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## County manager announces her retirement

CINDY JACKSON  
News-Leader

The regularly scheduled Monday night meeting of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners began with a surprising announcement by Chairman Pat Edwards: County Manager Shanea Jones will be leaving her position in three months. In a letter to the board, Jones wrote she will be retiring from the Florida Retirement System and offered to help find her replacement.

"It is with a heavy heart that I announce that Ms. Shanea Jones has submitted her resignation. She will be with us until July second," Edwards said.

A native of Nassau County, Jones has worked for the county for 14 years.

Edwards described Jones' service, which began in 2004 as an accounting clerk. In 2006, she went to work as a budget analyst with the Office of Management and

Budget, where she became director in 2010. Her career with the county progressed from there, as she assumed the duties of assistant county manager in 2013 and took on the role as county manager on Feb. 6, 2017. Edwards said how much he "appreciates all that Shanea has done for us and I thank her from the bottom of my heart."

Commissioner Danny Leeper praised Jones as well, noting that it had been a pleasure serving with her.

Commissioner Justin Taylor followed up with additional kudos, including a wish that Jones would not leave and a statement that Jones has a lot of knowledge about the county. He went on to say that he knows she "has a bright future and that she will find a position with a lot less stress and a higher reward."

Before he began a discussion of how the board would go about finding a replacement for Jones, County Attorney Mike Mullin said

that Jones' departure is a "real loss because she has done a great job."

A copy of her letter of resignation, dated March 26 and addressed to Edwards and the rest of the commissioners, was distributed. It reads in part, "I have decided to vacate my position as County Manager. As you are aware, I love Nassau County and dedicate countless hours to serving the public by managing daily operations, assisting the Board and planning for the county's future. At this point in my life, I need to reallocate my time to focus more on family."

When reached for comment after the meeting, Jones said that she gave three months notice to help make the transition as smooth as possible. She also said that she does not yet have another job lined up and isn't going to look for a position until her son, who will enter the sixth grade this fall, returns to school in August.

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County Manager Shanea Jones submitted her resignation to the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners on March 26. She will retire effective July 2, 2018.

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## Park for Simmons Road is discussed

JULIA ROBERTS  
News-Leader

While the Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation Department has deemed the far south side of the city as deficient in recreational opportunities, not everyone is happy with plans to build a park on Simmons Road.

The city has been looking at sites that may be suitable for a park in the area. Some property adjacent to the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport was considered, but the FAA and the DEP had conflicting regulations related to the proposed park, so the city opted to avoid the issues associated with those conflicts and locate the park elsewhere.

At the March 20 City Commission meeting, commissioners approved an application for a \$200,000 grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Land and Water Conservation Fund to build a new park. Lorelei Jacobs, the city's grants

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## CATCHING SOME RAYS



PAT FOSTER-TURLEY/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Baby alligators enjoy the sun from the safety of their mother's back at Sweetwater Wetlands Park in Gainesville, Fla. For the rest of what columnist Pat Foster-Turley saw on her recent trip to the city park, go to page 10A.

## Man dies in apparent suicide at WestRock

JULIA ROBERTS  
News-Leader

The Fernandina Beach Police Department reported Tuesday that a man died of what may have been a self-inflicted shotgun wound at the WestRock facility in Fernandina Beach early Tuesday morning.

According to Fernandina Police Chief James Hurley, the 911 Dispatch Center received a call shortly after 5 a.m. from a man saying that he was going to kill himself at the mill on North Eighth Street. Hurley said his department notified security at the facility, and Officer Michael Pensa was dispatched to WestRock.

According to Pensa's report, upon his arrival outside the entrance to WestRock he found Marlon Dayne Edmondson, 59, of Yulee, face down and deceased.

A security guard at WestRock told Pensa that he was coming on shift when he heard a gunshot. Shift supervisor Bill Evans told Pensa that when he went outside the main entrance he saw Edmondson on the ground, according to

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## Marchers demand action on gun violence



Kayla Sanseverino speaks to the crowd assembled before the March for Our Lives in Fernandina Beach on Saturday. Sanseverino and Leo Scapino, both students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, spoke before the Amelia Island march. Seventeen students and staff members were massacred at the school in Parkland, Fla. on Feb. 14.

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Hundreds of people fed up with gun violence took to the usually quiet streets of Fernandina Beach on Saturday. Led by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., where 17 students and staff members were massacred on Feb. 14, the marchers were participating in a national, coordinated effort to demand action to reduce gun violence.

Christine Platel organized the local March for Our Lives, one of the hundreds that took place across the United States on March 24. Platel asked those who gathered to hear speeches before the march to refrain from turning the event into a political one. Some in the crowd did call out for a ban on assault weapons, but those attending were generally respectful of the speakers and supportive of the movement begun by some of the survivors of the Parkland shooting.

Those who spoke to the crowd included Fernandina Beach Police Chief James Hurley and Mayor Johnny Miller, Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper, local students, and students from Parkland.

Kayla Sanseverino and Leo Scapino are two of the students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School who

were in Fernandina Beach on Saturday. Sanseverino said that the state gun legislation recently passed in Tallahassee is a good first step, but it is simply that — a step.

"Children shouldn't have PTSD every time they hear a loud noise," Sanseverino said. "We shouldn't have to constantly live in fear that something like this will happen again. Parents and siblings shouldn't go home to one less loved one. But they do. We shouldn't have one less coach next year because the witty, inspiring Scott Beigel died, but we will because we were failed by so many people. No one at Stoneman Douglas will ever forget the tragedy we faced on Feb. 14. We're making sure others don't either. Because, even though life moves on, we can't let people move on from this without a change."

"By all of us coming together in cities, we are proving that we will not rest in our fight for change until we are satisfied," Scapino said. "On today and every day, we are positive, passionate proud and MSD strong."

Others who spoke acknowledged that the March for Our Lives, as well as the movement across the country demanding gun control, has been led by young people.

"We have been called here by our young people who have taken a stand

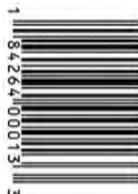
to bring the change necessary to save their own lives," said Cheryl Anderson, Jacksonville group leader of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. "I'm saying to all these young people — persist. Keep going. You are not alone."

Fernandina Beach Mayor Johnny Miller said it was one of the greatest honors of his life to support the students.

Miller also said that, while adults have seen mass shootings becoming a more and more common event, until now, nothing happened to address the problem.

"Our generation saw the horrors of Columbine and we saw children running from the high schools. It dominated the media for weeks after that and we waited to see the change. It didn't happen," said Miller. "A series of school shootings happened after that, and then we saw what happened at Sandy Hook and we thought, this time, there's going to be change. We heard for the first time, 'too soon' and we heard 'thought and prayers.' And we didn't see any change. In Miami, I didn't expect change and I didn't get it. After Las Vegas, everybody thought, 'Well, at least we'll get rid of bump stocks.' I didn't think they would, and they didn't. And then, they walked

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### LOOKING BACK 25 YEARS

Nassau County lost more than \$76,000 in free state recycling grants because it did not use the funds, despite local recycling efforts lagging behind most other areas of the state.

March 24, 1993

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## Low Vision Support Group

The next meeting of the Nassau County Council on Aging Low Vision Support Group will be today at 11 a.m. at NCCOA, located at 1367 S. 18th St. (across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau) in Fernandina Beach. This month's focus is on home safety and adaptive devices such as Talking Books, Google Home and Comcast's voice-activated TV remote. The Low Vision Support Group provides members with support, as well as helps with coping strategies. New members are welcome and caregivers are encouraged to attend. For information, call Frances Bartelt, NCCOA volunteer coordinator, at 261-0701, ext 102.

## AITDC board meeting Wednesday

The Amelia Island Tourist Development Council will hold a board meeting at 3 p.m. today at the Residence Inn, Amelia Island, located at 2301 Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach.

## FBHS Advisory Council to meet

The School Advisory Council of Fernandina Beach High School will have a meeting on Thursday, March 29, at 3:45 p.m. in the main office conference room. For any questions or concerns, contact Robert Taylor at 261-5713.

## Baptist Auxiliary hosting fundraiser

The Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary will conduct a \$5 fundraiser between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, March 30, in the Board Room off the Main Lobby of the hospital, located at 1250 S. 18th St. in Fernandina Beach. Items for sale will include an extensive line of jewelry and accessories – all priced at \$5 each. All of the profit will go to support Baptist Medical Center Nassau.

## Blood drive at American Legion

The American Legion Post 54 is sponsoring a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. All donors will receive a free OneBlood T-shirt and a wellness checkup. American Legion Post 54 is located at 626 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach. There is a great need for donated blood this time of year. Donating one pint can help save three lives. Call 261-7900 with any questions.

## Seniors safety driving course

A state AARP-sponsored Safety Driving Course will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 31 at the Council on Aging building across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau. To sign up and participate in this refresher course, which will update drivers on current state driving rules and information for a continuing responsible senior, call the COA at 261-0701. The course is offered for only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

## Hearing loss group meeting

The next meeting of the Hearing Loss Support Group of Nassau County is Tuesday, April 3, from 1-3 p.m. at Baptist Medical Center Nassau. Please check with the front desk for the location. Stan Houston from Connect Hearing, a licensed hearing instruments specialist as well as a member of the Florida Society of Hearing Healthcare Professionals, will be the presenter. In addition, each support group meeting offers members an opportunity to share experiences with hearing loss as well as how they deal with the impact on their lives. The group is also seeking a social worker to serve as a facilitator. If you would like more information, contact Ruth Kaiser at hlsnassau@gmail.com. The Hearing Loss Support Group meets monthly on the first Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. The next meeting will be May 1, when the Fernandina Beach Fire Department will present a program on hurricane preparedness.

## 'Resilience' film at Wildlight

Florida Department of Health Nassau will host a viewing of the film *Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope* at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in the cafeteria at Wildlight Elementary School, located at 550 Curiosity Ave. in Yulee. The documentary

is about adverse childhood events and their impact on health. "The child may not remember but the body remembers." Light refreshments and information on local resources will be available at the free event. The public is invited. For more information, call 875-6100.

## 'Quit Your Way' class for smokers

Northeast Florida AHEC will sponsor a "Quit Your Way" class to help participants stop smoking on April 11 at the Barnabas Center. This is a free one-time, two-hour class that includes a free workbook and materials that can help double participant's chances of success. Free nicotine replacement patches, gum and lozenges will also be available (if medically appropriate for those 18 and older). To register, call 482-0189.

## Mental Health First Aid classes

Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare has scheduled Adult Mental Health First Aid Classes for April 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The class is free and open to the public, but registration is required. The 8-hour class will take place in the Fernandina Beach Police Department's Community Room. The Mental Health First Aid program teaches participants a five-step action plan to assess a situation, select and implement interventions and secure appropriate care for the person who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Studies have proven the CPR-like program is effective in improving knowledge of mental disorders, reducing stigma and increasing the amount of help provided to others. Starting Point staff member Katrina Robinson-Wheeler is certified by the National Council to provide the Mental Health First Aid program. Since Starting Point began offering the program in 2014, more than 1,500 Northeast Florida residents have received the training. The training is provided at no charge with funding from Baptist Health and Lutheran Services Florida. Mental Health First Aid training classes are offered via open community classes or scheduled individually for groups and organizations. For information or to register for a class, visit mhfanassau.com or call Starting Point at 225-8280.

## Sierra Club meeting on right whales

The Nassau County Sierra Club will host Barb Zoodsma, a biologist from the NOAA Fisheries who will discuss recent developments with the North Atlantic right whale, at 7 p.m. April 13 at the Fernandina Beach Branch Library. The 2017 right whale season marked the first year that no calves were detected since records have been kept in their only known calving area in the coastal waters off Georgia and Northeast Florida. On average, 18 calves are born annually. Zoodsma will discuss what she calls a "defining moment" for this endangered population of whales. The library is located at 25 N. Fourth St. in Fernandina Beach. The meeting is free and open to the public; however, seating may be limited.

## Caregivers meeting in April

The Caregiver Support Group of Nassau County meets the third Thursday of each month at Nassau County Council on Aging, located at 1367 S. 18th St. in Fernandina Beach (across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau). On April 19, the group will meet from 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. All caregivers are welcome; however, this meeting is not suited for loved ones to attend. The overall goal of our group is to offer support and education to caregivers. For more information, call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, CDP, at 261-0701, ext. 113.

## St. Francis blood drive in April

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Mission at 86000 St. Francis Way in Yulee will be holding a blood drive Sunday, April 29, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All donors will receive a free OneBlood T-shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening. Sign up online at oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code 34851. Walk-ins always welcome.

## OBITUARIES

### Steve Baker Jr.

Steve Baker Jr. passed away Sunday, March 18, 2018. The funeral service for Steve Baker Jr. will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the Solid Rock Church of God by Faith, located at 86138 Palm Tree Drive in Yulee, Fla. The visitation will be between 5 and 7 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2018 at the Solid Rock Church of God by Faith. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery. Please sign the family guest book and view the video tribute at tswarden.com.

*Tyrons S. Warden*

### Mrs. Jean Permilla Davis

The funeral service for Mrs. Jean Permilla Davis will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the New Zion Baptist Church, located at 10 S. 10th St. in Fernandina Beach, Fla. with Rev. Jeremiah Robinson Jr. officiating. A public viewing will be held at the Huff & Battise Funeral Home between 5 and 7 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2018 and between 9:30 a.m. and the hour of the service Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the church. Interment will be held in the Bosque Bello Cemetery. The cortege will assemble at 10 a.m. at 512 S. 13th Terrace.

*Huff & Battise Funeral Home*

### Sherman Donald Delk Jr.

Sherman Donald "Don" Delk Jr., 64, passed away March 22, 2018 at his home of natural causes.

Don resided mostly in Florida after his discharge from the Navy in 1979. His skills as an aircraft mechanic and love for the ocean developed during his service in the Navy. He worked for numerous airlines, including US Airways, DayJet, and most recently as a lead aviation mechanic in Afghanistan and Africa.

His love for life was contagious, and he enjoyed nothing more than to spend time with family and friends. His grandchildren brought him great joy and never-ending laughter and smiles. He also loved adventure, flying single engine airplanes, sailing his boat Knot So Fast, and traveling.

The hearts of those blessed to know him are filled with both sorrow and gratitude. His brilliant, universal mind never belonged in such a small vessel, and his heart, though never on his sleeve, was kind and giving. We will forever love our Old Man in the Sea.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sherman Donald Sr. (2011) and Jeanette (Suchomski) Delk (1995), and a sister, Lilly Ann Delk (2015).

He is survived by his sister, Karen Allen of Charlottesville, Va.; his children, Dawn M. and Joseph Freeman of Hamsptead, N.C., Amanda K. and Joe Furce of Summerfield, Fla., and Robert P. and Megan Bales of Yulee, Fla., as well as nine grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 12 to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the Ocean Club of Amelia, located at 2080 S. Fletcher Ave. in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

Please share your memories and condolences at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

*Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors*

### Joyce Sowell Dickens

Joyce Sowell Dickens, 63, of Yulee, Fla., passed away Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Community Hospice & Palliative Care's Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

Born in Alma, Ga., she was a daughter of the late Tot Sowell and Myrtle Courson Sowell. She moved to Yulee at a young age and grew up there.

She married Henry Bailey Dickens III in 1985 and they made their home in Orlando for many years. In Orlando, they raised their children, Henry Bailey Dickens IV and Kailey Joyce Dickens. Joyce was an educational paraprofessional working with special needs and preschool children.

After her husband's passing, Joyce moved back to Yulee in 2014.

