

# School News

HAPPENINGS FROM OUR CLAY COUNTY SCHOOLS

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## Expo shows students alternatives to college

By Kile Brewer  
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JACKSONVILLE – Clay County students recently got a chance to drive skid loaders, dump trucks and backhoes in a grown-up version of their childhood sandboxes.

Students from schools throughout the county moved from station to station with smiles on their faces as they took control of almost every piece of machinery used in road construction as part of the Florida Department of Transportation's annual Construction Career Day at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.

"These kids like hands-on stuff," said FDOT employee Stephen Sedwick who was working the event. "We try to give them experience with a lot of different types of jobs."

Students got a chance to learn about construction industry jobs that ranged from more managerial positions that would require college degrees to the more hands-on jobs such as bridge maintenance and road work.

Orange Park High School student Jacob Barnes, 16, has an interest in construction, so when he was given the opportunity to partici-

pate in the FDOT career day he went without hesitation.

"I like working with my hands," Barnes said. "[Construction] is something I enjoy and that I've been wanting to go into. I want to do road work or work with big machines."

Barnes said that before working for FDOT or JEA, however, he hopes to earn a degree or certificate from a college or tech school with the goal of understanding the job better and hopefully starting out above an entry-level position.

The event, in its fourth year for this region, attracted about 600 students March 30 with Clay County making up about half of that number. FDOT officials hope they can interest students in working with them in the future, especially since the region is currently sitting on about \$1.2 billion in unfinished road projects.

"With that much work, we have a clear need for the next generation to help build the infrastructure in Northeast Florida," said FDOT engineer and the event's Co-Chair Scott Lent. "We are trying to educate students about the

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Students from Orange Park High School use a model to learn what a bridge operator does to close down a bridge and lift both sides to allow boats to pass underneath.



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2017-2018 COE Schools	Available Seats
<b>Elementary K-6</b>	
Coppergate Elementary	147
RideOut Elementary	45
S Bryan Jennings	128
Shadowlawn Elementary	38
Swimming Pen Creek Elem	53
WE Cherry Elem	58
<b>Junior High</b>	
Lakeside Junior	192
Orange Park Junior	209
<b>Senior High</b>	
Clay High	59
Orange Park High	377
Ridgeview High	251
<b>Total number of seats available in the district</b>	<b>1,557</b>

## School Board approves plan for open enrollment

### Applications now online for seats at 11 schools with availability

CLAY COUNTY- The Clay County School Board approved a policy to comply with the state's new open enrollment law. The policy allows students across the district and in other Florida counties to apply for a space in Clay County Schools with capacity for additional students in 2017-2018 and subsequent school years.



Addison Davis

"We recognize parents have more choices than ever when making decisions on how to educate their child. I am confident that families will find the education experience we offer in Clay County Schools is rigorous, relevant, and competitive," said Superintendent Addison Davis.

In accordance with Florida Statute 1002.31, parents and legal guardians in the State of Florida may now transfer their students to any school that has available capacity provided that the student is not subject to current expulsion or suspension. Open enrollment is designed to give parental choice when families decide how and where they want their students to be educated. Open enrollment is being offered as another opportunity for school choice and will compliment the district's already existing variety of special pupil requests. Parents or legal guardians who elect to transfer students through the open enrollment process will be responsible for providing transportation for their students.

The Clay County School Board has established a capacity threshold of 85 percent. This means that any school with less than 85 percent enrollment will be open and eligible for open enrollment. Currently, the following 11 Clay County Schools have capacity to accept students:

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# Striving for art appreciation, outreach

By Kile Brewer  
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OAKLEAF – The smell of freshly-cooked food blew through the air in front of Oakleaf High Saturday as guests approached the school's cafeteria where the second annual Art Walk was being held.

Food trucks set up outside to provide lunch options, as well as snow cones, to guests during the event that ran through the lunch hour. In addition to the food trucks, there were several tables featuring a variety of kids' crafts,



PHOTO BY KILE BREWER

Oakleaf High School student Jonathan Richardson adjusts knobs on an effect pedal during a guitar performance called "This Earth is Ours."



PHOTO BY KILE BREWER

Skeletons painted by students from Bannerman Learning Center hang in Oakleaf High School during the annual Art Walk in the school's cafeteria.

although adults were also encouraged to participate, including face painting and a make-your-own pet rock table.

