She’s Hollywood bound
Clay girl picked to appear on national TV show

By Christina Leach Phillips
Correspondent

MIDDLEBURG -- Steffanie Renae, 15, is going to Hollywood as a contestant on “American Idol” after winning her second round of regional auditions in Savannah, Ga.

During the Jan. 18 show, the Clay County teen sang “Inside Your Heaven” by former American Idol winner Carrie Underwood.

“It was incredible!” said Steffanie, “I’m standing there in front of all these judges, and I’m just star struck, and I didn’t know what to say.”

The panel of judges that included Jennifer Lopez, Steven Tyler, and Randy Jackson gave Steffanie two “yes” votes and one “no” vote, which qualified her to move to the next round of competition.

Lopez, who called Steffanie a “sparkly baby,” complimented her on her “natural beautiful bravado.”

Steffanie’s grandparents, Vince and Valerie Elston, from Middleburg, and her mother, Andrea White, were at the Savannah audition cheering for her.

Valerie Elston said Steffanie has been singing since she was four years old and always wanted to be on American Idol. “She loves American Idol. She has all the American Idol t-shirts, she’s had American Idol birthday parties, and Carrie Underwood is her favorite American Idol finalist,” she said.

Elston said there were over 10,000 contestants who auditioned...
The county has obtained a new component to its CodeRED system that will provide instant notifications in the event of a severe weather event.

CodeRED is an emergency notification system that provides telephone communication in case of emergencies. It has been used in Clay since 2009, provided through federal grant money.

CodeRED Weather Warn is an extension of the high-speed service that will alert residents to tornado warnings, severe thunderstorm warnings and flash flood warnings. The system taps into the National Weather Service’s Storm Based Warnings, automatically alerting residents in the path of severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued.

Lorin Mock, director of Clay County’s Emergency Management, said residents can dial the number displayed on their Caller ID to hear the last message delivered.

“This will greatly reduce the number of inbound inquiries handled by our office and will offer residents an immediate replay of the message.”

John Ward, deputy director of Clay County Emergency Management, said Weather Warn is a proven tool in the mission of notifying the public with enough advance warning to prepare themselves for the onset of hazardous weather.

The original CodeRED calls specific areas of the county in case of an emergency that requires immediate action, such as an evacuation, contaminated water, hazardous chemical spill, etc. This system dials the entire county within minutes. It then leaves a pre-recorded message with instructions.

The new service is offered to Clay County residents free of charge. To spread the word, emergency management will conduct a county-wide mass call through CodeRED at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2.

This call is in coordination with the Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week, to inform county residents about the availability of this new public notification tool, according to a news release.

Unlike the CodeRED system which uses numbers in public phone listings and numbers provided when residents register, Weather Warn is only an opt-in service, according to an extension of the Extension Program in our area explore that website further.

Q. I was told by a neighbor that I should not be stacking my wood between two pine trees that are five feet apart because if the firewood had termites in it they could get into my trees. Is this so?

R. It probably is not true because termites rarely invade healthy, living trees but stacking the firewood between the two pines could lead to serious problems so I would agree that this not a good thing for your trees.

The first issue with doing this is that as these trees move (even slightly) the stationary wood rubbing against the bark can cause injury to the trunk. Pines would do more movement than other trees, but even if there were no movement, just the weight of this wood against the trunk would cause problems for the bark cambium which is responsible for growing new bark.

The second issue would be that stored firewood (especially if not properly seasoned and protected from the rain) will develop other insects than termites such as the various wood boring beetles that could (conceivably) enter the tree (even a healthy one) more easily than would termites.

Thirdly, wood stored in this manner is more likely to decay before it can be used. The proper way to store wood is (1) split so it can dry more quickly (2) placed on a rack so it can be off the ground and air can circulate beneath it (3) covered so rain cannot reach it. Simply placing the cut lengths of wood between two trees is not only bad for the trees but for the wood as well. There was a reason people had wood sheds – to keep the rain off the wood and let it dry before being burned. Dried wood burns hotter and better. It also attracts fewer things that hide in damp wood such as scorpions and small snakes. You don’t need to build a wood shed but you should build a wood rack that sets at least four inches off the ground and then cover it so the rain does not get to the wood before it can be used.

Q. I have a palm tree and its bark is coming off at the bottom which I told my maintenance company was because they must be hitting it with a line trimmer when they weed around it. They said no, that this was natural for palms – is that true?

R. That’s probably true. I frequently see this happening on palms around North Florida. Unlike woody trees, palms are monocots (put up one shoot from the seed rather than a two leaf shoot as dicots do).

As monocots they do several things that are different from woody trees. For one thing, their trunk does not get bigger round each year (as in a woody tree) but instead stays the same diameter as it was when the palm fronds were attached to it at that point.

This is why the University of Florida tells us not to remove a green frond from a palm without a good reason – and in north Florida preparing a palm for storms by removing all green fronds except those from the 10:00 to 2:00 position of a clock’s hands is not a good reason. We do not have the type palms that should be pruned in this way. Instead the recommendation is to leave all green fronds on a palm – year around in the Northeast Florida – until they brown. This insures the palm will be at its maximum girth at that point on the trunk and thus at its strongest to face storms.

Getting back to your questions about the “bark” splitting away from the trunk – because palms don’t grow bigger around each year, the outer layer on a palm trunk is not really bark. It is called pseudo-bark and is there mainly to keep the palm trunk from drying out. When it is injured, it never heals. Wounds to palm trunks do not cover over as they do in woody plants and the wound is therefore forever exposed as a hole. This is why we don’t climb palms with climbing spurs. They make wounds that never heal.

Another strange thing about palms is that toward the bottom part of their trunk they have an area called a “root-initiation zone.” This is not a specific area on a palm and some palms (like the Phoenix palm) have these zones rather high on the trunk – up to several feet. When conditions are right – old age, perhaps drought stress, flooding, or simply because the palm wants to do it – the palm initiates roots in this area.

If these roots are in the soil, then they grow out into the soil and support the tree – which is the way of most palms. If however they form higher up in the air then they grow out, split thepseudo-bark and then just stop growing – creating a semi-woody, prickly ball of stubby root initials. This is what you are probably seeing.

Is this a problem for the tree?

I asked Dr. Monica Elliot, Plant Pathologist at our Ft. Lauderdale Research and Education Center and she said no – it was normal. It is just something palms sometime do and not to worry about it. So there you have it – it’s just a case of a palm “being weird.”

Want someone to answer a specific plant question for you? Go online to http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu and under the heading “Horticulture” (left hand side of page) left click on “Ask a Master Gardener” and a reply will be sent plus a hyperlink to the appropriate University of Florida Fact Sheets. Please send us a digital picture of the problem. To speak to someone by phone, call 269-6355. To read past articles that might help you with seasonal problems, and to learn about upcoming Extension Programming in our area explore that website further.

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Clay County (Retired)
Magnum Springs an example of cemetery restoration efforts

By Debra W. Buehn

Greene COVE SPRINGS -- Under a protective canopy of sprawling live oaks, scores of local residents gathered recently to rededicate Magnolia Springs Cemetery -- the final resting place of early Clay County settlers as well as several Civil War soldiers who never found their way home.

Tucked away just off U.S. 17 on Haven Avenue, the tiny cemetery sits on about an acre of land within what is now the St. Johns Landing Apartments. But in the mid-1800s, the area was home to a small community known as Magnolia Springs -- an area that during the Civil War housed a Union Army encampment that would end up leaving some of its soldiers behind when it returned up north at the end of the war.

The Feb. 12, 2011, ceremony marked the culmination of a decade’s worth of work to restore the cemetery to respectability after it had fallen into disrepair over the years, said Gayward Hendry, chief inspector of the Clay County Sheriff’s Office and host of the rededication. Hendry, who has worked on other historical restoration projects over the years in Clay County, was a key element in starting the cemetery project.

Hendry and many others spent time over the years researching those who are buried in the cemetery, finding actual grave sites, replacing headstones lost long ago and erecting a monument to those buried there that was unveiled at the ceremony.

“Tamy. Funding was provided by the county. “We have lost so much of our history in Clay County,” Hendry said in his remarks to the crowd, which included a host of officials from throughout Clay County, as well as Civil War re-enactors and other lovers of Clay County history. Hendry particularly pointed to the co-hosts for the ceremony, the Clay County Historical Commission and the Clay County Archives, which falls under the Clerk of the Court, for their hard work in the project.

Documentation dates the cemetery to about 1846, said Hendry, and as many as 200 may have been buried there until it ceased to be used nearly 100 years later. And, said Hendry, those resting at Magnolia Springs came from all walks of life -- young, old, black, white, Northerners, Southerners.

“We’ve got it all covered,” he said.

In fact, said keynote speaker Kevin S. Hooper, author of several books about Clay County history, while many of those buried there are either early settlers, or even tourists who frequented the area when the grand hotels were in vogue in the later 1800s, at least 10 Civil War soldiers can be found there. Many of those were from the errors.

Clay Today regrets the errors.

Correction

Mark McCumber built The Kavines golf course and Ron Garl designed the Middleburg course that is now closed. Current property owner Autry DeBusk also is the cousin of the golf course’s former owner, Ken DeBusk. Some information was incorrect in a story in the Jan. 26 edition. Clay Today regrets the errors.

Archives plans Feb. 15 restoration seminar

Debra W. Buehn

GREEVE COVE SPRINGS -- If you’re interested in caring for and preserving Clay County cemeteries, the Clay County Archives has two events coming up that may interest you.

The first is the Cemetery Resource Protection Training seminar, which is designed to train people from all walks of life on how to preserve and care for cemeteries. The Clay County Archives, which falls under the office of Jimmy Jett, Clerk of the Court, is conducting the seminar in conjunction with the Florida Public Archeology Network.

The seminar will be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Old Clay County Courthouse at 915 Walnut St. Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis and is limited to 30 people. There is no cost for the event as the Archives and Clerk of the Court office are taking care of the usual admission fee. Coffee and pastries will be served in the morning.

The seminar will be conducted by Sarah Miller, director of the Northeast Region of the Florida Public Archeology Network, and Amber Weiss, outreach coordinator for the group. According to FPAN’s website, seminar participants will explore cemeteries as historical resources and the laws that protect them, how to conserve headstones and markers and how to manage cemetery landscapes. It will also include a hands-on headstone cleaning with a D-2 solution and the study of a local cemetery.

Registration forms are available at the Archives (915 Walnut St.) or by calling (904) 371-0037. Further information can be obtained by contacting Weiss at aweiss@flagler.edu or (904) 819-6498.

The Archives will also sponsor a second event on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 9:30 a.m. at Mt. Olivette Cemetery, located at the end of Martin Luther King Road in Green Cove Springs. (Mt. Olivette is also the cemetery that will be studied in the Saturday seminar.) Volunteers are needed to walk the cemetery to transcribe and enumerate the graves there. The data that is collected will be compiled and entered into the new Archives website for public use.

This event is also free, but volunteers are asked to bring a clipboard, pencils, drinks and snacks. You do not have to attend the Wednesday seminar to take part in this event.

To sign up for the Saturday event, contact Vishi Garig at 904-371-0037 or email claycarchives@hotmail.com or clayarch@bellsouth.net.

English As A Second Language

ESL CLASSES

The Salvation Army of Clay County will be starting Adult ESL classes again on Monday, Jan. 23rd. The course includes 2 classes per week on Monday and Friday. Students have a choice of morning or evening classes. Classes will be taught by Certified ESL teachers who speak both English and Spanish. There is a minimal fee involved for a course and a certificate of completion will be awarded at the end of the course.

