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Mosquito-borne virus detected in Nassau County

The Florida Department of Health in Nassau County issued a news release Monday warning residents there has been an increase in mosquito-borne disease activity in Nassau County.

Four horses have tested positive for Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) infection in Nassau County in 2018, two of which were in the past two weeks, according to the DOH Nassau.

One sentinel chicken also tested positive for EEEV in 2018. The risk of transmission to humans has increased. DOH Nassau continues surveillance and prevention efforts.

The DOH continues to conduct state-wide surveillance for mosquito-borne illnesses, including West Nile virus infections, Eastern equine encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, malaria, chikungunya and dengue.

Residents of Florida are encouraged

to report dead birds via the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's site at legacy.myfwc.com/bird/default.asp.

For more information, visit DOH's website at www.floridahealth.gov/%5C/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/index.html, or contact the Nassau County Health Department at 875-6100.

To protect yourself from mosquitoes, remember to "Drain and cover":

DRAIN standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying.

- Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots or any other containers where sprinkler or rainwater has collected.

- Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

- Empty and clean birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least once or twice a week.

- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.

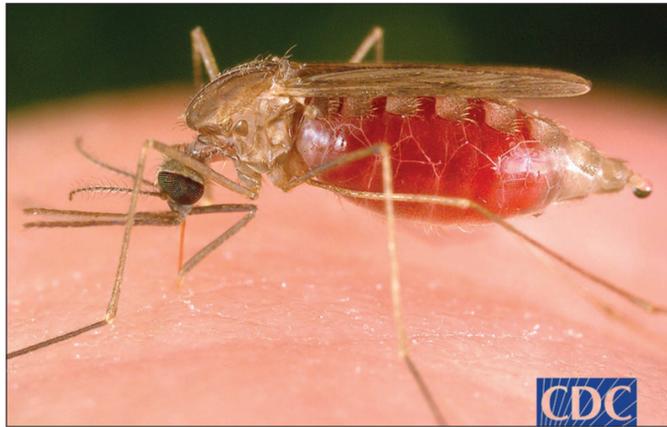
- Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

COVER skin with clothing or repellent.

- Clothing – Wear shoes, socks, and long pants and long-sleeves. This type of protection may be necessary for people who must work in areas where mosquitoes are present.

- Repellent – Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing.

- Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET,



SOURCE: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

The Health Department reminds residents and visitors to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes and to take basic precautions to help limit exposure.

VIRUS Continued on 3A

NO, NOT NORTH CAROLINA



PAT FOSTER-TURLEY FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Columnist Pat Foster-Turley has been enjoying a professional assignment in Serbia, including a view from an overlook in Tara National Park and some local wildlife. Pat's column is on 8A.

Appeals court puts Foster's replacement by Scott back in play

PEG DAVIS
News-Leader



Trotti

Judge Charles W. Dodson of the Second Judicial Circuit Court in Tallahassee may have decided last week to block the governor from appointing someone to replace Judge Robert M. Foster on the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court, but on Tuesday a counterpunch by Gov. Rick Scott at the First District Court of Appeals resulted in the political match being sent to the next round.

A motion to uphold Dodson's block of Scott's appointment was filed this week on behalf of attorney David Trotti of Jacksonville by Trotti's attorney, Robert Slama. Trotti was the only candidate who qualified to run for Foster's seat, which would normally be filled, barring a retirement, resignation or death of the judge, via an election. But on Tuesday the appeals court in Tallahassee told Scott the interviews for the candidates can continue and gave Trotti until Friday to respond to Scott's latest appeal that he should be able to make the appointment.

Dodson had previously indicated that he believes Foster must be replaced via an election instead of an appointment.

Foster announced his resignation in

a letter to Scott dated April 2 and is due to leave Dec. 31. The end of his term is Jan. 7, 2019. He was not eligible to run again for judge because of a state-mandated age limit.

The four-business day gap

between the resignation date given by Foster and Foster's mandatory last day on the bench afforded Scott a loophole in Florida law by which Scott could make an appointment instead of putting Foster's seat up for election.

In a previous case with similar circumstances the Florida Supreme Court said an election should still be held.

Trotti sued Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner and Scott in an effort to stop the governor from appointing someone to take Foster's place and instead proceed with an election for the Group 6 seat on the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court. The Fourth Judicial Circuit Court covers

FOSTER Continued on 9A

Lentz hopes to join the School Board

JULIA ROBERTS
News Leader



Lentz

Robin Lentz says she can bring a boots on the ground perspective to the Nassau County School Board, and is running for the non partisan seat this fall.

In addition to her 15 years working as a language arts teacher and middle school counselor, Lentz also served three years as a Fernandina Beach city commissioner, including one year as mayor.

"To combine that makes for a very good board member that brings an educational perspective, the perspective of a former elected official and a parent," Lentz told the *News-Leader*. "I think that makes for a very well-versed board member."

Lentz said she has seen policies put in place and the results of those policies. She said she, as a parent and an educator, wants to be involved in making those policy decisions.

"I have so much respect for our board members, but there are times when I attend the meetings, or when I go back and watch, and I (think), 'If you guys were in the trenches, you would know the answer to this,'" she said. "I'm sitting in the audience, and I want to shout out because I can elaborate on it. I am in the trenches. I think that is another big piece of the puzzle, is being there and knowing. Fifteen years is a pretty long time to know the history of

things."

Lentz shared three issues that would be priorities if elected: school safety, planning for population growth in the county, and continuing to lay a strong foundation for language education.

"We have open campuses that people are questioning, 'How do we keep this campus safe? How do we update an old building?'" Lentz said.

Lentz believes the formula used by the state of Florida to determine when and where new schools will be built is outdated and needs to be addressed.

One of the indicators is when trailers, known as portable classrooms, are used. Fernandina Beach High School, built in 1990, had 26 such classrooms in place before Yulee High School was approved for construction. Lentz said Wildlight Elementary School, opened in August 2017, was using portables within weeks of opening.

"The second we open a school, it's at capacity," she said. "That's not the School Board's fault. It's the state's formula and how they calculate that. That's something that, as a board member, I'd

LENTZ Continued on 5A

Suspicious fire burns hotel room, guest arrested on arson charge

According to news releases sent from the Fernandina Beach Police and Fire departments on Monday, firefighters and police officers as well as firefighters from Nassau County Fire Rescue responded to a report on Sunday morning of a fire in a guest room on the second floor of Amelia Hotel at the Beach, located at 1997 S. Fletcher Ave.

A 911 call and an alarm from the hotel's alarm system alerted firefighters to the fire.

Upon arrival, the firefighters found that the hotel being evacuated and that the automatic sprinkler system had been activated on the second floor. Upon entering the room, firefighters found heavy black smoke and located a small fire on the floor involving the bed. While firefighters were controlling the fire, additional fire units went door to door making sure all guest were evacuated safely from their rooms.

As the fire alarm activated, according to the release, a registered guest, Lisa Cirulnick, 50, approached the front desk and asked to retrieve a personal ID that had been locked in the hotel safe at her request. Cirulnick allegedly assaulted the hotel clerk by throwing a laptop computer and striking the clerk. Cirulnick then announced that she had set the bed on fire in her room, according to the report.

Cirulnick left the property on foot,

FIRE Continued on 5A



CINDY JACKSON/NEWS-LEADER

Contents of a room at Amelia Hotel at the Beach lie on the lawn by the hotel on Sunday. A guest at the hotel was later charged with arson, resisting a law enforcement officer with violence, and simple battery.



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LOOKING BACK 25 YEARS

The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to lift a ban on construction of a new Egans Bluff development off Simmons Road, despite criticism from area residents.

WEEKLY UPDATE

DAR plans Flag Retirement Ceremony

Now is your chance to bring your old and worn flags to the closest UPS store for proper disposal. The Amelia Island Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will host its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at 10 a.m. Thursday at Nassau County Fire Station 20, located at 5518 First Coast Highway on Amelia Island. The chapter retired 100 flags last year.

Men's cancer group meets Thursday

Men Helping Men, an education program developed to help men make informed decisions throughout their prostate cancer journey, will meet at 11:30 a.m. June 14 in the Board Room at the Baptist Medical Center Nassau. For information, contact Lauren at 277-2700.

50th reunion for Peck graduates

There will be a 50th reunion of graduates of Peck High School June 15-17. A meet and greet will be held 12-5 p.m. Friday, June 15, at the Elm Street Recreation Center; a seafood feast from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Elm Street Recreation Center; and a gala 6-10 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Peck auditorium. Graduates will attend a service at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 17, at New Zion Baptist Church. For more information contact Evelyn Mosley at 305-934-8819.

Board candidates at Westside meeting

The Westside Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at the Mickler Street county building in Callahan. The guest speakers will be Nassau County School Board candidates Donna Martin and Jonathan Petree. Dinner and a brief business meeting will follow their presentations. Open to the public.

Caregivers Support meeting set for June 21

The Nassau County Council on Aging will hold the of its ongoing Caregivers Support Group series meetings 2:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at its 1367 S. 18th St. in Fernandina Beach (across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau). This will be a full support session (no guest speaker). It is free and open to the public. NCCOA's Caregivers Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call 261-0701, ext. 113.

St. Francis blood drive in June

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Mission at 86000 St. Francis Way in Yulee will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 24. All donors will receive a free OneBlood T-shirt and a wellness checkup that includes blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screenings. Sign up online at oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code 34851. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Langley to speak at Chamber lunch

The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce's next quarterly luncheon, set for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, will Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau President and CEO Gil Langley as the guest speaker. He will discuss how tourism affects Nassau County, where tourists come from and why they decide to visit Amelia Island. The event is \$20 for members and \$40 for prospective members. Advanced registration and pre-payment are preferred. For information visit nassau-countyflchamber.com or call 261-3248.



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City Scoop

Beach Safety Tips

1. Swim near a lifeguard.
2. If caught in a rip current, don't fight it! Swim out of the current, then to shore. If you can't escape, float or tread water.
3. Stay hydrated and wear sunscreen!
4. Know what beach flags mean.
Double red: Closed to the Public
Single Red: High Hazard.
Yellow: Medium Hazard.
Green: Low Hazard.
Purple: Dangerous Marine Life.

Text BCHSAFE to 888777 for surf and flag condition updates (message and data rates apply).



Jack Boyle

"Do not go gentle into that good night; rage, rage against the dying of the light." — Dylan Thomas

Jack Boyle left this life June 9, 2018, after three courageous battles with renal cell cancer, which began in 2003 with the first diagnosis. He passed peacefully, surrounded by the love and warmth of his wife, Marti (Martha Turner Boyle), at Community Hospice & Palliative Care's Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Fla.



Jack was a member of both the Pitt and Allegheny Alumni Associations, The National Education Association, The Ridgewood Retired Teachers Association, The Bergen County Retired Teachers Association and The New Jersey Retired Educators Association. Jack was a member of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. He attended the University of Pittsburgh, receiving a Master of Arts in Teaching from the School of Education. He pursued a Doctorate in Theater Arts at New York University, studying with many well-respected and talented people from the theater world. He also completed a two-year program at The Circle in the Square School in Manhattan, which was the only accredited training conservatory associated with a Broadway theater, offering hands-on training in both acting and musical theater.

Jack served in the United States Army's Intelligence Corps during the early Vietnam War days. He received an honorable discharge after his service and then began his career in teaching. He became a member of the faculty at Ridgewood High School in Ridgewood, N.J., where he worked for 26 years teaching English, theater arts, speech and television production. In 1968, he founded and served as first director of The New Players Company, which opened the door to all aspects of acting and theater to hundreds and hundreds of students through the years and proudly continues on to this day. Knowing that so many of his students went on to pursue their careers in the world of theater or "the silver screen," whether as actors, directors, production managers, artistic directors, costumers, and so on, was a great source of pride to Jack. He remained in contact with many of his former students, and that, too, brought him happiness and satisfaction, especially in the waning years, necessitating his confinement.

In 1994, Jack and Marti took an early retirement and relocated to Florida after a six-month trip around the USA to get to know our incredible country better. It was the trip of a lifetime, but they both were happy to settle into their new Floridian lifestyle when they returned. As expected by Marti, time grew heavy on Jack's hands and riding his bicycle, playing tennis and serving on homeowners association

boards wasn't enough to fill up his days satisfactorily. He returned to teaching, this time at the college level at the University of North Florida, where he served as visiting professor of speech and also at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Beaches Campus, where he worked as instructor of theater. He greatly enjoyed interacting with the students as well as his colleagues at UNF and FSCJ, just as he had at Ridgewood High School, and often said how fortunate he felt having had such outstanding venues in which to practice his profession.

Jack was a member of both the Pitt and Allegheny Alumni Associations, The National Education Association, The Ridgewood Retired Teachers Association, The Bergen County Retired Teachers Association and The New Jersey Retired Educators Association.

Jack was a zealous reader, enjoying several books a month, when health allowed. When he could no longer ride his bicycle, he was usually seen sitting out on the front porch, reading and relishing the day. He was a "book-purist" and would not even consider reading anything but a hard cover, even when holding the book in his hands became a challenge. While at RHS, his favorite books for his students to read were *A Cry of Angels* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and these books were always at the top of his "required reading" list for his English classes. The bookshelves in Jack's den literally spill over with many hundreds of books, all in excellent condition, and it is his wish they be donated to the Fernandina Beach Branch Library for the enjoyment of our community.

