Parents: Kids still in fear of teacher

Parents also angrily said that Mary Rachal won’t face charges.

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The case is one of nine that was referred to the Florida Abuse Hotline in Columbia County, which received at least 17 reports regarding alleged abuse at Pinemount Elementary School students who were allegedly struck by Rachal met with her, according to parents, told the children not to tell and gave them gifts to keep silent. They are angry as well that Third Circuit State Attorney Jeff Siegmeister has opted not to file criminal charges against the woman.

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Congressional District 3 could be redrawn before election.

Circuit Judge Terry Lewis ordered legislators to hold a special session to draw up a new congressional map for the state by Aug. 25, the day before early voting is to set to begin. Lewis ruled the old map illegal last month, saying it violated the state’s Fair Districts Amendments, which prohibit drawing legislative or congressional maps to benefit an incumbent or one political party over another.

The race for U.S. Congress in Florida’s third district is heating up, with challenger Lake Rush calling on members of U.S. Rep Ted Yoho’s family, and Yoho calling into question his opponent’s character. Monday at 8:30 p.m., voters can see the two answer questions live on TV for the in Lake City concerned voters and their contentious campaign.

Local candidates for school board, county attorney, city council and county commission will also participate in the Florida Gateway College candidates forum, sponsored by FGC, the Lake City Reporter and the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. The forum runs Monday and Tuesday nights.

Rush launching attacks on opponent

On Tuesday, District 10 city council candidates will be on TV answering questions specific to city council. After that, at 7:30 p.m., District 7 candidates will be on public access TV. County attorney candidates will be on answering questions at 8 p.m. The congressional candidates follow at 8:30.

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A group of young boys play a game of Knock-Out at Boy's Club. 'This is a game that they

play often,' said Lake City Boy's Club director Bill Caley. 'It's good to keep the boys moving.'

Photo bomb leads to arrest

ATLANTIC BEACH — Panhandle authorities say an accidental photo bomb of a wed-

ding by a man collecting beach lounge chairs led to a heart

between the man and the wed-

ding party.

The Northwest Florida Daily

now reports that members of the wedding party, including the bride, attacked the man who was removing his rental chairs from a stretch of Panama-

beach at the end of the day.

The man accidentally showed up in the background of some wedding photos.

Witnesses told the Walton County Sheriff’s office that words were exchanged about the man and the members of the wedding party before members of the wedding party began to attack the man.

The sheriff’s office said that the man declined to file charges against any of the members of the wed-

ning party.

Man critical in I-95 road rage shooting

STUART — A manhunt was

underway Friday for a suspect police said shot a 22-year-old Florida man in an act of road rage.

Twenty-two-year-old Steven Simon, of West Palm Beach, was

driving on Interstate 95 Thursday evening near Stuart when he pulled up be-

hind another car, which wasadoxed to dois.

Simon attempted to get out of the way, but the vehicle passed him before slowing down.

Lovelyn Salomon, 25, a passen-

ger in Simon’s car, told investi-

gators that as Simon moved further away, the suspect pulled up along the side of the vehicle and fired a gun through the window, strik-

ing Simon in the head, according to a Martin County Sheriff’s Office report.

Simon’s vehicle careened

off the highway and through a metal barrier before coming to a stop.

The first deputy responding to the scene discovered Simon bleeding heavily and slumped to the driver’s side.

“Help me, George,” he said, according to the sheriff’s report.

The deputy applied pressure to Simon’s head wound and tried to get information on who had shot him.

“Salomon and Simon described the suspect as an older man wearing a black shirt and black pants, carrying a black bag, and wearing white athletic shoes,” the report

stated.

Simon was driving an older model, beige-colored Ford

Explorer, with tinted taillights, they said.

Police arrived on scene and transported Simon to a Martin County hospital.

Simon was found dead of a gunshot wound, according to the report.

Anyone with information on this investigation is asked to call

Martin County Crime Stoppers at 1-822-7777.

Skydive in hospital after jump accident

DELAND — A skydive was hospitalized after sustain-

ing an accidental photo bomb of a wedding party.

A man accidentally showed up in the background of some wedding photos.

The wedding was Saturday after-

noon at the Kennedy’s home in Hyannis Port.

The 86-year-old Robert Kennedy,

sometimes called the “Kennedy of the South,” was the son of Robert Francis Kennedy and the grandson of Joseph Patrick Kennedy.

He was born in 1925 and died of natural causes at his Los Angeles home

in 2009.

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A Gaza tale the world has yet to grasp

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**Our Opinion**

**Listen to Hayley**

By accounts, Hayley Lewis is on the way to a miraculous recovery after being struck by a deadly ATV accident in June. She can now walk and has regained the use of her left arm, though she still has some distance to go. One reason for the severity of her injuries:

She wasn’t wearing a helmet when she crashed.

Now the young Columbian High grad, a student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach with a bright future ahead of her, has a message for anyone who’ll listen: When riding a four-wheeler, wear a helmet.

These are powerful machines with a high center of gravity and awkward handling characteristics. Simply put, they can go fast and tip over without too much trouble. And if you do, it’s uncommon for them to land on top of their riders. Compared to a dirt bike, which some years back used to be the rage for off-road riding, all-terrain vehicles are a lot more fun, no doubt, but they’re a lot more dangerous. This is the story of one life lost and 16 others saved.

In the area in recent months.

But please, don’t listen to us.

And be sure to hold yourself to the same standard.

But please, don’t listen to us. Listen to Hayley.