Joyce will always be remembered as a loving and giving person. She was family-oriented and her warm-hearted nature was evident in how she cared for all her family. In addition to her family she loved animals but was especially fond of her cats.

In addition to her father and her husband, she was also predeceased by two brothers, Donnie and Jerry Sowell.

She is survived by her children, Henry Bailey Dickens IV of Altamonte Springs, Fla., and Kailey Joyce (Chris Check) Dickens of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; her mother, Myrtle Sowell of Yulee; three brothers, Jack Tot Sowell of Yulee, Travis (Mary) Sowell of Springfield, Mo., and Tracy (Lavina) Sowell of Eastman, Ga., as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today, March 28, 2018 in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard with Rev. Calvin Courson officiating.

Graveside services will be later today at 3:30 p.m. at Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery near Alma, Ga. with Pastor Edmund Thrift officiating.

Please share your memories and condolences at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

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### Larry W. Harris

Larry W. Harris, 82, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away on Friday, March 23, 2018 at Community Hospice & Palliative Care's Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

He was born on December 19, 1935 in Plymouth, N.C. to the late Willard E. and Gladys (Garcia) Harris.

He was raised in Portsmouth and Virginia Beach, Va. When he was 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served honorably for four years as a schematics specialist.

Larry first met Barbara "Bobbie" Crouch when she was 22 years old while they worked at the same company. They were married in 1975 after dating for five years. They lived in Virginia Beach, and because of their love of golf, they were members of the Broad Bay Country Club. They enjoyed travelling to Europe and many points in the U.S. playing the various golf courses. But Broad Bay was their favorite. Larry and Bobbie could often be found in Ft. Myers, Fla. playing golf with their dearest friends, Larry and Carolyn Sutton and the late Tommy and Linda Fraizer. Larry retired from J. Henry Holland Corporation after 33 years of employment.

Larry and Bobbie fell in love with Amelia Island after coming here for 28 years. They moved to the area permanently three years ago.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his mother-in-law, Julie Crouch Gabor; and his sister and brother-in-law, Lela and Roland West.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Barbara "Bobbie" Harris of Fernandina Beach; children, Sheila and her husband David Marshall of Chesapeake, Va., Bryan C. Hammond of Killean, Texas, and Julie and her husband Arlen Proctor of Longview, Wa.; sister, Lynda and her husband Ron Lortie of Hooksett, N.H.; brother, Fred and his wife Janet Harris of Rosewell, Calif.; sister-in-law, Wanda South, and brother-in-law, David Crouch, both of Maple Shade, N.J.; nieces, Tanya and her husband Brian Auger of Haddon Height, N.J., and Tiffany McAvo of Rosewell, Calif.; nephew, Chuck and his wife Sandy West of Chesapeake, Va.; cousin, Thede Parks of South Carolina; godchild, Whitney Johnson and her parents, Dan and Margie Johnson, of Philadelphia, Pa.; grandchildren, Sarah and Brian Marshall of Chesapeake, Va., Victoria and Christine Hammond of Texas, and Reese Belson of Fernandina Beach; great-grandchild, Benton Lena; best friend, Sallie Cora; and numerous family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home. A celebration of his life for family and friends followed at 1:30 p.m. at the Sandbar & Kitchen in Fernandina Beach.

Please share your memories and condolences at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com)

*Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors*

### Jason Matthew Raffaelli

Jason Matthew Raffaelli, 25, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away March 21, 2018. He was born on July 2, 1992 in Stamford, Conn., the son of C. Cathleen Raffaelli of Scottsdale, Ariz. and John J. Raffaelli Jr. of Fernandina Beach.

Jason was employed by Horizon Electric, LLC in Fernandina Beach. He was a graduate of King & Low-Heywood Thomas School in Stamford, where he played on the varsity baseball team. Later, he attended Jacksonville University and Florida State College of Jacksonville. More recently, he became a certified nursing assistant, which he earned from Brookline College.

Jason was a member of the Golf Club of Amelia Island and was an avid sports fan. He was an accomplished golfer and music lover, learning both the piano and guitar "by ear." He especially enjoyed his family's gatherings on the Outer Banks of North Carolina and spending time with his dog.

In addition to his parents, Jason is survived by two brothers, John III (Kelsie) of Stamford and Justin of New York City. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Carolyn Hamilton. He was a proud uncle and dedicated godfather and had numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. In addition to his family, he had many friends who also loved him dearly.

Jason's kindness and commitment to helping others was demonstrated in his passion for the work of buildOn, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to break the cycle of poverty, illiteracy and low expectations. In addition to participating in the construction of a buildOn schoolhouse in Mali, Africa, Jason volunteered at its community outreach efforts in the United States. In a tribute to Jason, buildOn is dedicating a school in Haiti to his memory.

Funeral arrangements are private. Jason's legacy can be honored by making a financial contribution in his name to buildOn at [buildon.org](http://buildon.org).

Please share your memories and condolences at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

*Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors*

## DEATH NOTICES

**Frank Gramling**, 71, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Tuesday morning, March 27, 2018.

**Larry W. Harris**, 82, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Friday, March 23, 2018.

**Frank E. Wilder**, 87, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Monday, March 26, 2018.

## City Scoop

Kudos

The Utilities Department has again been successful in complying with state and federal regulations for wastewater. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection conducted a compliance evaluation and sanitary sewer overflow prevention inspection and, in a letter addressed to Director John Mandrick, expressed their appreciation for the department's efforts.

The Fernandina Beach Police Department has been re-accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation for the fourth consecutive time. The three-year accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence, and competence within the law enforcement community. The accreditation process requires an in-depth review of every aspect of the agency, to include administration, organizational structure, management, supervision, and operations. Congrats to the team and thank you for all you do!

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Fernandina Beach Mayor Johnny Miller marched behind students at the March for Our Lives on March 24. Miller said it was one of the greatest honors of his life to support the students.  
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**MARCH** *Continued from 1A*  
into your school. And now we see change."  
Miller added that he had resigned himself to living in a world where school shootings are the norm, but, he said, that has changed with the movement led by young people.

"I don't feel that way anymore. It's because of you," Miller said. "Just a few blocks from here we had an open discussion in Nassau County, in Fernandina Beach, in a public meeting, and talked about gun laws and talked about gun restrictions. You did that."  
"Tallahassee, for the first time

since before you were born, has made real changes in gun laws. You did that. When they said, 'too soon,' you said 'too late.' When they said, 'thoughts and prayers,' you said, 'no thank you, we want action.' We all hope the next generation is better than us. Mission accomplished."  
jroberts@fbnewsleader.com

## Museum plans renovation, launches capital campaign

The Amelia Island Museum of History announced Tuesday that it is starting a \$400,000 capital campaign to completely renovate and update its existing exhibit spaces at the Museum.

Both past and present members of the Museum's board of trustees have been invited to a special event on Thursday, April 5, to honor their contributions and to celebrate the future of the museum, according to a news release, which said that the last update to the exhibit space occurred in 2000.

"We have come to understand that the story of the eight flags is incomplete in many ways," wrote AIMH Executive Director Phyllis Davis in the release.

"The re-imagining of our exhibit spaces will make the island's story more compelling and more accessible to all ages and learning styles. Artifacts and scenically created environments in each room, along with the use of technology, will set up the story. Perhaps the greatest benefit of re-imagining the treatment of our history is the ability to incorporate much more fully all historical cultural groups, specifically African-Americans and Hispanics, who contributed to who we are today," Davis continued. "We have the content (over 5,000 artifacts) and the plan (completed in November 2016) and now are ready to move forward with an exciting story that incorporates more technology, creating a 21st-century experience that our over 25,000 yearly visitors expect."

The museum has received a challenge grant of \$50,000 from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund through the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida.

"I am excited to help jumpstart the museum's plan to tell Amelia Island's remarkable story in a more compelling and accessible way," Delores Barr Weaver noted in the release. "I invite all those who appreciate the island's rich history to join me in support-

ing the museum as it pays tribute to not only the many flags, but the many cultures - including African-Americans and Hispanics - that have played a significant role in the region."

Delores Barr Weaver established the fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida in 2012 to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that do work she has supported over many years and to encourage others to do so as well. Weaver has a legacy of philanthropy and has provided transformative support to dozens of nonprofit organizations that uplift, enlighten and advance the community. Her establishment of the \$50 million Delores Barr Weaver Fund in 2012 was the largest gift in The Community Foundation's history.

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Now in its 54th year, the Foundation has assets of more than \$385 million and has made nearly \$450 million in grants since 1964. For more information, visit [www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org).

For over 40 years the Amelia Island Museum of History has been dedicated to the life and culture in Nassau County through education and preservation of its local history. This reinforces its mission statement, which is to "preserve, protect, and promote the unique history of Amelia Island and its surrounding area for a diverse community of residents, researchers, and visitors."

For more information about this campaign and the Delores Barr Weaver Fund Challenge Grant, contact Phyllis Davis at 261-7378, ext. 101, or [phyllis@ameliamuseum.org](mailto:phyllis@ameliamuseum.org).

## SUICIDE

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the report.

FBPD Detective Jason Smith and Sgt. Tracey Hamilton are heading the investigation.

John Pensec, director of corporate communications for WestRock in Atlanta, said the company's thoughts are with Edmondson's family.  
jroberts@fbnewsleader.com

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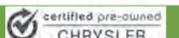
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# Merger approved for banks

First Federal Bancorp Inc., the holding company of First Federal Bank of Florida, and Coastal Banking Company Inc., the holding company of CBC National Bank, have announced that they have received all required approvals from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the South Carolina Office of the Commissioner of Banking for their previously announced merger, according to a news release.

On Nov. 7, First Federal announced a definitive merger agreement to acquire Coastal Banking Company and CBC National Bank, based in Fernandina Beach. Coastal Banking Company shareholders approved the merger in a vote that took place Feb. 20.

First Federal and Coastal Banking Company expect to complete the proposed merger April 2, at which time CBC National Bank will be merged with and into First Federal Bank of Florida.

Upon completion of the merger, First Federal will pay \$21.50 per share in cash for each Coastal Banking Company common share and stock option outstanding in a transaction valued at \$83.2 million.

"We look forward to taking the final steps toward completing the merger and beginning the process of integrating CBC into First Federal Bank," said Keith Leibfried, president and chief executive officer of First Federal. "We are excited to provide the customers of our combined company with a new level of convenience, service and choice. The integration of CBC will add banking offices in Nassau County, Ocala and South Carolina, residential mortgage, and both SBA and USDA lending offices across Florida and multiple states, along with the existing knowledgeable, friendly staff."

It is expected that integration of CBC's operations should be completed by Aug. 24. First Federal Bank of Florida is a com-

munity bank founded in the heart of North Florida in 1962. First Federal is a \$1.37 billion-asset institution offering a full line of personal and business financial solutions, loans, and services from Florida's Panhandle to the First Coast. First Federal is a mutual savings bank and continues to receive a "5-Star, Superior" financial rating from BauerFinancial Inc.

Coastal Banking Company Inc. is the \$606.4 million-asset bank holding company of CBC National Bank, which provides a full range of consumer and business banking services through full-service banking offices in Fernandina Beach, Ocala and The Villages, Fla., and Beaufort and Port Royal, S.C. The company's residential mortgage banking division, headquartered in Atlanta, includes both traditional retail and wholesale lending groups. The company's SBA lending division originates SBA, USDA and FSA loans throughout the southeastern United States.

# Concours spending was off a bit, but still generated millions

According to a news release from the Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, spending at the 2018 Concours Week was "slightly off due to the absence of the Vintage Gran Prix and the Sunday cancellation," referring to vintage car races conducted in 2016 and 2017 at the Fernandina Municipal

Airport and the call made to move the main Concours event to Saturday because of concerns about the weather forecast for Sunday.

"Overall, the Concours is by far the largest single event contributing to our economy," wrote Gil Langley, president and CEO of the AICVB in an email. "This

event generates nearly twice the economic impact of the Shrimp Festival – the largest event by attendance. The attendees are high-end customers who leave many happy retailers when they say goodbye!"

A study of the 2018 Concours Week was implemented by the AICVB to document the economic impact.

"The findings of the study are based on 272 interviews conducted with randomly selected attendees at 2018 Concours Week events. ... The inclement weather and schedule changes

impacted 2018 attendance and economic impact."

According to the report by Research Data Services, Inc., the estimated total direct expenditures of off-island visitors (overnight and day-trippers) was \$16,276,200, and the estimated total economic impact of off-island visitors was \$21,414,500.

In the company's 2017 report for the AICVB, 98.9 percent of event attendees surveyed were satisfied with their experience and 97.5 percent of off-island visitors planned to return to Amelia Island.

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Fernandina Beach will receive sealed competitive responses for requirements for the following until no later than **10:00am, Thursday, April 26, 2018.**

#### RFP 18-02

#### INDEPENDENT AUDIT SERVICES

RFP Documents and Specifications are available to download from the City of Fernandina Beach website, [www.fbfl.us/bids](http://www.fbfl.us/bids) and the Onvia Demandstar website at [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com). Questions regarding the RFP requirements or process can be directed in writing to Patti Clifford, Comptroller at [pclifford@fbfl.org](mailto:pclifford@fbfl.org).

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## ICI wins award

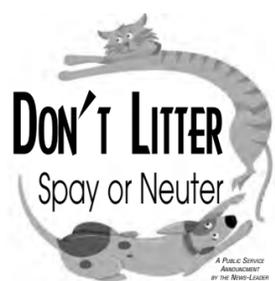
ICI Homes, headquartered in Daytona Beach, was recently recognized by the Northeast Florida Builders Association's Sales and Marketing Council



with a silver Laurel Award for "Best Elevation Design" in the \$300,000-\$500,000 category for its Egret V home design at Amelia National, according to a news release.

"We are honored to receive this recognition from the Laurel Awards' judges and our peers in the building industry," said ICI Homes North Florida Division Manager Joe Blanco, in the release.

For more information about ICI Homes, visit [ICIHomes.com](http://ICIHomes.com).



# Misconceptions about negotiating

It is said President Trump has had the most difficulty dealing with allies. Those include Justin Trudeau of Canada, Theresa May of Great Britain, Enrique Pena Nieto of Mexico, the Republican leaders and, of course, his cabinet. So it is not surprising that the media and many Democrats throw out nefarious thoughts when it appears that his dealings with Vladimir Putin seem pretty smooth. While this makes for interesting headlines, there may be a very innocent explanation why this is the case.

The truth of the matter is often that it is easier to deal and negotiate with adversaries than it is with family, friends, and colleagues. If you don't think this is true, go back into your business and personal life and review some of your interactions that got testy.

I can think of some very difficult discussions, especially with my daughter when she was in high school, regarding issues I thought were quite routine. For example, trying to be helpful, I would ask her, "Why are you always on the phone?" Not appreciating that I was being helpful, she would usually reply, "Don't you care if I have friends?"

On the business front, an example of being caught off guard concerned a phone call I had with the secretary of a company's president. We had been asked to assess a potential senior vice president of marketing. We did the executive assessment report and I called to meet with the president and his team to discuss the results. I got the president's secretary and gave her my dates. She said my dates didn't work, but she had an alternative. When I said I couldn't meet on the alternate date, she advised that she guessed they would have to meet without me and hung up. Since I still had the actual report they wanted to discuss, I assumed she would call back and, of course, she did.