Jack will be remembered for being strong in his soft-spokenness, gentle in his wisdom, kind in his criticism, much too modest about his talents and altruistic in his relationship with humanity. He did not waste words, and people sometimes noted that for a communications teacher, he seemed so quiet. Jack's response was always the same — to remind us that 50 percent of communication involves listening, and that no one ever really learns anything while they are speaking. "The biggest communication problem is that we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply." (A Buddha quote)

Besides his devoted wife of 36 years, he leaves five children, Kimberly, Terry (Marjorie), Tammy, Scott Pope (Samantha) and Matthew Pope (Harlen). Jack also leaves six grandchildren, Colin and Caitlin, Justin and Jason and Christopher and Jessica. Jack loved animals and he and Marti made a home for many over the years, including the current family member he now leaves behind, his wonderful cat, "Smokey."

Per Jack's wishes, final plans will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the scholarship set up in Jack's name would be sincerely appreciated. Kindly make contributions to "The New Players Company Association," designated for "The Jack Boyle Memorial Scholarship," and sent to Margaret Schaeffer, Artistic Director of NPC, Ridgewood High School, 627 E. Ridgewood Ave., NJ 07450.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the compassionate and dedicated people comprising the East Nassau Team of Community Hospice of Northeast Florida. Their guidance, support and empathy through a very long and difficult time were immeasurable.

"Though wise men, at their end, know dark is right; wild men, who caught and sang in the sun, in light."

Please share your memories and condolences at www.oxleyheard.com.

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James Paul Ewing Jr.

James Paul "Jim" Ewing Jr., 73, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Saturday, June 2, 2018, at The Jane Adams House.

He was born November 12, 1944 in Monroe, La. to the late James Paul Ewing Sr., and Yetta Poole Ewing. His family moved to Fernandina Beach, where he graduated from Fernandina Beach High School.

Jim received a football scholarship at the University of Georgia, and after graduating with a bach-

elor's degree and serving four years in the United States Air Force, he then went on to receive his master's degree from Boston University.

After living in Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee pursuing a career in marketing and real estate, he returned to Fernandina Beach to continue in that field until he retired.

Jim's surviving family members are Dianne Ewing of Bristol, Tenn.; daughter, Kimberly Ewing of Bristol; son, Major Jonathan Ewing and his wife, Beth, of Honolulu, Hawaii; and four grandchildren, Miller, Keaton, Adelaide, and Lorelei.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 22, 2018, at Bosque Bello Cemetery, where Jim will be at rest next to his loving parents, Paul and Yetta.

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Eugene H. Levering

Mr. Eugene H. (Hank) Levering, 86, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Friday, June 1, 2018, at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla.

Born in Scranton, Pa., he was the son of the late Barton Clifford and Mildred Elizabeth (Dusenberry) Levering and grew up in Upper Arlington, Ohio and Plymouth, Mich.

Mr. Levering served his country in the U.S. Army. He was a proud graduate of the University of Michigan and remained active in the alumni association for most of his adult life. He worked for the Noxell Corporation and subsequently for Procter and Gamble, retiring as senior vice president of sales during the time that the Cover Girl brand was developed and flourished.

Hank was an avid golfer and sports fan and played on both the basketball and golf teams during his stint in the Army.

Having vacationed at Amelia Island Plantation during its early years, he and his wife initially purchased property there in 1980 and later built their dream home there following his retirement. Hank and his wife loved to travel and were fortunate to have the opportunity to do so throughout the world over the last 30 years.

His surviving family includes his son, E. H. Levering III and daughter-in-law Sally of Palmetto Bay, Fla.; a grandson, Clifford Jarvis Levering of Palmetto Bay; and a granddaughter, Lauren Marie Levering of Pasadena, Calif.

The family invites you to a reception to celebrate Hank's life 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Sea Oats restaurant in Amelia Island Plantation's Ocean Club.

If so desired, donations in Hank's name to the University of Michigan would be preferred. Donations can be made online at leadersandbest.umich.edu/tributes (page down to the link under his name).

Please share your memories and condolences at www.oxleyheard.com.

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Jeffery W. Rowland

Jeffery W. Rowland, 47, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away at his home Saturday, June 9, 2018, after a lengthy illness.



A native and lifelong resident of Fernandina Beach, Jeffery was a son of Joy McKendree Lowe and attended the local schools. As he grew up here, he developed his love of carpentry and his sense of craftsmanship. Jeffery was a well-known and respected master craftsman and stained glass artist. Jeffery's love of his craft meant more to those he served than just "good work."

Here is part of what has been said about him: "It was always Jeffery to our rescue. Down the driveway he came again and again, our hero in his truck pulling his van full of tools. Five Points Woodworks has been part of our lives as long as we have lived here. Our newly built home eleven years ago still needed a lot of work. It was Jeffery to the rescue. By the time he finished the walls, woodwork and floors, we

had a home. Over the years he helped us maintain it. We would call on no one else. We trusted only him. He knew what to do when the hurricanes threatened, when the floods came, when the floors got damaged and when renovation needed to be done. What seemed like a crisis to us was easily repairable to him. He not only fixed our home, he eased our anxieties. He had a way of inspiring confidence that everything would be OK, and because he was there, it WAS ok. Jeffery, our extraordinary friend and superb craftsman always came to our rescue. We loved him and will miss him dearly."

Jeffery is survived by his wife, Janan Rowland; son, Storm Rowland; his mother, Joy Lowe of Fernandina Beach; his brother and sister, Billy and Angela Rowland, both of Fernandina Beach; as well as several other extended family members.

The family received friends Monday, June 11, 2018, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home. A funeral mass was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at St. Michael Catholic Church with Fr. Jose Kallukalam officiating. Burial followed at Bosque Bello Cemetery.

Janan and Storm wish to thank everyone who has reached out to help Jeffery and their family during this time. Among those they wish to thank are Ginny and Jerry, Miss Marla and Jim, Joni Reid, Susan DeVane, Janice O'Connell, Steve Head and Evan Hilliard. They are grateful for all of those friends who will continue to support them in the future.

Those desiring may make donations at www.gofundme.com/help-jeffery-support-his-family.

Please share your memories and condolences at www.oxleyheard.com.

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Bradley T. Upham

Bradley Thompson Upham, 89, passed away Thursday, June 7, 2018, at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio after a short illness. Beloved husband of the late



Mary Drake for 62 years, dear son of Stephen Pierce Upham Sr. and Susan Parsons Upham, loving father of sons Bradley

Tupper and David Todd, daughter-in-law Wendy, grandfather of Ellen, Madeline, Allison, Bradley, Justin and Ben. Dear brother to the late Stephen Pierce Upham Jr. and David Lanning Upham.

Bradley received his associate's degree in business and finance at Oberlin College in 1954 and was honorably discharged from the United States Navy, having served as a chaplain's assistant musician as second class petty officer during the Korean Conflict in 1953. He was a fluent keyboard performer and entertained in many organizations in his lifetime.

Bradley was a former member of the Kiwanis International service organization and the Homestead Club of Mount Vernon. Bradley started his career for Kidder-Peabody, where he initiated and floated the original bonding for the Ohio Turnpike. He was an active developer in the Central Ohio, having helped start the Wendy's Hamburger chain with Dave Thomas.

Bradley was a member of St. Paul's Church (Episcopal) of Mount Vernon, having sung as choirboy in that parish and served as an usher in later years. He also served on the finance committees of that parish.

A private graveside service will be held at a future date to be determined.

To share a memory or leave a condolence for the family, visit www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

Downs-Snyder Funeral Home

DEATH NOTICES

Mary Elizabeth Bennett, 88, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Monday, June 11, 2018.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors
May B. Covert, 69, of Yulee, Fla., passed away Sunday, June 10, 2018.

Green Pine Funeral Home, Cremations & Cemetery
David B. Montgomery, 61, of Hilliard, Fla., passed away Sunday, June 11, 2018.

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picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, and IR3535 are effective.

- Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than two months old.

Tips on repellent use

- Always read label directions carefully for the approved usage before you apply a repellent. Some repellents are not suitable for children.

- Products with concentrations of up to 30 percent DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) are generally recommended. Other U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-approved repellents contain picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or IR3535. These products are generally available at local pharmacies. Look for active ingredients to be listed on the product label.

- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin, or onto clothing, but not under clothing.

- In protecting children, read label instructions to be sure the repellent is age-appropriate.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), mosquito repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under the age of three years. DEET is not recommended on children younger than two months old.

- Avoid applying repellents to the hands of children. Adults should apply repellent first to their own hands and then transfer it to the child's skin and clothing.

- If additional protection is necessary, apply a permethrin repellent directly to your clothing. Again, always follow the manufacturer's directions.

For more information on what repellent is right for you, consider using the Environmental Protection Agency's search tool to help you choose skin-applied repellent products: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/opprpref/insect/#searchform>.

COVER doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out of your house.

REPAIR broken screening on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

A LEGENDARY CAREGIVER RETIRES



Baptist Medical Center Nassau's legendary caregiver Virginia "Jenny" Smith, RN, was honored Saturday, June 9, by family, friends and coworkers with a retirement party at Ten Acres clubhouse in Amelia City. Smith began her career back in the days when the local hospital was named Humphreys Memorial, located on North 14th Street, as a director and operating room manager and continued her career with the move to the hospital's current location on South 18th Street and its affiliation with Baptist Health. In honoring her mother, Smith's daughter, Candy Lancaster, said that Smith "had taken care of the community for over 62 years and her own family for 38, and that now it was time to relax and take care of herself. Happy retirement." Pictured, from left, are grandchildren Caitlin and Hunter Lancaster, Smith, Candy and Mark Lancaster.

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BUSINESS

New tax law affects many Florida statutes

PEG DAVIS
News-Leader

A bill signed into law on March 23 by Florida Gov. Rick Scott, CS 7087, changed and surgically excepted many tax laws in Florida. One tax affected is the bed tax, formally known as the Tourist Development Tax, which is collected on hotel stays and short-term rentals on Amelia Island. Thanks to the new law, the tax underwent a substantial expansion in Florida Statute 20.21, detailing what specifically it can be used for.

Another change, affecting Florida Statute 193.155, allows for a reduction in ad valorem taxes for homeowners whose homesteaded property was damaged or destroyed by named storms or hurricanes on or after Jan. 1, 2017. Another substantial change for property owners affected by recent hurricanes was included, adding language to Florida Statute 197.318, for an "abatement of taxes for residential improvements damaged or destroyed by Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, or Irma."

Yet another part of the bill that might save homeowners money is an amendment to Florida Statute 201.02 "providing a documentary stamp tax exemption for certain instruments transferring or conveying homestead property interests between spouses; providing applicability; (and) defining the term 'homestead property.'"

The Amelia Island Tourist

Development Tax, also known as the "bed tax," of four cents on every dollar (going up to five cents on July 1) spent on short-term lodging on Amelia Island was instituted Jan. 1, 1989, pursuant to Nassau County Ordinance 88-31.

The bed tax is in addition to the standard 6-percent state sales tax and the county's 1-cent local option sales tax, and the bed tax is applicable only on Amelia Island.

Nassau County's bed tax revenue in FY 2016-17 was \$5.5 million. The estimated revenue from the tax for the current fiscal year of 2018-19 is \$6.9 million.

"Florida law allows counties to impose local option transient rental taxes on rentals or leases of accommodations in hotels, motels, apartments, rooming houses, mobile home parks, RV parks, condominiums or timeshare resorts for a term of six months or less," states the Florida Department of Revenue.

According to previous Florida Department of Revenue information, the revenues used to be restricted to capital construction of tourist-related facilities, tourist promotion, and beach and shoreline maintenance, and there were few guidelines on dividing revenues between approved uses.

Under the county ordinance that created the Amelia Island Tourism Development Council and the TDC Marketing Plan approved with the creation of the TDC, the bed tax revenue



is divided between advertising, marketing and operations (65 percent), administration costs (15 percent), travel trade (10 percent) and beach improvements (10 percent).

Counties are allowed to say how much of the bed tax is to be earmarked for specific uses, as long as those projects are among the state-approved uses.

Now the tax money can be used by counties for "channel, estuary, or lagoon improvement" and construction of beach groins. Bed tax money can now also be used to "Acquire, construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair, improve, maintain, operate, or

finance public facilities within the boundaries of the county or sub-county special taxing district in which the tax is levied, if the public facilities are needed to increase tourist-related business activities in the county or sub-county special district and are recommended by the county tourist development council. ... Tax revenues may be used for any related land acquisition, land improvement, design and engineering costs, and all other professional and related costs required to bring the public facilities into service. As used in this subparagraph, the term 'public facilities' means major capital improvements that have a life expectancy of 5 or more years, including, but not limited to, transportation, sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, potable water, and pedestrian facilities.