Call Kim Durbec at 283-6677 Ext. 4305 or email claycarchives@hotmail.com or clayarch@bellsouth.net.

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Resident backs DeBusk plans for The Ravines

Dear Editor:

I reside at the Ravines and have so since Sept 1989. I would like to make clear that I am not writing in support of the DeBusk family. I am writing for selfish reasons, the property owners of the Ravines are suffering the depreciation of their original investment due to petty squabbling. I want the amenities restored: namely the pool, clubhouse and if there is any way, some type of golf course.

According to the BCC staff report, there is an estimated reduction in county growth. However, with the advent of St Vincent’s hospital and the space program at Cecil Field we could experience a growth spurt in the Middleburg area.

If 163 total units are allowed, with 122 single family homes bringing $2,000 in taxes each year and 41 multiple units at half that in taxes, the county receives over $2,000,000 in taxes per annum. The school system will glean over $7,000,000 through impact fees with a single family unit bringing $7,004 and the multiple unit dwellings at $7,2936. These are approximate numbers.

Mediation took place at a cost of approximately $3,000, half paid for through taxes. Terrence E. Schmidt, Mediator, issued a Mediation Resolution (RE: future land Use amendment 06-1-FLU-3), May 10, 2006. This contained an agreement for 65 residential homes, along with other concessions made by the applicant. The residents of the Ravines received a letter from Harold Ruhled, Dist 5 Commissioner, May 25, 2006 asking for a meeting at the Lake Ashby Elementary School on May 30, 2006. He wanted our input, both pro and con, regarding the proposal. He stated both the county and Mr. DeBusk had agreed to the proposal.

Among the reasons stated by those opposed to expanding the community was their desire to keep the “quality of life” we enjoyed. What quality of life is left to enjoy? The pool is closed, the clubhouse is shoddy and the golf course is unusable. At least, allowing this plan to go forward will not accomplish these.

Don’t accomplish these we will campaign and vote. If we need more citizen support in big government and we need more citizen support in big government and we need someone in office that understands our needs more than petty squabbling. I will grant you that many unfortunate misconceptions as well as a few misunderstandings have caused a great divide in the Middleburg area.

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Republicans wanted Newt.

Casting ballots Tuesday, Jan. 31, in Florida’s Presidential Primary on Tuesday, 43 percent of Clay County voters went for former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich while 36 percent preferred former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

Romney, however, easily carried the state and will receive all 50 of Florida’s delegate to the GOP Convention this summer in Tampa.

According to the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office, 40.5 percent of the 69,958 registered Republican cast ballots on Tuesday.

Gingrich received 12,247 votes; Romney got 10,476 votes, former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum had 4,075 and Ron Paul earned 1,272 of the 2,667 total votes cast, or 47 percent, while Paul earned 137.

In Duval County, with 45 percent voter turnout and 87,285 ballots cast, Mitt Romney took the lead. He got 35,172 votes, for a total of 40 percent. Gingrich was close behind 38.73 percent. Santorum got 13 percent, while Paul trailed with 6 percent.

The primary was for registered Republicans only. Florida is a closed primary state, in which voters are limited to choosing candidates of their own party. There are no democratic candidates, minor party candidates or amendments on the ballot.

For more information, go to ClayElections.com.

These preliminary totals include absentee and early voting results.

In Baker County, Gingrich received with 1,272 of the 2,667 total votes cast, or 47 percent. Romney came in second with 812 votes, Santorum had 409 and Paul earned 137.

This is one particular teaching that will bring you great peace if you will accept it. Incorrectly judging others adds a burden of responsibility that you do not have to carry.

Understand that this judgment He speaks about has nothing to do with legal issues. This is not instruction for the legal or judicial system. It is not personal direction for you in such issues as jury duty or testifying in a legal matter.

This is instruction in relating to other individuals with whom your life intersects. It refers to all personal relationships whether in your family, workplace, church or just in the interactions of your life with other individuals.

When you judge the motives of others, you put yourself in the position of God. This is the dangerous area. It is the part of judging others with which the Savior is most concerned. Jesus referred to this when He spoke of having a log in your own eye while you point out the speck that is in your friend’s eye! Few, if any, are qualified to pass personal judgment on anyone else. And definitely none of us is qualified to judge the motives of another.

The classic Scriptural illustration of this point is in John chapter 8. A woman was discovered involved in adultery. Religious leaders wanted to stone her which was the punishment of the era. They came to Jesus with the woman and asked Him what should be done to her.

Jesus’ answer was classic. He looked over the men standing there who had already formed their judgment of her. He said, “Let the one who is without sin among you cast the first stone at her.” Then starting with the oldest one there to the youngest one, they left without doing anything.

Each one of them recognized his own lack of qualification to judge the sin of the woman. Those who had come to judge her were condemned by their own guilt.

Let’s don’t carry this illustration too far. Suffice it to say that we all always need to look carefully at ourselves before we judge anyone else. If we were to do this, we would make more effort to correct our own faults before acting in judgment toward anyone else.

If you make the effort to be the person you really want to be, you will have no time to look for the faults of others.
Pet adoption costs cut in Feb.

PENNEY FARMS -- Clay County Animal Care and Control will offer half price pet adoptions at two locations this month.

The shelter, 3984 State Road 16 W., is offering the adoptions from Tuesday, Feb. 14 to Saturday, Feb. 18 and at the Fleming Island Adoption Center, 18054-7 East West Parkway on Saturday, Feb. 18 and Sunday, Feb. 19.

Go to www.claycountygov.com/CCACC/ for more details.

SOE plans candidates workshop

GREEN COVE SPRINGS -- The Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office will hold an informational workshop Thursday, Feb. 9, for residents and incumbent elected officials interested in running for political office.

The workshop begins at 7 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners meeting room at the County Administration Building.

Attendees will learn how to file for office, how much it will cost, the petition process, campaign reporting, state election laws and new legislation. Supervisor of Elections Chris H. Chambless will answer any questions. Candidate treasurers are welcome and reservations are not needed.

For more information, call (904) 269-6350.

Quilts honor fallen Clay vets

ORANGE PARK -- Five fallen veterans from Clay County are honored in a collection of nine quilts that honor Florida’s Fallen Heroes currently on display at the Wells Fargo Community Conference Room at the Museum of Science & History (MOSH) in Jacksonville.

Every quilt has 30 blocks, each containing the name of a fallen service member from Florida who lost their life while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Of the 270 fallen Florida service men and women featured on the quilts, 23 are local veterans, including 16 from Jacksonville, three from Orange Park, two from St. Augustine and two from Middleburg. Their positions range from Marine colonel to Navy petty officer.

The Florida Fallen Heroes Quilt Project was created by Linda Fliss of Titusville in 2005 to create a mobile memorial. Go online to www.mosh.org for more details.

New DCF pact includes Clay Co.

ORANGE PARK — The Florida Department of Children and Families and the Georgia Department of Human Services announce a new agreement that will make it easier for children removed near the Florida/Georgia border to be placed with relatives in another state.

This innovative agreement between 12 border counties will have children placed with their family in as little as a week.

The Florida counties that will be part of this agreement are Baker, Clay, Columbia, Duval and Nassau in the Northeast Region. The Georgia counties included are Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Glynn, McIntosh and Ware. The agreement will only apply to children who have been removed by the state from their parents or guardian because of abuse or neglect.

WASP pilots at Feb. 18 event

ORANGE PARK -- On Saturday, Feb. 18, an Art Show featuring aviation artist and historian Sir Ernie Hamilton Boyette will honor three WASP pilots from World War II. The pilots and Boyette will be at the Thrasher Horne Center of the Arts on College Avenue for a free program from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The women will give a short speech and answer audience questions about their experiences. Also featured will be original paintings of the aircraft that will available for sale. The pilots will also be available to autograph the prints.

Veterans group recruiting

MIDDLEBURG -- The Vietnam Veterans of America-Clay County Chapter 1059, the first VVA established in the county, is recruiting new members.

To qualify, veterans must have served during the Vietnam era (in-country from February 1962 to May 1975 or at any station or post from August 1964 to May 1975). Reservists must have served at least 180 days of active duty other than

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CEB visitors

A delegation from the AT&T Pioneers Jacksonville Life Member Club recently came to Charles E. Bennett Elementary in Green Cove Springs to unpack and distribute book-filled boxes to spread reading joy among the 750 CEB students. The Pioneers, a group of retirees, volunteer at the Jacksonville Suns concession stand to raise funds for their community service projects including a book for every CEB student.

CEB visitors
Schlein work on display at THCA Center for Arts

Special to Clay Today

ORANGE PARK -- The Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts will present the works of Lonnie Schlein, former photo editor for the New York Times. Schlein’s first Florida exhibit, Editing the World, will open on Friday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. The exhibit is sponsored by John Tabor of Ameriprise Financial.

Schlein will be in attendance at the opening. "We are very much looking forward to exhibiting Lonnie’s works," said Tony Walsh, THCA Executive Director. "We are thrilled he has agreed to be in attendance to meet with and connect with the community.”

In childhood, Schlein knew he would work at the New York Times. He grew up in a home where The Times was always around. In his mid-teens he began to clip articles and photographs from the paper.

Schlein has had only one employer—The New York Times. For the Times he served as photo editor for 35 years. First as the Sunday Arts & Leisure Section and Friday Weekend Section and for six months in the mid 90s, as the Picture Editor for Page 1, a break from his position as National Picture Editor.

On Sept. 11, 2001 he was re-assigned to handle all photography that dealt with the attack on the United States, making up a special section of The Times called "A Nation Challenged”.

His new exhibit, Editing the World, at the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts focuses on the many places he visited as a travel editor. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and on Thursday evenings until 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information please visit www.THcenter.org or call 904-276-6750.

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training.

The group meets at the Middleburg VFW post on Aster Avenue at 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month. The next meeting is Feb. 4. On March 3, the chapter officers will be sworn in by Ben Humphries, vice president of the Florida State Council Vietnam Veterans of America.

To join the group, fill out a membership form and bring a copy of your DD-214. For more information, email president Aaron Newman at agnjustice@yahoo.com.

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ORANGE PARK — Ask her clients and they’ll tell you that getting a therapeutic massage from Meagan Shealy is like being touched by an angel.

“She’s on the right path,” Fleming Island resident Bette Garrison said of the young entrepreneur who recently opened the Natural Healing Day Spa on Smith Street behind Orange Park Town Hall. “I’m 86 years old, and I’ve got numbness from the knees down. Meagan’s very focused and she plies her trade with authority. She won’t [stop] until she knows I’m feeling better.”

Such reviews are common for Shealy, a 22-year-old licensed massage therapist whose professional talents are exceeded only by her genuine love for others, according to Middleburg resident Bob Alderman, who receives massages to cope with a neurological disorder.

“Meagan was so gracious and accommodating,” the 62-year-old Middleburg resident said, recalling his first visit to 2012 Smith Street, “She’s a compassionate person. She customizes her massages and they really help.”

Orange Park four years ago, says that offering comfort and healing to clients is just as rewarding as the benefits of owning her own business.

“I’ve always been a very independent girl,” she said. “Even my mom told me I have a God-given talent. Looking back, I always was a healer. It’s funny how things work out.”

Whether she’s improving blood circulation by using proven techniques or loosening tight muscles through deep tissue massage, Shealy believes that letting go of stress during a session is an important part of the healing process.

“A lot of people these days don’t experience enough ‘you’ time;” she said. “I want them to feel like they can unwind their spines as well as their minds. That’s been my motto.”

