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Sidewalk sidelined



Project's dragged on for seven months. No end in sight, area residents fear.

By EMILY STANTON
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Neighborhood residents aren't the only ones frustrated with a sidewalk construction project that has dragged on for seven months along McFarlane Avenue and Grandview Street. So is the Florida Department of Transportation.

According to FDOT records, the job was supposed to have been completed by May 29. As of May 30, the contractor, Core Construction of Jacksonville, has been fined \$966 per day by FDOT. The fines will continue until the work is completed.

In addition, FDOT has issued 15 "deficiency letters" to Core for problems with construction during the project. Deficiency letters are issued to contractors for "continual performance concerns and issues" and "blatant violations or non-compliances," according to the agency's website.

One or two such letters isn't all that rare, but 15 is "unheard of," said Bubba Norton, owner of CurbWorx, a Lake City-based subcontractor on the project.

'A mess'

Summers Elementary kindergarten teacher Keryn Breeden says the construction has been a major headache for her family and the neighborhood.

Residents are forced to take detours due to sidewalk construction along McFarlane Avenue and Grandview Street.

Driving back from work one day in March, she was shocked to discover the driveway of her home of four years — 1221 SW McFarlane Ave. — had been dug up.

A month later the neighboring road, Summerbreeze Place, was closed. Now she has to take a side road to get home.

"It's frustrating," Breeden said. "I don't think there's anything we can do to make them speed up."

George Upshaw was also forced to take an alternate route to his home located at 829 Summerbreeze Place. It's been a struggle getting his truck and trailer through narrow back roads.

Upshaw didn't see a need for a sidewalk when one is on the other side of the street.

"There's a lot more

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Core Construction of Jacksonville sites existing wet conditions as part of the delay in construction.



The contractors expect to finish construction by the end of June although FDOT says mid-July is more likely.



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Project manager Craig Walters and retired Judge Vernon Douglas are seen in front of a Vietnam War-era Navy A-7 Corsair in a field alongside I-75.

Fighter jet will stay put along I-75

By SARAH LOFTUS
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The fate of a Vietnam War-era Navy fighter jet that sits on the northbound side of Interstate 75 in Lake City has been decided — the plane will stay right where it is.

'In a couple phone calls, we had the problem solved.'

— Retired Judge Vernon Douglas

necessary maintenance such as cleaning and painting it.

Retired Circuit Judge Vernon Douglas, a member of the Lake City Air Show, was instrumental in bringing the plane to Lake City. The county obtained the aircraft in 1988 as a way to promote the air show and struck a deal with then-landowner Ray Sessions to keep the plane on his property alongside I-75.

But in October 2013, Ray Sessions passed away, and his son, Austin Sessions, took control of the land. County Manager Dale Williams said trouble accessing the land began soon after, and county officials discussed giving the plane back to the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, from where it's on loan.

When Douglas heard that about three weeks ago, he took matters into his own hands to make sure the plane would stay right where it is. He drafted a perpetual easement, which gives the county continued access to the land, he said. Douglas will be in charge of maintenance, and the county and Austin Sessions have both signed off on the agreement.

"In a couple phone calls, we had the problem solved," Douglas said.

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Bishop Road will be closed to through traffic as of Monday

By MEGAN REEVES
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Bishop Road will be restricted to local traffic only for approximately one month starting Monday, according to Columbia County Public Works Director Kevin Kirby.

The partial closure will span from Columbia City Elementary to King Road.

"There will be access to homes, but no through traffic," Kirby said. "We will notify the public when we complete the clearing operation."

Kirby said that the reason for the restriction is to clear a right-of-way before paving.

"We are in the beginning processes of converting a dirt graded road into a paved section of infrastructure," he said. "It will be a brand new paved road eventually, but the first step is to obtain a 60-foot right-of-way."

Once the organic material is removed, construction will be continued under full traffic, according to Kirby.

Message boards will be placed along the roadway Monday to notify the public of these changes.

Lake City Emergency Management Services and the Lake City Fire Department have been notified, Kirby said.

Schools make progress on FCAT

By SARAH LOFTUS
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Columbia County schools made big gains in fifth-grade science and eighth-grade math, and showed modest progress nearly across the board, according to results of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test released Friday.

"I'm pleased that we've held our own and improved in a number of areas with the major changes in instructional delivery throughout the district," said Supt. Terry Huddleston.

The changes involve new lesson plan formulation and, more importantly, he said, mini-assessments to determine subject-matter mastery. Students needing help are given attention in small groups or one-on-one with tutors.

County schools remain below the

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state average in a number of areas.

However, Huddleston said this year's gains make him optimistic about the future.

"I fully believe we are poised to show some dramatic improvement next year," he said.

Reading

The tenth-grade passing rate in reading rose by four points over 2013, to 50 percent this year districtwide. The statewide passing rate is 55 percent.

The passing rate in ninth-grade reading remained at 49 percent, unchanged from 2013, but still below the statewide average of 53 percent.

Eighth-grade scores fell from 49 to

48 percent. The state passing rate is 57 percent.

The passing rate in seventh-grade reading rose three points over 2013, to 56 percent this year, just under the statewide passing rate of 57 percent.

Sixth grade reading remained at 61 percent this year, one point above the state average.

Fourth- and fifth-grade passing rates improved as well — by one point each.

Fourth-grade scores rose to 61 percent, equal to the state average, and fifth-grade scores went up to 62 percent, one point above the state average.

The statewide average in fourth-sixth and eighth-grade reading rose one percent from 2013, while the seventh-grade average was unchanged.

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Habitat inducts board members

Habitat for Humanity of Lake City/Columbia County, Inc. recently inducted their 2014-2015 board members. They are (front row, from left) Patricia Stuart, Treasurer; James Montgomery; Paul LeClair; Johnathan Warren; (second row, from left) Sheila Burnham; Sally Huggins, Secretary; Brenda Combs; Lindsay Lee; Vanessa George; (back row, from left) George Burnham, Vice President; Robert Jordan; T.D. Jenkins; JoAnne George. Not pictured: Chairman Darrell Hunt; Larry Lee; Vic Lantroop; Stan Batten; Bonnie Green; Mary Melum; and Anne Carroll.

Scripture of the Day

“Lord, You have been our dwelling place[a] in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. You turn man to destruction, And say, ‘Return, O children of men.’ For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night. You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers.” — **Psalm 90:1-6**

Thought for Today

Neither a wise man or a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him. — **Dwight D. Eisenhower**, 34th President of the United States (1890-1969)

Winning Lottery Numbers

Cash 3: (Saturday) 6-6-9

Play 4: (Saturday) 6-1-8-6

Fantasy 5: (Friday) 5-7-21-23-25

Florida Lotto: (Wednesday) 6-13-22-39-40-48-x4

PowerBall: (Wednesday) 1-7-10-22-49-24-x3

AROUND FLORIDA

Authorities arrest six in Manatee County crime ring

BRADENTON — Local and federal investigators say they have wiped out a crime ring responsible for at least nine homicides and dozens of other crimes in Manatee County and surrounding areas.

The Bradenton Herald reports that six people have been charged as part of a wide-ranging conspiracy of crimes that include homicides, drug trafficking, kidnapping and robberies in Bradenton, Manatee and Sarasota counties.

U.S. Attorney Lee Bentley announced the indictments from Operation Maximum Response during a news conference at the Manatee County Sheriff's Office on Thursday.

The 28-count indictment charges the suspects with crimes including conspiracy, firearms charges in connection with slayings, robberies, kidnapping as well as drug trafficking in heroin, cocaine, crack cocaine, marijuana, oxycodone and MDMA, also known as ecstasy.

Indictment charges date as far back as 2006.

3 Fla. cities among best to staycation

ORLANDO — Three central Florida cities have been ranked among the best places in the country to staycation.

Tampa ranked eighth overall and Orlando was ninth in WalletHub.com's 2014 list of the 100 Best and Worst Cities to Staycation. Other Florida cities included on the list are St. Petersburg (No. 11), Miami (No. 63), Jacksonville (No. 75) and Hialeah (No. 85).

WalletHub considered 20 factors in determining its list, ranging from public golf courses and swimming pools per capita, to the cost of maid services.

Orlando ranked first for food and entertainment and was third for relaxation. St. Petersburg ranked fifth for recreation and seventh for relaxation.

According to WalletHub, vacationers are expected to spend \$1,246 per person this summer, up 9 percent from 2013 due to rising hotel and airfare costs.

9-year-old becomes superhero for day

FORT LAUDERDALE — When Jaylen Hyde woke up on Friday — his 9th birthday — and turned on the TV, his jaw dropped.

A phony breaking news segment — recorded just for him by the local NBC station — called on Jaylen to become superhero “Striker Boy” and save South Florida from the villain Sneaky Pete. It was all part of a surprise staged event to fulfill a superhero dream for Jalen, who is undergoing chemotherapy to fight leukemia.

“He was very excited. Totally geeked,” said his mother, Dalia Rodriguez, who had managed to keep all the preparations secret.

Jaylen, who was diagnosed in January 2013 and is now in remission, was guided through the scenarios by a professional actress in the role of policewoman “Shadow” and accompanied by his 13-year-old brother, Daishawn, as sidekick “Falcon Boy.”

Teacher fired after giving kids booze

FORT PIERCE — A middle school teacher accused of giving her student a taste of whiskey has been fired.

Twenty-seven-year-old Jessica Aljure of Port St. Lucie was arrested Thursday on charges of giving alcohol to a minor.

The school superintendent says Aljure was a new teacher at Forest Grove Middle School.

Police say the teacher offered a 14-year-old student a ride home after the girl missed her bus. Aljure allegedly made a stop at a liquor store and allowed the student to have some of her whiskey.

The girl's parents alerted police after she appeared drunk at home. Aljure is free on bond.

Girl fatally struck by car, dad also hit

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A 5-year-old girl has died after being hit by a car in Jacksonville.

Florida Highway Patrol officials say Ava May Taranto was

trying to cross the road Friday with her dad and 9-year-old brother. The area does not have a crosswalk.

The child darted out in front of her father and was struck by a car. Thirty-four-year-old Joseph Ruffing Harrington IV was also struck trying to rescue her.

Man charged with throwing baby

WINTER HAVEN — Authorities arrested a southwest Florida man they say threw a baby across a room to stop it from crying.

Polk County Sheriff's officials say 24-year-old Christopher Finlayson admitted he was smoking marijuana and had been awake all night when he became enraged and threw an 11-month old baby across the room. Authorities said the baby suffered a skull fracture, two broken wrists and five fractured ribs.

The child's mother returned home from the store and found the baby unresponsive. The child is hospitalized in stable condition.

■ Associated Press



COURTESY

Hunter promotes CCSO member

Sheriff Mark Hunter promoted Deputy Sheriff Scott Staley to the rank of Corporal in a ceremony Friday. Staley is assigned to the Patrol Division and will remain there as a shift supervisor.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Tracy Morgan critically hurt in fatal 6-car pileup

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Actor and comedian Tracy Morgan was critically injured Saturday after a tractor-trailer rammed into his chauffeured limousine bus, setting off a chain-reaction crash on the New Jersey Turnpike that left one person dead, authorities said.

The former “Saturday Night Live” and “30 Rock” cast member was traveling with six others and returning from a standup comedy show in Delaware when the limo bus overturned near Cranbury Township at about 1 a.m., state police Sgt. 1st Class Greg Williams said.

James McNair, 62, of Peekskill, New York, a passenger in the limo bus, died in the crash, Williams said. Morgan and two other passengers, Ardie Fuqua Jr. and Jeffrey Millea, were in critical condition at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, hospital spokesman Peter Haigney said. A fifth passenger, Harris Stanton, was treated there and released, Haigney said.

Morgan's publicist said the comedian's loved ones have joined him at the hospital, where he remains in the intensive care unit.

“His family is now with him and he is receiving excellent care,” spokesman Lewis Kay said in a statement. “We don't anticipate much of a change in his condition today but will provide a further update once more information becomes available.”

Williams said the tractor-trailer driver apparently failed to notice slow traffic ahead and swerved at the last minute in a vain attempt to avoid hitting the limo bus. But it smashed into the back of the limo, prompting a chain-reaction crash that also involved a second tractor-trailer, an SUV and two cars.

Morgan performed comedy standup Friday night at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Delaware. His scheduled appearance at the Fillmore Charlotte in North Carolina on Saturday night has been canceled.

Judge: Casey Kasem's daughter in charge

PORT ORCHARD — A Washington state judge on Friday said Casey Kasem's daughter, not her stepmother, is in charge of the medical care for the 82-year-old radio personality, who remains in critical condition with an infected bedsore.

However, all members of Kasem's family can visit him at the hospital — just not at the same time, Kitsap County Superior Court Judge Jennifer Forbes ruled.

Kasem has been receiving intravenous antibiotics and other care at St. Anthony Hospital in Gig Harbor, Washington, for a serious pressure ulcer he had when he was admitted on Sunday, according to a hospital statement.

Hospital spokesman Scott Thompson said Friday he would make no comment beyond the statement that was issued Thursday.

“Right now, Casey Kasem's health is declining and (he) won't be with us much longer,” daughter Kerri Kasem's spokesman, Danny Deraney, said.

“I want to be there for my dad,” Kerri Kasem said outside court Friday, KOMO-TV reported. “All of us. So if he does happen to open his eyes and look up, his entire family is there.”

The former radio show host is suffering from a form of dementia called Lewy Body Disease, according to court records.

His daughter said she is considering putting her father in hospice care at St. Anthony, the Kitsap Sun reported.

Kasem gained fame with his radio music countdown shows, “American Top 40” and “Casey's Top 40.” He also was the voice of Shaggy in the cartoon “Scooby Doo.”

Wife Jean Kasem has been in control of her husband's medical care and has controlled access to him as his children from an earlier marriage contested who should make those decisions.

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Balance paid; Bascom Norris land secured

County hopes to complete project by end of August.

By **TONY BRITT**
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County officials have secured the final piece of property needed to complete the Bascom Norris Connector Road project and the Real Terrace extension project by paying the remaining balance of \$1.8 million for 2.3 acres of property in a court-mediated agreement.

During Thursday's county commission meeting, county officials agreed to deposit \$1,897,500 into an account for property that was condemned so the county could obtain it for the Bascom Norris Connector Road Project at Real Road, as well as for the extension of Real Terrace. The \$1.8 million was sanctioned in a court-mediated settlement agreement with Richard C. Cole and Janice C. Bates, as the trustees of the Overflow Land Trust.

"The county condemned and took the right of way from the

Overflow Land Trust," said Dale Williams, county manager. "That created a legal process. Through the legal process an agreement was reached on the value of the property."

The agreement was forwarded to the court, the court agreed with the contract and then the county had to pay the funds.

"Last night we just moved the money to an account where the bill could be paid," Williams said.

The legal process ended in court May 16 and the county had to pay the \$1.8 million sum within 30 days. The total settlement

was \$2.3 million and the county had previously made a \$403,000 deposit.

The Overflow Land Trust is now required to execute a trustee's deed for the acreage the county is acquiring for Real Road.

"There are no more land/right-of-way acquisitions proposed for Bascom Norris," Williams said.

The purchase of the property also includes land that will be used for the right-of-way necessary for the Real Terrace extension project. The Real Terrace extension is the road between the Red Lobster and Applebee's

restaurants off US 90 west. Real Terrace will be extended and connected to Bascom Norris.

"They'll soon be working on that," Williams said. "They are currently engineering it. That's a project we're doing in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation."

The Bascom Norris connector road project is expected to be completed by late summer.

"I'm being told, barring any more inclement weather, that we would hope to have it complete by the end of August," Williams said.

Wellborn sidewalk construction to begin on Monday

From staff reports

WELLBORN — Work is expected to begin Monday on a project that will improve the ability for pedestrians to walk safely along County Road 137 in Wellborn. A 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk will be built along both sides of County Road 137 from U.S. 90 to just south of Eighth Avenue. In addition, a crosswalk will be constructed for pedestrians crossing at County Road 10A.

Some of the driveways that the sidewalk will pass will have to be temporarily closed so crews can place the concrete for the sidewalk. However, residents will be contacted in advance of the work.

The Florida Department of Transportation will oversee the project and hired R.E. Arnold Construction, Inc. of Archer to build the sidewalk at a cost of \$261,800. The project is combined with sidewalk construction in Levy and Gilchrist counties and should be completed later this year.

For more information on this project, please contact FDOT at 800-749-2967, ext. 7830.



Photos by **EMILY STANTON**/Lake City Reporter

Enjoying breakfast with Chief Gilmore

Lake City Police Chief Argatha Gilmore addressed about 50 residents at the second quarter Breakfast with the Chief event at Parkview Baptist Church Saturday morning.

Happy Birthday to Isiah Tunsil who turned one on May 31st!
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ANOTHER VIEW

Revise, don't drop, drug-testing fight

The ACLU is ridiculing Gov. Rick Scott for frittering away nearly \$400,000 in taxpayer dollars on legal fees to defend drug-testing laws.

We don't think that is an excessive amount to spend fighting the scourge of drugs, but the courts have made clear this is a losing battle. It's time the governor changed tactics.

The governor and lawmakers in 2011 adopted measures requiring all welfare applicants to be tested for drugs and also requiring state workers to be drug tested.

The goals were simple and laudatory: to curtail drug use and ensure tax dollars are not spent on drugs.

Given that private employers routinely require workers to undergo drug tests, the provisions hardly seem oppressive.