"Tax revenues may be used for these purposes only if the following conditions are satisfied:

a. In the county fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the tax revenues

were initially used for such purposes, at least \$10 million in tourist development tax revenue was received;

b. The county governing board approves the use for the proposed public facilities by a vote of at least two-thirds of its membership;

c. No more than 70 percent of the cost of the proposed public facilities will be paid for with tourist development tax revenues, and sources of funding for the remaining cost are identified and confirmed by the county governing board;

d. At least 40 percent of all tourist development tax revenues collected in the county are spent to promote and advertise tourism as provided by this subsection; and

e. An independent professional analysis, performed at the expense of the county tourist development council, demonstrates the positive impact of the infrastructure project on tourist-related businesses in the county."

A change to subsection 8 of Florida Statute 193.155 amended the law addressing homestead exemption taxes, "providing that an owner of homestead property that was significantly damaged or destroyed as a result of a named tropical storm or hurricane may elect to have such property deemed abandoned, for the purpose of receiving a certain assessment reduction, if the owner establishes a new homestead property by a specified date; providing retroactive applicability. ...

"To qualify for the abatement, the residential improvement must be uninhabitable for at least 30 days."

The amendment goes on to say: "even though the owner received a homestead exemption on the property as of January 1 of the year immediately follow-

ing the named tropical storm or hurricane.

"The election provided for in this paragraph is available only if the owner establishes a new homestead as of January 1 of the second year immediately following the storm or hurricane.

"This paragraph shall apply to homestead property damaged or destroyed on or after January 1, 2017.

The change to Section 17 of Florida Statute 197.318, says "If a residential improvement is rendered uninhabitable for at least 30 days due to damage or destruction to the property caused by Hurricanes Hermine or Matthew during the 2016 calendar year or Hurricane Irma during the 2017 calendar year, taxes initially levied in 2019 may be abated in the following manner: (a) The property owner must file an application with the property appraiser no later than March 1, 2019."

"The application shall identify the residential parcel on which the residential improvement was damaged or destroyed, the date the damage or destruction occurred, and the number of days the property was uninhabitable during the calendar year that the hurricane occurred. ... Upon receipt of the application, the property appraiser shall investigate the statements contained in the application to determine if the applicant is entitled to an abatement of taxes. If the property appraiser determines that the applicant is not entitled to an abatement, the applicant may file a petition with the value adjustment board."

"A property owner who fails to file an application by March 1, 2019, waives a claim for abatement of taxes under this section."

The entire bill can be read here: <http://laws.flrules.org/2018/118>.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, at a Special Set meeting to be held on **Thursday, the 21st day of June, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Commission Chambers, located at the James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida, intends to consider for adoption the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2018-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF CUSTOMARY USE OF THE BEACH BY THE PUBLIC SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Copies of the Ordinance are available at the Clerk's Office at the Robert M. Foster Justice Center, located at 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, Florida, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., except legal holidays.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO BE PRESENT AND BE HEARD. IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, AGENCY OR COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

The Board of County Commissioners may continue hearings on this matter.

ATTEST: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

/s/ JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

BY: /s/ PAT EDWARDS
Its: Chairman

Individuals with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners at least two days prior to the proceeding at (904) 548-4660, or, if the hearing impaired, Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (v) or 1-800-955-8771(TDD)

Service animals briefing

The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce will host a Hot Topics program on "Service

Animals Accommodation and Compliance" at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, according

to a news release.

Guest speakers for this event will be Tracie Inman and Carol Christopherson. Inman is a board member of the Florida Association of Guide Dog Users, and Christopherson is the CEO and founder of Service Dogs Inc. and a former member of the Florida Independent Living Council. She trains and matches service dogs for people with various types of disabilities.

The event will cover a wide range of topics including the rights and responsibilities of both service dog owners and business owners, how businesses are expected to be in compliance with Florida law and the difference between a service animal and an emotional support animal.

Hot Topics is free for members and \$25 for prospective members. Advanced registration and pre-payment are preferred. Webinar access is available. For more information go to nassaucountyflchamber.com or call 261-3248.

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There will be a **Pre-Bid Meeting at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, June 19, 2018,** at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport Conference Room, 700 Airport Rd., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

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like to work and lobby the state to try to change some of that formula so that we can plan better. The formula is outdated.”

She said that Nassau County schools create good readers, and that it is important for that system to continue and to improve.

“My third priority is to continue on that track of early intervention, laying a strong foundation for reading,” Lentz said. “The reading curriculum they are doing is very strong, with an emphasis on phonics and writing. My own child is going into third grade and is reading on a sixth-grade level.”

Lentz said she believes there have been some missteps by the current board.

“There have been some choices that were made that were public that I didn’t agree with,” she said. “I think it’s been rectified by the State Attorney’s Office. I feel like we, as leaders, need to be setting the examples and be role models. I hold my students accountable for their actions. I expect us to be held accountable for our actions, too.” Lentz was referring to the resignation of former Fernandina Beach High School principal Dr. Spencer Lodree after he was caught stealing \$1,300 from the school. Nassau County Schools Superintendent Kathy Burns declined to press charges earlier this year, allowed Lodree to resign instead of being fired, and allowed him to repay the money with a deduction from his final paycheck. He has since been arrested and charged with a felony in the case.

Being in city government, Lentz said, has given her an appreciation for transparency by elected officials, something she believes the School Board currently lacks.

“How the School Board gets away with running a 30-minute meeting and everything is on the consent agenda and no one talks about anything is truly bothersome to me,” Lentz said. “I know they come into the meetings prepared, and I know they’ve discussed it with Dr. Burns ahead of time, as they are allowed to, but I also think there are times when things merit a discussion, and it is not comfortable.”

“I’ve had many uncomfortable discussions in City Commission chambers, but it is what is needed. It’s needed for that transparency. I think I can bring an element of that, just having that experience. No one up there currently has held a position, politically, under the Sunshine Laws. They’ve only been on the School Board so they don’t know what really is expected.”

“They make big decisions and they change

the agenda two hours before the meeting starts. Then, you should stop as a board member and say, ‘Wait a minute, I haven’t had a chance to review this. I want to pull this off and put it on the next meeting’ or ‘I would like to discuss this among us because we haven’t had a chance.’ When I’m talking about an employee amendment, I’m talking about one that is half a page long when it was first published, and, at four in the afternoon, it’s now six pages long. I understand that you’ve got to get it on there because you are under a time crunch, but you should bring light to that, and you should tell the public what it is that you changed. You shouldn’t just say, ‘Has everybody had a chance to see the agenda and addendums?’ because the audience has not had a chance to see the addendum because they didn’t even know.”

“There are just some elements that could be better. The city of Fernandina Beach does a great job at that. Having that experience and knowing what that should look like, I think, also lends itself to me helping them be better with that.”

Having experience in the system would also enable Lentz to give a different perspective to the budgeting process, she said.

“I can say, with fidelity, ‘Hey, this didn’t work for us. I didn’t think this was a good expenditure or we should put more money into this,’” she said.

Lentz said her experience in the classroom and counseling students has led her to realize the need for expanded vocational education programs.

“I see these kids who have struggled and struggled, and they haven’t gotten the school thing down pat,” she said. “What I see is to teach them a vocation because they want to work but school’s just not their thing. I don’t think we’ve provided enough opportunities for these kids to engage with that. They have opportunities in high school, but they need them in middle school, too. They need to be able to take a class to learn a trade, like start early for HVAC to how to be a mechanic. Some of them aren’t interested (in school). I know they are going to be my dropouts. I can identify them. I know it.”

Lentz said that, although she has held public office, she is not a politician but an educator.

“I feel like I’m in a good place that I can bring something to this board that is lacking,” she said. “They don’t have an educator up there that is directly from the trenches. I am coming directly from their facilities. They’ve been developing policy for 15 years. I’ve been implementing it. I bring a good sense of what that looks like.”

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Helping parents stay healthy

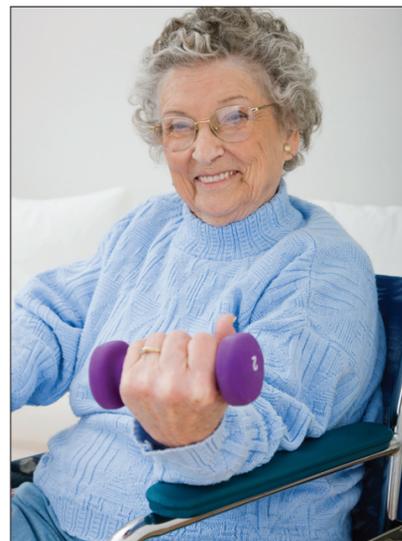
Aging parents who neglect their health and fitness don’t just harm themselves. Their lifestyles also affect their adult children, who could end up caring for them – both financially and physically – as their health declines. They might also like having mom and dad around, and want that to continue for years to come.

Young adults who cringe at their parents’ eating and exercise habits might be reluctant to broach the subject. One thing that might be tempting, but probably won’t work, is a harsh lecture, says Jaime Brenkus, a nationally recognized fitness expert and fitness coach for Evergreen Wellness, which provides videos and articles to help older adults enjoy healthier lives.

Encourage them to drink more water. This may sound basic, but not everyone drinks as much water as they should – even though this is a healthy habit that’s simple to accomplish. A CDC study, for example, revealed that 43 percent of adults drink fewer than four cups of water a day and seven percent don’t drink any glasses of water at all. Water isn’t always their first choice.

Recommend they try strength training. The most effective way to increase metabolism is stimulating muscles by lifting challenging weights to increase lean muscle mass, Brenkus says. “More strength will make daily life easier for them,” he says. “It will give them better balance and they will be less likely to fall. It also can strengthen the heart, and it makes them look and feel younger.”

Make sure they socialize. Studies have shown that people who are active socially are healthier and live longer lives. Socializing helps reduce the stress that contributes to a number of



health problems. If socializing is combined with exercise (playing tennis, taking regular walks with a friend), then that’s all the better.

“Helping your parents adopt a healthier lifestyle is about encouraging them to change their habits. ... Even more importantly, it’s about helping them to change their thinking habits,” Brenkus says. “Maybe sometime in the past they tried a diet or fitness regimen and they failed at it. That doesn’t mean they can’t try again – and this time with you as their cheerleader.”

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but was later located in the 2900 block of South Fletcher Avenue. Upon contact with officers, she allegedly resisted an attempt to take her into custody and attempted to pull one officer into the roadway. Cirulnick was charged with arson, resisting a law enforcement officer with violence, and simple battery.

It took firefighters approximately 15 minutes with the assistance of the fire sprinkler system to knock down the fire,

according to the release. The structure received minimal fire-related damage, but sustained water damage from the sprinkler system activation. There were no civilian or firefighter injuries reported.

The cause of the fire is being investigated by the Florida State Fire Marshal’s Office in conjunction with the city fire marshal and the police.

As of Tuesday morning Cirulnick was being held in the Nassau County Jail on a \$35,000 bond.



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POLICE REPORT

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■ Charles Edward Kilpatrick, 37, 371067 Eastwood Road, Hilliard, May 25, felony battery.

■ William Shannon Wagner, 53, 85063 Mickler St., Callahan, May 25, felony habitual traffic offender.

■ Cody James Scott McCauley, 22, 17094 McCauley Lane, Hilliard, May 26, possession of a controlled substance and possession of cocaine.

■ Danielle Patrice Guidry, 37, 2019 Cashen Wood Drive, Fernandina Beach, May 27, child abuse.

■ Michael William Johnson, 52, 27516 Swearingen Road, Hilliard, May

27, burglary of an occupied vehicle and child abuse without great bodily harm.

■ Kyle Lafayette Rogers, 27, 471 Thomas St., Saint George, Ga., May 27, possession of a controlled substance.

■ Skylore Lillian King, 42, 45232 Dixie Ave., Callahan, May 28, theft of a motor vehicle, theft and dealing in stolen property.

■ Edna Charlene Meadows, 36, 452044 Old Dixie Highway, Callahan, May 29, interference with family custody.

■ Sheila Kay Crowder, 57, 210 S. 14th St., Fernandina Beach, May 30, introduction of contraband into a jail facility, DUI, driving while license suspended and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis.

■ Paul Allen Jennings, 35, 97502 Pirates Point Road, Yulee, May 30, sale of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Madison Lee Lucas, 41, 9966

Sibbald Road, Jacksonville, May 30, possession of methamphetamine, driving with a suspended license (second conviction) and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Joe Mack O'Neal, 37, 85487 Ashley Ave., Yulee, May 30, possession of methamphetamine and resisting arrest without violence.

■ Holly Nicole Poling, 24, 97502 Pirate Point Road, Yulee, May 30, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Steven Cary Strength, 43, 95525 Douglas Road, Fernandina Beach, May 30, possession of methamphetamine and theft.

■ Ashley Bennett Thornton, 30, 12707 Lanier Road, Jacksonville, May 30, child neglect and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Benjamin Shane Collins, 38, 13490 Gran Bay Parkway, Jacksonville, May 31, fleeing and eluding a police officer

and DUI.

■ Marie Lenora Muhs, 34, 9157 Third Ave., Jacksonville, June 1, felony habitual traffic offender.