**Today in History**

In 1842, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

In 2001, former Vice President Aaron Burr went on trial before a federal court in Richmond, Va., charged with treason. (He was acquitted less than a month later.)

In 2014, Germany declared war on France at the onset of World War II.

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To the Editor:

Chairman
Heritage Foundation

Martin Schram
McCleary Public Service News Service

“Can’t anybody here play this game?”

This was the week when the first female member of Speaker Boehner’s high office of House Speaker Boehner’s staff, and only woman to hold America’s top legislative position, presented here its entirety:

“Mythology in Gaza is happens — right before our eyes — and the world whole is watching. In fact, it’s not even really seeing — and certainly not fully grasping. That unhappy news became clear as we chronicled the stories of two families queuing here at the intersection of the media, policy and politics. And when among those who were not even seeing nor fully grasping were those who were running the media end of the news.

Pics. In one living room, we saw horrors of that happened just moments ago, a world away. Heart-wrenching tragedies of children, wounded or worse, being carried to hospitals or morgues, and their parents waiting in helpless grief that hit all of us where we live.

Those instant pictures of war’s horrors will forever be in our mind’s eye.

Words. In our living rooms, we also heard words describing those horrors were happening. We heard Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on every channel explaining Hamas has fired barrages of rockets from Palestinian Gaza into Israel’s cities. And that Hamas deliberately placed its rocket launchers, arsenals and entrances to tunnels amid Palestinians’ own civilian populations so as to cause the deadliest damage to the Israeli civilian casualties.

And we heard how Hamas’ TV cameras could show the world Palestinian civilian casualties. Those lies, and Gaza has virtually unmentioned in any report was that Hamas, which the U.S. government classed as a terrorist group, had two backiers and enablers: Qatar and Turkey, both considered U.S. allies. Their aid became vital after Hamas lost its support and backing, Iran and Syria, after Hamas backed the rebels in Syria’s civil war.

U.S. TV interviewers gaps people, too. But one question, how Hamas could have in the full importance and implication of locating launchers, arsenals and tunnels amid Palestinian civilians — forcing Israel to kill and main hundreds of women and children at Hamas’ rockets Hamas was raising upon Israel’s civilians and people.

On CNN’s “State of the Union,” an aide to Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas said his side tried to Hamas to stop locating its launchers and weapons tunnels — “In Abbas’ words — — no follow up questions on why these Palestinian leaders didn’t mount a worldwide campaign to save their brotherhood and children at Hamas’ war. Other anecdotes, others follow made a passing stab at it, or ignored the question. No network anchor or interview

er seemed to have thought through the full importance and implication of the wisdom of what Hamas was doing to willfully endanger its own civilian population for a victory in a political PR war. No one questioned United Nations, who was flying to Gaza to report on Hamas’ war.

In some, a helmet may not have helped. In some, a helmet may not have helped. And when they do, it’s not uncommon

T he past 50 years, the federal poverty rate has hardly changed. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 15 percent of Americans still live in poverty, roughly the same rate as the mid-1960s when the War on Poverty was just starting.

After adjusting for inflation, federal poverty rates have been similar today as in 1965 when the War on Poverty was launched. The War on Poverty. If connected ever meant something in the amount needed to eliminate all official poverty in the U.S.

How can the government spend so much while poverty remains unchanged? The answer is simple: The Census Bureau’s “poverty” figures are worrisome completely.

The Census defines a family as poor if it’s annual “income” falls below specific poverty income thresholds. In counting “income,” the Census includes wages and salaries but excludes nearly all welfare benefits.

The federal government runs over 80 means-tested welfare programs that provide cash, food, medical care and other targeted social services to poor and low-income Americans. The government spent $910 billion on these programs in 2012, roughly 10% of all federal and $89 billion received and paid out to American who are poor. According to the Census, 49% of the total poverty rate in 2012 was from means-tested welfare spending in 2012, the Census counted only about 1 percent as “income” for purposes of measuring poverty. The government’s official “poverty” measure is not reliable in measuring actual living conditions.

On the other hand, the Census poverty numbers do provide a very useful measure of “self-sufficiency,” the ability of a family to sustain income above the poverty threshold. The Census is accurate in reporting in self-sufficiency for the past 45 years. Or, in other words, how many Americans can take care of them-
**COMING UP**

**Mystery at the Library**

The Columbia County Public Library is hosting an after-school leadership program for boys and girls from fifth through eighth grade. The library will be open after school from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and the program will run from August 11 to September 8. The library will provide snacks and drinks, and participants will work on a different project each week. For more information, call 752-6866.

**Sea Cadets**

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is an exciting after-school leadership program for boys and girls from fifth grade through high school. The program will meet on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the library. For more information, call 752-6866.

**Car show at Teen Town**

Lake City Police Department officer Mike Lee (far left), talks to teen town students in front of the police department’s 1924 Ford Model T during a public service and antique vehicle car show Friday morning at Teen Town. The car was restored by Peter Kaplan, a member of the LCPO Citizens Police Academy alumni.

**Aug. 3**

**Family Reunion**

The annual Albertfam fam reunion will be at Deep Creek Community Center on Aug. 3 at 12 p.m. There will be a covered dish. Call Deese Meave at 386-732-1473.

**Karaoke with Mark**

VFW Post 209, 341 Forest Way Lane, will host Karaoke with Mark 2 at 9 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3. Call the VFW Post 226 at 386-732-5501 for more.

