Development disconnect

Do residents, elected officials really disagree on growth?

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With nearly 2,000 new homes approved for development in bustling eastern DeLand over the past two years, disagreements over the moratorium’s growth have become a familiar pastime. The pattern plays out as if from a script at times. First, a new neighborhood of hundreds of homes is proposed on virgin land. Current residents and when they make their position known. Then, often, said developments are approved despite the objections, sometimes with minor tweaks to assuage residents’ concerns. The most recent example is Cresswind, a new “active-adult” community that will occupy land that the eastern bank of Lake Winnemissett. Residents and others make their objections, sometimes with

off by a 911 call Melton’s vehicle, a dark Dodge Ram pickup, was later spotted near DeLand City Hall, where Melton called a relative around 12:30 p.m. after causing lockdowns at DeLand City Hall, the Stetson University campus, and businesses in Downtown DeLand.

Melton called a relative early Tuesday morning to say goodbye and tell him he was going to take his own life, according to DeLand Police Chief Jason Umberger. Melton proceeded to load his car with at least five firearms and drive around DeLand, pursued by officers tipped off by a 911 call Melton relative made.

Melton’s vehicle, a dark red Dodge Ram pickup, was later spotted near DeLand City Hall, where Community Information Specialist Chris Graham said they were receiving reports that he was possibly inside the building.

“We were getting con- flicted reports that he may have been inside the building. Please see STANDOFF, 3A.”

by Eli Witek

As of Aug. 21, the Volusia County Health Department will stop testing the general public for COVID-19, and will only offer school-related virus testing.

“As far as public concern, our testing is ending on Aug. 21,” Department of Health Administrator Patricia Boswell told the Volusia County School Board Aug. 11. “We’ll be prioritizing to support the schools in the area.”

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