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Bolstering the economy?

Council ponders alcohol sales downtown

By Eric Cravey
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Restaurants in the downtown core could be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages after a plan recently discussed by city council moves forward.

Vice Mayor Steve Hart introduced a draft of an ordinance that evolved out of discussions in the council's Growth Management Committee. Committee members, he said, believe alcohol sales would boost sales at downtown restaurants that sell at least 51 percent food.

"This is more likely to have legs. Growth Management

did come up with some language to allow alcohol sales in restaurants," said Hart who ran the July 11 meeting as Mayor Tony Brown was called out of town with a family matter.

Currently, establishments north of the downtown area are permitted by ordinance to serve alcoholic beverages. Hart said businesses in the downtown area should be allowed the same option.

"In our mind, it only makes sense to do this. Why allow one set of standards for the same businesses just



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Herald photo by Jesse Hollett

This young man approves of the food being served at Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School this summer.

Every little bit helps

Meal program helps families through summer

By Jesse Hollett
 KHHERald.com

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Every night, more than 15 million kids crawl in bed with empty stomachs in the United States.

Summer meal programs might not ever slow that number, but most parents would agree "every little bit helps."

During the last month and a half, Clay County Schools have followed a 10-year record of offering free breakfasts and lunches to children under the age of 18.

"There's really a need – 41 percent of the students being free, we look at what the individual schools are for free and reduced," said Susan Glover, nutrition director for the Clay County School District. "When you see those numbers, you know those children are dependent on those meals, so to be able to

extend those services and be able to provide those meals during the school year is equally important. If they need it during the school year, they need it during the summer as well."

The program aims to fill the nutritional gap between school-age years where kids run the risk of going to sleep malnourished. Currently, the district offers the program at nine of its 41 schools.

"We've been coming probably for three years, four years, probably more," said Adina Tomlinson, a Melrose resident. "It's necessary because there's a lot of people that struggle with the food. Kids, they will literally eat you out of house and home, especially over the summer. Food is expensive, you can get fresh fruits and vegetables, apples and

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- 5. The Ibo tribe
- 10. Weapon
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- 15. Moth genus
- 16. In addition
- 17. Neighborhood in Rio
- 18. Anoint
- 19. Insect repellent
- 20. Indigenious person
- 22. Tooth caregiver
- 23. Vacation here
- 24. Aware
- 27. 7th letter Greek alphabet
- 30. Actress Ling
- 31. Gandalf's real name
- 32. Luxury car
- 35. Evildoer
- 37. Cricket term (abbr.)
- 38. Primal goddess of the Earth
- 39. More depressed
- 40. Cattle genus
- 41. Dish
- 42. Not west
- 43. Founder of Babism
- 44. Speak rapidly and foolishly
- 45. Fall back, spring forward
- 46. Where you sleep
- 47. Inform

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Reveal secrets
- 2. Private school in New York
- 3. Pancake
- 4. Cichlid fish
- 5. Independent Voters Association
- 6. Nonviolent advocate
- 7. Suburb in Copenhagen
- 8. Heavy cotton garments
- 9. Self-addressed envelope
- 10. A way to make wet
- 11. Genus of trees
- 12. Millisecond
- 13. Kiss ballad
- 21. Unlock

- 23. ___ mot
- 25. 'Joy Luck Club' author Amy
- 26. Catch
- 27. ___ and flowed
- 28. Monetary units
- 29. Scorched
- 32. Italian aviator
- 33. Things to eat
- 34. Waddles
- 36. A Queens ballplayer
- 37. It's on your driver's license
- 38. Talk
- 40. Witty conversation
- 41. Satisfies
- 43. Sound unit
- 44. Placental mammal
- 46. Offer
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- 49. Stamps
- 50. Palmlike plant
- 51. Developed poliomyelitis vaccine
- 52. Newhart, Marley, Dylan
- 53. Wings
- 54. Away from wind
- 57. Slugger Ruth
- 58. Musician Clapton
- 59. Gamble
- 61. Desoxyribonucleic acid
- 62. Female sibling

Questions raised about Van Zant staff's role in bid for re-election

By Jesse Hollett
KHHerald.com

ORANGE PARK – Methods candidates use to advertise their campaigns vary wildly based on the availability of campaign funds. Some take the time to talk to every voter, while others throw the burden on countless signs strategically placed in parking lots, yards and county intersections.

One candidate, however, is using some of his administrators to campaign for him.

Charlie Van Zant Jr., Clay County school superintendent, is soliciting campaign support from district administrators and principals.

Since the 2016 campaign began, Van Zant's senior support staff has been contacting administrators in person, over the phone and text messages giving them the option to "either volunteer their time or money."

Because the superintendent is the final voice on reinstatement, administrators find themselves in a conundrum where cutting a check or handing out a flier is better than the possible consequences – the unemployment line.

The tactics appear to work. Van Zant's solicitations are manifest at every candidate debate, where principals and administrators line up to hand out Van Zant candidate campaign cards.

Van Zant made a similar request to Clay County administrators in October 2012 when he first ran for superintendent. At the time, he had already beat out incumbent Superintendent Ben Wortham in the August Primary by only 1,590 votes. In the November election, Van Zant only faced Republican write-in Fred Gottshalk, a Van Zant donor and self-professed sham candidate.

Gottshalk's entry in the race closed the 2012 primary from Democrat and Independent voters and helped elect Van Zant. Gottshalk did the same this year before withdrawing during the week of qualifying.

Van Zant continued taking campaign contributions until November 2012 and used the money to help pay off \$13,000 of his campaign debt.

"He's learned his lesson after getting caught the first time," said Janice Kerekes district one school board member. "He's not the one doing the asking."

Principals and district administrators are at-will employees, so the superintendent decides to renew or not-renew – essentially fire – employees who are poor

performers or make unsatisfactory scores on their evaluations.

"The fear is out there, and people can sense it whenever they're around those of us in the school district, we are fearful for our jobs and it really makes for a very tough working environment," said Debra Gaynes, former vice principal of Lakeside Junior High.

Two years ago, the district pinballed Gaynes from her seven-year vice principal position at Coppergate Elementary to Fleming Island High School. From FIHS, the district moved her to Lakeside Junior High. Her evaluations were impeccable at the time.

Gaynes will spend the coming school year as a math teacher at Clay High School. Despite multiple emails, phone calls and letters requesting a meeting with Van Zant regarding the move, Gaynes never heard back from him. She said Van Zant did not reappoint her in part because she did not support Van Zant's campaign.

"There were no blemishes on my record," Gaynes said. "I had no professional development plan which is what they give administrators who are not performing their job correctly. I was totally blown away at that point."

In a 37-minute interview with Clay Today, Van Zant maintained that administrators have the freedom to donate or not to donate to his campaign. He said his contribution list, riddled with administrators, is due to employees who are "genuinely excited" about the future "he's cast for the school district and the progress they're seeing us make." He also cited Wortham's 2012 campaigns in which administrators made contributions to his re-election bid.

One of those administrators – Oakleaf Junior High School Principal Anthony Williams – who donated \$250 to Van Zant's campaign, "respectfully declined" to comment when asked why he was handing out Van Zant leaflets at the June 2 superintendent debate.

He was later at the June 23 sheriff's debate with several other principals doing the same thing. Van Zant appointed Williams to his current position in 2014.

When asked what made administrators like Williams willing to stand in 92-degree heat to advertise his campaign as they did at the sheriff's candidate debate, Van Zant said "why wouldn't you support your boss?"

Calls to RideOut Elementary Principal Joyce Orsi and Montclair Elementary Principal Bill Miller – who donated to Van Zant's campaign – regarding their campaign contributions were not returned by deadline. "I'm kind of used to it, this is the way he does things," said Carol Studdard,



Charlie Van Zant Jr



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What I learned in Tallahassee

By Harrison Dinsbeer
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Sitting in air made frigid, I postulated, to keep us awake, we 528 attendees of Florida's Boys [sic] State at Florida State University were told by various esteemed speakers that this was "the 73rd session of the Florida American Legion Boys State," and that we were "the best and the brightest," etc. Looking around, I didn't feel like my fellow delegates had any particular quality in common that made them "the best of what Florida has to offer," but I would later figure it out.

Delegates – male juniors in high school – come from across the state. We are organized into halls in the dormitory (cities, overseen by counselors) and floors (counties; two cities are in each), and are all citizens of one state (Smith Hall). We are in the state capitol to run for municipal, county, then state offices and run a mock government.

I expected much from the program, but not much from myself. I imagined ambitious, outgoing boys pandering for my vote with automatic smiles, firm handshakes and painfully deliberate body language. There was some of that, though not as much as expected.

My city's mayor began campaigning for governor on the bus to Tallahassee. I expected myself to fail at Boys State, to settle for an easy-to-get position rather than to risk failure for the position I really wanted, because my smile is not automatic, my handshake is awkward – firm but sometimes too brief – and my body language is anything but statesmanlike. Fear restrains my ambition, while it emboldens my imagined colleagues.

However, as my mother told me, I would not spend a week away on the dime of generous veterans to do any less than my best. Members of the American Legion, an organization for veterans, pay for the entire trip and provide transportation and spending money for the boys.

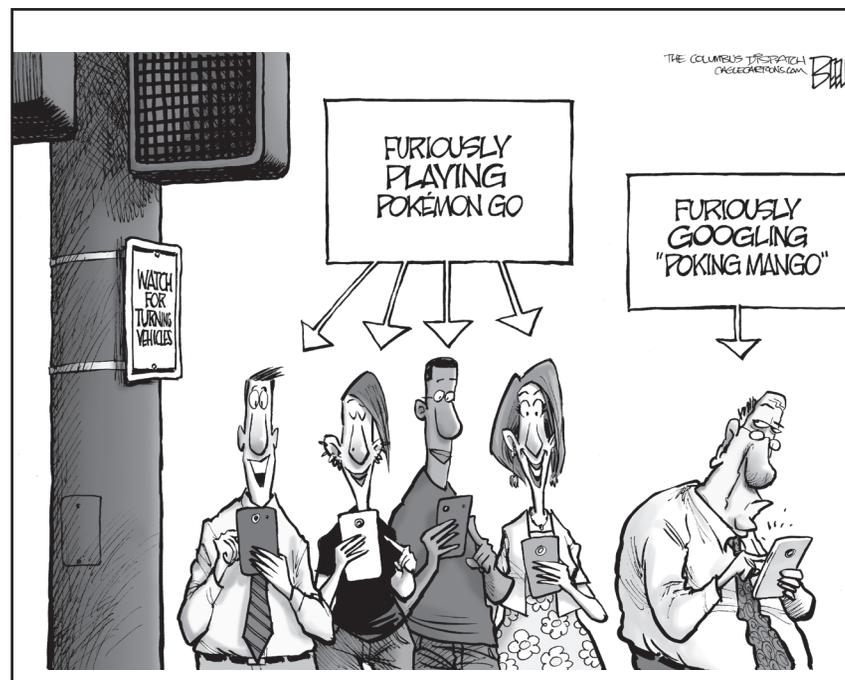
The maroon polos that delegates have to wear call it "Florida's Premier Youth Leadership Program," and the speakers who visited called it that in their speeches, but I did not understand how the program taught leadership, at least while I was there.

