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New hotspot coming to Clay County

By **Christiaan DeFranco**
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MIDDLEBURG – An undeveloped part of Clay County is about to become, well, booming.

Because of the construction of the First Coast Expressway – a toll interstate extension of Jacksonville’s beltway – combined with St. Vincent’s Medical Center Clay County, the area just north of Middleburg is expanding. Developer John Kiddy of Ponte Vedra Beach is spearheading this new project near the hospital.

It’s called Branan Field Village near Branan Field and Old Jennings roads.

“It” is actually nothing yet, but it will eventually be something.

Something big.

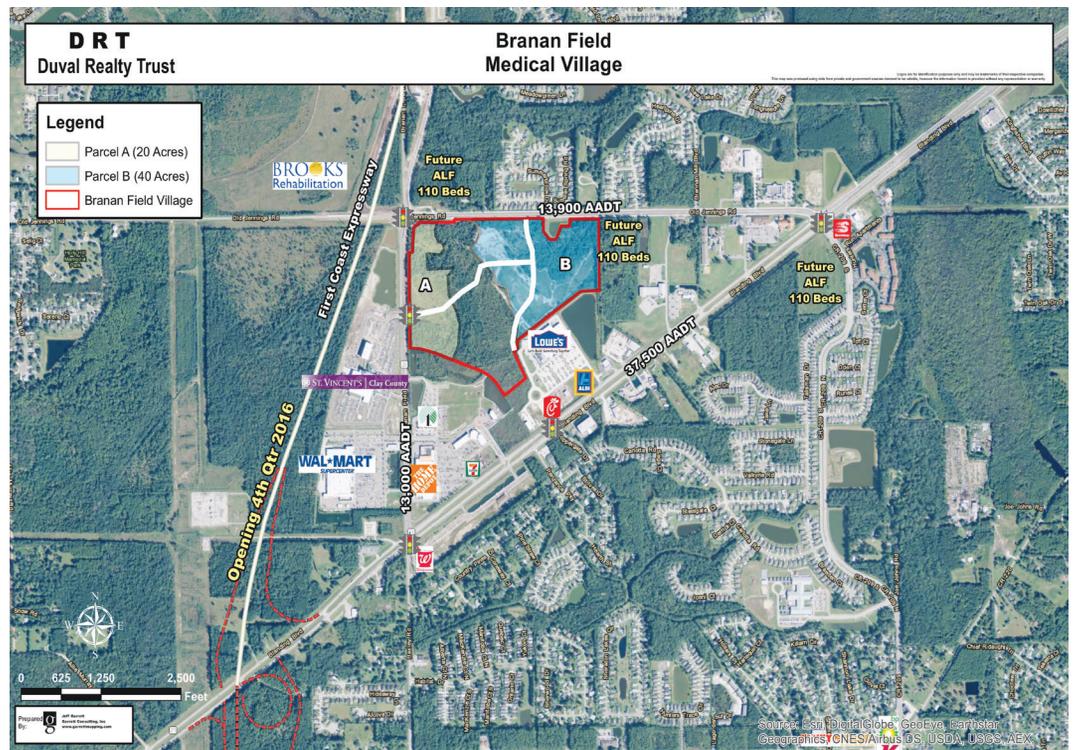
Multiple hotels, apartments,

medical destinations, numerous businesses.

“It will be a mix of residential apartments, approximately 600 units, on 42 acres and commercial and retail, restaurants, hotels, and medical offices on 30 acres,” said Kiddy, the main developer in charge, said. “Specifically, we’re looking to emphasize the medical office component with primary and specialty care providers, diagnostic and imaging facilities, a surgery center and a public health component.

“St Vincent’s Clay, which opened in 2013 and recently completed a \$35 million expansion and the future Brooks Rehabilitation Campus, have already created a mini medical

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Medical marijuana moratorium measure moves forward

By **Debra W. Buehn**
The Oakleaf

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County commissioners took their first formal steps toward dealing with medical marijuana dispensaries and treatment centers at their Jan. 10 meeting by giving a nod to a moratorium on the issue.

The commissioners actually took no action on the proposed ordinance that would implement the temporary moratorium because it was presented in a first public hearing, which re-

quires no action. They will take an official vote when the ordinance is presented at a second public hearing at their Jan. 24 meeting.

However, commissioners made it clear they were leaning in the direction of the moratorium in order to make sure they were working in the correct direction.

“Let’s make sure we get this right,” said Wayne Bolla, chairman.

The commission joins a number of other Florida cities and counties that are also imposing moratoria.

Part of the need for the moratoriums is because the state has six months to come up with a framework of regulations dealing with the medical marijuana dispensaries and treatment centers. Until the state deals with the issue, the local governing cities and counties have little guidance in structuring their own regulations.

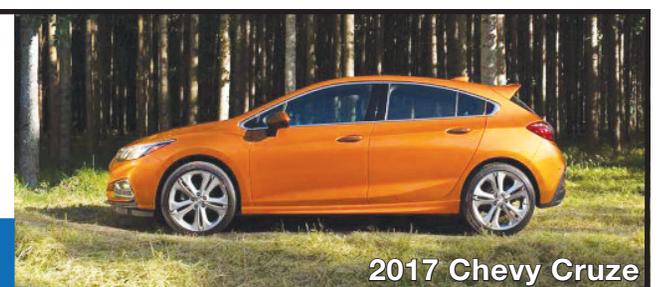
The subject of medical marijuana came to the fore in the fall, when the issue appeared on state ballot in the November elections. State voters passed what is known as Amendment

2, which expands the availability and use of medical marijuana to a much larger group of people than it has been available to in the past. But Clay County’s Land Development Regulations do not deal with using property to cultivate, process, distribute or lawfully sell “medical marijuana, low-THC cannabis or related activities,” states Holly Coyle, the county’s director of economic and development services in a memo to the BCC.

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Law enforcement, elementary kids chat over lunch

By Christiaan DeFranco
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The cafeteria at Charles E. Bennett Elementary, normally teeming with children, was extra crowded recently.

At every long, low-seating cafeteria table – ergonomically designed for tiny people – fully grown cops maneuvered their way onto the stools to sit across from students as they ate.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office, including the sheriff himself, was there. So were the Green Cove Springs Police Department, Florida Highway Patrol and U.S. Marshals Service.

As the children enjoyed their lunches, they chatted with members of law enforcement about a range of important topics, such as what they want to be when they grow up, who's their favorite movie character, and



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAAN DEFranco

Clay County School Superintendent Addison Davis, left, and Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels share a laugh at Charles E. Bennett Elementary, where area law-enforcement agencies were meeting with students for "National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day" on Jan. 9.

what's their favorite subject in school.

"We just want to let them know we're people," Steven Harris, Troop G

Commander with the Florida Highway Patrol, said Jan. 9. "It's about engagement. It's important for us to

get out in the community."

Harris and several other members of law enforcement gathered in the school cafeteria and chatted with kids during the lunch periods.

Janie Lloyd, who heads the media center and outreach at Bennett Elementary, knew about "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day" and contacted the Clay County Sheriff's Office with the idea of having officers come in. The event grew from there.

"We just thought it would be great for our kids and the police to interact in a friendly, safe, fun atmosphere," Lloyd said. "We hope that events like this will help bridge some of the divides we have in our communities. Our kids are very excited.

"It's absolutely essential to have kids from a young age see the police in a positive light. Once they get into high school, it could be too late."

Clay County Superintendent Addison Davis also attended and echoed Lloyd's sentiment.

"What an awesome day when we get a chance to celebrate law-enforcement officers," he said. "Very seldom do we get to see them on the other side of the interaction process. If we can start early in kids' lives, it really creates norms and expectations. It lets students know that law enforcement is really supportive and on their side.

"It's an opportunity to introduce young people to our everyday heroes."

In May of last year, Bennett Elementary and other places in Green Cove Springs were placed on a 5-hour lockdown when 40-year-old Murray Lancaster went on a murder spree. He abducted and shot a former girlfriend, her father, and his ex-wife, the mother of his two children. Lancaster then shot himself in his trailer, which was just blocks away from Bennett Elementary.

Moments prior to his rampage, he stopped at Bennett Elementary to briefly see his kids, who attended school there, and then left.

During the shooting spree, while police searched for Lancaster, the school's 827 students and 100 employees hunkered down in silence and darkness.

"We don't like to bring up that

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Marijuana

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Due to the passage of Amendment 2, Coyle said that if a licensed dispensing organization wanted to operate in Clay County, the county would need "sufficient time to research, study and analyze the potential impact and compatibility of medical treatment centers or approved dispensing organizations upon adjacent land uses and the surrounding areas, traffic, congestion, surrounding property values, demand for county services and other aspects of the public safety and welfare" to develop its related zoning and land use regulations.

The moratorium will allow county staff to deal with such things, county leaders have said.

Only one person spoke during the public hearing about the moratorium ordinance. Richard Klinzman, who ran for a seat on the county commission in November but was defeated, said he did not think it was right to impose a moratorium, as it would negatively affect people who could benefit from medical marijuana.