Relaxing is easy to do in an atmosphere Shealy created after signing a lease in late November. Low lighting, soft music and tasteful décor instantly place first-time visitors into a peaceful frame of mind.

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After spending two years working under other people’s rules, Shealy relishes the idea of setting her own hours and offering “little things” at no additional charge.

To build her client base, Shealy is offering first-time clients a one-hour Swedish massage for $55. She also offers ongoing discounts to members of the military as well as police and fire and rescue personnel.

“God blessed me to stick with it. I already have visions of expanding and adding services,” such as massages for couples, facials for women and yoga classes.

Shealy’s regular prices range from $50 for a one-hour massage to $85 for a 90-minute session. Massages are available by appointment only, and can be made online at naturalhealingdayspa.genbook.com or by calling (904) 413-8075.

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Owner: Meagan Shealy

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Site work plans ready for St. Vincent’s Clay location

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MIDDLEBURG—St. Vincent’s HealthCare has completed the site planning process and is submitting road plans to Clay County to begin the permitting process for its new hospital in Clay County.

“Tentatively scheduled to open in October 2013, the hospital plans to hire about 300 clinical associates in addition to the many ancillary positions surrounding the hospital such as in physician offices. In January, the new hospital was officially named St. Vincent’s Medical Center Clay County.

The $80 million hospital — officially named St. Vincent’s Medical Center Clay County — plans include the widening of Brannan Field Road in front of the property to accommodate extra turn lanes for traffic flow.

“The goal is to improve access to the hospital and adjacent medical office building. The next step is to submit plans for a site work permit, followed by the final building plans to both Clay County and the Agency for Healthcare Administration in Tallahassee in May, said Barry Darnell, System Director of Major Construction for St. Vincent’s HealthCare.

“Everything is moving right on schedule,” Darnell said. “We are anxious to serve the people of Clay County and we are continuing to work closely with the agencies that need to provide approvals and permits.”

St. Vincent’s HealthCare said it has spent $10 million acquiring land, completing the master site plan and litigating the certificate of need for the new hospital.

“This new year brings exciting changes for St. Vincent’s HealthCare,” said David Meyer, system vice president of Strategic Planning and Marketing for St. Vincent’s HealthCare.

“In May, we expect to submit final construction documents for building permits. Once those documents are approved, our developer will begin hiring 80-100 construction workers who will then begin construction of the facility.”

St. Vincent’s says it wants to give local contractors and subcontractors the opportunity to bid on the work.

Villegas joins CSNF office

FLEMING ISLAND — Dr. Augusto E. Villegas has joined Cancer Specialists of North Florida (CSNF) and will see patients at CSNF-Fleming Island, 1715 Eagle Harbor Parkway, Suite C. Before joining Cancer Specialists of North Florida in 2012, Dr. Villegas practiced at Regional Consultants in Hematology and Oncology in Jacksonville. He received his medical degree from Ponce School of Medicine in Ponce, Puerto Rico. He completed a fellowship in medical oncology at the University of Florida Health Science Center in Jacksonville where he served on the Institutional Medical Ethics Committee.

“We are excited to have Dr. Villegas at CSNF,” said Executive Director Bob Pelfrey. “His presence at the Fleming Island offices will help us expand our services to patients in greater Jacksonville and continue our mission to provide state-of-the-art cancer care to patients close to their homes.”

Call (904-272-3139 or go online to www.CancerSpecialistsNF.com/secondopinion/request for details.

Granite Transformations opens

FLEMING ISLAND — Granite Transformations of Jacksonville recently expanded into a 1,500-square-feet design center in Fleming Island.

The company will host an open house at the facility, 4689 US Highway 17, Unit 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 18. Guests can take a tour, enjoy food and beverages, a bounce house and activities for the kids and participate in a fundraiser the Clara White Mission.

Guests who bring book bags, blankets, hygiene items, socks and food certificates for the Clara White Mission will be eligible for win prizes. The company will also present a check to Clara White Mission at the event.

The company was founded in 2004 offering an alternative to traditional granite countertops, and now offers backsplashes, sinks, cabinets and bath refurbishment in addition. Granite Transformations will showcase its designs for tile, countertops, backsplashes, bathtubs, refurbishments, sink refurbishments at the open house.

Call Granite Transformations of Jacksonville at (904) 213-7878 for more details.

Foster’s Car Care moves

ORANGE PARK -- Foster’s Family Car Care has moved from 406 Madison Ave. in Orange Park.

The family-owned-and-operated repair shop relocated to 119 College Drive on Nov. 28. Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and first and third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to noon.

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in Savannah.

"First you go through all these producers, then you go through more producers. It's just amazing what you have to go through," she said.

Helping Steffanie reach the top of that large group was a "golden ticket" she won when she auditioned for the "American Idol Experience" at Disney's Hollywood Studios in Orlando. Steffanie said she was standing outside the building with her friend, Rachel Crow, and was not sure she wanted to try out, but Rachel said, "You are going to go in there, and you are going to win the ticket, and you are going to make me the proudest friend ever."

Steffanie gives credit to her friend by saying, "If it wasn't for her saying that to me, I wouldn't be where I am right now."

Elston said, "That golden ticket afforded her the opportunity to get ahead of the 10,000 other people who auditioned."

Although Steffanie has had no formal voice training, she began singing professionally at age four when she won a radio contest to sing with the Temptations when they visited Metro Park in Jacksonville.

"She was a cute little blonde-haired girl in a poodle skirt and saddle shoes," her grandmother said. Steffanie sang "My Girl" with the group on stage, a song her grandfather said she knew by heart because he sang it to her many times since she was a baby.

Three years ago, Steffanie opened for Travis Tritt when he visited Jacksonville, and she is known locally for singing at the Clay County Fair, and other state and local events, including singing the National Anthem for a sell-out crowd at a Seminoles and Gators baseball game in Jacksonville.

Steffanie also sang in last year's Suwannee River Jam, and, most recently, she sang at the Morocco Shrine Steelers Music Festival in Jacksonville.

"I always loved singing -- Every time my mom would put baby songs on, I'd be stomping my foot or clapping and singing along with it," she said. "I was a happy baby when it came to music."

Vince Elston said, "We noticed that when she was three, she was singing with a natural bravado -- my wife noticed it, and then we started doing a little recording, and she started singing everywhere we were in front of people."

Steffanie, who lives with her grandparents, said she sings all the time to the radio. "I'm just that girl in the back seat that likes to sing."

Her grandfather added, "Every time we go on a trip, grandma and papa get a free concert all the way down."

As Steffanie prepares for her Hollywood debut on Feb. 9, she is taking some voice lessons as suggested by American Idol Judge Randy Jackson, and she is getting support from her friends and the Clay County community.

"Oh my gosh -- my high school is going nuts," she said. "I've been getting Facebook statuses and phone calls."

Does she have advice for future American Idol contestants?

"I'd say be yourself, and don't let the nerves get to you because the judges are just like regular people," Steffanie said. "Just sing your heart out because that is what counts. It's the voice that they get to hear."

Her grandmother added, "Whether she would make it through or whether she wouldn't make it through, the experience itself is invaluable. Everything about it teaches the young person so much about the business they want to go into, the people you get to meet, and the things you get to do."

"She is a very good, sweet girl," said Elston. "She is absolutely excited as only a 15-year-old girl can be."

Watch Steffanie in American Idol on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. on FOX.

Steffanie Renae has already met some of the big names in country music, including Travis Tritt, who performed at the Clay County Agricultural Fair in 2009.

The familiar American Idol banner runs across the bottom of the TV screen showing Steffanie Renae's tryout before the show's three judges in Savannah.
Schools

FCTC graduates

Several Clay County residents received their diplomas at the First Coast Technical College’s winter commencement ceremony. From left are: Charles Rutherford (aircraft fabrication); Razel Dozier, (Practical nursing); and Rebecca Hurst and Carsten Vencil (both culinary arts). Not pictured: Leonard Maney (aircraft fabrication); Alyce VanCleef (culinary arts); Brandon Curnalina, Rhonda Kellogg and Courtney Mixon (GED); and Nicole Dallas and Clifton Matuse (practical nursing).

Geography Bee

Eighth-grader Trevor Spruill captured first place in the National Geographic Society’s annual Geography Bee held at Lake Asbury Junior High School. Trevor competed against nine top students in the final round; seventh grader Ben Hathaway and eighth grader Kylie Shepherd took second and third place, respectively. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 24th annual National Geographic Bee. Trevor and the other school winners will take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Bee March 30. Congratulating Trevor is Principal Cathy Richardson.

Scam artist gets $2,000 from elderly Clay woman

Clay Today staff

ORANGE PARK – An elderly Orange Park woman was the victim of a “flim flam” artist in January and authorities are warning others to be cautious because the suspect could still be looking for new victims in the area.

The 84-year-old victim lost $2,000 to a female thief, who first approached the victim outside a CVS Pharmacy on Park Avenue, according to a Clay County Sheriff’s Office incident report.

The Jan. 12 scam centered around a “bag of money” the thief allegedly found in the store’s parking lot and showed her a black bag filled with money. The thief convinced the victim that she knew someone working at CVS who told her the money could be claimed by both women because the company “will just get the money reimbursed through insurance.”

The thief wanted the victim to provide $8,000 cash in order for them to an IRS account, but the victim’s bank would only let her remove $2,000 cash from two accounts, the report says. Eventually the victim gave the woman the cash and the two promised to speak about the matter the next day.

The bag holding the alleged cash was left in the victim’s trunk, but it only contained blank note cards. The victim’s vehicle was used to travel to two Orange Park banks during the scam. Deputies recovered fingerprints from the car that may help them identify the suspect, the report says.

“When a suspect obtains property or funds through this type of fraud it is commonly called a ‘flim flam,’” said Mary Justino, Sheriff’s Office public information officer. “Suspects typically target multiple victims in an area and we want to raise awareness about this suspect’s activity in the Clay/Duval area.”

Anyone with information is asked to call the Sheriff’s Office at (904) 264-6512.

Contemporary Impressionists

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February 7, 7:00pm at the Lion’s Club, 423 McIntosh Avenue, O.P.

Ellen Diamond

Ellen Diamond, of Ponte Vedra Beach, will be our Feb artist divulging the secrets and personal techniques of contemporary impressionistic art from photos with acrylic on canvas. She is inspired by marshes, bridges, waterways and the warm sunshine of North Florida and has traveled to and painted the sunflower fields and flower markets in Italy and France.

Welcome Ellen Diamond and learn a new technique from another master of fine art at your next AGOP meeting Feb. 7th. All lovers of art are welcome to attend!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- CLAY COUNTY READING EVENT: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at Clay High School, SR 16, Green Cove Springs. Evening is for all Clay County parents wanting to learn about new books, how to help your kids love reading, how technology and learning a foreign language can help your child's reading skills. Call (904) 529-3120.
- CLAY LITERACY COALITION AWARDS DINNER: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at St. Catherine's Church. Group will name a tutor, student and volunteer of the year as well as a business partner of the year. Call (904) 272-5988 or email info@clayliteracy.org for details.
- BARBECUE FUNDRAISER 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Crossroads Lutheran Church, County Road 220, to support Boy Scout Troop 892 of Fleming Island. Tickets are $10 tickets per person. The troop will also do a First Aid Blast at the church beginning at 1 p.m. with Clay County Fire Rescue.
- LIBRARY BOOK SALE: The Middleburg Clay Hill Library Book Sale will be Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 - 4. Members of the Friends of the Library may shop early from 9 - 10. The library is on County Road 218, just west of Blanding.
- CHS MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at the Village Improvement Association, 17 Palmetto St., Green Cove Springs. Annual benefit musical begins at 6 p.m. with social time; dinner at 7 p.m. and show at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15. Call (904) 284-3666 or 284-6155 for details.
- MOOSE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Middleburg Moose Lodge, 1932 Long Bay Road, Middleburg. Donations accepted; proceeds benefit Moose community projects. Call (904) 813-1701 for details.
- CEMETERY RESOURCE PROTECTION TRAINING SEMINAR: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Old Clay County Courthouse. Seminar trains people on how to preserve cemeteries. Call county historian Claude Bass at (904) 371-0027 or 284-2386 or email him at clayarch@bellsouth.com to register.
- THE PEOPLES TEA PARTY: 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at La Nopalera Restaurant, 2024 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park. Guest speaker: Ron deSantis, Bronze Star recipient and author of “Dreams From Our Founding Fathers.” RSVP by emailing mcaplinger01@gmail.com or call 278-9221.