■ Cleatha Mae Geneva Cain, 45, 3624 Pine Bark Court, Fayetteville, N.C., June 2, carrying a concealed weapon.

■ Alexandra Elizabeth Lizotte, 18, 45084 Ewing Park Road, Callahan, June 6, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Christopher Dwayne Nail, 26, 46 Lakeview Drive, Waycross, Ga., June 2, false imprisonment, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, carrying a concealed weapon and unlawful sex with a minor.

■ Christopher Chad Hildenbrand, 42, 4059 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Kingsland, Ga., June 3, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Mark Stuart Pringle, 52, 262 Horseshoe Loop, Saint George, Ga.,

June 3, possession of methamphetamine and possession of cocaine.

■ Shannon Michelle Stewart, 34, 45084 Mickler St., Callahan, June 3, unlicensed real estate broker.

■ Tina Marie Combs, 33, 95158 Clearwater Road, Fernandina Beach, June 4, possession of methamphetamine, failure of owner/operator to maintain required license, driving an unregistered motor vehicle and driving with suspended license.

■ Jimmy Ricky Gee, 55, 15635 C.R. 108, Hilliard, June 4, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

■ Francis Craig Koch, 37, 54025 Plantation Road, Callahan, June 4, trafficking methamphetamine over 14 grams, driving with a suspended license (second conviction) and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Anthony Raheem Kortekaas, 19, 96185 Mount Zion Loop, Yulee, June 4, possession of cocaine.

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COURT REPORT

The following report was compiled by Pamela Bushnell of the News-Leader from the June 7 court docket of the Circuit Court of Judge Robert M. Foster.

■ Angeliqne Christine Abraham admitted violation of probation for grand theft. Probation was revoked and terminated. She was sentenced to seven months in Nassau County Jail and ordered to pay \$1,205.31 in outstanding court costs.

■ Christopher Joseph Bordonaro admitted straight to the court to violation of probation for burglary of a conveyance. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to two years of community control, level 2, plus drug and alcohol evaluation and follow through with treatment recommendations.

■ Adam Joseph Christman admitted

violation of probation for possession of heroin and two counts of grand theft. He was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked and terminated. He was sentenced to 13 months in Florida State Prison with credit for time served and ordered to pay \$3,676.34 in outstanding court costs.

■ Karin Jones Clark pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. Adjudication was withheld. She was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail and 18 months of drug offender probation to include drug and alcohol evaluation within 60 days, follow through with treatment recommendations and random urinalysis. Early termination of probation after 12 months of full compliance may be considered.

She must pay \$518 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Clifton Delanie Cook waived his right to a speedy trial for possession of a concealed firearm by a convicted felon and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

■ Murphy Stanley Cook III denied violation of probation for the sale, manufacture or delivery of MDMA ecstasy and for the sale, delivery, purchase of manufacture of cannabis.

■ Edward Jeffrey Coyle admitted violation of probation for leaving the scene of an accident involving personal injury and driving while his license was suspended or revoked. He was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked and terminated. He was sentenced to

six months in the Nassau County Jail and ordered to pay \$913.12 in outstanding court costs.

■ William Phillip Evans Jr. waived his right to a speedy trial for battery on a law enforcement officer.

■ Gregory Scott Ferguson pleaded guilty to aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to two years in Florida State Prison with credit for time served. He must pay \$418 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.

■ Angela Dean Finley, who earlier pleaded guilty straight to the court to possession of a controlled substance, possession of less than 20 grams of

cannabis, and two counts of the sale, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, failed to appear for her sentencing hearing. She was arrested and sentenced after testimony. She was adjudicated guilty on all counts and sentenced to 14 months in Florida State Prison. She was ordered to pay \$1,554 in court costs, \$300 to the State Attorney's Office and \$450 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Jason Ashley Gee pleaded guilty to new charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of buprenorphine and admitted to violation of probation for previous convictions on two counts of possession of a controlled substance. He was adjudicated guilty on

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White nationalists and FDR's prayer

I feel anguish at the choice of the *News-Leader* to feature Southern Separatists as a front page article on the cover of the June 6 edition while relegating to page 7A the quoted remarks of President Roosevelt on the depth of meaning of the D-Day anniversary, a radical transposition of American ideals. Our warriors who fought and died to keep us free deserve more respect and historical positioning in the June 6, D-Day Anniversary of our community paper. That is, in fact, the truly important story. Give the Separatists their due, but not on D-Day.

Harry Henning
Amelia Island

Honoring the flag

June 14 was set aside as Flag Day officially to honor and remember the flag as a tribute to all Americans. Especially those who sacrificed their lives protecting the freedom we believe that living in this country brings.

As said, many men and women Americans paid the supreme price for defending this flag and our country during the time of need.

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One of the events that we think is a strong symbol and best example of this is the World War II raising of the flag by U.S. Marines on February 23, 1945 during the battle of Iwo Jima, where six Marines raised the flag on Mount Suribachi.

Let us honor and remember Flag Day on June 14th, again and always.

There are many proper ways of flying and displaying our country's red, white and stars as a display of freedom.

That brings us to our Fernandina Veterans' Memorial Park here in our city. The flags have been placed again as a tribute to our veterans that we remember. Honorably discharged veterans may be remembered by purchasing a brick with their name.

I believe that a recent article in the *News-Leader* is one that I must comment on and express my view. The article (June 6) was (about) a group of anti-Americans called “The Florida League of the South.” This group believes the Pledge of Allegiance is a tool of “socialist engineering” and the American Flag is a symbol of an evil empire.

Those are fighting words, this group is nothing but anti-American and deserves nothing from our nation.

I wore the uniform of a United States soldier. Proudly and to this day I fight for the American flag, and the Pledge of Allegiance. I stand up the flag, not kneel. I also believe that students should do the same every day and learn the past, why we have a country that is so great.

John P. Megna
Fernandina Beach

Out of touch

Are our city and county commissioners really out of touch when it comes to development? Over and over again we read the comments from online local news sources concerning the amount of development taking place on the island and in Nassau County. Yet our city and county representatives seem to ignore the public's plea for a break from the relentless, new construction and density increases. Are they really out of touch?

Interestingly enough, not long ago, the city of Fernandina Beach solicited a national company to survey the desires of its citizens before the 2017 November City Commission election. The most pertinent part of the survey was the section that involved planning. There were big winners and losers in this survey of the city's future. And for candidates, the key word in the questions should have been future “planning,” and the

key indicator in the survey (that every city candidate should have noted) was the fact that 85 percent of the respondents “always” or “usually” voted. Let's face it, people who take the time to fill out surveys seldom have difficulty walking to a ballot box.

So what did the respondents have to say about growth and development? Oddly, but not surprisingly, the survey just didn't ask. However, there were some indicators that should have told our local officials that people were probably not happy with it. When asked what the focus of the community should be in the next two years, a whopping 90 percent of the respondents said that the “quality of overall natural environment” was “Essential” or “Very Important.” And when asked how important it was for the city to do strategic planning for specific items, a resounding 82 percent stated that “Environmental Conservation” was “Essential” or “Very Important” for their overall quality of life. (This may also explain to puzzled commissioners and staff alike why people get so upset when the trees come down.)

Rightfully, 85 percent of respondents also knew that it was “Essential” and “Very Important” that “Planning and Growth Management” affected their quality of life. They get it, the Planning Department has control over development and their quality of life. There are also some fairly definitive hints that the planning staff has little involvement with the citizenry and hasn't gotten the 90 percent message yet.

Did you know that in the City's Land Development Code (LDC) the term “Open Space” is not even defined or even listed in its definitions? In a recent zoning change, a Planned Unit Development (PUD) used the word “civic space” in its documents. The city has no definition in its LDC for “civic space.” Even the state of Florida mandates that Community Development (a Planning Department) provide planning that “Preserves open space and natural lands and provides for public open space and recreation needs.” (FS 163.3177 9b(VI))

If anyone should take the time to read the city's Land Development Code or Comprehensive Plan, it becomes apparent that enhancing and preserving the natural environment is selectively not represented in the Land Development Code. The city's Comprehensive Plan offers conservation, but the Land Development Code that implements it does not. As a result, the planning staff usually recommends approval of density increases with little to no regard for open space or land conservation.

Unfortunately, these staff approval recommendations do have devastating effects in the legal world. Inevitably, when applicants threaten to sue for zoning or density changes, the staff report's approval recommendation goes on the hearing record to undermine any disapproving commission's vote. A necessary part of the “Findings of Fact” for a quasi-judicial hearing is given by the planning staff in the staff report. Unless a commissioner or witness goes out and looks for ‘opposing facts’, the developer will prevail in court when taking legal action. The public definitely understands how important the Planning Department has become in their lives.

If future commissioners wish to once again be “in touch” with the public's trust and wishes, they may want to listen to the 90 percent of their respondents who find the “quality of their natural environment” paramount to their quality of life. And to implement it, they will need to provide a staff and code that complies with a wish for a real “Community Development” Department which preserves our natural environment and requires environmental conservation, not one that just plans where to put the buildings.

I am not sure the citizenry can change the mentality of the city's planning staff toward retaining our natural environment, but our voting citizenry did change two seats on the City Commission in the last election.

Faith Ross
Fernandina Beach, Fla.

Editor's note: The writer is the wife of Fernandina Beach City Commissioner Chip Ross.

Don't mess with my beach access

Did anybody see HB 631 coming? I didn't. I guess I had too much faith in our state's constitution, or at least what I thought it said: “Beaches in the state of Florida belong to the people.” Pretty straightforward, right? I guess not.

Somewhere in the Florida panhandle a court case happened and that ruling changed everything. That court, it seemed, believed that the land between the mean high water mark and a homeowner's property belonged to the homeowner, not the people of Florida, and the homeowner could control what happened within “their” property – including keeping out “the people,” you know, the ones whose beach it is (so says the state's constitution).

The Florida Legislature, in order to clarify things, passed HB 631, one of the most convoluted and poorly worded pieces of legislation in that body's long and inglorious history of passing convoluted and poorly worded pieces of legislation.

Conflicted legislators, seemingly mystified at the public's overwhelmingly negative reaction, did what politicians do – they publicly sided up to the people and their right of access, but said that few of us actually understood the legislation; ambiguous – yes, poorly worded – yes, but innocuous, and at the end of the day, it'll have little or no effect.

How wrong those conflicted, sidling-up legislators were, for now the people who want to use the beach they've always used are having to prove they've actually used it continuously. What? I know. What happens if the people can't prove they've used their beach continually? Well, that's when the signs go up, the ones that say, “Private beach – no trespassing!”

So, what constitutes proof of use? How about old pictures of people walking around west of the mean high water mark, or old pieces of driftwood – carbon dated for accuracy, or death bed testimonials of sloshing around in the sloughs as a child (just kidding). What will work are affidavits, notarized ones, swearing that (and I'm not kidding here) the person has used the soft sand above the mean high water line in order to access “their” beach beneath it.

All of this ambiguity and mendacity is enough to bring a smile even to Bill Clinton's face: “What does beach mean?” “What does access mean?” “Exactly how do the people access ‘their beach’ without traipsing through the soft sand, or the place



DEBATE AND TACKLE

Ron Sapp

In 1973, there wasn't as much haze surrounding the issues – a resort on the island's south end was advertising a private beach and wanted to close it to cars and trucks (the only means of public access to all parts of the beach at the time). Tom Rich and Don Adams formed a kind of citizen's militia to do battle with the resort and a compliant Board of County Commissioners that had been mesmerized by the promise of dollar signs: Citizens for the Preservation of Public Beaches.

I joined the organization soon after it started because I was captivated and dedicated to their goal, complete free and public access to all the beach, every inch of our 13 miles. To think that one day we would consider the preservation of 600 feet of on-beach parking at the Sadler Road access a “victory,” would be, well, unthinkable and relinquishing the privilege to engage in traditional beach activities – surf fishing, surfing, etc. – anathema.

What would Tom Rich, Don Adams and the rest of the beach militia of 1973 have to say about having to prove continued use of beach uplands, traditional use of the beach above the mean high water mark? I think they would be disgusted and irate, but most of all, I think they'd be embarrassed, embarrassed at being forced to sign an affidavit swearing to what all of us know to be true – that generations and generations of Amelia Islanders – virtually everyone who's ever lived here since the Timucuan – has used the beach, traditionally and continuously. Having to produce a picture depicting that use or sign a piece of paper swearing to that use is humiliating.

As for this beach militia member, well, I prefer Woody Guthrie's lyrics when it comes to No Trespassing signs: “...but on the other side there, it didn't say nothin,' that side was made for you and me.”

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The U.S. Army's birthday and Flag Day

June contains the birthday of the United States Army and National Flag Day! The U.S. Army is our country's oldest branch of service, dating back to 1775, the direct descendant of the Continental Army of the Revolutionary War. It is celebrating its 243rd birthday. The U.S. Army was officially sanctioned by the then-“Congress of Confederation” on June 3, 1784 to replace the disbanded Continental Army, but it claims the honor of our nation's oldest service with an official inception date of June 14, 1775.

The Continental Congress authorized the formation of 10 companies of light infantry composed of expert riflemen to form military units for defense for various areas of New England at the time, but by July 1775 the ranks had swollen to double the amount of companies totaling more than 20,000 men with a formative rank and file structure.

