mostly freshmen and sophomores including Sherridon Dressel, a younger sister to Caeleb Dressel and also a Clay High graduate, placed seventh overall with 624 points. They capped off the night with a silver medal in the 1650 free, which marked their best event finish of the week.

Dressel became a back-to-back SEC champion in the 100 free, touching in 41.24, which marked the fastest time in the nation this year.

The 400 free relay lineup broke an 11-year streak of Auburn taking first in the event. Florida timed an A-cut 2:47.09, a new school record, in the race.

That relay win, Florida's fifth of the week, was a special one – the Gator men have never swept all five relays at the SEC Championships.

Sherridon Dressel competed in the 50 free with a 15th place 22.62 split, and also finished 10th in the 100 free in 48.98.

Grady Heath, a Florida sophomore who also graduated from Clay High School, finished 21st in the 200 free for Florida.

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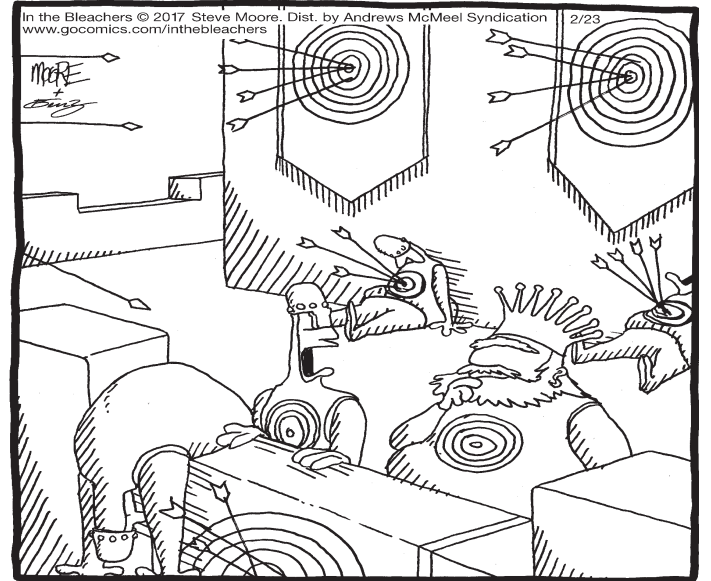
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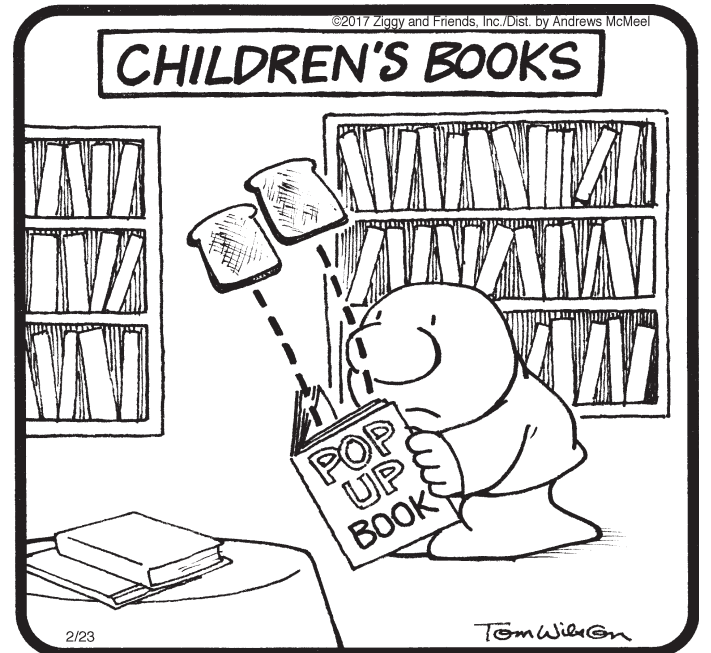
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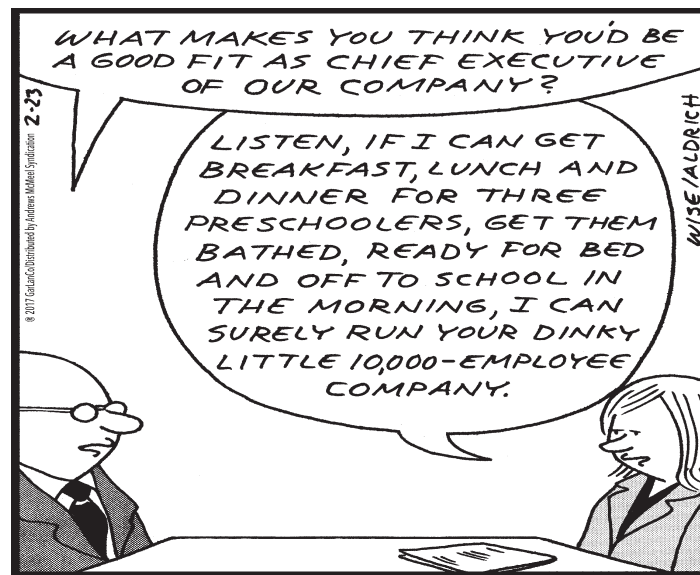
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Panthers lose in season opener against Trinity Christian

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – Facing off against one of the more prominent baseball programs in Florida, the Ridgeview High Panthers baseball team got a big gulp of OMG with a first inning grand slam en route to a 13-3 season opening loss Monday afternoon at Ridgeview High School.