"Don't let this drag out for a year," he said. "There are a lot of people that can benefit very, very immensely from the technology today."

Klinzman said he believed people

were confusing the type of marijuana and its use as it has been approved in Florida with what has been approved in Colorado, which basically has given the green light to recreational use of marijuana.

"Ignorance begets fear," he said, "which leads to hatred and cruelty."

Again pleading for the commissioners to vote down a moratorium, he concluded, "It's cruel, it's unusual and it's beneath us."

But the commissioners took exception to the idea of a moratorium being cruel, repeating that they just wanted to make sure what regulations they came up with were the right ones.

BCC Vice Chair Diane Hutchings said she had been doing a lot of research on the issue and believed the "conundrum" was that it should really be the FDA that oversees pharmaceuticals but it's been left to the states. Dealing with licensed dispensing organizations and medical marijuana treatment centers is "unchartered territory," she said, and should not be taken lightly.

"I do want to make sure we do this right," she said, adding, "I want them to look like pharmacies, not candy stores.

"We need to make sure we safeguard our community," she said.

While the moratorium would be approved for a year, commissioners

and staff said they would work as quickly as they could after the state came up with its framework for regulations to set the county's related land use regulations.

"I think it will be a short, short lived process," said Commissioner Gayward Hendry.

The Clay County Planning Commission has also dealt with the issue of the medical marijuana moratorium. At its Dec. 6 meeting, most planning commissioners said they did not agree with the idea of a moratorium. Both Chairman Joe Anzalone and Vice Chair Belinda Johnson said they knew of families who had benefited from the use of medical marijuana and the county should move quickly on the issue.

But at its Jan. 3 meeting, when the Planning Commission was actually presented with the proposed ordinance on a moratorium, the commission voted to endorse it as it moved on to the Board of County Commissioners.

Anzalone said he had done research on the situation since the December meeting, and found out about the state having to come up with its regulations that would then be handed down to the cities and counties in Florida.

The Planning Commission acts as an advisory board to the BCC, which has the final say on all items.

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city in this area, so it is only natural to continue with the medical provider growth in this area.”

Kiddy is a partner in Branan Field Village LLC, which bought up the property here. His company bought this land for \$1.8 million, based on published documents.

St. Vincent’s Medical Center recently did a \$33-million expansion in this nook of Clay County. Amazon is also moving into a warehouse north of the area just inside Duval County.

“The First Coast Expressway is fu-

eling the growth along this corridor, which will eventually connect I-10 to I-95 thru western Duval and Clay counties, cross the St Johns River and connect to I-95 through the future Silver Leaf master planned community,” Kiddy said. “The first segment from I-10 to Blanding Boulevard will open in early 2018 and the next segment from Blanding to the river is funded and will commence construction in 2019.”

The new development, when it is completed, will be named “Branan Field Village.” It will include 600 apartments, four hotels, restaurants, retail stores and medical offices.

The time-frame is approximately two years.

St. Vincent’s was a driving force behind the development. No one from St. Vincent’s returned calls by deadline for this story.

The development plan for Branan Field Village will require new roads and green-spaces.

St. Vincent’s, according to reports, was looking for partners in its expansion. The hospital company wanted

shopping, food options and hotels to surround its new venture in Clay County.

The First Coast Expressway – a long-term highway project – is a publicly funded toll road that will traverse Clay, Duval and St. Johns counties using SunPass to handle toll payments.

The greater Jacksonville area has been besieged by traffic problems in recent years. Also, according to several national articles, Jacksonville was the second-most moved-to city in 2015, so population in the region is growing.

“Amazon is under development with a million-dollar fulfillment facility,” Kiddy said. “Residential building permits in Oakleaf and southwest Clay are on the rise with much more to come.”

“All of these factors were reasons to invest. We saw no better opportunity in Florida where a property was so uniquely positioned where it would continue to grow in value because of the construction of the FCE and the future residential and commercial demand it will produce.”

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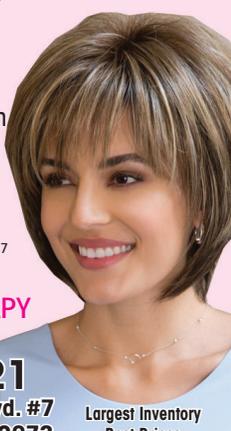
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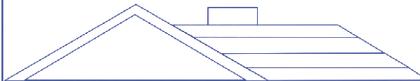


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Popping tags on Blanding Boulevard

Hospice thrift shops become neighbors on Blanding Boulevard

By Jesse Hollett
The Oakleaf

ORANGE PARK – Two competing thrift stores from two competing hospice organizations have recently stepped up the competition.

Previously located across town from each other, the Haven Hospice and Community Hospice thrift shops are now within walking distance of each other in the 800 block of Blanding Boulevard.

Community Hospice – which took the space formerly occupied by the Goodwill Thrift store at 845 Blanding Blvd. – held a soft opening on Black Friday. Haven Hospice, now at 821 Blanding Blvd., opened earlier this month after moving from its previous location on Wells Road.

Community Hospice Communications Manager Jay Magee noticed the Haven Hospice sign last week while dropping off a donation to his newly-opened store and was pleasantly surprised by the new competition.

“It’s a good place for us and really the shopper wins in the end because they’ve got the convenience really within walking distance, I mean, if you really wanted to brave Blanding Boulevard on foot, then you could do it,” Magee said.

And daring shoppers could do just that as the Teen Challenge Thift at 868 Blanding Blvd. is across the six-lane thoroughfare from Magee’s shop.

According to a February 2016 study by market research firm IBIS World, U.S. consumers spend \$10 billion a year at thrift stores. The study also found that thrift stores employ 117,918 U.S. workers.

Both thrift shops saw their leases expire around the same time. Community Hospice Thrift Shop’s previous location, as well as the Ford Quick Lube location that was behind it, have both closed to make way for a new Wawa store to be built at that location.

Haven Hospice Resale owners have been looking over the last year for a new location that would bring in more business and elected for a building that previously housed a community church at 821 Blanding Blvd.

“Having done the research and looked at our shoppers and listened to the comments from our shop wasn’t in the primary location for a lot of retail shoppers,” said Courtney Patterson Quirie, director of volunteer services with Haven Hospice. “Many of them in the community tend to go to multiple stores at one time, so



Originally built to house Blockbuster Video, this building has now been razed to make way for the construction of a Wawa convenience store. After Blockbuster moved out, it became the Thrift Shop for Community Hospice of Northeast Florida.

being closer to multiple retail stores isn’t necessarily a bad thing and we’re pretty confident that we offer good items at a good, fair value and that keeps everybody competitive.”

Quirie said the addition of the Haven Hospice thrift shop in the same area as Community Hospice’s would benefit both thrift shops due to customer cross traffic.

Both thrift shops use almost all of the money raised in their shops towards paying the medical bills of those that may not have health insurance or other means to pay for care at their respective hospice locations.

“Initiatives like the thrift shop allow us to provide that to anybody in our five-county service area,” Magee said. “It’s important for us to be there not only as a thrift shop but as a symbol to let people know we are there for a community and an opportunity to learn about the care they provide. A lot of people are not comfortable talking about end of life care.”

Both thrift store chains operate almost entirely off a skeleton staff. Most store associates are volunteers. Haven Hospice’s thrift shop only employs three people between its five attic stores. January marks the fifth year the Community Hospice Thrift Shop has operated.

Likewise, both stores will see an increase in their available floor space. Community Hospice saw its Orange Park thrift store’s show room go from 8,000 square feet to 10,000, while Haven Hospice’s storage space has also increased to facilitate the storage of medical equipment used in patient care at the Custead Center, also on Blanding Boulevard.

“I think we have a good relationship with the community,” Quirie said. “It’s two different businesses serving the same area. We have a good relationship with them and I think both stores will benefit with them being so close to each other.”



Once home to the Goodwill Thrift Store at 845 Blanding Blvd., this building is the new home of the Community Hospice of Northeast Florida Thrift Shop.

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incident,” Lloyd said. “But we do want to thank people, because they do keep us safe. Our law enforcement and first responders are phenomenal.”

After the ordeal, music teacher Victoria Syken began a #Green-CoveStrong initiative with the students to thank everyone who helped keep them safe.

For Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels, who was sworn in on Jan. 2,

events like “Law Enforcement Appreciation Day” highlight a major theme of his campaign of mending fences.

“It’s important for law enforcement to break down psychological barriers of mistrust, even at this age,” Daniels said. “Some kids are raised to develop a psyche of being afraid of law enforcement. We need to break down the mistrust, and that goes both ways, because sometimes law enforcement can become jaded and they get a false perspective of people.

“It’s about opening communication. We’re all in this together.”

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New school district leadership team announced

School Board Chair's son among Superintendent Davis' new staff

By **Christiaan DeFranco**
The Oakleaf

FLEMING ISLAND – Clay County School Superintendent Addison Davis, as promised from the Dec. 15 school board meeting, released the names of his core staff this month.

The board voted to approve the list of candidates at last Thursday night's meeting.