NOTICE OF EXTENSION AND RE-CERTIFICATION OF TAX ROLLS

Roger A. Suggs, Property Appraiser, pursuant of Florida Statute 193.122(3), hereby serves notice that on January 26, 2012, all required extensions to, and the second certification of the 2011 tax rolls in Clay County were completed.

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FEBRUARY 2, 2012 CLAY TODAY

CLAY COUNCIL OF THE BLIND: 10 a.m., first Tuesday of every month at the Life Care Center, Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park. Call (904) 291-7177.

FIBROMYALGIA GROUP: 6 p.m., first Thursday of each month at the Life Care Center, Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park. Call (904) 291-7177.

YOGA AND LIVING FOOD CLASSES: daily classes at The Goddard School, 2280 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island. Classes for parent/child, home schoolers, moms only and athletes. Email penny@bottlinghealth.com or (904) 962-8398 to register.

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MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER: 6 p.m. on any Tuesday at American Cancer Society office, 1536 Kingsley Ave., Suite 123, Orange Park. Call (904) 707-5764.

FREE MEDICAL CARE: 9 a.m. – noon, second Saturday of every month, Clay County Volunteer Medical Clinic, 3229 Bear Run Blvd., Orange Park. One must be at the 200% poverty level or below to qualify. 282-0439 or 269-6340.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS WEIGHT ERS: 6:30 p.m., every Monday, at the Orange Avenue Baptist Church, 1106 Orange Ave. Rosemarie Murphy is meeting leader.

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT: 7 p.m. every Monday at Russell Haven of Rest and Funeral Home, Russell Road, Green Cove Springs. Each session is self-contained. All are welcome. (904) 284-7720.

GRIEF WALK: 8 a.m. every Saturday, at Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery and Funeral Home, Russell Road, Green Cove Springs. A “grief walk” will be held where people can share their feelings about loss and get support. (904) 284-7720.

CLAY COUNCIL OF THE BLIND: 10 a.m., the first Monday of each month, meets at the Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Blind, visually impaired and sighted persons are all welcome. (904) 276-6750 or www.THcenter.org

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ORANGE PARK

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EPI program graduates 18

Special to Clay Today

ORANGE PARK -- St. Johns River State College recently recognized 18 students for completing the teacher certification program. SJR State’s Educator Preparation Institute was developed in 2006 to streamline the certification process for non-education bachelor’s degree holders.

The participants completed the coursework required to earn a Florida Professional Teaching Certificate. Participants are awarded a Florida Professional Teaching Certificate upon completing the EPI courses, passing the Florida Teacher Certification Exam and submitting the required paperwork to the Florida Department of Education. No other coursework is required, and the program can be completed in less than a year - on campus or online.

The Clay County program completers are: Laura “Ashley” Adams, Harold Heneise, Carla Knopp, Charles Libretto, Christina Meehan, Victor Owens and Angela Randall. Program completers from other counties are: Clifton Harrell, Kristine Reed and Regenia Smith.

Student News

Littleton on Dean’s List

ALBANY — Ashley M Littleton of Orange Park made the Dean’s List at Darton College for the Fall 2011 semester. A student must be full time and have earned a 3.4 or higher grade point average to qualify for the list.

Two get Excelsior degrees

ALBANY, NY – Two Middleburg natives have received degrees from Excelsior College.

Beau Lawrence Denson earned an Associate in Science, and Eric Leighton Ingram earned a Bachelor of Science.

Wulfeck on Dean’s List

WINSTON SALEM, N.C. — Dennis Wulfeck of Orange Park was among over 1800 students from Wake Forest University who made the Fall Dean’s List.

Bernard on Dean’s List

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Cadet Matthew Charles Bernard of Orange Park has been named to the Dean’s List at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, for academic achievement during the fall 2011 semester. Bernard is seeking a bachelor’s degree in Political Science.

Bullock on VMI Dean’s List

LEXINGTON, Va. — Brian W. Bullock, the son of CDR and Mrs. John A. Bullock of Middleburg, was recently named to the Virginia Military Institute Academy Dean’s List for the first semester of academic year 2011-12. Bullock is a junior majoring in civil engineering. A cadet must have a term grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and no grade below C.

Harvey on UWF list

PENSACOLA — Emily Harvey, the daughter of Roger and Nancy Harvey of Green Cove Springs, made the fall 2011 Dean’s List at the University of West Florida. She is a 2011 graduate of Clay High School.
CORINNE LUKOWSKI KROKUS
Corinne Lukowski-Krokus, 65, of Orange Park passed away on January 16, 2012 after a 3-year battle with cancer. She died peacefully at home, surrounded by family. She was born on December 16, 1946 in Bayonne, NJ to Edward Lukowski, Sr. and Harriet Joswick-Lukowski. Corinne graduated from St. Basil’s High School in 1964, and later attended Marywood College. Corinne served many years in the Food & Beverage industry, most notably at the Enlisted and Chief’s Clubs at NAS Cecil Field. Her dedication and service to the military resulted in her being named an Honorary Chief.

She also enjoyed the beach, spending time with her family, shopping, and playing Bingo and Poker. She was a member of St. Luke’s Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Steve Krokus, Sr.; her 3 daughters, Michelle Justice, Stacey Aderhold-Stafford, Kristen Aderhold-Fincher, and her son, Steven Lukowski, Jr.; her daughter-in-law, Danielle Krokus; 2 son-in-laws, Shannon Stafford and Jeff Fincher; 2 sisters, Germaine Lukowski-Donahue and Karen Lukowski-Keiley and her brother, Edward Lukowski, Jr. Plus 9 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Her loving spirit will forever be missed. A celebration mass will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 1pm at St. Luke’s Catholic Church 1606 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL 32068. A celebration reception will be held after the mass at the Fincher residence. Arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Rivermead Funeral Home, 127 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32073. Post tributes at www.hardagegiddensrivermead.com

H. WILLIAM “BILL” MOYER
H. William “Bill” Moyer, 82 of Orange Park, FL died Friday, January 27, 2012. Mr. Moyer was a native of Lancaster, PA and a resident of Orange Park for the past 10 years.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Middleburg, served in the USMC on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Grace Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Preston Hayes and Leo Bowen officiating. Please sign the family’s online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000.

OLIVINA (MS. OLLIE) MCNEAL
Olivina (Ms. Ollie) McNeal of Daleville, Ala., passed away Thursday, January 26, 2012 at her home. She was 82. Memorial services were held Sunday, January 29, 2012 at Daleville Heights Church of Christ with Rev. Bush officiating. Survivors include two daughters, Carmen Wulf, Daleville, AL; Dawn Marie McNeal, Apple Valley, CA; one son, John Kelly McNeal, Colfax, CA; 6 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; a brother, Alex Martinez, San Gabriel, CA. You may sign the register book or send condolences to the family at our website: www.searcyfuneralhome.com

ALBERT H. HAMILTON
Albert H. Hamilton, 85, of Green Cove Springs, FL, entered into the Gates of Heaven on Monday, January 30, 2012. He was born on May 17, 1926 in Lewiston, ME to parents Malcolm and Verna Fletcher. Mr. Hamilton had served his country in the United States Marine Corps and had worked as a correctional officer. He was a member of Grace Missionary Baptist Church and enjoyed writing songs and singing at local retirement homes. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a son, Roger Prout. Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Fletcher; children, Linda McDaniels and husband Gerald, Tobbie J. Fluck and husband Jeff, Margery Maney and husband Danny and Robert L. Fletcher, Jr. and wife Monica; sister, Harriet Ray and husband Dan; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm Friday, February 3, 2012 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Grace Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Preston Hayes and Leo Bowen officiating. Please sign the family’s online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000.

BRUCE JUNIOR MCADEDE
Bruce Junior Mcdade, 62, of St. Augustine, FL, passed away Friday, January 27, 2012. He was born on October 4, 1949 in Chipley, FL to parents Bruce and Mary Alice Hartzog Mcdade.

He had worked as an aircraft mechanic and a heavy equipment operator. Bruce loved riding motorcycles and will be dearly missed by his loving family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruce and Alice Hartzog Mcdade, brothers, Gene and William Mcdade and his sister, Cricket Mcdade.

Survivors include his children, Sylvia Jean Mcdade Hennessey, Robert Bruce Mcdade, Bruce Junior Mcdade II and fam Ball and husband Carlos, brother, Joe Mcdade and his wife Debby, sister Faye Mcdade Geiger, grandchildren, Christopher and Darrell Shumway and Courtney Bennett, Andrew, Alicia, Andrea, Alex, Megan and Elizabeth Mcdade, Dakota Mcdade, Shannon and Shane Ball and nieces, Daisylee and Tina. The family will receive friends Tuesday, January 31, 2012 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at the Congregational Holiness Church with Rev. Ronnie Surtron officiating. Interment will follow in Russell Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Ron Baker officiating.

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

ROBERT L. FLETCHER, SR.
Robert L. Fletcher, Sr., 75, of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away Monday, January 30, 2012. He was born on May 17, 1936 in Lewiston, ME to parents Malcolm and Verna Fletcher. He was a member of Grace Missionary Baptist Church and enjoyed writing songs and singing at local retirement homes. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a son, Roger Prout. Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Fletcher; children, Linda McDaniels and husband Gerald, Tobbie J. Fluck and husband Jeff, Margery Maney and husband Danny and Robert L. Fletcher, Jr. and wife Monica; sister, Harriet Ray and husband Dan; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm Friday, February 3, 2012 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Grace Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Preston Hayes and Leo Bowen officiating. Please sign the family’s online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000.
Fleming Island woman holds fundraiser for adoption group

By Lisa Kohlbrenner  
Staff writer

FLEMING ISLAND -- A local doctor is organizing a fundraiser to help 12 families pay the costs of adopting and transporting children from their country to the United States.

Suzanne Bilyeu is a pediatrician and hospitalist at Nemours Children’s Clinic in Jacksonville.

She lives in Fleming Island with her husband and three children, Ansley, Alec, and Drew. Four years ago, the couple decided to adopt. “We chose the small central Asian country of Kyrgyzstan and in June of 2008 we were matched with a precious baby girl named Altynai,” Bilyeu said.

But there were complications. Kyrgyzstan stopped international adoptions, leaving 65 American families, including the Bilyeaus, fighting to finalize their adoptions. In the midst of the delays, Altynai developed hydrocephalus, a severe medical condition. Despite medical care, she died at her orphanage in August 2009.

“When Altynai died, I promised myself that her needless death would not be for naught,” Bilyeu said.

Bilyeu created Altynai’s Legacy Adoption Fund, in partnership with Lifesong for Orphans. The fund’s mission is to provide financial assistance to the adoptive families to ensure that none of the orphans are left behind.