But the courts have consistently disagreed. The U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, a conservative-leaning court, found that a blanket drug-test requirement for state employees violated their right to privacy, though it allowed that the tests could be appropriate for certain jobs.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the state's appeal.

The 11th Circuit also found mandatory drug testing of welfare applicants was an unreasonable search and violated the Fourth Amendment. Later, a federal judge also ruled against the welfare requirement, saying there "is no set of circumstances under which the warrantless, suspicionless drug testing at issue in this case could be constitutionally applied."

The governor continues to defend the requirements. Just last week his spokesman, John Tupps, emailed The Huffington Post: "Governor Scott will continue to fight for Florida taxpayers, who deserve a drug-free state workforce, and for Florida's children, who deserve to live in drug-free homes."

We admire Scott's motives, but it seems obvious that he will not prevail. The superior course would be to revise the requirements to make them constitutional.

This can be done by requiring the tests when there is cause to suspect drug use.

After all, the 11th Circuit did find that the state could require the drug testing of state workers without cause if safety was a factor. So testing should be possible for law enforcement officials, heavy equipment operators and such.

The court's determination, coupled with a policy of testing people for cause, would strengthen the state's workplace safeguards.

Similarly, adopting a suspicion-based screening process for welfare applicants, as Utah and Tennessee have, would be constitutional and would still guard against tax dollars going to drug users. The possibility of drug tests surely would discourage drug abusers or those with a history of drug-related crimes from seeking public assistance.

Such policies might not go as far as the governor wants, but they would advance the drug fight without constitutional pitfalls or additional legal fees.

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Dollar Tree shoppers vs. billionaire investors

If it weren't for The Wall Street Journal, we might never know that 47 percent of the shoppers at Dollar Tree earn \$25,000 or less a year while a secretive investor known as The Unicorn in Back Bay Boston makes billions of dollars.

At first glance there may seem to be no connection. In fact, there is no connection whatsoever. It is the glory of the Journal's "money and investing" section that these two items were placed next to each other on the same page.

One story notes that dollar stores are in heated competition with each other and may be cutting prices below 99 cents. The other touts a hedge fund manager named David Abrams who started a "one-man cash machine" that manages \$8 billion and himself has a billion dollars.

Is there anything more we need to know about the economy? Doesn't that say it all?

There are so many poor people in need of cheap plastic items that Wal-Mart, Target, Dollar General and others are fighting tooth and nail for their patronage. Meanwhile, a 53-year-old who has never spoken at an event open to the public is getting so wealthy the Journal is stunned and eager to find out more. How did a history major triple the returns of the S&P 500 in 15 years and how is it that a jazz fan owns part of the Oakland Raiders?

This column will mention the 1 percent only in passing because they know who they are and we apparently don't. But as we get closer to the crucial, all-important, vital mid-term elections in November,



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income inequality is going to smite us in the face every day. The desperate Democrats, who live in mortal dread of losing control of the Senate, are hoping to give up daily updates on the unfair society we live in.

Certainly, we have become aware of the plight of fast food workers who earn an industry average of \$9 an hour and no longer can feed and shelter their families without food stamps and other forms of government aid. Democrats hope to capitalize on the fight of food workers for a living wage.

But there are other aspects of the income inequality debate that haven't gotten as much attention.

It is not true that Americans are as bad off as they were in the 1920 when robber barons controlled most of the wealth. Millions of Americans today have cars, televisions, smartphones and Internet access. The elderly have Social Security, as do the disabled. Even the poorest Americans have 50 percent more after-tax, inflation-adjusted income than they did in 1979. As economist/journalist Robert Samuelson notes, "We have not reverted to the 1920s."

But we feel worse off than we used to feel, before we began pay-

ing huge cell phone and cable TV bills, before we assumed we would have meat on the table every night, before our cars were air conditioned, our children needed after-school care and a short stay in the hospital cost thousands of dollars.

Is it right that the top 1 percent have 13 percent of after-tax income? Of course not. Is that something an election can change? Not a chance. Is it realistic to think government will take away the wealth of the rich? Nope.

But here is where we need a serious, legitimate debate. What can and what should government do to create a better climate for jobs? Privatize Social Security? Give the rich more tax incentives? Deregulate big business? Let big oil and gas and coal companies destroy the environment for short-term gains? Gut food stamp programs? Reduce the numbers of people who qualify for Medicaid and cut funding?

Rightly or wrongly, too many people think that this bleak scenario is what Republicans now stand for, when they are not denouncing President Barack Obama.

Unless they provide new ideas, it may be that we will have another meaningless election that solves nothing and simply reinforces the polarization of our nation.

It may well be that David Abrams and Dollar Tree have nothing in common.

■ McClatchey News Service columnist Ann McFeatters has covered the White House and national politics since 1986.

Military owes it to its own to answer Bergdahl questions

If the Obama administration expected a feel-good palate cleanser with the release of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the last U.S. hostage in Afghanistan, reality has proved to be a cold slap that reveals a glaring disconnect between the president's inner circle and the American military he commands.

From the president's public embrace of Bergdahl's parents to Susan Rice's assertion that he "served with honor and distinction," the optics have mystified those who knew the back story to Bergdahl's capture in 2009.

"Honor" and "distinction" aren't throwaway words to people in uniform. They mean something.

Barack Obama and his team were prepared for criticism of the 5-for-1 swap that freed a handful of top Taliban leaders from Guantanamo Bay. Their resonant argument was that the U.S. had a responsibility to leave no soldier behind.

Yet Obama and Rice, his national security adviser, also knew the circumstances leading to Bergdahl's capture were anything but clear. If his own written word is to be believed, he had grown disil-

lusioned with the Army and war effort. Men in his unit said he literally put down his rifle and walked away.

Finding him became a top priority for U.S. forces, including his unit and teams of special operators. All risked their lives amid increasing enemy fire to rescue him, and as many as eight are said to have died trying.

Much of this was detailed by the late Michael Hastings in Rolling Stone magazine in June 2012 and substantiated by a subsequent military investigation. Further details have spilled into public view this week. Soldiers once bound by non-disclosure agreements asked why "a deserter" rated hero's treatment when those killed or wounded looking for him were ignored. Why a soldier twice promoted undeservedly, who placed fellow Americans at greater risk, should collect back pay and go about his life.

What these soldiers demand is that the military not sweep this aside amid the closing notes of a long war. It must follow through and investigate, with fresh eyes; if Bergdahl is found guilty of a crime,

he must face consequences.

We could not agree more.

There is no greater affront to the military ethos than leaving one's post and endangering fellow soldiers. This is why desertion during wartime is a military crime punishable by death. Unlike the more common absent without leave, or AWOL, desertion requires proving intent to not return; so far, we don't know Bergdahl's side, beyond his email home. He deserves both a presumption of innocence and a chance to be heard.

And so, too, do the U.S. soldiers now speaking out. They cannot be dismissed as political enemies. Many put their lives on the line to search for Bergdahl; others risked danger to capture the five Taliban commanders swapped for Bergdahl.

Others, of course, never made it home. Their families deserve answers and, finally, the straight story, too.

■ Dallas Morning News

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Emily Lawson at 754-0424 or by email at elawson@lakecityreporter.com.

June 8

Family and Friends day

Union A.M.E. Church of Winfield will host their annual Family and Friends Day on June 8 at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be Nathaniel Trumpet, Jr. of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Quincy. Call Rentz Galloway at 752-5643 for more.

Recognizing students

Bethel A.M.E. Church, 838 SW County Rd. 242A, will recognize all Columbia County High School juniors and seniors and college students on Sunday, June 8 at 11 a.m. Two \$250 scholarships will be awarded to one HS senior and one college student for writing the best 500-word essay on "Technology in the Church." To submit an essay, call Patricia Brady at 386-697-3473 for details.

Revival

Wellborn Church of God, 3330 US HWY 90, will host a Revival with Marilyn Weeks on Sunday, June 8 at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Call Pastor Cobb at 386-623-1348 for more.

June 9

Summer Reading

The Library will kick off its summer reading program Monday, June 9 at 10 a.m. at the Fort White Branch and 2 p.m. at the Main Branch. Anna Moo returns to Columbia County Public Library, giving kids a chance to sing and dance and celebrate the start of summer and the Summer Reading Program.

Father's Appreciation

In observance of Father's Appreciation Week, the Presley EXCEL and Scholars Program will sponsor a Father/Son or Father/Little Hero Appreciation Dinner for all Fathers at Ole Times Buffet, Monday, June 9, at 6 p.m. All interested Fathers should contact Bernice D. Presley or Sharyn Presley at (386) 752-4074 with questions.

Cancer Support

The Women's Cancer Support Group of Lake City will meet



SARAH LOFTUS/Lake City Reporter

New sidewalk on Brown Road

About 1 1/2 miles of sidewalk is being placed on Brown Road, off of Highway 90. Construction crews have been working on the project for about a week. Richardson Site Prep is the company doing the construction, and concrete foreman Stephen Gray said the project is expected to be completed in about 10 weeks in August. "We're tryin' to knock this thing out as quick as we can," he said.

at Baya Pharmacy East, 780 SE Baya Drive from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9. Guests are welcome. Information at 386-752-4198 or 386-755-0522.

June 10

Medicare Seminar

The LifeStyle Enrichment Center is sponsoring a free educational seminar on Medicare on Tuesday, June 10 from 5-6 p.m. Please RSVP to 386-755-3476 x 107.

Save Our Seniors

The LifeStyle Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Ct., will have a "Save Our Seniors" Elder Abuse Prevention Summit on Tuesday, June 10 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. A light breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to Hillary Yeager at 386-755-0235.

Water Management

The Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet

Tuesday, June 10 at 9 a.m. at the Cedar Key Library, 466 Second St., Cedar Key. A Board workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the Cedar Key Library. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by visiting the District's website at www.mysuwanneeriver.com.

June 11

Lake City Newcomers

The Lake City Newcomers will have their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 11 at Eastside Village Clubhouse at 11 a.m. The program will include a silent auction. Call Joan Wilson with questions at 755-9897.

Father's Appreciation

In observance of Father's Appreciation Week, the Presley EXCEL and Scholars Program will sponsor a workshop, "What is Your Health IQ?" for all fathers on Wednesday, June 11 at 6 p.m. at the Angel Community Outreach Center, 443 N. Marion

Avenue. The consultants will be volunteers from the medical field. Everyone is invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Bernice D. Presley or Sharyn Presley (386) 752-4074.

June 12

Author to speak

Please join the Friends of the Library as they welcome Ashton Lee, author of The Cherry Cola Book Club and its brand new sequel, The Reading Circle. A true Southern writer, Lee is a native of Natchez, Mississippi and a graduate of the University of the South where he studied creative writing. Don't miss this program which will be held at the Main Library on Thursday, June 12 at 7 p.m.

June 13

Chick-fil-A turns one

The Lake City Chick-fil-A turns one Friday, June 13 and would

like the community to help them celebrate. From 2-5 p.m. there will be pony rides, snacks, birthday cake and an appearance by the Chick-fil-A cow. The event is free.

Reflections of Dad

The Hospice of Citrus and Nature Coast will offer an educational workshop about working through the grief of a lost father on Friday, June 13 at 2 p.m. at the Wings Community Education Center, 905 SW Main Blvd. Suite 105. For more info or to register, call Vickie at 386-755-7714. The workshop is free.

Elks Ball

The B&S Combs Temple #1238 and B&S Combs Lodge #1599 will host their annual Elks Ball on Friday, June 13 from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Lodge, 1688 NE Washington St. Donation is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Breakfast will be served at 12 a.m.

Father's Appreciation

In observance of Father's Appreciation Week, the Presley EXCEL and Scholars Program will sponsor a Special Workshop for fathers on Friday, June 13 at 6 p.m. at the Angel Community Outreach Center, 443 N. Marion Avenue. The theme for the workshop is, "Fathers are Great: Godly, Reliable, Energetic, Ageless, Trustworthy." The consultant is L.C. Bradley, Educational Consultant and Principal of the Lake City Christian Academy. Everyone is invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Bernice D. Presley or Sharyn Presley at (386) 752-4074.

Smart Driver

The NEW AARP Smart Driver Course will be held on June 13 at 9 a.m. at Lake City Medical Center. Refresh your driving skills and know the new rules of the road. Learn research-based driving strategies to help you stay safe behind the wheel. Receive a 3-year auto insurance discount (call your agent for details). Plus, there are no tests to pass. Register at 386-719-9371.

OBITUARIES

James E. Arrington

Mr. James E. Arrington, 41, a lifelong resident of Lake City, passed away early Thursday morning at his residence. He was born and raised in Lake City; and he was educated in the Columbia County School System, graduating in 1991 from CHS. He was an avid Florida Gator and Jacksonville Jaguars fan; he also loved to play game of thrones. He loved to play his guitar and loved to go to Disney World with his family. He is survived by his father: Bill Arrington of Lake City; mother: Robyn Arrington (Denise Hanna) of Lake City; grandmother: Ruth Johnson of Lake City; Fiancé Cindy Joe Benton of Lake City; son: Cerik Armond Arrington of Lake City and daughter: Danielle Adrianna Leon of Jacksonville; brothers: Will Arrington, II of Jacksonville and David Arrington of Lake City; grandchild: Jaylin "Baby Legs" James and numerous other family members and friends also survive. Funeral services for Mr. Arrington will be conducted on Tuesday June 10, 2014 at 4 P.M. in the chapel of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Mt. Tabor Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday evening June 9, 2014 from 5-7 P.M. in the Chapel of the Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, 32025. Please sign the online guestbook at www.parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com

Michael A. Bunch

Mr. Michael A. Bunch, age 68, Lake City, FL. Formally of Point Pleasant, NJ. Michael Bunch passed away in his home on Thursday March 6, 2014. He was born in Camden, NJ. and was raised and spent most of his years at the

Jersey Shore, before moving and retiring in Florida. He is predeceased by his mother Ella Roberts and brother Patrick Leonard, and his sister and brother-in-law Kathy and Al Emerick. He is survived by his daughter Lori Bunch of Florida, sister and brother-in-law Karen and Jack Taylor of Point Pleasant, NJ and brother and sister-in-law Harry and Donna Leonard of Toms River, NJ and aunt Isabelle Bowers of Kansas. He will also be leaving behind many special nieces and nephews and great friends. Michael served as a veteran of the United States Navy. He worked many years as a tile installer and various other jobs. He had a soft spot in his heart for animals. He enjoyed playing pool, going fishing and golfing, but most of all his passion was going to the race track to see the thoroughbreds run. He was a fun loving guy that enjoyed getting together with his family and friends laughing and singing and telling a good joke. He was a great brother and friend, and will be sadly missed, but never forgotten by us all. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Connie Guerry Moore

Ms. Connie Guerry Moore passed away Friday, November 1, 2013 in Charleston, SC after a lengthy illness. Her home was in Anderson, SC. She was born January 29, 1948 in Washington, D.C. Her parents were the late Thomas M. and Arveda L. Guerry of Lake City, FL. Connie is survived by one daughter, Tammy (Frank) Savirino, three granddaughters, Cecelia (Michael) Carver, Amanda (Warren) Giles of Anderson, SC Lori (Dan) Uchima of Maryland. One grandson, Hunter Savirino of Anderson, SC, two great-grandsons, Dylan Fields of Anderson, SC and Christian Grogan of Panama City Beach, FL. Four great-granddaughters, Alexis Hiott, Adriane Hiott and Lacey Getsinger of Anderson, SC and Ansley Uchima of Maryland. One sister, Jean Guerry (Leroy) Wilson of Lake City, FL. Ms. Moore is also survived by multiple nieces, nephews and cousins. Services will be Monday,

June 9, 2014 at 11:00 am Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens 3596 S US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL.

James "Jim" Ryan

Mr. James "Jim" Ryan, 90, passed away on Saturday, May 10, 2014. He was born in Brooklyn, NY on November 8, 1923 and lived in many places in NJ, PA and FL making Lake City his residence in 2005. He was married to Anna Zayatz in 1950, she preceded him in death in 1990. Jim lived a wonderful and exceptionally active life all 90 years. His sense of humor, his love of people and his zest for life brought joy into the lives of all who were blessed to know



him. Jim worked hard all of his life retiring at age 88. The last two years he spent outdoors felling trees, building a fence and working in his wood shop. He was one amazing man and we are proud to call him Dad, Grandpa, Papa, Cousin & Friend. Cherishing an unforgettable legacy: daughter, Colleen Bauer; son, Daniel Ryan; grandchildren, Patrick (Jen) Bauer, James (Amy) Bauer, Patricia (Donald) Craver, Kelly (Kevin) Cobb, Amanda (John) Kilgore, Rebecca (James) Douglas; great-grandchildren, Autumn Bauer, Cody Bauer, Thomas Craver, Sydney Douglas, Ryan Kilgore, Kevin Cobb, Jr., Jonathan Kilgore, Ava Bauer; Cousin, Eileen Lonny.

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NOTICE OF MEETING ADVISORY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE CITY OF LAKE CITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Advisory Beautification Committee for the City of Lake City, Florida will hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 4:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

NOTICE OF MEETING COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE CITY OF LAKE CITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee for the City of Lake City, Florida will hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 5:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

All interested persons are invited to attend either of the meetings described above.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: If you require special aid/services for either of the meetings identified above, as addressed in the American Disabilities Act, please contact the City Manager's Office at (386) 719-5768.

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Fort White FFAs named 'premier'

Also a finalist for the 'Nutrients for Life' award, to be presented July 2.

