Murder trial:
Clay jury to decide Jacksonville man’s fate

By Eric Cravey
Managing Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Clay County jury will decide whether a Jacksonville man is guilty of two murder charges when they wrap up his trial on Friday.

Derrell Paul Emery Jr., 20, is on trial for first degree murder, second degree felony murder and armed burglary in the Nov. 10, 2010 death of Leroy McDonald Jr. that occurred in the Oakleaf Plantation area. Assistant State Attorney Stephen Nelson began opening arguments July 22 in Emery’s case in which he is charged with first degree murder for McDonald’s death and second degree felony murder for the death of Todd Allen Bradshaw Jr. who was shot in what authorities believed was originally a burglary that occurred at a condominium development in the 3600 block of Crestwick Circle.

A Grand Jury indicted Emery on Nov. 30, 2010 after he was arrested Nov. 15. Seventeen at the time of the murders, Emery and Bradshaw were originally believed to have gone to the home that McDonald was watching for his cousin Monique McDonald while she was away in a military deployment overseas. However, in testimony Tuesday, Clay County Sheriff’s Office officials who took the witness stand had a different story to tell.

The first deputy to arrive on the scene at 3665B Crestwick Circle was CCSO officer Con Kelley who responded to a 911 call about a suspicious SUV that was made by McDonald’s neighbor, Terrance Denson, who lived across the street where the

School District faces rising costs, approves tentative budget

By Eric Cravey
Managing Editor

FLEMING ISLAND – Faced with dipping into its reserve fund to balance its budget for the upcoming school year, the Clay County School District must now write a letter to the state explaining how it plans to improve its financial picture in the next two years. As presented July 18 at its regular board meeting, the District’s 2013-2014 budget is larger than last year’s budget and includes a contrast of increasing costs and shrinking revenues due to a myriad of factors. A continuing downward trend in overall district enrollment, increasing healthcare and retirement system costs, class size amendment requirements and other factors that George Copeland, assistant superintendent for business affairs, says he could go for hours explaining.

“We have some challenges,” Copeland said. “We’ve done, at this point, cutting everywhere that we can cut. We Insure HOMES
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In the 1930s, boys growing up around Green Cove Springs had little trouble finding something to do. They knew better than to whine about being bored to any grownup because they would immediately be given some gruesome job.

Early summertime mornings, when the water was calm, might find them staging a flotilla of galvanized washtubas for a gala crossing of the St. Johns River. Captain of a washtub is a tricky occupation even before conditions are perfect. The prime objective was to not lose your mama’s washtub. Odds of getting wet were 100%.

As a gesture to rational thinking, one of the boys followed along in a little boat with a pattering, one-tung motor. If disaster struck and someone capsized, he’d be fished out. But … the tub was history and most likely someone’s backside. Green Cove Springs is probably the capital of bizarre stories, told to mothers, involving the disappearance of washtubs.

At some point almost every summer day, ritual required a trip to see Mr. Smith at the ice house on Center Street. Just standing in the coolness and watching the ice chunks as 300 pound blocks of ice were sawed into manageable proportions cooled their sweaty little brows.

They waited in anticipation, hastily and ineffectually wiping dirty little hands on equally dirty cut off dungarees. They lingered for the break in the action when a fresh huge block was dragged to the saw. Then, Mr. Smith gathered up the scraps and molded an icy ball for each miniature spectator — and they were off again whooping and licking and juggling the freezing treasure from hand to hand.

Roller-skating or more precisely finding a place to roller skate was time consuming and could take up a whole lazy afternoon. Remember, there wasn’t that much concrete in Clay County in those days. A prime spot was the train depot with what seemed like acres of concrete all around. But, they had to kind of sneak up and skate fast because Ira Thompson, the Station Master, was real quick to holler them off and watched with his hands on his hips till they actually left.

The townfolk breathed a collective sigh of relief when they headed out of town to swim at Governor’s Creek. The boys who lived out there didn’t much like sharing their swimming hole with the city boys and this led to some difficulties.

Shocking, as it might seem, they swarm buck naked, skinny-dipping. It never failed. Every time they swam, their clothes went a-wandering — up into the tall branches of nearby trees, tied in knots and sopping wet.

One slightly shady pastime of young country gentlemen was picking fruit — watermelons off the backs of trucks passing through town. The game plan required one member to leap onto the back of the truck as it stopped for the railroad crossing. Then, he was to toss the goods to his barefoot accomplices jogging alongside and make a hasty departure before the truck picked up too much speed after it turned north on U.S Highway 17.

Some say this extracurricular activity accounted for the Clay High football team’s really strong passing game in the late 1930s.
**Week Of July 25 2003, 10 Years Ago:**
- Clay County Commission Chairman Larry Lancaster launched a discussion on the enactment of a public service or utility tax on the retail sale of electricity.
- The Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts was under construction, and was approaching the point of opening.
- The Green Cove Springs and Clay County Fire and Rescue merged, closing an era of two different departments spanning 80 years.

**1993, 20 Years Ago:**
- Controversy fired up as Gregory Dale Donaldson, a 20-year-old Orange Park man was charged with stalking, conspiracy to commit first degree murder, and solicitation to commit first degree murder, after Clay County Sheriff’s deputies discovered he had been stalking at least 20 women with written plans to rape, kill and eat them. His bail was set at $2 million dollars.
- Tony Mathison was fired from his job as head football coach at Clay High after suspending seven players for drinking. The political firing stirred up a lot of commotion and debates among the school and in the county.

**1983, 30 Years Ago:**
- The Clay County Personnel Committee was preparing to begin interviews of applicants for the position of County Administrator.
- A resolution commending the Clay High girls’ softball team for its state championship was presented to Clay High Athletic Director John Martin by George Killian, the Mayor of Clay County.

**1973, 40 Years Ago:**
- In order to help alleviate the sewage problems in Orange Park, Jimmy Rodgers, President of Kingsley Services Company, submitted six proposals to the Orange Park City Commission.

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The Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts
- Discussion on the enactment of a public service or utility tax on the retail sale of electricity.

**Newspaper ad for Tom Bush BMW with car listings and financing offers.**
Question of the week

Compiled and photographed by Sarah Wakefield Rosser and Weston Williams

Does Clay County have a drug problem?

“I don’t think there is any more drug use in a similar sized county. For the socioeconomic levels, I think it’s comparable to counties the same size as ours. I do think the Clay County Sheriff’s Office has a handle on it.”
Barbara Roskell, Fleming Island

“I don’t think it’s bigger than anywhere else. I think the ratio of use to people and the size is no worse than other counties. It’s all about perception; you may live in a place where it’s all over or you may live in a gated community where it’s closed off.”
CCSO Deputy Chris Garrison, Keystone Heights

“I think when people do drugs, it encourages use.”
Brad Smith, Orange Park

“Personally, I don’t see it. I know of people afflicted by drug use, but I try to block it out.”
Blanche Almojera, Orange Park

“On every level, I think there is some kind of drug use. You hear rumors about drugs and parties and I read about it in Clay Today. Obviously it’s here. I think that when people or children are exposed to drugs, it encourages use.”
Colleen Sedan, Lake Asbury

From the editor

By Eric Cravey

Reading is fundamental

Greg sat in the chair at the end of the table, placed his elbows on top and began waving his hands while talking.

Sparks seem to bounce from his eyes and fingertips as he explained his goal – he wanted to be able to read on a higher grade level in six months. His enthusiasm was exciting to watch.

We sat in the cubicle at the Orange Park Branch Library reviewing his plan and discussed how the tutoring sessions would play out over the next six months. I knew if we were to meet his goal, we were going to have to meet more than once a week. And the commitment on his part was going to consume most of his waking hours outside of his job as a chef in Downtown Jacksonville.

We were about the same age. I had a high school sophomore son at the time and he had a son with a newborn child. I learned in my tutor training with the Clay County Literacy Coalition to find a common ground to break the ice. I knew I needed Greg to trust me and let him know that I was there for his best interests.

However, Greg was under pressure.

He was up for a promotion yet he knew he lacked the reading and literacy skills required of the job that was almost certain to be his with the impending retirement of his boss. The job he hoped would be his would involve reading employment manuals, writing personnel assessments and filling other types of paperwork he had yet to encounter while serving as a pastry chef.

Each following session we’d work on word sounds, sight words and hoped to progress to writing sentences and then paragraphs. But by the time the second month rolled around, Greg entered the cubicle with some daunting news.

“I think I can do this faster on my own,” he said. “My wife and I talked about it and we’re going to go buy ‘Hooked On Phonics’.”

My heart sank.

What had I done to fail him? How could I have made this work for him? Doubt crept in my being like a sea of cockroaches searching for crumbs on a kitchen floor.

Disappointed, I turned to the Coalition volunteer coordinator who ensured me that this happens more frequently than preferred. I was comforted by the words, “It’s not your fault.”

We live in a world of fast food and microwave ovens, which make us think we can do everything with such speed and agility. However, reading is not like that.

But working with Greg I clearly saw how literacy – being able to read and communicate in a business-like manner – play key roles in self-sufficiency. The more educated, literate people there are living in any society that society thrives.

It’s rather easy to drive each day from home to work and home to pay our mortgages, feed and clothe our kids, love our spouses and take for granted that everyone else is like we are. Well, that’s not the case.

Greg was diagnosed with a learning disorder when he was a child. He said his parents told him that he had been advised to send him off to some sort of facility. He had overcome so much, yet he wanted so much more from this American Dream. And I wanted to help him get there.

Clay County has a huge population of men and women like Greg who need your help yet desire so much more out of life. The Literacy Coalition has, for almost two decades, helped people become self-sufficient,taxpaying members of society who

Letters to the Editor

Inquiring minds want to know

What are they hiding from us? The Board of County Commissioners started out with a proposal years ago to build a baseball park for the kids in Clay County. They completely suppressed the fact that it would actually be a park built for Big League Pipe Dreams, an organization that has a very checkered past and a so-so reputation for success. Now we aren’t even sure whose idea it was at first. Did BLPD approach Clay County or did insider politicians like Travis Cummings and Rob Bradley approach BLPD? There doesn’t seem to be a consensus as of this writing. The head of BLPD claims he was approached first.

The next question is, Why do the tax and spend Liberal members of the BCC insist on squandering taxpayer money? Sadly, I believe that every bad decision made by this board has been at the behest of the Mendacious Chamber of Commerce.

This bunch has routinely demanded complete obeisance by the Commissioners to toe their line such as the ill conceived Outer Beltway, the Asphalt Plant (in which the anonymity of the prospective company is kept from the citizenry so as to potentially allow that entity to lowball prospective sellers. I have termed this “Fiscal Cannibalism.”

They also deemed it a necessity for

Development Authority member says ‘if you build it, they will come’

As a board member of the Clay County Development Authority, I have been involved in bringing the Big League Dreams organization to our area. I served as chair of the board when the licensing agreement was signed in 2011. As we move forward, I am compelled to make sure the citizens of Clay County are aware of why I believe in and support this project.

I was admittedly skeptical when initially approached about Big League Dreams, but agreed to do some research and eventually decided to visit an existing facility. I made the trip to Mansfield, Texas, just outside of Dallas, in the fall of 2011. There I was greeted by dozens of workers who took pride in showing off their place of employment at the meticulously maintained BLD complex.

I then walked by “Wrigley” field, where young athletes from Kansas were squaring up against a team from Iowa in front of a full house of fans sitting in stadium-style seats. I was told that these were two of dozens of teams from outside of the Dallas area who would be making Mansfield their temporary home for the weekend. I approached a parent of one of the players

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to ask her opinion of the facility. She ex- plains that it wasn't her first trip to Man- and that she looked forward to this trip every year. She went on to add that her son's team had a block of 20 hotel rooms for three nights that weekend. She told of how her family enjoyed the nearby water park on her previous trip and discussed her plans for the rest of the weekend, which in- cluded dinner and a movie that night.

I soon realized that this parent's sto- ry could have just as easily been told by countless others that weekend – one of the 50 weekends that year that BLD Mansfield hosted tournament play. I knew at that point that what I was witnessing needed to happen in my home county. I saw firsthand that if you build it, they will come. I've heard from some in our community that this project is outside the scope of what government should be doing, and that these dollars should be used to build roads. I would argue that BLD Clay County is a road. One that will foster and support the entrepreneurial instincts of our residents. When completed, this facility will bring people into our county who will need places to sleep, eat, play, and purchase goods and services. And those dollars will stay in our county to improve our roads and better pay our fine police officers and firefighters, among others. A friend recently reminded me of a piece of Clay County's history that some may not know. Just before World War II, the government decided to spend money in Green Cove Springs to house a fleet of warships. This brought many sailors to the area who needed places to spend their paychecks, resulting in the opening of a number of automobile dealerships by the private sector. From there, Green Cove Springs became known as "Little Detroit" and thrived for years to come. Some might even argue that the lead opponent of Big League Dreams, my friend Commissioner Ronnie Robinson, might have never been able to open and operate one of the nation's top automobile dealerships had the government decided not to spend those dollars early on in Green Cove Springs. I think the government for its decision and I commend the smart business owners for capitalizing on the opportunity. I ask that my friends and neighbors join me in supporting this investment in the future of our great county. Joe Mobley Fleming Island

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raise their families and take pride in know- ing they are a part of something larger than themselves. Here's where you come in.
The Coalition is at a crossroads. It needs more funding and it needs more vol- unteers so it can continue to help others have their slice of the American Dream.

After Greg, I worked with Rico, who had a simpler goal. He wanted to be able to give a speech at a DJ event that was com- ing up in about six months from the time we began our first tutoring session. Rico achieved his goal and then we parted ways. My work was successful. It was rewarding knowing I had made a difference.

And you can too. Give the Coalition a call today at (904) 272-9388.

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Question: Is Big League Dreams good for Clay County?

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - At the Orange Park Athletic Association’s meeting room on July 17, amidst a less-than-adequate air conditioner, rickety metal folding chairs and no microphone, concerned citizens on both sides bantered about what may be a defining issue in Clay County history – a $19 million Big League Dreams sports park built near the Oakleaf communities.

For one Clay County Commissioner, the timing is right for Clay County to make the move.

“We have been doing pay-and-go economies for a long time and this is where we are,” said Clay County Commissioner Doug Conkey, via a phone call from Vermont on July 22. “This kind of decision is thinking out of the box to bring some life to Clay County communities. We can be happy and safe and not take risks and lose an opportunity that measures up to the Jacksonville Suns’ Baseball Grounds facility.”

Conkey defined Clay County commerce as using traditional “pay-and-go” economics to attract businesses, like McDonald’s, that come in after a major engine has been established.

“McDonald’s has a store in the Oakleaf Town Center, but I doubt they would put one on the land near the Big League Dreams until the stadium is built,” Conkey said. “That land on that corner of Old Jennings and Branard Field is our sweet spot for commerce with the beltway about to be built.”