**Aug. 5**

**Career Fair**

Saint Leo University and the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps will host a career fair for high school students on Aug. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables and chairs will be provided for you to display your organization. Space is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call 752-6866.

**Aug. 6**

**Lake City Newcomers**

Lake City Newcomers and Friends will meet at Gallop’s Dockside (in the Publix Shopping Center) on Wednesday, Aug. 6 for a Friendship Lunch. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Rose Taylor, 755-2175.

**CCBA**

The Columbia County Builders Association invites you to join them Wednesday, Aug. 6 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites for an 11:30 a.m. lunch. Guest speaker will be Glenn Hunter, Economic Development Director. Members $15; non-members $11. Lunch is sponsored by T D Bank. Please call 386-662-1939 or email culcommunityection@sanet.net to make a reservation.

**Aug. 7**

**Homemade Book Sale**

A used Homemade curriculm/book sale will be held Thursday, Aug. 7, from 3:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Covenant Community School, 3210 NW Main Blvd. If you are interested in selling books during this event, please contact Cindy at 386-961-8120 to reserve space. You will need to bring your own table(s) for set-up.

**Aug. 8**

**Smart Driver**

The NEW SMART Driver Course will be held on August 8 at 9 a.m. at Lake City Medical Center. Reduces your driving skills and know the new rules of the road. Learn research-based driving strategies to help you stay safe behind the wheel. There are no tests to pass. Register at 386-731-1979.

**Aug. 9**

**Candidate Forum**

For those who didn’t, this forum will host another candidates forum on Aug. 9 beginning at 10:30 a.m. There will be a meet and greet with the candidates in the radio station reception area following the forum at 12:30. For more information, contact Cindy at 386-961-8120 to reserve space.
The arrest of a Columbia County woman for failing to properly care for his horses led to discovery of an outbreak of Eastern Equine Encephalitis here, according to a Columbia County Sheriff’s Office press release.

Jeffrey Brown, of 385 NW The Lord’s Court, faces two counts of animal cruelty and nine counts of animal neglect, the press release says. Brown was booked into Columbia County Detention Center, where he remains on $50,000 bond.

Murray Smith, CCSO public information officer, said CCSO took control of the barn’s horses and donkeys and expects him to face additional charges.

CCSO first investigated after receiving a call that several barns had wandered onto one of Brown’s neighbor’s property searching for water. CCSO initially said the horses were suffering from “dew poisoning” and “sunrot,” the release says.

Both sons needed medical attention — one had injuries consistent with being caught in a fence, and the other was suffering from “an unknown debilitating illness,” the release says.

A veterinarian was brought into treat the horse with the unknown ailment and advised the horse be put down because of suffering it was enduring. It was vaccinated against the virus.

Brown was acting out,” Melton said. “My son, for example, won’t sleep in his room with- out a light on. We’ve never had that issue before.”

Another mother said her child didn’t want to go to school anymore, even after Brown had been removed. “I had to pull my child out of the car to go to school,” said Ashleigh Gipson. “He’s terrified to get out the car.”

In another interview, a mother said that Rachal took him into the closet and stuck him on the leg with a ruler and that once when he was standing in front of him, Rachal pulled him by the ear.

Lauren Waters, whose grandchild won’t say if she was struck by Rachal, said many of the children, including her grandchild, are “frightened of her and
t-tie” in times of stress.

He would pluck the tur- te-ile as the child placing both hands behind his or her bowed head, elbows pointed forward.

Kerritho Chesser said the child “can tell you how to hold your hands so it doesn’t hurt so bad — that’s how many times she was hit.”

Kerritho Chesser, Brown’s wife, said their child was struck on the hand with a ruler for misbehavior but still rewarded with prizes. “They were getting trea- sury (toys they were allowed to select from a box) not to say anything,” Lindblad said.

Gipson said despite get- ing bad progress reports, her child was still rewarded with treasure chest visits. Lindblad said Rachal treated the child like a reg- ular, and worries she might not report more serious instances of abuse by oth- ers should they occur.

Attempts to reach Rachal for comment were unsuccess- ful.

Permission not granted? Of the parents who voiced their concerns about Rachal’s alleged actions in their homes, only one said she gave consent for corporal punishment to be used on her child.

Under school board pol- icy, parents have to sign a document saying corporal punishment may or may not be used on their child. The policy says the parent will be contacted in case corporal punish- ment is being administered.

"None of the parents were notified, at all, that those children were corporally spanked,” Waters said.

At least two of the par- ents interviewed said they checked the box in the forma- tion to consent against corporal punishment for their children.

“I don’t have a case!’” Segalmore said the decision not to prosecute was based on the law. “I just don’t have a case to begin with. I do not have the deci- sion to it except to follow the law,” he said. “Case law is clear that corporal punishment, even when it violates school policy, with discipline issues is sub- ject to school department discretion.”

Segalmore said when he explained Friday that he could not file charges against Rachal because he had been stumped out of his office, he was asked by Segalmore was “scared.”

He said there are no other additional steps for this case. “The police have done their investigation and bas- ically the allegations are all bordering in nature as to whether he had child abuse and I don’t have a case,” he said. “I don’t have a case against those kids said happened. I don’t have a legal crime, even though I have a viola- tion of a school policy.”

Daum, one of the moth- ers, claimed Siegmeister “disrespected” his daughter and even in- neath the rug.

Chesser also disagreed with Sigemister’s decision. “He’s a parent. He’s the one who record and tried to use that case saying it was insignificant because of corporal punish- ment rules, but nobody in this community, parents, knows how corporal punish- ment is not handled.”