By **AVALYN HUNTER**
Special to the Reporter

FORT WHITE — The Fort White FFA program has just added another award to its long history of honors. On May 26, the Florida FFA Association announced that the Fort White middle school and high school FFA chapters will be among 37 Florida FFA chapters designated as Premier Chapters. The award, which recognizes superior achievement in agricultural education and the ideals and goals of the FFA, will be officially presented at the second General Session of the 86th Florida FFA Convention and Expo at the Caribe Royale Hotel and Convention Center in Orlando on July 2.

During the same session, the Fort White middle and high school chapters will also be recognized as two of 30 Florida FFA chapters designated as "Florida's Finest." Based on completion of the National Chapter Award program application and demonstrated excellence in the areas of student, chapter, and community development, these chapters have earned the right to represent Florida at the national level in the National Chapter Award program.

Another award that will be announced at the state convention will be based on results from the Nutrients for Life competition. To be eligible for this award, FFA chapters across the state created hands-on programs designed to educate and engage the community in plant nutrition, fertilizer use, soil science, and crop-related agricultural issues. While final results will not



AVALYN HUNTER/Special to the Reporter

Jill Huesman, senior sponsor for the Fort White FFA high school and middle school chapters, stands with some of the awards won by the school's FFA program. Huesman will be receiving the "Premier Chapter" and "Florida's Finest" awards on Fort White's behalf.

be announced until the convention, Fort White has been named one of the three finalists for the third year in a row. The final order of finish will be announced during the sixth General Session of the convention on Thursday, July 3.

"I'm very proud of our students," said Fort White agricultural technology instructor Wayne Oelfke. "We had about 110 students involved in the Nutrients for Life project, and I wish we could recognize all of them individually. As for the chapter awards, Jill Huesman deserves a tremendous amount of credit. As the senior FFA sponsor, she's the one who filled out all the paperwork for the awards and made sure that our chapter met all of the requirements in community service, career development, and participation in

FFA projects during the year. Without her making the effort to be sure our students' hard work is recognized, we wouldn't be getting these honors."

Individual students from the Fort White FFA program will have their chance to shine at the state convention as well. During the Agriscience Fair portion of the convention, students Taylor Miller and Taylor Gebo will be making a presentation based on the Nutrients for Life project in which they were participants. If they win the state competition, they will be able to apply for the chance to make their presentation at the National FFA Convention, which will take place October 29-November 1 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Fort White's FFA program also has two students who have been selected as final-

ists in the 2014 Proficiency Awards Program, which recognizes exceptional accomplishments and excellence in a Supervised Agricultural Experience program. SAE programs are planned, practical activities conducted outside class time that help students develop and apply agricultural knowledge and skills in a real world environment. Fort White's honorees and the areas in which they have qualified as finalists are Austin Mattox (Agricultural Processing) and Stephen O'Quinn (Specialty Animal Production), both members of the high school chapter. Both will be recognized at the state FFA convention, where the winners in each category will be announced. Should Mattox or O'Quinn win, they will also have the opportunity to apply for consideration for national honors.

Mattress store currently under construction



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

A mattress store is under construction near U.S. Highway 90 across from the Lake City Mall.

Slated to open this fall next to Office Max in Gleason Square.

By **TONY BRITT**
tbritt@lakecityreporter.com

Lake City is getting a new mattress store and plans call for it to open this fall.

Hull Storey Gibson Companies, owners of the Lake City Mall, said Friday afternoon that Mattress Firm will be developed as a free standing building across from the Lake City Mall next to Office Max in Gleason Square.

Mattress Firm is one of the nation's premier specialty bedding retailers, offering a broad selection of both traditional and specialty mattresses, bedding accessories and related products.

"We are excited for Mattress Firm to join the existing lineup of retailers and restaurants located in the area including the Lake City Mall and the surrounding shopping centers," Clay Boardman, Senior Vice President of Development for Hull Storey Gibson Companies, said in a prepared statement. "By providing new options in a concentrated location, we can cater to the varying wants and needs of the community and grow this corridor into a first class shopping, dining and entertainment destination."

Mattress Firm currently operates over 1,100 locations across 28 states. Construction on the Mattress Firm in Lake City is underway and the store is expected to open late fall. The store will occupy a newly constructed 4,500 square foot building.

"Lake City is a wonderful city with a bright future ahead. We have worked hard to improve the Lake City Mall through recent renovations and the addition of popular national tenants like T.J. Maxx, Kay Jewelers and now Michaels," said Jim Hull, Managing Principal of Hull Storey Gibson Companies. "We want to expand that same focus to the surrounding shopping centers and outparcels. There is the potential for growth here and it's exciting to see new retailers sharing our commitment to Lake City."

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- Best Photographer _____
- Best Plumber _____
- Best Real Estate Agent _____

INSTRUCTIONS AND OFFICIAL RULES: One entry form per household. Entries must be submitted on official entry ballot. Photocopies and carbon not accepted. Must be 18 years of age to enter. Ballots must include name, age, address and telephone number. Entries not meeting these criteria will not be tabulated nor entered in the drawing for \$150 worth of cash prizes. The Lake City Reporter reserves the right to verify all entries and to eliminate any category for any reason. This ballot must be postmarked by June 17, 2014 and mailed to: Reader's Choice Contest - Lake City Reporter, PO Box 1709 Lake City, FL 32056. Ballot must have at least half of the categories filled out to be considered valid. No purchase required. The Reporter will not be responsible for lost, late, misdirected, damaged or otherwise undeliverable mail. All entries become the property of the Lake City Reporter. Winner will be notified by telephone and/or certified mail, and will have seven days to reply and claim the prize. Taxes are the responsibility of the winner. Winner agrees to publication of name, hometown and photograph. An announcement of the winner will appear in the Lake City Reporter. The name of the winner will not be given out by telephone. Judge's decision is final. Contest coordinator will not enter into any written or oral discussion about the contest judge's or awarding of the prize. Employees of the Lake City Reporter (and their immediate families and members of their household) are not eligible.

FCAT passing percentage by school

COLUMBIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Grade Level	READING		MATH		SCIENCE		WRITING	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
BELMONT ACADEMY (CHARTER)								
3	N/A	93	N/A	68	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	69	N/A	60	N/A	N/A	N/A	20
5	N/A	79	N/A	54	N/A	92	N/A	N/A
COLUMBIA CITY								
3	70	80	61	64	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	71	66	56	73	N/A	N/A	44	48
5	67	65	53	58	54	64	N/A	N/A
EASTSIDE								
3	63	65	75	74	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	59	59	71	78	N/A	N/A	46	59
5	59	67	43	66	46	72	N/A	N/A
FIVE POINTS								
3	50	48	41	60	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	47	56	48	49	N/A	N/A	59	41
5	59	54	44	54	61	59	N/A	N/A
FORT WHITE								
3	65	65	66	73	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	58	66	60	57	N/A	N/A	45	34
5	64	61	52	49	60	59	N/A	N/A
MELROSE PARK								
3	55	39	49	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	42	47	50	40	N/A	N/A	44	43
5	52	52	39	47	39	37	N/A	N/A
NIBLACK								
3	34	41	40	38	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	56	51	60	68	N/A	N/A	66	81
5	38	43	26	28	23	36	N/A	N/A
PINEMOUNT								
3	61	68	78	74	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	75	66	75	72	N/A	N/A	63	85
5	61	74	57	71	57	56	N/A	N/A
SHINING STAR (CHARTER)								
3	48	43	24	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	39	43	25	10	N/A	N/A	15	13
5	62	44	18	33	35	41	N/A	N/A
SUMMERS								
3	54	49	57	62	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	57	52	68	53	N/A	N/A	55	35
5	56	50	55	49	47	59	N/A	N/A
WESTSIDE								
3	75	75	68	69	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	74	80	71	85	N/A	N/A	64	59
5	74	79	72	76	56	70	N/A	N/A
DISTRICT TOTALS								
3	60	62	60	61	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	60	61	62	62	N/A	N/A	52	48
5	61	62	50	56	50	59	N/A	N/A

COLUMBIA COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Grade Level	READING		MATH		SCIENCE		WRITING	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
BELMONT ACADEMY (CHARTER)								
6	N/A	86	N/A	79	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	N/A	75	N/A	79	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	N/A	93	N/A	86	N/A	93	N/A	64
FORT WHITE								
6	59	58	48	46	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	53	58	49	46	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	50	45	44	43	41	35	35	41
LAKE CITY								
6	67	67	62	60	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	61	60	56	57	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	56	56	32	52	50	47	36	56
RICHARDSON								
6	53	50	30	44	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	41	48	30	43	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	38	33	18	22	27	29	19	33
SHINING STAR (CHARTER)								
6	45	68	36	36	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	N/A	42	N/A	32	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DISTRICT TOTALS								
6	61	61	49	52	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	53	56	47	51	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	49	48	31	43	42	40	31	46

COLUMBIA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS

Grade Level	READING		MATH		SCIENCE		WRITING	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
COLUMBIA HIGH								
9	49	51	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	44	50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36	53
FORT WHITE HIGH								
9	53	44	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	50	52	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40	51
DISTRICT TOTAL								
9	49	49	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	46	50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	37	52

This chart shows FCAT scores for all county schools for 2013 and 2014. Scores released in May are also included. FCAT math is no longer administered to ninth- and 10th-graders. Result of end-of-course exams in algebra and geometry will be released by the state at a later date.

FCAT

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Math

The passing rate for eighth-grade math improved 12 points districtwide, from 31 percent in 2013 to 43 percent this year. Last year, Columbia County's 31-percent passing rate was 20 points below the state's at 51 percent.

Fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade math scores all went up as well compared to last year.

Fifth-grade scores rose from 50 percent to 56 percent, equal to the state average. Sixth-grade scores increased three points to 52 percent, four points below the state average, and seventh-grade scores improved from 47 to 51 percent, five points below the state average.

Fourth-grade math scores stayed constant this year at 62 percent, one point below the state average.

The statewide average in fourth-seventh grade math rose slightly from last year, while the eighth-grade average fell.

Science

County fifth-graders showed major improvement in science, while eighth-grade scores fell slightly. Fifty-nine percent of county fifth-graders passed, compared to 50 percent in 2013.

Eastside Elementary School led the way with a 26-point jump, from 46 percent passing in 2013 to 72 percent in 2014.

The district's improved fifth-grade science scores brought Columbia County five percent above the state average of 54 percent.

Eighth-grade scores dropped from 42 percent in 2013 to 40 percent this year, nine points below the state average.

Statewide, the statewide average rose one point in fifth-grade science and two

points in eighth grade.

Recap

Third grade reading scores, released in May, rose from 60 to 62 percent passing, five points above the state average.

Math scores for third-grade students rose by one point to 61 percent, four points above the state average.

Fourth-, eighth- and 10th-grade writing scores were also previously released. Scores in fourth grade fell four points, to 48 percent, while scores in eighth- and 10th-grade improved dramatically. Eighth-graders rose from 31 to 46 percent passing, while 10th-graders improved from 37 to 52 percent.

However, all three grades remained below the state average of 53, 56 and 64 percent, respectively.

All FCAT scores have been released.

End-of-course results in algebra and geometry – given in place of FCAT – will be released by the state at a later date, as will end-of-course biology exam results.

This is the last year FCAT will be given. Next year, students will take a new exam aligned with the Common Core standards.

Next Year

Kitty McElhaney, district AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) director, said the district is hiring math and science coaches for elementary, middle and high schools, she said. Professional developments are being made to help teachers teach the standards of the test in enough depth for students to pass. McElhaney said the district is also looking at the schools that do well on FCAT and seeing what they do differently than the schools that don't.

"You can't turn everything around in a year, but we've made some progress, she said.

JET

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Williams said he'll tell commissioners at the June 19 county commission meeting that they no longer need to look into returning the plane or moving it.

"As far as I'm concerned, we've got an option now that takes care of our biggest problems," he said. "It doesn't appear to be an issue anymore."

Douglas is pleased the plane is staying and grateful for everything the county put into it since it arrived, so he has no prob-

lem taking charge of the project, he said.

He said he's been doing maintenance on the plane with the help of members of the Cannon Creek Airpark neighborhood, Austin Sessions and others in the air community since the plane came to Lake City. So not much is changing, he said. Douglas and Craig Walters, who lives in the Cannon Creek Airpark and has helped a great deal with maintenance of the plane through the years, pressure-washed the plane over the Memorial Day weekend.

The county's chief concerns have been

addressed, but a few minor problems remain.

Williams said he believes the display is still in violation of the county's agreement with the military. A sign needs to be placed in front of the plane saying what kind of jet it is and where it's from. Williams said he believes the sign also needs to be illuminated at night, but he's not sure. He's asked his staff to determine exactly what the county needs to do to be in accord with the agreement.

Douglas said he'll take care of whatever needs to be done.

"If there's something they want us to bring into compliance, I look forward to doing it," he said.

Walters said he hopes the plane stays in Lake City for years to come.

"I kinda cringed when I heard the county manager thought about getting rid of it," he said.

For now, Lake City will continue to be known as "the town with the jet," according to Douglas.

"When you tell people from out of state that you live in Lake City, they ask you where it is," he said. "And when you say 'It has the jet along I-75,' they say, 'Oh, I know where that is.'"

SIDEWALK

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things around here that need to be fixed besides putting another sidewalk in," Upshaw said. "If they're saying that, 'We need it because of school access,' that's crap because there's not that many kids [in the neighborhood]."

Both Breeden and Upshaw want construction completed as soon as possible.

"It's a huge eyesore," Breeden said. "They've made a mess of things."

In addition, mail carriers were blocked for a time from getting to residents' mailboxes, and residents experienced cable and Internet outages due to construction.

Placing blame

Core Construction was contracted to build sidewalks for Summers Elementary and Lake City Middle School students as a part of the Safe Routes to School program in July 2013 for \$483,500.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Lake City resident George Upshaw stands near a creek behind his home that he said has become a major problem for him. Parts of his back yard have sunk into the creek, leaving potholes in his yard. 'They have to get (Summerbreeze Place) back open,' he said. 'The only thing the construction has done was to stop the fly-through traffic. All this does is hinder everybody. They need to do things right the first time.'

The company would also improve drainage in the area by installing pipes and topping them with the sidewalk. Construction began December 17, 2013, and was expected to be completed this spring, "depending on weather and other unforeseen circumstances," according to FDOT.

However, construction

came to a halt around Easter, and spring came and passed without much progress, neighborhood residents said.

Core Construction President Jay Chung claims the project was bogged down by rain in March, which he says caused most of the problems on the project.

"It took us a lot of

effort to work around the existing wet conditions," Chung said.

FDOT was "fully aware" of drainage problems already present in the area, but "they don't care," Chung said.

Chung also cited "uncooperative subcontractors" as a reason for the slow progress but did not elaborate.

Norton bristles at that suggestion.

"We have bent over backwards trying to help them," Norton said. "They bit off more than they can chew."

Poor judgment and planning on Core Construction's part has caused project delays, he said, adding that some jobs had to be redone several times because of poor workmanship or use of incorrect materials.

Norton said he has done everything possible to move the project along, even work outside the scope of his contract.

"Even when there's nothing to do under my

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Art Joubert: 16 years of photo restoration

By MEGAN REEVES
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Art Joubert said after retiring and hanging around the house for a year, he realized he needed to get out and find something to occupy his time.

"My wife had so many damn honey-dos, it was like I was on the clock," he said. "So I said the hell with this, I'm going to get my own job. So that's what I did."

Joubert, now 82, moved to Lake City in 1985. He had been living in Massachusetts after retiring from the U.S. Army when he decided he was ready to move south.

He started working at the Union Correctional Institution in Raiford in 1987, and then transferred to the Department of Corrections in Lake Butler. He worked until 1997, when he eventually retired from the prison system.



MEGAN REEVES/Lake City Reporter

Art Joubert flips through a binder full of his photography restoration work. He has been transferring and restoring images for 16 years, having gotten into the business after becoming bored during retirement.

Joubert went to visit his friends in Gainesville who own a photo restoration company and asked them if they had any extra equipment for sale. He hauled \$25,000

worth back to Lake City and decided to set up shop at the Lake City Flea Market, calling his business Art's Photo Transfer and Restoration. "The flea market was

great, but in the summer it was just so humid in the buildings," Joubert said. "It ruined by printers and my paper, so I had to get out of there."

He continued to rent out spaces inside local businesses and eventually ended up at the original location of Decotique in historic downtown, which burnt down just two months after he moved out some years back.

"I really lucked out," Joubert said. "All my equipment would've been ruined."

For the past nine years, he has spent his days continuing to restore people's tangible memories just down the road, in Rowand's Mini Mall on North Marion Avenue.

He uses multiple computer programs, such as Adobe Photoshop, to touch up and restore old photographs. He also sells gift items and souvenirs with photos printed on them.

"I didn't know what a computer was until I got into this," he said. "But practice makes perfect. That's how I learned, by practicing."

Joubert says both the economy and the "way of today" has made business hard the past two years.

"The economy isn't good, and it's not getting any better," he said. "But more than that, people just aren't interested."

The world today is rushed, as he sees it. We're all in a hurry, and really we aren't going anywhere.

Joubert said his work has taught him to deal with people better than he had before.

"I've learned that no matter what you do, you can't keep everyone happy," he said. "But I've also learned that I really enjoy this."

Joubert said it is his customers' facial expressions that make him love

what he does. Seeing the satisfaction on their face when they see the finished product is so rewarding, he said.