In 2000, Jacksonville taxpayers paid an estimated $34 million as part of the “Better Jacksonville Plan” to improve the city’s infrastructure. Also part of the near $2.25 billion funding, was the adjacent Veteran’s Memorial Arena, which opened in 2003. Unlike the Big League Dreams arrangement, the Better Jacksonville Plan did not provide much-needed dental services to the community.

According to the Better Jacksonville mission statement, “It is (was) funded in part by a half-cent sales tax approved by Duval County voters. The BJP, approved by voters in 2000, is a $2.25 billion comprehensive growth management program that provides road and infrastructure improvements, environmental preservation, targeted economic development and new and improved public facilities.”

Up front, Clay County, two years ago, sent a $450,000 check for a licensing agreement with BLD that comes with a Dec. 14, 2013 build or no build deadline. Contractually, if there is a no-build decision, BLD is to send a $400,000 refund back to the county with $50,000 to stay at BLD.

Two auditor’s reports – one from Clay County auditor Mike Price, the other coming from the Infinity Global Solutions group out of Jacksonville, who had executive vice president James Catlett speak to the OPAA meeting – were discussed as to their validity in projected future costs and tax benefits from the BLD project.

IGS was paid $30,000 by county officials and reduced the original plan of seven fields, an air conditioned soccer field and two restaurants to five fields, three baseball and two softball, one covered soccer field and one restaurant.

“The original audit (Price estimated a $25-$30 million construction expenditure) was a year old and with old information,” Catlett said. “His budget did not fit the budget or marketability of Clay County. We worked backwards from the $19 million budget and tried to create the maximum benefit for the money.”

Audit reports and actual costs range in past BLD projects with one opened in 2008 in Gilbert, Ariz. starting at $22.7 million and escalating to $42.68 million in taxpay-

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After graduating from the University of Florida and University of Louisville School of Dentistry, Dr. Kelly is excited to return to Fleming Island to work with her father in private practice at Eagle Harbor Dental, located on Eagle Harbor Parkway. She is enjoying the opportunities that come with working alongside a mentor, and her patients have made the transition into fulltime practice very engaging and fulfilling. She has also begun working at Clay County Dental Care on her days off to provide much-needed dental services to the community.

Dr. Kelly is a member of the American Dental Association, Florida Dental Association, and Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity. She has just purchased her first home in Avondale with her fiancé, submariner LT Max Mayo. She is also planning their fall wedding in Savannah, with the help of her diligent and instrumental wedding planner. Any free time is spent cycling, playing piano, and enjoying her family’s company.

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Then start adding materials in layers, alternating layers of ‘green’ (lawn clippings, spent plants, weeds free of seeds, vegetable and fruit scraps, and farm animal manure) and ‘brown’ (fallen leaves, twigs, chipped branches, sawdust, dry foods like bread, cereal, and pasta, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, and even paper napkins). Don’t add grease, fats or oils – they don’t break down well. Also don’t add dairy, meal, fish, or pet wastes – these items can harbor pathogens and attract nuisance animals and pests.

Keep piles moist and covered. It will generate heat as the compost breaks down into soil. You can turn piles every week to speed up production to as little as a few months’ time, or turn them less often and let them take up to a year to break down. Whether composting or not, spread out any amendments and till or turn your soil a few weeks before setting out plants for fall. Most soils in Florida need some amendment for gardening; if you’re not sure, contact your local extension office for info on soil testing. In Clay County call (904) 284-6355 or (904) 269-6355 and ask to speak to a Master Gardener. If tilling in fresh manures or green cover crops, give the garden a few weeks to let these materials settle. Then rake smooth and lay out your rows and any drip irrigation you’d like to use to be ready for planting.

Warm-season flowers you can still plant include Aztec Lily, Butterfly Ginger, Bulbine, Coleus, Gaillardia, Kalanchoe, Spider Lily, Vinca, and Walking Iris. Warm-season vegetables to try from plants include peppers and tomatoes, while seeds of Summer Squash can be planted through September. August is the last month to plant seeds of Southern Peas, Pumpkins, Watermelons and Winter Squash in our area.

Cool-season flowering plants that can be started indoors include Foxgloves, Impatiens, Marigolds, Petunias, and Zinnias. For cool-season vegetables, start seeds or sets directly in the garden for Beans, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Collards, Corn, Cucumbers, Green Onions, Turnips, and winters. You can use transplant trays (flats) or small containers to start seeds indoors for Cabbage, Endive, Escarole, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, and Mustard Greens. Give your indoor starters plenty of light – fluorescent or daylight – plus good air circulation and keep the soil moist but not soggy. Thin out seedlings and move them from flats or starters to individual pots when they develop their second set of true leaves. In the next 4-6 weeks, when temperatures begin to cool you can “harden” plants by exposing them to mild outdoor conditions during the day for about a week before planting. All in all, getting started now is a great way to jump start your own great garden for fall.

Want someone to answer a specific plant question for you? Go online to our website at UF/IFAS Clay County Extension 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. While you’re there, browse the site to read past articles that might help you with seasonal problems and to learn about upcoming Extension Programming in our area.
er money. Gilbert, 25 miles from the Major League Baseball’s Arizona Diamondbacks’ stadium, issued almost $37 million in municipal bonds to finance construction. A first dividend check—an agreed upon six percent of gross sales after four years of operation—saw BLD send a $103,000 check to Gilbert in 2012; $55,000 at six percent of gross sales and a bonus of $48,000 for grosses over $3 million for 2010 and 2011. Gilbert had paid $7 million in interest on the bonds, which are due to mature in 2020-21. Price’s audit predicted a $25-$30 million construction payout with a 125 year break-even payback schedule based on BLD’s rebate numbers. Catlett did not state an estimated break-even date with his audit.

Key players in attendance at the OPAA meeting on the yes side, included retired Jacksonville Jaguars offensive tackle Tony Boselli, who lives in St. Johns County and works in Jacksonville. Boselli was hired by BLD just 30 days prior to the July 17 meeting and admitted he only knew of BLD for 60 days total but continually used the word “We” in reference to his knowledge of BLD’s 15-year existence. Also attending was Rep. Travis Cummings, a former Board of County Commissioner member, who takes credit for bringing the idea to Clay County.

Also signed on as a spokesman is Rob Thompson, Clay County Development Council president and Ken Smallwood, one of the 22 private investors and the “donator” of the initial 35 acres on which BLD plans to build, and Sam Garrowson, partner in the law firm with Sen. Rob Bradley, who is representing BLD’s interest in Clay County, from the law firm of Kopelousos and Bradley, P.A., in Orange Park.

**SEE BIG LEAGUE. 14**
GREEN COVE SPRINGS – After a marathon session staged in commission chambers packed with residents from the Ravines, the Board of County Commissioners voted at its July 23 meeting to approve a rezoning request that will pave the way for new development and the return of amenities at the Middleburg community.

Following five hours of discussion, debate and pleas from Ravines residents both for and against the proposal, the BCC voted 3-1 to approve a rezoning application for a portion of the development. The vote will allow for 154 single-family and multifamily residential units to be built on 103 acres of what includes the former “Front 9” holes of the once highly-regarded Ravines 18-hole golf course.

Several amenities, including a swimming pool, clubhouse and playground, would also be included in the plans.

Commissioner Diane Hutchings cast the lone dissenting vote, with Chairwoman Chereese Stewart, Vice Chairman Wendell Davis and Commissioner Ronnie Robinson voting for the application. Commissioner Doug Conkey was out of town.

At issue was a rezoning application filed by the Ravines Holding Company LLC of Powell, Tenn. The application was to change the existing PUD – or Planned Unit Development – to a RePUD to allow for the new residential structures and amenities.

The owner of the Ravines Holding Company is Autry O.V. “Pete” DeBusk, who purchased the former Ravines Club and Lodge in a foreclosure sale in 2008 for some $1.2 million.

Ken DeBusk, the cousin of Pete DeBusk, is the former owner of the Ravines Club and Lodge and now acts as the authorized agent for the Ravines Holding Company.

What to do with the former resort-type area has been a controversial subject since 2006 when then-owner Ken DeBusk closed the golf course.

The course had enjoyed a national reputation as one of great beauty and challenge, but, along with the clubhouse, swimming pool and tennis courts, has fallen into disrepair over the years.

Davis and Commissioner Ronnie Robinson, voting for the application. Commissioner

Robinson said she couldn’t vote for the rezoning for several reasons, including the fact that in a survey of residents as to what amenities they would like to see at the estate-style community, the top pick by far was a golf course.

But when asked, a representative of the owners said reestablishing a golf course had “never been” part of the plans.

“It doesn’t feel to me like the residents were really listened to,” she said.

“Everybody has property rights. But not on the backs of other people.”

Davis said he was “for private property rights,” and believed that property owners “ought to be able to use their property.”

He added residents “deserve to have their private property rights protected as well.”

In the case of the Ravines, with its history of conflict over the dilapidated amenities, “I would say to everybody, doing nothing is not going to get you a good answer,” he said.

Robinson, who said he believes property owners should be able to use their property “within reason,” described the Ravines situation as tragic.

“My mind, there would still be a golf course at The Ravines if everybody had negotiated and worked together back in 2007, 2006, 2005,” Robinson said. At this point, he said, “the best thing that could happen to the people at The Ravines is to try to get some amenities back and move on.”

Stewart said she had many questions about the rezoning application.

“This has obviously been a tough decision,” she said. “Everybody has property rights…So what it boils down to is what we do to come together for the good of everybody.”

But when certain conditions were added to the equation for the developer, Stewart said she felt she could vote for the rezoning.

Those conditions included increasing the lot size for townhomes to a minimum of 25 feet, using Green Road for emergency access only and providing a minimum $100,000 bond for potential construction-related issues.

Commissioners were also assured that construction of the amenities would come...

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First tee teaches core values through game of golf

By Sarah Wakefield Rosser
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – The first and youngest person in the group of six to hit a golf ball out of the sand bunker, Jaycee Crawley, dug her feet into the damp sand, raised her club and hit the ball into the tall lip of the bunker.

A beginning golfer, Crawley, 8, exemplified the lesson of the day -- confidence -- during the July 23 practice of the First Tee of North Florida held at the Country Club of Orange Park.

“I wasn’t nervous because it’s supposed to be fun,” said Crawley who attends the lessons with her two older brothers Trenton and Jarrett. “When I hit a good shot, I get really excited. If I hit a not-so-good shot, I still had fun and did my best.”

The nonprofit teaches kids -- who normally would not have access to golf -- life lessons and leadership by coaches trained and equipped with The First Tee lesson plans. The program is offered at multiple locations in North Florida, including Mandarin, Fernandina Beach, Jacksonville, and St. Augustine. More than 600 children are currently enlisted in The First Tee programs throughout Northeast Florida. More than 10,000 children have gone through the program since 2000.

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vehicle was parked. After arriving on the scene, Denson flagged down Kelley and showed him the building where the suspects had been witnessed going around the perimeter.

When asked about his initial assessment of the scene, Kelley told the court about what he heard “just before 10:30 that night.”

“I heard yelling, gunshots and more yelling,” Kelley said. “And then the garage door opened...a male came running out with a gun in his hand.”

Kelley said a brief gun battle ensued and he ran off to catch one of the suspects who was wielding “what appeared to be a sub-machine gun pistol in his right hand,” he said in court.

He said the suspect refused numerous commands to stop and drop the weapon, so he fired shots.

“I fired upon until I perceived he was no longer a threat,” Kelley said.

When he was finally able to grab the suspect who was running, he was identified as Emery.

When Nelson asked Kelley if the suspect said anything after he captured him, Kelley said Emery said, “he had been kidnapped by the two men in the house.”

Kelley said it was later determined in the melee aftermath that it was Bradshaw who was wielding the large pistol and not Emery, who had been shot in the right ankle and was bleeding.

Another deputy, Brian Wilson, who responded from his off-duty job at the Oakleaf Amenity Center, told the court that Emery had been kidnapped when he asked Emery what had happened. Wilson also told the court that he observed Bradshaw lying dead in the driveway.

As more officers arrived at the scene, one deputy, Matthew Williams, told the court, that he went into the garage to try and rescue McDonald who had been shot but was fighting for air while stuck between the garage wall and a Mercedes-Benz sedan.

“He sounded like he was gasping or trying to breathe,” Williams testified. Williams said he then attempted to move McDonald out from the garage so fire and rescue workers could try and save him. McDonald died en route to Shands Hospital in Jacksonville.

By this time at the scene, numerous other CCSO deputies had arrived at the scene and began evacuating nearby condo residents to ensure their safety as officers did not know if more people were inside the home.

Emery told one officer that Bradshaw shot him in the argument between Bradshaw and McDonald. Emery also said he was there at the home to “play peacekeeper” between the two men.

CCSO Det. Dan Matos told the court that he spent about four hours intermittently interviewing Emery at Shands in the aftermath of the shootout at Crestwick Circle. He said in between doctors coming in and out of Emery’s area in the Pediatric Emergency Room, Emery began to open up.

“He said ‘This is bull[expletive]. Fighting over a little bit of money’,” Matos said in court.

Matos said he witnessed Emery tell the doctor the same story later as he waited to continue interviewing Emery.

In cross examination, defense attorney Ann Finnell asked Matos if the CCSO had ordered Emery to be watched around the clock or determined to have been a suspect, to which he responded “no.”

“Matos went on to explain that Bradshaw – referred to as Todrick by Emery – had told him earlier that day that he needed to go see Mikey – Bradshaw’s name for McDonald – because Mikey owed him some money and ‘he wouldn’t give it to him,’” he said. Matos said that McDonald “was rumored to be a gambler and a known cocaine dealer.

Matos testified that Emery told him that both men pulled out guns after yelling ‘in each other’s faces.’

He said once Bradshaw pulled out his gun, he stopped in between the two men “and Mikey shot.”

Originally, the state wanted to seek the death penalty for Emery, but changed its course in pre-trial hearings. Closing arguments are scheduled before Fourth Circuit Court Judge John H. Skinner on Friday.
The School District of Clay County will soon consider a budget for 2013-2014.

A public hearing to make a DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

July 29, 2013
5:15 p.m.
Teacher Training Center
Fleming Island High School
2233 Village Square Parkway
Orange Park, FL 32003

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on July 29, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. at Teacher Inservice Center at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Orange Park, FL, 32003.

A DECISION on the proposed amendment to the projects funded from CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this meeting.