The case was also inves- tigated by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

John Harrell, DCF spokesman for the Northeast Florida Region, said the agency’s findings would not be released to the public. “Because of Florida’s confidentiality laws, we are not able to reveal the results of all investigations,” he said.
High school reunions, gatherings coming up

CHS ’84 Reunion

The CHS Class of 1984 will hold its 30th High School Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 6-11 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Banquet Hall. Tickets are $35 per person. Start the week-end early and plan to arrive and greet at Goat Deck at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. Make payments to www.paysquare.com/collections/9090000 to find the Facebook page Class of 1984 – CHS. You may also call Kell B Коломенский at 386-597-5982.

CHS ’74 Reunion

The CHS Class of 1974 will hold its 40th Class Reunion on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 9-11 p.m. tickets are $50 to the Friday, Oct. 24 will be reserved seating at the Homecoming Football Game. Tickets are $20. The ticket price includes a buffet of shrimp, chicken wings, salad bar, etc. Tea, Coke products, and keg beer will be served all night. RSVP to shs1974reunion@gmail.com.

SHS ‘84 Reunion

The SHS Class of 1984 will hold its 30th Class Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 22, starting at 6:30 p.m. at The Lantern, 417 E. Howard St., Live Oak. Dress is casual. Cost is $35 per person includes buffet of fried/boiled shrimp, chicken wings, chicken strips, veggies, salad bar, etc. Tea, Coke products, and keg beer will be served all night. A cash bar will be available at a discounted price for the Live Oak Youth Entertainment is providet by DJ Rkie! Kevin Thomas! Contact Troy Roberts at 386-871-1948, troyroberts1948@gmail.com. To order a special election later this year under the new map. Local officials say the large number of voters following a new map for the coming election might well require disentangle some voters, particularly absorptive forces. Adams, a legislative aide for Rep. Liz Porter, R-Lake City, speculated that following a new con-gressional map might now that it should come into force after the November election. Kat Cammack, campaign mangager for U.S. Rep Ted Yoho, who saw herself as a defender of District 3, agreed it would be unfair for a new map to come into effect so close to the election. Either making for admission first. This is the “Start Here” in our “Start Here. Go Anywhere” slogan. August 16 is the final day to register for these classes. Once you’ve been admitted into the college and have met with an advisor, you can register for the classes you need to take to complete your degree or certificate. This is where you set up your course load. August 16 is this is the day that classes begin. Plan an importate note to date, obviously, so you don’t want to miss your first day of classes 15, in oct, you have classes scheduled for that day.

And everything here is moving too quickly for you, and starting college is something you’d rather put off until the spring, you’re never too early to begin working toward that goal — you can apply for admissions up until December 15, but if you’re looking to start in the spring. A complete list of critical dates can be found on the Florida Gateway College website.

But whatever you do, if you feel that going back to college is right for you, don’t feel intimidated — we’ll walk you through it. Call 386-754-4246 to get started.

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

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Troy Roberts is the public re-relations officer for Florida Gateway College. He can be reached at troyroberts1948@gmail.com.
Summer brings return to childhood

My best friend’s name is Noah and he’s 7 years old. It might sound strange for a 35-year-old man to admit he spends most of his spare time with a child that still plays with action figures, but I wouldn’t trade the opportunity even for a date with Kate Upton. I’ve said before that I never envisioned myself in a relationship with a woman with a child. It’s funny how God makes fools of us all when looking back on past words.

This summer, in particular, is one of the best I can remember in quite some time. Gone are trips to the beach, red solo cups and an opportunity to gaze at the local scenery. Instead, there have been fishing trips, backyards full of catch, cartoons, watching classic movies such as Rocky and Rocky, theme park adventures, a brush with action figures, but best I can remember in the past. I’d be hard pressed to tell you how insane a “Nerf war” can be after the sun goes down. Imagine the latest Call of Duty game with bullets that shoot cushioned automatic machine guns.

But catching in where Allen is focused heading into the first game.

“We have Roger Cray, who is probably the best corner in the state. If he’s not the best, he’s in the top three.” - Brian Allen

Columbia High’s Lonnie Underwood runs the ball in a game last season. The Tigers begin practice for the 2014 season on Monday.

By BRANDON FINLEY

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**GOLF REPORTS**

**Jam-packed week at The Country Club at Lake City**

The team of Bryce Darst, Darin Carter and Rick Cahill won the top honors in the Thursday Night Scramble on July 24 with a +6 under par. The Pot Hole was #14 and it carried $200 for non-members. Just call the shop by 5 p.m. to sign up.

We had 22 players in The MGA 400 on July 30th. The Daniel Patrick Team of Dennis Crawford, Scott Edick, Pete Stainton and Michael Yacovelli came in First Place with a 204. The Matt Kennedy Team of Jonathan Old Boys were: Ed Snow, Jerry Jobe, Bob Sonntag and Eli Witt. The stars were: #11 Keith Denmark, #15 Keith Cahill, #10 and Charlie Timmons #17. Skin winners were: #3 Gerald Smithy, #11 Keith Denmark, #15 and #17 Rick Cahill. The Thursday Night Scramble is open to anyone and the cost is $25 for members and $30 for non-members. Just call the shop by 5 p.m. to sign up.