George Washington was unanimously selected by Congress to be general and commander in chief of the U.S. Army at that June 14 meeting. On June 16, 1775, subordinate generals to Washington and staff officers above the rank of colonel were selected by Congress. Five major staff officers were also created, including an Adjutant General, a Commissary of Musters, a Paymaster General, a Commissary General and Quartermaster General. Washington was contacted and ordered to take command of the troops of the Continental Army to train, organize and prepare them.

The U.S. Army also celebrates birthdays for its individual branches. National Flag Day is also celebrated on June 14. This year will be the 243rd



birthday of the official approval of our first “Stars and Stripes!”

When the Revolutionary War broke out, Washington noticed that throughout the colonies there were different flags flown in various areas. Some examples included the “Rattlesnake Flag” used by the then-Continental Navy and the Green Pine Tree flag on a white background. There were also other flags that were quite similar to the British Union Jack. Flying different flags, especially the Grand Union Flag, confused many units of the newly formed colonist military.

Betsy and John Ross operated an upholstery shop after their marriage. John joined the Continental Army and was killed shortly thereafter. After John's death, Betsy made a decision to continue with the business and sewed and mended upholstery, military uniforms, flags and military blankets. According to legend, Washington visited Betsy on the advice of friends, and after conferring, devised the design for a flag that was approved on June 14, 1777 by the Continental Congress as our nation's first official flag.



SOURCE: NATIONAL ARCHIVES

But according to the National Archives, “We don't have proof that Betsy Ross sewed the first American flag, but a flag made by her may definitely be the earliest known U.S. flag in existence.” Her grandson, William Canby, certainly thought she had something to do with it. He told her story publicly for the first time in 1870, “delivering a paper titled ‘The History of the Flag of the United States’ to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. ... Ross's involvement with the flag began

in 1776, a year before Congress passed its first flag resolution,” according to history.org.

The original Stars and Stripes contained the colors of red, white, and blue, with no record of why these colors were selected. In the oldest known official version, there are 13 alternating stripes – seven red and six white – and in the left upper hand corner there are 13 white stars in a circle on a blue background, representing the original 13 colonies.

Bernard Cigrand from Wisconsin started his quest for a national Flag Day in 1866. Through his numerous efforts and those who felt as he did, Flag Day celebrations erupted all over the country in June 1894. It was proclaimed nationally by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and was signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1949.

You can learn more about the history of these two birthdays online or at your public library.

Wild adventures in Serbia

The best part of these international biodiversity analysis assignments of mine are the chances I get to visit a few protected areas and natural sites in the country I am studying. This project in Serbia was no different. A highlight of this trip was our time in Tara National Park, a mountainous wooded area in western Serbia across the border from Bosnia. We only had about 24 hours to enjoy this place but we sure made the most of it. I'm still recovering.

By arrangements in advance, we were met by a park ranger at 4 p.m. when we arrived at the park after an all-day car trip across the country, visiting other protected areas along the way. "Did we want to see the Overlook?" "Sure." Little did I know this involved a mountain hike down a rocky, unstable trail. Down, down, down.



WILD WAYS

Pat Foster-Turley

All the way down, for a mile or so. I kept worrying about the up, up, up part of the walk back to the car. We Floridians are flatlanders, and this was something else entirely.

But I must admit, we walked slowly. The ranger pranced down the jagged rocks like a mountain goat and my colleague Majda, a fit 40-year-old woman, accompanied him at this pace. But I stayed with Gabor, my "local biodiversity specialist," an expert in beetles. This was a good move on my part.

All along the trail, Gabor lifted up logs

and dislodged rocks to look underneath. He was delighted to find a rare endemic beetle of some sort in and among the detritus, but I was most happy about another one of his finds: A fire salamander. This might be the most common salamander in Europe, no big deal to many, but to me, it was a marvel – a fat creature with black and orange markings, about eight inches long. A real beauty!

When we finally caught up with our companions about a mile down the trail, we all were startled to see some large mammals standing still in the rocky woods near us. These were wild goats, chamois, a very secretive animal, and a fortunate sighting for all of us. I snapped a couple of shots, but alas, not good ones, before they sprinted off

SERBIA Continued on 10A



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We traveled by boat down a meandering lake in a gorge in order to view the rare griffon vultures that they preserve in this area, left. We were aiming for a cave along the lake, but out of nowhere a dangerous storm came up. A griffon vulture surveys its kingdom in Uvak Special Nature Reserve, above. A wild goat (chamois) in the mountainous woods of Tara National Park, below.



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Friday is deadline for legal services hotline

The survivors of Hurricane Irma in September 2017 who need legal assistance, but cannot afford an attorney, have just a few more days to use a toll-free hotline and request help, according to a news release from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Those affected by Hurricane Irma should call (866) 550-2929 before Friday to receive a referral for legal advice. Survivors can call the hotline at any time. Callers will be asked to leave a message that includes their name, phone number, email address,

county where they live and a brief description of their legal issue. After a message is received, a licensed Florida attorney will contact the caller within two business days to discuss his or her needs. The hotline has information in English and Spanish.

English and Spanish-speaking lawyers are available, at no charge, to offer disaster-related advice to low-income individuals and families. Attorneys can answer questions about:

- Disaster assistance from FEMA and other federal and state agencies;

- Landlord/tenant or foreclosure issues;
- Replacing wills and other legal documents lost in the disaster;
- Home repair contracts and contractors; and
- Filing life, medical and property insurance claims.

The attorneys are not able to offer assistance for cases where fees are paid as part of a settlement or award from a court.

The hotline operates through a partnership between the Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division, the American Bar Association Young

Lawyers Division and FEMA. Since beginning days after Irma's landfall, 425 lawyers have volunteered their time to work on 2,011 referrals.

The hotline will close Friday, June 15.

Free and reliable legal resources are available at FloridaLawHelp.org. That site has information about organizations that provide free or low-cost legal help to low- and moderate-income Floridians.

For more Hurricane Irma recovery information, visit www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL.

Nelson tries to help right whales

U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., unveiled legislation last week aimed at protecting the highly endangered North Atlantic right whale, according to a news release from his office.

The SAVE Right Whales Act of 2018 (S. 3038) establishes a new grant program to fund collaborative projects between states, nongovernmental organizations and members of the fishing and shipping industries to reduce the impacts of human activities on North Atlantic right whales.

There are fewer than 450 North Atlantic right whales remaining in the world. The past year was one of the worst years on record for the species, with 18 confirmed deaths between 2017 and 2018 and no new calves observed this year — the first time no calves were observed since surveys began nearly 30 years ago.

Despite protection from whaling since the 1930s, the whales are still vulnerable to ship collisions and entanglements with fishing gear, the two leading causes of injury and death.

"Right whales rely on Florida waters for their crucial breeding grounds, but we're not seeing any new calves," said Nelson, who serves as the ranking Democrat on the Senate Commerce Committee, which oversees oceans policy. "This is a troubling development that requires quick action to find ways to protect the remaining whales and bring the population back to healthy levels."

A PDF of the legislation can be found at www.commerce.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/6b348b04-7da9-4672-bdbf-8d53faa2053/665EB41ADF4063BF9610C6742018CA6A.final-narw-grants-bill-6.7.18.pdf



FOSTER *Continued from 1A*

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In his suit to stop the appointment, Trotti's legal filing says he had a conversation with Foster about "his decision to resign and have the seat go to an appointment. Essentially, Judge Foster understood Trotti's intention to run for his seat. Judge Foster stated that 'by tendering his resignation let-

ter, it is the only way this seat would be filled by a Nassau County attorney.'"

In issuing his injunction, Dodson said Foster's resignation announcement was unnecessary.

The election qualification process for the seat was already in motion when Scott canceled the election and notified state officials he intended to instead appoint a judge.

After Foster told Scott he was

retiring, nominations for his replacement began to be solicited by the Fourth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission, chaired by Patrick Kilbane of Ullmann Brown Wealth Advisors in Jacksonville Beach.

Local attorneys were encouraged to submit an application before the May 23 deadline, and the commission was in the process of scheduling those interviews.

COURTS *Continued from 6A*

all counts. He waived pre-sentencing investigation. Probation was revoked and terminated. He was sentenced to six months in Nassau County Jail with credit for time already served, ordered to pay \$1,259.44 in outstanding court costs and \$518 in new court costs plus \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Jimmy Leon Glover pleaded not guilty to two charges of grand theft.

■ Kelley Lorraine Goble pleaded not guilty to two counts of child abuse without great harm and to inhalation of a chemical substance. She was remanded into the custody of the Nassau County Sheriff's Office because of an existing warrant on other charges.

■ Corey Wayne Hart pleaded guilty to trespass and petit theft. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail. He was ordered to pay \$810.08 in restitution and \$223 plus \$150 in court costs.

■ Katie Lee Herrington admitted violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance. She was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked and terminated. She was sentenced to 60 days in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served. She was ordered to pay \$1,041.04 in outstanding court costs.

■ Karen Mechelle Hill pleaded guilty to grand theft of a motor vehicle. She was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail. She must pay \$418 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Joshua Hughes pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was adjudicated guilty, and he waived a pre-sentencing investigation. He was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail and 18 months of drug offender probation to include a drug and alcohol evaluation within 60 days, follow through with treatment recommendations and random urinalysis. He was also ordered to enroll in and successfully complete a parenting class within 30 days. He must pay \$518 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Dennis Talbert Hutto returned from Florida State

Prison to appeal a conviction for driving while his license was permanently revoked. A plea agreement was reached in which defendant's sentence for the said offense would be time served in Nassau County Jail in exchange for his withdrawal of appeals on two other convictions. He was ordered to pay \$418 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Randall Grey Jones pleaded not guilty to two charges of possession of a controlled substance and to three charges of the sale, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance.

■ Ronald Matthew Keen admitted violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis. He was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked and terminated, and he was sentenced to six months in Nassau County Jail to run concurrently with sentencing on other charges. He was ordered to pay \$1,125.80 in outstanding court costs.

■ Tammy Lynn Kight admitted violation of probation for child neglect without great harm. She was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to six months in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served. She must pay \$900.64 in outstanding court costs.

■ James Stewart Kiper pleaded guilty to grand theft of a motor vehicle. Adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to 30 days in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served. There will be no demand for restitution. He must pay \$418 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ William Isaac Koenig pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and driving while his license was suspended or revoked. Adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail and ordered to pay \$518 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Butler Mackenzie Ladson admitted violation of probation for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked and terminated. The defendant was sentenced to 18 months in Florida State Prison with credit for time served and ordered to pay \$1,790.88 in outstanding

court costs.

■ Jeffrey Alton Langley pleaded guilty to battery. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 10 months in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served. He was ordered to pay \$223 and \$150 in court costs plus surcharges of \$151 and \$201 related to the nature of the offense.

■ Orvel Winston Lloyd was found competent to represent himself with standby counsel from the Public Defender's Office on charges of aggravated fleeing and eluding police with injury/damage and battery. He faces 16 years in Florida State Prison if found guilty. The defendant filed a motion to dismiss charges in court and a hearing of the motion was scheduled for June 21.

■ Tiera Shante Moss pleaded guilty to grand theft. She was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to six months in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served. She was ordered to pay \$470 in restitution, \$418 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Bryce Hunter Ray Mullen pleaded guilty to possession with the intent to sell, deliver or manufacture cannabis; two charges of possession of a controlled substance; possession of more than 20 grams of cannabis and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. Adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail and 18 months of drug offender probation. He must submit to a drug and alcohol evaluation within 60 days, follow treatment recommendations and submit to random urinalysis. He must pay \$518 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Sylvia June Osborn denied violation of probation for grand theft.

■ Mary Jane Pascal denied violation of probation for battery on a person 65 or older.

■ Charles Roland Ritch pleaded guilty to two charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 13 months in Florida State Prison with credit for time served. He must pay \$418 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150

to the Public Defender's Office plus surcharges of \$151 and \$201 related to the nature of his offense.

■ Jason John Rosenblatt admitted violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance. He was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked

and terminated, and he was sentenced to 30 days in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served. He was ordered to pay \$1,128.40 in outstanding court costs.

■ Jeffrey Tyler Supple pleaded not guilty to child abuse without great harm and disorderly

intoxication.

■ Jennifer Marie Sybert pleaded not guilty to grand theft of a motor vehicle.

■ William Arlie Winebarger denied violation of probation for battery on a law enforcement officer.

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**ITB # 18-16
MARINA BOATER'S LOUNGE REPAIRS**

Bid Documents and Specifications are available to download from the City of Fernandina Beach website, www.fbfl.us/bids and the Onvia Demandstar website www.demandstar.com. Questions regarding the Bid requirements or process can be directed in writing to Wanda Weeks, Purchasing Agent, at wweeks@fbfl.org.

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Florida Power & Light in continuation of the Harding project to increase reliability, will need to close Harts Rd between Highway-17 and Airplane Lane on June 21st & June 22nd from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

The scope of work for Florida Power & Light will be installing two concrete power poles.