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The School Board of Clay County will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a 1.500 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein. This tax is in addition to the school board’s proposed tax of 5.942 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the School Board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately $13,237,684 to be used for the following projects:

**CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING**
- Repayment of Certificate of Participation (C.O.P.) FIH (#3723)
- Repayment of Certificate of Participation (C.O.P.) RHS (#3743)
- Dues and Fees Associated with Certificate of Participation Repayment (#3763)
- Enhanced Classrooms County Wide (#3530)
- High School Locker Replacement County Wide (#3442)
- Safety and Security County Wide (#3234)
- Boilers County Wide (#3023)
- Roof Replacement County Wide (#3002)
- CTE Remodel at Keystone Heights High (#3814)
- HVAC Replacement County Wide (#3061)
- Smoke Corridor Bldg. 1 at Orange Park High (#3374)
- Building Automation Systems Upgrade County Wide (#3634)
- Fire Alarm Replacement County Wide (#3861)
- Security Fencing County Wide (#3434)
- Ceiling Replacement County Wide (#3053)
- Elevator Upgrades County Wide (#3971)
- Gutter Replacement at Thunderbolt Elementary (#3213)
- Project Manager Salaries (#3320)

**MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION AND REPAIR**
- Maintenance, Renovation, Repair of Existing School Plants including Maintenance Personnel Salaries (#3894)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Fencing County Wide (#3520)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Drainage-Storm water Systems County Wide (#3701)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Concrete/Asphalt Surfaces County Wide (#3360)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair HVAC Units County Wide (#3038)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Light Fixtures County Wide (#3540)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Fire Alarm, Intercom and CCTV Systems County Wide (#3570)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Doors County Wide (#3610)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Covered Walkways County Wide (#3655)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Flooring County Wide (#3630)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Roofs Ceilings County Wide (#3660)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Bleachers County Wide (#3671)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Portables County Wide (#3681)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Emergency Generators County Wide (#3791)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Emergency Management Systems (EMS) County Wide (#3821)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Enhanced Classrooms Systems County Wide (#3831)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Boilers County Wide (#3032)
- Maintenance/Renovation/Repair Elevators County Wide (#3045)
- Painting County Wide (#3590)

**MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES**
- Purchase (0) New School Buses (#3878)

**NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT**
- Equipment County Wide (#1520)

**PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT (#3553)**

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**AMENDED NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY**

The School Board of Clay County will soon consider a measure to amend the use of property tax for the capital outlay projects previously advertised for the 2012 to 2013 school year.

Amended Projects to be Funded:

2012/13 Fund 3713

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Garrison talked of a "neighboring county" exclusivity clause that gives Clay County no competition from BLD, but reports in the July 19 Tampa Tribune say Plant City is in talks with BLD. The report said Big League Dreams has been bidding for two years on the Plant City Stadium complex formerly used by the Major League Baseball Cincinnati Reds.

In 2008, Wesley Chapel, 20 miles south of Tampa, home of MLB’s Tampa Bay Rays was considered by BLD. The Mansfield, Texas BLD is just 13 miles from Arlington, Texas and MLB’s Texas Rangers. The League City BLD is 27 miles from the Houston Astros home field. The Las Vegas BLD space with the MLB AAA-Las Vegas 51s, for 30 years with the New York Mets. The West Covina, Calif. BLD is 19 miles from Los Angeles’ Dodgers Stadium. Oakleaf is 20 miles from the Jacksonville Suns, a key Double AA front office that is changing health care for good.

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means nothing."

When Brice was a kid, he was extremely shy to the point where he was uncomfortable around other children. "That's pretty hard to believe now," Brice said. "I practiced confidence by shaking hands. If I do it one million times and memorize things to say, I'll get good at shaking hands. If I do it one million times and memorize things to say, I'll get good at shaking hands."

Brice's co-coach Amelia Kiewitt, 17, is a prime example of confidence. Kiewitt began the program as a young girl and continued to improve her game while learning the core values. After participating, she became a volunteer and is now a coach.

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**Ravines**
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"Right now, it's an embarrassment," said 32-year resident Bob Irwin, adding that he had seen a 35-40 per cent drop in his property value. "So I'm in favor of anything that will change that."

More voiced opinions against the measure, saying new construction and residential units would bring unwanted traffic and a change in the natural beauty of the area, and they didn't believe any amenities would really come their way. Others were upset that they had bought into a PUD expecting perhaps increase property values.

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**Calendar**

PLAY: Orange Park Community Theatre presents "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" July 26-28 as part of its Summer Youth Theatre Workshop. Call the theater for tickets, (904) 276-2599.


RUMMAGE SALE: The Orange Park Woman’s Club hosts its annual rummage sale July 26 – 27 at 103 Kingsley Ave. All proceeds benefit their scholarship fund. Call Jeanie McBee at (904) 861-7522.

FREE HEALTH FAIR Sponsored by Baptist Hospital, at Calvary United Methodist Church, 112 Blanding Blvd., Aug. 3, 8 a.m.-Noon. Joan Cooper, (904) 777-0595.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Fleming Island Library Main Library, Aug. 3, “Life of Pi” by Yann Martel. No registration required. Newcomers are welcome. For further information on upcoming titles visit www.ccpl.lib.fl.us or call (904) 278-3722.

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Happy ending for evicted dogs

By Melanie Souchet
Clay Today

PENNEY FARMS – When their owners were served an eviction notice in May, 10 dogs suddenly became homeless and wards of Clay County Animal Care and Control.

At first, the situation seemed dire. “We thought [the dogs] had no hope at all,” said shelter volunteer Andrea Cassman.

Some had health problems, such as heart worms and malnutrition. Others – being pit bull mixes – had to face the stigmas associated with their breed.

All were faced with the same uncertainty every shelter animal must face – either they would be adopted by a loving family, or live a short life in the shelter. However, Cassman said CCAC officials and volunteers pulled together and used a combination of social media and teamwork to ensure these dogs would have a much brighter future.

A Facebook page played a particularly crucial role in the adoption of a dog named Gretchen. It is not uncommon for shelters to advertise their animals online. Many shelters and rescue organizations have used such websites as Petfinder.com and others over the years, but Facebook has given the animal rescue movement a more personal feel, as well as more exposure that expedited the adoption process, at least for these Clay County strays.

The eviction dogs’ pictures were posted to the Facebook group “Friends of Clay County Animals Inc.” Usually, these pictures catch the eye of local potential families. Gretchen, however, caught the attention of a man living in New York state. The man saw a picture of Gretchen hugging a shelter volunteer, and decided to give her a chance.

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Oakleaf area Clay County’s ‘growth’ spot

By Weston Williams and Eric Cravey
Clay Today

OAKLEAF – When Oakleaf Plantation was approved as a Development of Regional Impact in the late 1990s, Clay County was on the front end of a housing and growth boom.

Large subdivisions with green space, athletic fields, waterparks, golf and country club amenities seemed to crop up all around. Other smaller housing developments near the larger DRIs cropped up as well. With the new housing came strip centers and other shopping amenities.

County officials scrambled to build new roads and new schools.

Other DRIs, such as Eagle Harbor, now has Oakleaf Village Elementary, Plantation Oaks Elementary, Oakleaf Junior High and Oakleaf High, the county’s four newest schools.

High and Oakleaf High, the county’s four public schools in the Oakleaf area and Fleming Island Plantation, which was in the planning, and others served as the fuel for Clay County’s growth engine.

Twenty years ago, if you’d ask a Clay County native if there would ever be four public schools in the Oakleaf area and four public schools on Fleming Island, you might be met with an odd look. First, no one knew what an Eagle Harbor was 20 years ago, much less an Oakleaf.

But, in that time, the go-go growth leading up to the Great Recession of 2008 brought with it a lot of changes to the county. The Oakleaf area of Clay County now has Oakleaf Village Elementary, Plantation Oaks Elementary, Oakleaf Junior High and Oakleaf High, the county’s four newest schools.

Fleming Island has Patriot Elementary, Fleming Island Elementary, Thunderbolt Elementary and Fleming Island High.

From the 2000 U.S. Census to the 2010 U.S. Census, Clay County’s population grew from 105,986 to 190,865. In that same period, the number of housing units – which includes single-family homes, apartments and condominiums – grew from 53,748 in 2000 to 73,478 in 2010.

And when the 2008 recession hit, Clay County’s growth – rooted in housing – came to an almost audible halt. At one point, and subsequent years since, the Clay County School District’s five-year capital plan – the plan that governs when new schools will be built – has screeched to a halt as well. The District’s five-year Capital Plan does not call for a new school to be built for another 10 years.

Jim Connell, assistant superintendent for Support Services – the person in charge of maintaining and overseeing the District’s buildings, as well as keeping tabs on the county’s growth areas – said there are no new schools planned for Clay County for 10 years.

However, where there is darkness, there is always light and for the time being, Clay County’s Oakleaf area appears to be the county’s growth ray of light.

“Most of our single-family building permits are being issued in the Oakleaf area,” said Holly Parrish, director of economic and development services for Clay County.
Often, the best way to tell what’s ailing someone is to simply listen, to let the patient speak from the heart. That’s where Matthew Braddock, DO, starts his diagnoses. By listening first, he makes a connection with patients that eases their minds and helps to improve their treatment. For him, the spiritual side of medicine is just as important as the physical. And that belief is the lifeblood of St. Vincent’s. Learn more about St. Vincent’s Clay County and view a live webcam of our progress at MyClayHospital.com.

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This is about as bare bones as I have seen over the years.

One of the sharpest increases in expenses in the coming year’s budget is a $3 million jump in state-mandated contributions to the Florida Retirement System as a result of what Copeland called “last minute” legislation from this year’s Florida Legislature. Last year, the District’s expenses for salaries and benefits was $378.8 million. In the coming budget, that number jumps to $409.9 million due to a new law requiring the District to contribute an additional $1.77 percent to the FRS.

Based on our salaries, that is $3 million,” Copeland told school board members at the meeting held at the Fleming Island High Teacher In-Service Training Center.

The letter to the Florida Department of Education will explain the District’s plan to get its reserve fund back to the state-mandated level of three percent of its overall budget. The proposed budget includes taking only $1 million from the reserve fund, whereas in the two previous years, the dips into the fund balance have been larger. In the previous budget year, the District used $5.9 million from its reserve fund and in the 2011-2012 year, it used $9.5 million, each year keeping the fund balance percentage well over the state’s three percent threshold.

“We now have to go to the fund balance for $1 million to balance this budget,” Copeland said. “We would need to cut an additional expenditure of $1.7 million,” to get back to the three percent requirement.

Some of the austerity the District will face in the coming year will include no new school buses and very little new bells and whistles improvements to the grounds at each school unless previously in the budget pipeline. For example, an expansion project at the Ridgeview High cafeteria will wrap up soon and a scheduled cafeteria expansion at Middleburg Elementary will move forward. The District’s new budget contains zero dollars from the state in funds for capital improvement projects.

“Unless it’s a need – a true need – it’s really not happening right now,” said Jim Connell, assistant superintendent for support services. “There are no frills.”

One tactic used to balance the budget included shifting $2 million from the part of the budget that Connell oversees to the operating fund.

“It’s all District money and we all need to do what we have to do,” said Connell, whose main job is to oversee the facilities at the District’s 41 schools and administrative properties. “Our educational facilities plan is based on projections.

The Florida Department of Education gives the District a number for its August enrollment projections, as opposed to allowing the District to project its head count. The District is facing a drop in 627 unweighted Full Time Equivalent, or FTE, for the coming school year. The net loss is about $3 million in state funds. However, Connell works with three sets of projections in order to forecast facility needs – District projections, FDOE projections and projections crunched by Copeland and his staff.

“Just to let you know what we’re looking at, our District projection for the year is 34,297. That’s 628 students less than the $6.1 million we ended last year with. The DOE projection is 34,002. That’s 923 students less than we ended last year with.”

Copeland also took steps to explain the hoopla regarding an announcement from Gov. Rick Scott that Clay County will receive $6.1 million to fund teacher pay increases. He said he cannot factor the $6.1 million into the revenue side of the budget until the District improves a state-required plan on how it will spend those funds.

“We have a balanced budget,” Copeland said. “If we get the $6.1 million, we’ll get the revenue and we’ll have to spend it, so that’s a wash. [Contract] negotiations will have to make that determination.”

Copeland clarified for the board that the $6.1 million was not funding on top of what to already expect from the state. He said it is included in an expected allocation of about $85 million.

Another issue that muddies the budget water is a recent announcement from the value of assessed property in Clay County has increased. Copeland said that one would think that with such news would come an increase in revenue. However, that’s not the case when the state dictates what is called the District’s Required Local Effort millage rate.

“So you would think that with an increased assessed value, you would get more money,” Copeland said. “Well, this is not the truth. We look to the state because the state sets the Required Local Effort. We have no say in that. They set the Required Local Effort at $5.094 [mills] for 13-14. Last year, it was 5.323 [mills].”

Meanwhile, Copeland and his staff will analyze what funds they need to further grapple with in order to assure the state that the District has a plan to rejuvenate the facilities and get back up or above the three percent threshold.

“Give us a couple of years to get back to the three percent,” he said. “It may take a couple of years. A million seven is tough to find between now and June 2014. That’s my recommendation.”

Meanwhile, members of the Clay County Education Association want the district to consider what they call a lack of parity when completing this year’s budget. They are particularly concerned about Clay County’s slide in teacher pay.

“Our teachers are 22nd in the state in pay,” said Renna Lee Paiva, CCEA president. “Now here’s the question or maybe a riddle? If administrator only get increases when teachers do, then how did this disparity happen?”

Paiva said the District has 20 administrators who earn more than $100,000 per year, elementary principal pay ranks 5th-highest in Florida, junior high principal salaries rank 14th-highest and high school principal pay ranks 13th-highest. She said this is the disparity.

Board members passed the tentative budget on a 4-0 vote with vice chairman Lisa Graham absent. The board will hold a special meeting and budget public hearing on July 29 at 5:15 p.m. at the Fleming Island High TTC. The final budget is scheduled to be approved in September.
By The Numbers: Clay County Schools

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**Originally a K-8 school
*First year to report

**Projected by Fla. Dept. of Education

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government. “While the number of single-family home permits county-wide have doubled since last year at this time—

Those single-family permits referred to included 348 permits in the year 2011-2012, but now are reaching numbers near 707 permits for the year 2012-2013.

And there are other indications that the growth needle is moving.

Connell said his staff has spent most of the summer getting the Oakleaf schools ready to face added enrollment numbers this fall.

“All of the portables we’ve moved this summer have been at the Oakleaf schools,” he said at the July 18 School Board meeting.

Connell’s revelation comes at a time when the Clay County School District, as a whole, is losing numbers in its overall enrollment. When that happens, the District is given less money from the state to fund its operations. At the same time, expenses are going up.

“We’re in a situation called declining enrollment here in Clay County,” said Charlie Van Zant Jr., superintendent for Clay County Schools. “We’ve lost about 600 students [districtwide].”

Van Zant said that 600-student drop equates to a loss of “about $3 million” in state funding to the District.

Another interesting phenomenon revealing itself in recent years is a drop in student populations in the Fleming Island area.