**COUNTRY CLUB**

**at LAKE CITY**

**Ed Golf**

We had 21 players in the Sunday Blitz on July 27. Donald Howard and Pete Stainton tied for First Place with a +3. Jim Carr and Eli Witt tied for Third Place with a +2. John Brewer, Casey Clumons, Mike Jacobs, Steve Patterson and Dell Sanders tied for Fifth Place with a +3. Closest to the Pin winners were: Casey Clumons #1, Donald Howard #7, Dell Sanders #11, Charlie Timmons #17. Skins winners were: Steve Patterson #4, Casey Clumons #2. The Sunday Blitz costs $30 plus cart fee and is open to anyone and you can tee off at anytime. Just call the pro shop to book a tee time.

Caroline Stevens won First Place in the Ladies Best Nine on July 29 with a 27. Steve Patterson won First Place in the B Division with a +1. Cory DePratter came in Second Place with a +3. Emerson Darst came in Third Place with a +1. Joe Paul won First Place in the B Division with a +7. Edly Brown came in Second Place with a +6. Emerson Darst came in Third Place with a +4. Skin winners were: #3 Gerald Smithy, #11 Keith Denmark, #15 Cory DePratter, #10 Cory DePratter #17, Mickey Willcox, #15 Mickey Willcox and #17 Steve Patterson. The Pot Hole was #14, no one won it, therefore the Pot carries over. The Wednesday Blitz costs $13 (plus optional pot) plus cart fee and is open to anyone and you can tee off at anytime. Just call the pro shop to make a tee time.


Good Scrambles for the Good Old Boys were: Ed Snow #27 (30-47), Emerson Darst #37 (35-47), Don Howard #79 (38-44), Eli Witt #27 (37-42), Jerry Johnson #79 (40-35), Bob Woolsey #37 (42-43) and Dan Stephens #79 (40-35).

For more information on any events and tournaments call the pro shop at 752-2266 or check out our website at www.thecountry-clubatlakecity.com.

**Winner**

**Jimmie Johnson Team of Jonathan Old Boys**

**Lost**

**Ed Goff**

We had 23 players in the Lady's Best Nine Scramble on July 25th. We had 25 players in the Thursday Night Scramble on July 24. We had 23 players in the lady's Best Nine Scramble on July 25th.

**New greens bring new feel at Quail Heights**

If you have not had a chance to come out and play on the new greens, they are rolling great and the pace of growth we expected is fantastic. We could not be happier at how well these new greens are growing in.

Come on out and try them new greens are growing in.

**QUALITY HEIGHTS**

**GOLF COURSE**

**at LAKE CITY**

Nicki Newmans

Closed to the pin winners were: #1 Gerald Smithy, #11 Tim Tortorice, #16 and #17 Kevin Parks.

Monday’s top of the hill had a first place tie, Jack Teague and Bob McGrav both came in #2.

Taking second place with a +1 Tim Tortorice.

The Wednesday Blitz had ties in first and second place in first place. Bob McGrav and Ronnie Ash tied in second with a +4. Closest to the Pin winners were: #3 Keith Denmark, #11 Keith Denmark, #15 and #17 Rick Cahill. Skin winners were: Mike Kaldich, Jim Munns, Chef Carter, Frog, Al Colson, and Ronnie Ash.

Closed to the pin winners were: #13 Keith Johnson, #10 Chef Carter, #11 Keith Johnson, #16 Kevin Parks, and #17 Rick Cahill.

The Wednesday scramble is open to anyone and the pot is $75.

The Women’s Wednesday Scramble winners were: Jacque Ragsdale, Brooke Renassoe, Michelle McCammon, and Ricki Richardson.

Congratulations to all of the last weeks winners.

Book your tee time today call 386-753-0319.

**Big week at Disney**

**LEFT**

Tie and Todd Carter take time out from their round at the Parent/Child Golf Tournament at Disney. The duo finished fourth in their flight. **RIGHT** Carter is pictured after making a hole-in-one on #8 during the tournament. It was the fourth of Carter’s career.
The ocean’s Chuck Norris

Rob Chapman

For those readers that have never caught an amberjack, there’s something you can try at home. Go ahead and find your biggest red and red, borrow your neighbors, or if you can’t find a red and red, just use rope. Tie the fishing line, or rope, to a VW bug, and have someone drive it about 7 miles an hour. You’ve not done yet. Have the VW violently shake side to side to simulate the AJ’s trademark headshakes. This is just an average amberjack. They’re not just tackle busters, they’re human bait. We literally witnessed guys’ entire arms come up, and start pulsating after fighting just a few AJ’s. You’ll have thought they had gone ten rounds with Mike Tyson (circa 1986) with the pure exhaustion on their faces, and in their bodies.

With all of this being said, the biggest AJ I’ve ever seen on a boat is probably around 30 pounds. Jason Boyll has experience with big amberjack, and he says he means absolute freak of nature amberjack, but nothing could prepare him for this monster.

“When he came to the surface we were all in disbelief,” said Jason Boyll. “It was my biggest amberjack to 120 pounds. This amberjack was significantly bigger, a really special fish. I know I will never see another one like him.”

Such a beast came from the very deep in the Gulf of Mexico as you can expect. After the Double Nickel landed a Warsaw grouper of the same spot, angler Zenkewicz sent down a 4-pound octopus 500-feet below on a Shimano Torus and St. Croix combo with 40-pound head.

“The fight lasted about 25 minutes with extremely high drag, about 35 pounds,” described Boyll. “Most men could not handle these drag settings, however Trent is a former football player around 6-foot 4-inches and 280 pounds.”

We initially thought it was a large Warsaw, it didn’t have the big head shakes as most of the 70-pound amberjack we had been catching.