Davis named Terri Dennis his chief of staff at \$81,000 per year. Dennis, who was Davis' specialist when he served as chief of schools in Duval County, will serve as a liaison between Davis and the board.



Terri Dennis

Davis also named Nicole Snyder coordinator of communications and media partnership at a salary of \$75,000. Snyder comes to the position after having worked as a reporter for Jacksonville television station WJXT, Channel 4.



Nicole Snyder

Davis also named Michael Kerekes coordinator of strategic planning and community partnership, a new position that has a salary of \$81,000. In December, Davis said he wants that person to help with initiative projects, "develop and drive a strategic plan" and "keep a goal-based management system."

Kerekes, an attorney and son of School Board Chair Janice Kerekes, also worked on Davis' campaign. Davis thanked him in his victory speech on election night.

All the salary figures include benefits, which are 25 percent of each salary.

In regard to the hiring of Michael Kerekes, Davis said in a statement: "Please know that his hiring, along with other current or future hires, is based on ability, skill set, intellect, and willingness to transform the organization.

"All new and existing hires will be held accountable to perform at a high level and be required to consistently represent and reflect the core values

of the district and school board."

Michael Kerekes, as of a Wednesday morning publication deadline, did not return repeated calls from Clay Today and chose not to respond to questions via email.

Janice Kerekes told Clay Today that her son's hiring wasn't something she saw coming.

"It's a decision that's 100-percent up to the superintendent," she said. "Michael is bright and he's driven. Of course, I'm biased because I'm his mother, but he's very qualified. I was surprised when he told me he was set to do an interview for the position. I was not involved in this process at all."

Board member Ashley Gilhousen, who has held opinions opposing Chairwoman Kerekes on many issues since taking office in 2014, discussed the hiring with Clay Today.

"The statutes are pretty clear that when the superintendent takes office, he or she can hire whom they want," Gilhousen said.

When directly asked about the hiring of Kerekes' son, Gilhousen said, "I'm not going to comment on that right now."

Board member Betsy Condon, who often has been aligned with Gilhousen, said she is willing to give Davis the leeway to hire whomever he chooses.

"I feel very strongly that it's in the purview of the superintendent to hire his or her staff," she said.

In relation to his hiring choices in general, Davis told the board members at the Jan. 5 meeting: "If, in 30 days, you feel that someone isn't the right person, I'm giving you the opportunity to call me, and we'll have that conversation.

"I've hired at the 20th-largest district ... very successful people. I know what first-round draft picks are."

Several board members had heard concerns from constituents.

Other new hires Davis made were:

Kathleen "Katie" Moeller, director of professional development, school improvement and assessment who currently serves as the director of leadership development for Duval County Pub-



Kathleen Moeller

lic Schools. In that position, Moeller helped to create and grow the DCPS administrator leadership bench, according to a press release. She developed the

curriculum for the assistant principal preparation program and helped establish New

Leaders as the School Principalship preparation program for principals.

Michael Kemp, who is currently serving as assistant superintendent for information services in the Bibb County, Georgia School District, is to be named as the new assistant superintendent of operations. Kemp, who holds a doctorate in education, began his education career as a teacher at Jacksonville's Arlington Middle school in August



Michael Kemp

1989. His salary will be \$127,000. He will replace John Merrill, the assistant superintendent for support services, who will be retiring in a month.



Michael McAuley

Michael McAuley will be named the new

position of assistant superintendent of climate and culture for an annual salary of \$137,500, is another point of emphasis for Davis. McAuley has been in education for more than 20 years, and has worked at every level from elementary school extended-day counselor to university instructor, from district-based school psychologist to international lecturer. He has also served as a pre-service education program trainer to state and school district executive director. The focus of McAuley's work over the past eight years has been to support the growth and development of systems involved with continuous improvement and the outcomes for all stakeholders, including students, teachers and district support teams, states a press release.

"The biggest thing Clay County can focus on is the well-being of our staff, attention to strategies, our support services, exceptional student education, psychologists," Davis said Dec. 15. "We really need to change

our dynamics to focus on positive support versus being reactive. In this position, I want someone who really understands our school improvement model to gain access to our kids and train our



Theresa Stahlman

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Saving lives at 70

Physician first in Clay approved to recommend medical marijuana

By Jesse Hollett
The Oakleaf

FLEMING ISLAND – Calvin Siegers' octagonal glasses and towering stature give him a sober scholarly appearance.

And while he appears at first glance to follow the conventional

wisdom followed by physicians before him, Siegers, 70, is donning his physician's coat again to give access to medical marijuana in Clay County.

In November, Siegers completed a Florida Medical Association class and was certified to recommend medical marijuana to qualified patients. His registration with the Office of Com-

passionate Use makes him one of the first 15 doctors in Northeast Florida qualified to recommend the medicine, and the first in Clay County to receive certification. At this writing, he is the only physician certified to recommend the drug.



Dr. Calvin Siegers

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teachers to be successful with them."

Theresa Stahlman will be the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. Stahlman, who has a doctorate, is currently serving as principal of Ruth N. Upson Elementary in

Jacksonville's Murray Hill community. No info was given for this salary.

While at the Duval County School District, Stahlman served in different roles, including regional superintendent where she was responsible for leading and monitoring school reform and improvement in 35 schools serving approximately 35,000 students in grades K-12.

She was the first leadership development director at the Schultz Center for Teaching and Learning responsible for developing standards-based leadership curriculum for all principals.

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Breast milk donation center helping moms across America

By Nick Blank
The Oakleaf

ORANGE PARK – Six blocky frozen bags of breastmilk are placed on a table in front of Allison Borszich while she bounces her six-month-old son Andrew on her hip. The bags are all hers, and they're going to help babies in need across the country.

As the first donor to the recently-opened Milk Donation Center at the Orange Park Medical Center, Borszich quickly points out she wanted to help mothers who couldn't produce enough milk.

"It was just the right thing to do, I couldn't think of a better way to help somebody," Borszich said.

Andrew was born July 2016 and Borszich began producing more breast milk than she needed.

"My freezer was overflowing with breastmilk," Borszich said.

When Borszich reached out on

social media, a friend recommended Orange Park Medical Center. She donated on Dec. 7, the first day the breastmilk donation center – and the first in the Jacksonville area – opened.

An Atlantic Beach resident, Borszich commutes 45 minutes to donate. Her first donation was 29 bags of breastmilk. She's donated 34 bags since December.

Lactation Specialist Donna Mason assists Borszich. Mason said the hospital receives a lot of calls from mother's worried about their milk supply. She said moms such as Borszich who have the extra breastmilk, have the ability and a huge opportunity to help babies in need.

"It's a fabulous gift. It's a very exciting and heady feeling to be the vessel that connects the moms to the milk bank," Mason said.

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Donna Mason, lactation specialist at Women and Children's Services at Orange Park Medical Center, left, is all smiles over the hospital's new breastmilk donation program. Donor Allison Borszich of Atlantic Beach sits holding son Andrew.



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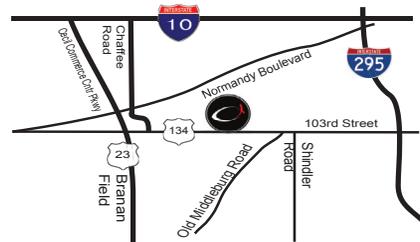
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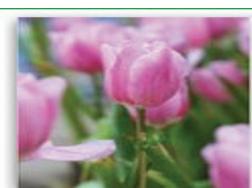
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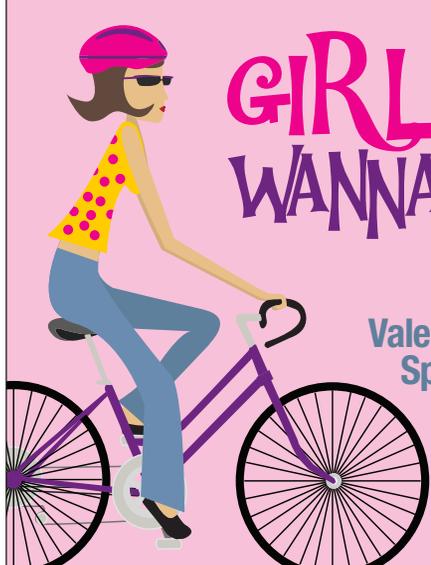




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Siegers

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Doctor's must complete an online eight-hour training course, pass an exam and pay a \$999 fee to acquire the proper certification to recommend the medication.

Florida voters overwhelmingly passed the Amendment 2 ballot initiative to expand the use of medical marijuana on the Nov. 8 general election. More than 350 Florida doctors have qualified since.

"When the opportunity came along to become a recommender for medical marijuana, I looked into that as a possible opportunity to make humanitarian use of my license, which hangs on my wall, and for the past six years, was just hanging there and not doing anything," Siegers said.

Siegers retired from practice in Michigan, yet has maintained his physician's license in both Michigan and Florida. He has since worked as a medication assessor for Texas-based healthcare company CenseoHealth.