“Over the last few years, we’ve seen a drop in all of our schools on the [County Road] 220 corridor,” said Denise Adams, deputy superintendent for Clay County Schools.

However, schools in the Oakleaf Plantation area have seen an enrollment pattern going in the opposite direction. The Oakleaf area schools have all seen rising enrollment numbers.

Between the school years of 2012-2013 and the upcoming 2013-2014 these four schools have seen their enrollment numbers increase by 215 students. This number is an incredible contrast when compared to the seven schools on the 220 corridor whose enrollment numbers are dropping 312 students in the same period.

When asked if foreclosures or other changes in the housing market could be blamed for the decline, Adams said, it was difficult to tell.

“Neighborhoods age out,” Adams said. “Families come and go or their job moves them to other places.”

Meanwhile, the Oakleaf area growth is expected to increase, said Parrish.

“With the construction of the hospital on Branan Field Road, we expect growth in the area to continue,” said Parrish.
Meet Nancy Watson Winner of the STAR Discovery Educator Award

By Sarah Wakefield Rosser
Staff Writer

OAKLEAF — A lesson in science teacher Nancy Watson’s classroom always began with a quick challenge from the Discovery Education website or from a Common Core phone application, followed by a lab exercise.

Watson’s goal of incorporating technology into daily science lessons recently earned her the Star Discovery Educator Award for incorporating digital media and technology into daily lessons.

“There is a Chinese proverb that goes ‘Tell me, I’ll forget. Show me, I may remember. But involve me, and I’ll understand’,” Watson said.

Students retain information when they perform the lesson. In addition to reading about electromagnets, Watson’s students build them.

“The kids remembered about electromagnets the next year because they understand how it works,” Watson said, who was recently promoted to the county office as a K-12 science curriculum specialist.

The Discovery Education extracurricular program is an interactive option for Clay County School District teachers and something Watson found interesting and helpful. Free to both teachers and students, Discovery Education has videos and quizzes in a variety of subjects including science and math.

“I could assign a five-to-30 minute video for homework or extra credit to reinforce the lesson we talked about that day,” Watson said, who most recently taught science at Plantation Oaks Elementary before her June promotion. “Once the kids take the quiz, it notifies the teacher. The greatest thing is that they can take the quiz over and over to get 100 percent.”

The digital activities were so engaging, all but one or two of her students participated in every assignment. The lessons are age appropriate and available for every grade level. The interactive material supports the lesson taught in class, one of many tools that may have contributed to an increase in science Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test or FCAT scores from 18th to eighth in the state.

Incorporating digital media into coursework helps sharpen computer skills also necessary for being competitive in the global job market, a focus of Common Core State Standards that must be fully implemented by the start of the 2014 school year.

“It’s the future of a global economy and environment,” Watson said. “Their reach is limitless it gives them tools to adapt. I always tried to have real world, hands-on

Nancy’s Favorites

Favorite Restaurant: Japanese food, especially Sushiya
Candy: dark chocolate
Dream Vacation: Paris, France
Books: “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” and “To Kill a Mockingbird”
Quote: “Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see” – Mark Twain
Education: Bachelor’s of Science, Florida State University

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– Lee Oliver, principal of Plantation Oaks Elementary
Discount food store began as a ministry

By Weston Williams
Clay Today

DOCTORS INLET – When you think of a grocery store the last thing you would probably picture is a storage garage. However, many Clay County residents are putting the food on their table by taking a walk through the least likely of places.

The vapid elevator music flushed through the halls of supermarkets is replaced by a soft purr of fans, teasing you with a splash of relief from the heat as they rotate by. The shining, precisely configured jigsaw of a grocery isle is replaced with a garage sale configuration of dented cereal boxes, stacks of scratched cans and baskets of fruits. And at the checkout, the scripted lines from apathetic employees are replaced by a humble handshake and an attentive introduction.

This is what it’s like to first transition from a supermarket to DWP Discount Food and Fresh Produce, 1633 Farm Way, Unit 508, in front of the Orange Park South development.

The scratch and dent grocery store opened two years ago this month out of the back of Max Bryant’s drywall company location, after the economy tanked and his son-in-law Mark Ravenkamp suggested the idea to keep business going.

“We still had to pay the bills, so the Lord gave us a vision to help out the community so we decided we’re gonna start selling food out of the back,” said Ravenkamp. “So we started with just produce and groceries, and then I found a meat supplier, and it just took off.”

DWP is one of many “salvage grocery stores” that get their food from supermarkets that have to return groceries to their warehouses. A few reasons this may happen is if the supermarket orders more items than needed, a case is dropped — lightly damaging the packaging for a couple of cans or boxes — or even if the manufacturer changes the packaging or re-brands the item.

That unused inventory then ends up at these salvage stores, where you can buy them at rock-bottom prices. But with such a questionable way to obtain something as important as food, most people wouldn’t go as far to bet on their diets without some sort of insurance.

Mark Ravenkamp, center, works to unload a delivery of products he offers in his discount food store, DWP Discount Food and Fresh Produce, in the Doctors Inlet area fronting the Orange Park South subdivision. He said he began the store to help others who were in need through the recent tough economy.

SEE DISCOUNT, 27
Shakespeare enthusiasts find a home on Fleming Island

By Sarah Wakefield Rosser
Staff Writer

FLEMING ISLAND – Elaine Smith opened the library door, greeting attendees in a black shirt with the words “Will Power” across the front in large gold font.

Between the statement, scenes from Shakespearian plays such as “Macbeth,” “The Tempest” and “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” seemed to move around like miniature television screens as Smith passed out thick books.

Smith hosts what she calls a Round Robin Shakespeare reading group monthly at the Fleming Island Library and even in the hottest month of July when families vacation elsewhere, a handful of dedicated readers showed up to recite “King Henry VI, Part Three” aloud.

“These plays contain some of the most beautiful language in all of English literature,” Smith said. “They are plays. They are meant to be spoken. They are meant to be heard.”

At 6:30 p.m. on July 18, a group of six men and women sat down at a long table and opened a voluminous book containing the complete works of Shakespeare. Although scholars disagree on a qualified list of Shakespearian works, Round Robin Shakespeare will tackle more than 40.

“I’ve loved Shakespeare since I was a little girl,” said Orange Park resident Mavis Greene. “It’s really poetry and should be read aloud.”

Smith started the reading promptly and the story continued on with Greene, sitting to Smith’s right. No matter the gender, race or age of the next person, each character’s line is read completely by one person. Stage directions and details were read by Smith during the two-hour session.

The drama of the third act of “King Henry VI” unfolds when the Duke of York enters the empty throne room with his sons and is encouraged to take over the king’s throne. As York sits on the throne, Henry enters and asks York to step down. York publicly claims the throne and Henry defends his hereditary custody of the crown.

Sensing York’s false claim, Henry asks York to let him rule while he lives, and he will pass the throne on to the house of York after his death. Henry’s wife, Queen Margaret cannot believe her husband’s bargain and calls him an unnatural father and a terrible ruler and everyone goes to war.

“It’s a good opportunity to educate myself,” said Mildred Smith, Elaine Smith’s mother. “I love reading and come when I can.”

Smith and her husband retired from 25 years of theatre and stage life in New York City and moved to Clay County, where Smith has family. As she unpacked a copy of “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare,” Smith realized she had never read all of the plays.

“This is in spite of having been a theatre major in undergraduate and graduate school, of having been in several productions of Shakespeare’s plays, having seen a few on-stage and screen and read a number of others,” Smith said. “It struck me as something I should change.”

Instead of settling down with that giant book and reading through the complete works in a matter of weeks, Smith invited her family, friends and other “like-minded people” to share in the experience of reading Elizabethan language out loud and in front of each other. At the same time as she was getting settled here, she heard of a program in Nashville, Tenn. called “Shakespeare Out Loud,” a stage company hosting a similar monthly get-together.

“I’m a little nervous about reading out loud,” said Jessica Loos, who read a few long passages with lots of encouragement.

With some of the names including 11 letters, Smith said stumbling is normal. In fact, she encourages it.

“Stumble and move on,” Smith said, who often helped stuck readers with unfamiliar words and names. “We’re all here to learn.”

Reservations are not required to the free event. No acting or stage experience is necessary and although gentlemen are encouraged to dress in doublet and hose most attendees show up in casual clothing.

Reading the words written by Shakespeare gives the reader a sense of empowerment. By the end of the reading, Shakespearian language feels normal and second nature.

“I’m here to get outside the box,” said Fleming Island resident Larry Sage, who often seeks out cultural opportunities.

“How many people are reading Shakespeare in Clay County?”

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John J. “Johnny” Salazar, 76, of Green Cove Springs, Fl passed away July 16, 2013. He was born on November 14, 1936 in San Ysidro, CA to parents, Albert and Elizabeth Dupuy Salazar. He was predeceased by his son, John (Di-ane) Salazar, grandparents, Tony and Jerusalem Salazar; brother, Bobby Salazar, sisters, Marian (LeLo) Diaz; sisters-in-law, Pam (Jeff) Gils-son and Carmen Hamlin; brothers-in-law, Randy (Robin) Pulliam and Mike (Erma) Pulliam; numerous nieces and nephews. The family received friends Sunday, July 21, 2013 at Broadus-Raines Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Memorial Services were held at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, July 24, 2013 in the Chapel of Helm-Gallahger Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Shiver officiating. Arrangements by HELM-GALLAGHER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES, 1811 Idlewild Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL, 904-284-9696, www.helmgallahgerher.com

ANTHONY LEE ROBERTS

Anthony Lee Roberts, age 31 of Middleburg, passed away, Monday, July 15, 2013. He was born March of 1982 in Jackson- ville to Duang Roberts and the late, Walter B. Roberts. Anthony enjoyed fishing and spending time with his nephews. He is survived by his mother, Duang Roberts, brother, Cho Roberts, sister, Mau-reen Hill and husband, Ronald all of Mid- dleburg, nephews, Nathaniel Hill, Nicholas Hill, Jaxon Hill and Andrew Roberts all of Middleburg, a niece, Brittany Barnhart of Missouri, aunts and uncles, Susan Parner, Tommy Roberts, Marilyn and Edwin Sweet and Maurice Roberts. He is also survived by numerous cousins. Memorial Services were held 11:00 AM, Wednesday, July 24, 2013 in the Chapel of Helm-Gallagher Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Shiver officiating. Arrangement by HELM-GALLAGHER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES, 1811 Idlewild Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL, 904-284-9696, www.helmgallahgerher.com

RICHARD HENRY JEFFERS


JIMMY W WHITENER

Jimmy W. Whitener, age 75, passed away July 20, 2013. He was born in Doc-tor’s Inlet, FL and had lived in Clay County all of his life. He retired from Clay Electric after 31 years of service. He was preceded in death by his parents: Dave and Irene Whitener, 2 brothers: Marvin and Don-ald Whitener and sister Pauline Watkins. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Jeanette Whitener, son, James “Gary” Whitener and daughter-in-law Teresa, 2 grandsons: Timothy (Raegan) and Christo-pher Whitener, and great grandson, Jack-son Rowdy Whitener. Funeral service were held Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of HARDAGE-GIDDENS RIVERMEAD FUNERAL HOME, 127 Blan-ding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32073 with Rev. Tony Silcox officiating. The family received friends from 10:00 AM until service time. Internment was in Peoria Cemetery, Doctor’s Inlet, FL. Please post tributes at www.hardage-giddensrivermead.com

DAVID LLOYD HENERY

David Lloyd Henery, Age 68, passed away peacefully on July 16 2013. Born on July 4, 1945, David grew up in Green Cove Springs, Florida. He was preceded in death by parents: William P. Heney and Myrtis Truett Heney, and brother Edward. He is survived by his daughter Jessica Heney. As a musician, teacher, and friend he touched many lives throughout the duration of his own. He had a career in music and music education, and came from a musical family. He graduated in 1963 from Clay High School and went on to enlist in the Army Reserve as well as attend both the University of Flor-ida and Jacksonville University, earning a degree in music. David was also an avid sports fan, Civil War buff, and a longtime fan of the Florida Gators.


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“That’s why we guarantee everything,” said Ravenkamp. “If someone buys a box of cereal, they bring it home and the bag is busted inside, they bring it back and we don’t hesitate to give them their money back.”

The grocery garage is certified with state health and food distribution permits, yet sells the same food you would get at a regular chain grocery store for up to 75 percent discounted prices.

“It’s all good, it’s just the grocery stores want everything nice and pretty,” said Ravenkamp. “They’re just dented cans, with the best by date and everything.”

“It’s a great way to save money,” said Flo Robertson, a frequent DWP shopper. “The produce is most likely organic, even though it’s not advertised as such, because it’s local grown and traded.”

Walking around the store, it’s an almost spectacle to see things like boxes of cake mixes for $1, normally five dollar Quaker oatmeal for only $2 and every cereal for sale going at the flat rate of $2.

However, the prices aren’t the only shock you find when you walk through the shopper-filled garage.

“We tell our customers if they have something they want to barter with us for, we barter with them,” said Ravenkamp. “We’ll have locals come bring in a box of grapefruits they grow in their yards, trade it in, and we’ll give them $20 credit.”

Along with special bartering options the store accepts SNAP and holds a customer appreciation day every three months where free hot dogs, snacks, and other baked goods from local vendors are given out around the unit.

“The Lord gave us a vision,” Ravenkamp repeated. “We had to help out the community.”

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The process of Gretchen’s move was overseen by Wendy Kaplan. She called the process a group effort.

“It was a case of right time, really awesome people,” Kaplan said.

Her request for aid on Facebook found people in North Carolina and New Jersey willing to drive to Clay County and give Gretchen a new loving home.

Gretchen, while nervous at first, was reported to be very well-behaved during the trip. By all accounts, the adoption was a success. Kaplan said that her new pet “adores her” and those involved agree that she has adjusted well to her new life.

Gretchen was not the first of the dogs to be taken in, nor would she be the last. Three of the dogs were taken in by two different shelters. Rose, the most malnourished of the 10, was taken in by Jacksonville-based Pit Sisters. She is now listed as “coming soon” on the organization’s adoption page. The other two, Baby Girl and Roxy Lynn, were taken in by the Safe Animal Shelter in Doctos Inlet. They are also up for adoption as of this month. Of the remaining five, four—Mama Dog, Brenda, PJ, and Snoopy—have been adopted.

The last dog, Diva, is in a foster home. All of them were placed thanks in part to the efforts of the Friends of Clay County Animals group, who continued to post pictures of the dogs until all were saved.

While the story has ended happily for most of the evicted dogs, some still face an uncertain fate. Rose, Baby Girl, Roxy Lynn, and Diva—while safe—are still without a permanent home. Dubbed longtimers, there are many other animals remaining in the shelter, some of whom have been there for an extended period.