My city had two counselors, one who had been a counselor for a few years and one who was in our shoes a year before. On the last night, counselors give their delegates a certificate, a Boys State lapel pin, etc. As we sat on the floor of our hall, he explained that this ceremony was when he, his fellow counselor, and we, if we wished, would "open up."

He knew something that I hadn't quite grasped: most people, even at age 17, have suffered greatly and have something to open up about. The counselors spoke, and so did we as we went up to get our certificates. We spoke of addiction to pornography, of coming out as gay, of attempted suicides, of faith, of homelessness, of dead parents and grandparents, of moving on.

Then, a few of us stayed up to argue about politics with the one of the counselors

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Welcome!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of The Keystone Heights Herald, part of the family of

papers under the Clay Today umbrella and backed by years of expertise and community involvement in Clay County.

Like many new ventures, this newspaper is an outgrowth of a successful project we launched earlier this year in Keystone Heights. In May, we worked with officials at city hall and various community leaders to print a business and community directory that was mailed to residents of Keystone Heights. The directory was also inserted inside Clay Today and its sister publication, The Clay County Leader. In carrying out that project we learned a few things about the people of Keystone Heights. As Clay County grows, the residents here want to connect with the rest of Clay County while keeping the community feeling that exists here, intact.

And that's exactly what we strive to accomplish with the launch of the Keystone Heights Herald.

In order to meet that challenge, each month, we vow to provide news about your city, but we will also provide news from around Clay County to ensure you are connected to the larger picture. Whether it's news from the Clay County School Board or the Clay County Board of County Commissioners, we will connect readers with Clay County and the organizations that help make this a great place to live and raise a family. And, as we grow, we will continue to forge new relationships with organizations and individuals as we work together to tell the city's – and the county's – story.

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Jon Cantrell

Herald to land – free of charge – each month in your mailbox, not your driveway, with the goal of keeping you informed.

Here's where you come into the picture. Not only do we want you as a reader of the Keystone Heights Herald, we want you to become engaged.

Since he joined the Clay Today team, Managing Editor Eric Cravey has asked readers to become involved with the paper. One of the oldest tools to get readers engaged is to write a letter to the editor, which is as simple as writing an email. In your subject line, type "Letter to the Editor" and keep it to about 600 words.

Be sure to remain civil and stick to local issues, such as the school board or county commission or other issues that you will shine a light on that we may not yet know about. Send your letters to eric@opcfla.com. Each letter will, of course, be edited for clarity and AP Style.

Another way you can become involved is to send us items for the Community Calendar. Address calendar items to Eric Cravey as well at eric@opcfla.com and write "Calendar" in the email subject line. Please include all of the who, what, where, when and why and be sure to provide a contact so readers can get more information about your event.

And, last but not least, is there a story idea you want to see covered in the paper? Give us a call. Eric Cravey's direct line is (904) 579-2151 and you can reach Sports Editor Randy Lefko at randy@opcfla.com.

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Kindest Regards,
Jon Cantrell, Publisher

Letters to the Editor

Clay schools are in crisis

If you want to understand the crisis in Clay County Schools, then you must understand that great educators feel their profession is a calling. We believe that a strong public education system is the most important factor to a vibrant and informed democracy. We take the work home, stress over the needs of our students and the increasing demands of our job, and study to perfect our craft because we believe that teaching is a sacred trust.

The last four years have been a rude awakening for teachers in Clay Schools. In a myriad of ways teachers have come to know that Clay County schools are being run by a politician not an educator.

A politician rewards and promotes those that side with him and silences dissenters. A politician talks a lot but few of his words are genuine. A politician has an agenda to retain power at any cost. Working for a politician has left teachers feeling intimidated, disrespected, unsupported and dismissed. Teacher morale is low and teacher turnover in Clay is at its highest.

Citizens of Clay County need to understand what they are losing by having a politician run our schools. Citizens agree that one of their sacred American rights is the ability to vote for and elect individuals who reflect their vision for their community, state and country.

In fact, an article in the June 2012 Orlando Sentinel explains: "Florida voters amended the state constitution in 1998 to open primary contests to all voters, regardless of their party registration, if the winner had no opposition in the general election."

Unfortunately, in less than two years the amendment had been undone by the political deception of the write-in candidate.

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There is still hope

Like many Americans, I woke up Friday morning to the horrific news of the Dallas police officers wounded or slain in the line of duty. I drove myself to briefing at the Middleburg Operations Center only to find a room full of sad and angry deputy sheriffs. The briefing mainly focused on our safety, but also our commitment to serve the citizens of Clay County no matter the risk.

After briefing, as I drove throughout my zone, is when I realized "there is still hope." Dozens of citizens who were men, women, and children, of all races went out of their ways to speak to me. Some shook my hand, others patted me on my back and one quietly bought my lunch. They all simply had one thing they wanted to say "thank you for your service."

These citizens are truly the last line of our defense between those who love us and those who want to harm us. I want to thank each and every one of them that may read this open message. It is all of you that give us hope and reason to serve. We truly do appreciate you all. So, next time you see a police officer anywhere please thank them, because we could never finish the mission without your support.

God Bless You All,

Sgt. Edwin Eisenhauer
Office of The Sheriff Clay County



Back row, right, Harrison Dinsbeer of Fleming Island is shown here donning a Florida Supreme Court justice robe as part of the recent American Legion Boys State.

State

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in their room, but the argument turned out to be more civil than I imagined. One counselor fell asleep on his bed, and I fell asleep on the other's, slumped up against the wall.

The fun I had at Boys State, exploring the Capitol, donning the robes of a Justice in Florida's Supreme Court and general tomfoolery made the program worthwhile on its own. But the last night made me realize that people are, almost invariably, more complex and broken than they seem (or seem to me, at least).

The official activities of Boys State make it fun, but do not make it life-changing; the transformative nature of being stuck with a bunch of strangers for a week – strangers broken and torn by suffering, strangers who have endured more than what could seemingly fit into 17 years – makes the program life-changing.

To lead well, I learned, we must remember the incalculable suffering of others. This is no revelation, I know, but it took Boys State to make me realize that others aren't as they seem. The true value of Boys State lies in that it puts boys together and helps them interact – children need that today, it seems, more than ever.

Letter

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Write-in candidates collect no petitions and pay no filing fee as legitimate candidates must do. When a write-in candidate is the only opposition in the general election, these sham candidates fulfill their true purpose, to disenfranchise thousands of voters.

Clay County voters were introduced to this political con in 2012 when candidate Charlie Van Zant Jr.'s friend and supporter Mr. Fred Gottshalk, became a write-in candidate and closed the superintendent's August 14, 2012 primary to about 58,000 Democratic and Independent voters.

With so many voters disenfranchised, Mr. Van Zant won that primary by less than 1,400 votes. He subsequently won the general election against the write-in candidate for in fact, no write-in candidate has ever won an election.

This year again, Mr. Van Zant's friend and supporter Mr. Gottshalk has filed as a write-in candidate to close the primary

election on Aug. 30. Mr. Van Zant has shown himself to be everything we have come to expect in a politician. He will do anything he can do to retain power. While politicians will consider this a shrewd political maneuver, citizens know it is contrary to the very ideal of democracy.

If you are tired of politicians that steal your right to choose, and you want to exercise your American right to vote for who runs Clay County Schools, then you must vote on Aug. 30 in the primary election. If you are not registered as a Republican by July 29, you cannot vote for the superintendent of your child's schools.

Changing your registration is easy and teachers urge you to return Clay Schools to the leadership and vision of an educator not a politician. Teachers are ready for Addison Davis, a true educator to restore the morale and focus of Clay Schools to one that is again, student centered and teacher lead.

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Alligator Creek project denied

By Jesse Hollett
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Camp Blanding will not participate in a project designed to increase the water flow of Alligator Creek through a troubled chain of lakes, effectively ending the plan's only chance of success.

The Alligator Creek Enhancement Strategy involved installing a pipeline in Lowry Lake located on Camp Blanding property to drain water down into Alligator Creek and through the Etonia Chain of Lakes, which are known for fluctuating water levels.

Approval from Camp Blanding remained the only barrier in the final stages of full implementation of the St. Johns River Water Management District's \$250,000 project.

Camp Blanding nixed the project over growing concerns that the plan could lower the water levels of Lowry Lake and interrupt waterborne military training operations.

"It seemed like too much of a risk and I feel like Camp Blanding has made a good faith effort to increase flow through Alligator Creek over the years," said Col. Matt Johnson, post commander at Camp Blanding.

As designed, ACES would force water downstream in times of low hydration in Alligator Creek and extend Lowry Lake's hydroperiod – the length of time water naturally drains from Lowry Lake into Alligator Creek. Currently, SJRWMD measures Lowry's hydroperiod at 200 million gallons



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The Alligator Creek Enhancement project is a no go after officials at Camp Blanding decided not to give it any support.

in an 80-day period.

For decades, water levels have fluctuated in the Etonia Chain. Water levels have remained mostly the same in Lowry, however other lakes in the chain are more unpredictable when rainfall is low.

Lake Geneva and Lake Brooklyn – both part of the Etonia Chain – recharge the Floridan Aquifer as water naturally drains

into the sinkholes below the rock bed. As a result, water levels in those lakes have been consistently low. Rehydrating Alligator Creek could have helped remedy some of the water levels in the Etonia Chain and in tandem the aquifer.

"The project itself requires Camp Blanding's approval, so that project at this point is not moving forward," said John Fitzgerald with SJRWMD. "We do have an ongoing regional effort. That process is coming along and we should have a direct plan out later this summer, there is a bunch of ongoing work in this region."

As for other projects related to Alligator Creek, officials from SJRWMD will soon pick from a list championed by the Save Our Lakes Organization.

Save Our Lakes spearheads many initiatives in support for the Keystone Heights region's lakes, with their overall goal being a restoration of the lakes to natural stability.

"I've had some conversations with the Camp Blanding folks, we were OK with their decision," same Vivian Katz, president of Save Our Lakes. "Camp Blanding has worked with us before, and we believe they will be able to work with us again."

One solution Katz has put forward to rehydrate the Etonia Chain in the absence of the Alligator Creek Enhancement Strategy was to store water on Camp Blanding property and use fine sands created from an old DuPont mining operation to filter the water. From there, Katz said, the water can flow into the Etonia Chain or even into the Sante Fe Wetlands for the Suwanee River.

Johnson said Camp Blanding has always been "a good neighbor," and will continue to do everything he can to ensure the future health of the Etonia Chain when it doesn't come at a loss to waterborne training operations. Katz and Fitzgerald will continue to work with Camp Blanding to find a mutually beneficial solution to a problem with a regional reach.