By Jan. 6, about $20,800 had been raised. The goal is $45,000.

The Kyrgyz 65 are a group of 65 orphans in Kyrgyzstan and 65 American families that have been waiting many years to have their adoptions finalized so they can be reunited. In April, after much advocacy work by the waiting families and the U.S. Department of State, the adoption moratorium was lifted and in October, new laws allowing international adoptions to resume were approved by the Kyrgyz Parliament. At this time, the families are within months of bringing home the orphans.

However, the cost of finalizing these adoptions is high. In 2008, the cost was approximately $35,000, the majority of which was paid by the waiting families. Now due to the new laws and regulations, the families will have to start over and at this time, the costs will be about an additional $20,000-$25,000 per child.

Altynai’s Fund is starting a Valentine’s Day Card Drive. From now until Feb. 14, people can send in a Valentine’s Day card with a donation of $1 or more.

Send cards and donations to Lifesong for Orphans, ATTN: Altynai’s Legacy Adoption Fund/Rich Metcalf, 202 N. Ford St., PO Box 40, Gridley, IL 61744.

To learn more about Altynai’s Legacy Adoption Fund, go to www.helpkg65.com.

Obituaries

Dr. Suzanne Bilyeu of Fleming Island and her husband, Craig, in Kyrgyzstan in 2008. The child, who they hoped to adopt, later died during delays in the process.

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**CHS’ Stidd leads county to state meet**

Clay County sends 15 to weightlifting championships

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ST. AUGUSTINE - Clay High’s Sabrina Stidd and Ridgeview’s Jordan Steinmetz will lead a strong contingent of county weightlifters to the FHSAA state championships in Kissimmee on February 11 after both advanced at Saturday’s district 3 sectional qualifier at St. Augustine High School.

“Overall it was a successful meet for us we have six out the 10 lifters going on to state,” said John Stilianou, Clay coach. “Any time you get to see all the hard work that they did pay off it’s a good day. The girls competed hard and are excited about the chance to lift at the state meet.”

Returning as sectional champions were Alexandra Hamilton, of Clay, at 101, with a total of 205; Jordan Steinmetz, of Ridgeview, at 199, with a total of 335 and Sabrina Stidd, of Clay, in the unlimited class.

St. Johns girls roll into finals

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - St. Johns Country Day School girls soccer team rolled to a 4-0 halftime lead before dispatch of visiting Master’s Academy of Oviedo 6-1 in their region 1-1A semifinal match Friday in Orange Park.

St. Johns defeated Tallahassee Maclay 4-2 in their region final Tues., Jan. 31 and will host a state semifinal Fri., Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

In the first half, senior Carson Pickett banged home two goals with Ellen Crist punching in two more for the Spartans lead at the break. Payton Crews and Megan Rogers added the final two goals.

Golden Eagles v Niceville: Again

FIHS defeated Niceville 2-1

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

Fleming Island’s girls soccer team hit the trifecta against Orange Park with a 5-0 third win and third shutout over the Lady Raiders this time in their region 1-4A semifinal matchup on Friday at Fleming Island High School. The Golden Eagles have beaten the Lady Raiders by scores of 3-0 in regular season, 6-0 for the district 4A-3 title and now 5-0 in...
Lakeside Junior High’s girls basketball team won their third straight Clay County Basketball Championship on Thursday with a 51-31 win over Oakleaf Junior High. Shown are, back row, from left, Assistant Coach James Range, Brooke Farrell, Lexi Taylor, Chloe Westmoreland, Grace Michaels, Portia Williams, Christy Nicola, Taylor Donald, Olivia Rutledge, Head Coach Joey Williams. Front Row, Manager Casey Arnold, Elizabeth Labas, Raven Irizarry, Hannah Roney, Hanna McGrory, Destiny Childress, Lauren Waidner, Manager Kristina Helms.

Special to Clay Today

The Lakeside Lady Gators basketball team recently won the Clay County championship with a 51-31 victory over Oakleaf Junior High to complete the season undefeated with a 18-0 mark, giving them their third consecutive undefeated season.

The Lady Gators were led by Hannah Roney with 14 points and Taylor Donald with 11 points. Grace Michaels added 10, while Hanna McGrory and Olivia Rutledge chipped in with 6 points apiece. This is the Lady Gators 9th consecutive championship and during that span, they have produced an impressive 142 victories with just two losses.

Special to Clay Today

Oakleaf Junior High’s boys basketball team capped off an undefeated 14-0 season with a thrilling 45-40 Clay County Championship win over defending champion Green Cove Springs Junior High Thursday night at Oakleaf.

“This boys basketball season at Oakleaf Junior High was one to remember,” said Oakleaf coach John Conley. “It was the first undefeated season and a season with most wins in school history with 14.”

Oakleaf was led in scoring by Nick Strawter with 22 points followed by John Flowers with nine points. Another difference maker, according to Conley, for the Yellow Jackets was Chase Mitchell and Carriez Tate.

“Both Mitchell and Tate proved to be the defensive stoppers the Yellow Jackets needed to help them win the tournament,” Conley said.

Going into the Clay County tournament, the Yellow Jackets had earned the number one seed and had to beat a determined Tiger team from Lake Asbury in the semi-finals. The championship game had many exciting moments as the Cougars pulled to within three points late in the fourth quarter but in the end the Yellow Jacket prevailed with a 45-40 victory. The Yellow Jacket went 7 for 12 from the free line in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

After the game, Conley said “The thing that I am the most proud of is for this way the team came together and stayed together throughout the season and for their determination to finish the season strong no matter the circumstances. I am very proud of their hard work and dedication to the team.”

Shrine Bowl action

Middleburg High defensive end Adam Frazier, on right, chases after North Florida quarterback during action for the South team at the 23rd annual Shrine Bowl held Saturday at University of North Florida. South’s team, led by Keystone Heights quarterback Evan Harvey fourth quarter touchdown pass, won 33-29.

The Orange Park Gators (AAU and USSSA) traveling basketball organization will be conducting player tryouts for the 2012 season on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at Orange Park Junior High School.

- 7th grade tryouts 8:15 - 10:00AM
- 8th grade tryouts 9:45 - 11:30AM
- 9th grade tryouts 11:15AM-1PM
- 10th grade tryouts 12:45 - 2:30PM
- 11th grade tryouts 2:15 - 4PM

Participants must bring:
- $20 try out fee
- Copy of current report card
- Copy of current birth certificate (new players only)
- Current photo

To save time, please pre-register by visiting our website at OrangeParkGators.com. For further information, contact Marian Allen at 477-8146.
Class Super Bowl Clash
Students from Mrs. Burgess’ sixth grade class (above) and Mrs. Harbison’s fourth grade class (right) show off their Super Bowl picks for Sunday, Feb. 5 National Football League championships. Boys and girls from each class chose a winner, game final score, halftime score, first touchdown scored and last touchdown scored for a grand prize of Clay Today Sports Page sponsored pizza party.

Burgess picks

Boys | Girls
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Winner: | Giants
Final Score: | 35-28
Halftime Score: | 17G-14
First TD: | Patriots
Last TD: | Giants

Harbison picks

Boys | Girls
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Winner: | Patriots
Final Score: | 45-36
Halftime Score: | 21P-15G
First TD: | Giants
Last TD: | Patriots

Fleming Island Elementary picks the winner

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Clay County PAL signups

(Last day for spring registration, Saturday, Feb. 4)

SPRING 2012 Baseball, Softball, & T-Ball Registration

- Registration Dates/Locations - January 21 & 28 10am-2pm @ Lake Asbury Winn Dixie and Walter Odum Park located at 450 Parkwood Drive in Orange Park.
- Registration Times: 10:00am-2:00pm
- Registration Cost Includes Uniform

For more information or to register online go to www.claycountypal.com

2012 Air Assault Adult Flag Football Tournament

This tournament will benefit the Clay County PAL Kids

- Tournament Dates: Fri.-Sat., Feb. 17-18
- Tournament Location: Walter Odum Park located at 450 Parkwood Dr Orange Park FL 32073
- Team Registration: $175.00 per team. Entry fee must be received by the tournament director before your team’s spot in the tournament will be guaranteed.
- Last Day to Register: Thurs., Feb. 16
- Team Roster/T-Shirts: Teams are permitted to have eight adult players on their roster. All players must be 18 years old or older at the time of the tournament. Both men and women are welcome. All players listed on the team roster will receive a tournament t-shirt at the team check-in. A cash prize will be awarded to the tournament champion.
- Team Application: Must be completed by each team in the tournament. All players must be listed on the application and must sign/date the player waiver.
- Team Rules/Info: Will be provided to each team once the entry fee is received. This will be a five on five adult flag football tournament.
- Tournament Schedule: All game schedules will be posted on our league website www.leaguelineup.com/claypalflagfootball
- Refunds: There are NO REFUNDS. In the event of inclement weather the tournament will be rescheduled at a later date.
- Tournament Director: Please contact Tim Geoghagan at 904-219-5481 or email palclaycounty@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in the tournament.

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Gordon Chevy donates to MAA sports

ORANGE PARK – Gordon Chevy hit a “home run” this week by selecting Middleburg Athletic Association (MAA) as its new home for the Chevy Youth Baseball program.

To kick off the partnership, dozens of young MAA ball players, coaches and team moms descended on the Gordon Chevy dealership showroom on Blanding Blvd. to thank General Manager Nathan Potratz and his staff for committing to this major sponsorship.

MAA president Larry LeClair was on hand to thank Gordon Chevy, to accept the sponsorship and to help transport the many donated sports items to the park. These items included batting t’s, buckets of balls, practice nets and more – all items that MAA’s players and coaches can really use as they kick off the Spring 2012 season.

Earlier this month, Gordon Chevrolet raised nearly $28,700 in total donations from the dealership and private parties. In addition to monetary support, Gordon Chevrolet provided YMCA of Florida’s First Coast, Inc. with equipment donations, an opportunity to raise and keep up to $10,000 through a unique fundraiser, and participation in an instructional soccer clinic.

YMCA also receives $28,700

Gordon Chevy general manager Nathan Potratz, left in white, displays check donated to Larry LeClair, with tie, president of Middleburg Athletic Association.

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Lift

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with a total of 360.

Steinmetz, a junior, qualified last year and was unbeaten all year.

Lifters were tested on bench press and clean and jerk lifts, best totals after three attempts. The top three in each class advanced to the state meet on February 11.

Also qualifying were, at 101, Bryanna Bincreek (CHS), Krysten Scarborough (MHS); at 110, Shawna Kirlew (OPHS); at 119, Maleah O’Shea (FIHS), at 129, Sara Teschendorf (CHS), Dondra Glinkscale-Bell (MHS); at 139, Brenna Fitzhugh (CHS); at 154, Alisah Lauderdale (FIHS) and Gloria Grace Taylor (OPHS); at 183, Telesha Felder (OPHS); at 199, Angelica Greene (FIHS) and Aleyah Litchfield (CHS).

Eagles

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region play.

Orange Park finishes at 15-11. Fleming Island improves to 18-1 and were scheduled to play at Niceville High on Tuesday, Jan. 31 in the region final.

Scoring for the Golden Eagles were Gianni Conte, Lexi Martorana, Amanda Lodge, Abby Austin and Kennedy Singleton.

In Tuesday's quarterfinal against Ocala Forest, Fleming Island won 8-1 behind two goals each from Kimberly Tierney and Amanda Lodge with Lexi Martorana, Japanese Quick, Gianni Conte and Abby Austin adding one apiece.