"We have a variety of people here," said Oakleaf senior Angelena Santiago, president of the school's National Art Honor Society, which hosted the event. "We wanted to get the community to look at and appreciate art more."

Past the kid's activities and food trucks, student artists and established local artists

displayed an eclectic mix of products for sale along with displays of artwork from various classes at the school.

"The goal is to make sure we have the community involved in art," said Oakleaf art teacher and event organizer Kezia Laberis. "We also want to show students what it is like to be a professional artist."

Besides the visual art displays, there were also performers throughout the day, varying

from ambient post-rock guitar symphonies to quiet, personal poetry readings.

"I don't think any of these people have heard my music," said guitarist and Oakleaf senior Jonathan Richardson. "I've played a lot in Daytona. This is my first time doing anything with the school!"

The event accepts applications from artists of all levels for participation.

Oakleaf sophomore Rachel Katrinic sold handmade dreamcatchers at the Art Walk after only learning how to make them a couple months ago. When she saw fliers for Art Walk she decided to try and sell some of her handiwork.

"I had a bunch [of dreamcatchers] in my room, it was an obsession," she said. "Then I found out they're pretty easy to make. Today I'm just hoping to make a good profit and get more exposure."

On the opposite end of the spectrum is former art teacher, and painter of various automobiles, Michael Viafora. Viafora has been painting his "automotive fine art" for years, participating in shows as often as five times a month. He was contacted by the Art Honor Society and asked to participate in the Art Walk.

"I'm here to support the Art Honor Society and showcase my automotive art," Viafora said. "I would like to participate again next year. They are very organized in their planning for the art walk and gave me a lot of space to display my art."

Viafora paints cars using either acrylic or watercolor, but goes beyond the traditional realistic car paintings you might see on sale at a shopping mall or flea market. Viafora uses the

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# Trumpeter going on world-class tour this summer

By Kile Brewer  
School News

FLEMING ISLAND – Playing the trumpet defines Fleming Island High senior Matt Gagne. That's who he is. A trumpet player.

Sure, he's currently taking a full course load, including Advanced Placement and dual-enrollment classes, all while maintaining an A-level GPA, and plans to pursue a career in mechanical engineering after graduating this May – but for him, the trumpet is what really makes him happy.

"I'll be playing for the rest of my life," Gagne said. "Even if I'm not doing band in college, I still want to play."

His trumpet prowess earned him three trips to the Florida All-State band in Tampa, in his eighth grade year, his junior year, and this year as a senior. Gagne started playing in seventh grade, and he was a natural on the instrument; perhaps, even, had a genetic predisposition for



Matt Gagne will tour this summer with the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps.

it. "He originally wanted to play trombone," said Paul Gagne, Matt's father, a trumpet instructor at FIHS, and a 20-year veteran trumpeter with the United States Navy Band. "I was very excited when he chose trumpet."

With his instrument, Matt has achieved more than he had ever hoped. Though he might be humble, dismissing the weighed-down top shelf in his room as a place where he just throws anything band related. The shelf is full of awards and trophies, showing how well he has done.

It was in his freshman year of high school that he first heard of Drum Corps International. There was a group of the school's band students who asked Matt if he was going to a show in Atlanta. He had never heard of DCI, but decided to go. After watching a performance by the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps, Matt remembers thinking to himself "I wanna' do that one day."

Two years later, Matt was auditioning for the Crusaders in Tampa.

"I had no intentions of making it, I just went for the experience," he said.

Well, he made it.

Though it is a huge honor, Matt had also been selected as one of Fleming Island High's three drum majors for his senior year's marching band, which was an opportunity he couldn't pass up. To be a drum major he would have to attend a leadership training event that would conflict with his Crusaders schedule, so he had to give up his spot, but that didn't stop him from returning this past November to audition again.

DCI is regarded in the marching band community as "professional marching band." It's the best musicians can do, especially on a corps such as the Crusaders who are in the World Class, which is the top flight of DCI musicians, with the Open Class falling just behind.

For the first round of Crusaders auditions,

there were about 300 prospects who attended one of the three camps in Boston, Texas and Tampa. Of those 300, 75 got a call-back, with all of those heading to Tampa for the second round of auditions. Out of those 75, 40 were trumpets, and only 24 were offered contracts with the Crusaders. Matt was one of those 24.