"Things can be done now, things can be setup for the future, small level projects to big level projects," Katz said. "It's using the area, that's the concept, use the area for the benefit of the creek, for the benefit everybody."

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This Month in History

5 Years Ago, 2011

The Florida Department of Transportation began a \$2.1 million project to improve a 5.1-mile section of County Road 315C between State Road 21 and Christian Camp Road/County Road 14 between Keystone Heights and Penney Farms. The project included four-foot wide shoulders to improve safety.

Clay County Fire Rescue Chief Lorin Mock said a burn ban was to be extended to June 24 and possibly beyond likely prohibiting planned Independence Day fireworks in Keystone Heights, Orange Park and Green Cove Springs.

10 Years Ago, 2006

The St. Johns River Water Management District installed a 2,500-foot deep well on property inside the Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park north of Keystone Heights. The well monitored the Floridan Aquifer, the region's primary source of water.

20 Years Ago, 1996

The Clay County School District's Citizen Advisory Committee, chaired by Gayward Hendry, approved a proposal to move the district to block scheduling after hearing presentations from Keystone Heights High Principal Tina Bullock and Orange Park High Principal Sam Ward.

The Symsor family negotiated beyond a July 1 deadline with the Keystone Heights City Council after an order to renovate, sell or raze the historic Keystone Inn was handed down but not officially voted on by council.

30 Years Ago, 1986

James E. Forsham of Keystone Heights was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison in a U.S. District Court in Gainesville on federal drug conspiracy and income tax evasion charges.

The Clay County Health Department issued a measles outbreak for after three clinically-confirmed cases were in Clay County.

Doloris Dolan of Keystone Heights received internal bleeding after being dragged by her car and pinned against an above-ground swimming pool after her 20-month-old grandson found a way to start the car.

SEE HISTORY, 15



Keystone Inn

Penny sales tax on August ballot

By Eric Cravey
KHHerald.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County voters will get to have a say in determining their quality of life when they head to the voting booths for the Aug. 30 primary.

The Board of County Commissioners recently voted 4-1, with Commissioner Ronnie Robinson opposing, to place a ballot item allowing voters to extend for 20 years the current one-cent sales surtax that is on the books.

"The one-cent sales tax gives us the opportunity to think very expansively and long-term about Clay County. It all really goes back to quality of life," said George Egan, chief executive officer of the Reinhold Corp.

Egan was one of nine speakers who approached the podium June 14 to support the tax, which has generated more than \$290 million since its first approval in 1990. The tax brings in \$16 million a year. In the past, the surtax had funded such big ticket items as the Fleming Island Headquarters Library, the four-laning of Henley Road, youth sports venues and other capital projects. As it was last extended, the current tax is set to December 31, 2019 if not extended again.

To the board of directors of the Clay County Economic Development Corp., extending the sales tax is vital to continue to make the county competitive as a place companies wish to locate high-skill, high-wage jobs.

"Be it resolved the board of directors of the Clay County Economic Development Corp. does hereby support the extension of the one-cent optional sales surtax in order to retain a reliable source of revenue to fund Capital Improvement Projects which are critical to supporting the continued growth and expansion of Clay County's economy, and Clay County's unique and high quality of life," read CCEDC President Bill Garrison from a resolution by the organization's board.

Luis Torres, executive director of the Clay County Soccer Club, spoke out supporting the tax because he said it helps change the lives of Clay County children by providing places to take part in sporting activities.

"I advocate the tax because of the personal things I've seen and have witnessed and the benefits that youth sports brings to the children in Clay County and the board has graciously supported our efforts to grow our club," Torres said.

When BCC members set the public hearing, they first set out to obtain public input about whether the tax should be extended for 30 years, but at least two speakers Tuesday suggested a 30-year tax may be a hard



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– County Manager Stephanie Kopelousos

sell in this year's contentious election environment.

"A lot of citizens will support this if it were scaled back to 15 years," said Brenda Kicsak of Fleming Island.

Under terms established by previous boards of county commissioners, the penny sales tax is divided proportionally among the various government entities in Clay County, as well as the Clay County School District. The BCC keeps 88 percent of the tax revenue to spend on capital projects. Both mayors of Green Cove Springs and Orange Park attended the public hearing and spoke in support of the measure, however, no one from the school district attended.

"Speaking of the school district, is there anyone here from the school district?" asked Chairman Diane Hutchings. "That's interesting." The school district gets 12 percent of the surtax funds annually.

Before taking a vote on whether the tax should be extended for 30 or 20 years, commissioners took part in a debate amongst themselves. The majority of commissioners supported the concept of the tax, however, Robinson said he was going to vote against the measure because he remains opposed to how a previous bond was handled by the county. He said the county had an outstanding \$90 million bond on which it pays \$9 million a year in principal and interest.

If not passed, commissioners discussed the reality of having to hike property taxes to fund such necessities as roads, police and fire equipment and other facilities, such as a new county animal shelter.

"I do feel that there's not a question of anyone not wanting their property taxes to go up, because that's exactly what we would have to do is we'd have to hit the ceiling on every front with property taxes and you're putting all of the burden of the cost of government on the back of the people that own property, so that's about as inequitable as it

can get and that's the alternative," Hutchings said.

In terms of the sales tax, Hutchings said sales taxes are more equitable because they get to be paid by everyone who comes to Clay County, not just the homeowners and other residents who live here.

"The one-cent, to me, is probably one of the fairest taxes, I think, in terms of local government and I'm not just thinking about this board, I'm speaking about boards before I came on have been very diligent with making sure that they were wise in their decisions," Hutchings said.

In the middle of the commissioners' discussion, County Manager Stephanie Kopelousos made a heartfelt plea intended to urge attendees to think about the future needs of Clay County.

"This is about our community. It's going to take all of us standing together and if people have a concern about it, then we need to talk to them and understand that and work through those concerns because this is about the future of Clay County."

"We have this beltway coming and it's going to bring growth whether we're excited about it or not. It gives an opportunity to keep our community the way we want it and to plan ahead," Kopelousos said.

As approved, the ballot item asks voters to extend the tax to 2039. Kopelousos said the county preferred to place the item on the August ballot because the November ballot will contain a large number of state referendum items that push all local questions to the bottom of the ballot.

County officials, she said, will be available to conduct meetings and give presentations between now and Aug. 30 to explain the benefits of the tax. She even offered her cell phone number to attendees and web and TV viewers.

"We may disagree on the timing on it,

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Reflections



By Mary Jo McTammany tamctammany@comcast.net

Lawrence rescued the dream of Keystone Heights

There is a tale that the community of Keystone Heights might never have existed but for the simple decision of a young woman to take a walk.

In 1919, Agnes B. Lawrence was a recent arrival in Clay County with her husband John, a successful land developer and ordained minister. As representatives of investors in Pennsylvania, the Lawrences – with their dreams of founding a community – purchased land and settled into the Brooklyn Hotel on the shores of the lake they spotted from a passenger car on the Georgia Florida Railroad.

When plans called for the purchase of more land, the price for adjacent property had escalated beyond reasonable profit expectations. As the story goes, their bags were packed to get back on the train and start the site search yet again.

But, there is an old saying that if one gets sand in their shoes, they will never be able to leave Florida. Evidently, Agnes already had some of that Clay County sand stuck in her lace-up shoes and was reluctant to give up without a fight.

As the story goes, she took off for a walk. After traveling several miles through the sand hill woods she came to Lake Geneva and explored the shore for some time before she tromped back to the hotel to alert John to the jewel she had discovered.

Land acquisition progressed rapidly and in a relatively short time Agnes was moving into her new hilltop home on the shore of



In 1919, Agnes and John Lawrence were newlyweds when they began carving out the town of Keystone Heights from southern Clay County's sand hills.

the lake in the newly-platted town of Keystone Heights.

Agnes Ellen Boyd was 35-years-old when she married John Lawrence 11 years her senior. She applied the same focus and energy to her very different life after marriage that had proven so successful in the past.

In 1911, Agnes had graduated with a doctor of chiropractic degree from Iowa's distinguished Palmer School and became the first woman licensed in the state of Pennsylvania and in the city of Pittsburgh. Her

skill was tested in the Pittsburgh influenza epidemic when so many died that mass graves were dug with steam shovels. But out of the scores she treated, she lost only a handful of patients.

She continued to practice her medical skills in their new Florida home but accepted no payment other than eggs, homemade jam and the occasional chicken.

Agnes and John were in charge of day-to-day administration and operation of the new

community. They supervised all construction, introduced and toured with potential settlers, and generally pitched in at whatever needed doing. Agnes served as treasurer of the company.

Luckily for residents of current day picturesque Keystone Heights and Clay County, she was operating on her lifelong mantra when she took that walk, "first comes action, then inspiration."

School News

Markel graduates from BSC in Spring 2016

BISMARCK, North Dakota – Matthew Markel of Keystone Heights graduated from Bismarck State College with an Associate in Applied Science in Electric Power Technology during the college's 76th commence-

ment ceremony on May 13 at the Bismarck Event Center.

The 2016 commencement speaker was retired Maj. Gen. David A. Sprynczynatyk, who served as the adjutant general for the North Dakota National Guard from 2006-2015. Bismarck State College, an innovative community college in Bismarck, North Dakota, offers high quality education, workforce training, and enrichment programs reaching local and global communities.

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Sales

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because they have different geographic locations," Hart said.

Hart suggested turning over the Growth Management Committee's draft ordinance to the city attorney so he could draft a revised ordinance that would fall in line with state statutes and alcoholic beverage regulations. However, before a vote was taken to move forward, council member Steve Brown said he had been contacted by constituents who were concerned about the proposal. He said the concerns focused on outdoor seating and how it would play into alcohol sales.

"If there's any outdoor seating, would we be willing to look into somehow placing some sort of - I don't want to say barrier, but like a fence - or something because the comments I got back was, say for instance, the pizza place, they do have outdoor tables; if somebody was there and they were consuming, what is there to prevent from just walking away or completely going out on the sidewalk and being in the way of other people walking back and forth," Brown said.

There have been some discussions on how iron fencing or similar enclosures would play into the city's planned upcoming streetscape project. Brown indicated he was concerned about safety.

"What would keep a couple of people from having drinks out there with the high-tops and then decide to stroll around the block with anybody coming and going and walking by there being interfered with as well," Brown said.

Scott Kornegay, city manager, said such restrictions could be addressed in the ordinance.

Hart said the mandate to restaurants to build an enclosure or fence could possibly be addressed in a separate ordinance.

Meanwhile, City Attorney Richard Komando asked Hart if the ordinance would address beer gardens or craft beer brewers.

"Are you only looking at restaurants and package stores and the reason I'm asking is that there's a current trend towards the beer garden-type place where there's a lot of local craft breweries that are popping up. I didn't know with the conversation contemplated, those types of establishments as well," Komando said.

Hart said the ordinance did not take into account those type of businesses, but mainly focused on restaurants.