In that role, he visits with mostly elderly patients at their homes and reviews their medications only to find that many of the conditions the patients lived with could be remedied by medical marijuana.

This could ultimately reduce or even eliminate the cadre of pills some elderly patients take, he said.

"My interest in that became more acute during a time of visiting elderly people with chronic diseases in their homes and seeing that there are a number of those patients who would, in fact, benefit from access and use of medical marijuana," Siegers said. "Many of the diagnoses that are on the list that would qualify them for the use of medical marijuana, for example, neurological diseases cancer, chronic pain."

With the passage of Amendment 2, the list of patients who qualify for medical marijuana expand to those with "debilitating illnesses" such as post-traumatic stress syndrome, Parkinson's disease, epilepsy and cancer, including a number of other diseases that Siegers said affect many of the patients he sees.

Alternatively, Siegers said, many of these conditions are treated with opioids, which leads to high addiction rates among the elderly even after the pain has been alleviated.

"It's more than minimal, there are a significant number of patients that find themselves in that situation," Siegers said. "The pain is gone but they enjoy the feeling they get as a side effect of the pain medication."

A December study by a Washington Post Kaiser Family Foundation Poll found nearly all long-term users of prescription painkillers say they started the painkillers with a pre-

scription from a doctor. Only three percent of users reported that they started using painkillers for recreational purposes, and while nearly all long-term users reported they used the drug to relieve pain, 34 percent reported being physically dependent on the drug.

"It's not at all uncommon for patients that have a legitimate need for opiate medication at least in the short term to have prescriptions provided to them for that legitimate use," Siegers said. "Over that relatively short period of time, say, a month or six weeks ...the pain component of their needs has diminished considerably, but there becomes a psychological side effect for them that they find desirable to continue with."

He continued to say medical marijuana, while it does have an addictive component to it, can be used instead of opiates in many cases.

Many patients waiting for the medicine to hit the market will have to wait. While Amendment 2 came into effect Jan. 3, Florida Department of Health, physicians, dispensing organizations and patients remain bound under the 2014 "Charlotte's Web" bill while FDOH creates regulations and then implements those regulations. The department has 15 months to

complete the task.

Even then, patients must have a "bona fide relationship with a qualified doctor for at least 90 days, so, the big change, which is access, occurs...you would still have to wait through another three months with a qualified doctor who would say 'yes this is a person who qualifies for the use of medical marijuana,'" Siegers said.

Many Florida municipalities and counties have passed temporary moratoria on medical marijuana dispensaries to allow time to devise proper zoning laws for dispensaries when they come. And they're coming.

Alachua-based CHT Medical, announced Dec. 21 that it has received authorization from FDOH's Office of Compassionate Use to process and dispense medical marijuana. The company is one of six licensed dispensing organizations for medical marijuana in the state.

The company has plans to expand its marijuana cultivation operations and open chain dispensaries in every major metropolitan area in Florida.

Siegers believes legislators are not prepared to "let the cat out of the bag" yet.

"The electorate believed that cat was legitimate marijuana usage,"

he said. "The legislature and the politicians...they've got the bag, and there's a cat in it, but they're afraid that the cat that's in the bag is 'Reefer Madness,'" he said, referring to the 1936 propaganda film of the same name that portrayed marijuana as capable of compelling teenagers to murder, commit sexual assault and go insane.

"The people have spoken clearly on that issue and the legislature is going to fully and faithfully enforce that," said Sen. Rob Bradley [R-Fleming Island] "People that need medical marijuana for those ailments that are described in the Constitution, there is going to be a safe and secure system to get them the product they need."

Bradley sponsored the 2014 "Charlotte's Web" bill that allowed terminal patients access to low-THC medical marijuana.

In the meantime, while the legislature puts the final additions on its regulatory system, Siegers hopes to affiliate himself with a hospice or other palliative care service to give the elderly access to additional care options that include medical marijuana.

Milk

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based Mother's Milk Bank, a non-profit program. Then it's pasteurized and distributed to the neediest babies in the country.

The screening involves a 10-minute phone call regarding the potential donor's general medical history. Then the milk bank pays for a blood screening.

So far, two mothers have donated but OMPC received 15 calls from mothers interested in the donation center after a radio story ran on a local news station.

OMPC currently doesn't use donor milk, but Suzanne Jones, director of Women and Children's Services, said OMPC is getting there.

"One of the goals for hospitals in the HCA South Atlantic division hospitals was to open a breast milk donation center," Jones said. "If you're already involved in the process of using milk, it's easier to get involved and use the donor milk in your own NICU."

Jones said she's hoping that OMPC can use locally-donated breastmilk by the end of year.

But to Borszich, her numerous donations represented one less thing families and their babies had to worry about.

"If I can just relieve the stress for these women, I feel like that's a job well done," Borszich said.



Lake Asbury students heading to Pro Bowl week

By Christiaan DeFranco
The Oakleaf

LAKE ASBURY – The media center at Lake Asbury Elementary was jam-packed full, and full of smiles.

The 50 kids who had been called into the room for a special event were there to see fellow sixth-grader Chase Carroll be interviewed by a local TV station. Carroll is the state ambassador for NFL's Fuel Up Play 60 program, in which he teaches kids how to eat healthy in order to

be active and exercise.

That's what the interview was supposed to be about.

Supposedly.

Instead, the event – which included Jaguars mascot Jaxson de Ville, Jags cheerleaders The Roar, and the Wolfie mascot from Wolfson Children's Hospital – turned out to be a surprise for all the kids involved.

Carroll, along with the students in attendance, were awarded a free

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Reflecting on the dream of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Wesley LeBlanc
The Oakleaf

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Seated near the street that bears his name, Green Cove Springs residents and city leaders joined millions of Americans this week to celebrate the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Keynote speaker Rep. Clovis Watson Jr. (D-Gainesville) urged attendees to stop getting angry at history, and instead, become knowledgeable about it.

“When I talk about some ugly portions of our history,” said Watson, “realize that we also have some beautiful portions that have come.”

Throughout Watson’s speech, those words acted as his guideline on how Americans should proceed as they navigate the future.

“That is why I have come here today,” he continued, “because of the opportunities that are now available to all of us.”

After a brief summary of African-American history in America, Watson asked that the crowd celebrate the progress that this nation has made, and give thanks to those who made it possible, such as King.

Martin Luther King Day became a national holiday 31 years ago, and is celebrated each year on the third Monday in January. The date is not King’s birthday, which was Jan. 15.

Killed in April of 1968, at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., King’s legacy is able to live on in not only the things he accomplished throughout his life, but also in a national commemoration each year.

Just as King used his national spotlight to tell the nation of America’s injustice on African-Americans, Watson used this celebration as a platform to speak to the young people, asking them to realize how far those before them have come and



PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

City officials joined the community Jan. 16 to reflect on the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. From left, Green Cove Springs Vice Mayor Mitch Timberlake, council member Connie Butler, City Manager Danielle Judd, Rep. Clovis Watson Jr. (D-Gainesville), Mayor Pam Lewis, former council member Felecia Hampshire and Police Chief Robert Musco.

how far they too, can go.

“So, for the young people who think there’s no hope, who feel there are no opportunities available to you,” Watson said, “I say to you: Shirley Chisholm, Thurgood Marshall, Medgar Evers, Dr. King.

“If they made it, through all the difficulties and all of the roadblocks in their way,” explained Watson, “we have no excuse.”

Watson asked that the audience repeat those words.

“We have no excuse,” the crowd chanted.

He said that while some have worse circumstances than others, there is still no excuse. He even asked that rather than complaining that the deck is stacked against you, that attendees can stack their own deck.

At this point, the crowd was all in, cheering and praising the words that Watson spoke.

And much like King’s famous ‘I Have a Dream’ speech, Watson cast his own dream for today’s youth.

“I dream of a day, that all of our young people will choose education instead of incarceration,” he began. “I dream of a day that all of our young people will take a positive dream instead of drinking and smoking,” he said.

Each of these lines from Watson’s speech were met with an eruption of applause from the audience that

resembled a worship service.

He said it is important that the children of America no longer choose obstruction, recklessness and a care-free attitude towards education and knowledge. Instead, Watson asks that children educate themselves on what they are not happy with, so that they might responsibility and effectively find a solution.

“I have a dream that we as a nation finally realize that we hold our

fate in our hands,” Watson said.

Before closing, he left listeners with one last thought.

“I dream of an America, simply Americans, not Black Americans, not White Americans, not Democrats or Republicans,” he said, “but simply Americans, not divided by class or race, or status, but people taking advantage of the American dream, working together for freedom, unity, success, greatness and strength.”

Pro Bowl

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trip to the NFL’s Pro Bowl and related activities in Orlando on Jan. 26.

It includes two buses, a hotel stay, and numerous activities for the ESPN Pro Bowl week in Orlando.

“I had no idea,” Carroll said. “I’m glad I didn’t know. It made the event even better that it was a surprise!”

Carroll became Florida’s ambassador for Fuel Up Play 60 after an extensive application and interview process. Fuel Up Play 60 is a bit different than Play 60. Fuel Up teaches sixth-graders how to eat healthy, so they can have the “fuel” to exercise, which is what “Play 60” is all about.