On another occasion I was caught totally unprepared. It involved a CEO after I had begun coaching his executive vice president. His secretary called to advise me that the CEO wanted to meet me for dinner. I was expecting a great meeting. Our assessment pointed out that since the executive VP was also extremely bright and very talented with different skills than the CEO, they should make a great team. I did not think to ask the CEO what he wanted to discuss at dinner or if he had any concerns with the assignment. At dinner the CEO surprised me by advising he did not trust the execu-



**COACH'S CORNER**

Howard Pines

tive vice president, and what he really wanted was for me to "coach" him to leave the company.

The reason it is easier to deal with adversaries is that before we meet with

the Putins and the Kim Jong Uns of the world, we realize we will be in a tough negotiation. Therefore, we do the planning to make the meeting productive and even amicable. In that regard we think about how we want the meeting to develop, how we could draw out concerns about our proposal and how we want the other party to feel as he or she leaves the meeting. We want to come across as supportive of the other party, if not their objectives. Whether or not it was the appropriate action for the leader of the free world to take, President Trump calling Vladimir Putin to congratulate him on his re-election was Negotiations 101. However, when we meet with family, friends and colleagues, we assume we are after the same things (happiness, profits or customers), so we wing it, not realizing we are in a negotiation. This causes us to be unprepared and surprised.

This takes us to North Korea. In many ways, since Trump will have time to plan, and he usually does well in these situations, the first meetings could exceed expectations. The real issues will come later, especially if a deal appears attainable and we demand ways to hold North Korea accountable. Even if he reaches an agreement, as with the Iran agreement, the different parties will either praise or criticize the deal more from their political perspective than on its merits. And, as with all deals of this kind, it could be 25 or 30 years later before we know whether President Trump did the right thing.

Amelia Island resident Howard Pines has more than 30 years experience as CEO, chairman and founder of BeamPines, a premier firm in the executive coaching business. He also co-founded the BeamPines/Middlesex University Master's Program in Executive Coaching. Prior to that, he served as senior VP of human resources for a Fortune 100 corporation. He is the author of The Case for Wasting Time and Other Management Heresies.

## AMELIA ISLAND TREE PROTECTION AND REPLACEMENT PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Please accompany the Amelia Island Tree Protection Working Group as they discuss the results of their fact finding endeavor with the Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board. These proposed changes to land development regulations **only apply to the unincorporated areas of Amelia Island.** The results of the fact finding endeavor have been formatted into a draft ordinance that will be presented to the Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board for the first time on 4/3/18 @ 6pm.

\*\*To view the draft Ordinance and provide feedback electronically, visit the Amelia Island Tree Protection webpage at: <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/886/Amelia-Island-Tree-Protection>

The public workshop will include a presentation from the Amelia Island Tree Protection Working Group and an open discussion of proposed changes between all interested parties.

Four of the primary changes from the existing tree protection regulations in the **unincorporated areas of Amelia Island** are:

- (1) All existing properties, including properties with an existing single family home, will be subject to tree protection standards.
- (2) There will be a permitting process to remove protected trees for all properties - including individual homeowners.
- (3) The list of protected trees is being expanded.
- (4) The methodology for calculating tree preservation requirements is being modified.

### MEETING DETAILS

**WHO:** Nassau County Staff, the Amelia Island Tree Protection Working Group, the Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board & You - The Citizens of Nassau County

**WHAT:** Amelia Island Tree Protection and Replacement Plan

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** James S. Page Governmental Complex  
96135 Nassau Place  
Yulee, FL 32097

**WHY:** To solicit public feedback on modifications to the Amelia Island Tree Protection and Replacement Plan

Please contact Kailey Porter or Sue Ann Alleger with the Nassau County Department of Planning and Economic Opportunity with questions at: (904) 530-6300 or electronically at: [kporter@nassaucountyfl.com](mailto:kporter@nassaucountyfl.com) and [salleger@nassaucountyfl.com](mailto:salleger@nassaucountyfl.com)

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact (904) 548-4660 or the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8770 (v) or (800) 955-8771 (TDD) at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance to request such accommodations.

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administrator, said the grant would require matching funds from the city.

"The grant will fund up to \$200,000 for jurisdictions looking for a 50/50 match," Jacobs said. "We have to come up with \$100,000. We have Parks and Rec's impact fees that are set aside specifically for projects like this. This is a highly competitive grant. I don't know that we will get it."

Parks and Recreation Director Nan Voit shared the city's plans for the 6.45-acre facility at a special meeting called to discuss the park on March 22.

"The proposed plan is to bring the park in off Simmons Road and have a pervious parking area of approximately nine spaces, one of which will be handicap accessible," Voit explained. "There will be a path to a small pavilion with one restroom that connects to a playground with a variety of components that have not been determined at this point. From the playground you will be able to access a small walking trail that will be accessible as well. We've proposed to put interactive educational signage about the flora and fauna throughout the walking trail in an effort to educate children and adults about the indigenous species in the area." Voit said that the length of the

trail has not yet been determined but that plans are to work around the existing vegetation to create a passive park that blends in with nature.

Several people attending the special meeting to discuss the park offered opinions for and against it.

"I just wonder, in general, just because we can get something doesn't mean we need to have it," one audience member said. "It's a very small island and we do have a lot of park land, but what we don't have is a lot of preserved land. Every space I drive by says this is for sale. It's kind of hard to see another thing being built."

City Planner Kelly Gibson explained that the site and the properties that adjoin it to the south are currently zoned and have a land use of recreation, which protects it from development.

"The city, once it zones a property for recreation or conservation, that has placed on it a land use that has very limited abilities for development purposes and certainly excludes residential, commercial development," Gibson explained. "In order to overturn that particular land use, a vote of the public has to be obtained. It's not a simple commission vote. In the case of conservation land use in zoning, it requires a lot more effort. It is very well-protected."

Protecting the trees in the area was a major concern for those at the meeting. Margaret Kirkland with the Amelia Tree Conservancy said that, while her group would prefer that nothing be done with the property, a low impact park is "a good thing." Kirkland also pushed back on cutting trees to create a park.

"I'm glad to see that there aren't 1,000 trails all through the thing," Kirkland said of the plans. "However, where you see the trail, the parking, the playground equipment, the access road - all of that means cutting trees. We don't need to lose canopy and, every time we cut trees, we allow salt to come in and we're not just losing the trees that we cut; we're also losing other trees that die as a result of that salt coming underneath the canopy. That is a concern that we have."

Kirkland said a lot of bird species have been disrupted in the last five years, one of several comments regarding the impact to wildlife.

"I'm so against encroachment of wild space for animals," another audience member said. "Anybody who looks at Facebook - like once a week you see somebody complaining about some animal that's in their yard. 'Should I kill this snake? Get rid of these possums? I don't like this in my yard.' The coyotes, the birds. You know, we have to leave some-

where. It's what makes the charm of the island - that these animals are here. If we keep spreading and taking over all their space, they're going to go in people's yards, and then people are going to get exterminators and poison them and get rid of them and we won't have anything left."

The citizen also voiced concerns regarding use of the park's facilities by homeless people. "Where do we get the money that maintains everything?" she asked. "Who cleans it up? Who keeps the homeless people from using that bathroom? That seems to happen when there are bathrooms and nobody around, or whoever the people are, not homeless people."

Trudie Richards, who is on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, said that she lives near the Atlantic Recreation Center and that the public restroom there has not been a problem.

"There is a public bathroom there. I don't find it abused at all," Richards said. "There may be homeless people who use it. I don't have a problem with that. Frankly, they close the door when they leave and somebody comes and cleans it up. It's sad that we have homeless people in our community, but I sure as hell don't want to evict them or prevent them from having access to a place to relieve themselves.

I think (that's) an elitist attitude, but that's my personal view."

Richards said the plans for the park are a product of compromise between those who did not want any kind of development of the area and those who realize the city needs to serve residents on its south side.

"Sometimes I think we have to be willing to bend," Richards said. "I think this is a good, low-impact compromise idea for people who are directly affected and people like me, who are not. (You) have to give a little bit, even if it's not necessarily the best thing. It's not a bad thing."

Vice Mayor Len Kreger said he has advocated for the park, even if the city does not get the grant and has to pay for it with impact fees.

"People bought property and they paid their impact fees, and they have rights," Kreger said. "We are obligated to provide services. That park will be (handicap accessible.) We'll make that park where people can go out and see nature, not just let nature stay there. I supported it (and) my fellow commissioners supported it. It's a good opportunity, like other things with grants, to use other people's money to move forward and save us money."

The fact that the park will be accessible to disabled individuals was also a point of discussion.

Jacobs said it would be the only park with trails that are accessible by wheelchair. Jacobs added that the plans for the park include an educational element.

"There will be features along the trail, and we hope to contract with the University (of Florida) for some of these so they are interesting and invite involvement and interaction with nature. We have seasonal bird information and things like that."

One man who attended the meeting said he lives in the Simmons Cove development, which is adjacent to the park area. He called the plans "a terrific idea."

"(The city) came very close a couple of times to selling it to developers," he said, noting it was a three-to-two vote. "The developers are going to come in there and they're going to clear cut the trees and they're going to do what they did when they developed Simmons Cove, put 20-something houses in there. This is a tremendous opportunity with a very low impact to the area. When I first looked at it, I saw a park, and I said, 'Oh geez.' Then I looked at the drawing and it's very low impact to the homes on both sides and maintains most of the nature back there, of which there is quite a bit. I am in full support of that."

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The plans for a park off Simmons Road include a trail, but how developed that trail would be has yet to be determined. Lorelei Jacobs, grant administrator for the city of Fernandina Beach, said the trails could join a system in the 30 acres that surround the park area, which could be a primitive trail or a dirt trail.



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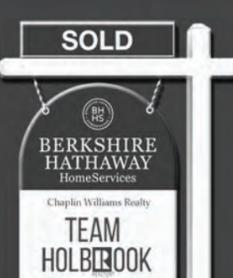
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The Elm Street Sportsman Association, Inc. presents a check to Much Bigger World, Inc. on Thursday, March 22, to be used to buy two computer construction kits that will give four children hands-on experience with computer hardware.

Celestial Holmes, second from left, is the founder and CEO of MBWI, a 501(c)(3) organization. MBWI's mission "is to provide new, different experiences to children in underserved communities."

From left, Lawrence Albertie, vice president of the Elm Street Sportsman Association, Inc., Holmes, Charles Albert, former mayor of Fernandina Beach, City Manager Dale Martin, Wayne Peterson, president of the Elm Street Sportsman Association, and John Coverdell, recreation supervisor at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center.

MBWI will present a program for the whole community called "Full STEAM Ahead" on Saturday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the MLK Jr. Recreation Center, 1200 Elm Street. STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Food and raffle prizes will be offered.

To contact Holmes, call (904) 580-6294, email [muchbiggerworldinc@gmail.com](mailto:muchbiggerworldinc@gmail.com), or go to [www.muchbiggerworldinc.org](http://www.muchbiggerworldinc.org).

## Get ready now for hurricane season

The 2018 hurricane season is approaching, and according to a news release from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, preparation means more than just creating a disaster kit and reviewing your family's disaster plan, although these are critical first steps. There's much more you can do to protect your home and family before hurricane season begins on June 1.

### ▼ Plan ahead

- Document items and contents in your home in photos.
- Buy a National Flood Insurance Policy from your insurance company. Standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flood damage. Only about half of Florida homeowners inside high-risk areas had insurance against flooding before Hurricane Irma made landfall Sept. 10, 2017. See [msc.fema.gov/portal](http://msc.fema.gov/portal) to know the flood risk in your area and see [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) for information about risk and rates.
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- There are many ways to strengthen your home against wind and wind-driven rain. FEMA's Wind Retrofit Guide for Residential Buildings is a good resource.
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create a sturdy, well-spaced framework of branches with an open canopy that allows wind to flow freely through.

### ▼ During a Hurricane Watch, 'Hurricane conditions are possible'

- Stay tuned to your phone alerts and TV or radio for weather updates, emergency instructions and evacuation orders. Severe weather information is also available from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at [noaa.gov](http://noaa.gov).
- Activate your disaster plan.
- Check your disaster kit. Important items include flashlights, battery-powered radios, batteries, medical, accessibility and pet supplies, cash and first-aid supplies.
- Place important papers and documents such as driver's licenses, social security cards, passports, birth certificates, vehicle registration cards and insurance policies in a waterproof, portable container.
- Know what you and your family will do if there is an evacuation order.

### ▼ During a Hurricane Warning, 'Hurricane conditions are expected within 48 hours'

- Stayed tuned to phone alerts and TV or radio for weather updates.
  - Fill vehicles with gas.
  - Keep mobile devices fully charged.
  - Bring any loose items like trash cans, yard furniture – including items on your deck – barbecue grills and tools inside; store in a garage or sturdy building.
  - Disconnect electrical appliances.
  - If you evacuate, turn off gas and electricity at the main switch or valve.
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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Culture of violence

When I was a 12-year-old boy coming of age in Savannah, Ga., I was an enthusiastic Boy Scout. To earn my merit badge for marksmanship required certification by an authorized range instructor that I was both knowledgeable and proficient in gun safety and marksmanship.

Everyday after school I would rush home, get my .22 caliber rifle, walk three blocks to catch a public bus downtown, where I walked another several blocks to the sporting goods store that had a shooting range upstairs. While there, I would be tested on my safe handling of firearms and shooting skills. Afterwards, I would retrace my way, with rifle in hand, back home.

Not once during the week that I carried an open rifle on public transportation and walked city streets, did any bus driver, uniformed police officer or other adult that I encountered question or challenge me.

Why was my behavior not considered highly unusual or potentially threatening to the community? Why wasn't a S.W.A.T. team summoned to neutralize me? Why? To answer these questions, and better understand recent school shootings, we must first examine the profound and disturbing changes that have occurred within our contemporary culture during the past 50 or so years.

The root causes enabling increasing violence in the U.S., such as school shootings, can be traced to a perfect storm of changes in our contemporary society and culture that, for too many, has lost respect for human dignity and does not value human life.

The systemic cultural issues underlying these detrimental changes include, but are not limited to, fewer

stable families; loss of moral authority in our homes, schools, government and other institutions; desensitizing social media and movies including pornography and violent video games; on-demand abortions; the epidemic drug crisis and undiagnosed or uncontrolled mental illness.

U.S. society should demand more from itself and its children.

It would be naïve to think that a single solution could remedy such systemic and pervasive cultural problems requiring comprehensive solutions and concerted long-term efforts. Simplistic solutions based solely on gun control, that fail to reconcile the contemporary cultural issues, are hypocrisy and doomed to failure. The assumption that the school shooting problems and other gun violence are not grounded in the erosion of contemporary culture is a false premise.

Samuel Jefferson Kennard  
Amelia Island

### March for Our Lives

The march was interesting. Sheriff Bill Leeper gave a good speech, as did Chief Hurley. There was a good-sized crowd, but very few students. Many people were from out of town and you can see the difference between students marching on a Saturday (their time) and marching when they can get out of school!

One of the speakers admitted that there was significant money raised and donated (many, if not most, were from out of town or from Amelia).

I didn't recognize many people from Fernandina Beach, but did see a dozen or so (all good people). We just differ politically. I was amongst them (carrying, of course). They were mostly very

polite and respectful. I have no issue with people that think differently than me!

A beautiful day to march or fish, although I prefer the latter.

Mutt Daniel  
Fernandina Beach

### Raising awareness

The school shooting in Parkland and the motivated students from that school have raised public awareness of gun violence, epitomized by the “March for Our Lives” on March 24th. Polls show national support for stronger gun laws; the Florida legislature even passed a bill. But how do we know if “sensible” gun laws are, in fact, sensible? The Dickey Amendment, passed in 1996 after intensive NRA lobbying, forces us to operate in the dark. It blocks the CDC from conducting research on gun violence.