City council recently voted to have its city attorney draft an ordinance that would allow restaurants in the downtown core to sell alcoholic beverages. **Herald photo by Eric Cravey**

After the discussion, council members voted 4-0 to have the city attorney draft an ordinance to present at the next council meeting in August.

In other business:

Hart presented draft language for an ordinance that would require dogs to be leashed during hours of operation at Key-stone Beach.

However, before taking any action moving into an official draft ordinance phase, he suggested council members talk to residents and gauge whether there was a groundswell of support. He said the council's Growth Management Committee supports the leash proposal as a means of protecting public health.

"No. 1, health concerns - people running around barefoot at the beach and second, and I think one of you had mentioned this - public liability concerns," Steve Hart said.

After Hart's presentation, no council members weighed in on the measure.

Council member Dan Lewandowski brought up the idea of purchasing the former Kangaroo station at the corner of State Roads 100 and 21 in order to convert it into part of the city's planned gateway entry into the city or use it for extra downtown parking

or a trailhead for the rails to trails that currently runs through the city on the airport property.

He threw out the possibility of having city officials negotiate with the property owner to determine if the city can afford to buy the property.

Hart said the city's Community Redevelopment Agency wanted to pursue the project, but did not want to go ahead until

the full council and mayor were brought into the discussion.

Council also voted to hold a meeting July 25 at 5 p.m. to set its maximum millage rate for the 2016-17 budget year. Council holds its next meeting - and a budget workshop - on Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. along with a meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency.



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Eyes on Atlantic City

Kingsley Lake's Sexton to compete for Miss America

By Eric Cravey
KH Herald.com

MIAMI – Like many people who grow up in the Lake Region, it's easy to feel as though life is split between two, if not three, counties – Alachua, Bradford and Clay.

And even though that's somewhat the case for the new Miss Florida, Courtney Sexton, she is thankful for the hometown support she received from everyone, everywhere.

"I am thankful for the outpouring of support and encouragement. I really felt I had my community behind me as a strong support system. I felt all of the love I received. I'm just so happy to be able to bring the crown of Miss Florida home to such a great area," Sexton said in a phone interview from the Miami offices of The Miss Florida Scholarship Pageant Inc.

While growing up in Clay County's Kingsley Lake, Sexton grew up attending Bradford County public schools. Her mother, Sherry Sexton, teaches kindergarten at Clay County's Shadowlawn Elementary.

"We went to Publix in Middleburg to get our groceries," Courtney Sexton said. "I can say I honestly grew up in both [Clay and Bradford]. I did spend a lot of time in Starke."

Sexton, 23, won an \$18,000 scholarship, which will help her complete a master of health administration at the University of Central Florida, however, right now, her full-time job is Miss Florida. She will complete her master's in 2018.

"I still have a year-and-a-half to go," she said.

Sexton admits she has "to pinch myself

all the time" to realize she is actually not in a dream and that she actually was crowned Miss Florida on July 2 at the Youkey Theatre at the Lakeland Center. Having won the Miss Florida Outstanding Teen as a 15-year-old, Sexton was crowned Miss Orlando while also at UCF and went on to compete to represent the Sunshine State on Sept. 6 in the Miss America

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– Courtney Sexton

pageant. She won the "lifestyle, fitness and swimsuit" preliminary competition earlier that week, her talent is dance, but her passion lies with her platform – getting Floridians to volunteer.

"Only 18 percent of my generation is volunteering and that's an outrageously low number. I see a real need for volunteerism in our state," Sexton said.

Next year, Sexton will embark on a statewide tour where she will promote literacy in tandem with encouraging others to get out and connect with a nonprofit cause.

"My platform is all about connecting people with organizations and causes that they care about and that they want to volunteer with," Sexton said. "It's about



Miss Florida 2016 Courtney Sexton

starting the volunteer bug around our state and our nation."

One of Sexton's favorite places at which to volunteer her time are children's hospitals, particularly those connected to the Children's Miracle Network. She enjoys brightening the days of children who are undergoing everything from cancer to surgery recovery who may simply need a visit from someone they never could imagine having met.

"When I'm at a hospital talking with a child, I just try to be as real and me as possible. I just have a conversation with them that they don't normally get to have. I just get to know them and make that moment special. It's not every day that Miss Florida will walk into a hospital room, so I just try to make it a memorable experience, an experience they will never forget."

When asked about whether some of the age-old stereotypes about pageants are still valid today, Sexton said Miss America and its state-level organizations are first and foremost about service.

"I think that service is the backbone of giving. Miss America is someone who is more than a title and more than a crown. She is a woman who can go to Capitol Hill in the morning and then later in the day sit on the floor and color and bond with children and because of that, we've definitely broken all stereotypes because of what we stand for," Sexton said.

Fresh off a visit to Washington, D.C. and a Miss America Organization orientation session where she met 51 other contestants who will compete for the crown, Sexton said she is easing into her new role. However, the coming weeks will be filled preparing to be thrust in the national spotlight in Atlantic City on Sept. 6.

She views the women she met as her new family of sisters.

"We're embarking on this journey together. We've all worked so hard to get where we are, and although it's a competition, we are working together. We've all put so much into this and we're supporting each other through this journey and that's what sisters do – sisters support each other," Sexton said.

"We really want to make a difference."



Photos courtesy Miss Florida Scholarship Pageant Inc.

Miss Florida 2016 Courtney Sexton, center, first runner-up Lindsay Bettis, left, and second runner up Victoria Humphrey, right.

Meals

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it's free. For adults it's a \$1.50, you can't beat that."

Tomlinson and her daughter Mia previously went to the program at Keystone Heights Elementary before she said the district moved it to Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High.

Tomlinson has rheumatoid arthritis and lives off disability along with her daughter's salary. She said it's hard to give kids the nutrition they need over the summers and the breakfast the schools provide are not only convenient, but nutritious as well.

Nearly half of the students at Keystone Heights High School receive free or reduced lunch, above the district average of 42 percent free lunch and five percent reduced

"We also look at where children can also walk to the location we find that we have a higher participation in communities where kids can walk, ride their bike, where they have means of transportation to get to the location."

– Susan Glover, nutrition director for the Clay County School District

lunch.

Because free and reduced lunch is based on parental income, Glover said a good indication on pockets of poverty in a community are those places where the percentages of free and reduced lunch are higher.

Glover said the school district examines poverty pockets such as the ones at Wilkinson Elementary, Grove Park Elementary and Keystone Heights High School to determine where to place summer meal programs where children both have the need and the necessity for them.

By comparison, Fleming Island High School's percentage of free lunch is only 17 percent, so a disparity exists in the county. Glover said identifying these pockets is a



Herald Photo by Jesse Holett

Summer meal programs are free for school-age children, but also allow adult residents to buy meals for as low as \$1.50 regardless of income levels.

good way to determine the location of the need.

"We also look at where children can also walk to the location we find that we have a higher participation in communities where kids can walk, ride their bike, where they have means of transportation to get to the location," Glover said.

She said the program has seen great success in Charles E. Bennett Elementary

in Green Cove Springs because it is in the middle of a neighborhood.

When there's locations where the need is there but the means to get to the meal program aren't, the school system rolls out its mobile food bus and delivers hot meals straight to Ronnie Van Zant Park in Lake Asbury.

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Lake Area Physical Therapy Inc	465 S Lawrence Blvd	(352) 473-7560	Santa Fe Comm College	4150 SE State Road 21	(352) 473-8989
Lake Area Small Engine	7333 Kyle St	(352) 473-1212	School Kids Hang Out	165 SE Nightingale St	(352) 473-4044
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Martin Global Solutions Inc	6827 Apache Jct	(352) 316-0685	Supplies 4 Working Dogs	5870 Trawick Rd	(904) 608-7748
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McDonald's	7370 State Road 100	(352) 473-2288	Taylor & Taylor Pa	420 S Lawrence Blvd	(352) 473-8088
Mchenry's Pub	323 NE Commercial Cir	(352) 473-3000	Therapy Through Massage Inc	100 SE Nightingale St	(352) 473-1118
Media Inc	7423 State Road 21	(352) 478-7069	Todd Shockley	260 S Lawrence Blvd Ste B	(352) 473-0707
Memories Awards & Engraving	101 NE Commercial Cir	(352) 473-2927	Toms High On The Hog Real Pit	7154 SE County Road 21B	(352) 473-9873
Michael J Hutson Construction	7746 Cypress St	(904) 504-5619	Transmission Shop	135 NE Commercial Cir	(352) 473-3404
Mike Bertie Heating & Air	6316 Grandview Ct	(352) 473-9595	Treasures In Writing	PO Box 52	(561) 906-9014
Mikes Auto Electric	330 NE Commercial Cir	(352) 473-7557	Trevor Waters Realty Inc	7374 State Road 21	(352) 473-7777
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Mini Storage Of America	7378 Sunrise Blvd	(352) 473-7683	Trinity Baptist Church Of Keystone	Highway 21	(352) 473-7261
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Murfs Drywall Texturing Inc	5541 Campo Dr	(352) 473-0425	U-Haul	843 SE State Road 100	(352) 473-9677
New Wave Digital	124 S Lawrence Blvd	(352) 473-8383	U-Haul	7077 State Road 21	(352) 473-5908
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North Florida Elite Tumbling	165 SE Nightingale St	(352) 275-6305	Village Doctors of Keystone	100 S Lawrence Blvd	(352) 473-9373
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Pantry	6835 State Road 21	(352) 473-7240	Williams Automotive	7365 State Road 21	(352) 473-8400
Paran Baptist Church	6974 Gatorbone Rd	(386) 659-2083	YMCA Camp Immokalee	6765 Immokalee Rd	(352) 473-4213
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Hope Therapy helps riders medal in Florida Special Olympics

By Jesse Hollett
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MIDDLEBURG – When Christopher Frierson first touched his awards from the Florida's Special Olympics – a silver medal and a fourth place ribbon – he shot his arm in the air, threw his head back and screamed in triumph.

"Yes!" he said.

April 30 was a day of firsts and a celebration of triumphs for Frierson and the Middleburg-based nonprofit Hope Therapy and the whole of Clay County. This was the first year Hope Therapy, Northeast Florida's leading hippotherapy program, sent representatives from their program to compete in the equestrian section of the Special Olympics. Hippotherapy uses horseback riding as a therapeutic or rehabilitative treatment, especially as a means of improving coordination, balance and strength.

This year, officials held the event at the Grand Oaks Resort and Museum in Weirsdale, Florida.

"It was our first time ever doing the competition," said Rebecca Davenport, co-director of Hope Therapy. "This was the first time Clay county or Duval have ever had Special Olympics for equestrian so it was a special time to give that chance to our riders."

Together, Frierson and fellow special athlete Darby Butts participated in two of the available for equestrian competitions. Frierson took silver in western riding and fourth place in western trail. Butts took gold in western trail and bronze in western equitation.