"The majority of my customers are amazed," he said. "They tell me they had no idea things like this could even be done."

After 16 years of restoring memories, and the passing of his wife Jane last year, Joubert is finally ready to wind down the business.

"I don't plan on getting remarried, that's just how I feel about it," he said.

"Hey, I'm retired. I don't need any more honey-dos from any other woman."

Joubert said he plans on closing the business within the next few years and moving into the Atrium at Gainesville Retirement Community, to make things easier on himself.

"I know I'm going to miss it when I'm done," he said. "I have really enjoyed myself."

LETTERS

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contract I just try to help," he said, sometimes moving sod and dirt.

The letters

The deficiency letters, along with 11 warning letters, were issued by FDOT project manager Douglas Cardin, with the first sent March 19 and the most recent sent June 4.

In March, six warnings and two deficiency letters were sent to Core Construction.

Most were related to erosion and traffic control issues. Torrential rainfall caused dirt and turbid water to escape from the project.

Another issue was mail delivery. According to an FDOT warning letter issued March 19, Core Construction "has not made the mailboxes on the project available to the mail delivery service and a number of homes in the limits of the project have not received mail at their homes as a result." The mailboxes are no longer obstructed.

Two deficiency letters were issued for failing to construct a gravity wall — which holds soil to a designated elevation — and failing to address a drop off on the roadway, creating "an unsafe condition for the motoring public as well as pedestrian traffic."

In April, two warnings and seven deficiency letters were issued. Traffic and erosion issues continued to be a problem. A deficiency letter issued April 9 stated Core Construction "has not addressed the debris allowed to flow onto the side street affecting vehicular traffic. Incidents of this nature have been an ongoing problem on the project."

Another letter was issued April 17 because the "contractor has not replaced the school crossing sign after work had been completed for that area." The "failure to warn motorists of the school crossing may endanger students and motorists alike."

In May, three warnings and five deficiency letters were issued. Erosion continued to plague the project along with problems submitting documents relating to subcontractors and scheduling.

In June, one deficiency letter was sent due to payroll issues involving subcontractors. Payroll for Bestway Concrete for work done on March 25 had not been submitted and a payment for Downstream was not submitted.

Norton said CurbWorx has not been paid since April.

Once a deficiency letter is issued, chances of the contractor winning another FDOT contract are diminished.

"The final contractor's past performance rating (CPR) will affect the contractor's future bidding capacity and prequalification," a DOT spokesperson said by email. "A deficiency letter reduces the grade by two points in the category it was written. The contractor has a score of 100 percent at the beginning of the project. Each deficiency letter will reduce this score."

Chung says he's aiming to wrap up construction by the end of June. FDOT said mid-July is a better estimate based on Core Construction's last submitted work progress schedule.

WELLBORN

Locals love blueberries

Thousands turn out for 21st annual Blueberry Festival.

By EMILY STANTON
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WELLBORN—A crowd buzzes around Ethel McDonald's tiny booth as she sets out jams and jellies neatly in rows. Her red apron reads, "Marie's Home Canning." It's not even 1 p.m., and she's already sold out of mayhaw jam.

McDonald and her sister, Ellinor Wiggins, have been selling their homemade canning products for 16 years. They never miss the Wellborn Blueberry Festival.

The Wellborn Community Association hosted its 21st annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival Saturday. An estimated 5,000-6,000 people came out to enjoy blueberry treats, live music, a parade, pancake breakfast and children's activities.

McDonald and Wiggins were among the 86 vendors at the festival.

The two have strong ties to the celebration. Their mother, Marie, did cooking demonstrations at the festival for five years. When she passed 16 years ago, McDonald and her sister took up the canning business. They make their popular spreads from fruit grown on their farm.

They participate in the festival every year because of the strong business they get from it.

"We have all the favorites people come back for," McDonald said.

The Wellborn Community Association also did well this year, selling all of their 125 pies, 70 cobbles and 12 dozen muffins and raising about \$9,000.

Profits made from the blueberry festival are used as capital for the community, said Wendell Snowden, Festival Chairman and Vice President of the Wellborn Community Association. Community events — like the annual Thanksgiving dinner party and Christmas party — are funded through the Wellborn Blueberry Festival.

"This year was a big success," Sharon Geyer, Wellborn Community Association treasurer, said. "Everybody came for breakfast. It was wonderful."

Wellborn residents are proud of the festival's success as well.

"I'm pleased to see how many people are out today," said Marilyn Meyers, a Wellborn local. "It's awesome."



Photos by EMILY STANTON/Lake City Reporter

Festival Chairman Wendell Snowden started planning the 21st Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival six months beforehand.



Children ride through the Wellborn Blueberry Festival on a train.



Ethel McDonald sells homemade jams and jellies at the festival.



You can't have a blueberry festival without the most important thing — blueberries.

She usually worked at the Waffle House on Highway 90 West on Saturdays, so Meyers was happy to be at the blueberry festival with her family.

Her granddaughter Kallie was happy to be surrounded by furry creatures in the petting zoo.

For Snowden, the Wellborn Blueberry Festival is the culmination of months of hard work and planning. In the end, it's all worth it.

"It just brings with whole community together," he said.



Five-year-old Kallie LiVecche holds a bunny at the festival's petting zoo.

THE WEATHER

8 SUN Slight chance of storms HI 88 LO 68	09 MON Slight chance of storms HI 90 LO 67	10 TUE Chance of storms HI 90 LO 68	11 WED Chance of storms HI 86 LO 67	12 THU Chance of storms HI 86 LO 67
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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, June 8

Sunday's highs/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	89/74/ts	89/74/ts
Daytona Beach	90/73/ts	89/72/ts
Fort Myers	90/73/ts	90/73/ts
Ft. Lauderdale	89/76/pc	87/77/ts
Gainesville	92/70/ts	90/70/ts
Jacksonville	92/73/ts	92/73/ts
Key West	87/80/pc	87/81/ts
Lake City	92/70/ts	90/70/ts
Miami	90/76/ts	85/75/ts
Naples	88/75/pc	86/75/ts
Ocala	92/70/ts	90/71/ts
Orlando	94/75/ts	91/75/ts
Panama City	87/74/pc	86/74/pc
Pensacola	85/74/pc	84/73/pc
Tallahassee	93/71/ts	94/71/pc
Tampa	89/75/ts	89/76/ts
Valdosta	94/71/ts	93/71/pc
W. Palm Beach	89/76/pc	87/76/ts

NATIONAL FORECAST: Showers and thunderstorms will extend from the Eastern Great Lakes to the Southeast, and across the Northern and Southern Plains. Dry weather will be found in the Upper Midwest as well as across the West.

NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES High: 105°, Needles, CA Low: 27°, Stanley, ID

LAKE CITY ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	SUN
High Saturday	88 Sunrise today 6:28 a.m.
Low Saturday	68 Sunset today 8:30 p.m.
Normal high	90 Sunrise tom. 6:28 a.m.
Normal low	68 Sunset tom. 8:31 p.m.
Record high	99 in 1985
Record low	58 in 1926

PRECIPITATION	MOON
Saturday	0.16" Moonrise today 4:05 p.m.
Month total	4.06" Moonset today 3:01 a.m.
Year total	15.06" Moonrise tom. 5:04 p.m.
Normal month-to-date	1.29" Moonset tom. 3:39 a.m.
Normal year-to-date	17.28"

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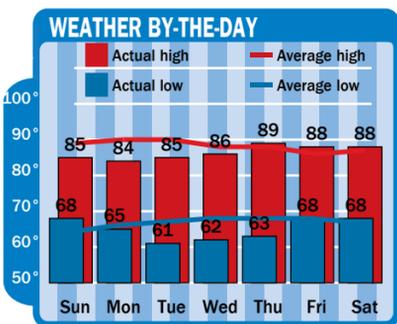
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CITY	Saturday Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Today Hi/Lo/W	CITY	Saturday Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Today Hi/Lo/W	CITY	Saturday Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Today Hi/Lo/W
Albany	81/53/0.00	86/61/pc	Des Moines	70/64/1.06	75/60/pc	Oklahoma City	82/64/27	82/66/ts
Albuquerque	84/64/0.00	86/62/ts	Detroit	79/57/0.00	76/57/ts	Omaha	73/63/28	75/60/pc
Anchorage	60/54/0.00	63/48/sh	El Paso	99/77/0.00	100/72/pc	Orlando	93/75/0.00	92/74/ts
Atlanta	87/68/0.02	87/72/ts	Fairbanks	68/48/0.00	74/50/ts	Philadelphia	82/63/0.00	87/63/pc
Baltimore	82/57/0.00	86/65/pc	Greensboro	82/63/0.00	84/67/ts	Phoenix	99/75/0.00	107/77/s
Billings	56/41/0.00	71/51/ts	Hartford	84/54/0.00	87/63/pc	Pittsburgh	79/53/0.00	77/61/ts
Birmingham	87/69/0.00	89/70/ts	Honolulu	82/75/0.00	83/75/pc	Portland ME	82/55/0.00	78/56/pc
Bismarck	66/46/0.00	69/46/ts	Houston	91/73/0.00	90/76/pc	Portland OR	66/55/0.00	78/55/pc
Boise	65/51/0.00	83/56/s	Indianapolis	79/57/0.00	75/59/ts	Raleigh	82/62/0.00	85/66/ts
Boston	79/61/0.00	80/64/pc	Jackson MS	91/73/0.02	92/71/pc	Rapid City	56/44/0.03	56/44/ts
Buffalo	78/50/0.00	80/61/ts	Jacksonville	84/70/1.34	89/70/ts	Reno	86/60/0.00	89/57/s
Charleston SC	86/69/43	87/70/ts	Kansas City	70/68/23	77/62/pc	Sacramento	86/55/0.00	103/64/s
Charleston WV	82/51/0.00	83/64/ts	Las Vegas	98/77/0.00	106/81/s	Salt Lake City	79/57/0.00	77/54/pc
Charlotte	82/71/0.00	85/66/ts	Little Rock	91/68/0.00	85/68/ts	San Antonio	78/76/0.00	93/75/pc
Cheyenne	50/46/49	62/42/ts	Los Angeles	73/61/0.00	82/66/fg	San Diego	70/62/0.00	69/63/fg
Chicago	82/57/0.00	70/55/pc	Memphis	87/71/0.02	86/68/ts	San Francisco	68/53/0.00	72/54/pc
Cincinnati	81/57/0.00	74/59/ts	Miami	91/77/0.01	91/75/ts	Seattle	69/55/0.00	73/55/pc
Cleveland	79/51/0.00	75/57/ts	Minneapolis	66/53/61	71/55/pc	Spokane	70/51/0.00	80/52/pc
Columbia SC	73/66/43	81/62/pc	Mobile	89/73/0.00	91/71/pc	St. Louis	79/68/39	82/66/pc
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Section B

Record-setters

Top athletes Kvistad, Underwood make their mark at CHS



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Kayli Kvistad at the field where she set a school home run record and help lead the Lady Tigers to a state championship in 2013.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Kayli Kvistad has not only put together a record-breaking year at Columbia High, but also a career's worth of broken records with the Lady Tigers.

For all her accomplishments, Kvistad is the 2013-14 Lake City Reporter

Female Athlete of the Year. Kvistad alone has hit more home runs during her four-year career than most varsity teams. With 44 home runs, Kvistad's record is sure to stand for some time. She's also won back-to-back Florida Dairy Farmers Class 6A State Player of the Year honors. Still, one memory will

stand out above all for Kvistad when it comes to her career.

"Of course, there's always the state championship," Kvistad said.

Kvistad and the Lady Tigers' run was an unexpected one. Columbia was replacing four seniors

KVISTAD continued on 3B

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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There have been 102 years of Columbia High football and Lonnie Underwood's name will stand alone at the top of all other running backs after rushing for a record 30 touchdowns in 2013.

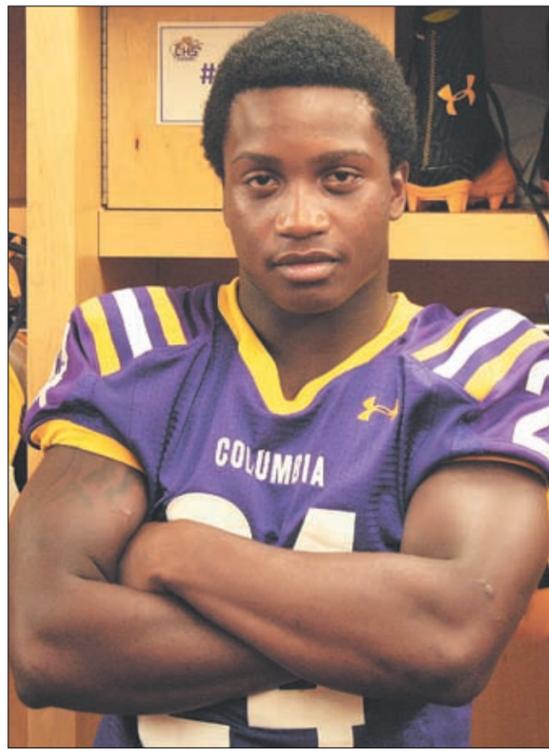
For his accomplishment, Underwood has been named the 2013-14 Lake City Reporter Male Athlete of the Year.

According to Columbia head coach Brian Allen, it's not all just God-given talent, although Allen believes he has plenty of that, but it's about the work that Underwood does to perfect his craft.

"Hard work and determination is the key," Allen said. "He doesn't rest on what he is blessed with. He works on getting better all the time. That over everything makes him what he is. He doesn't rest, but always tries to perfect."

Underwood said what makes him special as an athlete is just as much mental as it is physical.

"Football, it's a lot of film and listening to coaches and the other people around you making you better," Underwood said. "There's a lot of technique.



FILE

Columbia High running back Lonnie Underwood scored a school record 30 touchdowns during the 2013 season.

There's a lot of reps. It's a big help, not only am I getting strong, but I'm getting faster. It'll make me better running through tackles, better than I already do."

Because of the combination of his power, speed and knowledge of the game, Allen said that Underwood

is able to change the complexion of a game in an instant.

"Just that spark, he's a kid that the game changes with his play," Allen said. "If you're backed up on the goal line, he is a kid that

ATHLETE continued on 3B

Chrome falters in Belmont Stakes

Triple Crown bid ends in dead heat for fourth place.

By **BETH HARRIS**
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tonalist sprinted across the finish line first Saturday at the Belmont Stakes, spoiling California Chrome's bid to win the first Triple Crown in 36 years.

California Chrome finished far back in a tie for fourth. The result means the longest drought without a Triple Crown champion in history is extended.

California Chrome and jockey Victor Espinoza lost the 1½-mile race on a hot day at Belmont Park, where tens of thousands of fans were packed in hoping to see history. It left Affirmed as the most recent Triple Crown winner in 1978.

"I thought he was gaining ground, but he didn't have it in him, apparently," California Chrome in a tie with Wicked Strong.

immediately after the race. He complained that some of the horses sat out some races, and were entered just to knock out California Chrome. "It's all or nothing. This is not fair to these horses and to the people that believe in them. This is the coward's way out."

California Chrome broke quickly but was pressed immediately by Commissioner and General a Rod. Espinoza eased California Chrome back into third along the rail.

Approaching the final turn, California Chrome was maneuvered to the outside. He angled four-wide turning for home, just to the outside of Tonalist who was close to the pace the entire race. Espinoza started whipping left handed in the lane but California Chrome had no response.

Tonalist kicked strongly in the final strides, edging Commissioner by a head. Medal Count got third with California Chrome in a tie with Wicked Strong.



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BASEBALL

AL schedule

Today's Games
 St. Louis (J.Garcia 1-0) at Toronto (Hutchison 4-3), 1:07 p.m.
 Oakland (Kazmir 6-2) at Baltimore (UJimenez 2-6), 1:35 p.m.
 Seattle (FHernandez 8-1) at Tampa Bay (Archer 3-3), 1:40 p.m.
 Houston (McHugh 4-3) at Minnesota (Deduno 2-3), 2:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 4-3) at Kansas City (Shields 6-3), 2:10 p.m.

Cleveland (Masterson 3-4) at Texas (J.Saunders 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Quintana 3-5) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 6-5), 3:35 p.m.
 Boston (Lackey 6-4) at Detroit (A.Sanchez 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Monday's Games
 Seattle (ERamirez 1-4) at Tampa Bay (Price 4-5), 1:10 p.m.
 Boston (Peavy 1-3) at Baltimore (B.Norris 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Nolasco 4-5) at Toronto (Dickey 6-4), 7:07 p.m.
 Cleveland (House 0-1) at Texas (N.Martinez 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Porcello 8-3) at Chicago White Sox (Noesi 1-4), 8:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Nuno 1-2) at Kansas City (Vargas 5-2), 8:10 p.m.
 Houston (Cosart 4-5) at Arizona (Collmenter 4-2), 9:40 p.m.
 Oakland (J.Chavez 5-3) at L.A. Angels (Richards 5-2), 10:05 p.m.