The NFL flew Carroll to Purdue University last year for a five-day forum to learn about how to educate kids on eating healthy. It was his involvement, as well as his active classmates, that led to the Pro Bowl trip.

“This has been one of the most fun experiences of my life,” he said. “I think this program is going to spread like wildfire.”

The Fuel Up Play 60 program here works in conjunction with the Florida Dairy Council.

“As a PE coach, my goal isn’t just

to see the kids once a week and have them exercise,” said Shannon Pellegrini, the school’s physical education teacher. “My goal is to inspire them to exercise as they grow up and become adults.

“I always tell them that I didn’t like physical activity in school, but now as an adult I do runs and I actually pay for it at the gym. “I think the Play 60 program inspires kids to be active.”

Carroll is ambassador for this school year.

“Because of his ambassadorship, along with Coach Pellegrini, that contributed to this Play 60 trip happening with Orlando,” said Sarah Lawson, Lake Asbury Elementary principal. “He has been a go-to person.”

Chase said he is happy for his classmates.

“They made this trip happen with their involvement,” he said. “They have been amazing. It’s going to be a great trip. NFL players will be there. It will be lots of fun. I can’t wait.”

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Sheriff Daniels proposes local inmate re-entry center

By **Christiaan DeFranco**
The Oakleaf

FLEMING ISLAND – Sheriff Darryl Daniels called for the formation of a center in Clay County to help prisoners transition into daily life when they are released from incarceration.

Daniels made the statements at a town-hall forum on Sunday at the Town Hall Event Center on Fleming Island. He was among several elected officials at the event – including Diane Hutchings, vice chair of the Clay County Commission and Orange Park Councilwoman Connie Thomas.

“In my former employment (Duval County), the Jacksonville re-entry center was one of the departments that reported to me, which many people don’t know,” Daniels told Clay Today. “One of the things I want to do is have a re-entry center, in some form or fashion, here in Clay County.

“One of the things in Duval is that the re-entry center caters to people who have served state time, coming out of state prison. That’s good, but in Clay County, we don’t have a bunch of people coming from the state prison system back to our county. What we do have are a lot of county-sentenced individuals who are in my

care. And once they complete their sentences, they just get thrown back into the same environments they came from.”

Nicole Porter, a civil rights activist who has received national attention for her work, was the featured speaker at Sunday’s event, which drew Clay County leaders from various sectors as well as simply concerned citizens.

“Rather than focusing on jail cells, practical solutions to these issues should include therapeutic interventions for at-risk youth and their families, with the support of faith leaders and law-enforcement officers,” Porter said. “We need work programs. ... Deep racial disparities exist throughout the criminal-justice system, from the point of arrest to the point of incarceration to the point of post-incarceration, including voting and employment.”

African Americans are incarcerated at a rate of approximately five times to that of whites nationwide, according to multiple studies.

“For me, personally, if we don’t get behind (these issues), we’re going to fall behind,” said Ron Raymond, a white, retired business owner and manager. “We need to get rid of

that box, that ‘Check if you’ve been convicted of a crime’ box. ... They already served their time.

“Part of the problem is white-haired guys like me don’t hire people who have been in jail. In my factory, I had several folks who had been incarcerated. I had very good luck with some, not so much with others. But it didn’t make any difference what their race was.”

Florida’s incarceration rates of blacks exceeds nationwide averages, according to Porter and several studies.

“We have a problem with recidivism, and that’s nationwide,” Daniels said. “We need to introduce these inmates and former inmates to resources that aren’t going to be the same paths they’ve already been down. They need to have options that aren’t the same environments they came from, that led them to incarceration. ... You can’t go back to the same environments and expect a different result.”

One of the organizers of Sunday’s event, which was to honor Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., was Rev. William H. Randall, pastor of St. Simon Missionary Baptist Church in Orange Park.



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAAN DEFRANCO

Civil Rights activist Nicole Porter echoed Daniels’ need for a center to help former county and state inmates re-assimilate into society.

“Ex-felons who come out of prison, come out of jail, they may not have a place to live, they may not have job options,” Randall said. “They need resources, so they don’t fall back into old habits and re-offend. And that’s a weight on taxpayers, when we’re housing criminals who offend on a repeated basis.

“Some of these people come out of prison and they’re immediately homeless.”

Ethics Commission fines Van Zants \$2,250

By **Jesse Hollett**
The Oakleaf

TALLAHASSEE – A Florida Ethics Commission investigation has ended in an order that former State Rep. Charles Van Zant Sr. (R-19) and his wife Katherine pay \$2,250 in fines for failure to disclose businesses, homes and bank accounts in financial forms for the last four years.

The Ethics Commission will hold a final action hearing Jan. 27, the culmination of a five-month investigation.

According to Ethics Commission documents, Charles Van Zant of Keystone Heights, who served in the Florida House for eight years, failed to disclose bank accounts and businesses on disclosure forms since 2013, including an engineering firm.

The omissions accounted for a net worth discrepancy of between \$10,000 and \$50,000 as his net worth climbed each year, and although Van Zant amended these forms in September 2016 after the first complaint was filed in August, the commission still found that “the public was deprived of access to information” it is entitled to in the original forms.

Documents show Charles Van Zant also failed to disclose his ownership of a condominium at 218 Kettering

Ct. in Orange Park.

In the Ethics Commission ruling, Charles Van Zant stated he did not read the form’s instructions every year, which led to his omissions.

Katherine Van Zant, meanwhile, faces a \$500 fine for failure to list the Kettering Court residence in disclosure forms submitted when she tried to reclaim her husband’s seat after he was term limited out last year. Rep. Bobby Payne (R-19) of Palatka defeated Katherine Van Zant’s bid in August Republican primaries by a 10 percent margin.

According to court documents, Katherine Van Zant said her husband filled out her disclosure documents for her.

The five-month investigation comes after complaints from Katherine’s Republican opponent Leslie Dougher of Middleburg and Putnam County District 2 Commissioner Chip Laibl.

Laibl said the search started after Charles spurred a state investigation into Palatka and Putnam County finances, which he compared to Hampton’s, a Bradford County town once labeled “the most corrupt city in America” over government fraud. Charles Van Zant was widely viewed

as having a vendetta against the town of Hampton and its police chief.

“He said he saw smoke over Hampton and on his investigation found fire, and that the same thing would take place in Putnam County,” Laibl said. “I decided to pretty much check Van Zant’s house at that point – and I found fire.”

“I simply found seven properties that were not disclosed as well as four businesses that were not disclosed,” said Dougher, a former chair of the Republican Party of Florida. “That’s why the Ethics Commission is there, to make sure we hold our elected officials accountable to a high standard. They are representing us and we want to make sure they’re held to a standard of disclosure and high ethics.”

By Florida law, legislators must attend four hours of ethics training every year before the legislative session opens in March. The classes cover many topics relating to best ethical practices for constitutional officers, as well as how to fill out financial disclosure forms and the importance of them, according to Senator Rob Bradley (R-Fleming Island.)

“You can’t say ‘I didn’t know how to do it,’” Bradley said, not referenc-

ing the Van Zant’s ethics investigation. “It’s a requirement of law.”

This isn’t the first time Charles has been investigated for fraud. In August, he paid \$8,716.28 in unpaid property taxes and interest levied by the Bradford County Property Appraiser after an investigation found the Van Zants had claimed a homestead exemption on a house in which they did not live.

The Van Zants listed the home at 127 SE 35th St. in Keystone Heights – the Bradford County side of the city – on their financial disclosure forms although the home remained vacant and falling into disrepair. The investigation found the Van Zants have been receiving a homestead exemption since 2008, the same year voters elected Van Zant to represent them in the House.

In an August statement, Katherine vowed to appeal the property appraiser’s decision at the county’s Value Adjustment Board. The Van Zants dropped their appeal a month later, citing in a form they did not agree with the appraiser’s decision, but no longer sought to appeal it.

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Oakleaf High graduate Destiny Arvinger, No. 3, brought her hard-driving point guard game to the Daytona State College program and has become a top scorer and assist leader.

Womens college basketball

Arvinger driving Daytona hoops

By Randy Lefko
The Oakleaf

DAYTONA BEACH – As one of the top point guards in north Florida, Oakleaf High graduate Destiny Arvinger was known for slashing drives to the basket, timely assists to teammate Jade Lewis under the hoop and game-changing three-pointers as she led the Lady Knights to a district basketball title in 2016.

“Destiny has been doing great for us this year,” said Daytona State College womens basketball coach Janice Brim, a first year coach that took over the program that has been a perennial junior college powerhouse. “Her energy and level of competitiveness is amazing. Day in and day out, she plays and practices with such passion. She leads the team in steals and assists. She should be competing for freshman

of the year in the conference.”

Now at Daytona State College, ranked ninth in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 8 rankings, Arvinger nearly duplicated her late-game feats with a key fourth quarter three-pointer that punched up a late game-tying run against conference rival Santa Fe College, ranked seventh in Region 8, in a Sat., Jan. 14 contest at the Daytona Beach campus gym.