"We had heard from some of the people who come regularly that their riders have never placed or medaled," said Pam Frierson, Christopher's mother and resident of Middleburg. "It's amazing, the fact that they both medaled, we're very proud of them,



Christopher Frierson sits triumphant after medaling in the 2016 Florida Special Olympics. Rebecca Davenport, co-director of Hope Therapy, second from right, stands beside him with her hands folded smiling over his accomplishment.

they both practiced hard."

Once they were approved to compete in the fall, Davenport and Pam Frierson started to look at what they would need to compete.

Although Frierson owns his own horse, Sammie, Davenport brought in the help of a triad and true Olympic horse, BJ. Perry Hopper, a special needs teacher and Special Olympics coach, donated the horse for the event.

Frierson's family built a mock obstacle

course on their property to give him a chance to practice whenever he needed to.

Davenport has worked with Frierson, now 14, since he was two years old. A volunteer at Hope Therapy put in the legwork to get the program on the pathway to sending him and Butts to the Olympics.

After qualifying in front of a judge, training for the Olympics started in January,

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but I hope we can all stand together and say this is important to our community and I say to all of you, feel free to give my cellphone number out if people have a concern because I think when people see what we've spent it on, and what the future is," Kopelousos said.

In other business:

Commissioners voted 5-0 to reject a proposal to convert a mobile home park on Doctors Lake Drive to a recreational vehicle park on grounds it was not compatible with the neighborhood. In discussing the issue while agreeing to "defer to my

district commissioner [Hutchings represents Doctors Lake Drive]," Commissioner Wendell Davis pointed out that the land in question could alternatively be developed into 96 homes, therefore, creating even more of the similar concerns of congestion and road traffic raised by area residents opposing the RV park.

Commissioners discussed whether or not to direct county staff to amend a county ordinance prohibiting furniture, such as tents and tables, from being erected at polling places during upcoming and future elections. Currently, under state law candidates are prohibited within a 100 foot buffer from voting sites, while a county ordinance prohibits signs and other paraphernalia on any part of polling place grounds.

Election

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district two school board member. said she witnessed administrators collecting petitions for Van Zant at Fleming Island Splash Park which functioned as a voting precinct during the March 15 presidential preference primary, a Tuesday. She watched them from seven in the morning to seven at night from her own petition booth.

Throughout the day, Kerekes received multiple telephone calls and text messages from concerned parents and educators saying administrators were seen at multiple other voting precincts from Keystone Heights to Orange Park.

A public records request asking which administrators had taken leave that day was not released by press time.

Van Zant said administrators do not donate to him out of self-preservation.

"Nobody lost their job when I became superintendent. They didn't," Van Zant said. "So not everybody is still there, there were a lot of retirements, there were people who have been moved for different reasons, but none of it had to do with anybody's political contribution one way or another."

When asked whether the district's former public information officer, Darlene Mahla, was fired, Van Zant paused for six seconds during an interview. He then said school board policy prevented him from talking about actions taken by the district's

human resources department and said he was not "going to go down that road."

In 2012, Mahla worked on Wortham's campaign team. However, before Van Zant was sworn in in 2012, he had hired his friend and campaign donor Gavin Rollins, for a similar role. Calls to Mahla were not returned by deadline.

At the end of the fiscal year 2015, Van Zant did not renew Mahla's contract

"Principals and leaders and teachers work so hard, so any additional time that they spend at events such as this is time they could spend with their families," said Addison Davis, who will face Van Zant in the Aug. 30 closed primary. "From my standpoint, I don't want an educator to be put in a bad position because they feel obligated to do it in fear of their job."

Throughout his campaign, Davis and his family have been the main supporters advertising his candidacy, handing out candidate info cards and operating candidate booths to collect voter signatures. Since he started in October, he has raised more than \$31,000. Van Zant's campaign contributions trump his by nearly two fold at more than \$59,000.

Many administrators are still reluctant to come forward with their experiences for fear of retribution.

"I don't understand why things happen the way they do, but I know it hasn't killed me yet," Gaynes said. "But it sure has taken its toll on me, pride wise, the way I feel about myself and the goals I set for myself."

History

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40 Years Ago, 1976

Paul Smysor apologized to the Keystone Heights community for dragging his feet and pledged to rebuild the 40-room Keystone Inn to its former glory days when it housed the likes of J.C. Penney and Molly Firestone.

John Gilbert of the Aero Corp. in Lake City sought to lease eight acres of property at the Keystone Heights Airport where he planned to build a \$500,000 airport terminal and hangars, and would include gift shops and travel trailer companies.

The Keystone Heights City Council set



Aug. 24 as the date voters can decide on a ballot referendum on whether to spend \$1.7 to upgrade the city's water and sewer system.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Meet your neighbor is a monthly feature of the Keystone Heights Herald. These are some of the people that make Keystone the special place it is. They work or live in the Keystone Heights and Lake Region Area.

Name: Barbara Franklin
Born: Staten Island, NY
Job: Insurance Agency Manager
Song: Living on a Prayer
Movie: Karate Kid
Hobby: Other People's Business
Pastime: Spending time with son
Vacation Spot: Panama City Beach
Favorite Quote: "Whatever"



Barbara Franklin



Name: Phil Miller
Born: Jacksonville
Job: Owner Bronco Pump
Song: Jimmy Hendrix, actually attended a 1970 Atlanta Pop Festival
Movie: Westerns & Friday Night "Red Box" Night
Hobby: Business
Pastime: Spending time with wife Janet
Vacation Spot: Cabin in Northern Idaho
Favorite Quote: You reap what you sow – treat people like you want to be treated.



Phil Miller



Name: Sherry Griffin
Born: Jacksonville
Job: Manager Tom's BBQ
Song: Simple Man
Movie: Wizard of Oz
Hobby: Training Dogs
Pastime: Fishing
Vacation Spot: Key West Florida
Favorite Quote: "Don't judge a book by its cover."



Sherry Griffin



Name: Charlie Van Zant
Born: Clearwater
Job: Clay County Superintendent of Schools
Song: Sweet Home Alabama
Movie: Top Gun
Hobby: Flying
Pastime: Coaching
Vacation Spot: Keys or Mountains
Favorite Quote: Psalms 37:4 "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart."



Charlie Van Zant



Name: Amber Shows
Born: Palatka
Job: Customer Service Manager Harvey's
Song: Seven Years
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Clay High School graduate Caeleb Dressel, right, earned a ticket to the RIO Olympics by finishing second in the 100 meters free style at the recent Olympic Swim Trials in Omaha. Dressel, an SEC and NCAA champion, finished second to 2012 London Olympic 100 free gold medalist Nathan Adrian in the 100 free finals.

Dressel headed to Rio

By Randy Lefko
KHHERald.com

OMAHA, Neb. – It wasn't the event he considered his favorite, but Clay High swimmer Caeleb Dressel answered the call in his second event, the 100 free, that most Olympic experts had him as a swimmer to watch at the U.S.A. Olympics Swim Trials held June 24-July 3 in Omaha.

"I didn't get to do it in one of my favorite events; the 50 free, but I'm happy to have got to the wall in the 100," said

Dressel, 19, and just a sophomore at the University of Florida. "I got that done and that's all that matters. Congrats to my parents because they've raised an Olympian."

In other races at the Trials, Kaitlyn Dressel, a Clay High and Florida State University graduate, competed in the 50 free preliminaries (101st in 26.38); Grady Heath, a freshman at the University of Florida and a Clay High grad, competed in the 200 free preliminaries (78th in 1:52.37) and Ashley Neidigh, a junior at Auburn University from Orange Park

who swam and graduated from Bolle, swam in the preliminaries of the 400 free, 800 free, 200 individual medley and the 400 individual medley events (See story, page ??).

In a showdown of youth and experience, Dressel, second in Omaha in the 100 free to reigning Olympic champion Nathan Adrian, was cast as the underdog in a lineup of former Olympic gold medal swimmers in the two primary sprint events on the Trials schedule; the 50 and

SEE DRESSEL, 19

Country Day 5K has 90 finishers

By Randy Lefko
KHHERald.com

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – With red, white and blue flags, shirts and banners sailing throughout the Keystone Heights center of town, nearly 100 runners set off to celebrate with a 3.1 mile jaunt through town as part of the Country Day 5K race held July 4.

Overall winner was Gainesville High School runner Jack Broling in a quick 18 minutes, 13 seconds, a pace of just near six minutes per mile.

Broling, 16, and a junior at Gainesville High, is looking to be a part of the Gainesville varsity cross country team that last year got fifth at the Florida state high school championships. Broling finished 38th overall in the very tough Class 3A race for the Hurricanes.

Behind Broling in second place was Keystone Heights' Ryan Collins, 21, in 18:53 with Tim Searle, 15, third in 19:24.

For the overall women's title, Ruby McHugh, 53, blasted to a 23:18 first place finish with Morgan Brake, 11, in as runnerup in 24:47 and Denise Haines, 42, third female in 25:07.

Age group winners included, in 10-Under Tyler Griffin, 10, in 12th overall at 22:18 and Olivia Griffin, 7, in at 36:27; in 11-14, Brake for the girls; in 15-19, Haley Julius, 15, in 25:45 and

SEE COUNTRY DAY, 20



Runners at Keystone Heights' annual Country Day 5K road race take off at the start of the July 4 event. Nearly 100 runners participated in the event.



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08/25/2016	6:30 PM EDT	at Orange Park High School	Raiderdome		
09/01/2016	7:00 PM EDT	at Union County High School	Union County High School		
09/08/2016	6:00 PM EDT	at Columbia High School	Columbia High School		
09/10/2016	TBA	Atlantic Coast High School	Oakleaf Gym		
09/13/2016	6:00 PM EDT	at Interlachen High School	Robert H. Busch Gymnaism (Bas...		
09/22/2016	6:30 PM EDT	Oakleaf High School	Keystone Heights High School		
09/29/2016	6:00 PM EDT	at Clay High School	Keystone Heights Junior-Senior H...		
10/04/2016	6:00 PM EDT	Interlachen High School	Keystone Heights High School		
10/07/2016	TBA	KHHS Varsity Invitational	Keystone Heights High School		



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"Four years ago, I remember coming here as a 15 year old and watching the finals and saying 'I really want to do that,'" said Dressel. "It's a dream come true."

One name that continued to pop up just a word or two away from Dressel's in conversations about the upcoming races was Adrian, of California, the reigning 100 free Olympic champion. Adrian, 27, has been a mainstay of sprint swimming in the United States with three golds in London 2012; two via relay events. Also in Dressel's lineup card would be Anthony Ervin, the 50 free gold medalist in 2000, who at 35, was one of the oldest sprinters still manning goggles, and Cullen Jones, the 50 free silver medalist in London and a gold medalist as the anchor for the 4 x 100 medley relay team. Jones was also a gold medalist at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing in the 4 x 100 free relay team.