The Road Closure is needed to have a large crane set on the road to install the poles.

For any questions concerning the closure contact Steve 386-323-3888.



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PAT FOSTER-TURLEY/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

A fire salamander hides under a log in the woods.

SERBIA *Continued from 8A*

into the forest.

We eventually made our way back up the trail. "I wish I was a mountain goat," I complained at one time, as I huffed and puffed and tried to avoid breaking my ankle on the sharp rocks.

We made it out just fine, but the day was not over yet.

After the ranger conferred with my colleagues in Serbian, a decision was made to drop us off at the restaurant in the national park central area. We would eat our dinner there, then walk maybe 20 minutes back to our own lodging just outside the park. Perfect.

We enjoyed a fantastic meal of veal, potatoes and carrots, washed down with Serbian brandy and Macedonian wine. As darkness approached, we started out on the road back. But there were many roads, and it soon became dark. We had Google maps on our cell phones, but alas, these little roads weren't there. We would walk a bit in one direction and Majda, holding the GPS, would tell us, "No, it's the wrong way," and we'd backtrack. I started thinking about all the signs everywhere about the brown bears here, and as it approached 10 p.m., I started longing for my bed.

Eventually we backtracked all the way to the national park central area and found someone to help us. We were so confused and tired that the waiter at the hotel took pity on us and left his station to guide us to the right path. Without his help, we still would be walking in circles in the dark woods of Tara.

The next day we drove to another nature reserve, Uvac, where we boarded a boat to travel down a meandering lake in a gorge in order to view the rare griffon vultures that they preserve in this area. We were aiming for a cave along the lake, but out of nowhere a storm came up, lightning, thunder, rain, the whole works, and we just managed to get back to the dock before it became very dangerous. Yet another adventure.

During my assignment in Serbia I visited a number of places, from river gorges to flat wetlands, lakes, deep woods, and pristine fly-fishing streams. Mostly though, I interviewed scores of people concerned about wildlife conservation in the country. And, best of all, I made two new friends, Majda and Gabor, who will be with me on Facebook for years to come.

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

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FILE PHOTOS

Hilliard's Jacob Crews in action this season for the Flashers. He's the most valuable player on the 2017-18 all-Nassau county boys basketball team.

Crews MVP of all-Nassau County team

AMANDA REAM
Community Newspapers

Jacob Crews didn't earn a place on the team when he was in sixth grade, but that didn't stop him from working hard. By eighth grade, he held a position on Hilliard Middle-Senior High School's varsity basketball team.

As he began conditioning to earn a place among the Flashers, he met current Flashers Coach Myron Saunders.

"He wasn't that good; all legs and arms, uncoordinated," Saunders said, adding that Crews has something many players lack - dedication. "He wants to be good. There's a big difference between saying you want to be good and working hard to be good."

At that time, Crews was 6-foot-1. Now the 6-foot-6 shooting guard just finished his third year with the Flashers and is Nassau County's most valuable player.

"He's a gym rat," Saunders said. "He loves being in the gym. It's all he wants to do. Never once when we go into the gym does he sit down or get on the phone."

Crews laces up his shoes and puts his headphones on, zoning in on his workout. He credits Saunders for much of his success on the court.

"He's amazing. That's a father figure to me right there," Crews said. "That's one of the main reasons I won't leave Hilliard is because of him. ... He's the best coach there is. It's dedication to the players and the players have to be dedicated. I'm in there every day."

Crews plays basketball year-round, also playing AAU with Thunderstruck for the past year. He traveled to Miami and



Jacob Crews



Will Ferguson



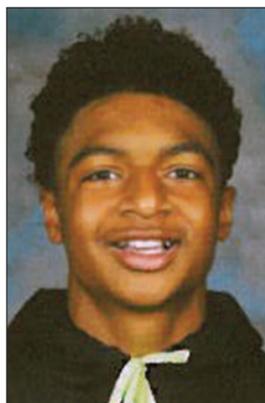
Quevagh Wesley



Sam Jackson



Scotty Rivenbark



Dallan Coleman

Atlanta in recent months. "I played three 7-footers at one time," he said. "It was unreal."

Despite his opponents' size, he had eight blocks in that game.

He dreams of a scholarship to a Division I school and has had interest from the University of Central Florida, South Dakota and the

University of North Florida. This coming season with the Flashers will be his last. Though he was technically a sophomore in 2017-18, the 17-year-old is set to graduate in 2019.

In Hilliard's battle with Yulee, he and fellow all-county team member Will Ferguson faced off while UNF's scout watched.

"Me and him had a good

battle that game. They also got the W," Crews noted.

As a sophomore, he averaged 19 points and 10 rebounds per game. He came back much stronger this year, averaging 27 points and 13 rebounds.

"If you look at my form, it's not an all-natural form," Crews said. "It's something I'm always working on."

He also focuses on his aca-

demics, maintaining at least a 3.0. Saunders and wife Wanda always encourage Crews to do his best.

"She's on my case, but it's not annoying or anything like that. It's very appreciated," Crews said.

He tries to live by the motto his coach reiterates often: "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

Carlous Hall assists Saunders and has helped Crews perfect his aim.

"He teaches me a lot in the post," Crews said. "He's a very hard-working coach."

Hall said Crews' confidence helps him score.

"He's never nervous and he's always willing to take the shot," Hall said. "He's become this outstanding shooter who can shoot from anywhere inside the half-court line."

Crews had 44-point and 45-point games back-to-back this season, with four games at 40-plus points. The last player to score so well was Zack Whittenburg, who was Hilliard's most recent all-county MVP, holding the title in 2004 and 2005.

"I just love the drive," Crews said. "The adrenaline rush you get when you're shooting a 3, dunkin' on someone and all of that. ... I started picking up a basketball and shooting at 4 and, ever since then, I just always had a basketball goal near me."

He has great support from his grandparents, Douglas and Cheryl Davis of Hilliard.

"I couldn't ask for anything different," he said. "They're very, very amazing people, godly people. If it were them or basketball, I'd give up basketball."

This year's All-County Boys

Basketball Team includes:

- Jacob Crews, sophomore shooting guard, Hilliard. The Nassau County MVP scored a total of 674 points in 25 games, averaging 26.8 points and 13 rebounds per game. He shot 58 percent from the free-throw line and made 32 three-point shots.

- Will Ferguson, senior center and forward, Yulee. Ferguson averaged 13 points, 8.2 rebounds and 1.2 assists for the 17-8 Hornets. He returns to the all-county team. Ferguson will play basketball and South Georgia State College.

- Dallan "Deebo" Coleman, freshman point guard, West Nassau. Coleman averaged 23 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists per game for the Warriors.

- Scotty Rivenbark, senior forward, Fernandina Beach. He averaged 10.9 points, 7.5 rebounds, 1.8 assists and a steal for the 14-12 Pirates. He also shot 57.1 percent from the free-throw line. Rivenbark will play baseball at Piedmont International University.

- Sam Jackson, senior forward, Yulee. Jackson averaged 13.5 points, seven rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.7 steals for the Hornets. He also returns to the all-county team. Jackson has signed to play basketball at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

- Quevagh Wesley, senior forward, Fernandina Beach. Wesley averaged 9.7 points, 6.5 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 1.1 steals for the Pirates.

Honorable mention: Robert Simpkins, CJ Quinones, Hilliard; Joey Harris, Nick Vanlennep, Walker Bean, Fernandina Beach; Cameran Atwater, Shemar Melton, West Nassau; and Dennis Perkeci, Yulee.

Fishing Rodeo slated for Aug. 4

The 36th annual Fernandina Beach Fishing Rodeo, presented by the Nassau Sport Fishing Association, will be held Aug. 4 at the Fernandina Harbor Marina. It is sanctioned by the Southern Kingfish Association as part of their 2018 Tournament Trail national championship series. There is a kingfish division and an in/off-shore division. Every entrant can fish one or both divisions.

The traditional silent auction and raffle will be going on full swing Friday and Saturday. For food, there will be barbecue along with the fully-equipped Scoops ice cream stand. The Budweiser Beer Wagon will be on hand along with other non alcoholic beverages to help handle the summer heat.

There will be live entertainment on Friday and Saturday evening featuring Larry and the Backtracks on

stage. There will be several boats of various sizes on display along with some brand-new trucks from local dealers.

The weigh-in is from 2-5 p.m. Saturday. Jacksonville captain Rick Ryals, Florida Sportsman TV and radio personality, will be the emcee.

Online tournament registrations are encouraged, but checks will also be accepted. Five days are needed to process a check if it is mailed in, so send them early to receive the early registration fee rate.

See all of the registration information and instructions at www.nsfafish.net. VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards are accepted.

The early entry deadline is July 20. Early entry fees are \$350 for the kingfish division and \$100 for the in/offshore division.

Cash prizes up to \$10,000, based on the number of boats registered, will be awarded in a special presentation that will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

This year, tournament organizers added a second-place cash prize for each species in the in/offshore division part of the tournament.

For information, visit www.nsfafish.net or call the tournament committee at 277-8889.

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.

Another Bahamas bout for Vendola in September

Chris Vendola beat Yendaris Vazquez by knockout in the first round of a professional boxing match in the Bahamas recently.

Vendola said he plans to return to the Caribbean island for another

match in September.

"Vazquez is a Cuban fighter with an extensive amateur background and a warrior pro career," Vendola said. "It was a great experience fighting in a history-making event. The

fight was the first pro boxing event in Freeport in 30-plus years."

Vendola, who captured a World Boxing Federation title in 2014, trains with Jean LeBrun in Nassauville.

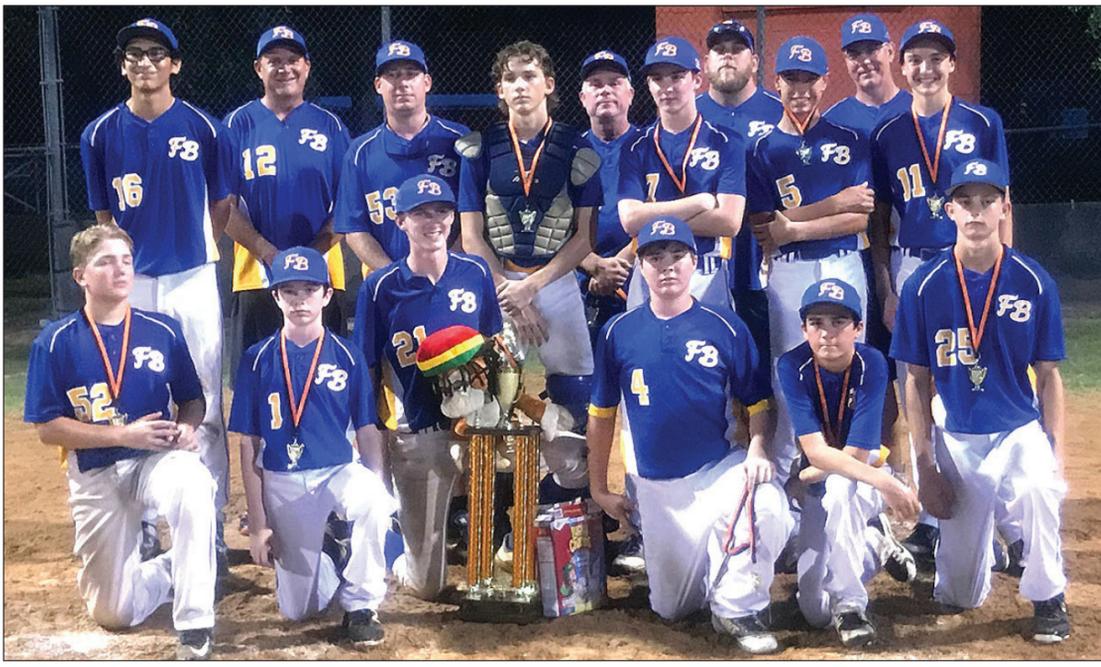
FISH TALES



Cooper Pickney, left, and Scotty Rivenbark of Fernandina Beach landed these speckled trout while fishing off the beach recently. They also caught pompano, Spanish mackerel and jack crevalle. Share your fishing photos with the News-Leader. Email to bjones@fbnewsleader.com.

SPECIAL

CRUSHED IT!



SUBMITTED

The 15U Fernandina Beach Pirates came from behind to defeat Julington Creek in the championship game of the Orange Crush tournament, held in Orange Park over the weekend. The 15U Pirates are now 10-1 this all-star season. The team includes, front row from left, Ashton Sweat, Ryan DeMario, Collin Helms, Matthew Evans, Tyler Gillette, Joseph Walker; back row, Javier Burruel, coaches Nick Gillette and Joey Helms, Adam Grogan, manager Charles Evans, Josh Kear, coach Jason Grogan, Andrew Stancin, coach Jim Stancin and Tom Gray. Not pictured: Andrew Garcia.

SUMMER CAMPS

FCA camps

Faith Christian Academy will be offering athletic training camps for boys and girls basketball, boys flag football and girls volleyball for rising fifth through 12th graders. Participants will receive coaching and instruction from FCA coaching staff, who have numerous years of experience, as well as special guest instructors with professional and collegiate experience.