Adding the excitement, Daytona State completed the fourth quarter run to tie the game at 72-72 with 31 seconds on the clock, but bursting that balloon, a backcourt foul against Daytona allowed for two free throws by Santa Fe that ended the game 74-72 with Santa Fe taking the win.

After the game, Arvinger, though mellowed by the loss, talked about

the transition from Oakleaf High to Daytona State College.

“It’s been a great ride,” said Arvinger, averaging near 14 points per game, eight against Santa Fe with three assists. “As a freshman, I was put in a situation as the team leader right from the start. I have learned to relax on the court with that and things are getting better each day with my teammates.”

The Santa Fe loss snapped a five game win streak for the Lady Falcons, who won the Mid-Florida Conference championship last year with nine graduated players needed to be replaced this year, plus a new coach.

In 2016, Daytona State lost their season opener then went on a 27 game win streak, winning the conference title and earning a bid into

SEE HOOPS, 15

Fleming Island 2-1 in gauntlet, Oakleaf rests

By Randy Lefko
The Oakleaf

PONTE VEDRA – Tallahassee Leon came into Fleming Island on the historically spooky Friday the 13th and gave the Golden Eagles soccer team a little Freddie Krueger with the first loss of the season, a 3-1 match on a full moon night in Clay County.

“Sometimes you just don’t get a break,” said Fleming Island coach Frank Pontore, after the Leon game. “They couldn’t score, they couldn’t finish; this is the first night we couldn’t finish all year long. We could see them again in the regions. That’d be nice. A little redemption and maybe we’ll play a little better.”

The loss comes on the heels of a week-long gauntlet that Fleming Island coach Frank Pontore hoped would season his boys for a soon-to-be-here rugged district 4-4A championship tournament.

On Monday, Dec. 9, the Golden Eagles took care of business quickly against a game Bolles team with a 5-2 win in Jacksonville.

“We got three tough games going on this week (Bolles, Ponte

SEE SOCCER, 15



Oakleaf High midfielder Anthony Cooper is a fast ball mover for the Knights’ soccer as the district tournament looms in a week.

District repeat, uphill battle for Lady Knights

By Randy Lefko
The Oakleaf

OAKLEAF – Oakleaf coach Frank Jenkins has had his coaching chores pile up with a team that graduated three college-bound all stars that earned a district 3-7A title and it has not been an easy season for the wily veteran.

“We have slower and younger people this year,” said Jenkins, after beating Lee during the Christmas holiday with just seven available players. “We need to find the player that wants to fly all over the floor and chase balls. It’s about desire and that’s where we are not right now.”

Oakleaf continued its rugged schedule with a two point loss to a tough Raines team, 38-36, two wins (Keystone Heights and Clay) before facing off with district 4-8A top seed Fleming Island (19-1-0) where the tables got turned very quickly as the

Golden Eagles won 59-46. In January, Jenkins hosted top seeded Fernandina Beach, with a surprise 22-1 season record, and lost a close match at 57-49. The loss has fueled a four game losing skid with 4-8A’s Creekside and Buchholz next up.

Oakleaf is led in scoring by junior Andrea Merced, an Oakleaf volleyball ace, hitting for 12.4 points from her guard position. Freshman Ma’Ria Davis adds 11.6 points per game as the only two double digit shooters for Jenkins. Junior Jalisa Lee adds 7.9 points per game as Jenkins has had to slow down last year’s fast game plan, despite a 13-5 overall record and losses to Middleburg, Paxon, Providence and Nease, all sub-8A class teams.

Fleming Island, on the flip side, has torched all comers since that January day including a 21-point blowout of Middleburg and a 76-45



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY DONNA J. CONVERSANO
Oakleaf High point guard Andrea Merced-Diaz has transitioned from stellar volleyball game to basketball.

smashing of Gainesville Buchholz and heads to Creekside with a 16-1

slate still tops in the area.

On Friday, Fleming Island shredded Buchholz 76-45 with five players in double figures scoring led by Aubrey Burke’s 16 points. Guard Malory Sinsel hit three three pointers as part of her 11 with Molly Ragle getting 12, Labas getting 13 and Robinson getting 12. “When you practice hard and shoot a ton of shots, you gain confidence in games,” said Williams. “It’s pretty simple that you have to do the work in practice to win games.”

Fleming Island must stay focused with a Tuesday date with a much-improved Oakleaf High team sitting at 2-2 in district play with a tough 8-10 overall record. Oakleaf, the defending district 3-7A champions over Bartram Trail, had a good end of December finish before the Christmas break with a 33-30 win over 3-8A Lee High followed by a tough 38-36 loss to an even tougher 5A-Raines team (13-4).

Knights hoops ramping for district surprise

By Randy Lefko
The Oakleaf

OAKLEAF – Jason Price’s answer to his two win, four losses district record seems to sound like a ‘Wait until the district tournament starts’ optimistic.

“We’ve played well enough over the last 10 games to win every game but the Melbourne game (Dec. 23),” said Knights’ coach Price, now at 2-4 in district play with two games remaining. “We felt like we gave away the game against Bartram Trail. Now, we’re playing to earn either a second or third seed position in the district with Creekside hosting the district and being the top seed. That puts us in a one-win situation to make the final.”

With Creekside running away with the top seed in the very rugged district 4-8A lineup, with two wins over both Oakleaf and Fleming Island on their 5-0 slate, Price’s troops have struggled to keep up in January with a loss to Bartram Trail and Buchholz wrapped around a blowout win over Fleming Island. Buchholz has silently eeked into the second position and also has two wins over Oakleaf. Oakleaf defeated Creekside for the district 4-7A title last year before losing to Atlantic Coast High in their region playoff opener. Creekside would lose in the region final to Tallahassee Lincoln.

Oakleaf has home matches up-

coming with both Bartram Trail and Creekside that will be a barometer of readiness for the district tournament hosted by Creekside Feb. 7-10.

“We’ve played well enough to at least beat the second, third and fourth place teams,” said Price. “You just have to get to the final.”

District 4-8A

Creekside (17-2, 5-0)

Buchholz (8-8, 3-3)

Bartram Trail (12-6, 3-3)

Oakleaf (11-8, 2-4)

Fleming Island (10-11, 2-5)

Against Bartram Trail, on January 10, a 57-52 loss, the Knights opened with a three-pointer from Dominique Mitchell that led to a quick 7-0 scoring run and a 19-12 first quarter lead, but the scoring stalled to a 26-26 tie at the halftime break. Mitchell finished with 14 points with two three-pointers to team with guard Deonte Sherwood’s team-leading 20 points.

Oakleaf carved out the first quarter run with senior Jonathan Bryant’s hard drives to the basket either creating foul shots or feeds that led to Knights baskets. Bryant did get dinged with two offensive foul calls in the first half that seemed to slowed down the enthusiasm of the drives in the second half with Mitchell stepping up his outside game with quick passes; one landing a three point layup play from Kameron McKenzie.

In the second half, Bryant returned

to his fast-flashing play with a quick layup pushing the Knights ahead with a steal and drive by guard Deonte Sherwood sealing a 41-32 Oakleaf lead with 2:29 left in the third.

In the fourth, Oakleaf went scoreless until the six minute mark when Bryant tipped in a Sherwood miss, but Bartram Trail created the own opportunity to snatch the lead at 45-44 with three minutes to go.

Oakleaf ran the score to a 6-0 run with a Bryant free throw upping the score to 51-47 at the 1:11 to go mark. Bartram Trail would not relent and used drives inside to tie the game at 51-51 with less than a minute in the frenzied Bartram Trail gym.

Down 54-52 the 30 seconds remaining, Oakleaf, Bryant missed twice on jumpers missed twice on three-pointers as Bartram Trail pulled away for the 57-52 win.

Against Fleming Island, on January 17, Oakleaf won decisively 62-37 with a resounding effort on both ends of the court and a 32-16 second half scoring blitz led by Bryant’s 19 points with one three-pointer. Jacari Cicero added 10 points. Fleming Island, at one segment of the season, was second in the district until recent losses to Creekside, Bartram Trail and Oakleaf.

In the Fleming Island first quarter, Fleming Island let loose to a 6-0 lead with two buckets from Brandon Olsen and Warren Miller tip as the Golden Eagles seemed bent on

controlling the rebounding game. Mitchell was not on the roster with a family matter.

“When Dom doesn’t play, we have to get two or three different guys do what he does,” said Price. “We are deep in the sense that every one of our guys off the bench will come out and play hard.”

Bryant, on the other hand, took matters into his own hands and blasted eight points before Sherwood sunk a three pointer to reverse the score to a 17-10 Knights’ lead.

Oakleaf pushed to a 27-17 half-time lead, a 47-29 third quarter lead that was mainly fueled by free throws as Fleming Island seemed overwhelmed in the paint by Oakleaf attacking offense.

Price noted that freshman center Chantz Williams should set a new Oakleaf High record for blocked shots as he obliterated the Fleming Island offense with five blocks.