The Friends of Clay County Animals continues to post their pictures in the hopes that one of them will be adopted.
Summer Feeding services Provides nutritious meals

By Tatila Brock
Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS—A group of 27 children and a few parents lined up at the Charles E. Bennett cafeteria door 10 minutes before noon. They were waiting to eat a nutritious lunch, consisting of whole-grain-bread, chicken nuggets, a whole-grain biscuit, green beans, fruit and a carton of milk.

The Summer Feeding Service has been providing an estimated 8,000 free breakfasts and 14,000 lunches each year to people 18 and younger for the past decade. It also offers anyone over the age of 18 these same meals for $1.50.

“It’s nice to see the kids come in with a smile on their faces,” said Lisa Sutherland, the cafeteria manager at Bennett. “It makes us feel good about ourselves knowing we are giving these kids a nutritious meal.”

Last Friday, the summer feeding camp served 126 meals to children who were participating in the S.T.E.M. camp hosted by the Augusta Savage Community Center in Green Cove Springs.

On a daily basis, the Bennett feeding service gives out 60 to 100 meals, said Sutherland.

There are five other Summer Feeding locations throughout Clay County, including Grose Park Elementary, Keystone Heights Elementary, S. Bryan Jennings Elementary, W.E. Cherry Elementary and Wilkinson Elementary.

“It is mandate by the USDA [United States Department of Agriculture], so we have to have a summer feeding program. It is all based around free and reduce percentages at each school,” said

Packing Fun into School Lunches

STATEPOINT—Parents would love to believe that their children relish every lunch they pack for them, but the reality is many items you send in their lunch boxes will be traded or thrown away.

How do you prevent your kids from tossing aside your loving creations?

Here are some ways to make lunches more enjoyable for you to pack and more fun for kids to eat.

• Sandwich shape-up: Even your child’s favorite sandwich can get boring after she has had it for a few days in a row. Break out the cookie cutters and cut the sandwich into shapes, such as animals, hearts or numbers.

• Been there? Bun that: You can sneak in some fun: If your child loved dinner last night, let him enjoy it again. Invest in a small thermos and never forget dessert! Just be sure you have enough room for them to contain the food.

• Leftovers for lunch: For kids heading to college, ask your doctor about coordinating proper. Those who take the bus should be sure that the bus has the necessary gear for getting to school. Whether your child is biking or walking, teach him or her about traffic safety. For bikers, ensure helmets fit properly. Those who take the bus should be instructed to stay seated and listen to the bus driver. If the bus is equipped with seat belts, children should wear them.

• Bullies: A bully can pose a true threat to a child’s physical and mental well-being. Your pediatrician is well equipped to answer questions about mental health, too. Teach kids how to respond confidently to bullies and encourage them to tell an adult when there’s a problem. Remember, bullying can occur online too. So keep tabs of your children’s social media use.

• College health: For kids heading to college, ask your doctor about coordinating health care with the school.

More back to school health tips can be found at www.HealthyChildren.org.

Back to School Check-Ups:

What to ask the pediatrician

STATEPOINT – Between buying new school supplies and meeting your children’s teachers, back to school season is a busy time. But parents should not forget to prep for the school year by considering health and wellness.

Experts say the first step is to schedule a visit to the doctor.

“The start of a new school year is an excellent reminder to take kids to the pediatrician for their annual checkup,” says Dr. Thomas K. McInerny, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

To prepare for a healthy, safe and happy school year, the AAP is offering these tips for parents:

• Doctor’s visit: Make the most of your visit to the pediatrician by making a list of issues to discuss.

• Immunizations: Whether you’re the parent of a young child, a teen or a young adult heading to college, ask your pediatrician what immunizations your child is due to receive. Vaccines save lives and keep kids and adults healthy.

• Nutrition: Talk with your child’s pediatrician and school about healthful food choices. You can ask the school to stock the cafeteria and vending machines with nutritious food, such as fresh fruit, low-fat dairy products, water and 100 percent fruit juice. If you don’t like the options the school offers, pack lunch and snacks at home.

Limit soda consumption. Each 12-ounce soft drink contains approximately 10 teaspoons of sugar and 150 calories. Drinking just one can of soda a day increases a child’s risk of obesity by 60 percent.

• Exercise: Make sure your kids are getting plenty of exercise. Turn off the television and make time for sports teams, gymnastics classes and bike rides. Aim for at least an hour a day.

• Backpacks: Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back or a rolling backpack. Backpacks should never weigh more than 10 to 20 percent of your child’s body weight.

• Getting there: Make sure your child has the necessary gear for getting to school. Whether your child is biking or walking, teach him or her about traffic safety. For bikers, ensure helmets fit properly. Those who take the bus should be instructed to stay seated and listen to the bus driver. If the bus is equipped with seat belts, children should wear them.

• Sleep: Children and adolescents need plenty of sleep to be alert. A regular bedtime can help your child get on a healthy sleep schedule.

• Night school health tips can be found at www.HealthyChildren.org.
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Building a relationship with your child’s teacher matters

Once a school year begins, many stu-
dents spend more time in the classroom
with their teachers than they do at home
with their parents. That’s especially true in
dual-income households where both par-
ents work outside of the home.

Though many parents would love to
spend more time with their children, do-
ing so can be difficult when both parents
must go to work every day. Because kids
spend so much time with their teachers,
it’s important for parents to work toward
building a strong parent-teacher relation-
ship. Such a relationship fosters commu-
nication, which can help a young student
do his or her best in and out of the class-
room, something that’s a goal for parents
and teachers alike. Parents interested in
developing a strong relationship with their
kids’ teachers can take several steps to
make that happen.

Meet your child’s teacher

Meet your child’s teacher at the begin-
ing of the year. Teachers have many stu-
dents in and out of their classroom on
any given day, so it can be hard for teach-
ers to initiate a relationship with parents.
Parents have significantly fewer children
to look after, so they should take the first
step toward building a relationship with
teachers. Introduce yourself at the onset
of the school year, providing phone num-
bers and e-mail addresses where you can
be reached. Let the teacher know you’re
available for discussion any time during
the school year and that you look forward
to the coming school year and working with
the teacher as the year progresses.

Attend “Back to School Night”

Attend “Back to School Night.” School
events like an open house or a “Back to
School Night” are a great way to help kids
grow acclimated to their school. But such
events also make great opportunities for
parents to learn more about their kids’
teachers than they might have learned dur-
ing their introductory meeting. Such events
may allow teachers to explain the curricu-
lum for the upcoming year, and teachers
can feel encouraged when parents show
an active interest in such events.

Prioritize parent-teacher conferences

Prioritize parent-teacher conferences.
Parent-teacher conferences are a great
opportunity for parents to speak to their
children’s teacher one-on-one. Unlike an
introductory meeting or an open house at
the beginning of the school year, a parent-
teacher conference allows parents and
teachers to specifically discuss students in
private. Teachers may provide insight into
how a child is performing and behaving in
the classroom, offering advice as to how to
improve that performance or suggestions
as to how to encourage kids to keep up the
good work. Such conferences may be your
only opportunity for a one-on-one, in-per-
Lunch
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Susan Glover, food service director of Clay County Schools.

However, this year the Clay County Food and Nutrition Services Department has surpassed this mandate and added a Summer Feeding Bus, which is only a recommendation by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Going above what is mandated is common for Glover and her team.

At the Feb. 21, Clay County School Board meeting, Glover talked about the program she directs and how they are making sure the food service is running a cost efficient program.

"I often say our Food and Nutritional Department handles more than just hamburgers and hot dogs," Glover said. "We run a very complex program, and our department has put in place detailed policy and procedures to ensure that we not only run a cost effective program, but one we can be proud of."

The department kept the cost of both its breakfast and lunch program below the average for the 2012-2013 school year and even though the federal program recommends them to raise the current prices on Lunch and breakfast Glover has been able to keep the prices the same for the upcoming year since her department has been able to balance their budget so well.

"In addition to three months of operating expenses we ended 2011-2012 with additional funds ($402,206.23), which we are hoping these funds will be put back into the school cafeterias as well as in our menus so they can best benefit the students of Clay County," Glover told the School Board.

She has also had to make many changes in the types of food she serves according to the Healthy, Hunger-free Kids Act of 2010. It mandates all grains must be whole grain-rich starting the 2013 - 2014 school year, for both breakfast and lunch, students must select as least a half a cup of fruit or vegetable for the meal to be considered reimbursable and increase the quantities of fruits and vegetables from a fourth cup per day combined to one cup per day combined plus an additional half cup of fruit per day.

Glover also went above this mandate and provided a piece of whole fruit with each meal.

One of her goals with the money the school was returned by the school board was implementing different types of fruits and vegetables such as tangerines and squash.

She plans to accomplish this goal during the first month of the 2013-2014 school year by introducing the students to broccoli, the first Delicious Discoverer, a new program to introduce fruits and vegetables.

"The students will be given an "I tried it sticker" with a pamphlet including recipe and fun facts about the fruit or vegetable," said Glover.

Also, the students will get points to go toward the Twelfth Annual Fitness Challenge that gives away a Huffy Bike at the end of the school year. One-hundred and fifty bikes have been given away so far.

Other goals she mentioned at the school board meeting in February have been fulfilled already.

Green Cove Springs and Orange Park Junior High Schools have received new serving lines and she is working on making sure signage will be placed in high school cafeterias this school year. These two goals are a part of Glover marketing plan in hopes to get more secondary students to eat school lunch instead of heading to fast food restaurants once the dismissal bell rings.

A 13-year Clay County School District veteran, Glover has worked her way up from the bottom as an intern for the program, to a cafeteria manager and then a food service coordinator to her current role as the director.

"I have two children that attended Clay County Schools and it is important to me that they are eating good nutritional food," said Glover. "My motivation is my passion for Clay County schools and making sure the cafeterias is a festive place for the kids to eat."

Glover and her staff served more than 4.1 million meals to students in Clay County this past school year.

Keep the channels of communication open

Keep the channels of communication open. If it’s been awhile since you’ve spoken to your child’s teacher, don’t be afraid to e-mail the teacher to check in or see if you can lend a helping hand. In addition, if your child really enjoys a teacher’s class, don’t be hesitant to share that with the teacher.

Teachers appreciate compliments just like other professionals, and parents should express their gratitude to those teachers who are working hard to make learning fun for their youngsters.

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Florida SOL season ends 2-1
End of game flurry falls short
By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor
FLEMING ISLAND - A Cinderella-like season almost came down to a storybook finish, but Florida SOL midfielder Havana Solaun’s penalty kick score with just five minutes left in the game proved to be the SOL’s only score in their 2-1 loss in the Women’s Premiere Soccer League region championship game against the defending national champion Gulf Coast Texans of Pensacola.

“We had a bunch of corner kicks and good centering pass attempts but they were bunched up in front of the goal and

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OPAA Crush loses in 13-U state final
By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor
LAKE CITY - The Orange Park Crush 13-Under baseball team qualified for their fourth straight state title in four years, 2010 champs, 2011, 2012 runnerups, at Saturday’s North Florida State Championships in Lake City with a 9-1 semifinal win against Mandarin, but fell 8-6 to Tallahassee later in the championship final held at the Lake City Southside Baseball Complex.

In the final, against the same Tallahassee team that came back from a 7-0 OPAA lead to eventually win 11-8 in an earlier round game in the double elimination tournament, OPAA survived an error-filled first inning behind two strikeouts from pitcher Chris Chalfon

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Freestyler
Eagle Harbor Screaming Eagle freestyler Baylee Bernard splashes her way through her leg of the 4 x 50 relay at the First Coast Summer Swim League Championships held Sunday at Cecil Field Aquatic Center. See results and more pictures, page 40.
Tick-tock: Oakleaf football a month away

Pre-season mags tabbing Knights’ defense

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - It’s started. Actually, it started two weeks after the school year ended, but the 2013 football season will soon be upon us and the Oakleaf High Knights are training as hard as ever.

Football at Oakleaf High is going to have a different feel this year as head coach Derek Chipolletti’s Knights not only have to answer their six win, four loss, near playoff contender 2012 season, but have to play up to a standard just a bit higher this year.

“I know we are on other people’s radar and are not going to sneak into a game and be unknown,” said Chipolletti, while watching his troops during weightlifting, pass drills and even a little field sodding at Oakleaf High School. “Some of the boys are getting their names mentioned in the preseason magazines which is nice, but I’m still going to chew their butts in practice.”

The magazine-mentioned Knights’ players; seniors Darrion Owens, a linebacker; Aaron Duckworth, a running back, and Justin Todd, another linebacker; all seemingly understood their roles for the upcoming season.

Owens, a verbally committed to linebacker-strong University of Miami strong side linebacker, will undoubtedly be the defensive leader and go-to guy. Todd, with some offers from Mercer University and Florida International University, is the weakside linebacker. In the middle is sophomore Shaquille Quarterman, who was a silent workhorse for most of last season at the all-important middle position.

“That’s a good group,” said a coyly smiling Chipolletti. “They should be tested very early in the season. We’ll see if they withstand the test.”

Most of the Oakleaf boys have attended the numerous skills camps around the southeast with each taking different skill improvements away in hopes of refining their attack this fall.

“I was always standing up when the ball snapped and that let offensive linemen get under me,” said Quarterman, who traveled to camps at Southeastern Conference powers Georgia, Florida and Auburn. “They coached me to stay low.”

“My goal is to become more aggressive, maybe nasty,” said Todd, who saw Orange Park High’s 35-0 drubbing and now-district rival Fleming Island as his two key games to look forward to this year. “Orange Park should have never beaten us like that and Fleming Island is now in our district.”

Owens, a towering 6-foot-4 and solid 220 pound three-year starter, likes his outside linebacker duties after switching from safety.

“Every game count.”

Chipoletti’s offense woes definitely won’t be in the backfield with Duckworth returning and newcomer Keylan Brown, a former St. Johns Country Day School star with 1,995 in his first year there, and sophomore Deonte Adams, an Orange Park Junior High standout.

“Those three can run the ball for sure,” said Chipolletti. “New quarterback, wide receivers and young offensive line will be our concern.”

Jaguars in town

Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Cecil Shorts II will be a key figure in new head coach Gus Bradley’s search for the winning formula in the final mini-camp workouts which start July 26 at Everbank Field. Fans are invited to attend practices from July 26-29 and July 31-Aug. 2 – all begin at 9:55 a.m. on the fields outside EverBank Field. The Jaguars are expected to start wearing pads on July 31.
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ton that allowed the OPAA fans to let their collective breaths out.

With their ensuing at bats, OPAA scored first after a walk to Michael Styron and a double from Tyler Less setup an RBI-single to Connor Solomon.

OPAA would score again in the third inning with an RBI-double from Justin Stadelmaier pushing Collier Summer across home plate.