Niceville, ironically, is coached by 1988 Orange Park High graduate Micheal Denton, who was a member of the OPHS state runnerup boys team coached by Bob Cozart, now athletic director at Wilkinson Junior High.

“We have clashed with Fleming Island a number of times the past few years and it has always been a battle,” said Denton of the game Tuesday with Fleming Island.

The Eagles of Niceville won their district 1-4A champion this year. In 2007, Niceville defeated Fleming Island 1-0 in the 5A region finals. In 2006, it was Fleming Island 2-1 over Niceville in the region semifinals.

“We do have a history against each other,” said Darrell Ivey, Fleming Island coach. “We’ll just have to see what happens when we get there.

Non-Sequitur

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Universal Sudoku Puzzle

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Arrests

Clay County law enforcement agencies reported the following arrests Jan. 25-31:

Wednesday, Jan. 25
Aldudin, Zakia, 30, Jacksonville, grand theft - value 300 to 4,999; identity theft
Campbell, David, 32, Orange Park, felony criminal mischief
Denney, Danielle, 19, Fleming Island, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o license
Easterwood, Daniel, 19, Green Cove Springs, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o license
Krestalude, Steve, 35, Jacksonville, grand theft - value 300 to 4,999
Keith, Keith, 33, Fleming Island, petit theft
Kotrba, Amanda, 26, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR; FTA-financial responsibility DWLSR
Lamphere, Jay, 26, Jacksonville, armed burglary
Parker, William, 33, Jacksonville, burglary of structure conveyance; possess burglary tools; contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile; domestic battery; obstruct/resist/obstruct/officer
Plummer, James, 26, Jacksonville, petit theft
Revels, Robert, 28, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR; FTA-financial responsibility DWLSR
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Thursday, Jan. 26
Andrade, Patrick, 36, Cornelius, S.C., VOP - petit burglary, theft, armed
Bull, Royale, 19, Jacksonville, FTA - petit theft
Bush, Cornelius, 20, Jacksonville, contempt of court - alter reg, contempt of court - no valid driver's license
Butts, James, 32, Orange Park, contempt of court - no valid driver's license
Cope, James, 25, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR
Davis, Aaron, 33, Jacksonville, FTA-DWLSR
Demoss, Eric, 24, Charleston, W. Va., aggravated battery with a deadly weapon
Ezem, Jerome, 59, Jacksonville, failure of defendant on bail to appear
Franklin, Coy, 20, Metrose, with intent to sell/mfg/deliv schedule I substances
Gandy, Joshua, 19, Jacksonville, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o license
Gulley, Cody, 23, Orange Park, VOP (burglary)
Hardway, Vanessa, 28, Jacksonville, VOP - petit theft
Hollingsworth, Jason, 22, high springs, VOP / cc false police report
Hurst, Daniel, 38, Orange Park, possess photograph of sexual; possess lascivious battery; health care treatment with intent to defraud
Joyner, Michael, 23, Jacksonville, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o license
Kratz, Keith, 33, Fleming Island, petit theft
Kotoba, Amanda, 26, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR; FTA-financial responsibility DWLSR
Kratz, Keith, 33, Fleming Island, petit theft

Friday, Jan. 27
Aragon, Louise, 28, Green Cove Springs, habitual traffic offender/larceny
Brooks, Regina, 35, Green Cove Springs, violation of probation
Carlisle, Stephanie, 36, Green Cove Springs, grand theft - value 300 to 4,999
Cole, Marc, 29, Jacksonville, contempt of court - contemptuting while committing a financial institution offense
Coleman, Louis, 34, Jacksonville, no valid driver's license
Correa, Eric, 32, Orange Park, violate parole
Darge, Richard, 23, Orange Park, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o license; possess/use drug paraphernalia
Darras, Ryan, 29, Middleburg, grand theft - value 300 to 4,999
Davis, Felicia, 40, Orange Park, contempt - DWLSR
Deyton, Jimmy, 46, Jacksonville, FOP-DWI manslaughter
Dixon, Stephanie, 36, Maxville, simple battery (domestic)
Elswick, Andrew, 33, Orange Park, retail theft; possess/obstruct/officer
Fisher, Justin, 26, Orange Park, VOP - grand theft
Hoit, Kimberly, 31, Middleburg, sexual battery
Marquis, Justin, 21, Fleming Island, leave scene of crash involve damage
Nedd, Kareemah, 26, Orange Park, contempt of court petit theft
Parker, Malcolmo, 40, Middleburg, contempt of court/fail to pay
Scales, Raymond, 27, Middleburg, possess/use drug paraphernalia; possess -20 grams cannabis w/o license
Shaver, Norrease, 34, Jacksonville, poss. Less than controlled substances
Shepherd, Amy, 26, Jacksonville, grand theft - value 300 to 4,999
Tims, Michael, 29, Middleburg, molester with a non-violent DCF case; molest victim less 12YOA offender; lewd or lascivious exhibition by; exposure of pornography to a child; custodian sex battery; lead conduct
Wishart, Matthew, 31, Orange Park, possess control sub w/o valid license; petit theft

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battery
Holloway, Velanta, 27, Jacksonville, grand theft - value 300 to 4,999; utter forged instrument
Jennings, Kenneth, 49, Keystone Heights, FTA / no vehicle registration
Jones, William, 38, Orange Park, FTA - first degree DWLSR; FTA - no valid driver's license; drive while license susp; no registration
Juvenile offender, 15, simple battery
Juvenile offender, 16, simple domestic assault; resist/obstruct/oppose of officer
Juvenile offender, 17, dwelling structure or conveyance; grand theft - value 300 to 4,999; burglary to auto
Kilough, Breaden, 18, Fernandina Beach, burglary to auto; possess burglary tools; dwelling structure or conveyance; grand theft - value 300 to 4,999
Malagon, Francisco, 39, Green Cove Springs, simple battery (domestic)
Mankowski, Sheila, 40, Jacksonville, VOP - grand theft; VOP - introduction of contraband
Martin, Crystal, 32, Jacksonville, no valid driver's license
Mink, Aaron, 32, Middleburg, VOP-domestic battery
Modlin, Thomas, 22, Green Cove Springs, VOP - DUI 1st offense
Nettles, Jerrell, 30, Jacksonville, FTA / DWLSR; DWLSR
Powell, Legrand, 35, Orange Park, VOP-domestic battery
Reed, James, 52, Starke, driving on susp/revoked driver's
Roberson, Joshua, 29, Middleburg, VOP - use or possess drug paraphernalia
Sole, Ernest, 57, Palatka, FTA grand theft
Sowell, Jeremy, 34, Green Cove Springs, possess/use drug paraphernalia
Swain, Stacy, 21, Jacksonville, DUI alcohol or drugs
Thomas, Gene, 42, Jacksonville, FTA-no motorcycle endorsement
Turner, Derek, 23, Middleburg, VOP / cc petty theft; contempt of court/child support
Walmsley, David, 53, Orange Park, VOP - leaving scene of accident; possess/use drug paraphernalia
Wesley, William, 36, Keystone Heights, breach of peace/disorderly conduct/
Wixey, Alyssa, 20, Green Cove Springs, retail petty theft
Brown, Kathy, 26, Jacksonville, FTA petty theft
Carver, Dylan, 20, Green Cove Springs, direction and execution of warrant/
Cone, Teresa, 30, Middleburg, domestic battery
Cox, Michael, 30, Sumter, S.C., trespass-pass-structure or conveyance
Dyer, David, 26, Orange Park, giving false name or false id
Elder, Todd, 49, Orange Park, battery on person 65 YOA or older
Guzman, Eugenio, 42, Middleburg, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o; possess/use drug paraphernalia
Ham, Christopher, 36, Altamonte Springs, aggravated stalking; assault w/deadly weapon; dwelling structure or conveyance
Hickox, Jason, 31, Orange Park, VOP flee and elude LEO with lights
Hoy, Chad, 21, Orange Park, drive with suspended revoked
Humberson, Sean, 25, Middleburg, FTA-reckless driving
Johnson, Heather, 26, Middleburg, grand theft auto
Jones, William, 38, Orange Park, retail theft 300 dollars more juvenile offender, 16, simple battery
Juvenile offender, 13, sexual battery by adult
Juvenile offender, 17, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o; possess/use drug paraphernalia
Lee, Jacqueline, 44, Maxville, driving on susp/revoked driver's; operate unregistered motor vehicle; registration
Meadows, Travis, 28, Jacksonville, petit theft
Milanovic, Romia, 27, Jacksonville, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o; Moore, David, 26, Middleburg, trespass-pass-structure or conveyance
Nunnally, Robert, 68, Middleburg, DUI with drugs
Parduhn, Patrick, 62, Green Cove Springs, after license plate/validation
Proctor, Devon, 19, Green Cove Springs, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o
Roberts, James, 26, Orange Park, disorderly intoxication
Sadler, Dawn, 40, Orange Park, driving on susp/revoked driver's
Small, Alexis, 24, Waycross, Ga., DWLSR with knowledge
Solomon, Kenneth, 26, Middleburg, flee /attempt to elude a police
Van Borskerc, Leroy, 44, Middleburg, simple battery/domestic; resist/obstruct/oppose of officer

Saturday, Jan. 28
Avery, Alyssa, 20, Green Cove Springs, retail petty theft
Brown, Kathy, 26, Jacksonville, FTA petty theft
Carver, Dylan, 20, Green Cove Springs, direction and execution of warrant/
Cone, Teresa, 30, Middleburg, domestic battery
Cox, Michael, 30, Sumter, S.C., trespass-pass-structure or conveyance
Dyer, David, 26, Orange Park, giving false name or false id
Elder, Todd, 49, Orange Park, battery on person 65 YOA or older
Guzman, Eugenio, 42, Middleburg, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o; possess/use drug paraphernalia
Ham, Christopher, 36, Altamonte Springs, aggravated stalking; assault w/deadly weapon; dwelling structure or conveyance
Hickox, Jason, 31, Orange Park, VOP flee and elude LEO with lights
Hoy, Chad, 21, Orange Park, drive with suspended revoked
Humberson, Sean, 25, Middleburg, FTA-reckless driving
Johnson, Heather, 26, Middleburg, grand theft auto
Jones, William, 38, Orange Park, retail theft 300 dollars more juvenile offender, 16, simple battery
Juvenile offender, 13, sexual battery by adult
Juvenile offender, 17, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o; possess/use drug paraphernalia
Lee, Jacqueline, 44, Maxville, driving on susp/revoked driver's; operate unregistered motor vehicle; registration
Meadows, Travis, 28, Jacksonville, petit theft
Milanovic, Romia, 27, Jacksonville, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o; Moore, David, 26, Middleburg, trespass-pass-structure or conveyance
Nunnally, Robert, 68, Middleburg, DUI alcohol or drugs
Parduhn, Patrick, 62, Green Cove Springs, after license plate/validation
Proctor, Devon, 19, Green Cove Springs, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o
Roberts, James, 26, Orange Park, disorderly intoxication
Sadler, Dawn, 40, Orange Park, driving on susp/revoked driver's
Small, Alexis, 24, Waycross, Ga., DWLSR with knowledge
Solomon, Kenneth, 26, Middleburg, flee /attempt to elude a police
Van Borskerc, Leroy, 44, Middleburg, simple battery/domestic; resist/obstruct/oppose of officer