“Even with the guys we’ve had here; Kevin Thomas Griffin and Nassir Little, he can set a new freshman record within the six remaining games we have,” said Price. “He’s one of the smartest in the paint with just one fouled out game with his blocks. He blocks more shots with both hands than I’ve ever seen.”

On January 17, Buchholz registered a second district loss to Oakleaf with a 50-47 score to further highlight the battle behind Creekside in district 4-8A.

Soccer

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Vedra, Tallahassee Leon) then we have Fletcher and we're going hard, hard, hard at the end of the season," said Pontore, after the Bolles game. "Hopefully, we're getting ready mentally and physically."

On Wed., Jan. 11, Fleming Island High's boys soccer team with a second half barrage of shots on goal, thwarted a pesky Ponte Vedra High team to the tune of a 3-0 non-district win Wednesday (Jan. 11) at Ponte Vedra High School. Ponte Vedra (12-2-3) is the defending 3A champions currently on track to repeat in Deland, the home of the FHSAA state tournament in February.

Oakleaf, on the other hand, has had about half as many games as Fleming Island with coach Carlos Celis hoping that the clips between games will be fruitful to the Knights district tournament hopes.

"Many of the kids play club ball and travel around the country a lot," said Celis. "I'm hoping that what we may lose in teamwork and morale will be replaced with excitement and fully rested bodies by district time. We will see."

Celis, who owns a much-coveted 3-0 win over Ponte Vedra High as does Fleming Island, saw that game as an early indication that the Knights were capable of explosive play if needed.

"That game was a big one for us, but it was in November and a lot of time has come for all the teams in the area," said Celis, who has just a 1-0 loss to Creekside and a 2-0 loss to Fleming Island in district play, plus a 2-2 tie with Nease. "We can use that one win as a motivator that we are capable and that might be enough to turn the trick against one of the district teams. We've been in all three of those games except for one or two plays."

Oakleaf, with a gap from December 12 through January 5 with no games, has its final two games are against winless Clay on Jan. 13 and 3A-Paxon (9-4) on Jan. 19.



One of Oakleaf High's top scorers has been Andrew Henderson, in black, who takes over from older brother Sam Henderson's fast feet. Sam Henderson is now playing at Asbury University in Kentucky.

District 4-4A

Fleming Island (16-1-2, 5-0-1)

Creekside (6-1-3, 3-0-2)

Bartram Trail (9-4-2, 3-1-1)

Oakleaf (7-3-2, 2-2-1)

Nease (7-2-3, 1-2-2)

St. Augustine (5-7-1, 2-4-1)

Middleburg (0-10-0, 0-7-0)

On Fri., Dec. 13, the Golden Eagles scored first against Leon with Reid Davis coining up the blast at the 20 minute mark, but that was it for the Fleming Island scoring.

Leon is now the lead team in district 2-4A ahead of Columbia High (16-2-2), also a recent victim of the Fleming Island barrage-laden attack, and should be a likely region opponent for Pontore.

Tied 1-1 at the halftime break, Fleming Island had a shot for a second goal in the second half, but Murphy's penalty kick went directly to the Leon goalie with Leon scoring just 30 seconds later.

Fleming Island, now at 16-1-2 and the 2012 4A state champion with Cameron McCurry's header in double overtime the final play, has Final Four appearances in 2014 (lost 4-1 in state final to Melbourne) and 2011 (lost in state semifinal to St. Thomas Aquinas). The Golden Eagles hiccuped the last year with Atlantic Coast knocking the Golden Eagles out of the region semifinals with a 3-2 penalty kick win in 2016 with Ocala Forest beating the Golden Eagles in 2015 and 2013, both

in region semifinal rounds.

Against Ponte Vedra, the Golden Eagles appeared a step out of sorts in the first half with main strikers Reid Davis, Marcus Murphy and Mark Suhrer all making deep corner runs toward the Shark goal line, but neither being able to capitalize in front of the net.

"I think we got some opportunities in the first half but didn't finish them," said Pontore. "Everything looked like we are about a step off the pace of the game."

Keystone Heights in three-team tussle in 5-2A

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Keystone Heights High School boys soccer has history in their upcoming district tournament with coach Trevor Waters getting his Indians into 13 or the last 15 district championship games.

"We get there, we've had some good runs, but our district is pretty good right now," said Waters, in district 5-2A with strong teams from Crescent City and Santa Fe high schools. "We've played both teams tough with a loss and a tie to Crescent City and an 8-2 win and a 1-1 tie with Santa Fe. The second Santa Fe game, we played very lethargic."

District 5-2A

District tournament hosted by

Keystone Heights Jan. 23-27

Crescent City (13-4-2, 10-1-1)

Keystone Heights (16-3-2, 9-1-2)

Santa Fe 7-8-3, 9-2-1)

Interlachen (5-9-1, 3-7-1)

P.K.Yonge (3-10-1, 2-8-1)

Newberry (3-9-2, 1-7-2)

Waters has the Indians on full steam led by lead scorer Jesus Perez, who has rifled goalie net for 38 scores for the year with senior teammate Ciao Carvalho adding 25 from his sideline position up front.

"Jesus is Jesus, but Ciao is very nimble for a big guy and has a strong shot," said Waters. "He has a good service pass to Jesus that has been effective."

Perez has game-highs of five goals twice this year; against Middleburg and Clay, and three goals in games against Fort White, West Nassau and Santa Fe (game one). Carvalho added three of his own for a best game in the Santa Fe 8-2 win.

"If we keep the ball on the ground, we are hard to stop," said Waters. "We have the best goalie in the area, Caleb Cushman, and he wins games for us."

Cushman, just a sophomore, and an area top goalie last year for Waters, has 216 saves with nine shutouts for a 15-3-2 record with freshman Landon Ricketts adding playing time with one win.

District 4-3A

District tournament at Matanzas

Jan. 24-27

Ponte Vedra (13-2-3, 5-0-1)

Matanzas (13-3-2, 5-0-1)

Menendez (6-10-0, 6-3-0)

Ridgeview (5-8-1, 2-4-1)

Palatka (4-14-0, 3-6-0)

Orange Park (4-11-1, 1-4-1)

Clay (0-8-0, 0-6-0)

District 2-1A

District tournament at

University Christian Jan. 24-27

Christ's Church Academy

(9-2-0, 6-1-0)

St. Joseph Academy (7-3-1, 4-1-0)

St. Johns Country Day School

(7-7-0, 5-2-0)

Oak Hall (4-7-0, 3-4-0)

University Christian (3-4-0, 2-3-0)

St. Francis Catholic (0-9-1, 0-4-1)

Hamilton County (0-8-3, 0-5-1)

Hoops

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the NJCAA championship tournament as a seven seed. Daytona State lost their opening game in the Florida College System Athletic Association state championship tournament, but still retained their bid to the NJCAA

tournament. Brim took over in 2016.

"We graduated a bunch with nine new players on this team," said Brim. "It's a whole new team with a couple of returners. Destiny committed early last year and was hesitant to come with the coaching staff changing and all. I chatted with her numerous times and she decided in the end to still come. We are grateful."

Arvinger credits Oakleaf coach Frank Jenkins with preparing her for the college regimen with tough practices.

"Coach Brim here, I think, has improved my shooting more than anything," said Arvinger. "Coach Jenkins gave me the knowledge of moving the ball in the game and making smart decisions in the transition.

Here, I have four players around me that I can depend on so I have more choices for getting the points."

In 18 games, with a record of 10-8, 2-1 in conference play, Arvinger is averaging 12.1 points per game (third on team) with 14 game starts with 3.9 assists per game leading the team and 2.0 steals per game, second on the team.



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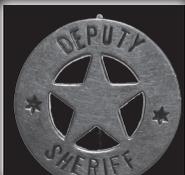
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Jacksonville woman arrested for insurance fraud at Orange Park Medical Center

ORANGE PARK – A Jacksonville woman has been arrested over alleged insurance fraud involving false Orange Park Medical Center claims that resulted in \$9,425 in benefits.



Vallerie Lynn Thompson-Wells

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Vallerie Lynn Thompson-Wells, 31, on Jan. 9 over allegations she made fraudulent insurance claims using names of doctors from Orange Park Medical Center.

According to the arrest warrant, Thompson-Wells received insurance through AFLAC. A claims specialist became suspicious of her activity in early October 2016 after a claim she submitted for her son Tobias closely mirrored a claim for her other son Tristan.

The case was transferred to an AFLAC special investigator who discovered Orange Park Medical Center had no record of either incident in its billing department. The case was transferred to the Florida Department of Financial Services Bureau of Insurance, which then launched an investigation.

Interviews with doctors listed on insurance documents yielded similar results – meritless insurance claims, the report said.

Deputies arrested Thompson-Wells and transported her to the Clay County Jail, where she was later released on an undisclosed bond.

SWAT Team brought in on heroin arrest

ORANGE PARK – Members of the Clay County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team were called on Jan. 13 to apprehend an Orange Park man.