Since being offered a contract in December, Matt has attended monthly camps with this year's Crusaders, practicing the music in order to get the score memorized before taking the show to the field and adding the steps. On May 20, Matt will leave to begin his residence with the Crusaders, sleeping in high school gyms and touring the country on a bus performing almost every night. They will do about 29 shows, and travel more than 10,000 miles, culminating on August 11 when the DCI World Championships start in Indianapolis.

The whirlwind tour is just another exciting chapter in the trumpet career of Matt Gagne, and he can't wait to get started.

"I'll get to play with other people of high caliber, people with the same passion," Matt said. "For these people that's their main focus."

He is most excited for what he calls his "home shows." Those are the shows falling on July 8, 10, and 12; in Orlando, a location to be announced in South Florida, and Atlanta, respectively. He is hoping that he'll have a chance to perform for some of his classmates and friends from Fleming Island High.

Since his seventh grade year, music has been Matt's life. All of his friends are in band and his schedule revolves around rehearsals for the various bands and ensembles he participates in.

"The trumpet has always led me to new fronts, and new experiences," Matt said. "It's fun to play, but the social experience you get out of it gives you so much more. I've always enjoyed it, and I don't think I'll ever get tired of it either."

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# School Happenings

## Kindergarten early registration kicks off in May

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – During the week of May 1-5, all elementary schools in Clay County will be registering kindergarten students for the 2017-2018 school year. To enter kindergarten, a child must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2017 verified by a registered birth certificate.

Florida law requires that prior to entry, attendance or transfer, all children comply with the state adopted immunization schedule. For the 2017-2018 school year, DH Form 680 (or Religious Exemption DH Form 681) is the only acceptable immunization certificate for admittance to a public or non-public school, grades Pre-K through 12. Form 680 can be obtained from your doctor or the Clay County Health Department. Form 681 is available from the Clay County Health Department.

A child may be certified as fully immunized if he/she has completed, prior to entry, the following vaccinations:

- Four or five doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTaP) vaccine
  - Two or three doses of hepatitis B (Hep B) vaccine (requires 6 months to complete)
  - Three, four or five doses of Polio vaccine\*
  - Two doses of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine
  - Two doses of varicella vaccine† for kindergarten and grades one through seven
- \* If the fourth dose of vaccine is administered prior to the fourth birthday, a fifth dose of polio vaccine is required for kindergarten entry only.
- † Varicella vaccine is not required if varicella disease is documented by the health care provider.

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All "initial entry" students to a Florida school (preschool through grade 12) must present certification of a school-entry health examination performed within 12 months prior to the first day of school. The required forms for immunization certification and school-entry health examination must be filed with the school prior to the child entering on the first day of school.

In addition to health documentation, you will need proof of date of birth and 3 proofs of residency. You may use a birth certificate, passport, or life insurance policy to prove date of birth. For proof of residency, you may use current utility bills, mortgage or rental agreement, Florida Driver's License, auto insurance, or a credit card or bank statement.

Parents can register their children without

these documents, but they will have to provide them before their children can attend school.

We encourage parents to take advantage of this early registration opportunity.

## T-shirt design contest underway for 6th Annual Black Creek 5K

MIDDLEBURG – Art produced by a Middleburg High student has been selected as the official logo for the 2017 Black Creek 5K race to raise funds for college scholarships.

Kayleigh Parrish's design incorporates the nature of Black Creek with the timeless running shoe and track to capture this year's required theme of "The Beauty of Black Creek." Her art even depicts an alligator peeking through the water in the center of the t-shirt design.

As the winner, Parrish receives four 5K run entries, which



Kayleigh Parrish



includes four t-shirts bearing her design.

The winner was selected by the Black Creek Bowl Association's board of directors during its March meeting. Parrish's design is now the sole property of the Association and will be showcased at the Oct. 21 road race.

Proceeds from the Black Creek 5K help fund college scholarships for students at Middleburg High School as part of a scholarship program honoring MHS alum David White, the Clay County Sheriff's Office detective killed in a meth lab raid in February 2012.



## Girl Scouts honor Middleburg Elementary student Zoe Grace Denton

Held April 6, the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council's 28th Annual Women of Distinction celebration featured Gateway Council Chief Executive Officer Mary Anne Jacobs, who was joined by event chair Jan Lipsky and four G.I.R.L.s – Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers, Leaders. The GIRLS are Alivia Dunlop, Symone Alford, Jill Osburn and Zoe Grace Denton, bottom right. Girl Scout officials said they are proud to recognize the difference-makers in our community and to have girls meet women who are also G.I.R.L.s.