Up 2-0, Chafton got rocked with two walks and a single loading the bases to bring in Andy Yarbrough to finish pitching for the day. A long popout scored one, a single scored two and a final triple put Tallahassee up 4-2.

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_Staff photos by Randy Lefko_

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Close play at home
OPAA catcher Kevin Jackson tries to find ball (on left shoulder) as Tallahassee baserunner heads to home plate.

**Jackie Robinson Foundation rewards two Clay County grads**

*$30,000 foundation scholarship*

NEW YORK – The Jackie Robinson Foundation has made its first round of selections for the new college Scholars’ Class of 2017 and two Clay County students have been chosen to receive $30,000 in college grant money, according to a July 16 press release from the Jackie Robinson Foundation in New York.

Steven Matos-Torres, of Orange Park, and a graduate of Episcopal High School in Jacksonville, and Jaira Walker, a graduate of Oakleaf High School, will be among the freshmen class that joins 129 JRF undergraduate Scholars and 11 graduate Fellows, bringing the total to 194 minority students sponsored by the JRF and its partners for the new academic year. Matos-Torres will attend Swarthmore College (Pa.) in the fall. Walker, of Orange Park, will attend Williams College (Mass.) in the fall.

The Class of 2017 represents 19 states, will attend 43 colleges and universities, and has indicated a broad variety of intended major fields of study.

“Once again, we are delighted to welcome a new, impressive class of Scholars to the fold,” said JRF President and CEO Della Britton Baeza. “Through our comprehensive mentoring and leadership program, these highly motivated young men and women join a rich 40-year history of excellence. As we guide them through the process of higher education, I’m confident that they will continue in the Robinson Family’s and this Foundation’s tradition of public service and leadership.”

About the Jackie Robinson Foundation: Established in 1973 by Rachel Robinson, wife of the iconic baseball player and civil rights leader, the Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) is the nation’s premier education and leadership development program.

Transcending financial assistance, the Foundation equips its scholarship recipients with a comprehensive set of support services including internship placement, career guidance, and practical life skills, resulting in a nearly 100% graduation rate, more than twice the national average for minority students. The over 1,400 JRF alumni are both leaders in their professional fields and consummate ambassadors of Jackie Robinson’s legacy of community service.
Clay County-based Florida Falcons end season with 34-30 loss

Some of Clay County's best former high school football players ended another season with the Gridiron Developmental Football League's Florida Falcons with a 34-30 loss to the Florida Stingrays Saturday night at The Bolles School in Jacksonville.

Clay guys

Former Clay High football standouts Adrian "Ace" Hampshire, left, and Ulysses "Boobie" Tobler smile while defense plays at Florida Falcons' final home game on Saturday at The Bolles School in Jacksonville. Hampshire is an offensive lineman. Tobler played quarterback.

Clay nosetackle

Former Clay High lineman Corey Babcock gets set for next play as Florida Falcons' defensive nosetackle.

RHS punter

Former Ridgeview High punter/quarterback Chris Cerge punts away for Florida Falcons.

FIHS LB

Former Fleming Island High linebacker Richard Pickett, No. 42, has been a stable defensive stalwart for Florida Falcons.

Clay guys with Jaguars guy

Former Clay County high football stars, left to right, Ulysses "Boobie" Tobler, Floyd Gibbs, James Ezell and David "Poncho" Evans get a picture with Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end Tyson Alualu during halftime at the Falcons' Saturday game against the Florida Stingrays. Tobler, Gibbs and Evans all played at Clay High. Ezell played at Ridgeview High.

TD Run

Former Ridgeview High running back James Ezell sprints downfield for touchdown for Florida Falcons in Saturday's home game against Florida Stingrays.

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Mega Adoption Event This Weekend
**Check Air Conditioning System**

While air conditioning can be a drag on fuel economy in stop-and-go driving, keeping the windows up and the a/c on improves fuel economy and is ideal on the highway. Plus, it will keep the driver and passengers comfortable and reduce driver fatigue. Have your air conditioning system checked annually. If your car’s a/c is not getting cold, chances are you have a leak in the system. Adding refrigerant will only solve the problem temporarily, so invest in a proper repair. Some a/c systems have a cabin air filtration system. Check your owner’s manual to see how often the filter should be changed. And if you see a little water dripping from your car, don’t worry. The a/c system drains condensation when it’s working properly.

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**Fleming Island wrestling signee**

Fleming Island High 132-pound wrestler Victor Espada sits with parents, Jay and Karlyn Espada, during college signing to attend Edinboro University in Pennsylvania. Espada, a two-year varsity wrestler, had a 37-4 record his senior year. Behind the Espadas, are, left to right, P.J. Cobbert, Fleming Island assistant wrestling coach, Taylor Espada, 11, Kim Tierney, Andrin Espada, in back row, left to right, Julian Leone, Parker Campbell, Chase Robison, Xavier Sampsell, FISH head wrestling coach Travis Cunningham, and Devin Ferrar.

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**CHS’ Fountain gets NFWO scholarship**

Clay High wrestler Justin Fountain, center, accepts trophy and Pat Fairfax Scholarship grant during gathering with, left to right, Rene Fonseca, NFWO officials, Clay wrestling coach Jim Reape, Hunter Hill, Clay assistant wrestling coach, Pete Baker, Fountain’s step-dad, and Pat Fairfax.

Special to Clay Today

Clay High’s Justin Fountain, a four-year varsity wrestler, received the Pat Fairfax Scholarship to use at the University of West Florida.

Pat Fairfax, president of the North Florida Wrestling Officials, has been a fixture in Florida wrestling for 40 years. After a stellar wrestling career at Nathan B. Forrest High School, Fairfax went into officiating. Three years ago, Fairfax teamed up with former Fleming Island High School and Lakeside Junior High wrestling coach Jeff Jordan to create wrestling scholarships to benefit worthy student athletes.

Fountain, second at the 2013 FHSAA State Wrestling Championships, graduated with a 3.9 grade point average and four trips to Lakeland Civic Center as a state meet qualifier with a fifth place finish in 2012.

"Justin was an anchor for our Clay High teams that finished second in the state meet for the last three years," said Clay High wrestling coach Jim Reape. "Under his leadership, Clay also finished third and fifth at the last two AAI Scholastic Duals National Tournaments held at ESPN’s Wide World of Sports in Kissimmee."

Fountain finished his high school career with 160 wins and plans to study zoology.
Solaun, a former Gainesville Buchholz player now at the University of Florida. "I really thought our goal was going to get us some momentum in the last five minutes."

In fact, the Solaun goal did fuel a late game flurry by SOL's front line of Solaun, Kaili Torres, Rebecca Wann and Christine Dzegede.

"First, these girls played their hearts out against the defending national champions who finished undefeated like us in regular season play," said SOL coach Luis Torres. "We tried to get them out of the middle of the field, but they were good. That's why they are defending champs."

The Texans, 9-0-1, scored an impressive 23 goals with just four goals against while the Florida SOL nearly matched that record with 23 goals and just five against the SOL defense.

"What makes it difficult is we don’t get to have the same team each game because our team has players from around the country," said Torres, who has directed the SOL squad since 2011. "We didn’t have some key players today; Annie Bobbit and Megan Dorcey on defense, Emma Cooksey and Tessa Andujar on offense. That makes it tough against a great team like today."

With 6:25 off the clock, Wann, who scored three goals last week in Florida SOL’s Sunday conference championship win over the Miami Surge, rifled through the middle of the clogged Texans’ defense and dropped a ball off to the right foot of Solaun. Solaun powered a strong shot that missed wide.

"We had plenty of shots, but nothing got through," said Wann.

Florida SOL kept the pressure on with two misses on corner kicks just before the half.

Near the 39:00 mark of the first half, the Texans got deep behind Florida SOL’s defense and created a one-on-one for Wilson in goal that ended with Wilson getting a hand on the shot, but not enough to prevent the goal.

"I hit it with my hand, but she hit it opposite the way I leaped and I just stretched to knock it down," said Wilson, a Clay High standout heading to the University of Arkansas-Little Rock with SOL teammate Maddie Hartley, a Fleming Island High School standout.

Torres was going to try a different offensive approach in the second half with the score just 1-0.

"Their defense kept us from pushing the ball deep into the corners," said Torres. "At the half, we were going to try and push harder to the back line and turn toward the goal and shoot from the outside rather than loft a center header pass. It worked and got us in on the edge of the goal post."

At 51:00, with Fleming Island High’s Katie Nimitz now manning the goalfront, the Texans went right to work and push a right-to-left cross pass through the SOL defense to go up 2-0.

At 68:00, Torres punched a 40 yard penalty kick that found Wann’s head, but landed in the Texan goalies hands.

"We needed to get a rebound or deflection in front of the net and we weren’t getting it," said Torres.

At 75:00 and at 78:00, SOL could not bank on two corner kicks.

Solaun got her penalty kick off a Texan handball penalty kick at 85:00 on the clock and a Texan injury gave some extra time at game’s end.

"They gave us the three minutes of injury time back and I told them to just keep pushing forward," said Torres. "They played two or three wide defensively to eat the clock."
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**Police Briefs**

**Fleming Island man faces more charges**

FLEMING ISLAND — Additional charges have been brought against a Fleming Island man charged with renting a home for the purposes of manufacturing drugs.

James Robert Greathouse, 38, and his wife Angel Leann Greathouse were first arrested July at a home in the 6200 block of Windward Court in the Island Forest neighborhood.

While in the custody of Clay County Sheriff’s Office authorities, James Robert Greathouse, 38, was also charged with possession of a firearm and possession of ammunition by a convicted felon.

According to the police report, Greathouse had help moving the illicit drugs. The report states that after further investigation, “it was determined that J. Greathouse, [Bernadette Rose] Thomas and [Gary Alan] Harper conspired to traffic with possession of a firearm and possession of ammunition by a convicted felon. After a search warrant was obtained, officials found two firearms and a magazine with nine rounds in the house.

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**Middleburg man faces DUI, abuse charges**

MIDDLEBURG — What seemed like a routine DUI led authorities to arrest a Middleburg man to be charged with seven different charges.

John Lee Guilford, 49, was witnessed July 18 by a Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officer unsteadily stumbling into and out of a gas station in the 2400 block of Blanding Boulevard. The uniformed FWC officer “made contact with the defendant while he was in the driver’s seat of his vehicle with the vehicle engine running,” stated the Clay County Sheriff’s Office police report.

Two small children were observed in the rear seat of the vehicle. Guilford was asked to place the keys on the dashboard, but when the FWC officer stepped back from the vehicle to perform a license check, he fled with his two daughters in the back seat.

According to the report, witnesses saw Guilford drive through a red traffic light at Blanding Boulevard and Palmetto Avenue before continuing south. Guilford’s car “struck a vehicle in the rear sending it into a utility pole, approximately 20 foot high…which snapped at the base falling into Blanding Blvd…,” according to the police report. The wires were electrified and nearly struck several vehicles. The driver who struck the poll was taken to Orange Park Medical Center with a leg injury.

Guilford continued south on Blanding Boulevard weaving in and out of traffic and hit “another vehicle which caused [him] to lose control, crossing a grassy median and struck a curb on the northbound lanes of Blanding Boulevard…,” stated the report. Witnesses helped the children until rescue officials arrived.

Clay County Fire and Rescue assisted children with “visible abrasions to their chins and legs.” Witnesses said “the children weren’t belted in their seat by the rear seat seatbelts [and] were transported to Orange Park Medical Center,” according to the report.

Guilford had “bloodshot, watery eyes and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person,” stated the report. He refused medical help and a field sobriety exercise. A search by authorities revealed Guilford’s license was revoked for 60 months beginning in March. He faces two counts of habitual traffic offender, fleeing and attempting to elude police, DUI, DUI with damage to property, failure to stop at an accident involving injuries and aggravated abuse. At press time, he remained in the Clay County Jail where his bond is set at $75,017.

**Middleburg man charged with Cultivation of Marijuana**

MIDDLEBURG — Clay County Sheriff’s Officers responded to a call reporting domestic abuse on Tilis Lane and eventually arrested a man on unrelated charges.

A woman claimed her husband, James Martin Bramlett, 49, choked her, but officials determined she had not been choked. Bramlett hit pillars out of his wife’s hand after she attempted to over dose on prescription medication, according to the police report. She was taken into custody, detained and transported to Orange Park Medical Center for observation where she advised authorities that Bramlett was growing marijuana.

Meanwhile, authorities on Tilis Lane observed several small marijuana plants on the car port in plastic buckets, stated the report. Once police saw the plants, “Bramlett spontaneously stated that the plants were from a past resident,” according to the report. Other marijuana plants chest high were observed growing in the wood line.

After Bramlett signed a voluntary consent to search wavier, “a search of J. Bramlett’s property revealed 12 marijuana plants,” said the report. Nine of the plants ranged from eight inches to 12 inches tall. Three other plants stood more than three feet tall.

“Due to the fact that J. Bramlett is the caregiver of his father-in-law, who has medical conditions and is bed ridden, he was not arrested for cultivation at this time,” stated the police report. The 12 marijuana plants were collected and entered into evidence for safe keeping.

Almost two weeks after the authorities were called to the 1800 block of Tilis Lane, an active warrant for Bramlett’s arrest. He was taken to the Clay County Jail for booking and has been released on an undisclosed bond.

**DUI results in injuries, arrests**

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Two Keystone Heights men are being held in Clay County Jail on $50,003 bond each for an accident allegedly causing serious bodily injury while driving under the influence.**

After a lengthy investigation by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a crash in January involved three vehicles. Dylan Wayne Cochran, 20, was driving northbound on County Road 214. Jacob Carl Careme, 32, was traveling south.

Cochran’s car traveled into the south bound lane and struck Careme head on, causing his car “to spin around and hit vehicle three in the front right side,” according to State of Florida traffic crash report. The driver of the third vehicle “reported no injuries and refused transport,” stated the report. Both Cochran and Careme were suspected of alcohol use and given blood tests.

According to the report, “Cochran had a blood-alcohol level of .072 around the time of the crash.”

No drugs were identified in his system. The results of the blood test revealed Careme “did not have any ethyl alcohol in his blood around the time of the crash.” This case is still active and pending with the State Attorney office. At press time, Careme and Cochran were both held in the Clay County Jail on $50,003 bond.

**Middleburg man charges with animal cruelty, false imprisonment**

MIDDLEBURG — A Middleburg man was caught on film killing a kitten, an act that recently led to his arrest.

Stephen, Jonathan Daniel, 29, placed a kitten on the sidewalk at the 2600 block of Blanding Boulevard and “struck it multiple times with an unknown object causing it to die,” according to the Clay County Sheriff’s Office police report. The crime was recorded by video surveillance at a nearby business, which led to the identification of Daniel, who confessed to the crime and was charged with torturing an animal with intent to inflict cruel death.