Camp will begin each day with a daily devotional and prayer. At the start of camp, each athlete will be filmed for a skills evaluation. Coaches will work on improving the student's overall knowledge and skill pertaining to their specific sport. Athletes will be filmed again at the end of training to show areas of improvement and areas still needing work. Athletes have the option of attending three-day (\$65), four-day (\$85) or five-day (\$100) camps. Camp will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., with extended care available until 4 p.m. for an additional fee (\$10/day, \$25/week).

Camps will be held at the FCA Upper School Campus located behind New Life Baptist Church, 464067 SR 200 (at Blackrock Road). Camp dates are June 18-22, girls basketball; July 23-27, boys flag football and girls volleyball.

A registration form must be completed for each participant. For information, contact Coach Glenn Parrish, athletic director for Faith Christian Academy, at 321-2137 or 412-1408.

Kraft Tennis Partners

The Kraft Tennis Partners, located at the Kraft Athletic Club, 96120 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach, offers a tennis camp for ages 4-14 at 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The cost for the eight sessions is \$25 per child. All equipment will be provided, and each camper will receive a T-shirt, snacks and water. For information on the camp, visit www.krafttennis.com or call Jerry Kawecky at 415-0187.

PASSING THE GAVEL



SUBMITTED

The Women's Golf Association of the Amelia Island Club at Long Point held its spring luncheon and annual meeting on May 10. New president for 2018-19, Betsy Millen, honors Donna Sweet, the outgoing president, with a framed photo of Long Point holes Nos. 6 and 7. Sweet received an azalea potted plant.

Myslinski, Nicholson team up for MGA win

The Men's Golf Association of the Golf Club of Amelia Island held its two-man One Best Ball Match on Saturday.

Twenty-one two-man teams were divided into three flights. In the first flight, Rich Myslinski and Tom Nicholson placed first with a net 57; Darryl Crisp and Michael Kaye were second with a net 59. In flight two, Brian Boyer and Jim Kotopka tied Rick Keffer and Jim McCollum for first with a net 59. In the third flight, John McClure and Mark Sobolewski were first with a net 60; Al Saunders and Pat Whelan tied Jack Harrison and George Murphy for second with a net 62.

Winners of the closest-to-the-pin competitions were Eddie Claxon, Keffer and Don Klima.

Outstanding individual gross score performances were delivered by Sobolewski with a 67, Kaye with a 70 and Mike Young with a 72.

Sheriff's golf tourney

Test your skills against Sheriff Bill Leeper, fellow law enforcement officers and area leaders while helping to raise money to benefit the community. The Nassau County Sheriff's Office and NCSO Charities are sponsoring the fourth annual Sheriff's Golf Tournament on June 22 at the Golf Club at North Hampton, Fernandina Beach.

GOLF NEWS

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., and the scramble shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. The event will be followed with an awards ceremony and a meal.

Form a four-person team for \$500. Sponsorships are also available.

Contact Larry Boatwright at 548-4027 or lboatwright@nassauso.com for information.

Blake Bortles event

The third annual Blake Bortles Foundation Charity Golf Tournament will return to the World Golf Village for the annual event this June.

The event will kick off with a concert and pairings party held at the Renaissance Resort Hotel Convention Center on June 24. The golf tournament will return to the King & Bear Golf Course on June 25.

The Blake Bortles Foundation Charity Golf Tournament is a two-day event that combines music, golf, local flavors and a first-class good time.

The tournament and concert were created in 2016 as a main fundraising platform for the Blake Bortles Foundation.

For information or to purchase tickets and register, visit www.blakebortlesfoundation.com or contact info@blakebortlesfoundation.com.

ALS tournament

The 14th annual ALS Amelia Island Golf Classic, held in memory of John Louis O'Day, will be held Aug. 3 at The Amelia Island Club at Long Point. Tournament proceeds benefit the ALS Association Florida Chapter.

Entry fees are \$200 per player or \$800 for a foursome. The reception only is \$50 per person. Sponsorships are available.

Registration and warm-up with lunch buffet are from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with a shotgun start at noon. Format is a four-person scramble.

The dinner reception is from 5-8 p.m. and includes beer and wine, raffle prizes, awards, silent auction and live music.

Contests include hole-in-one, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin (men and women) and putting on putting green. Awards go to the first- through fifth-place net teams and first- and second-place gross teams. All players receive a complimentary goody bag.

Raffle tickets will be available for five for \$20 or an entire arm wing span for \$100.

For information, contact Mark O'Day at 553-0576 or odaym25@aol.com or visit www.ALSGolfAmelia.com.

PRO GOLF WEEKLY UPDATE

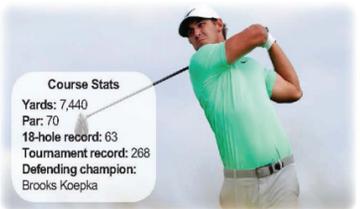
Golf News, Tips, Trivia & Stats



This Week in Pro Golf

The U.S. Open returns to historic Shinnecock Hills this week

The United States Open is the second major championship on the PGA Tour schedule. This year, the U.S. Open will be played at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club. The oldest incorporated golf club in the United States, Shinnecock Hills was formed in 1891 and was one of five founding members of the U.S. Golf Association. In last year's U.S. Open, Brooks Koepka (pictured below) went four days carding nothing worse than a bogey to finish at 16-under, four shots ahead Hideki Matsuyama and Brian Harman.



Day	Time	Network
Thursday	9:30am-4pm	FS1
Thursday	4pm-7:30pm	FOX
Friday	10am-4pm	FS1
Friday	4pm-7:30pm	FOX
Saturday	11am-7:30pm	FOX
Sunday	11am-7:30pm	FOX

Pro Golf Trivia

How many major championships has Dustin Johnson won?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

Answer: a) 1. Dustin Johnson's only major championship victory came at the 2016 U.S. Open.

Top News Stories

Dustin Johnson reclaims spot as World No. 1

Dustin Johnson emphatically reclaimed the No. 1 ranking Sunday, holing out for eagle from 170 yards on the final hole of the St. Jude Classic. "What a cool way to end the day," Johnson said. Johnson shot a 4-under 66 for his second PGA Tour victory this year and 18th of his career to take back the No. 1 ranking he held for 64 straight weeks before dropping down a month ago.

Rickie Fowler announces engagement to Allison Stokke

The 29-year-old golfer announced on Instagram Friday that he had gotten engaged to longtime girlfriend Allison Stokke, a former All-American track and field star at UC Berkeley. Stokke caddied for Fowler during the Par-3 contest of this year's Masters.

Lessons from the Golf Pro

The "axe" or "tomahawk" shot is one that is not used very often, but can be essential in saving strokes. This shot is primarily used when trying to make a shot from the back edge of a bunker, right along the edge between the grass and the sand. When the ball is on the back edge of the bunker, you can not use a normal backswing because you will hit the lip of the bunker. To avoid hitting the back lip of the bunker, you must pick the club up vertically like an axe and then bring it back to the ball on the same line. As the club hits the sand around two inches behind the ball, you need to eject your left arm to allow the cut to cut right underneath the ball. This will allow the ball to sail out easily and toward the target.

Last Week in Pro Golf

Dustin Johnson won the St. Jude Classic



Dustin Johnson ran away from the field Sunday on the way to his second St. Jude Classic championship, finishing with a score of 19-under after carding a final-round 66. It was the lowest score under par by a winner at this tournament since David Toms shot 20-under in 2003. Johnson finished six shots ahead of runner-up Andrew Putnam. Johnson, who won the U.S. Open in 2016, now heads to Shinnecock Hills after stringing together four straight rounds in the 60s.

Player	Score	Earnings
1. Dustin Johnson	-19	\$1,188,000
2. Andrew Putnam	-13	\$712,800
3. J.B. Holmes	-9	\$448,800

FedEx Cup Standings

Player	Points	Top 10s
1) Justin Thomas	1,543	4
2) Dustin Johnson	1,471	6
3) Justin Rose	1,455	6
4) Jason Day	1,341	6
5) Bryson DeChambeau	1,335	4
6) Phil Mickelson	1,302	4
7) Patrick Reed	1,244	4
8) Bubba Watson		
9) Jon Rahm		

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SPORTS SHORTS

Adult tai chi

Master Tom Gagne is offering adult tai chi classes at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Pak's Karate Academy of Fernandina Beach at paksfernbch@yahoo.com or 261-8660.

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/ameliaisland-lax. Email aincyouthlacrosse@gmail.com or contact organizer Fred McFarlin at (252) 229-7033 or 277-6702.

Sailing club meets

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 to joining. 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.

Boules Club

The Amelia Island Boules Club holds petanque pickup games on the petanque courts

at Central Park, corner of Atlantic Avenue and South 11th Street, 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.

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.

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 for information.

Organized bike rides

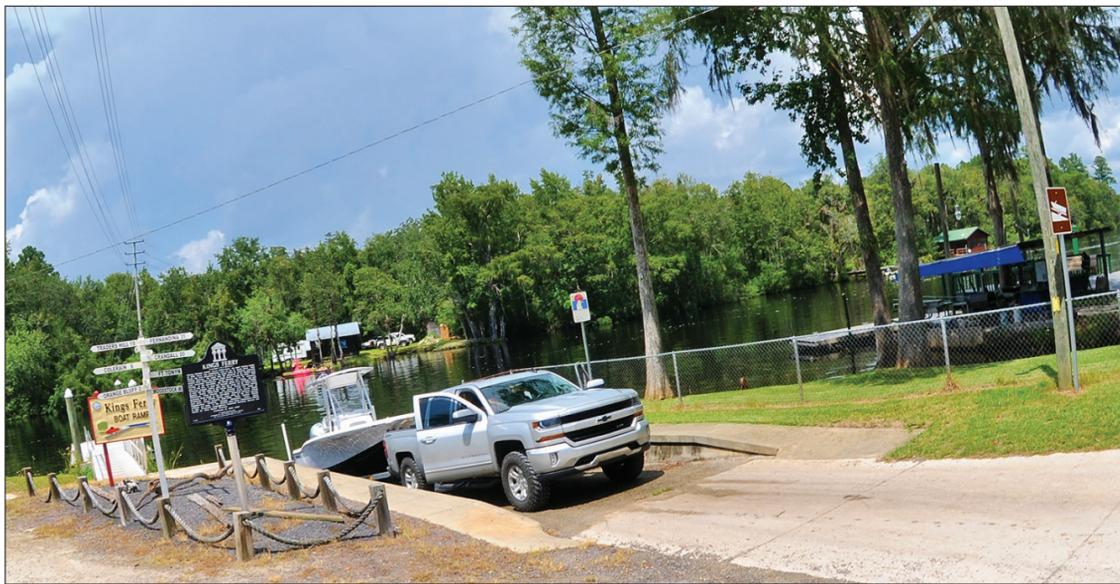
The North Florida Bicycle Club offers several organized bicycle rides each week at various times and locations on Amelia Island and in Nassau County. Cyclists of all abilities are welcome.

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.ameliaslandcycling.com, www.ameliaslandtrail.org or www.nfbc.us.

Wild St. Marys River



An excellent park and boat ramp offer access to the upper reaches of the St. Marys River in Kings Ferry, above. The Florida Coastal Conservation Association is currently running a tagged redfish program, and fishermen on foot or in a boat can win cash and prizes. Pictured is Bill Riggs with a nice beach red, right. Concerned outdoorsmen participated in a recent fundraiser for the St. Marys Riverkeeper held at White Oak on the beautiful St. Marys River, below. An existing problem is the human waste that is filtering into the river.

PHOTOS BY TERRY



The St. Marys River is one of the few estuaries in North America that has not been overdeveloped along its river banks, with very little fishing pressure in its upper reaches, it is so vital to sealife as it feeds the deep waters of Cumberland Sound. During a recent fundraiser at White Oak Plantation, St. Marys Riverkeeper Rick Frey pointed out the importance of keeping the St. Marys River quality up to standards.

"The St. Marys River has a growing problem in the amount of human waste that is filtering into the river due to faulty septic tanks," Frey said. "Presently, there has been \$400,000 that has been donated to fix several of these septic tanks. "Also, during a recent cleanup of the river, some 300 volunteers removed 37,000 pounds of trash from the river. We also have 35 sites located on the river that monitor the quality of the river."

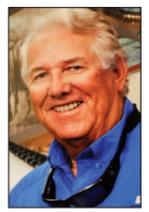
An ongoing problem with Florida lakes and rivers is keeping the water quality up to standard. We cannot survive unless we keep our waters clean. Without clean water, pollution will take over and decimate both sea life and freshwater life. A huge problem involves large sugar farms that are using Lake Okeechobee waters.

"Our estuaries are dying," William Taylor said. "Every year, the catches and fish are getting smaller."

The St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries are still recovering from lake discharges from 2013 that killed marine habitat, fueled water quality problems and made some areas unsafe for swimming. Lake Okeechobee waters used to naturally flow south, before decades of draining to make way for South Florida farming and development.

Similar problems could affect St. Marys River quality without awareness and precautions. Keeping the St. Marys River, estuaries and bays clean is a must. For information, contact Frey at stmarysriverkeeper@gmail.com or visit www.stmarysriverkeeper.org.