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# 2017 POSTER CONTEST WINNER ADRINNA HORNE



## A young, lifelong artist

By Jesse Hollett

School News

ORANGE PARK – Adrianna Horne has been drawing since she was five years old and doesn't intend to stop anytime soon after winning the annual Concert on the Green poster contest, which reaffirmed her dream.

"I want to one day be a famous artist," she said.

Horne's marker drawn poster 'Musical World' will serve as Concert on the Green's official poster this year and hang in the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts until May 26.

The poster will also appear on the outdoor event's informational pamphlets this year. Along with getting recognition for her efforts through exposure, Horne will receive a \$500 scholarship to a college of her choosing, whether she decides to study art or not.

Roughly 196 students participated in this year's contest from eight different schools. Great Hang Ups and Gallery of Fleming Island coordinated the contest, which encourages students to create art depicting musical performances in an outdoor setting.

The contest includes separate divisions for junior high, and elementary school, but it's the winner of the high school division whose work is displayed in the event's advertising campaigns.

Horne said while she isn't sure what college she wants to attend yet, she said she more than likely wants to use the money for art supplies so she can explore new media mainly painting.

"I'm going to continue doing art, I love it. It's fun to do, it's relaxing," she said.

Each year, Concert on the Green organizers coordinate with public and private school art teachers to promote – and therefore enact success – for the poster contest.

"We're very proud of her, she's worked a long time," said Carrie Keene, Horne's art



*Adrianna Horne stands beside her winning poster entitled Musical World. As the winner of the annual Concert on the Green Poster Contest, Horne's work will be displayed at the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts, on official Concert on the Green advertising, at the concert event itself and the Clay County Agricultural Fair.*

STAFF PHOTO BY JESSE HOLLETT

teacher at Orange Park High. "It's good that other people are beginning to recognize her abilities and talents."

Concert on the Green's main focus is music, however organizers with Clay County's leading symphonic concert have their eyes set on involving as much student artist participation as possible.

"We've certainly grown in what we're able to do with kids," said Lauren Hoffman, Concert on the Green president. "We're trying to do everything that we can do to encourage the growth of this and we're doing everything we can do to talk to our school board about what we can do about arts in our schools."

For example, one other art program Concert on the Green is involved in sponsorship of the Clay County School District's 19th Annual All-County Elementary Chorus Concert held this past January. And, through its many artistic connections, procured the talents of Darren

Dailey to direct the event. Dailey, a Fleming Island resident, is executive and artistic director of the Jacksonville Children's Chorus.

Meanwhile, Concert on the Green began 30 years ago when a group banded together to attempt to bring the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra to the county. Hoffman said experiencing symphonic music live can be a monumental experience in not only the lives of students, but of adults as well.

"I wouldn't want to live in a county that doesn't do something like this, I'm not kidding," Hoffman said. "That's the only opportunity that all our citizens" get to see live symphonic performances."

To that end, she has also jumpstarted a symphonic music summer camp at W.E. Cherry Elementary to expose elementary students to music early. Currently, elementary students in the county have limited access to any music programs until they reach higher grade levels.

Approximately four years ago, Concert on the Green began using funds generated from the event to fund scholarship opportunities for local artists in Clay. Other opportunities exist through the program as well. The concert hosts an annual music contest among students. Every year, one student vocalist and one instrumentalist from the music contest, perform a solo with members of the Jacksonville Symphony.

Hoffman said the concert's programs are part of an effort to get students more motivated in artistic endeavors as a whole in the county. And its annual poster contest is a great way to accomplish that for visual artists.

"I was so happy when I won, I didn't know what to do," Horne said. "My emotion – I was just so happy." Concert on the Green will be held May 28 on the grounds of St. Johns Country Day School in Orange Park.

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## Other winners in the Concert on the Green poster contest were:

### Senior Division

Capturing second place in the senior division was Catherine Drawdy, a junior at Orange Park High, followed by third place winner Savannah Gilbreath, a freshman at Ridgeview High. Honorable Mention winners were Bailey Binderim of Fleming Island High and Lisette Coll-Roman of St. Johns Country Day School.