According to the report, “the cat did not appear to have any external injuries, was of normal mass, and the fur and coat were fine.” There were no indications to support Daniel’s claim that the cat was injured and needed to be killed. Daniel was interviewed at the Clay County Jail where he was incarcerated on unrelated charges. He is also incarcerated for simple domestic battery and false imprisonment. At press time, he remains in jail where his total bail is set at $115,008.

**Woman charged with aggravated assault**

ORANGE PARK — An argument in front of Orange Park Medical Center between a couple led to the arrest of an Orange Park woman for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. A friend drove Whitney Lynn Wilhite, 25, to the medical center to get checked out for a traffic accident she was in earlier that day. Wilhite, who lived with her boyfriend for five years, was upset and he did not stay with her while in the hospital. According to the victim’s statement, Wilhite “became very upset because he was not going to stay at the hospital with the ‘defendant’ and started yelling. Wilhite then grabbed a pair of scissors out of her purse” and “had the scissors in her right hand and went towards the victim aggressively in a swinging motion and was trying to stab the victim,” stated the Clay County Sheriff’s Office police report. Once authorities arrived on scene, Wilhite put the scissors back in her purse. The police report said Wilhite “changed her story numerous times and also appeared to be under the influence of some type of narcotic drug.” Wilhite’s boyfriend did not want her to go to jail. He did not have any injuries and stated he did not need rescue. He was given a domestic violence packet, but did not fill out any forms. Wilhite was cleared by OPMC and transported to Clay County Jail. At press time, Wilhite was being held without bond.
Arrests

Tuesday, July 23
Baker, Zachary, 25, Orange Park, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Bridenbaker, Timothy, 20, Middleburg, CCSO, Contempt Of Court - DWLSR
Bird, Carson, 21, Keystone Heights, CCSO, VOP – Possession Of Cocaine, Introduction Of A Warrant
Birch, Jensen, 19, Middleburg, CCSO, Trespassing After Warning
Bookman, Preston, 67, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP – Possession Of Credit Card
Bowen, Anthony, 19, Jacksonville, CCSO, Contempt Of Court - DWLSR
Bowen, Kendall, 21, Middleburg, CCSO, Violation Of Probation
Box, Todd, 29, Middleburg, CCSO, Aggravated Battery On Pregnant Woman
Breeden, Robert, 29, Orange Park, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Bridenbaker, Timothy, 20, Middleburg, CCSO, Contempt Of Court - DWLSR
Brinkley, David, 37, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Brown, Jennifer, 29, Middleburg, CCSO, Failure To Appear
Brown, John, 29, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Brown, Kelly, 33, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Brown, Kevin, 32, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Brown, Lisa, 39, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Brown, Robert, 19, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Brown, Sue, 42, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Bryan, Joshua, 25, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Bryan, Matthew, 17, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Bryan, William, 24, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Budrow, Robert, 36, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Bunnell, Justin, 31, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Burrin, Bradley, 29, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Busby, Samuel, 26, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Butterworth, Dean, 20, Orange Park, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Butler, Jordan, 20, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Bylaws, Brandon, 19, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Byrd, William, 21, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender

case number: 13AF040060

Garrett David McCoy
WM, 20 YOA, 9/30/92, 5’10”, 155 lbs
Last Known Address:
Andy’s Drive, Jacksonville, 32244
Bond: $12,508
Case Number: 13AF040060

Charges:
Aggravated Assault/Battery/Grand Theft

Monday, July 22
Bradshaw, Carl, 26, Middleburg, CCSO, Aggravated Battery On Pregnant Woman
Cantlon, Alicia, 34, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Carver, Dylan, 21, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Christiansen, Blake, 20, Jacksonville, Possession Of Instrument Or Material To Make Counterfeit Driver’s Licenses
Doherty, John, 48, Middleburg, CCSO, FTA - Escape
Duckworth, Amanda, 26, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender
Eveland, Eugene, 26, Middleburg, CCSO, DWLSR – Habitual Traffic Offender

CLAY’S MOST WANTED
CRIME WATCH

**Thefts**
- 7/09 a Florida license plate was stolen from a vehicle at a residence on Havengate in Green Cove Springs.
- 7/09 two unattended cell phones were stolen from a display at the Hess Express Station on Blanding Boulevard in Middleburg.
- 7/09 a Florida license plate was stolen from a vehicle at a residence on Gentle-breeze Road in Middleburg.
- 7/09 an unattended cell phone was stolen from the restroom at the Kangaroo Station on Blanding Boulevard in Middleburg.
- 7/08 a Florida license plate decal was stolen from a vehicle at a residence on Spruce Street in Green Cove Springs.
- 7/08 a bicycle was stolen from the porch of a home on Plainfield Avenue in Orange Park.
- 7/08 an air conditioning unit was stolen from a vacant residence on Sandy Court in Orange Park.
- 7/07 a boat trailer was stolen from the side of a house on Crystal Lake Road in Keystone Heights.
- 7/07 a ladder was stolen from the bed of a pickup truck at a residence on Loumat Court in Orange Park.

**Arrests**

Sinclair, Kalyne, 20, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Petit Theft-Retail
Snow, Antonio, 18, Orange Park, CCSO, Burglary, Grand Theft - Value $300-$4,999, Grand Theft From A Dwelling
Stafford, Ronald, 46, Orange Park, CCSO, DUI With Damage To Property
White, Travis, 22, Orange Park, CCSO, Retail Theft

**Friday, July 19**
- Adams, Thomas, 60, Middleburg, CCSO, Lewd Or Lascivious Molestation
- Baker, Darren, 20, Middleburg, CCSO, Dealing In Stolen Property, Giving a Pawn Broker False Owner Info
- Bradley, Caleb, 19, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Cole, Ricky, 24, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Capital Sexual Battery
- Deman, Billie, 41, Keystone Heights, CCSO, VOP-Petit Theft
- Fisher, Roxann, 37, Ponte Vedra Beach, CCSO, DUI
- Griffin, Timothy, 34, Orange Park, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control
- Harper, Gary, 36, Middleburg, CCSO, Sale And Delivery Of Hydromorphone
- Juvenile Offender, 15, CCSO, Simple Battery (Domestic)
- Kahric, Armin, 21, Jacksonville, CCSO, DWLSR
- Lec, James, 55, Jacksonville, CCSO, Criminal Mischief, Petit Theft, Trespassing
- Mcclain, Wendell, 62, Jacksonville, CCSO, Contempt Of Court
- Mixon, Cotin, 28, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Grand Theft, VOP - Dealing In Stolen Property, VOP - Giving a Pawn Broker False Owner Info
- Rainey, William, 20, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Schermerhorn, Andrew, 20, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis
- Sendrich, Patricia, 45, Keystone Heights, CCSO, VOP - DUI
- Ward, Tre, 18, Orange Park, CCSO, Petit Theft-Retail

**Thursday, July 18**
- Angelo, Joyce, 31, Middleburg, CCSO, Two Counts of Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon
- Aponte, Fernando, 21, Orange Park, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control
- Barnowski, William, 18, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Battery (Domestic)
- Bramlett, James, 49, Middleburg,
- Entry was made by forcing open the rear door.
- 7/08 jewelry, money, a television, and other items were stolen from an apartment on Jefferson Avenue in Orange Park. There were no signs of forced entry.
- 7/08 copper wire was stolen from two homes under construction on Camp Ridge Lane in Middleburg.
- 7/08 copper wire was stolen from a home under construction on Plantation Oaks Boulevard in Oakleaf Plantation.
- 7/06 bottles of various liquor and DVDs were stolen from a residence on Silver Sands Circle in Keystone Heights. Entry was made by breaking out the front door.

**Burglary to Structures**
- 7/09 copper tubing was stolen from two residences under construction on Plantation Oaks Boulevard inside Oakleaf Plantation.
- 7/09 a window air conditioning unit was stolen from a residence on Hattie Nolan Road in Middleburg. Entry was made by kicking open the rear door.
- 7/09 graffiti was spray painted on the walls throughout a residence on Hattie Nolan Road in Middleburg. Entry was made by kicking open the front door.
- 7/09 items were thrown around at a residence on Hattie Road in Middleburg.
- 7/09 items were thrown around at a vacant residence on Hattie Nolan Road in Middleburg.
- 7/09 signs of forced entry.
- 7/10 a vehicle was rummaged through and a wallet was stolen while parked at a home on Cotton Glover Drive inside the Cannons Point section of Oakleaf Plantation. There were no signs of forced entry.
- 7/08 the radio was stolen from a vehicle at the Bluff House Apartments on Wells Road in Orange Park. Entry was made by breaking out the passenger side window.
- 7/08 the vehicle registration and tag decal were stolen from the glove box of an unlocked vehicle at an apartment complex on Burwick Avenue in Orange Park.
- 7/07 three installed CD players were stolen from three vehicles parked at an apartment complex on Wells Road in Orange Park.

**Criminal Mischief**
- 7/08 four windows were broken out on a shed in the rear of a residence on Canis Drive West in Orange Park.
- 7/08 the side window was broken at a residence on Linden Lane in Orange Park.
- 7/08 nothing was missing from the residence.
- 7/07 three vehicles had all four tires removed from their tires while parked at a residence on Derrick Court in the Coppergate community, just north of Middleburg.
- 7/07 two tires were slashed on a pickup truck parked on Mercury Drive in Orange Park.
- 7/07 the front window was broken with a lime at a residence on Clairmore Boulevard in Orange Park.
- 7/06 the driver’s side window was damaged on a vehicle parked at a residence on Trishwood Court in Middleburg. No entry to the vehicle was made.
- 7/06 screws were found inserted in the right rear tire on a vehicle three times in the last week while the vehicle was parked at a McDonald’s on Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park.
- 7/06 the flag pole was pushed over and breaking the front window at a residence on Sweetbriar Drive in Orange Park.

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**Clay County Sheriff’s Office Most Wanted**

As of Monday, July 22

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*Editor’s Note: The Clay County Sheriff’s Office provides photographs and related information about suspects appearing in Clay Today’s Most Wanted section. Anyone with information on these suspects is asked to call CCSO at 284-7575.*
Arrests

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CGSO, Cultivation Of Marijuana
Browning, Ryan, 26, Jacksonville, CCSO, FTA - DUI, FTA - DWLSR
Carem, Jacob, 32, Keystone Heights, CCSO, DUI With Serious Bodily Injury To Another
Clark, Sachiko, 37, Orange Park, CCSO, Child Neglect
Cone, Jon, 53, Orange Park, CCSO, Aggravated Battery With A Deadly Weapon
Culliton, Kyle, 23, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of a Counterfeit Schedule II Drug With Intent To Sell
Desir, Gregory, 44, Middleburg, CCSO, Habitual Traffic Offender, DWLSR, DUI, Aggravated Abuse, Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude Police, FHP, Failure To Remain At Crash Involving Damage
Falin, Jennifer, 24, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Petit Theft
Hillman, Michael, 21, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control
Irmer, Robert, 18, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Felony Battery
Jenkins, Elaine, 65, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, VOP - False Official Statement
Jenkins, Frank, 45, Middleburg, CCSO, Contempt Of Court
Johnson, Anthony, 23, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Felony Battery
Jones, Harrell, 46, Nahuna, GA, Contempt Of Court - Child Support
Juvenile Offender, 14, CCSO
Jeannette, 19, Jacksonville, CCSO, Domestic Battery
Kee, Alexis, 23, Jacksonville, CCSO, Retail Theft
Killough, Marvin, 26, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis
Lindsey, Nathan, 27, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Lovett, Chakiera, 23, Jacksonville, CCSO, Retail Theft
Olson, Caroline, 36, Middleburg, CCSO, Petit Theft
Ottten, Myosha, 22, Orange Park, CCSO, Uttering A Forged Instrument
Patterson, Kristopher, 32, Jacksonville, CCSO, Misdemeanor Simple Battery, Forging Check, Violate Probation - Community Control
Ramirez, Maritza, 35, Miami, CCSO, Burglary Of Unoccupied Dwelling, Petit Theft
Robbins, Justin, 28, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Harmful New Drug, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Thomas, Bernadette, 39, Middleburg, CCSO, Conspiracy To Traffic In More Than 10 g. Of MDMA
Wiltie, Whitney, 25, Orange Park, OPBD, Giving False Name Or ID, Violate Probation - Community Control
Young, Joseph, 47, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Contempt Of Court - Expired Driver's License

Police

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Woman accused of trying to cut husband with knife
MIDDLEBURG — Clay County Sheriff's Office authorities arrested a woman for committing aggravated domestic battery. Allegedly, Carolyn Wyman McClary, 53, hit her husband with the handle of a knife and caused "a cut to his finger when he took the took the knife" from her.
McClary's sister-in-law said she came into the kitchen and witnessed McClary "swinging the knife" at her husband. The sister-in-law called the Sheriff's office after McClary told her to get out and "wet the to the kitchen and grabbed another knife," stating the police report.
There were children in the home at that time according to the report. Authorities arrived to find McClary's husband with "a cut on his hand and scraps on his face." McClary was placed under arrest. At press time, McClary had a scheduled bond hearing July 23.

Calendar

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NAVY BAND: Navy Band Southeast's Sax Quartet Aug. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fleming Island Main Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd, free, open to all ages.

MIDDLEBURG HISTORY: Presentation by Kevin Hooper at Middleburg Clay Hill Library, 2245 Aster Ave., Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Drawings for door prizes.

CONCERT: Great Vision performances, Russell Baptist Church, 2299 Sandridge Rd., Aug. 9 at 7 p.m., (904) 284-3951. Offerings will be taken.

FISHING TOURNAMENT: Inaugural Bass Fishing Tournament to benefit the Dave David White Law Enforcement Scholarship, Aug. 10 at Whitey's Fish Camp, Fleming Island, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., $50 per boat. Call Matt Hanlin at (904) 899-3128 or Shawn Gordon at (904) 543-4038 for more info.

BLESSING SERVICE: Back-to-school blessing for students and teachers, Saturday, Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. at CrossRoad Lutheran Church, 5101 Lakeshore Dr. West, Fleming Island. After the 2013-2014 school year students, families and teachers are blessed, there will be hotdogs, cotton candy, popcorn, games, giveaways and a bike safety rodeo. Bring welcomed.

FLORIDA LANDSCAPING: Presentation by The Garden Club of Middleburg and Larry O'Neil at Middleburg-Clay Hill Library, 2245 Aster Ave., Aug. 10 at 2:30 p.m. Drawings for door prizes and free member-grown starter plants will be available.

NATIONAL CONVENTION: Vietnam Veterans of America holds its 16th biennial National Convention Aug. 13-17, Hyatt Regency in Jacksonville, 225 East Coastline Dr.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
PILOT OF CLUB: Of Orange Park meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Algren on Fleming Island. (904) 375-9609.