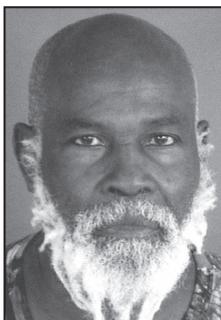
SWAT Team members, along with detectives from the CCSO Organized Crime Division, used a search warrant to go to a home at 259 Canis Dr. on Jan. 13.

Police charged Alexander Henry,

67, of Jacksonville with one count of possession of heroin with intent to sell.

According to the police report, Henry was sitting on a leather couch outside of his Orange Park residence when Clay County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team took him into custody. According to the police report, there were two pill bottles beside the couch. Police found 5.7 grams of heroin with 46 individual tin-foil wrapped packages within one of the pill bottles.

At press time, Henry remained in the Clay County Jail where his bond is set at \$75,003.



Alexander Henry

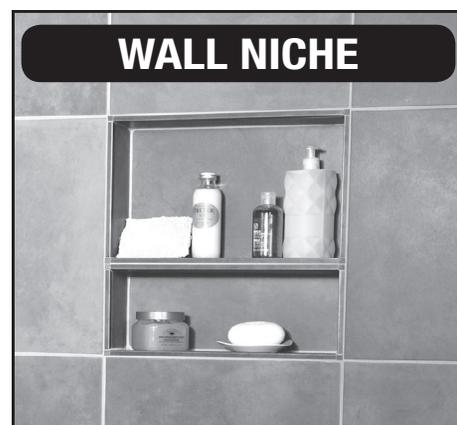
Thefts

1/11 an unlocked bicycle was stolen from a home on Silver Bluff Boulevard in Oakleaf Plantation.

12/31 a laser light projector was stolen from the front yard of a home on Bristol Bridge Road in Argyle.

12/28 the contents of a wallet were stolen at a home on Silver Bluff Boulevard in Oakleaf Plantation.

12/28 a Christmas laser light



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projector was stolen from a home on Chantilly Court in Argyle.

Burglary to Structures

1/02 two unlocked vehicles were stolen from a home on Thousand Oaks Drive in Oakleaf Plantation.

Burglary to Autos

1/06 a firearm and miscellaneous power tools were stolen from an unlocked vehicle at a home on Summit Drive in Argyle.

1/04 miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen from a ransacked vehicle at a home on Cardinal Oaks Circle in Oakleaf Plantation.

1/03 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from a ransacked vehicle at a home on Akron Oaks Drive in Oakleaf Plantation

1/02 two unlocked vehicles were stolen from a home on Thousand Oaks Drive in Oakleaf Plantation.

12/31 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from a vehicle at a home on Silver Bluff Boulevard in Oakleaf Plantation.

12/24 unlocked vehicles were rummaged through and two others were stolen from homes along White Wing Road in Argyle.

12/22 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from a vehicle at an apartment complex in Oakleaf Plantation.

Criminal Mischief

12/22 the sides of a vehicle were damaged at a home on Mahoney Loop in Oakleaf Plantation.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS: What's Smarter - Paying Off Debts or Investing?

If you're just starting out in your career, you will need to be prepared to face some financial challenges along the way – but here's one that's not unpleasant: choosing what to do with some extra disposable income. When this happens, what should you do with the money? Your decisions could make a real difference in your ability to achieve your important financial goals.

Under what circumstances might you receive some "found" money? You could get a year-end bonus from your employer, or a sizable tax refund, or even an inheritance. However the money comes to you, don't let it "slip through your fingers." Instead, consider these two moves: investing the money or using it to pay off debts.

Which of these choices should you pick? There's no one "right" answer, as everyone's situation is different. But here are a few general considerations:

- Distinguish between "good" and "bad" debt. Not all types of debt are created equal. Your mortgage, for example, is probably a "good" form of debt. You're using the loan for a valid purpose – i.e., living in your house – and you likely get a hefty tax deduction for the interest you pay. On the other hand, nondeductible consumer debt that carries a high interest rate might be considered "bad" debt – and this is the debt you might want to reduce or eliminate when you receive some extra money. By doing so, you can free up money to save and invest for retirement or other goals.

- Compare making extra mortgage payments vs. investing. Many of us get some psychological benefits by making extra house payments. Yet, when you do have some extra money, putting it toward your house may not be the best move. For one thing, as mentioned above, your mortgage can be considered a "good" type

of debt, so you may not need to rush to pay it off. And from an investment standpoint, your home is somewhat "illiquid" – it's not always easy to get money out of it. If you put your extra money into traditional investments, such as stocks and bonds, you may increase your growth potential, and you may gain an income stream through interest payments and dividends.

- Consider tax advantages of investing. Apart from your mortgage, your other debts likely won't provide you with any tax benefits. But you can get tax advantages by putting money into certain types of investment vehicles, such as a traditional or Roth IRA. When you invest in a traditional IRA, your contributions may be deductible, depending on your income, and your money grows on a tax-deferred basis. (Keep in mind that taxes will be due upon withdrawals, and any withdrawals you make before you reach 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you reach 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.

Clearly, you've got some things to ponder when choosing whether to use "extra" money to pay off debts or invest. Of course, it's not always an "either-or" situation; you may be able to tackle some debts and still invest for the future. In any case, use this money wisely – you weren't necessarily counting on it, but you can make it count for you.

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Tuesday, January 17

Bennett, Kyle, 26, Jacksonville, CCSO, Grand Theft \$300-4,999

Black, Chelsea, 19, Orange Park, CCSO, Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Damage, DUI, DUI With Property Damage

Carpenter, Trevor, 19, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Domestic Battery

Chanacki, Anthony, 22, Orange Park, CCSO, Drug Equipment Possession, Possession of More Than 20 g. Can-

nabis, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Coleman, Nathan, 31, Jacksonville, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court

Denman, Brianna, 24, Jacksonville, CCSO, DWLSR

Goddard, Brittani, 20, Fleming

Island, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis

Graham, Hilliard, 49, Jacksonville, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court

Holland, Jeremy, 25, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession

Outlaw, Rachel, 34, Fleming Island, CCSO, Battery On Person Age 65 Or

Older

Spire, Christain, 24, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Domestic Battery

Tazelaar, Shawn, 36, Jacksonville, CCSO, VOP - Domestic Battery

Uddin, Zainal, 50, Middleburg, CCSO, DUI

Monday, January 16

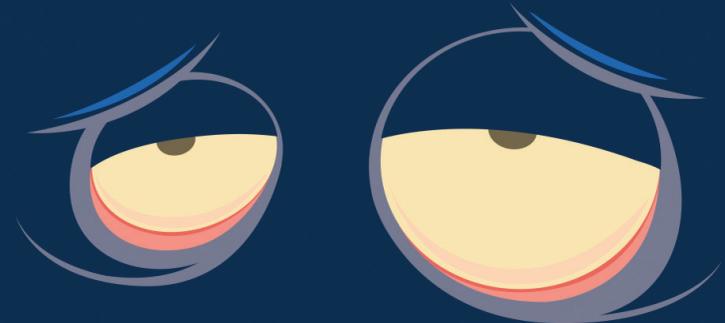
Brock, Alicia, 52, Middleburg, CCSO, Aggravated Battery On a Pregnant Female

SEE ARRESTS, 19

Crutcher, Kiera, 24, Orange Park, CCSO, DWLSR
 Davis, Gabriel, 23, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
 Davis, Shafaira, 26, Palatka, CCSO, DWLSR
 Gray, Ashley, 27, Keystone Heights, CCSO, Petit Theft
 Guerra, Christine, 29, Fleming Island, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court
 Harrison, Nicholas, 24, Orange Park,

CCSO, Two Counts of Domestic Battery
 Hutchinson, Laquan, 25, Jacksonville, OPPD, Grand Theft of a Firearm, Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Firearm or Ammo By a Convicted Felon
 Letchworth, Connie, 62, Middleburg, CCSO, Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon
 Marshall, Edward, 34, Orange Park, CCSO, Two Counts of Simple Domestic Battery

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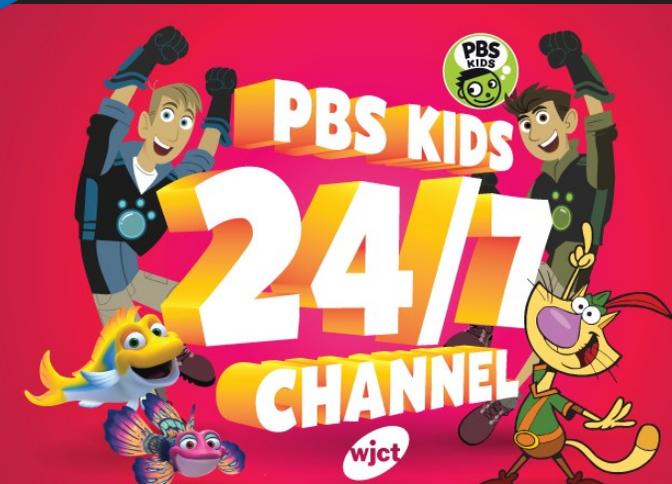
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TV Channel 7.1 (Comcast 8, 440)

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