Sunday, Jan. 29
Belk, Jennifer, 21, Orange Park, trespass-pass-structure or conveyance
Brown, Lloyd, 50, Jacksonville, petit theft
Grapp, William, 26, Jacksonville, driving on susp/revoked driver's Doughty, William, 33, Middleburg, simple battery domestic violence
Estinivil, Johnny, 30, Jacksonville, driving on susp/revoked driver's Grundig, Jack, 34, Orange Park, direction and execution of warrant/
Henshaw, Scott, 28, Middleburg, driving on susp/revoked driver's Howard, Sandra, 51, Middleburg, failure of defendant on bail to Hulse, Robert, 46, Middleburg, drive with suspended revoked
Hyler, Justin, 33, Orange Park, disorderly intoxication
Juvenile offender, 13, abuse on disabled adult(domestic)
Juvenile offender, 17, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o; possess/use drug paraphernalia
Lee, Jacqueline, 44, Maxville, driving on susp/revoked driver's; operate unregistered motor vehicle; registration
Meadows, Travis, 28, Jacksonville, petit theft
Milanovic, Romia, 27, Jacksonville, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o; Moore, David, 26, Middleburg, trespass-pass-structure or conveyance
Nunnally, Robert, 68, Middleburg, DUI alcohol or drugs
Parduhn, Patrick, 62, Green Cove Springs, after license plate/validation
Proctor, Devon, 19, Green Cove Springs, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o
Roberts, James, 26, Orange Park, disorderly intoxication
Sadler, Dawn, 40, Orange Park, driving on susp/revoked driver's
Small, Alexis, 24, Waycross, Ga., DWLSR with knowledge
Solomon, Kenneth, 26, Middleburg, flee /attempt to elude a police
Van Borskerc, Leroy, 44, Middleburg, simple battery/domestic; resist/obstruct/oppose of officer

Monday, Jan. 30
Christman, Sinead, 20, Orange Park, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o; possess/use drug paraphernalia
Colson, Dana, 35, Orange Park, driving on susp/revoked driver's; expired tag more than 6 months
Crimley, Cedric, 18, Orange Park, failure of defendant on bail to appear
Degolyer, Wanda, 31, Middleburg, petit theft-retail
Edwards, Richard, 52, Orange Park, roadway solicitation
Evans, Christopher, 21, Middleburg, possess/use drug paraphernalia
Green, Ivana, 18, Starke, possess crack cocaine
Hosper, Bresna, 20, Orange Park, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o
Johnson, Scott, 20, Macclenny, burglary of dwelling unarmed; petit theft; resist/obstruct/oppose of officer
Juvenile offender, 14, domestic simple battery
Juvenile offender, 17, with intent to sell/mfg/deliv schedule; possess control sub w/o valid; possess/use drug paraphernalia; resist/obstruct/oppose of officer
Mckinley, Jason, 34, Fleming Island, DUI alcohol or drugs; driving on susp/revoked driver's
Mcclaurine, Taiyon, 19, Green Cove Springs, petit theft; burglary of dwelling unarmed
Parcellin, Patrick, 62, Green Cove Springs, after license plate/validation
Proctor, Devon, 19, Green Cove Springs, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o
Roberts, James, 26, Orange Park, disorderly intoxication
Sadler, Dawn, 40, Orange Park, driving on susp/revoked driver's
Small, Alexis, 24, Waycross, Ga., DWLSR with knowledge
Solomon, Kenneth, 26, Middleburg, flee /attempt to elude a police
Van Borskerc, Leroy, 44, Middleburg, simple battery/domestic; resist/obstruct/oppose of officer

Tuesday, Jan. 31
Atwell, Hobert, 42, Middleburg, possess -20 grams cannabis w/o
Berry, Mitchell, 27, Middleburg, non-support
Police Briefs

Elderly woman dies in crash

FLEMING ISLAND – An elderly Middleburg woman died Sunday, Jan. 29, while driving on Old Hard Road.

Maxine Mears Kaden, 85, may have suffered a medical emergency prior to her eastbound Cadillac DeVille crashing west of Canova Road shortly before 2 p.m., the Florida Highway Patrol said.

Kaden's vehicle crossed the center line and went off the roadway to the north before striking a large tree. Kaden, who was wearing a seat belt, was taken to Orange Park Medical Center where she was pronounced dead, the Highway Patrol said.

Shoplifting couple sought

ORANGE PARK – A shoplifting couple who boldly filled their car with stolen goods from a Blanding Boulevard store as the manager tried to speak to them are being sought by authorities.

The male and female suspects walked into the Tuesday Morning store about 1 p.m. Dec. 20 and filled their car with children's clothing, purses and children's toys. The store manager told Clay County sheriff's deputies that she recognized the couple from a company flyer warning of shoplifters, a Sheriff's Office incident report says.

The manager said she turned her back on the suspects for a minute and when she looked back they had left the store and were loading items into a teal Nissan four-door with Florida license plate 503YW.

The manager, who took a photo of the suspects with her I-Phone, followed them out of the store, 291 Blanding Blvd. and tried to speak to them. But they ignored her and continued loading their car before driving off, the report says.

Trio accused in burglaries

ORANGE PARK – The phone call from a Good Samaritan who believe he was witnessing a crime led to the Jan. 24 arrest of three Jacksonville men on charges they burglarized two self-service ice machines.

The man told Clay County sheriff's deputies he saw the men standing at an EZ ICE on Blanding Boulevard shortly after midnight on Jan. 24 and the men appeared to be using a crow bar to pry open the machine, according to a Sheriff's Office arrest report. A deputy responding to the call spotted a vehicle matching the suspect's gold SUV on Blanding Boulevard and conducted a traffic stop.

During a search of the vehicle deputies found a pry bar and other related burglary tools, the report says. The men are also charged with burglary of a vehicle and possession of burglary tools.

Steve Krestalude, 35, Billy Boyd Setzer III, 25, and William David Parker, 33, the report says. Krestalude faces several additional counts of causing a minor to commit a criminal act for allegedly taking his girlfriend's 13-year-old son along when the crime was committed, the report says.

More child porn charges filed

ORANGE PARK – Two men already in jail on unrelated child sex charges have seen additional counts filed against them.

Daniel Jean Hurst, 38, was arrested in October on 15 counts of possession photographs showing sexual performance of a child. On Wednesday, Jan. 25, an additional 17 counts were filed, including lewd and lascivious battery, following an on-going investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, a Clay County Sheriff's Office arrest report says.

Hurst remains in the Clay County Jail on $750,000 bond, the report says.

Michael Scott Tims, 29, of Middleburg, was arrested on Jan. 7 on charges of custodian sexual battery and lewd molestation. New charges filed Jan. 25 accuse Tims of exposing a child to pornography, an arrest report says.

Middleburg man with stolen nightvision goggles arrested

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Federal agents working undercover arrested a Middleburg man who they say was trying to sell them a stolen pair of military-issue night vision goggles in exchange for a fully automatic assault rifle.

The arrest of Matthew Allen Rasnake, 27, occurred around 6:30 p.m. at a Walker Drive location during a pre-arrange sale where they would give him AR-15 rifle and some cash in exchange for the goggles. Rasnake inspected the rifle brought by two agents – one with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the other with Naval Criminal Investigative Services – and then handed over the goggles, a Clay County Sheriff's Office arrest report says.

He was then arrested without incident and charged with carrying a loaded .45 caliber handgun without a state-issued concealed weapons license, the report says.

Details of the investigation were not available from either federal agency, but the report says the investigation into the stolen goggles is continuing.

Woman faces sex charges

MIDDLEBURG – Four felony counts of sexual battery have been filed against a Middleburg woman accused of having sex with a teenage boy.

Kimberly Sue Hioyt, 31, was arrested Jan. 26 on the sexual battery charges and is being held in the Clay County Jail on $75,000 bond, a Clay County Sheriff's Office arrest report says.

The report says the teen's father discovered Hioyt and the teen having sex on the floor of his home in December. The incident was reported by the teen's mother.

Wildfire fought in southern Clay

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Clay County firefighter spent the weekend dealing with a 20-acre wildfire in the southern part of the county. The fire was declared contained but not out late Sunday, Jan. 29.

Fire crews from Clay and Putnam counties responded to a dry lake bed near State Road 100 and County Road 219 around 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. No one was injured and no homes were damaged by the flames, which spread smoke over the area, Clay County Fire Rescue said in a news release.

The fire forced the brief closure of both roads during firefighting efforts.

Blanding chase involves motorcyclist

MIDDLEBURG – Driving a motorcycle down Blanding Boulevard at more than 130 mph allowed a Middleburg man to avoid arrest – but only briefly.

The incident that led to the arrest of Kenneth Louis J. Solomon on Sunday, Jan. 29, began when a deputy attempted to stop the motorcyclist in the 1700 block shortly before 6 p.m. The vehicle sped past the Clay County Sheriff's Office Middleburg substation where another deputy joined the pursuit during which the motorcycle drive weaved in and out of southbound traffic at a high rate of speed, according to a Sheriff's Office arrest report.

Solomon, 26, is accused of accelerating when he saw the deputy's cruisers behind him. When the pursuit reached County Road 220, the deputy slowed down out of concern for other vehicles on the highway, the report says.

The deputy continued into the Lazy Acre Road area where several witnesses said they saw a motorcycle come by at a high speed. A further search located the driver at a home in the 1900 block of Red Bug Alley and he was taken into custody without incident, the report says.

Solomon is charged with felony fleeing and attempting to elude police, the report says.

Arrests

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Boneschans, Brenton, 19, Jacksonville, dealing in stolen property

Brock, Gary, 25, Green Cove Springs, grand theft - value 300 to 4,999, grand theft

Brock, Shawn, 24, Green Cove Springs, resist/obstruct/oppose of officer, grand theft - value 300 to 4,999, grand theft; VOP simple battery

Delgado, Angel, 30, Green Cove Springs, failure of defendant on bail to appear

Dureu, Danny, 31, Middleburg, grand theft

Gathers, Horace, 56, Green Cove Springs, theft of utility services

Hare, James, 63, Orange Park, DUI alcohol or drugs

Humphrey, Steven, 52, Orange Park, failure of defendant on bail to appear

Jones, Anginita, 25, Middleburg, driving on susp/revoked driver's license.

McFarland, Donald Lee, 23, Orange Park, violation of probation

Mestanas, Nickolas, 19, Middleburg, contempt of court

Williams, Kisha, 33, Green Cove Springs, simple battery (domestic); criminal mischief 200 dollars and

Williams, Shannon, 42, Jacksonville, VOP-conspiracy to sell/deliver

Willis, Charles, 68, Green Cove Springs, violate injunction for protection
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE B. OLDEN

The name of the decedent, the designation of the court in which the administration of this estate is pending, the date of the first publication of this notice, and the place of the first publication are as follows:

Christine B. Olden, deceased, who has resided in the City of Orange Park, Clay County, Florida, and to whom service of process could be made, is hereby notified to file their claim with the court on or before the date set for the hearing of the petition for administration of this estate: February 21, 2012.

If you are a person with a disability and you need any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled to reasonable accommodation as required by Section 2.16 of the Florida Executive Order, 296-590, dated July 3, 1990. Please contact the Clerk of Court, the corner of Walnut Street and 58th Street, Suite D, Dunedin, Florida, 34698, 30 years after the date of publication of this Notice, to receive a copy of this Notice. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims against the decedent, estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the court within 3 months after the date of the first publication of this notice.


RUSH Long SASE: 1-800-776-8907

To inquire about placing an ad in this section, call 264-3200
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION OF CLAIMANT
To Tab Alan Whitehead,

You have been served and are hereby notified that an action for your recovery has been filed against you. You have been served with a copy of the complaint and summons in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. You are required to file an answer to the complaint within 20 days after service of the complaint. If not filed, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2012.

By Diane Pierce, Deputy Clerk

WE, THE COURT, FIND YOU TO BE DEFENDANT(s).