NL schedule

Today's Games
 St. Louis (J.Garcia 1-0) at Toronto (Hutchison 4-3), 1:07 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Buchanan 1-2) at Cincinnati (Bailey 6-3), 1:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Gallardo 3-4) at Pittsburgh (Morton 2-7), 1:35 p.m.
 Miami (H.Alvarez 3-3) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 1-1), 2:20 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Z.Wheeler 2-5) at San Francisco (Lincecum 4-4), 4:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Harang 4-4) at Arizona (C.Anderson 4-0), 4:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 4-2) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 6-4), 4:10 p.m.
 Washington (Zimmermann 4-2) at San Diego (Stults 2-6), 4:10 p.m.
Monday's Games
 Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 4-5) at Pittsburgh (Cole 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Haren 5-4) at Cincinnati (Cingrani 2-6), 7:10 p.m.
 Atlanta (Floyd 0-2) at Colorado (Undecided), 8:40 p.m.
 Houston (Cosart 4-5) at Arizona (Collmenter 4-2), 9:40 p.m.
 Washington (Strasburg 5-4) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 4-2), 10:15 p.m.

GOLF REPORTS

Thanks for patience

We would like to thank everyone for being patient and supportive during our greens replacement.

We are anticipating the greens will be put down within the next two weeks and will be ready to roll.

Top of the Hill winners on Monday: Bob McGraw, first with +10; Jack Tuggle, second with +7; Joe Herring, third with +4.

Wednesday's Big Blitz winner with a +13 was Jack Tuggle. In a three-way tie for second were Mike Kahlich, Gerald Smithy and Rick Cahill at +7.

Skin winners: Al Cohoon, Jason Watts, Kahlich, Smithy and Tuggle.

Closest to the pin winners were Smithy on Nos. 3 and 5, Larry Boone on

QUAIL HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB

Nicki Newmans

No. 11, Tuggle on Nos. 15 and 17.

Wednesday Scramble was canceled.

Thursday Twilight League winners are as follows: Chet Carter and Gillian Norris, breaking even in points; Phillip Russell and Luther Huffman with a +4; Billy Ryan and Ken Kellam with a -1; Wallace Christie and Ben Chancey with a +5; Hugh Sherrill and Jerry Snowberger with a +5; Jason Watts and Amanda Odom with a +2; C.J. Bradford and Tracey Spears with a +4; David Ross and Voncile

Kahlich with a -1; Mike Kahlich and Patti Kahlich with a +3.

Friday Dogfight winner was Jack Tuggle with a +12. Following in second place was Randy Heavrin with a +4 and in third place with a +3 was Joe Herring.

Skin winners: Al Cohoon, Gerald Smithy, Joe Herring (2) and Tuggle (2).

Closest to the pin winners were Randy Heavrin on No. 3, Smithy on No. 5, Bob McGraw on No. 11, Kevin Parks on No. 15 and Tuggle on No. 17.

The first Junior Golf Camp is June 16-20. A sign-up sheet is in the pro shop. Camp will be from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

For information or tee times call 752-3339.

Hunter team wins 3-2-1

The foursome of Terry Hunter, Barney Hart, Pete Skantos and Ron Miracle squeezed out a narrow victory over the team of Jonathan Allen, Scott Kishton, Eddy Brown and Pedro Munoz in the MGA 3-2-1 tournament.

The winners posted a combined 125 for a one-stroke win.

Hank Rone tallied two late birdies to earn a share of first place with Casey Clemons and Greg Lyons in Sunday's blitz.

Mickey Wilcox and Scott Kishton tied for second place, one point behind the winners.

Closest to the pin winners were Eddy Brown on No. 5, Buddy Slay on No. 7, Dell Sanders on No. 15 and Mike Jacobs on No. 17.

Clemons eagled No. 2 for one of his two skins. Kishton also had two keepers and Rone had one.

Mike Jacobs (+8) notched a back-nine birdie to take a one-point win over Jerry West in the A flight of Wednesday's blitz.

Eddy Brown was in solo third place with +5. Dennis Crawford, Steve Patterson and Ed Snow were all at +3.

COUNTRY CLUB at LAKE CITY

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Charlie Timmons (+12) posted an eagle two on hole No. 8 to secure a hard-fought win over Emerson Darst (+11) in B flight. Pete Skantos finished third with +4.

Crawford missed out on a pot hole prize by opting out of the game. His skin on No. 15 would have been worth some serious change.

Other skins winners were Patterson, Snow and Timmons.

The format let players use their best nine holes for scoring in the weekly LGA event.

Nancy Edgar used a net 31 strokes on her best nine for the win.

Caroline Stevens and Jan Davis tied for second with 32.

Ann Bormolini, Dottie Rogers and Roberta Whitaker posted net 35.

Stevens scored the day's only chip-ins on Nos. 12 and 18.

The Good Old Boys matches all featured a lot of scoring.

The foursome of Rob Brown, Noidrie Moses, Joe Persons and Dan Stephens led things off with an 8-5 win over the threesome of Emerson Darst, Jim Bell and Dennis Hendershot.

Match 2 was a four-on-four battle that went to Ed Snow, Dave Cannon, Monty Montgomery and Eli Witt over Don Christensen, Jerry Jobe, Bill Rogers and Jim Stevens by a count of 9-5.

In the final match, the team of Jerry West, Jim McGriff, Paul Davis and Mike Spencer put 11 points on the board to outrun the team of Marc Risk, Bob Wheary, Carl Wilson and Stan Woolbert by five marks.

West (38-35-73) and Risk (34-39-73) led the race for scoring honors.

Stevens (39-38-77), Darst (40-38-78), Wheary (39-40-79), McGriff (40-39-79), Snow (38-41-70), and Woolbert (39-40-79) all took a run at the top.

Upcoming events:
 ■ Monday-Friday, Junior Golf Clinic #1;
 ■ Saturday, U.S. Open blitz.
 ■ June 23-27, Junior Golf Clinic #2.



THERESA WESTBERRY/Lake City Reporter

First goal

Abi Brooks of the CYSA U4 Team Avengers scored the first goal of the game and her first of the season in Team Avengers' 4-1 win over Dynamo on Saturday.



COURTESY PHOTO

Suwannee River Martial Arts Camp

The ninth annual Suwannee River Martial Arts Camp was May 23-25. The site is Hanshi Andy Horne's (of Andy Horne's Martial Arts Academy in Lake City) farm in Bell. The line-up of instructors included Weapon Disarms from Rob Ray, Creative Bo from NASKA World champion and Team Paul Mitchell's Kyle Montagna, Traditional Weapons with Drew Derrick-Bisbee, Pressure Points from Grandmaster Jack Hogan, Self-Defense from Kathy Highley, Flexibility and Kicking with undefeated, retired PKA World Middle Weight Champion Bill 'Superfoot' Wallace, and Movie Fight Stunts with Kim Kahana Sr., a movie legend with more than 300 films to his credit. **ABOVE:** Suwannee River Martial Arts Camp instructors were Kahana Sr., (from left) Montagna, Derrick-Bisbee, Ray, Horne, Wallace, Hogan and Highley. **BELOW:** Students and instructors celebrate a successful camp.



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JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Kayli Kvistad shows off her swing as sister, Kamdyn, serves as catcher.

KVISTAD: Signed to play at Florida

Continued From Page 1B

in 2013 before the Lady Tigers went on to win state in Kvistad's junior year.

"My sophomore year, we had one of the best teams in history," Kvistad said. "We kind of all played for ourselves. My junior year we all came together as a team."

Unfortunately, the Lady Tigers weren't able to repeat, but it was an amazing year for Kvistad either way. The highlight came with a walk-off homer to beat Oakleaf High in the district championship game.

"This year, when we played Oakleaf, when I got the game winning home run (was my most memorable moment)," Kvistad said. "It just felt good to help my team, I know when we played the first couple of times, it was a close game. I felt that we could have played a little better."

Her head coach, Jimmy Williams, would agree with that being one of her most memorable moments.

"The home run in the district championship game was the most recent memory, but she's had a stellar career," Williams said. "Her consistency was something that always impressed me. She had the ability to adjust to whatever pitching we faced. She's probably one of the only players to have a plan. She's had a college-level mentality ever since she's been in the program."

The college plan started early as her parents helped mold her into the athlete she was at Columbia.

"The continuous practice my parents put me and my sister through, we play year-round, we play travel ball and that really helps too," Kvistad said. "There were continuous practices with my parents. They can pitch just like a pitcher can in a game, and that really helps."

This year, Kayli and her sister, Kamdyn, were able to play on the same team for the first time.

"It means a lot. Me and my sister are really close," Kvistad said. "It was cool actually playing together, because we always played in different age groups."

"Coaching sisters and both of them you could tell they had been brought up respectful of the game, other players and the coaches," Williams said. "They have a passion and the part about it is I'm so excited that she got to play with her sister for the first time. One of the most memorable moments was when they both hit home runs in the same game (against Harmony High). It was like the daily double. They'll be able to tell their story as long as they live."

Kayli said she was grateful to be around Williams

as her coach during high school and that he always held the team together.

"He's always been a positive person," Kvistad said. "He always keeps the team up."

Williams said that was always easy to do with Kvistad.

"The greatest thing that I've noticed about her is the only stat that she's worried about is if we won or not," Williams said. "I've never once heard her talk about what she did. All she cared about is if the team won and if she gave it her best. It's kind of rare. Most girls are like, I did my part. She's not that way. She's a person that would rather see the team win and not worry about stats."

And Williams went on to note that she may stand the test of time as the best Columbia will ever have.

"I don't know if there's anymore Kaylis out there," Williams said. "She's shown a lot of young girls that are just now playing the game that if you put the team first and work hard, you'll be rewarded and recognized."

I can't say there won't be another one, but there hasn't been one before her. She has the complete mindset of a winner and makes everyone around her a winner."

Even if another player comes along and matches her, Kvistad said it will still be important to know that she was a one-time record holder.

"It means a lot," she said. "It shows all the hard work that I put into playing softball. It's something that I can keep and hopefully show my kids one day."

While it's over at Columbia, Kvistad will play for the Florida Gators next season, and her head coach believes that it's the beginning of another great chapter.

"She's one I wish was coming back to do it all again," Williams said. "She's one that you're blessed to have. High school isn't the end for her."

"She's going to go on to achieve great things and I'm certainly going to miss her."



FILE

Lonnie Underwood carries the ball during the 2013 season in which the Tigers finished 10-2 and made the state playoffs.

ATHLETE: Returns for a senior year

Continued From Page 1B

can be a game changer. When you have those type of backs, you can win a lot of games."

Underwood changed a lot of games on the scoreboard in his junior year. The running back scored more than 180 points for the Tigers. Underwood said despite the records and being named athlete of the year, that his mindset won't change.

"It feels good to be named, but I'll keep working hard and stay humble," Underwood said. "It's something I can look back on and tell my children. I feel good to know that I have a record at Columbia. I know a lot of athletes have come through here and I can be named one of the best. I'll try to break it next year."

Allen has no doubt that Underwood will keep progressing. Both of their ultimate goals is to be the best that they can be.

"He's a competitor, wants to win in everything he does," Allen said. "He knows that you have to work hard in order to be good. He's constantly trying to build on what he has

and make it better. That's his mentality in the weight room. He's not a kid that misses or gets caught up on the hype.

"Whether its in the weight room or workouts, he's trying to get better and competing against other kids or against his own numbers."

Underwood said that Allen and running back coach Quinton Callum have been big impacts on him and will continue to help him have an even bigger senior campaign.

"Allen and Callum have helped me," Underwood said. "Callum has gotten on to me a lot about the little things. That's why I don't fumble. Allen, now that he's on the offense, is teaching me new stuff. It's helped me out a lot. (Mitch) Shoup is the one that fed me the rock and was there for me (last season). I want to go for 2,500 yards and 40 touchdowns and win state of course for my senior year."

And there's another group of people that have made Underwood's success a team game.

"My O-line, all those guys, they have played so hard for me, so I have to play hard for them," Underwood said.

It will be easy to argue who the best athlete in 2013-14 was, but according to Allen there's one thing that can't be argued.

"Number one, his numbers are better than anybody else's," Allen said. "People can argue who is the better player. They can argue opinions, but what you can't argue is numbers. Numbers-wise he definitely is deserving. He's the best that's been at his position here. He's one of the most hard-working kids I've had in my short time. He's as hard of a worker as anyone I've played with."

"Those make it a no-brainer that he's deserving of this award. He's a kid that came in as a freshman and fell right in line with the way things work here. He hasn't missed a beat. He's one that can be put on tape for the kids that are to come. We can say if you want to be special, these are the things that you have to do."

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KIREH

BLIMC

DANTTE

VILASH

Answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: UPEND HOARD ZEALOT ZOMBIE
 Answer: When they carved the Jumble into the side of the mountain, they made a — HARD PUZZLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



WHEN SHE QUIT HER JOB AS A HOUSEKEEPER, SHE MADE A —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers Monday

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KCALF

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A:

Saturday's Jumbles: HIKER CLIMB ATTEND LAVISH
 Answer: When she quit her job as a housekeeper, she made a — CLEAN BREAK

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



HE WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY GOLF, SO HE —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

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- 5 Sty matriarch
- 8 "Scandal" network
- 11 Franc's replacer
- 12 Winged god
- 14 Web site
- 15 On horseback
- 17 John Wayne's "— Lobo"
- 18 Veld scavenger
- 19 Aloft
- 21 Actress Redgrave
- 23 Quay
- 24 Brainy club
- 27 Eager
- 29 The Plastic — Band
- 30 Made a list
- 34 Book appendix
- 37 Here, for monsieur
- 38 Get closer

DOWN

- 1 Pod content
- 2 Big hurry
- 3 Pretentious
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- 39 Flu shots
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- 40 Brewers' buys
- 41 Moon track
- 42 Whinny
- 44 Admire oneself
- 45 Frazzled
- 46 Overpriced
- 48 Prefix for "trillion"
- 49 Pro votes
- 52 Golly!
- 53 — out a living



Tarpon chasing

OUTDOORS 360



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As this year's tarpon season kicks off in Florida — from the Florida Keys to Boca Grande to Jacksonville Beach and everywhere in between — we have limited numbers show up in our channels and flats during the late spring through early fall.

They're hard to target because we don't have the massive pods moving with the moon phases in and out of deep-water passes, but we do get smaller schools and solo fish along our coasts.

My best advice for catching a tarpon in our area is get lucky and have a big setup ready to pitch a big bait.

Or, plan a trip from Cedar Key and other bodies of water south where they're way more predictable, and in much larger numbers.

Since 1975, the Florida state record for a tarpon has been a 243-pound fish caught in Key West. Since 2003, the world record has been a 286-pound tarpon caught in Rubane, Guinea-Bissau, Africa.

Both of those records may have been broken last season (June 24, 2013) by Capt. Justin Moore and his four anglers.

For Moore, chasing tarpon along west central Florida has been a favorite family pastime. Growing up as the son of renowned guide, Scott Moore, fishing for and landing tarpon was a routine summer activity. "We caught more than a



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Capt. Justin Moore, who guided a party to a probable record tarpon last year, shows off a tarpon of a more usual size.

thousand tarpon together as I was growing up," Justin said. "None were as big as that fish."

"That fish" will be one that lives in the memories of all the anglers on board Moore's custom-built in Bradenton 24-foot T-Craft by Scott Schulte.

Longtime client Drew Denick and Ron Joyce, national account executives of ABC Supply Company, chartered Moore.

Joining Denick, Joyce and Moore were Denick's clients from Wisconsin, Jeremy and Jan Tombl.

"The biggest fish they've ever caught was a 24-inch walleye," Denick said. "They flew down just to tarpon fish, but were nervous going into the Gulf of Mexico because they've been seasick in the past."

The nervousness was quickly put aside, as Moore put them right onto a hot tarpon bite off

the Anna Maria Island beaches. The first bait sent a tarpon airborne.

"That first fish was probably 160 pounds," Denick said, as it was landed after a 30-minute battle.

For the next four hours, each angler on board took turns fighting tarpon.

Before long, they had landed a 130-pound fish and three 150-pounders, which Moore said has been average for this year.

"We were all exhausted at that point, ready to go home," Denick said. "Our cameras and phones were dead since we were using them so much for pictures."

The tired crew was ready to call it a day after a great day of tarpon catching when Moore started the engine and told the anglers to bring in their baits.

"Jan left his bait out for a second, and then it was

hit," said Denick.

"I didn't see the fish at first," Moore said. "I was concentrating on the school trying to get a doubleheader at that point. (Fellow guide) Craig Madsen saw it. He called me and said 'That's a huge fish you've got on.'"

As a storm built overhead, Moore tightened the drag down on the 7500 Fin Nor Offshore with 65-pound Power Pro braid to put more pressure on the fish.

"We were either going to catch it or break it off," he told the anglers.

For the next 90 minutes, each angler took turns fighting the tarpon.

"About 50 feet off the boat I could see this was a huge fish hooked right in the top of the lip. That's when I told them 'We're going to land this fish,'" Moore said. "When it got up to the boat we couldn't believe the size of it. I've

seen 200-pound fish before, and this was significantly bigger. Everything was bigger, including scales, eyeball and anal fin."

To get measurements, Moore held up a 9-foot custom Crowder fishing rod, seeing the fish was about eight feet from mouth to forked tail. To get the dorsal girth, he had to get a line around the underside of the fish.

"I couldn't reach that far," he said. For this, he attached a bobber to fishing line and pushed it under the massive girth to the other side. They then cut the line tight and held onto it for safekeeping.

"I thought the girth was maybe 42 or 43 inches," Moore said. "When we measured 53 inches, I couldn't believe it."

As the measuring was going on, with all cameras dead, Jeremy pulled out an iPad to record video of the fish at boat side.

This shows Moore placing the 9-foot rod up to the monster tarpon before the release.

When Moore was back on dry land, he shared the measurements to get a tarpon weight estimate.