### Junior Division

Three eighth graders swept the junior division. Alivia Claxton of Lake Asbury Junior High, won first place; Allison Korahais of St. Johns Country Day School, placed second and Emma Lantinberg of St. Johns Country Day School won third, while Karah Martin of Lake Asbury Junior High was honorable mention.

### Elementary Division

Three students were declared elementary division winners. Ellie Susser of St. Johns Country Day School, won first, and two students from Seven Bridges School were awarded second and third place – Stuart Smith and Bobby Hahn.

### Honoring the Militar

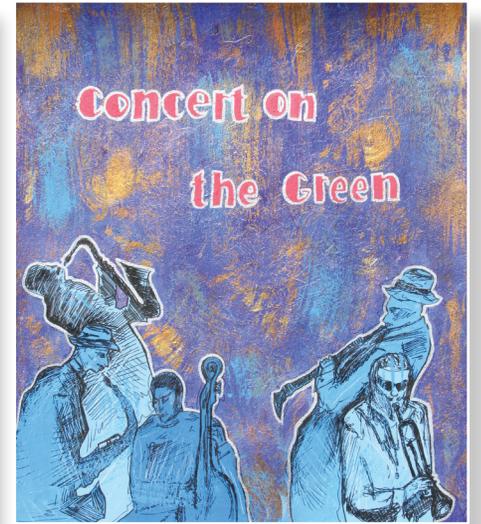
The "Honoring Military" award winner is Amelia Beaver, a tenth grade student at Orange Park High.



Catherine Drawdy, Orange Park High



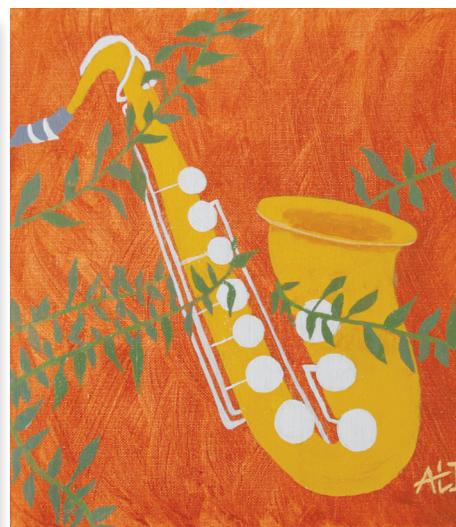
Savannah Gilbreath, Ridgeview High



Bailey Binderim, Fleming Island High



Alivia Claxton, Lake Asbury Junior High



Allison Korahais, St. Johns Country Day School



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Ellie Susser, St Johns Country Day School



Staurt Smith, Seven Bridges School



Bobby Hahn, Seven Bridges School



Amelia Beaver, Orange Park High



**Brandon named 'Champion of Change'**

FLEMING ISLAND – Green Cove Springs Junior High civics teacher Robin Brandon received the Champions of Change award April 6 from Clay County School Superintendent Addison Davis. Davis recognized Brandon during the regular monthly school board meeting held at the Fleming Island High Teacher Training Center. Brandon was named a 'Champion' for her being honored as The Military Veterans Volunteer of the Year for Clay County by the Northeast Florida Women Veterans Organization. She was also selected as the VFW Post 1988 Military Teacher of the Year.



STAFF PHOTO BY KILE BREWER

Local artist Michael Viafora organizes prints at his booth at Oakleaf High School during the school's annual Art Walk event.

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paint and the brush strokes to evoke motion from the vehicles, attempting to breathe some life into the two-dimensional flat canvases. His works ranged in price from small \$10 original watercolors to large acrylic paintings that sold for hundreds of dollars.

As the event's organizer, Laberis was pleased with the day's turnout and will probably start planning next year's event soon. After the success of the inaugural event last year and with the participation at this year's event it will continue on into the future.

"We have a few more food trucks this year, and a higher population of student artists," Laberis said. "Our main goal is community outreach focused on art."

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Dreamcatchers created by Oakleaf High School student Rachel Katrinic hang at her table Saturday during the school's Art Walk.

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transportation and construction industry as a whole. We need contractors and consultants, so we're trying to engage the next generation into the industry."

The event took up most of the inside of the Equestrian Center and a large area of empty field next to the complex with the goal of showing every student a job they might want to do in the future.

Middleburg High School student Travis Collins is already committed to the United States Marine Corps upon graduation, but at the FDOT career day event he was looking toward the future.