NOTICE OF CLAIMANT

TO REACH CLAY COUNTY'S CLAY TODAY newspaper.

CALL: (904) 284-5618

PO Box 1808

Green Cove Springs, Florida 32033

WE, THE COURT, FIND YOU TO BE DEFENDANT(s).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN ESTATE OF SHERYL M. HILL

Deceased.

The estate of the estate of CATHARINE S. HILL, deceased, who died February 11, 2011, is now open for business.

NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND

NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

TWO CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO: 10-2011-CA-001692

IN THE CIVIL COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Clerk of Court this 26th day of January, 2012.

James B. Jett, Clerk of the Court
By Alarton Carter, As Deputy Clerk

February 2, 2012 in Clay County’s Clay Today
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an AMENDED WRIT OF Execution, dated January 31, 2012, in the Civil Court, Clay County, Florida, on the 15th day of February, 2012, at 1:00 PM, the Clerk of Court of Clay County, Florida, has levied upon all of the property of Defendant, FRED S. KOPP, in said County and State, together with a non-exclusive right to buy said property at public auction, with the sale to be held on the 15th day of February, 2012, at 1:00 PM, at the courthouse in the County of Clay, Florida, and to be entered against you for the relief demanded in the above captioned complaint.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 6, 2012.

By Robert Williams

February 1, 2012 in Clay County’s Clay Today
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN ESTATE OF KIMBERLY ANN MATKAITIS

Deceased.

The administration of the estate of KIMBERLY ANN MATKAITIS, deceased, Case Number 1:10-000428, in pending in the Civil Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit for Clay County, Florida.

James B. Jett, Clerk of Court
By Alarton Carter, As Deputy Clerk

February 2, 2012 in Clay County’s Clay Today
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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIVIL COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Order in reference to FDEP Order 07-17-0001 indicating that the Studebaker Trust intends to restrict development of the Studebaker, as successor trustee of the Studebaker Trust, (Studebaker Trust), is seeking this Order with controls for a Proposal with Institutional Controls and issue a Notice on them.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted pursuant to provisions of Florida Law for open government.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of such accommodation.

You are required to serve a copy of this notice on the person or by telephone communications, at the time of this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of such accommodation.

All persons claiming an interest in the above-captioned property, whether as Spouses, Heirs, Beneficiaries, Next of Kin or otherwise, and all persons, firms, or corporations having any interest in the above-captioned property, being either aforesaid, are hereby notified to file a written request for a hearing on the above-captioned property, at the time of this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of such accommodation.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted pursuant to provisions of Florida Law for open government.

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The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted pursuant to provisions of Florida Law for open government.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSELSE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 10-2011-CA-000723

FHA MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assignee of Pacific First Funding Corporation, vs. ROBERT A. BOSSL, et al., Defendants. 

Notice is hereby given that a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure and entry of deed in lieu thereof has been signed and entered in Case No. 10-2011-CA-000723, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein FHA MORTGAGE CORPORATION is the Plaintiff and ROBERT A. BOSSL, et al., Defendants.

LOT 5, ORANGE PARK SOUTH SUBDIVISION, as recorded in plat thereof as recorded in plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 83, Page 16, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Real property located in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in, right to, or title to, or security interest in, any of the property described herein by virtue of any interest, claim, or lien, or any defendant herein, may institute action to determine, quiet title, or enjoin such proceedings and file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any assistance in order to participate in the proceedings, you are entitled at no cost to certain assistance, please contact the Clay County Administrator's Office at 904-209-2100, ext. 5650 or by email at ada@claycountyfl.org. If you are a person with a disability who needs any assistance in order to participate in the proceedings, you are entitled at no cost to certain assistance, please contact the Clay County Administrator's Office at 904-209-2100, ext. 5650 or by email at ada@claycountyfl.org.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSELSE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 10-2011-CA-000711


Any person claiming an interest in, right to, or title to, or security interest in, any of the property described herein by virtue of any interest, claim, or lien, or any defendant herein, may institute action to determine, quiet title, or enjoin such proceedings and file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any assistance in order to participate in the proceedings, you are entitled at no cost to certain assistance, please contact the Clay County Administrator's Office at 904-209-2100, ext. 5650 or by email at ada@claycountyfl.org. If you are a person with a disability who needs any assistance in order to participate in the proceedings, you are entitled at no cost to certain assistance, please contact the Clay County Administrator's Office at 904-209-2100, ext. 5650 or by email at ada@claycountyfl.org.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSELSE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 10-2011-CA-000694


Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure and entry of deed in lieu thereof, dated the 11th day of January, 2012, and entered in Case No. 10-2011-CA-000694, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK, F.S.B., AS TRUSTEE OF THE MORTGAGE BACKED ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QH2, Plaintiff, is the Plaintiff and KRISTOPHER C. MORGAN; MISTY R. GIBB; ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QH2, Plaintiff, is the Defendant.

Any person claiming an interest in, right to, or title to, or security interest in, any of the property described herein by virtue of any interest, claim, or lien, or any defendant herein, may institute action to determine, quiet title, or enjoin such proceedings and file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, Florida
CASE NO: 2006-CA-000751
CIVIL DIVISION
BEFORE THE HONORABLE JAMES B. JETT, JUNIOR
Plaintiff
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, A/K/A BAC HOME LOANS, INC. 
Defendants
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 25th day of May, 2012, in Case No. 2006-CA-000751, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, FKA BAC HOME LOANS, INC. v. DEAN CASTILOW et al., are the Defendants.
Clark of the Circuit Court
By Debra Beyrle, Deputy Clerk
Date: Feb. 9, 2012 in Clay County Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF REPO-POSSESSION IN PURSUIT TO CHAPTER 45
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, Florida
CASE NO: 2010-CA-000160
CIVIL DIVISION
JUDICIAL CASE NUMBER: 44-06-0036
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT Court
By Debra Beyrle, Deputy Clerk
Date: Feb, 2, 2012 in Clay County Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF REPOSSESSION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, Florida
CASE NO: 2007-CA-000279
CIVIL DIVISION
BEFORE THE HONORABLE JAMES B. JETT, JUNIOR
Plaintiff
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, A/K/A BAC HOME LOANS, INC. 
Defendants
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 15th day of February, 2012, in Case No. 2007-CA-000279, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida
Clk of the Circuit Court
By Debra Beyrle, Deputy Clerk
Date: Feb. 9, 2012 in Clay County Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF REPO-POSSESSION IN PURSUIT TO CHAPTER 45
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, Florida
CASE NO: 2009-CA-000578
CIVIL DIVISION
BEFORE THE HONORABLE JAMES B. JETT, JUNIOR
Plaintiff
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, A/K/A BAC HOME LOANS, INC. 
Defendants
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 25th day of February, 2012, in Case No. 2009-CA-000578, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida
Clk of the Circuit Court
By Debra Beyrle, Deputy Clerk
Date: Feb. 9, 2012 in Clay County Clay Today newspaper.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

In the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida.

Case No. 10-2009-CA-000179, of the Circuit Court in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the holders of mortgage-backed securities, as Plaintiff, and Debra Beyrle, Deputy Clerk, as Defendant(s).

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 23, 2012, and entered in Case No. 10-2009-CA-000179, of the Circuit Court in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the holders of mortgage-backed securities, as Plaintiff, and Debra Beyrle, Deputy Clerk, as Defendant(s), that there will be sold at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, on the 21st day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 24, BLOCK 4, COVE SPRINGS, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Clay County Courthouse located at 825 NW Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, 10:00 AM on the 7th day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 40, COPPERGATE UNIT THREE-A, AS SET FORTH IN MAP BOOK 68, PAGES 19, 20, 21 AND 22 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), a person with a disability who needs any special assistance or accommodation to participate in this transaction should contact the Clerk of this Court at (904) 630-2564 no later than 72 hours prior to the date of the foreclosure sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order rescheduling the foreclosure sale dated January 23, 2012, and entered in Case No. 10-2009-CA-000179, of the Circuit Court in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the holders of mortgage-backed securities, as Plaintiff, and Debra Beyrle, Deputy Clerk, as Defendant(s), that there will be sold at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, on the 21st day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 40, COPPERGATE UNIT THREE-A, AS SET FORTH IN MAP BOOK 68, PAGES 19, 20, 21 AND 22 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Anyone who claims an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim for such interest with the Clerk of this Court located at 825 NW Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, described as follows:

LOT 40, COPPERGATE UNIT THREE-A, AS SET FORTH IN MAP BOOK 68, PAGES 19, 20, 21 AND 22 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

And as known as 242 MONTE PELLEGRINO, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the bank of new york mellon fka the bank of new york as the mortgagee, plaintiff, has filed in this court a petition for orders granting relief against each of the defendants and each of the defendants has answered the petition as set forth in the public records of clay county, florida, as set forth in said petition and as set forth in said final judgment, to wit:

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Florida, that I will offer for sale and sell in the manner set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front steps of the Clay County Courthouse, 801 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32033, at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. on February 2, 2012, for the payment of the debt owing by the property owner, to wit: a claim within 60 days after the sale.

JOSEPH L. DEAN
By Debra Boyer, Deputy Clerk of Court
February 9, 2012
In Clay County, Florida.
Notice of Sale

Notice of Sale


Any person claiming an interest in and all fixtures and personal property located therein, or who needs any accommodation in the provision of certain assistance, please contact Court Administration at (904) 630-2564 within two working days of receipt of this notice, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in the provision of certain assistance, or who needs any accommodation in the provision of certain assistance, please contact Court Administration at (904) 630-2564; Fax: (904) 630-1146; TTD: (904) 630-2563. To file response to complaint, please contact Clay County Clerk of Court, PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Tel: (904) 246-3032, ext. 5666; Fax: (904) 246-3035. Legal No. 23734 published January 8, 2012 in Clay County Clay Today newspaper.

RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 52, PAGE 659, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

As of the date of filing, any person may file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Any person claiming an interest in and all fixtures and personal property located therein, or who needs any accommodation in the provision of certain assistance, please contact Court Administration at (904) 630-2564 within two working days of receipt of this notice, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in the provision of certain assistance, please contact Court Administration at (904) 630-2564; Fax: (904) 630-1146; TTD: (904) 630-2563. To file response to complaint, please contact Clay County Clerk of Court, PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2010-CA-100292-P
FLORIDA, PLAINTIFF.

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ORANGE PARK – The Clay County School District selected the winners of its Teacher and School-related Employee of the year on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Jennifer Moore, a sixth grade teacher at Coppergate Elementary, was named teacher of the year and Montclair Elementary registered nurse Linda Turner was selected School-related Employee of the year during the ceremony at the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts. Moore, who has seven years of teaching experience, is involved in numerous school and community organizations, including: 6th Grade Writing Mentoring Program, Science Fair, Ancient Times Festival, Relay for Life, Alpha Delta Pi, Step-Up Florida. Turner has been an employee of the school district for the past six years. Besides assessing children and staff while providing excellent care, “Ms. Linda” as she is known to the students, has knitted at least one scarf for each child at the school.

Remaining finalists for the Teacher of the Year awards were:
● Haley Moore, Clay Virtual Academy,
● Jami Shimer, Lake Asbury Junior High;
● Mary Alice Howle, Middleburg Elementary;
● Stacie Lamoureux, W.R. Cherry.

Remaining School-related employees finalists:
● Tricia Johnson, Argyle Elementary
● Mary Elaine Law, Charles E. Bennett Elementary.
● Herbert Walls, Keystone Heights Jr./Sr.
● Debbie Lineberry, Orange Park Elem.

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