Senior pitcher Tyler Robison hit his second batter, walked his third and got a bunt



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Ridgeview High senior starter Tyler Robison had a rough first inning with a grand slam homer putting Trinity Christian up 4-0.

LEFT: Ridgeview High lefty reliever Marcus Roman stalled a hot-hitting Trinity Christian baseball team at 7-0 in the first inning with a strikeout, but the Panthers still lost 13-3 in their season opener on Mon., Feb. 20 at Ridgeview High School.



Ridgeview High coach John Sgromolo upped the ante with a first game against Trinity Christian, a top-ranked Class 4A program.

against him to load the bases before Trinity hitter Mike Nugent sent a three balls/two strike pitch past the centerfield wall to put the score at 4-0 very quickly.

Ridgeview would try to find an answer to pitch against the hot Trinity bats and lefty Marcus Roman was installed at the end of that first inning with the score at 7-0.

Roman closed the inning with a strikeout, but Ridgeview's bats were ineffective

and ended up with three outs on three at bats.

Down 10-0 into the bottom of the second inning, Ridgeview scored Brandon Dumas from second base on a rocket double from Tyler Robison to avert the shutout.

Ridgeview had a preseason win, 5-3 over Creekside on February 15 and a 12-9 loss to Nease on February 14 as 2017 started with the Clay High preseason tournament.

Knights shut out Raiders

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF – Oakleaf High pitcher Justin Wagers kept control from the mound of the Orange Park High batting lineup, then punched two RBI singles; one in the first inning, the other in the fourth, to score a 5-0 win over the Raiders on Feb. 21, at Oakleaf High School.

Oakleaf had multiple baserunners left on base during the contest with a single run scored in the first inning coming off a Wager single that scored Monte Stevens from third. Stevens walked then stole second and third to set up the scoring hit.

Two flyouts and a strikeout to Ty Andrews left Wagers stuck at third base.

In the second inning, Wager whiffed three Raider batters after a walk put Tyler Childress on base.

In the second inning, Raider pitcher Hunter Hackney walked Tristan Adams then gave up a single to Zach Coon, but Hackney hung tough and got two flyouts; one a brilliant diving stab from centerfielder Bryson Wyche, and a strikeout to Stevens to end the threat.

Wager got three groundouts in his work



Oakleaf High third baseman Keegan Barrs leads a strong infield for the Knights who will be in the very tough district 2-8A lineup with the likes of Fleming Island, Atlantic Coast, Lee and Fletcher.

off the mound with third baseman Keegan Barrs scooping up two of the three bouncing balls.

In the bottom of the third, Wager singled again, stole second and moved on a single to Chris Mauloni that came with a walk to Andrews. Coon answered with a two-run single to put the score at 3-0.

Palatka visits Oakleaf on Thurs., Feb. 23 with Oakleaf traveling to Orange Park on Fri., Feb. 24.

Knights take team titles at Panther Track Invite

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – Boosted by a 1-2 finish in the girls 100 meter dash and wins in two sprint relays, the Oakleaf High girls track team took top honors at the Ridgeview High Panther Track Invitational while the boys were fueled by a state's best triple jump by Melvin Briley and a 1-2 in the long jump with Briley and teammate Anthony Norris to win the boys team title.

Oakleaf's girls scored 114 points to beat Fleming Island's 102.5 points as runnerup with Ridgeview third at 88.5.

For the boys, Oakleaf ran away with 176.5 team points beating Ridgeview's runnerup 113 points and Fleming Island's 74.5 for third.

Briley, nationally ranked in the top five of boys triple jumpers over the summer and track preseason, cranked out a 47 foot, 2.25 inch leap to win handily over Middleburg's Marcus Floyd's 44'-5.5" leap. Briley long jumped 21'-4" to win with Norris second at 20'-8.5" for the 1-2 finish in that event.

For the girls, senior Jaqueline Thomas and sophomore Tahja Peoples went 1-2 in the 100 in 13.33 and 13.34 to edge Clay's Erykah Murray's 13.49 in one of the closer contests of the night.

Oakleaf's girls got wins in the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 relay events for more team



Oakleaf High triple and long jumper Melvin Briley lands in pit during long jump competition at Panther Invitational at Ridgeview High School. Briley and teammate Anthony Norris finished 1-2. Briley also won triple jump.

points.

In a return to the track, Oakleaf distance runner Briana Olazabal bested the 800 field with a 2:36.75 split edging Jordan Mae Detwiler of Fleming Island. The duo were familiar with each from junior high days at Oakleaf Junior High and Lakeside Junior High where both shared exciting county races against each other.

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