Proposing strategies to address gun violence without studying the effectiveness of those strategies is nonsensical. One wouldn't treat cancer without conducting research first. Why is gun violence different? We must repeal the Dickey Amendment to allow proper studies on firearm violence and to identify reasonable, effective solutions.

Arming teachers sounds great to the NRA, because it sells more guns, but will probably do more harm than good. But the NRA doesn't want you to know that. Their donations to congressmen ensure that we are blinded to real data that might contradict their worldview. Let the data drive our decisions rather than politics.

John Findlay  
Fernandina Beach

## VIEWPOINT / LUCY NADEAU / YULEE

# Human failure

Week after week I have read Viewpoint after Viewpoint in the *News-Leader* lambasting the NRA and guns as being the villains. Having lived in Nassau County the majority of my life, I would have never expected such. Perhaps most of these have come from people that are relatively “new” to the area, I thought to myself. Certainly the fine citizens of our county haven't permitted the mainstream media to taint their opinions of the Second Amendment? Sadly, it appears either the *News-Leader* has chosen to print only anti-gun Viewpoints, or there are no pro-gun viewpoints to be printed. I decided I needed to change that.

I want to set the record straight. I am very upset that our governor allowed emotion to overcome him and the majority of our state (legislature) and permitted passage of SB 7026. It may have some good points, but removing the right of 18-20 year old citizens to purchase a long gun is not one of them. Neither is adding a three-day waiting period for the rest of us who have committed no crime. Now, a gun is merely an inanimate object. The person who picks it up and uses it is and always will be the criminal. Until society accepts that, we are lost. How many of you know about the PROMISE Program? The PROMISE Program is what caused the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. If anyone cared enough to do a little due diligence and research, they would have learned that in 2013, the school superintendent enacted this program. Why? Because in 2011-12, Broward County Schools had the highest arrest record in the state. Over 1,000 kids arrested. So, what is this PROMISE Program? Preventing Recidivism through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education.

Instead of having the cops arrest kids for their infractions, schools would deal with it “in house.” The Obama Administration thought it was such a great idea that they gave Broward \$54 million in grants. How did the police feel about it? Well, this is what the Broward County Sheriff's Union president told Laura Ingraham of Fox News when asked: “They don't want the police officers making arrests on campus and they don't want the drugs to be found on campus and they don't want the warrants to be served on campus, because it looks like there is bad stats at the school. So, I place a lot of blame on the school board with that and some

of the programs that they have initiated with the state attorney and the sheriff's office in the years past, for example the PROMISE Program. The problem is, when that program started, we took all discretion away from the law enforcement officers to effect an arrest if we choose to.”

So, we have a program that will not allow police to do their job, arrest criminals, regardless of where they are – on a school campus or not. You know what happens when you get arrested? It goes into a database. You know what happens with that information? It prevents you from buying a gun. That information would have prevented Nikolas Cruz from buying that AR-15; however, it appears the 30-plus times police officers went to his home and who knows how many times he was dealt with at school, that information was never put into the database that tracks the stuff for “offenders.” So, all of you that say that the system is broken are correct. But, it is not the gun system. The people who buy and sell guns all day long are doing it right! The NRA and those who support it are not broken! We are 100 percent whole and have been since this happened. We have been scapegoats for a mentally ill person that this PROMISE Program failed miserably. The bill that Governor Scott passed was done so to appease the families of those who lost loved ones. I guarantee those families don't know about this PROMISE Program. If they did, they would be livid.

I urge you all to look at both sides of the story before you start ripping away at our Constitution as this bill does. There are those among us that would like nothing better than to see us all disarmed. They are the same ones that walk around with bodyguards who are armed. Pol Pot, Hitler, Mao Tse-tung, Joseph Stalin – they all took arms from their citizens. While many of you may think this isn't a “dis-arming,” I see it as a baby step. In this country, they won't do it all at once. If we let them take an inch, they will take the mile one inch at a time. Stand up for your rights. Think about what we have just allowed to happen – just because of a broken system. Guns are not the problem – humans are. And it has been proven in this case that the FBI failed, and the school system failed, because, had either of them done their jobs properly, then the databases would have had the information they needed to keep the gunman from buying the gun that he used to kill 17 innocent people.

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# National Vietnam War Veterans Day: 'Welcome home'

Last year, in 2017, President Donald Trump signed into law the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, designating March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day to honor all men and women who served and sacrificed, as did their families, during the longest conflict in United States history. It was on March 29, 1973, that all combat and combat support units withdrew from South Vietnam to de-escalate the war.

March 29 is also a day to give proper recognition to all the men and women who returned home from that war and didn't, by any means, receive a proper “welcome home” for doing their sworn duty in heeding the call of our country's direction at that time.

The war in Southeast Asia occurred during a very divisive time in the United States and in other parts of the world. The protests against our own military divided returning Vietnam veterans by politics and socioeconomic status.

The nation was not prepared to handle their physical and psychological needs. The scars of combat and support included “invisible wounds”



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of yet to be discovered post traumatic stress disorder, Agent Orange, and six other agents that would prematurely cause malady and death in their futures and the futures of their generations to come, and memories that are seldom mentioned but always in the minds of those who served there.

They were just trying to readjust to civilian life, but the echoes of that era would change the course and attitude of millions throughout the post-war decades. In one of the wars residues and most profound tragedies, many of

these fine men and women came home to be shunned or neglected for many years, and to face treatment unbecoming of their service and “welcome home” unworthy of the example they deserved.

As time passed, some critics softened and felt that our veterans were only doing their duty, but the hurt and remembrance of those stormy times left many scars, both physically and emotionally, upon our veterans, who went where they were ordered to go, knew they were the very best America had, and yet were scorned in many ways for decades for serving faithfully.

There were 11 years of combat and support that left an imprint on their generation.

These warriors of all different backgrounds, colors, education, and youth came together in a lifetime brotherhood to fight and die in a mission to attempt to halt communist domination. Many Americans, some merely boys, from all corners of our nation, left their jobs, schools and families to serve the country they loved. They served in so many ways to preserve the values

we should all share today. They won every major battle in the conflict and upheld the highest traditions of our armed forces, but many feel they were defeated by the decisions of our own leaders. This Thursday will find American flags flown everywhere, commemorative events and services and the opportunity for everyone to say “thank you for serving a grateful nation” to our Vietnam veterans!

It has been more than 50 years since we entered Vietnam. We suffered the losses of more than 58,000 people. We who served pay a huge and humble tribute to the fallen, the missing, the wounded, the millions who served there or supported our effort and the millions who awaited the return of our military Vietnam-era men and women.

We encourage you to attend a veterans event, visit with a veteran in a hospital or care facility, speak to and celebrate a veteran's relative, friend or neighbor, fly your flag proudly, buy them lunch or dinner, and most of all, thank them for their service and sacrifice. Please tell them: “Welcome Home!”

## COURT REPORT

The following report was compiled by Pamela Bushnell of the News-Leader from the March 22 court docket of the Circuit Court of Judge Robert M. Foster.

■ James Edward Adams pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage. Adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to six months of probation and ordered to pay \$418 in court costs and \$100 to the State Attorney's Office. The court reserves a demand of restitution.

■ Nicholas Ernesto Alvarado pleaded not guilty to three charges of aggravated assault.

■ Alyssa Brooke Avery denied violation of probation for possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis and driving while license suspended or revoked.

■ Bryan Wayne Bessent pleaded guilty to armed burglary with assault or battery and possession of a concealed firearm by a convicted felon. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to six years in Florida State Prison followed by one year of probation. He is ordered to have no contact with the victim. He must pay \$418 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Demarion Maurice Dorial

Brown pleaded not guilty to burglary of a structure or conveyance.

■ Johnny Dale Cash Sr. pleaded not guilty to possession of a controlled substance and driving while license suspended.

■ Brendon Ray Caudill admitted violation of probation for lesser offenses of trespass and battery. Adjudication was withheld with payment of \$2,000 in restitution.

■ Lauren Elizabeth Crabtree pleaded not guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

■ Nidia Vicky Cruz was found incompetent to proceed with prosecution for violation of probation for aggravated stalking, giving a false statement under oath to a law enforcement officer and multiple counts of using another's identification without consent. Probation was revoked and terminated. She was committed into the custody of the Department of Children and Families Services.

■ Amber Nicole Delong failed to appear for arraignment on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. Bond was forfeited and a warrant was issued for her arrest.

■ Angela Dean Finley pleaded guilty straight to the court to pos-

session of a controlled substance, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, and two charges of the sale, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance. She was advised she faces a maximum sentence of 26 years in prison. She was released on her own recognizance pending a sentencing hearing on April 12.

■ Steven Andrew Foster denied violation of probation for possession of cocaine, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked.

■ Kewyn Davon Gauthier pleaded not guilty to the sale, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school.

■ Ashley Marie Guinn admitted violation of probation for the sale, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance. She was adjudicated guilty. Probation was reinstated with the new condition she enrolls in the outpatient program at Starting Point within 30 days and successfully completes the program.

■ Gary Edward Haworth pleaded not guilty to dealing in stolen property and giving false verification of ownership to a pawnbroker.

■ Joshua Tucker Helm

pleaded not guilty to burglary of a structure and criminal mischief.

■ Aaron Martin Henderson pleaded not guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

■ Amos Rondreus Hopper denied violation of probation for grand theft.

■ Brianna Romona Johnson admitted violation of probation for grand theft, possession of cocaine, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and opposition to a police officer without violence. She was adjudicated guilty. Probation was reinstated with the added condition she undergoes drug and alcohol evaluation within two weeks and complies with treatment recommendations.

■ Bernadette Talmo Lucas admitted violation of probation for felony battery and criminal mischief. She was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked and terminated and she was sentenced to three months in Nassau County Jail. She has paid outstanding court costs in full.

■ Christopher John Maggio was found incompetent to proceed with prosecution for aggravated stalking. He was committed into the custody of the Department of Children and Families.

■ Corey Allen Miles admitted violation of probation for three counts of lewd or lascivious battery. He was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked and terminated. He was sentenced to 36 months in Florida State Prison. He was ordered to pay \$1,841 in outstanding court costs.

■ Cherrish Elizabeth Mishoe admitted violation of probation for two counts of accessory after the fact and for grand theft. She was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked and terminated. She was sentenced to eight months in Nassau County Jail and ordered to pay \$636.48 in outstanding court costs.

■ Daniel Anthony Nelson admitted violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance and pleaded guilty to new charges of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, obstruction of a police officer without violence, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and driving while his license was suspended or revoked. He was adjudicated guilty on all charges. Probation was revoked and terminated. He was sentenced to six months in Nassau County Jail followed by a year of probation. Upon release from jail he must immediately enroll in inpatient treatment at City Rescue Mission and must successfully complete the program. He was ordered to pay \$1,154.40 in outstanding court costs plus \$418 in new court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ James David Prescott pleaded guilty to two charges of lewd and lascivious molestation of a victim less than 12 years of age by an offender 18 years or older. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 25 years in Florida State Prison with credit for time served in Nassau County Jail. He was deemed a sexual predator and will be subject to lifetime sex offender probation to include mandatory electronic monitoring. He was ordered to pay \$415 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office, \$150 to the Public Defender's Office and surcharges of \$151 and \$201 related to the nature of the offense.

■ Justin Aaron Redding pleaded guilty to possession with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver a controlled substance, possession with intent to sell, deliver, manufacture or purchase cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, possession of a weapon

on school property, and carrying a concealed firearm. He was adjudicated guilty on all counts and sentenced to 15 months in Florida State Prison. He was ordered to pay \$936 in court costs, \$200 to the State Attorney's Office and \$300 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Corey Daniel Rice admitted violation of probation for grand theft. Probation was revoked and terminated. He was ordered to pay \$635 in outstanding court costs.

■ Allen Perry Rochester pleaded not guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

■ Timothy Wilson Smith pleaded not guilty to possession of a concealed firearm by a convicted felon, dealing in stolen property and grand theft.

■ Theresa Dawn Suber pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis and tampering with physical evidence. After waiving a presentencing hearing, she was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail. She must pay \$936 in court costs, \$200 to the State Attorney's Office and \$350 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Kyle William Wallace pleaded guilty to possession of more than 20 grams of cannabis. Adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to 18 months of drug offender probation to include a drug and alcohol evaluation within 60 days, random urinalysis and follow through with treatment recommendations. Early termination of probation will be considered after 12 months of full compliance. He was ordered to pay \$518 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Kayla Maria Watson pleaded guilty to three charges of grand theft and one charge of obstruction of a police officer without violence. She was adjudicated guilty. After waiving her right to a presentencing investigation, she was sentenced to six months in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served. She was ordered to pay \$836 in court costs, \$200 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office plus \$1,298 in restitution.

■ Lisa Michele Young denied violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis.

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■ Christina Marie Maddox, 33, 85504 Miner Road, Yulee, March 16, written threats to kill.

■ Nathalie E. Cruz, 41, 86075 Courtney Isles Way, Yulee, March 16, retail theft.

■ Andrea Lynn Pratt, 33, 1854 Clinch Drive, No. 1, Fernandina Beach, March 16, possession of a controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine, tampering with or destroying evidence and

possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Francis Earl Wilder, 58, 95035 Denise St., Fernandina Beach, March 16, tampering with or destroying evidence, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest without violence.

■ Summer Mae Echols, 22, 96051 Stoney Glen Court, Yulee, March 17, two charges of possession of methamphetamine. Other charges are pending.

■ Jaleel Daeqwaan Gbolo, 23, 96035 Baron Drive, Yulee, March 17, introduction of contraband into a jail facility, tampering with or destroying evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Paul Allen Jennings, 35,

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# Eastern tent caterpillars endanger horses

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Nassau County Extension

If you take a look around your yard this spring, chances are you will spot bags of caterpillar webs. If you were to peer closer, you will see numerous eastern tent caterpillars, *Malacosoma americanum*, inching around. These insects exist throughout the United States, including Florida. ETC will not kill your trees, but their presence can result in branch and leaf loss. Their tent nests form traditionally in the forks of the trees; however, this is not the only location.

ETCs especially enjoy *Prunus* spp. trees like cherry and plum, but at the end of the day can inhabit any tree. Although the insects are a nuisance to horticulture, a true danger exists when these caterpillars combine with the horse industry ... causing the dangerous mare reproductive loss syndrome.

The theory of mare reproductive loss syndrome first appeared in 2011 when Kentucky gained the spotlight when roughly one-third of its foal crop (over 3,500 foals) was prematurely born or aborted. This included 3,600 Thoroughbreds and 1,000 Paint and Quarter Horses. The epidemic resulted in \$500 million in industry losses. The mares that aborted their foals showed few if any signs of illness. The proposed rationale for this tre-



mendous loss was linked to the hatching population of the eastern tent caterpillar. Although these caterpillars are not toxic, the danger lies in their body's hairy setae.

As ETCs hatch from their web tents, they migrate through fields to find an area to pupate (or initiate the cocoon state). This occurs in February and can continue for 4-6 weeks. Broodmares foraging in pastures unintentionally ingest these caterpillars. As the horse digests the insects, the setae or hairs will break off and lodge in

the digestive tissues. The setae act as transporters of gut bacteria that then are released into the bloodstream with the setae. Bacteria laden setae invade sensitive areas such as eyes, neural, cardiac, and fetal tissues.

Infections caused by ETCs can occur in horses of all genders, ages, and pregnancy status and can present as eye, pericardial (surrounding heart), and neural infections.