"I thought it was going to be in the 250-pound range."

Based on those size estimates, this tarpon would weigh between 310 and 340 pounds, a state and world record.

"That's hard even for me to believe," said Moore.

To verify a world record would have meant killing the tarpon to be weighed. Doing it all over, the conservation-minded captain would have released the fish without second thought, even if it was a world record.

"One of the reasons that fish was so big was because of the eggs she was carrying," he said. "Most likely she is offshore spawning now, and I feel better about that than any record."

Denick, who holds a state record for a 33-pound, 6-ounce skipjack tuna, was completely onboard with letting the tarpon live to see another day.

"Even knowing it could have been a world record, we would have released it to see another day," Denick said. "To me that is the best part of it all."

To see the video of this potential world record fish, visit Outdoors360.com.

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Ty Jackson with a bull dolphin off the coast of St. Augustine.



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Coy Howell caught this redfish off Horseshoe Beach.

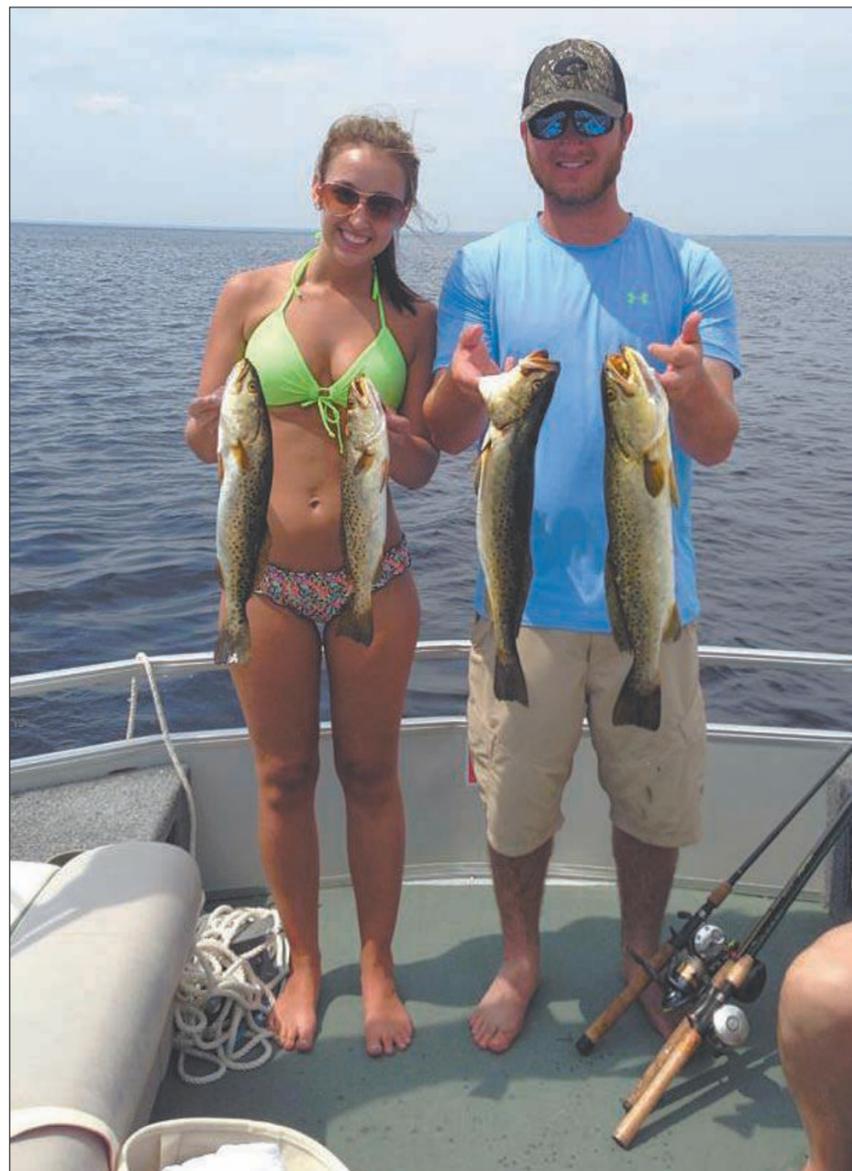


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Caroline Witt and Andrew Nettles enjoyed this past weekend catching loads of trout.

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Section C

A historic dining experience

New downtown restaurant will evoke the early 1900s; expected to open in July.

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A restaurant with decor from the early 1900s, featuring photos of Lake City's history on its walls and serving homemade meals, isn't your average eatery for the area.

However, a restaurant fitting that bill will open soon downtown. The Marion Street Deli and Pub, 281 N. Marion Ave., will soon open its doors in a building from days of yesteryear.

Jerry Leszkiewicz, architect/engineer, is doing the rehabilitation on the two buildings that will make up the new restaurant.

Leszkiewicz said the two buildings were built and opened in 1909 as a pharmacy. Construction crews have left the name of the original pharmacy in place on ceramic tiles at the restaurant's main entrance.

"We're going to preserve as much of the old buildings as possible in the decor of the restaurant," he said. "It's all going to be early 1900s."

Ron Robbins is owner of the Marion Street Deli and Pub.

The Marion Street Deli and Pub will be a full service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, six days a week. The restaurant is expected to employ about 30 people and will have a full liquor license, Leszkiewicz said.

"If it goes well, he'll probably open on Sundays for brunch," Leszkiewicz said.

The restaurant's menu will have a wide variety of American and Southern foods. A pizza oven was also added to the building for home-



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter
Jerry Leszkiewicz, architect/engineer, makes alterations to a light fixture in the patio of the Marion Street Deli and Pub. The establishment, expected to open in early July, will be a full service restaurant with homemade menu items.

made, fresh pizza.

"Everything is going to be homemade," Leszkiewicz said. "Nothing on the menu is going to be store bought. It's going to be all made from scratch meals. All the menus and recipes for the food are going to be individual from the chef, Ron Robbins and other people involved with the restaurant."

The rehabilitation work on the buildings began in November.

"We got a grant from the city to improve the facade and we've been working on that and then we've been working on the inside to restore the building," Leszkiewicz said. "Everything here is 100 years old, so is all the electrical and plumbing and the building had no gas, but we have gas service in here for the kitchen now. Everything had to be completely redone."

The restaurant could open as soon as early July.

"We're just taking it one day at a time right now," Leszkiewicz said. "We want to go through a period before we open of having an informal opening to have staff on board, get them trained and get everything going the way it should be going so we don't any hiccups when it opens formally and officially."

The restaurant will offer outdoor seating on its patio for 35 - 40 people. Several television sets will be on the patio to provide entertainment for patrons.

The restaurant, which will have a capacity of about 100, is slated to have 10 indoor televisions. There will also be two fireplaces, couch and sofa, and a 70-inch television.

Leszkiewicz said live entertainment will also be featured on different occasions.

"We're hoping this will be a good attraction for all the folks around Lake City who have been looking for something we don't have yet," Leszkiewicz said. "It's not going to be a typical box restaurant like they have out there at the Interstate 75, not that there's anything wrong with them, but this will be all homemade, specialty-cooked foods and there will be a wide range on the menu to meet everybody's appetite."

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Sudden Big Moves

Why would a stock end a trading day at one price and then begin trading the next morning at a very different one? — C.D., Ocala, Florida

Maybe there was a stock split, or some news or rumors emerged after the market closed. Perhaps the company is being bought out, or maybe it reported surprisingly good or bad earnings. Such developments can cause buy or sell orders to pile up overnight, resulting in big overnight price moves. Stock prices simply reflect supply and demand. If many are selling, the price drops — and vice versa. After-hours trading is another factor, as it has grown in popularity.

How does stock ownership work? If I own 5 percent of a company's stock and the company earns \$100 million, do I get 5 percent of that, or \$5 million? — M.H., Saginaw, Michigan

Not exactly. If you own stock in a public company, you do own a real chunk of it, though usually a tiny one. But its earnings aren't automatically distributed to its owners.

Companies have choices regarding their earnings. For example, they might pay some out to shareholders as dividends, or pay down debt, or reinvest in the business by building factories, hiring more workers, buying advertising and so on. They may also buy back some of their stock or buy another company, or simply bank the money, waiting for opportunities.

All these options can reward shareholders, sometimes even more powerfully than if the money were just distributed as dividends. Buying back (and essentially canceling, or retiring) shares, for example, boosts the value of the remaining shares. Reinvesting in the business can result in a bigger, more profitable company — with higher earnings.

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Don't View Your Home as an Investment

Some Americans believe that buying their own house is the best and smartest investment they'll ever make. It can be a smart move, but it's often not a smart investment.

For one thing, though certain locations at certain times will be exceptions, in general, homes don't grow in value very quickly. And some housing markets crash and remain low for many years.

According to a recent Washington Post piece, "Over the past century, housing prices have grown at a compound annual rate of just 0.3 percent once one adjusts for inflation (per data from economist Robert Shiller). ... Over the same period, the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index has had comparable annual returns of about 6.5 percent (also adjusted for inflation)." Most Treasury bonds, which are ultra-low-risk, beat that housing growth rate, too. Clearly, your money is likely to grow more

sitting in stocks or bonds.

Also, a home is not very liquid: If you need to sell it quickly, you may not be able to do so without accepting a low price. It doesn't always hold its value well, either, as fashions change. Think of wood paneling going out of style, and two-car garages growing in popularity over one-car garages.

Owning a home can make it hard to build wealth, as you pay a lot in interest over the length of your mortgage and also have to maintain and repair the home. There are property taxes and insurance costs, too.

If a home isn't an investment, what is it? Well, it's a place to live and a roof over your head. Renting can be a sensible move, perhaps permitting you to sock away more money in your retirement accounts. But by buying a home, you can, ideally, build some equity over time.

So buy a home to have a comfortable place to live and maybe raise a family. Just don't expect it to make you wealthy. To make money in real estate, consider investment/rental properties, but only if you know what you're doing and have the stomach to be a landlord.

My Dumbest Investment

Groupon Clipping

My dumbest investment was buying shares of Groupon at its 2011 initial public offering (IPO), for close to \$20 apiece. They're near \$5 now, and I'm still waiting for them to get back to my purchase price. — S., online

The Fool Responds: The story of Groupon is similar to many other companies that have debuted on the stock market via IPOs. It went public with a lot of buzz, and shares quickly rose into the mid-\$20s. A year later, though, shares were near \$4. The stock has recently been trading around \$6. What went wrong?

Well, the company has yet to turn a profit. It has no sustainable competitive advantage, as its daily deal concept is fairly easy for others to copy, and deal-seekers have little loyalty to it. Its business model is problematic, too, requiring lots of salespeople to get local businesses to offer Groupons.

With IPOs and all stocks, be sure you understand how the company is going to prosper. And if you're underwater on a stock you no longer believe in, sell and move the money that's left to a more promising investment.

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The Motley Fool Take

Calling on Cash Flow

There's a good chance you're already its customer, but you might want to be a shareholder, too. Verizon Communications (NYSE: VZ) is a telecommunications giant, offering prodigious free cash flow, a generous dividend yield (recently near 4.3 percent) and an attractive valuation.

It has a strong brand name and competitive advantages that keep rivals at bay. Providing nationwide cable, Internet and phone service is nearly impossible for newcomers due to the extremely high costs of building out a network. This means barriers to entry are very high, resulting in reliable profits. Indeed, Verizon generates more than \$20 billion in free cash flow annually. It distributed nearly \$6 billion in dividends to shareholders last year, and has been upping its payout annually for years.

In addition, Verizon has a clear catalyst for continued future growth, thanks to its highly profitable Verizon Wireless business, which is the largest and most profitable wireless carrier in the United States. In its last reported quarter, Verizon Wireless increased service revenue by 7.5 percent, outpacing the overall company's 4.8 percent revenue growth. The wireless business should provide plenty of cash flow to support the company's hefty dividend for a long time.

With its steady growth and a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio recently near 11 (well below the S&P 500's 18), Verizon stock is compellingly priced and worth considering.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1902 and the purchase of the Pittsburgh Testing Laboratories' stockroom. My first offerings included microscopes and balances, and I published my first catalog in 1904. Today, based in Massachusetts, I'm the global leader in serving science — accelerating life sciences research, solving complex analytical challenges, improving patient diagnostics and increasing laboratory productivity. My products and services range from beakers and flasks to diagnostic test kits and chemicals to mass spectrometers and fume hoods. I rake in more than \$13 billion annually and employ about 50,000 people in 50 countries. Who am I?

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LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I was created in 1930, but some of my businesses were making margarine, soap and soup tablets back in the 1800s. Today I'm a global giant; more than 2 billion people use my products daily in more than 190 nations. My brands include Lipton, Knorr, Dove, Hellmann's, Vaseline, Brylcreem, Close Up, TRESemmé, Ben & Jerry's, Orm, Surf, Good Humor, Klondike, Q-tips, Popsicle and Slim-Fast. (I'm slimming down, and sold Wish Bone and Skippy.) Many of my brands have annual sales topping 1 billion euros. I employ more than 170,000 people, and 42 percent of my managers are women. Who am I? (Answer: Unilever)

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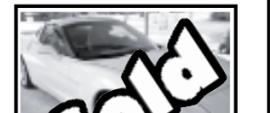
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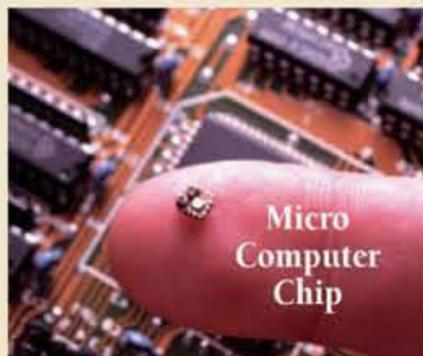
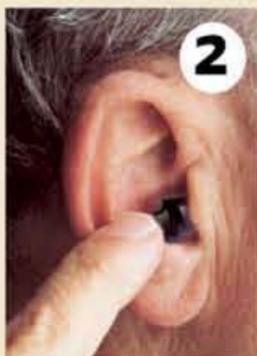
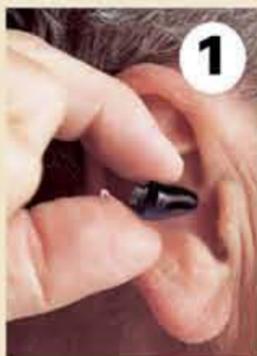
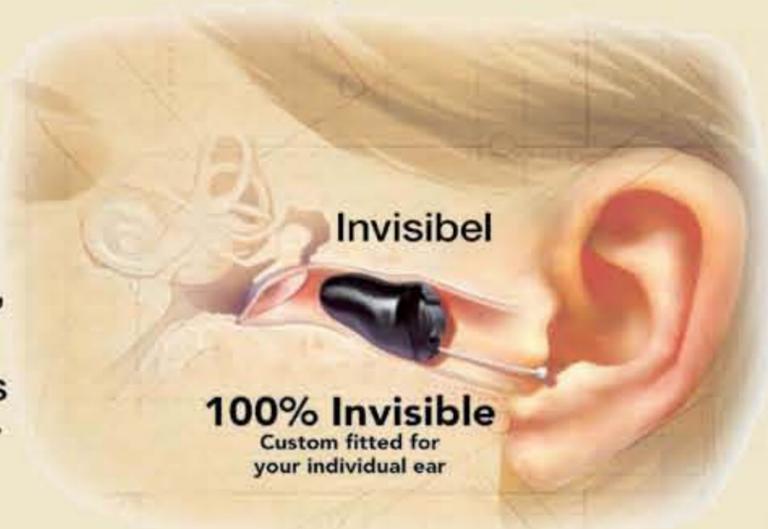
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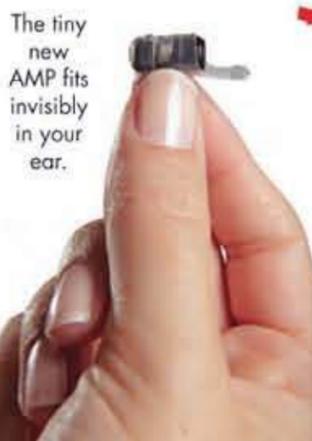


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Section D

TASTE BUDDIES



Genie Norman and Mary Kay Hollingsworth

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Brown Lantern is good eatin'

Editor's note: Taste Buddy Mary Kay Hollingsworth will be taking the summer off. The column will continue by Taste Buddy Genie Norman.

Since Mary Kay will not be reviewing with me during the summer, when possible, I plan to invite friends and family to join me in tasting and adding their comments to my reviews.

They will be my Guest Taste Buddies. My first Guest Buddies were sisters, Sandra Foreman and Rosemary Coleman, who joined me for quite a meal at the Brown Lantern in Live Oak. We had a chance to talk at length with the owner, Raleigh Brown, and learned he opened the restaurant in 1977. It had previously been a Gulf Station. If you look carefully at the structure you can see the footprint of the station as several additions have been built onto the original structure.

Raleigh was raised in Live Oak and moved to Panacea while he attended Florida State. While there, he worked at the Clayton's House of Seafood and after college he moved to Albany, Ga. to manage another Clayton House. He returned to Live Oak and opened the Brown Lantern, a sandwich shop with 44 seats. We asked him where the name came from and he said that his mother gave him an old lantern and suggested that since their name was Brown, Brown Lantern should be the name. Several lanterns still hang in the back area of the

LANTERN continued on 5D

Not your average valedictorian

Witt received both her diploma and associate degree and served as senior class president.