Of course, within the confines of the CenturyLink Arena, Dressel was in with Olympic legends Ryan Lochte, in the 100 free semifinals, and Michael Phelps, in the 100 butterfly, but the sprints would be where the most drama would unfold from the preliminary heats, the semifinal heats and the finals.

In the 100 free preliminary heats, held Wed., June 29, Dressel, in heat eight of 10, recorded the third fastest split of the day at 48.69 seconds with Adrian staging the top split of 48.43 in heat 10. North Carolina swimmer Ryan Held, 21, was right on Adrian's shoulder in their heat to take the second best slot of the day at 48.46.

In his heat, Dressel blasted the first 50 free in 22.90, second to Ervin's 22.76 at the turn, before swimming the second 50 just ahead of Ervin for the top split of the heat.

In the semifinals, in the night session on Wednesday, Adrian and Dressel would face off for the first time in the second semifinal heat with Adrian taking control with a best of the night second 50 split of 24.77 to be the top seed for Thursday's final with a 47.91. Dressel, with a slower 23.16 first 50 split that was .02 off of Adrian's shoulder at the turn, finished behind Adrian at 48.53. Adrian's season-best in 2016 was 48.00.

Held, in the first heat of the semifinals, kept his hand in the poker game with a 48.48



The family of Caeleb Dressel – mom Christina, brother Tyler and father Michael – smile and hug Dressel after he was announced on the podium as an Olympic team member after his second place finish in the 100 freestyle at the Olympic Swim Trials in Omaha.

to win the first semifinal over Ervin's 48.71. Ervin would blast the best first 50 of the night at 22.77 with Held coming back for a dramatic first place touch and the night's second best time.

In the final, on Thurs., June 30, swim fans were privy to the Super Bowl of sprint swimming with Dressel and Adrian did not disappoint the 20,000 plus fans as four swimmers; Adrian, Dressel, Held and Ervin, all executed sub-23 second first 50s to make second half strength the call for the final 50. Adrian, Dressel and Held left Ervin at the 25-to-go mark with sub-26 second splits with the order sticking with Adrian in at 47.72, Dressel in at 48.23 and Held in at 48.26 thus securing Olympic team selections for Adrian and Dressel with Held a relay selection.

"He has got a lot left in the tank in this game," said Adrian of Dressel after the matchup. "He's quite the talent here. When I was 19, I may have been on a relay team. He's a great talent. We're going to prepare as a relay team for Rio."

In the 50 free preliminaries held the morning of Fri., July 2, the same dramatics unfolding in lightning fashion as well as

nearly the same lineup of swimmers, with Jones the additional player. Dressel and Jones faced off in the 17th of 18 heats with Dressel blasting a 21.76 to hold off Jones' 21.84 while Ervin took the second fastest split of the prelims with a 21.80 in heat 16. Adrian would also stay under 22 seconds at 21.96 to win heat 18 over Jimmy Feigen, 26, of New York. Held would falter and finish at 22.37 to just barely survived as the 14th entry into the semifinals in Friday's night session.

"It's been rough; it's hard to control stuff after a bad swim," said Dressel, who did not advance in Monday's 200 free after posting one of the top three fastest first 50 splits of 25.06 before falling to 32nd place overall in 1:49.93 with Conor Dwyer, of California, taking top honors in 1:46.66. "You just have to get up and find a way to do it."

In the semifinals on Friday night, Ervin, in heat one with Adrian, would emerge with a poor start, but a lightning-fast close to stave off Adrian in 21.55 for the fastest split of the night. Jones, in 21.93, would take top honors in the second heat with Feigen second in 22.02 and Dressel third in 22.04 to set up

a Saturday night final that promised to be entertaining.

Saturday night's final proved to be as entertaining as expected with all but one swimmer finishing under the elusive 22 seconds with Adrian winning in 21.51 despite the third fastest start reaction time. Ervin would finish second in 21.52 with Jones third in 21.75 and Dressel fourth in 21.80.

"It's done, it's over with," said Dressel. "I'm a little disappointed but we got plenty of other meets coming up; we got worlds that I can prove myself with."

In the 100 butterfly preliminary heats on Fri., July 1, less than an hour after his 50 free preliminaries, Dressel finished fourth in the 14th heat of 14 heats just behind Phelps in 52.22 with top three automatically advancing and top two times after added in. Phelps was third behind Tom Phillips of North Carolina, who had the second fastest split of the prelims in 51.68 with Seth Stubblefield of California second in the 14th heat and third overall in 51.72. Dressel's time was not fast enough to advance to the semifinals in the evening session. Phelps would finish third in his semifinal heat in 51.83 with Stubblefield the top seed for the Saturday final.

In the final, though, Phelps, the world record holder in the event, would overtake a fast start by Stubblefield, who hit the turn first in 23.78, to exact revenge with a second half surge win over Tom Shields of California in 51.00 to Shields' 51.20.

The Olympic Games coaching staff has been finalized for men's head coach Bob Bowman (Arizona State University) and women's head coach David Marsh (SwimMAC Carolina), USA Swimming National Team Director Frank Busch announced Sunday.

Rounding out the men's staff are assistant coaches Jack Bauerle (University of Georgia), Mike Bottom (University of Michigan) and Dave Durden (University of California, Berkeley). The women's assistant coaches will be Bruce Gemmill (Nation's Capital Swim Club), Ray Looze (Indiana University) and Greg Meehan (Stanford University).

The entire U.S. Olympic Swim Team opens training camp July 12 in San Antonio, Texas, at the Northside Swim Center.

There are 30 first-time Olympians on this year's pool roster, compared to 28 first-timers in 2012 and 26 in 2008.

2016 Keystone Heights Football Schedule

District 3-4A (2015 record)

Bradford
(7-4, 3-1, District runner-up, region quarterfinalist)

Interlachen
(1-9, 0-4)

Keystone Heights
(7-3, 2-2)

P.K. Yonge
(5-5, 1-3)

Santa Fe
(9-4, 4-0, District champion, region finalist)

August 19
Preseason: Home vs. Ridgeview (7pm)

August 26
Away at Fernandina Beach (7:30pm)

September 9
Home vs. The Villages (7:30pm)

September 16
Home vs. Bishop Snyder (7pm)

September 23
Away at Hilliard (7:30pm)

September 30
Away at PK Yonge (7:30pm)



October 7
Away at Belleview (7pm)

October 14
Home vs. Bradford (7:30pm)

October 21
Away at Interlachen (7:30pm)

October 28
Home vs. Santa Fe (7:30pm)

November 4
Home vs. Hawthorne (7:30pm)



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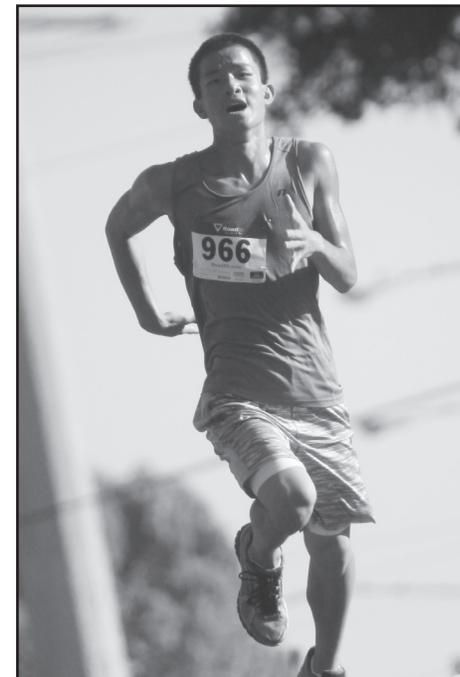


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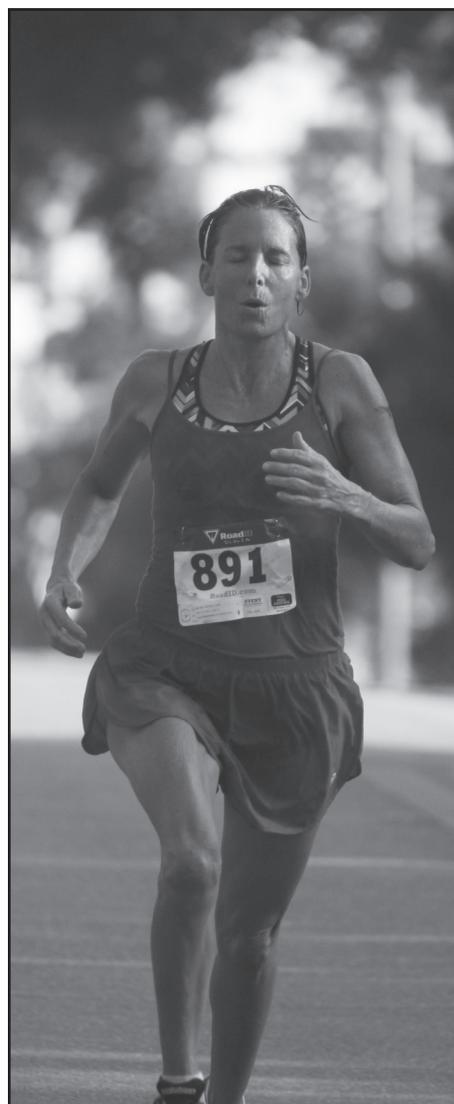
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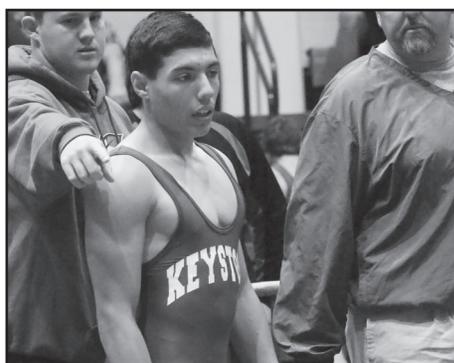
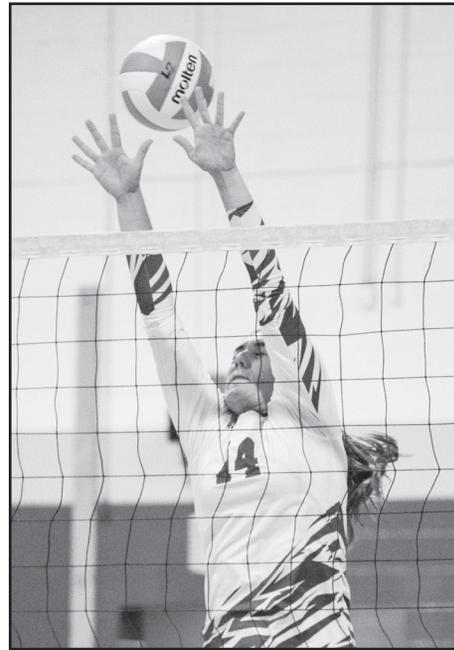
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Broling; in 20-24, Collins and Brooke Sammons, 20, for the girls in 32:23; in 25-29, Jessica Deneen, 25, in 25:29 and Daniel Swale, 29, in 20:44 for fourth overall; in 30-34, Drew Upchurch, 32, in 22:00 for eighth overall and Angela Irwin, 34, in 36:53; in 35-39, Marieka

Allen, 39, in 29:54 for the women and Travis Irwin, 37, in 23:48; in 40-44, Rick Haines, in 21:24 and Denise Haines, in 25:07; in 45-49, Tim Lundquist, 47, in 24:35 and Amy Kinsey, 46, in 32:46; in 50-54, Ruby McHugh, 53, in 23:18 and Shawn Stephens, 51, in 25:24; in 55-59, David Golden, 56, in 23:23 and Julie Bruey, 58, in 26:58; in 60-64, Marian Norris, 62, in 39:47 and Daniel Moody, 60, in 30:01. There were no runners in the 70+ division.