Eye infections caused by ETC ingestion can result from having ingested as few as 10 setae a day.

Other studies have concluded that other "hairy" caterpillars may pose a similar risk; however, currently no cases have been linked to other species. The extreme losses seen in Kentucky in 2001 were also contributed to an especially large population of ETCs.

So how can you protect your horse? The easiest step is to identify if ETCs are nesting near your pastures. If not, simply monitor your trees, especially in February. If you do notice tents, remove them from your trees as soon as possible and remove horses from nearby pastures. You can apply insecticides to kill off the nests but remember to be cautious of horses interacting with these pesticides.

For insecticide suggestions or other removal options, contact UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Service at 530-6353.



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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Arrests made in Hilliard assault, gunfire incident

Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper announced Monday that eight people from Jacksonville have been arrested following an incident last Thursday evening involving a confrontation with a Hilliard resident. Seven adults and one juvenile are being held on charges ranging from aggravated assault with a deadly weapon to battery and drug possession.

According to an email from Leeper, "Two vehicles with the eight suspects from Jacksonville inside went to 10132 Mulberry Landing Annex Road to confront the adult male victim in reference to a dispute. A physical altercation ensued and the suspects jumped on the victim and struck him with their fists.

"All of the suspects then jumped into one of the vehicles they arrived in and fled the area being chased by the victim and others in another vehicle.

"Two of the suspects in the fleeing vehicle produced guns and fired out of their vehicle at the victim and others who were inside another vehicle chasing them. The suspect's vehicle was eventually stopped by NCSO deputies on US-1 in Callahan.

"Once all eight suspects were detained, deputies found two handguns, prescription medication, drug paraphernalia and a small amount of marijuana inside the vehicle."

Arrested were:

- Christopher James Sierra, 22, charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, discharging a firearm from a vehicle, child abuse (13-year-old present) and shooting into an occupied vehicle;
- Michael Shawn Carter, 22, charged with battery, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, child abuse (13-year-old present), discharge of a firearm from a vehicle and shooting into an occupied vehicle;
- Ernest Alan Pitts, 23, charged with battery and child abuse (13-year-old male present);

- Stephen James Sierra, 21, charged with battery and child abuse (13-year-old present);
  - Devan James Sierra, 19, charged with battery and child abuse (13-year-old present);
  - Brandon Derrell Washington, 25, charged with battery and child abuse (13-year-old present); and
  - Delando Larry Pitts, 24, charged with battery and child abuse (13-year-old present).
- The 13-year-old male juvenile was charged with battery and drug possession.

### POLICE *Continued from 8A*

97502 Pirates Point Road, Yulee, March 17, unauthorized possession and use of another's driver's license, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia with residue, possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis.

■ Marcus Daniel May, 27, 542953 U.S. 1, No. 36, Callahan, March 17, two charges of possession of a controlled substance and one charge of battery domestic violence.

■ Clifton Delaine Cook, 33, 96042 Brighton Place, Yulee, March 18, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Barbara Valentine Ringklib, 59, 6429 Winding Greens Drive, Jacksonville, March 19, possession of methamphetamine.

■ Joseph Albert Doyle, 33, 206 Lighthouse Circle, Fernandina Beach, March 21, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Other charges are pending.

■ Elliott Deanardo McGowen, 41, 216 S. 13th St., Fernandina Beach, March 21, felony domestic battery with strangulation.

■ Eric Michael O'Cain, 29, 103 Meadow Ridge Way, Stock Bridge, Ga., March 21, grand theft.

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GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30	11:30A.M. 12:00P.M. 6:00P.M.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY CHORAL PRESENTATION OF THE GREAT LITANY
SATURDAY, MARCH 31	10:00A.M.	CHILDREN'S EGGSTRAWAGANZA
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# Spring is in the air (and the wetlands)

When I visit the Sweetwater Wetlands Park in Gainesville I am most often looking at birds – all kinds of species, many mostly seen further south than here. But on this last visit in early March, it was the reptiles that captivated me.

As usual, when entering the park, I quizzed a photographer leaving the area with his professional camera gear and long lens: “Seen anything special today?” Yes, he had seen some snail kites, but they were far up the side trail and too far away to view without a camera like his. “Ok, what else?” And then he told me about the pile of snakes.

At first I couldn't see the snakes where he had described them, near the first bridge. They were partially hidden in the riprap underneath the bridge, but when I spotted them and stopped, a few other people joined me to observe them too. These were banded water snakes, some younger ones with more vivid bands, and some larger with the bands



## WILD WAYS

Pat Foster-Turley

something I've only seen once before.

Other water snakes were visible elsewhere in the clear shallow water, hunting for frogs and fish in the native vegetation. On higher ground, I found a rat snake basking in the sun. Great!

The snakes were interesting enough to make the visit worthwhile, but then I came to the alligators.

There were gators visible in many of the wetland ponds (as always), but the highlight

blending into their overall dark color. It was hard to see if there were four snakes or five, since all were entwined and all of the heads were not visible. But it was a fascinating sight, this pile of mating snakes,



There were alligators visible in many of the wetland ponds at Sweetwater Wetlands Park in Gainesville, Fla. but the highlight of this trip was a mama gator and her many babies – some on her back, some on the bank next to her.

PHOTOS BY PAT FOSTER-TURLEY/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

of this trip was a mama gator. According to the experienced birder nearby, this mama has had a clutch of babies every year for a few years now, usually in the same place, right near the wooden observation deck. She has only three legs, I was told, although at the time I couldn't tell since she was floating in the water, her legs underneath her. But what was most fascinating were the hatchlings, 20 or more of them basking near her on the muddy edge of

the pond.

Once I tore myself away from the gators and continued along the boardwalk, I saw that in the reptile world spring had really sprung. Even the green anoles were scampering along the railings, with their orange dewlaps extended in hope of attracting a mate.

And it wasn't only reptiles enjoying the sunny, early spring day. The birds were acting up too. One great blue heron was chasing another one through

the canopy of forest bordering the wetland, most likely a breeding ritual, as they landed tree to tree. Along a channel, two great white egrets were also chasing each other down its length until they finally settled on the bank looking for fish. A group of cormorants noticed the action and joined in from the waterside in an act of cooperative fishing, where both species benefit from confusing the fish about which way to flee.

I watched all of this wildlife action in less than an hour's time, and I admired the host of other birds visible too: the white ibis feeding in reddish water plants that highlighted their own red beaks; the glossy ibis following another white ibis group, staying shyly in the background; the limpkins feeding on apple snails; the gallinules, coots and ducks floating in the ponds; the red-winged blackbirds and anhingas perched on tall poles or snags.

But alas, I had to leave to move on to my next engagement that day, an evening with my friend and former Ph.D. professor Elizabeth Wing at her senior living center. The next day, I just had to go back to Sweetwater Wetlands, this time with Liz in tow.

She and I slowly walked around the shortest loop of the boardwalk admiring the birds and reptiles all around. I led her to the spot where I had seen the mama gator and babies the afternoon before. Yes, she was still in the same area, a bunch of babies beside her along the muddy bank. And better yet, three of the babies had climbed onto her back, one near her head and two near her tail, a great photo op for sure!

It was another great visit to the Sweetwater Wetlands Park. There are no bad days there I'm sure. You might not see baby gators on a mama or a ball of breeding snakes, but there's always something. You've got to check it out!

Pat Foster-Turley is a zoologist on Amelia Island. She welcomes your nature questions and observations.

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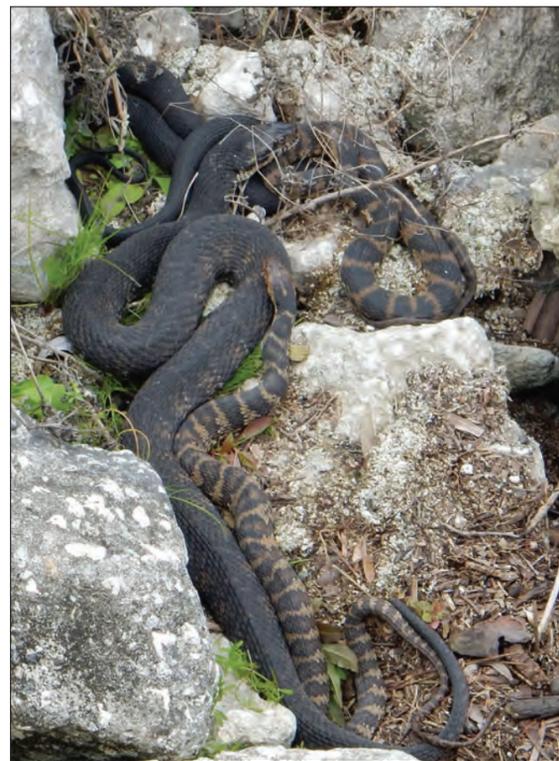
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## OPENING DAY AT ELM STREET



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It was opening day Saturday for Elm Street Little League at the Charles L. Albert Jr. Field. Three girls softball teams kicked off the season and, between games, the opening ceremonies were held. The 2018 season was dedicated to Patricia Thompson, presented a plaque by Albert, top right, and bottom right, with her family and close friend Mary Mercer. Thompson also serves as vice president of the league. Charlene Davis, below center, sang the National Anthem; City Manager Dale Martin, below right, announced the teams.



### City hosting pickleball tournament

The city of Fernandina Beach Parks & Recreation Department will host a pickleball tournament May 12-13 at the Central Park multi-purpose court.

The tournament is open to players ages 19 and up. Divisions include men's and women's doubles (May 12) and mixed doubles (May 13). Levels are 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+.

Registration fees are \$25 per person for the first event, \$10 for second. Register at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center by April 13. Registration forms available at the Atlantic Center or may be downloaded from [www.fbf.us](http://www.fbf.us).

Contact tournament director Scott Mikelson for information at 310-3356 or [smikelson@fbf.org](mailto:smikelson@fbf.org).

The winter schedule for pickleball is on 4B.

### PRE-STATE MEET AT UNF



The University of North Florida hosted a pre-state meet for high school track athletes in Florida on Saturday. There were 68 teams registered. While Fernandina High School students were on spring break last week, three dedicated athletes took to the track to compete in the invitational at UNF, including junior John Sorensen, left center. Sorensen and teammate freshman Stephen Durr competed in the two-mile run for the Pirate harriers. In the varsity boys 3,200-meter run, Sorensen placed fifth in the finals with a time of 9:44, and Durr was 19th with a time of 10:29. Senior Walker Bean competed in two events; he placed seventh in the shot put (14.41 meters) and 22nd in the discus (36.78 meters). The Nassau County meet was for Tuesday in Hilliard.

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Winds picked up during the day, providing excellent sailing conditions. Five boats head to the starting line for a race in Cumberland Sound on March 10, above. The beginning of the race saw very light winds that created difficult conditions for maneuvering under sail. Sailing vessel *Misty*, with Capt. Wilby Whitt, right, on the last leg of the race. *Misty* was the first to cross the finish line of the approximately 12-nautical mile race in just under four hours.



# Misty captures win in sailing club's first race of 2018

The Amelia Island Sailing Club's first race for 2018 took place on March 10. Five boats started the race, with calm winds that built up during the day that provided a range of conditions for the participants.

The race ran over a course between navigational markers on the

St. Marys River between Amelia and Cumberland islands in Cumberland Sound.

Wilby Whitt, captain of sailing vessel *Misty*, crossed the finish line first in the race covering approximately 12 nautical miles in just under four hours. The Amelia Island Sailing Club

meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Kraft Athletic Club at Ten Acres, located off Buccaneer Trail.

Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner, business meeting and guest speaker presentation. Guests are welcome.

The AISC is a great way to meet

new friends who share a love of the water and boating.

Current boat ownership or sailing skills are not prerequisites for joining the club.

Club activities throughout the year may include day/overnight excursions by water and/or land, sailboat racing,

social activities such as tubing, swimming with manatees, picnics and parties, as well as assisting with local conservation and environmental efforts in surrounding waters.

Contact Commodore Tom Maguire at (703) 298-1714 for information on the AISC.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Hoops school

The Journey Church's spring basketball academy is underway. The program is open to boys and girls in grades 5-12.

There are 12 sessions held Mondays and Tuesdays through May 1. The girls academy runs from 6-7:15 p.m., and the boys academy is from 7:30-8:45 p.m. The cost is \$160 or \$20 per day for those unable to attend the entire academy.

The Journey Church is located at 95707 Amelia Concourse. For information, email rainmakerscentral@gmail.com, call (417) 540-0293 or visit www.facebook.com/RainMakersFirstCoast.

### Youth lacrosse

Amelia Island Nassau County Youth Lacrosse is a developmental youth lacrosse program for youths ages 8-12.

Registration is now open for the spring season. There are teaching clinics throughout the year. No prior experience or knowledge of the sport is required.

The league is completely volunteer-driven and is looking for adult volunteers, with or without experience.

Register at www.tshq.blue-sombrero.com/ameliailand-lax. Email aincyouthlacrosse@gmail.com or contact organizer Fred McFarlin at (252) 229-7033 or 277-6702.

### Katie Ride

The 14th annual Katie Ride will be April 21, and registration is open for participants and volunteers. Sign up at www.KatieRide.org.

This is a Katie Caples Foundation signature fundraising event, presented by Mayo Clinic. It is a fully supported cycling and walk/run event

for all levels with bike routes of 18, 34 and 63 miles; an 8K Walk and Fun Run; off-road course; and a Sprint Triathlon (300-yard pool swim, 18-mile ride and 5K run).

Check-in and registration open at 6 a.m. on the day of the event, which starts and finishes at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center in Fernandina Beach.

### Thirsk scholarship

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association will be awarding \$2,000 scholarships to three worthy graduating seniors attending high schools in Nassau County through its Johnny Thirsk Memorial Scholarship program.

This year, three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded directly to three outstanding graduating high school seniors. This scholarship is a renewable scholarship, paid

for two consecutive years for a total of \$2,000 per recipient.

To be eligible for consideration this year, all completed applications, with all required forms and information included, must be postmarked by April 6. Information, including all necessary application forms, selection criteria and instructions for all submissions, are available at www.nsfafish.net/page-1774468.

Contact Michael Castner at 491-6309 or jmc60@comcast.net for information.

### Ride with the Sheriff

The fourth annual Ride with the Sheriff, to benefit The Arc Nassau, will be held April 14, rain or shine, starting and finishing at The Arc Nassau, 86051 Hamilton St. and U.S. 17 in Yulee.

Register for the escorted ride online at www.thearcnassau.org or by phone by calling

225-9355. Pre-registration is \$20 per driver, \$10 per passenger. On-site registration is \$25 per driver, \$15 per passenger. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. Kickstands up at 9:30 a.m.

### Boules Club

The Amelia Island Boules Club holds petanque pickup games on the petanque courts at the south end of the downtown marina Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and most afternoons on weekdays.

Petanque (pay-tonk) is a cousin of both horseshoes and bocce, the Italian bowling game. The public is always welcome. Call 491-1190 for information.

### Walk with Me

The McArthur YMCA offers Walk with Me, a program designed for people to walk with other people. The trail will be Amelia Park. The goal is a 50-minute walk with five minutes of stretching before and after the walk.

The program is held at 8 a.m. Mondays. Meet at the McArthur YMCA, 1951 Citrona Drive. Walkers of all ages and levels are welcome. Call 261-1080 for information.

### NSFA meets

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association holds its monthly business meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The monthly social get-together is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The location for both meetings is Kraft Ten Acres, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach. All are welcome to attend.