By EMILY STANTON
estanton@lakecityreporter.com

Caitlyn Witt is not your average high school valedictorian.

The 18-year-old recently graduated top of her class with a 4.0 at Columbia High School, receiving both a high school diploma and an associate degree in business from Florida Gateway College.

Witt was enrolled as a full-time student at both institutions. The typical college student takes eight courses per year. She took nine.

When she wasn't working on academics, Witt was spending 10 to 15 hours a week with Columbia High's student government. Though it took up most of her free time, Witt enjoyed the duties and responsibilities of student government.

"I loved every bit of it," Witt said.

Her involvement spanned three years — from sophomore to senior — and culminated in Witt becoming the senior class president.

Her hard work, in and out of



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Columbia High School Valedictorian Caitlyn Witt will be studying mechanical engineering at the University of Central Florida this fall.

"I loved every bit of it."

the classroom, paid off when she received an acceptance letter from the University of Central Florida. Witt will attend the university in the fall to study mechanical engineering.

Witt's love of math lead her down the engineering path. She was always mathematically inclined, even as a child. In elementary school, Witt's teachers would give her more difficult problems to solve.

"Math always has clicked in my brain," she said. People knew her as the "math girl."

Witt looks to the future with hope.

A Lake City resident her whole life, Witt is excited to live in a new city and to venture out to one of the largest universities in the United States, she said. She hopes to intern with an Orlando theme park and possibly double major in business.

Her advice to incoming high school and college students reflects her dedication for excellence:

"Make the most of your time but keep your priorities in check," Witt said.

Learn about volunteering at the library

The Columbia County Public Library recently honored its scores of volunteers at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held at the Main Library. The Library volunteers donate thousands of hours each year by tutoring, shelving and other library tasks, helping with special projects such as used book sales, and serving on the Friends of the Library Board. The Library would be hard pressed without its hard working volunteers. Many high



Debbie Paulson
386-758-1018

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If you are a member of a group that holds

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Patients who reported that their nurses "always" communicated well.	78%	72%	75%	78%
Patients who reported that their doctors "always" communicated well.	83%	72%	77%	81%
Patients who reported that they "always" received help as soon as they wanted.	70%	56%	61%	67%
Patients who reported that their pain was "always" well controlled.	72%	66%	68%	71%
Patients at each hospital who reported that YES they were given information about what to do during their recovery at home.	88%	74%	82%	85%
Patients who gave their hospital a rating of 9 or 10 on a scale from 0 (lowest) to 10 (highest).	73%	50%	66%	70%
Patients who reported YES they would definitely recommend this hospital.	76%	53%	68%	71%

*The data was last updated January 2014 and is updated every quarter.

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DEAR ABBY

Girlfriend worries she will be a checkbook for beau

DEAR ABBY: I'm having problems with my boyfriend, "Adam," and I feel stuck. He recently was accepted to graduate school, and we're planning to move there. We haven't lived together before, and I'm not sure I'm doing the right thing.

I will be working and paying for everything, and Adam will be just going to school. He thinks this is a fair trade-off because "we won't have to worry about money at all" once he has completed his education.

Abby, I don't think he cares that it's ME going with him. I feel like a space-filler and a meal ticket. How do I go about finding out his true feelings and intentions? He doesn't make me feel special, wanted or important - ever. I worry this will end badly. I do love him, but I don't want this to be a self-fulfilling prophecy. Please give me some advice. —

TO MOVE OR NOT TO MOVE

DEAR MOVE OR NOT: You do need advice - and here it is: Your woman's intuition is telling you this isn't right, and that your boyfriend can't be trusted to fulfill his part of the bargain. You should listen to it because that's a poor basis for uprooting yourself and becoming his benefactor.

The person you have described is someone centered solely upon himself and his own needs. A man who doesn't make you feel special, wanted or important would make a very poor husband.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have three daughters in their 20s and 30s. One of them, "Lauryn," is married with four children. She and her husband are behind in their mortgage, student loans, federal, state and property taxes, utilities, etc. Over the past



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15 years, we have given them more than \$40,000 to help them stay afloat. Things have not improved.

Now that my wife and I are retired, the money we provide is cutting into our retirement savings. For the sake of our grandchildren, we continue to bail Lauryn out hoping their finances will improve. But now we have begun to think our handouts should come at a cost.

We want to tell Lauryn and our son-in-law that the money we've given - and have continued to give - will count against their inheritance. It doesn't seem fair that we have given so much to this one daughter and her family and relatively little to her sisters. Do you agree? We'd appreciate your thoughts on this. — **LOVING PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS**

DEAR LOVING PARENTS: I do agree. And for that reason, you should discuss this issue with an attorney who specializes in estate planning, wills and trusts. Your other daughters should not suffer because Lauryn and her husband have been perpetually needy. An attorney can guide you, and it will be money well spent.

■ Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Express your feelings and ask questions if you want to get to the bottom of an emotional matter that is bothering you. Relationships must be nurtured properly in order to keep the peace. An energetic activity will ease stress. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Insecurities will mount if you make assumptions. Take a moment to think matters through and you will discover a way to broach a subject that is eating away at you. Love is highlighted and romantic plans should be made. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Meeting new people and making connections that can help you advance personally or professionally should be your intent. You'll have plenty to offer and will attract a lot of interest if you share your thoughts and display how proactive you can be. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep things in perspective. Your moodiness will lead to trouble if you engage in bickering. Your mood swings will confuse everyone you encounter today. Retreat until you know what

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your intentions are. Don't lead someone on. Honesty is the best policy. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Attend a conference or trade show that will open your mind to new possibilities. Money can be made if you invest in something that allows you to use your talents fully. A change of location or lifestyle will help you move forward. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put more into the way you look and what you know. Self-improvement will raise your profile and add to your confidence. Love is in the stars, and making plans to do something romantic will have its benefits. Live, love and laugh. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do something that will get you revved up and ready to take on the world. Motivation and applying what you know to an idea you have will lead to success. Believe in yourself and make your dreams come true. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Start home improvement projects that will add to your comfort and your entertainment. You can explore and research successfully, bringing you the confidence to move full steam ahead with your plans. Stick

close to home. ★★★
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Use your charm and adventurous attitude to attract attention. Engaging in community events will allow you to show off and improve your reputation. Make positive changes to your home and your relationships. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick close to home and avoid any sort of altercation. Focus on fixing odd jobs around the house or spending quality time with a loved one. Keeping the peace and abiding by any rules or regulations will be necessary. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look over personal papers. An investment will help change your financial future. A residential move or improving your domestic situation will also decrease stress and boost your confidence. Do what's best for you in the long term. Cut your losses. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Good fortune, a great financial opportunity and a better domestic situation are heading your way. All you have to do is honor promises made so you can get on with your plans. You will get the help you need by calling in favors owed. ★★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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J B U O L B W B U D C Z R

Previous Solution: "Nothing is as real as a dream ... because the dream is within you, no one can take it away." — Tom Clancy

TODAY'S CLUE: Z sjembe y

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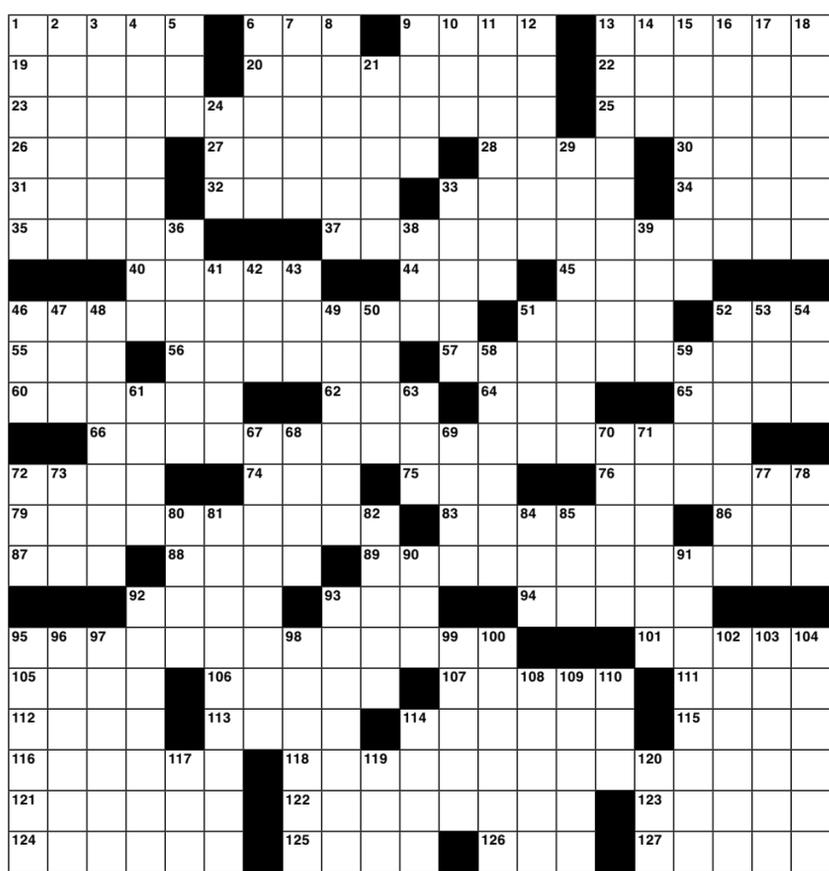
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

ALADDIN

BY TOM MCCOY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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| ACROSS | 46 Ability to walk a tightrope or swallow a sword? | 111 Over | 13 Not be bold |
| 1 To the same extent | 51 Land in the Golden Triangle | 112 Captain, e.g. | 14 Commercial version of crazy eights |
| 6 Something Pedro and Pablo might have? | 52 Part of a giggle | 113 Confederate | 15 In-between |
| 9 Coll. program | 55 Pass with flying colors | 114 Biblical book in two parts | 16 Cosmetician Estée |
| 13 Tug-of-war participant | 56 Like the 10-Down | 115 Star burst | 17 And so on and so forth |
| 19 Watts on a screen | 57 Soupçon | 116 Neighbor of an 8-Down | 18 Go over and over |
| 20 Like some desk work | 60 Olden | 118 Dissertation on people's inherent spitefulness? | 21 Lost it |
| 22 One of a group of Eastern Christians | 62 Finish (up) | 121 Chaperone, often | 24 Letter between two others that rhyme with it |
| 23 King's move? | 64 Soprano Sumac | 122 Treasure Stater | 29 Like some care |
| 25 Only what a person can take? | 65 At the discretion of | 123 Human or alien | 33 Lacks |
| 26 In fine fettle | 66 Dream for late sleepers? | 124 Some cheaters have them | 36 One who might stick his tongue out at you? |
| 27 Process of sorting injuries | 72 Identity | 125 Frat members | 38 Long time |
| 28 Gets browner | 74 Car antitheft aid, for short | 126 Drivers brake for it | 39 Agosto or settembre |
| 30 Start of something big? | 75 Informal way to say 87-Across | 127 Pungent green | 41 Ed of "Up" |
| 31 Mineralogists' study | 76 Sheen | | 42 "___ be my pleasure!" |
| 32 Anoint, archaically | 79 Chooses beforehand | DOWN | 43 Burns's refusal |
| 33 Like some French sauces | 83 It's all tied up with the present | 1 Hold down | 46 It's widely hailed as a convenient way to get around |
| 34 Brooklyn squad | 86 Start to love? | 2 "The ostrich roams the great _____. / Its mouth is wide, its neck is narra": Ogden Nash | 47 Frozen over |
| 35 The two sides of Pac-Man's mouth, say | 87 "Certainly" | 3 Gave birth on a farm, say | 48 Entertains |
| 37 Principles espoused during Women's History Month? | 88 Collapse, with "out" | 4 Unlikely memoirist | 49 Bemoan |
| 40 Cry after a roller coaster ride, maybe | 89 Waterway leading to a SW German city? | 5 Fix | 50 Organic compound |
| 44 Together | 92 Way to l'Île de la Cité | 6 Derision | 51 Monastery resident |
| 45 Coward from England | 93 Feature of many a Ludacris lyric | 7 1966 title role reprised by Jude Law in 2004 | 52 One parodied on "Portlandia" |
| | 94 Add up | 8 Neighbor of a 116-Across | 53 Fangorn Forest denizen |
| | 95 Slinky going down the stairs? | 9 Inflamm, with "up" | 54 Inflatable thing |
| | 101 Dough raiser | 10 South American tuber | 58 Reason for glasses |
| | 105 Large family | 11 Touchy? | 59 Captain Morgan and others |
| | 106 Postlarval | 12 Tidies up | 61 Does away with |
| | 107 Crimean conference locale | | 63 Layer |



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| 67 Action-packed | 78 Literary inits. | 93 Represent, sportswise | 103 Common dice rolls |
| 68 It has a light at one end | 80 Nobel Prize subj. | 95 Lines at a theater? | 104 Elements of some accents |
| 69 Roll of the dice, say | 81 Trousers | 96 Like Flatland | 108 "American Graffiti" director |
| 70 Up | 82 Racing boat | 97 Became less than a trickle | 109 Frigid temps |
| 71 Strip for a fashion show | 84 Sandwich order, for short | 98 Composure | 110 Like |
| 72 Secret collector | 85 Scary word | 99 Spiral-horned antelope | 114 Srs.' worries |
| 73 Before, poetically | 90 Young Darth Vader's nickname | 100 Mischievous girl | 117 Colony member |
| 77 The ___ City (New Haven) | 91 Evergreen shrub | 102 Social breakdown | 119 Telephone trio |
| | 92 Thumbs' opposites | | 120 Its logo displays all Roy G. Biv except indigo |

Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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65 YEARS LATER

Best Picture nominations of 1949

They still deserve a nod

By **MARK KIRBY**

Special to the Reporter

Many interesting films were released 65 years ago, and of the five that made the cut for the Academy Award for best picture, all would still be most welcome on the list today. As a recent viewing of the quintet that voters picked as 1949's best showed me, there were no "What could they have thinking to nominate THAT!?" entries, and that's a rarity as one scours the chosen five, before that year or since. There were no Oscar hogs for 1949. The most that any one film got was four. And every one of the five best picture nominees won at least two trophies. That certainly doesn't always happen. // Of course there are some films that should be added; I can think of five that could join the official nominees. But even with some flaws, in my opinion, the official five are still Oscar-worthy and certainly worth seeing. All are available on DVD ("A Letter to Three Wives" is also on Blu-Ray) and frequently shown on Turner Classic Movies. // Here are reviews of the 1949 best picture nominees; I could have written more about all of them, but I hope that what I have written will influence you to check them out. Read, and then go watch and enjoy! And let me know your opinions!

ALL THE KING'S MEN

COLUMBIA. Robert Penn Warren's Pulitzer prize-winning novel was adapted by writer-director Robert Rossen into this loud (in all senses of the word) political drama about the rise and fall of a man of the people whose humility and morality paradoxically plummet as his power zooms upward. (Warren always denied his character "Willie Stark" was based on Louisiana's legendary Huey Long, but Warren was the only one to believe it, if he truly did.) "Men" IS interesting (and head and shoulders above the 2006 remake); it's probably the odd mix of grit and bombast that most likely wowed Oscar voters into naming it best picture, Broderick Crawford best actor, and Mercedes McCambridge best supporting actress. (They won Golden Globes, too.) His break here from his prior big lug persona long familiar to viewers was startling, and her fierce, acrid personality was even more startling to them (this was her film debut). Other Oscar nominations: best supporting actor (John Ireland as one of Willie's supporters--at first), director, editing, screenplay. Fun trivia note: the role of Willie was first offered to John Wayne, who vehemently refused it, the screenplay offending his political views. A year later he would also be a best actor nominee (for "Sands of Iwo Jima"), losing to Broderick Crawford.

BATTLEGROUND

MGM. A tribute to "The Battered Bastards of Bastogne," American soldiers who fought the Germans in Belgium as part of the Battle of the Bulge in late 1944 and early 1945. Extremely well-regarded in its time, and a big money-maker, "Battleground" is considered the first significant film about WWII to be made in the first few years after the war. It's dated of course, because so many movies and TV shows (like "M*A*S*H") have stolen from it, but if you can approach "Battleground" with an open mind you might be impressed. (Especially if you're not irritated by Marshall Thompson as the fresh-faced kid just arrived at the front who learns what war is all about.) Robert Pirosh's Oscar-winning script at the time was much lauded for its reality, in such things about having the soldiers be vocally unhappy about their conditions amidst the rigors of war, some main characters being killed, and the tricky German soldiers who pretended to be Americans. Paul C. Vogel's Oscar-winning cinematography is excellent, as is William Wellman's direction. Film has an all-star cast (Van Johnson, Ricardo Montalban, John Hodiak, George Murphy, and James Whitmore,

who won the Golden Globe for best supporting actor). Besides best picture, the film was Oscar-nominated for director (Wellman), supporting actor (Whitmore), and editing.