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ZUMBA FITNESS at the Salvation Army of Clay County 5486, 645 p.m. Wednesday evenings. Children can participate in fun programs while mothers Zumba. Call Lt. Annie Bridges or Kim Durbec at (904) 276-6677 if you want more information.

CLAY COUNTY CRUISERS: Monthly Meeting. First Thursday of every month from 6pm to 8pm at the NAPA store on Wells Road in Orange Park. For more information contact Norb Logsdon at (904) 707-0756 or visit www.claycounty cruisers.com.

SAVATION ARMY PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL: The Salvation Army of Clay County is taking applications for students to learn percussion - ages 7 to 17. Please call Kim Durbec at (904) 276-6677 for more information.

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS WATSON REALITY OFFICE: Monthly first Thursday, 7 p.m, at the Salvation Army on Moody Rd. in Orange Park. For more information please contact: lea.rhoden @ saclaycountyband.com.

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DOROTHY MARIE DOBBINS, ALSO KNOWN AS DOROTHY MARIE ROYAL, THE LEGAL SUCCESSOR IN BLOOD, BEING the lawful heir and legatee of ALICE K. ROYAL, Deceased

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action entitled

CASE NO. 13-1559-CA-000510

TO: DOROTHY MARIE DOBBINS

AND

Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Persons having any right, title or interest in, to or concerning the following real estate:

Lot 3, Block 1, Section 28, Middleburg, Clay County, Florida, known as 10735 Buckhead Road

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action entitled

CASE NO. 12-1540-CA-002189

TO: Brian D. Cannon

AND

EXPRESS, LLC

AND

AFLAC INSURANCE CORPORATION

AND

Emily L. Jackson

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JOINING DEFENDANTS

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action entitled

CASE NO. 12-1567-CA-002044

TO: Brian D. Cannon

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EXPRESS, LLC

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Emily L. Jackson

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JOINING DEFENDANTS

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action entitled

CASE NO. 12-1601-CA-001203

TO: Brian D. Cannon

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CASE NO. 12-1643-CA-002163

TO: Brian D. Cannon

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action entitled

CASE NO. 12-1572-CA-002125

TO: Brian D. Cannon

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EXPRESS, LLC

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CASE NO. 12-1587-CA-002013

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CASE NO. 12-1643-CA-003076

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CASE NO. 12-1677-CA-003245

TO: Brian D. Cannon

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CASE NO. 12-1548-CA-003100

TO: Brian D. Cannon

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CASE NO. 12-1572-CA-003208

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CASE NO. 12-1643-CA-003131

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CASE NO. 12-1677-CA-003300

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CASE NO. 12-1559-CA-003151

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CASE NO. 12-1587-CA-003258

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CASE NO. 12-1643-CA-003380

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CASE NO. 12-1548-CA-003336

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CASE NO. 12-1677-CA-003411

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CASE NO. 12-1643-CA-003428

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CASE NO. 12-1548-CA-003430

TO: Brian D. Cannon
Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be imposed in the Complaint judgment as may be enforced by the court. The court may also awarding money may become lien against you or your real or personal property, and in the future, and may also be seized or attached by government or private creditors. Dated July 17th of 2013.

HEPPENSTEEL, HEYLL, MOGILL & BENTZ
By: lord J. Fabian
Attorney for the Plaintiff
Johnson Bank
720 Clinton Street
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
P.O. Box 706

Waukesha, Wisconsin 53177-6796

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 13-CA-000211

DIVISION 4

P.I.P. Mortgage Corporation

vs.

E. Harvey, as Trustee for the Harvey Revocable Trust, dated September 19, 2003;

AND

D.O. Revocable Trust, dated September 19, 2003;

KARL D. HIPPENSTEEL, Attorney for Plaintiff,

upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Defendants,

Defendant(s) and such of the unknown persons is

CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN

PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 4 THROUGH 209 THEREOF

THEREOF WITH THE CHAIN 2005 CAVALLI MANUFACTURED HOME SERIAL #B1206336.


NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS

PROPERTY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

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An Administrative Complaint to revoke your license has been filed against you. You must respond within 21 days of the date of this notice. You have the right to be heard concerning the matters alleged in the complaint. The revocation of your license and eligibility to obtain a new license is the penalty which may result from your noncompliance. You should contact the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, P.O. Box 1184, Tallahassee, Florida 32312-1184. A hearing will be held to resolve these objections and any others which may properly come before the Board.

The public hearing will be open to the public and will be in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. The public hearing and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearing or meeting.

There may be occasions when board or staff members may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-2013, or by writing to the District Office, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Relay Florida Service at (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or pursuant to the Florida Law for Community Development Districts is advised that the person will need to record a notice of appeal and proceedings, and that the person may need to ensure that a legitimate record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Director

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PIECE RIDGE PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice of Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget and Notice of Public Hearing

The Board of Supervisors for the Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District will hold two public hearings and a regular meeting on August 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Pine Ridge Plantation Amenity Center, 4200 Pine Ridge Parkway, Middleburg, FL 32068.

The purpose of the first public hearing is to receive public comment and objections on the Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Budget. The first public hearing is being conducted pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The purpose of the second public hearing is to consider the imposition of special assessments to fund the District’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014 upon the lands located within the District, a depiction of which lands is shown below, consider the adoption of an assessment roll, and to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of the assessments. The second public hearing is being conducted pursuant to Florida law including Chapters 190 and 197, Florida Statutes. At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy assessments as finally approved by the Board. A regular board meeting will also be held where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it.

A copy of the proposed budget, preliminary assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 Ph: (904) 940-5850, during normal business hours.

The special assessments are annually recurring assessments and are in addition to previously levied debt assessments. The table below presents the proposed schedule of operation and maintenance assessments. Amounts are preliminary and subject to change at the hearing and in any future years. The amounts are subject to early payment discount as afforded by law.

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James Oliver
District Manager
NOTICE OF OFFENSE FORFEITURE COMPLAINT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 16-CA-237006 B STATE ATTORNEY NO: 12CA081506 RE: FORFEITURE OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

THE FOLLOWING CENTERLINE:
18, July 25 and Aug 1, 2013 in Clay County’s Clay Today newspaper.

SANDRA L. DAVIDSON, 6010 Centerwood Drive, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

The certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse of Clay County, Florida, on August 15 and Aug 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clay County Sheriff’s Office on 1046 Air Park Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 and in the vestibule of the Clay County Sheriff’s Office on 2324 North Fork Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32033 at 10:00 a.m. Any person may bid on the certificate.

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**NOTICE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIRER WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

**THE CROSSINGS AT FLEMING ISLAND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND SUPERSIZING MEETING**

The Board of Supervisors of Supervisors of Clay County (CDBG) will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Link Skillet, 5423 Lakeshore Drive East, Fleming Island, Clay County, Florida 32003, to receive public comments concerning the proposed Appropriation of Budgets for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider, by resolution, Sections 190.011(5), Florida Statutes, for approval of the proposed Appropriation of Budgets for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

The proposed budgets shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Supervisors of Supervisors of Clay County Community Development District on October 1, 2013.

The meeting will be open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Florida Law for Community Development Districts adopted by the Board.

This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place determined by the Board. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, 475 West Town Center Plaza, Suite D, Fleming Island, Florida, 32003.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5900 at least four (4) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-999-8000 or 1-800-999-8007, for aid in contacting the District Office.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the board with respect to this meeting is hereby advised that said person or their legal representative will be entitled to file with the Circuit Court, a record of the proceedings, and a copy of the testimony and evidence upon which said decision is based.

David deNagy
Clay County Administrating
Local 2822 published July 25 and 27, 2013 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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real property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit: 58 THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, AKA 1201 Griffin Park Dr, Orange Park, FL, as unknown tenant.

Defendants. Any person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk of court or you will lose your rights to such funds. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk of court or you will lose your rights to such funds.

MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, 200.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE EASTERLY 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AKA 1201 Griffin Park Dr, Orange Park, FL, as unknown tenant.

Defendants.

TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By Tammy Roseboom


NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Plaintiff

vs.

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS SUCCESSOR TO THE REALTY AND SHALL PASS WITHOUT ANY INTEREST OR TITLE OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT OR YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHTS TO SUCH FUNDS.

ORANGE AVE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043, 10:00 AM on the 26th day of August, 2013 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

RE-notice in the circuit court of the fourth judicial circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, case number 2009-CA-000858, of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, case number 2009-CA-000858, of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, case number 2009-CA-000858, of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida.

NOTICE: PLEASE REFER TO THE RE-notice in the circuit court of the fourth judicial circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, case number 2009-CA-000858, of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, case number 2009-CA-000858, of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, case number 2009-CA-000858, of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida.

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

CASE NO: 2010-CA-000149

TO THE HOLDERS OF THE 12.500% REPLACEMENT SERIES A PREFERRED STOCK, PREFERRED UNITS, SERIES 2005-5, OF THE FLAVER MORTGAGE INCOME TRUST, IN RE CLAIMS UNDER THE FLAVER MORTGAGE INCOME TRUST ACT, FLORIDA;

NOTICED OF SALE

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

CASE NO: 2010-2013-CA-000457

TO THE HOLDERS OF THE 12.500% REPLACEMENT SERIES A PREFERRED STOCK, PREFERRED UNITS, SERIES 2005-5, OF THE FLAVER MORTGAGE INCOME TRUST, IN RE CLAIMS UNDER THE FLAVER MORTGAGE INCOME TRUST ACT, FLORIDA;

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, Florida

CASE NO: 2010-CA-000149

TO THE HOLDERS OF THE 12.500% REPLACEMENT SERIES A PREFERRED STOCK, PREFERRED UNITS, SERIES 2005-5, OF THE FLAVER MORTGAGE INCOME TRUST, IN RE CLAIMS UNDER THE FLAVER MORTGAGE INCOME TRUST ACT, FLORIDA;

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, Florida

CASE NO: 2010-2013-CA-000457

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, Florida

CASE NO: 2010-CA-000149

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

Case No. 2013-ca-002291

LOFT PHOTOGRAPHIC, LLC, Plaintiff

V.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANTS are the Tenant in Possession of the Subject Property, Defendant(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 702.01, Florida Statutes, that the Florida Homeowners’ Association, Inc.; Unknown Parties who are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. To request such an accommodation, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to participate in a court proceeding, order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to participate in a court proceeding.

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

Case No. 2013-CA-002091

HEATHER LECAS AKA HEATHER R. LECAS N/K/A HEATHER R. LECAS, Plaintiff

V.

EMERSON R. AMARAL, II; EMERSON R. AMARAL, III; LYNNE M. AMARAL; JOHN LEWIS; LUCY T. LEWIS; LUCY T. LEWIS AKA LUCY T. LEWIS N/K/A LUCY T. LEWIS; LUCY T. LEWIS, Defendant(s).

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Notice of Sale

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

Case No. 2013-CA-000344

MANYFORD, ROBERT W.; MANYFORD, ROBERT W. AKA MANYFORD, ROBERT W. N/K/A MANYFORD, ROBERT W.; MANYFORD, ROBERT W., Plaintiff

V.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA; THE STATE OF FLORIDA AKA THE STATE OF FLORIDA N/K/A THE STATE OF FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANTS are the Tenant in Possession of the Subject Property, Defendant(s).

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Notice of Sale

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

Case No. 2013-CA-001146

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, Plaintiff

V.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA; THE STATE OF FLORIDA AKA THE STATE OF FLORIDA N/K/A THE STATE OF FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANTS are the Tenant in Possession of the Subject Property, Defendant(s).

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

Case No. 2013-CA-001781

TARA S. GREEN, Plaintiff

V.

GREEN PLANET SERVICING, LLC, AS NOMINEE FOR MASTR ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-A, Defendant(s).

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

Case No.: 2010-CA-001889

DIVISION A

FOR REASON OF DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT OF THE MORTGAGE LOAN OWED TO EVERBANK, CASE NO: 10-2008-CA-000524, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA in which EverBank, as mortgagee, is the Plaintiff, with all parties intended to be included in full, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE FRONT DOORS OF THE CLAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 825 NORTH ORANGE AVENUE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32033, at 10:00 a.m. on the 12th day of August, 2013, the following described real property situated in Clay County, Florida, described property as set forth in the above referenced case:

**LOT 28, WATERMARK, ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE A AND WHICH POSTAL ADDRESS IS:**

**5106 WILLOW BAY DRIVE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32033, Tel: (904) 269-6302**

Dated this 10th day of July, 2013.

Tara S. Green

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO: 2011 CA 001741

DIVISION A

FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO: 2012-CA-000331

DIVISION A

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC

Plaintiff.

Shawn T. Blackmer a/k/a Shawn Z. McGhin

Defendant.

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

Case No.: 2012-CA-000331

DIVISION A

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC

Plaintiff.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Defendant.

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

Case No.: 2001-CA-09104

DIVISION A

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC

Plaintiff.

Shawn T. Blackmer

Defendant.

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

Case No.: 2001-CA-2001

DIVISION A

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC

Plaintiff.

Bacilio Merz Zavala

Defendant.

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

Case No.: 2011-CA-100009

DIVISION A

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC

Plaintiff.

Bacilio Merz Zavala

Defendant.

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

Case No.: 2010-CA-000094

DIVISION A

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Notice of Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Forclosures dated July 2nd, 2013, and in Case No. 12-CA-010402, in the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CLAY COUNTY COURT HOUSE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, at 10:00 a.m. on 8th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 5, FOX MEADOW SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 22, OF THE FLORIDA LAND RECORDS, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NOTICE OF SALE


DOUGLAS ELBON, and DEBRA ELBON, Defendants.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Forclosures dated July 2nd, 2013, and in Case No. 12-CA-010403, in the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CLAY COUNTY COURT HOUSE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, at 10:00 a.m. on 8th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 6, FOX MEADOW SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 73 AND 74, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHEREIN JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR JPMORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION SERVICES, LLC, IN ITS CAPACITY AS holder of the Certificate of Participation, Series 2003-NCI, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-NCI, Plaintiff,

NATIONALSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Defendant,

Notice of Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Forclosures dated July 2nd, 2013, and in Case No. 12-CA-010404, in the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein AMERICA’S MORTGAGE & LOAN CORPORATION, Nationalstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff,

MICHAEL A. RODRIGUEZ, and ALISSON BROWN, Defendants.

Notice of Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Forclosures dated July 2nd, 2013, and in Case No. 12-CA-010405, in the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

PAMELA D. KRUEGER, Plaintiff,

Notice of Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Forclosures dated July 2nd, 2013, and in Case No. 12-CA-010406, in the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff,

DOUGLAS ELBON, and DEBRA ELBON, Defendants.

Notice of Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Forclosures dated July 2nd, 2013, and in Case No. 12-CA-010407, in the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff,

DOUGLAS ELBON, and DEBRA ELBON, Defendants.

Notice of Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Forclosures dated July 2nd, 2013, and in Case No. 12-CA-010408, in the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff,
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