The state record amberjack is 142 pounds, caught near Islamorada. With amberjack season closed, it could not be kept. Weighing the fish on the boat it came in at 138 pounds. The possibility of it being a state record in there, but as most fish stories go we will never know.

The amberjack season reopens on August 1, so get ready to go catch one, or just wait to read more AJ articles from your favorite chair in an air conditioned living room. I wouldn’t blame you either way.

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Cedar River Seafood at the corner of Sisters Welcome Road and US 90 is pictured. The restaurant plans to relocate at year’s end or early in 2015.

The parking area at the restaurant’s current sites has space for 38 vehicles. Fellows said the new location will have parking for more than 60 vehicles.

There are currently no scheduled changes to the restaurant’s hours of operation, though that may change.

“Business warrants it and calls for us to be open longer hours we have no problem with that,” Fellows said. “We’re not planning to jump out with that, but we’ll have to see what happens.”

Creses have been working on clearing and remodeling the new location, which will also provide more room for customers.

“We’re going to have increased seating capacity. We’re going to have about 30 more seats than what we currently have,” he said. “We’re also putting televisions up on the walls to hopefully better serve our customers and give them what they want.”

The Cedar River Restaurant has been in Lake City since Nov. 2001 and at its current location.

The Cedar River Seafood has been in Lake City since 2001. Owner and operator John Felice, Ford’s U.S. sales chief, says a slowing rate of sales growth will force automakers to get even more aggressive to steal sales away from competitors. That’s already happening with small and midsize cars. For instance, buyers are paying an average of $1,000 less for a Ford Fusion sedan than they did a year ago, Felice said.

But demand for SUVs and trucks remains strong, and so does pricing. Overall, Felice said, buyers are still paying $800 more per vehicle than they did last year. That’s because, even with discounts, more people are choosing pickup SUVs and leasing them up with features.

Michelle Krebs, a senior analyst at AutoTrader.com, is startled about growing incentives. Things have changed from a decade ago, when automakers were making too many vehicles and had to use across-the-board incentives to sell them. Companies have cut back on production, she said, and they use incentives in a much more strategic way.

“Here’s a result of sales growth and size, they can afford to give a little on price,” she said.

Based on July’s sales, J.D. Power and Associates rated Toyota as its forecast for full-year sales to 16.3 million vehicles. That’s approaching the peak of 17 million set in 2005. Auto sales have led the uneven U.S. economic recovery with sales increases of 1 million or more vehicles in each of the last four years. But that pace is slowing. U.S. sales totaled 15.6 million in 2013.

Chrysler saw the biggest gain in July, with sales up 20 percent to 140,102, led by the Ram pickup and the new Jeep Cherokee small SUV. Chrysler sold nearly 15,000 Cherokee, almost matching sales of the larger Grand Cherokee. Jeep sales rose 41 percent overall.

Toyota said its U.S. sales gained 12 percent to 125,802 on double-digit gains for the Camry and Corolla sedans and a 37 percent increase in sales of the newly redesigned RAV4.

US auto sales sizzle in July, helped by discounts
Debit overdraft fees often exceed cost of purchase

**Source:** Economists' Voice

**WASHINGTON** — The fees that banks charge deb- dier users who overdraw their accounts usually cost the banks more than the fees bring in. That’s the result of a study that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau released Thursday.

Large banks have generally charged a $34 penal- ty on account over draws. That’s over $10 more than the cost of providing the service, according to the CFPB.

\[ \text{OVERDRAFT FEE COST} = \text{OVERDRAFT FEES - \text{OVERDRAFT FEES COST}} \]

BY THE NUMBERS

75% of the time consumers switch banks before the end of the year if they are charged too much for overdraft fees.

10% of consumers say they have used an overdraft service.

36% of consumers do not pay their overdraft fees.

26-45 year olds pay the highest overdraft fees.

Overdraft fees should not be ‘gotchas’ when people use their debit cards, CPB director Richard Cordray said in a statement.

The CPB is considering what protections might be necessary to protect consumers from overdraft fees.

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But some of the largest subprime mortgage servicers in the country — companies that handle the troubled loans most likely to be subject to the insurance policies — appear to skirt those rules or have already made profitable business arrangements that comply with them.

Nationstar, for instance, stopped paying insurance to a third party and keeps up with their mortgage insurance to cover the loans of the housing market after 2007 and the practice of multi-billion dollar industry. In many ways, force-placed insurance’s rise reflected the behavior that fed the housing bubble. After profiting from putting borrowers in peril, mortgage companies were profiting from inflated insurance bills they fed to homeowners at risk of foreclosure. In court, however, Assurant and Nationstar have not defended their past arrangements.