THE HEIRESS

PARAMOUNT. If you want to see three examples of superb acting, just watch Olivia de Havilland, Ralph Richardson, and Miriam Hopkins in this lavish costume drama set in 1849, as respectively, a plain and painfully shy spinster, her contemptuous father, and her flibbertigibbet aunt. Montgomery Clift plays the man who starts courting Catherine (de Havilland), much to her father's fury and concern. Is Clift's Morris really a fortune hunter or does he truly love Catherine? This outcome is pretty obvious (which is the main reason I don't consider Clift's performance the same caliber as the other three leads) but the eventual denouement is a real stunner. This adaptation of a play based on the Henry James novel "Washington Square" was the most Oscar-lauded film of its year, with eight nominations. In what many -- me included -- think her best performance, De Havilland justly won the best actress prize (it was one of those years where the other four nominated ladies didn't have a prayer of winning), and deserved Oscars also went to Aaron Copland for his score, Edith Head and Gile Steele for their costume design (Head later said the costumes were the most perfect for any film she did), and Harry Horner, John Meehan, and Emile Kuri for art and set decoration. Besides best picture, the other nominations were for best supporting actor (Richardson), director (William Wyler), and cinematography.

A LETTER TO THREE WIVES

20th CENTURY-FOX. Not only is "Letter" my favorite film of these nominees, but it's also on my personal top ten favorites of all time list. It's a witty, likable, adult, ensemble comedy-drama, with many superb performances. The film deals with three friends who receive a letter from their other "friend," Addie Ross, whom they despise and their husbands love, telling the ladies that she has left town for good and stolen one of their husbands. The women are off on a trip for the day, away from a phone, and during the day each wife has time to think about her wobbly marriage and flash back to recent events which may have driven her husband into the arms of the friendly nemesis Addie. The peerless cast includes Jeanne Crain,

Linda Darnell, and Ann Sothorn as the wives, and also Kirk Douglas, Paul Douglas (who deserved a supporting actor nomination, if not the Oscar itself), Thelma Ritter, Connie Gilchrist, Florence Bates, and the voice of Celeste Holm, as Addie. Joseph L. Mankiewicz deservedly won Oscars for his terrific script and direction. That "Letter" got three important Oscar nods was a tribute to its greatness, as it had been released way back in January, 1949 (the other four up for best picture were released late in the year), and also because when studio head Darryl F. Zanuck was heavily promoting his favorites for Oscars ("Twelve O'Clock High," "Pinky," and "Come to the Stable") with trade paper ads, radio spots, etc., he didn't run a single ad for "Letter" and so double winner Mankiewicz had the last laugh.

TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH

20th CENTURY-FOX. One of the greatest of all war films, "12:00" focuses on the psychological pressures of a bomber-squadron unit in England, and particularly the strain of being the officer in charge of the planes and flyers that must go out daily into danger and death. Gregory Peck is the tough, seemingly Draconian general--appropriately surnamed "Savage"--newly assigned to the unit after the previous leader was replaced for being too "soft" (i.e., human). Savage's methods are at first resisted, then accepted as they are proven effective. As film critic Michael Gebert perceptively writes, "Going against the grain of every morale-builder made during the war...[the movie] suggested that officers and men were fundamentally different creatures after all (by job if not by nature), that the individuality we were fighting to preserve was the one luxury we could not afford in wartime--and that the price of victory was a commanding officer's soul." Peck is extremely impressive, giving one of his three best performances (along with 1950's "The Gunfighter" and 1962's "To Kill a Mockingbird") and there's a good supporting cast--all men (Gary Merrill, Hugh Marlowe, Millard Mitchell, Robert Arthur, Paul Stewart, and Dean Jagger, who won the best supporting actor Oscar for the film). The only other Oscar "Twelve O'Clock High" won was for sound recording; besides best picture, its only non-winning nomination was best actor (Peck). At least Peck won the New York Film Critics Circle best actor award prize a year later.

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LANTERN

Continued From 1D

restaurant, which now seats 162 guests. There is a bar since Suwannee County voted to allow alcoholic beverages. Looking around you'll notice that every inch of wall space has memorabilia hung on it including country, beer, Gator and Seminole memorabilia and if you look hard there is even Georgia Bulldog memorabilia. The walls are stained wood giving the whole restaurant a rustic, down home, welcoming atmosphere.

The menu is large but Raleigh says the most popular item is still the fried shrimp followed by the chicken wings. They go through some 50-100 lbs. of shrimp a week and 400-500 lbs. of wings.

So, we made our selections and we each ordered something different so that we could all get a taste of the three choices. Rosemary ordered the fried scallop dinner (\$13.50), Sandra ordered the fried Pollock (\$10.85) and I had the fried shrimp sandwich (\$10.85). When the meals arrived it was almost overwhelming. The fried shrimp count was over 2 dozen, the scallops were 25-29 and the Pollock was 4 filets. We all chose the grilled vegetables and we were all glad that we did. They were absolutely outstanding with broccoli, cauliflower, carrots and mushrooms all seasoned and left with some crunch but not mushy. Just try them for yourself and you'll see exactly how good they were. We all ordered wonderful coleslaw with shredded red and green cabbage and a sweet, tasty dressing.

Something we all take for granted is the usual tartar sauce and cocktail sauce served with seafood dishes and they are usually not that noteworthy. Well, you are in for a treat since here both are homemade and absolutely the best ever. I especially liked the tartar sauce with finely chopped dill pickles, onions and a hint of horseradish and lemon. Frankly, you would just like to put a spoon in it and eat it all. To sum it up, it is rare that I leave a shrimp on my plate until this meal. Even sharing with the other two there was no way I could finish them. In fact, we all had leftovers. Very generous servings to say the least. Raleigh suggested we needed to try the chicken wings so we each ate one and we barely had room for that. That's what Taste Buddies do, we taste. They were outstanding. Served hot and crispy and the mild ones we tried had just a tiny kick. Next time I have to order them.

Every day you can choose from various specials and also from the menu. We were there on Friday and it was barbeque day. They had baby back ribs, ribs, pork steaks, sliced pork plates, chicken plus barbeque sandwiches. The specials depend on what is available that week. Mondays is usually fried grouper when available, other days include beef tips over rice, pork chops or other Chef's choice of dishes. Raleigh says that you won't find liver and onions on the menu cause he doesn't like it and he only serves things he thinks are good. We couldn't agree more about the liver. Raleigh proudly explained that the kitchen is run by his daughter, January Tuten and her husband Matt.

The menu offers a wide variety of selections.

Appetizers include fried macaroni & cheese (\$6.40), fried Cheese (\$8.65), fried Pickles (\$5.35), Broccoli bites which has creamy cheddar

cheese with broccoli & bacon and a crispy deep fried crust served with Ranch dipping sauce (\$5.35) and another interesting sounding one is called Voodoo Shrimp which is fried popcorn shrimp drizzled with a sweet and spicy sauce served on a bed of lettuce with chives (\$8.60).

Burgers range from the Double Cheese Burger (\$7.50) to the Bacon Cheese Burger (\$10.75). All are served on your choice of a toasted Kaiser roll or Onion roll. Also comes with a side of fries or grilled vegetables.

There are numerous sandwiches and salads including a Club Sandwich (\$10.75), Smoked Chicken Salad sandwich (\$8.60), Blue New York steak salad (\$13.99), Caesar Salad and a customer favorite, the Greek salad with their own homemade green dressing (\$10.25 lg) or (\$5.35 sm). This one even includes anchovies, which I love. Think I'll need to try this salad on my next visit with an appetizer of chicken wings. Yum.

Seafood dinners include fried or grilled shrimp (\$12.90 or \$18.30), Bay Scallops (\$18.30 lg or 13.50 sm), Fried Oysters served in season 1/2 fry (\$16.75) whole fry (\$22.75), Popcorn Shrimp (\$11.85) and Fish Special (\$10.75) fried or grilled.

Sizzling Grill Sensations include NY Strip steak (\$20.50), Hamburger steak (\$11.85), grilled chicken (\$9.20) and Monterey Chicken (\$13.50) which is grilled chicken breast sliced and sautéed with onions, green peppers, mushrooms then topped with Monterey Jack Cheese.

Rosemary said that her meal favorite was the shrimp sandwich which reminded her of Shrimp PoBoy's she had in New Orleans. Sandra said she loved the chicken wings but her favorite was the coleslaw. She said she would go back and just have the slaw. Raleigh's aunt would be pleased her secret coleslaw recipe is such a hit. The shrimp sandwich was probably my favorite but I liked the scallops too. Biggest surprise was how much I loved the Tartar Sauce.

Raleigh Brown says that he offers the best that he can with the best prices possible. "If I can do it better, I try," he laughingly told us. When asked why he isn't open on Saturday he told us with a twinkle in his eye that if he opened on Saturday nobody else would have a chance. He made sure to give credit to his Managers, Vickie Cameron and Tamsie Roberts plus the other 40 employees who work hard to make sure your meal is perfect. Needless to say, we found him delightful to talk with. He left our table and made his rounds to speak with all his guests. A nice guy who really wants you to enjoy his restaurant.

I do need to mention that there is a warning on the front of the menu that says "During peak periods, waiting times of 30 minutes to an hour are common. If you don't have time today, please join us when you have more time." Brown Lantern is located at 417 East Howard St. Live Oak, Fl. Telephone 386 362-1133 and it is open Monday through Thursday 11:00 to 9:30 p.m. and Friday 11:00 to 10:30 p.m.

You can call ahead and pick up your order at the outside window.

■ Genie Norman and Mary Kay Hollingsworth are Columbia County residents who love good food and fun. Their column on their favorite recipes appears twice a month. You can contact them at TasteBuddiesLakeCity@gmail.com.

Project EXCEL helps you be ready

A big issue that keeps people from furthering their education at the college or university level is some semblance of doubt. Some students go through high school and just don't think they're smart enough to continue to the next level. Others may have been out of school for 10, 20 years, and aren't sure if they can do it again.

Sure, they may have known the material at one point, but 20 years away from the classroom is a long time. Honestly, I can understand the intimidation factor — I made it through my Calculus 2 class in college, but put a test in front of me today with the same material and there's a very good chance I'd have no clue where to start.

And that feeling often keeps people from attending college for the first time or attending later in life. We here at Florida Gateway College understand that could be a potential roadblock and have established a program that can help in that transition.

Project EXCEL is designed to help students who need that little extra help in their preparation for college courses. While all students can optionally take college preparedness exams, a number of potential students will be required to take those tests (depending on the program of study they wish to enroll, of course). I know most people don't



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want to think about taking a test once they are admitted to college — even before they register for their first class — but this test is a helpful one.

Here's why: these tests can reveal what areas a student may struggle in and need to brush up on. For example, let's say you take one of our college entrance exams (I won't start running off the names of all of them, lest you fall asleep reading this) and the results show that you have a deficiency in math skills. This means that your math skills aren't up to par for what you'll be doing in the college-level math courses. Sure, you can still enroll in those courses, but there's a good chance you'll have a very difficult time with that course.

So, you've got a couple of options here. One, you can enroll in a developmental education math course to help bolster your skills. This, of course, costs money and takes an entire semester to complete. The other option is Project EXCEL and its Boot Camp pro-

gram.

Located in Building 007, on the back side of the Charles W. Hall Student Center, Project EXCEL's Boot Camp offers free educational guidance and assistance in preparing for your college classes. Signing up for the Boot Camp is simple — you have to take a diagnostics test (yes, I know, there's yet another test) that will analyze your strengths and weaknesses. Based on this criterion, Project EXCEL specialists will create a customized, individual study plan and assist students in developing the skills needed for college-level courses.

The three primary areas that Project EXCEL specializes in — and the three areas that require students to take developmental education courses — are writing, reading, and math. Students will work with specialists in these fields, and over the course of 10-20 hours of work, may be prepared to retake their college preparedness exams. Many students see a drastic increase in ability and either cut down on the number of developmental education courses they need to take, or eliminate them completely.

Additionally, there are group sessions throughout the year where you can join with like-minded students who need support in a certain area or just need the additional help. Unlike the Boot

Camp sessions, which take place daily, group sessions are scheduled at the beginning of the semester and have set times throughout the week.

Not everyone will have the same results, of course, but Project EXCEL has helped many students since its inception, so there is proof that it works!

Additionally, Project EXCEL also helps members of the community and not just students enrolled at FGC. Those looking to simply brush up on certain skills — whether for a new job or for an upcoming interview — can receive assistance from staff. Sure, it won't be as in-depth as the Boot Camp program, but you will receive the tools to improve yourself.

Project EXCEL has the same hours as the college, so during the summer months, it's open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday. During the rest of the year, hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., though some group sessions may have earlier or later hours. For more information about the program, call (386) 754-4479 or (386) 754-4413.

And if you're interested in setting up a guided tour of campus, please call (386) 754-4246.

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Lillie Grant, of Lake City, was named the Still Waters West Employee of the Quarter.

Local named Still Waters Employee of the Quarter

From staff reports

Lake City resident Lillie Grant was named the 2014 May-July Employee of the Quarter at Still Waters West.

Grant has been working for Still Waters West as a CNA for eight years. She goes above and beyond the call of duty to make each resident feel as if they are her only patient.

She was voted in 2010 as the Employee of the Quarter and has proven that hard work and dedication are what

helps makes her to succeed.

A contagious smile, consistent growth and determination are assets that Grant brings to her work place on a daily basis.

When asked what her favorite part of her job was she replied, "I love working with the residents. Each one is very special to me. This type of work has given me extensive experience that I didn't have. I have set goals for myself and the residents and administration help me to achieve them."



Olive, Collins to wed

Mike and Michelle Eubanks and William Olive of Lake City announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Danielle Olive to Christopher Collins, son of John and Tanya Collins of Lake City. The wedding is set for Saturday, June 14 at 2 p.m. at Stephen Foster State Park. A reception will immediately follow at Stephen Foster State Park. Olive is a 2005 graduate of Columbia High School and is currently employed as a nurse with Gentiva Home Health Care. Collins is a 1999 graduate of Columbia High School and is currently employed as a state officer with the State of Florida. They are the proud parents of a little girl, Caitlyn Collins.

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a general book on volunteering to be helpful, such as Best Practices for Volunteer Programs (361.3706 VIN). You can also find information at the Library about recruiting volunteers and how to keep them returning.

Traveling and volunteering are not normally thought of together when planning a vacation. However, there has been an increase in the number of people who want to combine world travels with giving back to a commu-

nity in other parts of the world. This is definitely a different travel experience and you should check out The Back Door Guide to Short Term Adventures: Internships, Summer Jobs, Seasonal Work, Volunteer Vacations, and Transitions Abroad (650.14 LAN) and Volunteer: a Traveler's Guide to Making a Difference Around the World (367.7025 VOL).

Volunteers can be almost any age and children are encouraged to start volunteering so that they can learn the importance of giving their time to their community. Teens and Volunteerism (361.37

MAR) is a good book to check out for ideas on what kinds of activities are best suited for the junior volunteers.

There are many volunteer opportunities in Columbia County and I have been fortunate enough to have served on the United Way of Suwannee Valley Board and several United Way and Chamber of Commerce committees. Those have been great experiences not only in giving back to the community, but also learning about the community's greatest needs. There are many local organizations,

hospitals, and schools that would welcome you as a volunteer. Being a volunteer is rewarding not only for the organization, but for the individual who donates his or her time and expertise.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at the Columbia County Public Library, please call Glennis Pounds, Literacy and Volunteer Coordinator, at 386-758-2111 or email her at columbialiteracy@neffin.org.

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Beautiful hydrangea blooms, all summer long

Many gardeners are constantly on the lookout for colorful, easily grown ornamental plants to liven up summer landscapes. Floridians have a wonderful assortment of native and Florida friendly plants to cool and soften outdoor living areas. But when summer arrives, splashes of colorful blooms often give way to many shades of green. How about a shrub that has big, gorgeous blooms for 30 weeks or more?

French hydrangeas have been regaining popularity in recent years, primarily because of their ability to thrive and bloom in morning sun or full shade. As home landscapes mature, shrubs and trees get larger and shaded areas increase. They prefer cool winters and moist (not wet) soils. After establishment, they are moderately drought tolerant. Maintenance is minimal because they retain a rounded shape without pruning and they are nearly pest-free when properly located.

There are two flower forms of these hydrangeas. Mophead types have large, ball-shaped flower clusters that can become 8 inches across. Lacecaps have large, flat clusters with showy blooms around the edge and small blooms packed in the center of the cluster. Most French hydrangeas produce blooms that are blue, purple or pink, depending on the soil conditions and pigment present in the particular plant.

Soil acidity or alkalinity (measured as pH) is one of the factors that can influence the hydrangea's flower color. Several different factors work together

GARDEN TALK



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Send your pictures

What do your tomato plants look like? Do you have a garden full of them? Send me your pictures with an explanation of how you keep them healthy.



A Lacetop French hydrangea is shown in bloom.

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extend the bloom time throughout the summer. These plants not only flower from buds formed the previous year, but they also continue to form new buds and reflower during the growing season. Technically, this type of budding and flowering is called "remontant," and French hydrangeas with this characteristic are able to flower almost continuously during the growing season.

Check the stores for the new everblooming French hydrangeas and enjoy these blooms all summer long.



A blue hydrangea is shown in full bloom.



PAMELA FAITH/Special to the Reporter

LEFT: Pamela Faith, a 35-year home gardener, sent this picture of a shell ginger raceme which has been growing in her yard for five years. This is the first it has bloomed. A raceme is like a flower spike except that each individual flower is on a short spike. On a flower spike, each little flower is attached directly to the flower stem (peduncle). Racemes have a languid and graceful appeal.

hydrangea still has pink blooms after lowering the soil pH. Other factors include the amount of

aluminum and phosphorus in your soil, the amount of pigment in the plant cells, the ability of the roots to take up aluminum, and the particular genetics of your cultivar. Read more about

changing colors at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep330>

Most older cultivars bloom in the late spring and early summer for 5 to 7 weeks. New "everblooming" French hydrangeas

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