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Ronnie Van Zant's '55 Chevy gets a facelift

By Jesse Hollett
KHHerald.com

ORANGE PARK – The day the plane went down, Johnny Van Zant was working in the yard with his father Lacy, a former trucker who “spared not the rod.”

It was October, and a cool one, so they left the front door open as they worked. Living on the Westside of Jacksonville had left them leery of burglars – but guns dashed those fears.

From the open door, his father heard the phone ring, so he hollered at Johnny to go grab it. On the phone was Alan Walden, the band's manager at the time.

“He said, ‘hey where’s your dad at, there’s been a plane crash,’” Van Zant said.

The television in front of him confirmed it – Lynyrd Skynyrd's plane had gone down. His brother, Ronnie Van Zant, two other band members and two pilots lost their lives that day.

“And so the rest of it kind of, you know, sucked,” Van Zant, the current lead singer of Lynyrd Skynyrd said. “It was a blur. If you experience tragedy in your life I think your brain says ‘OK I don’t want to remember certain stuff.’”

Next year marks 30 years since the plane crash that took his brother's life on October 20, 1977, three days after the release of the chart-topping album “Street Survivors.” The band's chartered Convair plane ran out of fuel near the end of the flight from Greenville, South Carolina, on the way to a gig in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

This weekend will mark the completion of Johnny Van Zant's two-year endeavor to



Herald photo by Jesse Hollett

Johnny Van Zant and Jim Signorile stand in the service shop of Fields Cadillac of Jacksonville talking about the updates to the truck's bed.

give a new voice to something his brother treasured – a '55 Chevy pickup. For Johnny Van Zant, however, the vehicle is a bit more than a 60-year-old truck, it's the last place he saw his brother alive.

“It's part of the family,” Johnny Van Zant said. “Last time I seen him he was in that truck, so it means that much to me.”

He and Jim Signorile, the general manager of Fields Cadillac of Jacksonville, weren't in any rush to complete the project, however.

A nut here, a bolt there when the service orders slowed enough to allow Tony Stoner, the project's mechanic, to give the truck some more attention.

Some things had to go – the clunky transmission, the engine, the old Maaco paint job.

The steering wheel stayed, a memento in a moveable memorial.

In all actuality, there was a huge amount of work to be done.

“He took it to the frame,” Signorile said.

The truck had no power breaks or steering, a shot air conditioner, which in Florida makes the vehicle all but useless. It had a stone-age engine, so they gutted it and sand-blasted it to the frame, a process which Van Zant said cost “a pretty good penny.”

Not to mention the new crate 350 motor they're throwing in there. By the end of the remodel, the Chevy will be a far cry from the dilapidated state it was in when Signorile towed it from Van Zant's barn two years ago.

Perhaps due to the condition of the vehicle, or perhaps due to the memories

attached to the vehicle, it's switched hands between Donnie Van Zant of .38 Special and the brother's father. When Johnny Van Zant finally got a hold of it, the fenders only hung on by virtue of Bondo glue.

Previous remodels brought limited results due to a lack of funds on the family's part. There was, however, a time when he sent the truck down to Nashville so a now-defunct show on the Country Music Television network could remodel the truck. When the television show went bankrupt two years later, he had to appear before a judge to prove the truck belonged to him.

Van Zant said that all the work and investment would be worth it, because once the remodel is completed, Van Zant intends to show the car.

The '55 Chevy, however, isn't the only of Ronnie Van Zant's vehicles that Signorile's shop has worked on. There was also his '72 Jeep, which now sits in Johnny Van Zant's garage.

“They'll be keepsakes, and who knows, maybe they'll end up in a museum someday,” he said. “It'll be a cool thing to have, it's going to be really nice.”

If not in a museum, Van Zant said that he's going to pass it to his children or grandchildren when he dies.

This time, he knows the remodel will go correctly, because both Van Zant and Signorile want to see Ronnie Van Zant's memory entombed in something so special to him.

“Once I got it back to Florida I said it's never leaving my sight again,” Van Zant said. “That truck, in my mind's eye, is not going to leave Florida. It can, as long as I'm with it.”



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Keeping out the roaches

By Wayne Hobbs

UF/IFAS Environmental Horticulture
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The first time I raked the leaves in my yard after coming to Florida, I was shocked by the hundreds of roaches that scattered for cover. These insects are often reviled for the putrid smells they produce and the allergies they can trigger from their feces and shed body parts. However, most perform the service of recycling dead or dying plant and animal material and are only pests once they come in contact with people.



Wayne Hobbs

Do I have Cockroaches?

With 69 different species of cockroaches in the United States, they come in a range of sizes and colors, with the largest in Florida being the Florida Woods Roach, also known as the palmetto bug, being over two-inches long as an adult. Chances are that, in Florida, there is a species of roach somewhere on your property but that does not mean you have an issue.

To look for roaches in the home, check in sheltered dark areas such as under cabinets, beneath or behind molding, under furniture, and around water sources. In the yard they will congregate near mulch and leaf litter.

How do I prevent them from entering my home?

To prevent roaches in your home, it is a good idea to seal all possible entry points with caulk or sealant such as the foundation, around door and window molding, and any area where they might enter. It is also a good idea to keep mulch to a maximum thickness of one inch near the home and to keep plant material off the side of the home. You should also limit water sources around the yard and



Residents can help limit, if not control, the number of cockroaches that infest the home by removing any interior dampness and unused paper products, such as stored grocery bags.

home, as roaches need water for survival and will enter the home looking for it in dry weather.

One of the best ways to prevent an infestation of indoor cockroaches is to limit their food sources. Recycle cardboard and do not keep it around the house and make sure to properly store and dispose of garbage. Also keep counters, appliances, dishes, and sinks clean, especially the strainer. Finally, make sure to seal up all groceries and pet food.

What if I find a cockroach?

One of the first parts of a proper pest management plan is to identify the roach and the scale of the infestation to see if it is an issue. One palmetto bug who wandered inside for a drink of water is not usually an issue but hundreds of german cockroaches living under your cabinets can definitely warrant a reaction. The UF/IFAS Clay County Extension Office can help to identify the species.

Integrated Pest Management practices

should be utilized to manage any infestation of pests, including indoor and outdoor cockroaches.

To manage an indoor infestation, you would first thoroughly clean and vacuum the area and apply baits or gels near entry points, as these are highly effective and limit your pesticide exposure. These should be monitored and replaced as needed until populations decrease. If liquid pesticide can be used to knock down the population before using baits. Outdoor cockroaches can be best managed by limiting entry into the home and by using granular control products within three feet of the home and around any areas in the yard where

cockroaches may be, such as around railroad ties, stones, shrubs or leaf litter.

With any pesticide treatment, all products can be dangerous, so make sure to follow all directions on the label. If you need any further advice on cockroach management you can check the UF EDIS Fact Sheet on cockroaches found at <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/IG/IG08200.pdf> or contact the UF/IFAS Clay County Extension Office.

Here to help

Want someone to answer a specific plant question for you? Go online to <http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu> and under the heading "Horticulture" (left hand side of page) left click on "Ask a Master Gardener" and a reply will be sent plus a hyperlink to the appropriate University of Florida Fact Sheets. Please send us a digital picture of the problem. To read past articles that might help you with seasonal problems and to learn about upcoming Extension Programming in our area go to our website at UF/IFAS Clay County Extension.

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Hope

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according to Davenport. Normally, Davenport uses her 18-and-a-half-acre property to train riders, but she wanted to give her riders a glimpse of what their facilities would look like during the Olympics, so she elicited the help of the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.

Davenport has owned and operated the Middleburg-based therapy program with her mother since 2001. Davenport, a certified occupational therapist, uses her skills and property to provide therapeutic help to those with disabilities.

"We can do everything I can do in a clinic but on top of a horse," Davenport said.

Davenport also holds therapy sessions for cancer patients and veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and other traumatic brain injuries. She said the movement of the horse in a natural setting



Christopher Frierson flexes his muscles after receiving a silver medal in western riding during the 2016 Florida Special Olympics.

helps calm some of the stress her clients live with.

Pam Frierson said hippotherapy has helped Frierson with more than his trot as well. Davenport works with Frierson on his trunk strength and upper body endurance as well as his cognitive delay, an associated symptom of Frierson's condition.

"Part of his learning is learning the care of the horse. He learns to groom them and saddle them it helps him learn responsibility, but it also helps with sequencing," Pam Frierson said. "It's sometimes hard for them to sequence the order of events. You don't just get on a horse – you have to catch the horse, then groom the horse, then put a saddle on, then you have to do that in reverse order."

The responsibility factor comes into play when Frierson goes with Davenport to feed the horses on nights when he's the last rider at the facility.

Pam Frierson said her son intends to

compete next year as well. Currently, Davenport doesn't see him as much as she used to because Frierson has more responsibilities than he did before this year's Olympics.

He's heading off to horse camp for a week in Marion County. Next year, Frierson is entering the North Florida School of Special Education in Jacksonville as a high school freshman, something he hasn't forgotten to tell everyone he knows, Pam Frierson said.

Davenport said she will expand her program next year in the hopes she can give her other students the same pride Frierson experienced during this year's Olympics. If so, she said, she'll begin training once the weather cools down.

"To see their smiles when they got those medals was just amazing," Davenport said. "We just had really good support from the people involved with our organization. It was really a nice experience and we're hoping to do it next year."

OUR COUNTRY DAY July 4th Celebration



Herald photos submitted by Steve Hart

William Turner, right, receives a second place award from Ladonna Hart for Most Original, a family entry.



Helen Hersey of Helen Hersey Realty is an annual favorite at the Our Country Day Fourth of July Parade.



The Keystone Kops are a local favorite.



Tina Bullock helps keep the parade organized each year.



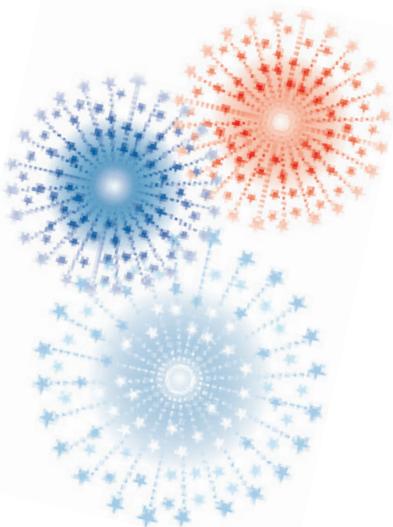
Michelle Parrish holds son Carter, left and Rylan Dalay rides along in patriotic red, white and blue.