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Price tag for new Tampa area expressway is $454M

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Ocwen Financial Corp. That service, Ocwen Financial Corp., owns more than one-quarter of the country’s outstanding subprime loans, according to Altisource, which operates Long-Term Mortgage Loan Protection, a service that Ocwen sold off a few years ago. It has long been called Beltline Road. By selling "force-placed insurance", which can also mean that newly sold mortgages are profiting from insurance that comply with them. Some regulators described it, some said, as "just the name used when Nationstar refers us business.""As new rules by the federal government’s new rules for mortgages that led to the demise of large force-placed insurance entities in compliance with laws that have now been put in place for work performed." In court, however, Assurant and Nationstar have not defended their past arrangements. Earlier this month that the Federal Housing Finance Agency formally proposed banning commissions and New York reached a legal accord with Assurant, Ocwen’s principal force-placed insurer known to have commanded when the deal, the deal would repay the agency insure from bans on commissions — much as a similar arrangement. Even before the housing bubble: After profiting from the behavior that fed the housing market after 2007, insurers and servicers created virtual insurance agencies and commanded when the country’s outstanding subprime mortgage servicer already is. They are selling or have sold nearly nonexistent insurance policies — appear to be skirting new rules or have renounced the practice, much as a similar arrangement. Earlier this month that the Federal Housing Finance Agency formally proposed banning commissions and New York reached a legal accord with Assurant, Ocwen’s principal force-placed insurer known to have commanded when the deal, the deal would repay the agency insure from bans on commissions — much as a similar arrangement. Nationstar’s insurance agency, Harwood Service Cs, has no website and no industryspecific information. The switchboard operators reached a deal to settle a class-action lawsuit in the Southern District of New York that alleged Harwood sold policies whose policies Harwood sells, say the company is “just the same used when Nationstar refers us business.” Harwood’s only registered insurance agent, a Nationstar consultant named Dennis DiMaggio, initially told The Associated Press he was semi-exclusive. Asked how he could run a $100 million business in semiretirement, D’Maggio ended the call then later said he had been joking. Nationstar’s first attempt at selling its affiliated insurance agency fell through last year when a federal judge ruled that Assurant Inc. could not sell the agency to a third party; but it also could make life complicated for the St. Pete-Bob-Tampa area, where the Tampa Tribune reports that DOT officials have revealed the cost of right-of-way purchases to the Pinellas County Commission at a work-shop Thursday. They also announced that the toll projects already under way to avoid stoplights will be 7% higher than the $1 billion contract for work said to be worth $1 billion. The expressway will eventually link Interstate 275 and U.S. 19, and the unplanned project has been moved forward by as much as 20 years.

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School’s just around the corner, and with that comes school fundraisers. Take a look at what goes on to get those money-makers up and running.

**BEHIND THE FUNDRAISER**

Last week my niece, Kimberlynne Norman, and I decided to try the Landing and ran into a couple of friends for lunch.

The Landing is located in the building previously occupied by Robert’s Dock, Brooklyn Boys, etc. directly across from the Lake City Airport. The entrance catches your attention with its hanging ferns and potted plants.

TASTE BUDDIES

Genie Norman

Taste Buddies make a Landing

Taste Buddy Mary Kay Hollingsworth is taking the summer off. The column will continue by our other Taste Buddy Genie Norman.

I don’t take a rocket scientist to figure out when the end of summer is approaching. School supplies magically appear on prominent shelves in stores, children and parents start thinking about new clothes, shoes, and computer equipment. And as the school year gets under way, fundraisers for various school sports and activities start showing up at locations around the county.

While it’s tempting to heave a sigh at seeing yet another set of youngsters soliciting donations at the grocery store or holding up signs for a car wash, the truth is that for most of the programs involved, raising money is a necessity.

Costs add up

“People don’t realize how much these activities cost to run,” said Leah Hintz, vice president and fundraising coordinator for the Fort White Middle/High School Soccer Boosters. “Take soccer, for example. It doesn’t require a lot of equipment, but we still have to pay for what we do need plus uniforms, transportation for away games, and fees for the officials refereeing the games. The kids and their parents just can’t afford to make up the difference between what we take in at the gate and concessions and what it costs to pay the program’s expenses.”

Students often need to raise money for special events as well as athletic programs and other regular activities. For example, the FWHS Chorus sold candy last year to pay for the costs of a performance at Downtown Disney.

Two chains

Most school fundraisers are coordinated through two separate chains. One is the chain within the school system itself; the other belongs to the merchant or property owner providing space, donations, or discounts for the fundraiser.

“arif a fundraiser is held on school property or if money is being raised by selling something through the school, it has to be approved by school administration and the School Board,” Hintz said. “If a fundraiser is held somewhere else, it doesn’t require school approval but...”

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Morley Kate Bladen
Morley Kate Bladen was born June 12 and weighed in at 8 lbs. 2 oz. She is the daughter of Bryce and Blake McIntyre Bladen of Eagle Mountain, Utah. Morley is the granddaughter of Donna McIntyre of Cedar City, Utah; Marty McIntyre of Lake City, San. Anderson of St. George, Utah, and Boyd and Valerie Bladen of St. George, Utah. Her great-grandparents are Charly and Harold Woods and Roger and Ethel Sisters of Lake City, and Roger and Frances Smith of Cedar City, Utah. Boyd and Valerie Bladen of St. George, Utah. She is the great-granddaughter of Zina Wooten of Cedar City, Utah. Morley is welcomed and loved by big sister, Summer and big brothers, Preston and Case.

GRADUATION

Thompson graduates from UCF
Shequata Griffin Thompson recently graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor’s Degree in Health Services Administration. She is currently employed with the Veterans Administration as Lead Administrative Assistant. Shequata grew up in Lake City and is the daughter of Daniel Griffin and Angela James. She graduated from Columbia High School in 1991 and worked as a correctional officer for nine years at Columbia Correctional Institution. She is married to Clifford Thompson of Live Oak. She has three children and two step-children.

Area artists wanted for Live Oak Artist Guild
From staff reports
The Live Oak Artists Guild, in partnership with the Suwannee River Regional Library, will be presenting their annual fine-arts exhibition September 8-19. All artists, 18 or older, are eligible and invited to submit an application.