"I'm going into the Marines to be a combat engineer," Collins said, "so that should help me get a job [like this]. I'm just looking for choices after I get out of the Marines."

Sedwick said that one of the goals of the event is to show the students that don't think they would be a good fit in higher education that they have other options.

"We let them know that without a college degree they could still make 50, 60, or \$70,000 salaries," Sedwick said. "We show them every job from start to finish that is needed to complete a DOT project. It is all covered; they are able to see every aspect."

No matter what the student is interested in, Sedwick seems certain that students could find their place in the construction or transportation industry.

"Partners like FDOT and the sponsors for this year's Construction Career Day open our students' eyes to opportunities they may not



Various pieces of FDOT machinery sit in a field outside the Jacksonville Equestrian Center during the three-day Construction Career Day hosted by FDOT.

have been aware of or able to access," said Clay County Superintendent Addison Davis. "These experiences are an important part of the rigorous and relevant instruction we provide to prepare students for the workforce they will soon enter."

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# CLAY COUNTY CURBSIDE RECYCLING NEW GUIDELINES

**NEW** (Now accepting plastics 1- 7) **NEW**

## PAPER

- Mail, office, and school papers
- Newspapers
- Magazines and catalogs
- Paperback books & telephone books
- Shredded paper - should be placed in 13 gallon or smaller plastic trash bags
- Fiberboard boxes - cereal, cracker and storage boxes
- Corrugated cardboard - flattened and cut into pieces 2' x 3' or smaller



## CARTONS - Food and beverage cartons including:

- Milk/creamer cartons **NEW**
- Juice boxes **NEW**
- Soup & broth **NEW**



## METAL

- Beverage containers
- Steel and aluminum cans
- Steel and aluminum food containers
- Baking Tins **NEW**



## PLASTIC (#1-#7)

- Plastic beverage and food containers **NEW**
- CD's and CD Cases **NEW**
- Detergent bottles
- Cleaning containers
- Solo Cups & Plastic Cutlery **NEW**



## GLASS

- Glass bottles and jars: green, brown and clear  
(Please place tops/lids in garbage. Labels do not need to be removed.)



### Items NOT Included in Recycling Program

Plastic toys, plastic bags, clothes hangers, pizza boxes, motor oil containers, pool & other chemical containers, mirrors, window glass & broken glass, aerosol cans, electronics and pesticide containers.

Clay County residents are encouraged to recycle. Recycling conserves natural resources as well as helps lower the cost of waste disposal. All containers should be emptied and rinsed clean. Place all recyclable materials in bins provided (one for paper products, one for plastic, glass & cans etc.) Do not place anything but recyclables in bins. Please place recycle bins curbside by 6:00 a.m. on service day.



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# Junior Reporter

## Lakeside Elementary School students named 'Junior Reporters'

ORANGE PARK – Four students at Lakeside Elementary School were recently honored by being named “Junior Reporter” for Clay Today.

The honor comes after stories written by Lily Divens, Ashton Behannon, Alexis Ebey and Airanna Sampadian were submitted to Clay Today by their teacher, Andie Anderson, and then published in the March 2017 edition of School News. The story grew out of a Feb. 9 presentation Clay Today Managing Editor Eric Cravey gave to Anderson’s fifth grade class in which he discussed what it means to be a journalist, what journalism is and why journalism is important in a democratic society.

From left, Lily Divens, Ashton Behannon, Alexis Ebey, Eric Cravey and Airanna Sampadian.

*To learn more about the Junior Reporter program, call Eric at (904) 579-2151 or email [eric@opcfla.com](mailto:eric@opcfla.com).*

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# 3 things to remember before taking your child to the ER

- 1 Your child's doctor can help you decide.** If you're not sure if it's an emergency, your pediatrician's office is typically available 24/7 and can advise if you should go to the ER right away.
- 2 A children's ER is different.** An ER affiliated with a children's hospital has the specially trained staff to handle serious issues that may arise from seemingly minor symptoms.
- 3 Be calm and clear.** Even if your heart is racing, staying calm will help your child feel less anxious, and you'll be able to communicate more clearly to those who can help.

Where you take your child in an emergency matters. Wolfson Children's ER at Baptist Clay has specially trained staff who recognize subtle differences in children, which can be vital in an emergency.

For more helpful tips to know before taking your child to the ER, go to [wolfsonchildrens.org/ER](http://wolfsonchildrens.org/ER).



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