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association, founded in 1983, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created to develop and promote saltwater fishing in

the Nassau County area while adhering to state, federal and local regulations, to encourage compliance with rules of water safety by club members and the general public, and to promote youth-related community and other civic-minded activities.

Contact President Dennis Burke at (256) 453-4744 or email info@nsfafish.net.

### Monster Jam

Tickets for the all-new Monster Jam Triple Threat Series will be on sale soon for the Sept. 1 tour stop at the Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville.

Show times are 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Trucks and drivers have yet to be announced.

Tickets will go on pre-sale to Feld Preferred members at 10 a.m. April 10. The general public on sale will take place at 10 a.m. April 17. Visit www.MonsterJam.com.

### Organized bike rides

The North Florida Bicycle Club offers several organized bicycle rides each week at various times and locations on Amelia Island and in Nassau County.

Cyclists of all abilities are welcome. Helmets and a bicycle in good working condition are required. Bicycle safety will be emphasized at the start of each ride.

Cyclists typically split into groups, depending on pace and skill level, and there are options to cut the ride short. Anyone who joins the group will not be left behind. Lunch is optional.

Call 261-5160, or visit www.ameliailandcycling.com, www.ameliailandtrail.org or www.nfbc.us for information.

Submit items for this column to bjones@fbnewsleader.com.

## PRO GOLF WEEKLY UPDATE

Golf News, Tips, Trivia & Stats

**This Week: The Houston Open**

**Golf Club of Houston**  
Humble, Texas  
7,441 yards, Par 72

**Defending:** Russell Henley  
**Winning Score:** 20-under par  
**Winning Share:** \$1,260,000

**Last Week: Bubba Watson won the Match Play**

Bubba Watson won the first five holes at Austin Country Club en route to a 7-and-6 victory over Kevin Kisner, earning his second WGC title. He also became the first left-hander to win the Match Play. "Being healthy and strong, my confidence is coming back. I saw that this week," Watson said. "My focus is where I needed it to be." Watson made just three birdies in the final, including on the 12th hole where the match ended, but stayed away from mistakes as Kisner kept making errors.

**Tournament Results**

1. Bubba Watson
2. Kevin Kisner
3. Alex Noren

**Golf TV Schedule**

**The Houston Open**

Day	Time	Network
Thursday	4:00pm-7:00pm	GOLF
Friday	4:00pm-7:00pm	GOLF
Saturday	2:00pm-3:00pm	GOLF
Saturday	3:00pm-6:00pm	NBC
Sunday	2:00pm-3:00pm	GOLF
Sunday	3:00pm-6:00pm	NBC

**Golfing News**

The Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship was held last week for the PGA Tour players that did not qualify for the Dell Technologies Match Play. Brice Garnett shot a 2-under 70 on Sunday to win the event by four shots. He finished at 18-under 270 to cap a wire-to-wire win in his 88th career PGA Tour start. "It was a hard day, but man, it was a lot of fun to do this," Garnett said. "I was just excited for the day." Tony Romo, the 37-year-old former Dallas Cowboys quarterback, shot a 10-over-par 82 in the second round to finish at 15-over par for the tournament and missed the cut in his PGA Tour debut.

**Player Profile**

**Bubba Watson**  
Turned Professional: 2002  
FedEx Cup Ranking: 4th  
World Ranking: 21st  
PGA Tour Wins: 11

**FedEx Cup Standings**  
Through March 25, 2018

- 1) Justin Thomas, 1,713 pts. / 5 top tens
- 2) Patton Kizzire, 1,329 pts. / 4 top tens
- 3) Phil Mickelson, 1,194 pts. / 5 top tens
- 4) Bubba Watson, 1,175 pts. / 3 top tens
- 5) Dustin Johnson, 1,049 pts. / 4 top tens

FedEx Cup Standings continued...

Player	Points	Top 10s
6) Jon Rahm	989	2
7) Justin Rose	940	4
8) Brendan Steele	912	2
9) Tony Finau	895	3
10) Paul Casey	887	3

**Golf Trivia**

Which player has finished second at the Masters the most times without ever winning?

a) Tom Weiskopf    c) Johnny Miller  
b) David Duval    d) Fred Funk

Answer: a) Tom Weiskopf finished second in the Masters four times without ever winning.

**Lessons from the Golf Pro**

The "yips" is a golf term that afflicts many golfers. We have seen the "yips" totally crash PGA professionals like Chip Beck, Ian Baker-Finch and David Duval, but it is a very common problem on the putting green. It occurs when the golfer has so many failures on certain putts that it causes a mental breakdown in the subconscious part of our brain. While it is a nice concept to think that the problem will fix itself over time, it really never goes away. The only way that you can hope to fix this situation is to change everything about your putting game. This means from your stance to the grip, a complete start-over is in order. Eliminating all the old bad habits is the key to giving yourself the best chance to succeed and getting rid of the "yips".

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### 2018 SCHEDULES

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FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Tennis	March 29	3:45	WEST NASSAU
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL District	April 17-13	8:00	DISTRICT at FBHS
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	March 28	6:00	FLETCHER
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	March 30	6:00	at Camden County
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 3	6:00	TIFT, Ga.
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 5	6:00	at Atlantic Coast
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 6	7:00	at Episcopal
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 9	6:00	PAXON
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 12	6:00	RAINES
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 13	6:00	at Raines
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 19	6:00	YULEE
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 20	6:30	at Yulee
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 24	6:00	at Fleming Island
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 26	5:00	HILLIARD (seniors)
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 30-May 3	7:00	DISTRICT at FBHS
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	March 28	6:00	at Fletcher
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	March 30	6:00	CAMDEN
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	April 5	6:00	ATLANTIC COAST
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	April 6	6:00	at Yulee
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	April 9	4:00	PAXON
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	April 12	6:00	at Episcopal
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	March 30	7:00	at Suwannee
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 2	6:00	COOK COUNTY, Ga.
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 3	6:00	TIFT COUNTY, Ga.
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 4	4:00	ARCHER, Ga.
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 11	6:00	at Bishop Kenny*
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 12	6:30	BISHOP KENNY*
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 16	6:30	at Episcopal
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 19	6:00	at Fernandina Beach*
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 20	6:30	FERNANDINA BEACH*
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 23	6:00	ATLANTIC COAST
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 24	6:30	at Bolles
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 24	6:00	at Bolles District
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	May 1-5	6:00	District
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	March 29	6:30	CONIFER, Colo.
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	April 2	6:00	at Atlantic Coast
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	April 3	6:00	at Creekside
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	April 6	6:30	FERNANDINA
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	April 9	6:30	BISHOP KENNY
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Softball	March 29	7:00	BAKER COUNTY
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Softball	March 30	6:00	at Fernandina Beach
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Softball	April 6-7	6:00	Doc for Life at Ocala
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Softball	April 12	6:00	at Episcopal
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Softball	April 13	6:00	at Bolles
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Softball	April 17	6:30	PAXON
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Softball	April 23-23	6:00	District at West Nassau
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Softball	March 29	5:00	at Baker County
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Softball	April 6-7	6:00	Doc for Life at Ocala
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	March 29	5:00	at Ribault
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	March 30	6:00	YULEE
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	April 2	5:00	LEE
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	April 4	6:00	FIRST COAST
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	April 6	6:00	at Terry Parker
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	April 10	6:00	BISHOP SNYDER
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	April 11	6:00	JACKSON
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	April 12	4:30	at St. Johns Country
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	April 16	6:00	ED WHITE (seniors)
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	April 18	5:30	at Sandalwood
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	April 20	5:00	at Lee
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	April 23-26	6:00	District at West Nassau
FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL Tennis	March 29	4:00	PROVIDENCE
FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL Tennis	April 2	4:00	at Providence
YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL Baseball	March 28	5:00	CALLAHAN
YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL Baseball	March 30	6:00	HILLIARD
YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL Baseball	April 3	5:00	Semifinals at Hilliard
YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL Baseball	April 5	6:00	Finals at Yulee
FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL Baseball	April 3	5:00	County semis at Hilliard
FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL Baseball	April 5	6:00	Finals at Yulee



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Black drum continue to highlight our local fishing action. Capt. Benny Hendrix is pictured with a nice pair of Amelia Island black drum.

## Sheepshead spawning

### Full moon arrives Saturday

"Sheepshead should be spawning hard this week, with some of the best sheepshead fishing coming just before the full moon, which arrives this Saturday," Capt. Kenny Crawford said. "It has been rough offshore, where most of the best sheepshead action has been coming from; however, the St. Marys jetties are currently offering an excellent sheepshead bite."

During a recent offshore fishing trip, Crawford was targeting sheepshead, and his fishing party had a surprise visitor.

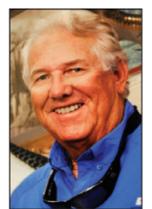
"We were catching some really nice sheepshead and black drum when a nine-foot great white shark literally swam up and ate my hooked sheepshead," Crawford said. "It was actually the same day that Captain Tony Peebles had a similar size great white come up to his boat and eat a hooked black drum."

"I really believe these frequent sightings of great white sharks in our local fishing waters are due in part to the current black drum spawn. During the spring fishing season, we have a lot of black drum in close to the inlets and near-shore fish havens, where they become an easy meal for any large sharks, particularly great white sharks."

Crawford is also an excellent sheepshead angler and predicts a big sheepshead bite will take place during the next few days; a full moon will occur Saturday.

"Windy weather is predicted for the next few days which will limit offshore fishing," Crawford said. "However, the St. Marys jetty rocks should be loaded with sheepshead, which will be spawning for the next few days."

"Once the spawn is over, the majority of sheepshead will migrate up into the rivers,



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Terry Lacoss

where they will spend most of the warmer months."

Crawford has also found that, during recent sheepshead fishing trips, monofilament fishing line attracts more sheepshead bites than the newer and popular braided fishing lines.

"I have been doing a lot of experimenting with both braided and monofilament fishing lines," he said. "Typically, I will fish one rod and reel with braided fishing line on one side of the boat and one with monofilament fishing line on the other side of the boat."

"I have found that monofilament fishing lines attract more bites than braided fishing lines."

What I personally have found when fishing close to jetty rocks, barnacle-clad pilings or any structure where a hooked fish might run my fishing line around structure and break off, coloring the last four feet of braided fishing line with a black magic marker helps promote more strikes.

Terminal sheepshead fishing tackle fishing reels loaded with 20-pound monofilament fishing line. A 3/4- to two-ounce egg sinker is threaded onto the terminal fishing line, followed by a plastic bead and a 50-pound barrel swivel.

An eight-inch section of 17-pound test fluorocarbon fishing line is then employed as a shock leader. Finally, a No. 1-2 live bait hook is attached to the business end of the shock

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## FERNANDINA BEACH TIDES

Tides, Sun & Moon: March 21 - April 4, 2018

Day	Moonset	Sunrise	Low	High	1.41'	0.81'
Wed. 3/28	5:33A	7:19A	12:53A	7:04A	8.39'	
	7:42P	4:58P	1:01P	8:16'		
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Thurs. 3/29	6:16A	7:18A	1:23A	7:59A	8.61'	
	7:43P	6:02P	1:53P	8:24P	8.52'	
		7:43P	1:53P	8:24P	8.52'	
Fri. 3/30	6:56A	7:17A	2:18A	8:49A	8.73'	
	7:43P	7:04P	2:42P	9:14P	8.77'	
		7:43P	2:42P	9:14P	8.77'	
Sat. 3/31	7:16A	7:33A	3:09A	9:36A	8.70'	
	8:05P	8:37A	3:28P	10:01P	8.85'	
		8:05P	3:28P	10:01P	8.85'	
Sun. 4/1	7:14A	8:10A	3:58A	10:22A	8.53'	
	9:05P	7:44P	4:11P	10:47P	8.78'	
		9:05P	4:11P	10:47P	8.78'	
Mon. 4/2	7:13A	8:47A	4:42A	11:05A	8.25'	
	10:03P	7:45P	4:52P	11:30P	8.58'	
		10:03P	4:52P	11:30P	8.58'	
Tues. 4/3	7:12A	9:25A	5:27A	11:47A	7.90'	
	11:00P	7:46P	5:32P	--P	--'	
		11:00P	5:32P	--P	--'	
Wed. 4/4	7:11A	10:04A	6:12A	12:12A	8.28'	
	11:55P	7:46P	6:12A	12:27P	7.53'	
		11:55P	6:13P	1:89'		

Tide calculations are for Amelia River, Fernandina Beach. No corrections are necessary. Sun & Moon events are also calculated for Fernandina Beach, although actual times may vary because of land masses.

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leader using a palmar knot. A live fiddler crab is barbed in the stomach and right out through the middle of the back.

Current Florida fishing regulations allow fishermen to keep up to 15 sheephead per day measuring at least 12 inches. For information please go to [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com).

Team *Out-A-Line*, captained by Matt Joseph, is leading the Jacksonville Wahoo Shootout fishing tournament with three wahoo weighing 234.32 pounds.

Local captain Spencer Ross and the *Flossy* fishing team are in eighth place with a three-fish aggregate weight of 180.97 pounds.

The event ends Saturday. For information, visit [www.wahooshootout.com](http://www.wahooshootout.com).



The St. Marys rock jetties promise to offer excellent black drum and sheephead fishing this weekend, left. Capt. Kenny Crawford, right, reports sheephead will be spawning this week, right up to the full moon on Saturday.



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## RECREATION ROUNDUP

### FERNANDINA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECREATION ROUNDUP

Visit [www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us) for information on the following activities.

#### SPORTS/FITNESS

**PICK-UP BASKETBALL FOR HOME-SCHOOLERS** at Peck Gym through April 18. Boys and girls ages 4-18. Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$2/student per day city residents, \$5 non-city. Contact Weisfeld at 310-3354 or [jweisfeld@fbfl.org](mailto:jweisfeld@fbfl.org).

**OPEN ADULT VOLLEYBALL** at Peck Gym 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Informal games on two courts. Teams selected each night. Ages 16 and up (ages 16 and 17 must have parental consent form signed by parents and notarized before participating). Fee are \$2/day city resident, \$5 non-city.

**YOUTH TEAM VOLLEYBALL** at Peck Gym Tuesdays and Fridays 3-6 p.m. for school and club teams. Players must have adult coach or adult supervision. Call at 24 hours in advance to reserve courts, 310-3353. Fee is \$2/day city resident, \$5 non-city.

**OPEN ADULT INDOOR SOCCER** at Peck Gym Wednesdays 5:30-8 p.m. Informal team games. Ages 16 and up (ages 16 and 17 must have parental consent form signed by parents and notarized before participating). Fees are \$2 city residents, \$5 non-city residents.

**OPEN BASKETBALL** at Peck Gym Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (court closes at 5:30 p.m. for adult leagues in winter and summer); Wednesday 11 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.; and Tuesday and Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., based on court availability. Persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by adults age 18 or older. Photo identification required.

**PICKLEBALL** at the Central Park multipurpose court 1 p.m. Sunday, beginner and social play; 3 p.m. Sunday, intermediate and advanced play; 3 p.m. Monday, women's open play; 8 a.m. Tuesday, intermediate and advanced play; 10 a.m. Tuesday, beginner and social play; 3 p.m. Wednesday, intermediate and advanced play; 9 a.m. Thursday, men's open play; 8 a.m. Friday, intermediate and advanced play; 10 a.m. Friday, beginner and social play. Email [dcultice@yahoo.com](mailto:dcultice@yahoo.com).

**OPEN ROLLER HOCKEY** at the Main Beach. Adult skate Tuesdays and Saturdays 6-8 p.m. and family skate Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. Call Ray Matz at (215) 852-7038.