Vietnam War veteran Dave Todd, seated right, served as Grand Marshal this year.



Ladonna Hart, left, awards Cub Scout Pack 146 the trophy for "Best Marching Unit" in the 2016 Our Country Day Fourth of July Parade.





The BEAT

The Beat is a look at some of the crime activity reported to the Clay County Sheriff's Office in the previous month. Included here are arrests, police briefs and crimes reported by and involving Lake Area residents in the past 60 days until press time. To help readers maneuver The Beat, here's an explanation of some of the abbreviations or acronyms police use in arrests and bookings.

CCSO: Clay County Sheriff's Office
DOC: Department of Corrections
DWLSR: Driving While License Suspended or Revoked

FTA: Failure to Appear (in court)
GCSPD: Green Cove Springs Police Department
OPPD: Orange Park Police Department
VOP: Violation of Probation

Arrests & Bookings

Wednesday, July 13

Cody Carpenter, 23, Keystone Heights,

CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control
Jamie Cook, 34, Keystone Heights, CCSO,
Simple Battery

Sunday, July 10
Alyson Wahl, 29, Keystone Heights, CCSO,
Grand Theft of Controlled Substance

Wednesday, July 6
Jessica Widner, 25, Keystone Heights, CCSO,
Fraudulent Use of Credit Card

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: meets July 21 and July 28 at 10 a.m. in the Zoning Department Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. Meetings are open to the public.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: July 28 at 7 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

INDOOR YARD AND BAKE SALE: July 30 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Calvary United Methodist Church, 112 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park. Proceeds go for church ministry & operations. Info, Margie Harris, (904) 291-5017.

CHARITY DOG WASH: To benefit the SAFE Animal Shelter, 2913 County Road 220, July 30 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Pay with cash donations, kitty litter or canned pet foods.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Meets Aug. 2 at 7 p.m., Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Garden Club of Middleburg is hosting a membership tea, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m., Watson Realty, 2239 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg. Learn about all of the exciting garden club programs and activities for the coming year and enjoy refreshments. Everyone invited. Call (904) 282-4268.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH: Aug. 6 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Salvation Army Clay County Corps, 2795 County Rd. 220, Middleburg. Back-to-school bash with free food, backpacks filled with school supplies (while supplies last), fun, and resources for Clay County residents.

GARDEN CLUB OF FLEMING ISLAND: Meets Aug. 8 at 10:15 a.m. presents "Growing Roses in Northeast Florida" with guest speaker Mabel Keller, a Consulting Rosarian and member of the Jacksonville Roses Society since 1995. Free and open to the public, Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Info, (904) 264-3986.

CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MAGISTRATE HEARING: Aug. 11 begins 9:30 a.m. sharp, Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. Open to the public.

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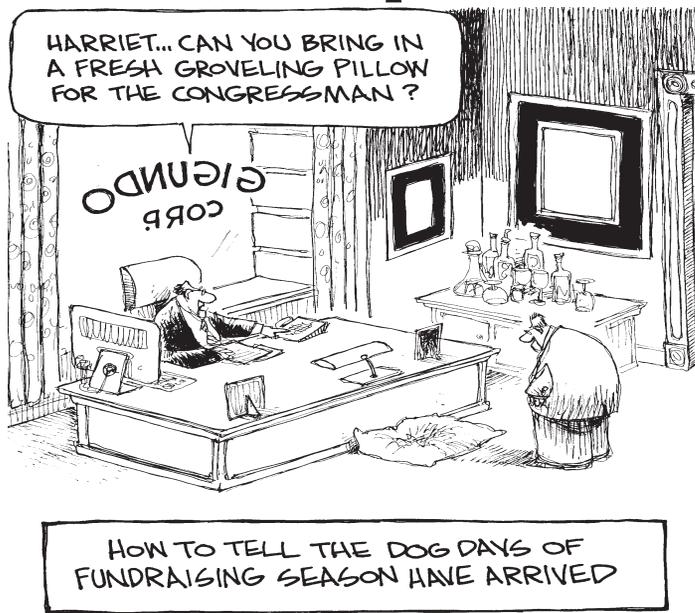
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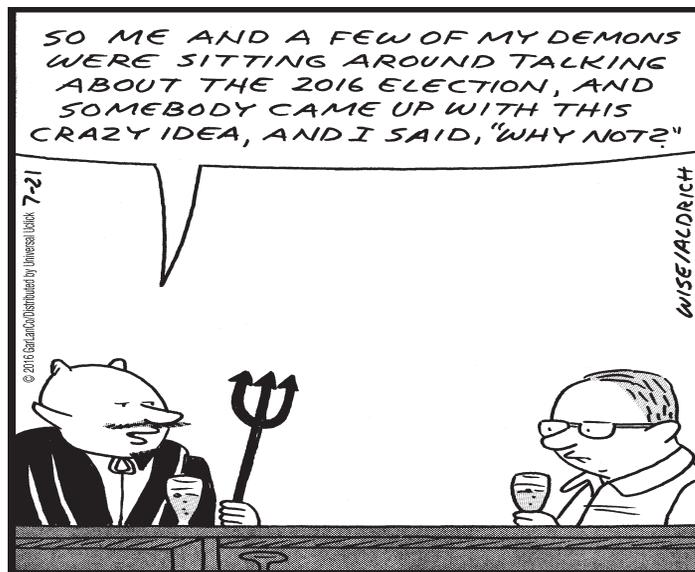
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

Crime

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Tuesday, July 5

Jason Corbett, 35, Keystone Heights, DOC, Violate Probation - Community Control
Christopher Council, 28, Keystone Heights, CCSO, DWLSR

Monday, July 4

Jaren Ziegenfuss, 20, Keystone Heights, OPPD, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Sunday, July 3

William Clardy, 63, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery
Edria Manning, 32, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery, Battery On Person 65 or Older, Tampering in a Proceeding
Deedee Montague, 26, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Simple Battery, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
Michael Wright, 29, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Thursday, June 30

Eugene Wood, 54, Keystone Heights, CCSO, DUI

Wednesday, June 29

Christian Bedell, 24, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control
Cody Carpenter, 23, Keystone Heights, CCSO, DWLSR
Kaitlyn Hillegas, 21, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control

Sunday, June 26

April Cechak, 46, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Domestic Battery

Thursday, June 23

Luke Griggs, 27, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Possession of Drug Equipment, Possession of Marijuana With Intent to Sell or Manufacture, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Wednesday, June 22

Derrick McCullough, 26, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Grand Theft \$300-4,999
Dewey Moore, 30, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Committing Burglary While Structure Occupied, Grand Theft \$300-4,999

Tuesday, June 21

Derrick McCullough, 26, Keystone Heights, CCSO, FTA - Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis

Monday, June 20

Theron Rasmus, 36, Keystone Heights, CCSO, FTA - DWLSR

Sunday, June 19

Liliane Cochran, 52, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Child Neglect Without Great Bodily Harm

Friday, June 17

Renee Mitchell, 54, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery

Thursday, June 16

Beverly Osborne, 41, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Resisting an Officer

Monday, June 13

Roy Jackson, 66, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon, Improperly Exhibiting a Firearm

Saturday, June 11

Robert Henson, 33, Keystone Heights, CCSO, DUI

Friday, June 10

Douglas Fuller, 40, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Violating Probation - Community Control

Thursday, June 9

Duane Simperts, 37, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Violating Probation - Community Control

Wednesday, June 8

Jamiey Lauckarn, 18, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Two Counts of Lewd and Lascivious Behavior

Tuesday, June 7

Rowland, John, 59, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Simple Battery

Thefts

7/14 truck parts were stolen from the yard at a home on County Road 214 in Keystone Heights.
6/24 a bicycle was stolen from a home on Beloit Avenue in Keystone Heights.
6/15 a wallet left unattended was stolen at Gold Head Branch State Park on State Road 21 north of Keystone Heights.
6/11 air conditioning equipment was stolen from a home on Sunset Crater Drive in Keystone Heights.

Burglary to Structures

7/09 a window and door were damaged to a vacant home on Deer Springs Road in Keystone Heights.
6/28 air conditioning equipment was stolen from a vacant home on Raleigh Road in Keystone Heights.
6/27 a firearm was stolen from a home on Indian Trail in Keystone Heights.
6/22 a utility trailer was stolen from a residence on Hall Lake Road in Keystone Heights.
6/13 a window was damaged and items were stolen from Park of The Palms on Hebron Avenue in Keystone Heights.
6/10 a window was damaged and the interior ransacked at A Child's Garden Daycare on State Road 21 in Keystone Heights. Nothing

was reported missing.

6/09 miscellaneous appliances and electronics items were stolen from an unoccupied home on Acadia Street in Keystone Heights.

6/09 jewelry and other items were stolen from a home that was being vacated on Piney Nook Court in Keystone Heights.

Burglary to Autos

7/14 an unlocked vehicle was found with a door open at a home on County Road 214 in Keystone Heights. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicle.

7/13 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle at a home on Harvard Avenue in Keystone Heights.

6/17 a purse was stolen from an unlocked truck at a home on Hilltop Street in Keystone Heights.

6/16 power yard tools were stolen from the bed of a truck at a residence on Campo Road in Keystone Heights.

6/08 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from an unlocked and ransacked vehicle at a home on Amherst Avenue in Keystone Heights.

Criminal Mischief

7/14 the side and top of a vehicle were damaged at the 5th Street Boat Ramp in Keystone Heights.

7/01 a vehicles' tires were damaged at a home on Commercial Drive in Keystone Heights.

Serious injury in one-vehicle crash

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - A Jacksonville man was critically injured in a one-vehicle accident that occurred on State Road 21 near County Road 315 just north of Gold Head Branch State Park last week.

The Florida Highway Patrol reports Colin W. Wilcox was driving a 2015 Chevrolet SUV on

July 1 at 1 a.m. when the crash occurred.

Police said Wilcox was traveling northbound on State Road 21 approaching County Road 315 and, for reasons unknown, traveled onto the northbound grass shoulder down an embankment towards a creek where the vehicle overturned onto its side. The driver was flown to UF Health hospital in Gainesville where he was last listed in stable condition. State Road 21 was shut down for approximately two-and-a-half hours and was reopened at 3:30 a.m.

FHP said it is unknown whether alcohol played a role in the accident and Wilcox was wearing a seat belt. Police said charges are pending.

A test to determine if alcohol was involved is pending, FHP said.

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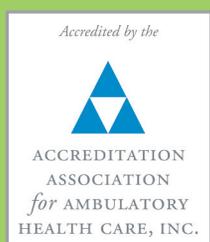
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