Application Deadline
Applications and an entry fee of $25 for members or $30 for non-members must be submitted by August 22. A photo or digital image must be submitted with the application. Applications are available at The Frame Shop & Gallery and the Suwannee River Regional Library. Or artists may download/print the application from our blog: http://theloag.blogspot.com. If you have any questions, please contact Glenda Penick at 386-364-9363.

Attempts
Autumn 2014 awards will be determined by the entries and donations received. Minimum of $300 will be awarded. Artwork selected for these awards will be exhibited at a special “Featured Exhibitions” at the Suwannee River Regional Library.

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The Landing is located at 3445 East US 90 and is open every day of the week from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Order one bread pudding makes what people call "crack brownies" because of their addictive taste. The brownies are actually cream cheese brownies — chocolate brownies with a cream cheese swirl.

The Landing offers a buffet daily until 2:30 p.m. Fried chicken is always on the menu.

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Let’s talk dessert
Desserts were absolutely wonderful homemade. I couldn’t resist the chocolate brownies and the crown jewel, “cream cheese brownies.” I loved the crisp "cream cheese brownies” — chocolate brownies with just the right amount of seasoning. Getting my hands on this dessert was worth the wait. After all, there is nothing like the rich taste of a homemade dessert. I just had to try the chocolate brownies! I was happy to find out that the brownies were rich and creamy, just like I imagined they would be.

The Landing is open 7 days a week from 5:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Telephone number is 386-247-4077. Address is 3845 E US Highway 90, Lake City, Florida.

The Landing is a great place to stop for a meal when you’re on the road. It’s convenient for personnel who work in Olustee. Lots of us drive there to eat before work. The Landing is a great place to go for a meal when you’re on the road. It’s convenient for personnel who work in Olustee. Lots of us drive there to eat before work.

We are very appreciative of any donations, no matter how small. “I know people get to feeling tight-lipped,” says Blain. “But believe me, we appreciate any help they can give us to help our needy. We can’t get along without it.”
Double-duty gardening

C utting gardens is a great way to let your flowers serve dual purposing your garden is to choose plants that will not only grow well in your landscape setting, but will also be candidates for good cut flowers. Annuals only live for one year or less, but they have long bloom periods. Herbsaceous perennials and bulbs normally die back in the winter but come back again in the spring. Woody plants, like daylilies, will remain sturdy in arrangements. Stems should remain sturdy when choosing flowers for about a week in an arrangement. Annual flowers are typically flowers from our North Florida landscape used as cut flowers.

GARDEN TALK

Send your pictures

Send us your pictures of flowers or plants in your vegetable garden that makes you smile from ear to ear. 'Ear to ear.'

This submitted picture shows an arrangement of double duty flowers because they are tropical flowers from our North Florida landscape used as cut flowers.

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Get-togethers and HS class reunions coming up this fall

CHS '84 Reunion

The CHS Class of 1984 will hold its 30th High School Reunion on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 6:30 p.m. at the Brown Lantern, 417 E. Howard St., Live Oak. Dress is casual. Cost is $25 per person or includes buffet of fried/ fried shrimp, chicken wings, chicken strips, veggies, salad bar, etc. Cakes, ice cream, and beer will be served all night. Special to the Reporter

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PAMELA FAITH/ Courtesy

Nichelle Demorest is a University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Services Volunteers. Call 752-5384 for more information.

Spend time volunteering

Shands Lakeshore

The Auxiliary at Shands Lakeshore Hospital is looking volunteers of all shapes and sizes. With its new location, the Auxiliary is in need of volunteers for many hours as you'd like. Whether it's filing paperwork, working on the computer, driving the golf cart, or working in the kitchen, there's a space for you. For more or to sign up, call Jenn Sawyer, 292-8000 x 21216 to receive an application by mail. Gift Opportunities for volunteers willing to donate just four hours a week are available. The Auxiliary is looking for volunteers to harvest the treasures on Saturday, Oct. 25 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Brown Lantern, 417 E. Howard St., Live Oak. Dress is casual. Cost is $25 per person or $50 per couple. Send your registration and check payable to CHS 1974 Class Reunion, 223 SE 8th St., Lake City or visit the Facebook page CHS Class of 1984 30th Reunion. You may also call Kelli K. Ronsonet at 386-397-2925.

Let us celebrate your wedding with you

United Way

Would you like to be called upon to staff the Columbia County Emergency Operations Center’s Information Center during disasters? These volunteers serve as the link between the county emergency management offices and the public. Anyone willing to serve in this capacity whether prepared or not will be given an application. Information Center during disasters. These volunteers serve as the link between the county emergency management offices and the public. Anyone willing to serve in this capacity whether prepared or not will be given an application. Information and a registration form can be found on the CHS Class of 1972 Facebook page.

Spend time volunteering

University of Southeastern Florida is looking volunteers to harvest the treasures on Saturday, Oct. 25 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Brown Lantern, 417 E. Howard St., Live Oak. Dress is casual. Cost is $25 per person or $50 per couple. Send your registration and check payable to CHS 1974 Class Reunion, 223 SE 8th St., Lake City or visit the Facebook page CHS Class of 1984 30th Reunion. You may also call Kelli K. Ronsonet at 386-397-2925.
APPLY NOW!

ADMISSION APPLICATION DEADLINE
August 6th
Application and all supporting materials must be received by August 6th.

FALL 2014 REGISTRATION

OPEN REGISTRATION
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August 14th  Fees due daily after August 14th

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