**MAHARAJ TENNIS** at Central Park courts

• Junior clinics' schedule: Red Ball 1 (Tues-day/Thursday from 2:45-3:30 p.m., ages 4-8), \$56 city residents, \$67.20 non-city. Red Ball 2 (Monday/Wednesday from 3:3-4:45 p.m., ages 6-10), \$49 city residents, \$58.80 non-city. Orange Ball (Tuesday/Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., ages 8-12), \$72 city residents, \$86.40 non-city. Green Ball (Monday/Wednesday from 3:45-4:45 p.m.), \$63 city residents, \$75.60 non-city. Junior intermediate (Tuesday/Thursday 4:30-6 p.m., ages 11 and up), \$104 city residents, \$124.80 non-city. Junior advanced (Monday/Wednesday 4:45-6:15 p.m., ages 14 and up, high school and USTA tournament players), \$91 city residents, \$109.20 non-city.

• Adult clinics (Tuesday-Thursday): Women's clinic (3.0-3.5) Tuesdays from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Strokes clinics Wednesdays from 8-9 a.m. (2.5-3.0) and 9-10:30 a.m. (3.0-3.5). Intermediate drills clinics (3.0-3.5) Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. Intermediate/advanced drills clinics (3.5-4.0) Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. \$10/person/hour for one-hour clinics, \$12 non-city; and \$15/person for 1 1/2-hour clinics, \$18

Non-City. Pre-registration required (minimum of three per clinic).

• Private lessons can be scheduled with Head Professional Vishnu Maharaj or an assistant professional, \$60/hour with head professional, \$50/hour with assistant professional. Customized clinics also available.

• Semi-private and group lessons are also available. \$60/hour city residents, \$70 non-city. Call 548-1472 or email [michelehama@msn.com](mailto:michelehama@msn.com) or call 891-6927. Schedule and description of clinics are available at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center or at [www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us).

• Central Park tennis court gate keys can be purchased at the Atlantic Center for a \$5 fee. Keys may be purchased during normal business hours, Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**FITNESS AREAS**

• Weight Room/Cardio Area at Peck Gym. Free weights, selectorized equipment, Star Trac treadmill, Matrix treadmill, Precor ellipticals, Matrix recumbent bike, and Kettler rower. Ages 13 and up (ages 13-15 with adult supervision; ages 16-17 unsupervised but with waiver signed by parent or guardian). Open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (open later during evening programs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays).

• Atlantic Fitness Room at the Atlantic Center. Precor treadmills, ellipticals, and Adaptive Motion Trainer; Star Trac bikes; Concept 2 rower; Hammer Strength plate loaded fitness equipment; Magnum Fitness Biangular Series machines; and free weights. Ages 13 and up (ages 13-15 with adult supervision; ages 16-17 unsupervised but with waiver signed by parent or guardian). Open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-

4 p.m. Daily/monthly fitness area fees: City residents \$3/day; \$25/month; \$75/four months; \$188/12 months. Non-city residents: \$5/day; \$31/month; \$94/4 months; \$235/12 months. Daily fees and passes are valid at both fitness areas. Couples and family rates also available.

Fitness/pool combination passes also available for use of Atlantic Fitness Room and Atlantic Pool. Inquire at the Atlantic Center.

**AQUATICS**

• AQUA 1 and DEEP WATER AEROBICS at Atlantic pool. Aqua 1 (shallow water) classes are Monday-Friday from 10-10:55 a.m. Aqua Gym (combination of shallow and deep water) classes are at the MLK Jr. pool on Elm Street Monday and Wednesday from 4-4:55 p.m. and 5:15-6:10 p.m. Deep Water classes (aqua fitness belts required) are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11-11:55 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 9-9:55 a.m. Monthly, one class/day, \$50 city residents, \$63 non-city residents; monthly, two classes/day, \$65 city residents, \$81 non-city; \$5/day for one class, city residents, \$6 non-city; \$10/day for two classes, city resident, \$12 non-city. Aqua Gym monthly fees are \$30 city residents, \$38 non-city.

Water Aerobics/Fitness combination passes available (includes use of Atlantic Fitness Room). Inquire at the Atlantic Center.

**PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS**, age 2 to adults, 30-minute single session, \$25 city resident, \$31 non-city; four-pack, \$75 city resident, \$94 non-city. Schedule lessons at the Atlantic Center.

**SCUBA CLASSES** at Atlantic Pool.

• TRY DIVING EXPERIENCE: A one- to two-hour introductory experience that consists of a short classroom session and trying scuba in our pool with a certified scuba diving

instructor or divemaster. Ages 8 and up, \$50/person city residents, \$62 non-city; \$80/couple city residents, \$100 non-city; \$150/group city residents (up to six people), \$188 non-city. Scheduled at your convenience.

• PADI SCUBA OPEN WATER CERTIFICATION: Private and group instruction available. Standard course: \$275 (additional check-out dive fee). eLearner course: \$205. Participants must provide their own masks, snorkels, fins, booties, and weight belts. Ages 10 and up. Additional information and training schedule for 2017 available at the Atlantic Center.

**BEACH WHEELCHAIRS** can be reserved at the Atlantic Center by paying a refundable \$50 deposit. Call 310-3350 for availability.

**INSTRUCTED PROGRAMS CO-ED EXERCISE CLASS** at the MLK, Jr. Center Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. Fee is \$3/class. Classes follow the Hip Hop Abs video series. Self-paced routines, all fitness levels welcomed. Contact John Coverdell at 904-310-3351 or [jcoverdell@fbfl.org](mailto:jcoverdell@fbfl.org).

**BOOTCAMP CLASSES** at Main Beach. Take part in instructor Charity Ross's 28-day Bootcamp at Main Beach (some classes at Egans Creek Park). These outdoor workouts will challenge your aerobic and anaerobic capacities and core strength with sprint drills, plyometric exercises and conditioning circuits. Nutritional coaching and meal plans included.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 45-2017-DP-18

IN THE INTEREST OF: C.G.F. DOB: 08/04/2013 A MINOR CHILD

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: Jennifer Lynn Fonner

Address unknown YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above named male child C.G.F. born on August 4, 2013 in Camden County, Georgia. You are hereby commanded to appear before the General Magistrate Janet A. Carver at the Robert M. Foster Justice Center, Third Floor Courtroom A, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, Florida 32097 at the hour of 2:00 p.m. on May 18, 2018. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.

YOUR FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR FOR THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION PURSUANT TO SECTION 39.801(3)(d), FLORIDA STATUTES (2017).

Pursuant to sections 39.802(4)(d) and 63.082(6)(g), Florida Statutes (2017) you are hereby informed of the availability of private placement with an adoption entity, as defined in section 63.032(3), Florida Statutes (2017). You have the right to be represented by an attorney in this matter and by court-appointed counsel if you are indigent.

Individuals with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, telephone (904) 548-4600, or if hearing or voice impaired call 711.

WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 20th day of March, 2018. John Crawford As Clerk of the Court By: Eurlene F. Scalf As Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled to no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please

463688 State Road 200, Suite 3 Yulee, FL 32097 (904)557-9102 4T 3-28 & 4-04-11-18-2018 #415382

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 17CA000019AXXX WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2004-7 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-7, Plaintiff,

vs. KREG DIETZEL, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 10, 2018, and entered in 17-CA000019AXXX of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH JUDICIAL Circuit in and for Nassau County, Florida, wherein WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MFRA TRUST 2014-2 is the Plaintiff and KREG DIETZEL, SYNOVUS BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST COAST COMMUNITY BANK; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY are the Defendant (s). John Crawford as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.nassauclearrealforeclose.com](http://www.nassauclearrealforeclose.com), at 11:30 AM, on April 26, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6, BLOCK 1, NASSAU LAKES SUBDIVISION, PHASE I-A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 70 & 71 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

Property Address: 96072 NASSAU LKS CIR, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2018. John Crawford As Clerk of the Court By: Eurlene F. Scalf As Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled to no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please

contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 548-4600 (then press 0) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L. Attorneys for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-997-6909 16-225071 - MatM 2T 3-28 & 4-04-2018 #415385

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 09-CA-001124

The Bank Of New York Mellon FKA The Bank Of New York As Trustee For The Certificate Holders CWMBMS, Inc. CHL Mortgage Pass-Through Trust 2004-29, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-29, Plaintiff,

vs. Brock & Scott PLLC 1501 NW 49th St, Suite 200 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 Attorney for Plaintiff Case No. 09-CA-001124 File # 13-F04768 2T 3-28 & 4-04-2018 #415610

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 452017CA000314CAAXXX DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVING LLC Plaintiff(s).

vs. LEE FRANCIS HOLTON; PATRICIA M. HOLTON; NINA I. HOLTON; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 12, 2018, in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.nassauclearrealforeclose.com](http://www.nassauclearrealforeclose.com) in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 3rd day of May, 2018 at 11:30 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to wit:

All That Certain Piece Of Parcel Of Land Being A Portion Of Land Described In Official Records Book 63, Page 438, Public Records Of Nassau County, Florida, Lying And Being In The Frances Wood Donation, Section 42, Township 2 North, Range 25 East, Nassau County, Florida And Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Commence To The Intersection Of The East Line Of The Frances Wood Donation, Section 42, Township 2 North, Range 25 East And The North Right-Of-Way Of State Road 107 (Having A

100 Foot Right Of Way); Thence S65° 37' 58" W, Along The North Right Of Way Of Said Highway, A Distance Of 2357.50 Feet To The Concrete Monument On The Easterly Right Of Way Of A 30 Foot Easement To The State Of Florida, Recorded In Deed Book 87, Page 40, Public Records Of Nassau County, Florida; Thence S 33° 09' 57" W, Along Said Right Of Way, A Distance On 101.19 Feet To An Iron Pipe; Thence N 65° 37' 58" E, A Distance Of 268.08 Feet To An Iron Pipe; Thence S 24° 22' 02" E, A Distance Of 100.00 Feet To An Iron Pipe; Thence S 65° 37' 58" W, A Distance Of 252.60 Feet To The Point Of Beginning.

Property address: 55040 Gressman Road, (aka 1122 Gressman Road), Callahan, FL 32011

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled to no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 548-4600 (then press 0) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

John A. Crawford CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT As Clerk of the Court By: Eurlene F. Scalf Deputy Clerk

PADGETT LAW GROUP, Attorney for Plaintiff 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203 Tallahassee, FL 32312 attorney@padgetlaw.net TDP File No. 17-003555-1 2T 3-28 & 4-04-2018 #415616

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 16CA000178AXXX BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company Plaintiff,

vs. RUBY LEE BROOKS, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Amended Or-

der Resetting Sale filed February 28, 2018, and entered in Case No. 16CA000178AXXX of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit, in and for NASSAU County, Florida, wherein BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, is the Plaintiff and RUBY LEE BROOKS, UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A Mrs. Brown, UNKNOWN TENANT #2 N/K/A VANDR BROWN, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS AND OTHER PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EDWIN LONNIE BROOKS, CARLENA MASON, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARLENA MASON, JUDY A. WILEY A/K/A JUDY A. WILLIAMS A/K/A JUDY A. BROOKS, CATHERINE BROOKS CAMPBELL, MARLENE BROOKS DELESLE, VINCENT JONES, JR., PETREACE N. PONDER A/K/A NIKKI PONDER, CHERYL JORDAN A/K/A CHERYL BROOKS, LEONARD BROOKS A/K/A LEONARD D. BROOKS A/K/A LEONARD DAVID BROOKS are the Defendants, the Clerk of Court shall offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash on APRIL 12, 2018, at 11:30 A.M., at [www.nassauclearrealforeclose.com](http://www.nassauclearrealforeclose.com), the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment lying and being situate in NASSAU County, Florida, to wit:

THE NORTH FIFTY (50) FEET OF THE SOUTH SEVENTY-TWO (72) FEET OF SUBDIVISION "C" OF LOT ONE (1) OF BLOCK 214, FERNANDINA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF SAID CITY OF AS LITHOGRAPHED AND ISSUED IN 1857 BY THE FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY AND ENLARGED, REVISED AND REISSUED IN 1887 AND 1901 BY THE FLORIDA TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, SAID PROPERTY OR LOT HEREBY CONVEYED BEING 50 FEET FRONT ON SOUTH DIVISION STREET, AND RUNNING THAT UNIFORM WIDTH WESTERLY A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET, LYING AND BEING IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Addr.: 611 S. Division Street, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

NOTICE: If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a Court proceeding or other Court service, program or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Requests for accommodations may be presented on this online form, in another format, or orally. Please complete the attached form (click here to download) and return it to the ADA Coordinator at (904)

548-4600 then press 0, or 255-1695 (or 711 Florida Relay Service); or Nassau County Judicial Annex, Attention: Bailiffs Office, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097; or [Crltnr@coj.net](mailto:Crltnr@coj.net) as far in advance as possible, but preferably at least seven (7) days before your scheduled Court appearance or other Court activity. You can also submit the form online as indicated below.

Upon request by a qualified individual with a disability, this document will be made available in an alternate format. If you need assistance in completing this form due to your disability, or to request this document in an alternate format, please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 (or 711 Florida Relay Service.)

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. THE CLERK SHALL RECEIVE A SERVICE CHARGE OF UP TO \$70 FOR SERVICES IN MAKING, RECORDING, AND CERTIFYING THE SALE AND TITLE THAT SHALL BE ASSESSED AS COSTS. THE COURT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ENLARGE THE TIME OF THE SALE. NOTICE OF THE CHANGED TIME OF SALE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

DATED this 5th day of February, 2018.

John A. Crawford CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: E.

## Horseshoe crabs get new monitoring program

After my recent column on the fascinating horseshoe crab, I received a note from Sandra Baker-Hinton, a friend who is passionate about our island and its creatures. She was the first non-employee to volunteer for Fort Clinch's sea turtle program. She trains each spring and monitors the turtles' egg laying May to October. A popular local artist, she maintains a studio at Fern and Dina's Gallery on South Fifth Street just off Centre Street in the Historic District.

Several years ago I joined her on one of her early morning turtle patrol outings. The trick is to be on the beach at first light and to search for signs of the 350-pound turtles that crawl out of the ocean and up on the beach to lay



**FROM THE PORCH**

Dickie Anderson

conducted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and

eggs. We jumped into her specially adapted golf cart and traveled down the beach. Lucky for me, we found crawl marks indicating a nest and Baker-Hinton quickly set markers designating the site and noting the date.

Baker-Hinton was excited to share her newest project. It is a new program focused on the study of horseshoe crabs

the University of Florida. The Amelia Island volunteers are among several in other parts of Florida. Her small group of volunteers will gather on high tide mornings checking for nesting and tagging horseshoe crabs. They will be monitoring three mornings consecutively during high tides of the new and full moon in the spring and fall. Two areas of Fort Clinch beaches are currently designated for this study.

This is the first horseshoe crab study in Florida so not much is known, but it is known that there are five different populations in the state that vary in appearance. The study will be somewhat like the Sea Turtle Program but volunteers are not sure that it will continue like the turtle program has. The group traveled to Cedar Key,

across the state and on the Gulf coast, to get their training. Volunteers were surprised that the adult females found there were half the size of the crabs in our area.

Baker-Hinton has long been interested in the horseshoe crabs and has been reporting her sightings to the FWC because she had noted that our area was not listed as an area where the crabs could be found. She noticed that the nesting areas have been growing each year. While on her Fort Clinch turtle patrol, she would see hundreds of nests. They look like a pothole in the sand. She also would find crabs stranded, upside down or buried deep in the sand. They might have been baked in the sun if not righted and helped back into the water.

Recognizing Baker-Hinton's passion for things native to our island, she was approached to head up the study in our area. The group is excited about the project and suggests that, if you see the volunteers on the beach with their buckets, scales, all sorts of measuring devices and crabs spread out on a table, come ask questions and learn more about this latest effort to protect the creatures so important in our world.

For information about this new program contact Sandra Baker-Hinton at sbh@sandrabaker-hinton.com.

To receive her weekly newsletter or get information about her books including her four From the Porch books contact Dickie at dickie.anderson@gmail.com.

## Nassau students take wins in state FBLA competition

West Nassau High School's Entrepreneurship Team of Luke Libby and Kameron Witt recently led a group of six finalists from Nassau County at the Future Business Leaders of America State Conference, according to a news release.

Libby and Witt placed second in their event at the state competition held at the Orlando Hilton Resort and Convention Center.

In all, more than 50 students from five Nassau County schools competed in various events related to business, sales, customer service, and technology careers. Students qualified for the state-level competition by winning their respective categories at the FBLA District IV Conference in January.

This year, Hilliard Middle-Senior High School expanded its chapter to include middle school students. Sixth grader Andrew Huber took advantage of the opportunity and placed third in

the Introduction to Computer Science and Coding event.

Beatrice Davis from Yulee High School placed fourth in the Help Desk competition, and Robert Cooke of Yulee Middle School also placed fourth in Career Explorations. Carlene Tompkins at West Nassau High School rounded out Nassau County's finalists with a fifth place finish in Client Services.

Brody Mandelbaum from Fernandina Beach High School became the first Nassau County student in more than a decade to be elected to a state office. He will serve as the state vice president for Region II. The position is the top post in Northeast and North Central Florida and is a cabinet-level position for Florida FBLA. To win the position, Mandelbaum put together a campaign team, gave a speech to the crowd of over 4,000 students, and networked throughout the state convention to garner votes.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Clockwise, Future Business Leaders of American finalists from West Nassau High School include from left Kameron Witt for Entrepreneurship Team, Advisor Joyce Finley, Carlene Tompkins for Client Services, and Luke Libby for Entrepreneurship Team. Brody Mandelbaum from Fernandina Beach High School was elected vice president of FBLA Region II. Andrew Huber from Hilliard Middle-Senior High School placed third in Intro to Computer Science and Coding. Robert Cooke from Yulee Middle School and Beatrice Davis from Yulee High School both placed fourth in their respective events - Career Explorations and Help Desk.



### COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK



#### Mountain Dulcimer Class

Story & Song Neighborhood Bookstore Bistro hosted a community program of mountain dulcimer music by children enrolled in one of the Arts Alive after-school classes as a part of its first offerings since opening in February. Shown left to right are Courtney Davis, Lindsey Hoffman (peer tutor), Martin Camero, Nika Mijuk, Valeria Zaccagnino, William Powell, and Robyn Nemes (class instructor).

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#### Boxing for Parkinson's disease

The Kiwanis Club recently learned about a unique therapy for Parkinson's disease patients during one of its meetings. Mary Sherer and her husband Guy presented a video that explained how using training techniques for boxers can greatly improve the mobility and balance of Parkinson's patients. Guy, who has Parkinson's disease, talked about the results from the training that he has done in collaboration with the Barnabas Center. For more information about this program, contact Barnabas at 261-7000. Pictured from left are Kiwanis Club member Mike Pallen, Mary Sherer, Guy Sherer, Susan Goldmann and Kiwanis President Rob McCannell.



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#### Sailing Club 'Visits' Emerald Isle

Earlier this month, the Amelia Island Sailing Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day with traditional Irish food, dancing and music of the Emerald Isle provided by the mother and son duo of Amy and Dillon Basse (center and right). For more information about the club, call Tom at 703-298-1714.

## CATS ANGELS

Roxanne is a beautiful silver gray shorthair girl with big gold eyes. She is a young cat less than one year old with a friendly nature. Roxanne was adopted as a kitten and then abandoned by her owner. We don't know how long she was on her own, but she is happy to be back at her first home Cats Angels. Now she is waiting for a kind and loving person to give her a real "forever" home. Please stop by Cats Angels Adoption Center to meet Roxanne and our other cats that are patiently waiting for their forever homes. They all have been spayed or neutered and micro-chipped and are current on their vaccinations. Our Adoption Center is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday or you can call 321-2267 to make an appointment to visit.



a hand. Recycle your aluminum and cat food cans at the bins in our parking lot at 709 S. Eighth Street. We graciously accept donations for cat care and resale items at our Thrift Store. Information about our spay-neuter, TNVR and adoption programs is on our website. Cats Angels welcomes volunteers to help us care for the cats and as retail clerks in our Thrift Store. Our volunteer application is online or you can call or stop by Cats Angels to sign up. The Thrift Store at Cats Angels is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Cats Angels can help you get the animals in your care spayed or neutered. It will control the overpopulation of unwanted cats and dogs. Visit the Spay/Neuter TNVR page on our website or call us at 321-2267 for help with feral and community cats or information on low-cost spay-neuter services. Spay and Neuter – The Responsible Solution.

## NASSAU HUMANE SOCIETY

Lovable little Sooner is one of our volunteers' favorites! She has lived in a home and wants to show you what a great girl she is. She's a mixed-breed dog, about 2 years old, and a fine size for a house pet. Our volunteer dog walkers say she's calm and has "impeccable manners." Her owners said she's house-trained and is loving and cuddly. We believe she'd do best as the only pet in the home. She likes playing with toys and enjoys going for car rides and walks and playing hide-and-seek. She's crate-trained and slept in the house. She has a lovely dark-chocolate coat with white markings and alert "radar ears." Her adoption fee is only \$50. She's a lovely lady, so we hope you'll come see Sooner – sooner rather than later!



Jack is an incredibly handsome cat! He is mostly white with black accents on his ears, nose, tail and body. He's a domestic shorthair mix and about a year old. Jack enjoyed having his photos taken while he lounged on the windowsill and watched all the activity in our cattery. He's neutered and vaccinated and has a micro-chip. If you'd like to see him, please call us at 321-1647 or visit NassauHumaneSociety.com to see if he's in the cattery or at one of our remote adoption locations. Jack is ready to meet his new family now!

Great news: Our adoption

center at 639 Airport Road in Fernandina Beach now is open an hour later on weekdays, so you can come over after work! We're open 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays. Starting March 7, Wednesday hours will be from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. You can see pictures and videos of our adoptable pets anytime at our website, NassauHumaneSociety.com. You can contact us at 321-1647 or info@nassauhumane.org, and follow us on Facebook.

## PET PROJECTS

### Donations needed

Bring gently used items to donate to Second Chance resale store, 1002 S. 14th St., to benefit the Nassau Humane Society's programs. Free pickup is available by calling 321-0022.

### Cats Angels Need Your Help

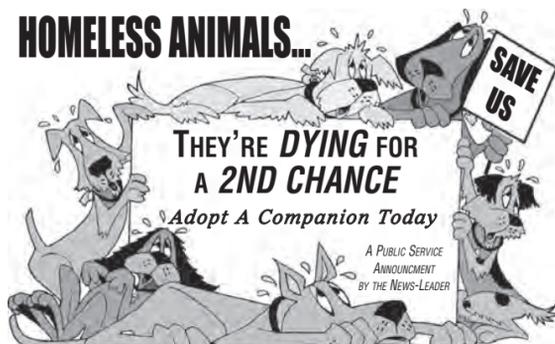
Cats Angels is in need of volunteers for our Thrift Store and for cat care. If you like working in a retail setting, we have shifts available Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m. If those hours don't fit in your schedule but you would still like to help in the Thrift Store, let us know. The kitties need your help too. We have two cleaning shifts (morning and evening) every day and the cats and our volunteers are always happy to meet new people. Our volunteer application is available online at our website at bit.ly/2ijwWGF or at the Cats Angels Thrift Store, 709 S. Eighth St. We're open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call us 321-2267.

### NHS needs volunteers

The Nassau Humane Society is looking to add to its volunteers to assist with various services. Visit nassauhumane.org, email info@nassauhumane.org or call 321-1647.

### Spay and neuter services

Cats Angels provides low-cost spay and neuter and TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return to Caregiver) services through First Coast No More Homeless Pets. Call 321-2267.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The members of the 2017-18 Youth Leadership Nassau class graduated March 13.

## 2017-18 Youth Leadership class graduates

BROOKE LONG  
Student Mentor  
Youth Leadership Nassau

Youth Leadership Nassau convened for its "Life Skills and Graduation" day on Tuesday, March 13. The students – sophomores and juniors from high schools throughout the county – learned how to present themselves on a job application and in an interview with help from UF/IFAS Extension agents, and they listened to speakers from VyStar Credit Union to learn how to balance a budget. With the help of VyStar and other volunteers, students also participated in the "On My Own"

Reality Fair in which they were given a real-life situation and had to go from booth to booth to provide for themselves and their "families" financially.

The day concluded with the graduation of the 2017-18 Youth Leadership Nassau class, including 17 students and six peer mentors. The graduating students gave presentations to their peers and families about the group projects they completed as a part of YLN. The projects were aimed toward making a positive impact in the county. They ranged from volunteering with senior citizens and teaching leadership skills to kindergarteners to forming a political club and gathering

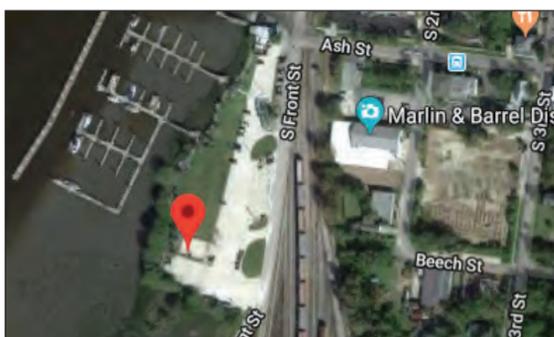
donations for families in need.

This program was the last of six full-day sessions of this year's YLN program. Throughout the program, the students had the chance to travel around Nassau County and talk with leaders in many different aspects of life, including judges, school board members, county commissioners, and entrepreneurs. Each day, the students reflected on the qualities of being a true leader in their community. Applications for the next year of the program will be distributed in August.

Youth Leadership Nassau is part of the Nassau County 4-H program. For more information, contact the 4-H office at 530-6353.



Members participated in an "On My Own" Reality Fair that had them visit a variety of booths to help them learn how to survive financially. The class also had to fill out job applications and take part in interviews with the help of UF/IFAS Nassau Extension agents.



GOOGLE/SPECIAL

The European American Business Club will hold its annual pétanque event in Parking Lot C, indicated by the red marker in the above Google map.

## EABC plans annual pétanque event

The European American Business Club will hold its annual Pétanque Social and Mixer at 6 p.m. at its April 10 meeting at the pétanque courts located at the southernmost end of Parking Lot C on Front Street by the Fernandina Harbor Marina, on Front Street.

EABC member Philippe Boets will be the host and "fun director" for the evening. Game management, coaching and equipment will be provided by members of the Amelia Island Boules Club. You do not need to know how to play the game as the rules and exertion are modest.

You can learn more about

pétanque at petanque-america.com. There is also a Facebook page for the Amelia Island Boules Club so you can catch up on local activities – facebook.com/AmeliaIslandBoulesClub.

There is no charge to attend the event, but there will be a \$5 charge if you choose to play pétanque. Bring your own folding or camp chair because seating will be limited at the courts.

There will be prizes for a raffle and a "closest to the pig" contest.

To participate, RSVP no later than April 8 by emailing info@eabcnetwork.com. The meeting is open to members and guests.

## WILD NITE HOSTING JAX ZOO DIRECTOR



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Tony Vecchio, executive director of the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, will be the featured speaker at Wild Amelia's next Wild Nite, set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the Peck Center Auditorium, located at 516 S. 10th St. in Fernandina Beach. In his presentation, Vecchio will talk about the zoo's new African forest project, dinosaurs, and the zoo's new master plan. The program is free and open to the public. Since 2009, Vecchio has been the executive director of the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, but his zoo career has spanned almost four decades. He has worked at the Pittsburgh Zoo, the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, S.C., Zoo Atlanta, the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, R.I., and the Oregon Zoo in Portland, Ore. He has a Master of Science in Biology from the University of South Carolina and a Bachelor of Science from Penn State. The April 10 Wild Nite is the eighth in a series of nine monthly nature forums leading up to the 12th annual Wild Amelia Nature Festival from May 18-20. For more information about the Nature Festival and Wild Amelia's other year-round programs for adults and children, visit wildamelia.org and Wild Amelia on Facebook.

## State website helps seniors with their local transportation needs

When older adults stop driving, they may worry about losing their independence. Now, a University of Florida and Florida Department of Transportation Safe Mobility for Life team wants to help them find transportation options so they can get to medical appointments, go shopping, head out with friends, or travel wherever else they want to go, according to a news release.

UF and FDOT have launched the website FindaRideFlorida.org, which features transportation options in all of Florida's 67 counties.

"We know that a lack of transportation can have a big impact on physical and mental health. We want people to continue to meet their daily needs, participate in their communities and do the things they enjoy," Sandra Winter, Ph.D., OTR/L, the UF team's project leader and the associate director of the Institute for Mobility, Activity, and Participation, or I-MAP, housed in the department of occupational therapy at the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions, said in the release.

Site users indicate their starting location and can select other search filters, including purpose of trip and special needs, such as wheelchair accommodations. Search results list the various transportation providers in that geographical area, along with details on cost, reservation requirements, service

hours and contact information. Providers include traditional taxi companies, public transportation, nonprofits and ride-hailing services.

"Everyone's mobility needs are unique, and by providing our aging population access to more transportation options, it will help older adults remain independent and connected to their communities," Gail M. Holley, FDOT Safe Mobility for Life program manager, also stated in the release.

The site's design features address the needs of users with low vision, and the site offers links to resources for screen readers that read the content aloud.

While FindaRideFlorida.org was developed with older adults in mind, the site is open to users of any age. UF and FDOT first began offering an online transportation database in 2004. The newly launched FindaRideFlorida.org offers several technological upgrades over the previous database, including the use of geographic information system mapping to make the site more accurate and user-friendly.

The GIS data captured by FindaRideFlorida.org could also inform state transportation policy, according to Sherrilene Classen, Ph.D., M.P.H., OTR/L, director of I-MAP and a professor and chair of the UF department of occupational therapy.

"Find a Ride data enables public trans-

portation agencies and decision-makers to respond to transportation gaps more effectively, leading to better, more equitable public transportation service planning and delivery to benefit the most vulnerable populations in Florida," she said.

Ultimately, Classen noted, the goal is that transportation options in Florida pass the "ice cream test," an idea proposed by Joseph F. Coughlin, Ph.D., the founder and director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's AgeLab.

"If an older adult desires to have an ice cream cone at 9 p.m. on, let's say, a Thursday evening, they should be able to obtain just that via user-friendly alternative transportation services," Classen said.

In addition to Winter and Classen, UF's FindaRideFlorida.org development team includes Ilir Bejlari, Ph.D., an associate professor of urban and regional planning in the UF College of Design, Construction and Planning who led the geographic information system mapping component; Jason Rogers, web and database developer, and Donna Schoenfelder, database assistant, both in the department of occupational therapy; Marni Fowler, a junior mapping developer at the College of Design, Construction and Planning; and senior developer Nathaniel Wingfield, formerly of the College of Design, Construction and Planning.



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