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association will hold a surf fishing seminar on American Beach on June 23. Professional beach fishing guide Noel Kuhn will be on hand to give excellent advice on proper casting techniques for spinning and casting tackle,



OUTDOORS
Terry Lacoss

rigging baits and rigs and, more importantly, where to fish.

Interested fishermen must pre-register by email at burkede@hotmail.com or by calling Dennis Burke at (256) 453-

4744. The Coastal Conservation Association is hosting a tagged redfish event; fishermen who have pre-entered the popular event can win lots of cash and prizes. Unfortunately, there have already been a few fishermen who have landed tagged redfish that had not pre-entered to the event.

Lucky fishermen could win a new truck or a boat, motor and trailer package by catching the right tagged redfish. Several redfish have been tagged in our Northeast Florida waters, so what are you waiting for?

Fishermen can register for the event at West Marine or online at www.ccaflstar.com.

Redfishing has been excellent in the backwaters, with the recent high falling tides occurring in the early morning hours. Small feeder creeks that feed large bays are flushing a variety of crustaceans out into open waters, where redfish are gorging themselves on the easy meal.

Good numbers of mullet have also been plentiful with the good amounts of rainfall during the past week.

King mackerel continue to school offshore at several offshore structures, including FA, FB, FC and HH fish havens.

"There have been large schools of menhaden along the beaches of Cumberland Island that make for excellent live baits for king mackerel," Capt. Billy McFadden said. "However, there are large schools of cigar minnows and Spanish sardines offshore where king mackerel are schooling as well."

One of the better live baits for catching schooling kingfish is a live Spanish sardine, so be sure to bring along several bait catcher rigs for deep jigging live sardines and cigar minnows.

Bring along a couple of boxes of frozen cigar minnows just in case you strike out with your cast net or deep jigging.



RECREATION ROUNDUP

FERNANDINA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECREATION ROUNDUP

Visit www.fbfl.us for information on any of these programs or activities.

SPORTS/FITNESS

SOCCER MADE IN AMERICA SUMMER SOCCER CAMP from 9 a.m. to noon June 18-22 at Hickory Street Park. Ages 4-17. Nationally-renowned training program with professional coaches. Participants will improve their technical and tactical knowledge of soccer, with emphasis on proper body mechanics. Each player should bring a soccer ball, shin guards and water bottle. Fees are \$160 for the first family member, \$150 second family member. Register at the Atlantic Center.

PICK-UP BASKETBALL FOR HOME-SCHOOLERS at Peck Gym with instructor Jeff Weisfeld. Open to boys and girls ages 4-18. Summer session through June 27 on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. Fee is \$2/student per day city residents, \$5 non-city. Pay for eight-week session on May 9, and the fee is

\$15 city residents, \$20 non-city. Call 310-3354 or email 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). Fees 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 multi-purpose court 3 p.m. Sunday, beginner and social play; 5 p.m. Sunday, intermediate and advanced play; 9 a.m. Monday, women's open play; 8 a.m. Tuesday, intermediate and advanced play; 10 a.m. Tuesday, social play; 11 a.m. Tuesday, beginner play and lessons; 3 p.m. Wednesday, intermediate and advanced play; 8 a.m. Thursday, men's open play; 10 a.m. Friday, social play; 11 a.m. Friday, beginner play and lessons. Email 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.

AQUATICS

SUMMER GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS. Register at the Atlantic Center. American Red Cross Levels 1-2 (1-week classes): \$40 city residents, \$50 non-city. Levels 3-4 (two-week classes): \$55 city residents, \$68 non-city. Morning lessons at Atlantic pool on Atlantic Avenue, evening lessons at MLK Jr. pool on Elm Street. Visit the Atlantic Center or www.fbfl.us.

SUMMER AQUA-ADVENTURE CAMP July 2, 3, 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for three days, one day from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Meet at the Atlantic Center. Campers should bring lunch and refillable water bottle every day. Ages 10-15. \$150 city residents, \$187 non-city. Register at the Atlantic Center. Contact Kathy Russell at 627-8303 or krussell@fbfl.org.

FERNANDINA BEACH TIDES

Tides, Sun & Moon: June 13-June 20, 2018

Day	Moonrise	Low	Sunrise	High	Moonset	Low	Sunrise	High	Moonset
Wed. 6/13	6:17A	2:51A	6:22A	12:19A	8:27P	0.01'	6:22A	12:19A	9:09'
	6:22A	9:06A	10:31A	6:17A	8:29P	7.74'	10:31A	6:17A	1:05'
	3:45P	2:54P	8:30P	12:48P	8:27P	0.56'	8:30P	12:48P	7:99'
	8:29P	9:36P	--P	6:29P	8:29P	9.22'		6:29P	1:19'
Thurs. 6/14	6:22A	3:42A	6:23A	1:13A	8:29P	0.84'	6:23A	1:13A	8:86'
	7:15A	10:01A	6:23A	7:13A	8:29P	7.84'	6:23A	7:13A	1:05'
	8:29P	3:45P	11:37A	1:44P	9:32P	0.50'	11:37A	1:44P	7:99'
	9:32P	10:31P	8:30P	7:30P	9:32P	9.29'	8:30P	7:30P	1:55'
Fri. 6/15	6:22A	4:33A	6:23A	2:07A	8:30P	0.80'	6:23A	2:07A	8:56'
	8:17A	10:56A	6:23A	8:11A	8:30P	7.91'	6:23A	8:11A	1:41'
	8:30P	4:37P	8:31P	2:42P	10:32P	0.60'	8:31P	2:42P	7:99'
	10:32P	11:25P	1:36A	3:02A	10:32P	9.24'	1:36A	3:02A	8:24'
Sat. 6/16	6:22A	5:24A	6:23A	9:09A	8:30P	0.88'	6:23A	9:09A	1:52'
	9:24A	11:52A	6:52A	3:42P	8:30P	7.96'	6:52A	3:42P	8:02'
	8:30P	5:31P	1:41P	9:40P	11:27P	0.85'	1:41P	9:40P	2:02'
	11:27P	High	8:31P		--P	--'	8:31P		--'

Tide calculations are for Fernandina Beach, 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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There is nothing quite like a good hair day



FROM THE PORCH

Dickie Anderson

It is more a woman thing than a guy thing. A good hair day is treasured and we women treasure those that can help us make it happen. When moving to a new place, it is more important to find the right beauty shop than a plumber or electrician. I am lucky in my hair magician. She is more than the special lady that has a talent for cutting and styling hair; she is my friend. We go back 20 years. Nancy at Changes is my hair lifeline.

Few people are happy with their hair. If a compliment comes their way, they will comment that it is too short or two long or the

color is wrong. So we all dream of "good hair days," somehow hitting the perfect balance – the right color, the right length, the right curliness or straightness. The older we get, the more color is a worry as the gray hairs fight to win.

I love my beauty shop, or should I say salon. No matter how dreary the weather or dark my mood, the bright light, clean smells and happy chatter bring me to a happier state. You may see a gentlemen or two, but make no mistake – chicks rule. As I walk through the salon, soft circles of chatter bubble up around the room.

Want to know what is really happening on the island – important things like new stores or restaurants, whose getting a divorce, whose sick or has just died? Just get your hair done. As conversations develop around the shop, often a question will come up from one "station" and a voice from another "station" chimes in. The chatter is not just gossip. There is a lot of love going around too. Conversations always include a genuine sharing of concerns about friends, family and neighbors who have suffered some tragedy or illness.

When my turn comes, I head

back to Nancy Mayo's magic chair for my transformation. I look in the mirror in front of me and describe my dreams and wishes or even show her a picture.

Nancy then tells me what I really need and what she is going to do. In my case, the key is a great haircut and she knows how. It is nice to feel pampered. A trip to the sink and gentle hands massage shampoo into the hair, cool water washes the soap down the drain, and then back to Nancy's chair. Many artful clips later and a blow dry and the face in the mirror is smiling. Just like our dogs, I get a summer cut. I like it short when

it gets hot. Easier to take care of. In and out of the shower more often when it gets hot. Short hair works best.

It's a good hair day when Nancy does her magic. We manage to catch up, she does her magic and I am ready to face the world and enjoy my good hair day.

So good hair days should be savored as should the wonderful folks that make us feel beautiful.

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.

COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK



LIBBY WILKES/SPECIAL

Plant sale a success

Above, UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Service Director Becky Jordi conducted a plant clinic during the agency's recent Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale so homeowners could get feedback on their plant issues while buying new plants. Below, the spring sale was busier than usual and produced the highest sales ever for the Extension Service. All proceeds benefit the Extension's horticulture programs in Nassau County and support the UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Service's Demonstration Garden.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

FBMS recognizes Students of the Month

The Fernandina Beach Middle School recently announced its teacher-selected Students of the months for March, April and May. Those recognized in March were, front row from left, Cadie Gillette, Camden Boyd, Alison Dion, Reagan Tompkins, Ben Draper, and Davis Byrd; back row, Gracyn Frederick, Libby Alvarez, Tyler Fellows, Noah Gibbs and Interim Principal Ed Brown. Missing from the photo are Michael Bolt and Madison Nordquist.



Students recognized in April were, front row from left, Ella Weepie, Skylar Beattie, Owen Hamilton, Meadow Addington, Samuel Uribe Palacios, Elijah Smith, and Alex Cueto; back row, Ilyssa Mendelson, Amelia Wright, Mitchell Aarons, and Brown. Missing from the photo are Emmie Athavale and Peyton Paulette.



Students recognized in May were, front row from left, Kiera Moisan, Conner Bryant, Margot Bell, Jody Odom, Olivia Moyes; back row, Joshua Modupe, Ashton Banister, Madison Funch, Kevin Quintero, Camryn Olson, Mr. Brown, Jacqueline Zetterower, Caden Kubatzke.



FCA holds awards ceremonies

Faith Christian Academy recognized students in special end-of-year award ceremonies last month. Select students in grades K-5 were honored at the Lower School Monday, May 21, and students in grades 6-9 were acknowledged at the Upper School Thursday, May 24. The Perseverance Award is presented to the student in each grade who has overcome challenging obstacles throughout the school year. Recipients of the Christian Character Award are chosen by their grade-level peers as the student who exemplifies Christian character in their relationships with faculty, staff and fellow students as well as through their work and participation in extra-curricular activities. The Eagle Award is presented to the students who excel academically, show strong Christian character, and good citizenship.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



PEOPLE & PLACES

THIS WEEK

Ballroom On Amelia offers Two for Tuesday group classes with Bachata at 7 p.m. followed by Merengue at 8 p.m. Tuesday classes are \$10 per person or both for \$15. A dance workshop is offered from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays for \$10 per person. There will be no Friday Night Dance Party in June. Ballroom On Amelia is at 1897 Island Walkway at RAD Studios. Neither a partner nor a reservation is required. For information, call 624-0886 or visit ballroomonamelia.com or the Ballroom on Amelia Facebook page.

Sandra Baker-Hinton will teach an acrylic with texture class 1-3 p.m. today and June 20 and 27 and a water-based painting class June 23 and 30 and July 7, both at Fern and Dina's Gallery and Gifts. The cost for either class is \$150. To register, call 557-1195.

Local artist Lisa Inglis will host painting parties during the summer at The Green Turtle Tavern and PJD's Beer & Wine Garden. Cost is \$20 per canvas with several designs from which to choose. You start whenever you show up and work at your own pace. All supplies are provided.

- The Green Turtle Tavern, 14 S. Third St., Tuesdays 5-7 p.m. on June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, Aug. 7 and 21 and Sept. 4 and 18.
- PJD's Beer & Wine Garden, 12 S. Second St., Thursdays 1-4:30 p.m. on June 28, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23 and Sept. 6 and 20.

The Hilliard Branch Library will offer beginning Spanish classes 6-8 p.m. Thursdays for 10 weeks, beginning Thursday. The classes are free and aimed at adults, though teens 14 and older are welcome. Call 530-6500 (select option "4") for more information.

The Friends of the Library Book Club will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the parlor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church to discuss *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. The program is free and open to the public. Future meeting dates and books to be discussed are July 12, *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks; Aug. 9, *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward; Sept. 13, *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi; Oct. 11, *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy; Nov. 8, *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande; Dec. 13, *Daisy Miller* by Henry James; Jan. 10, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles; Feb. 14, *The Noise of Time* by Julian Barnes.

Dr. Roger Smith will present "The Last Union Jack: What Really Happened During the Final Evacuation of Loyalists?" at the Amelia Island Museum of History's 3rd on 3rd Street program on Friday at 6 p.m., according to a news release. At the conclusion of the American Revolution, East Florida remained the only colony in North America located south of the Canadian border that never lowered the Union Jack. In this discussion you can almost feel the devastation experienced by these devoted Loyalists, as well as their Native American allies, when East Florida was simply handed back to Spain. Things would become even worse when the Spanish re-occupied the colony sixteen months before the last British evacuation ship could depart on November 13, 1785. As a result, there were two imperial governors from opposing sides in the American Revolution occupying the same colony. The same colonial capital. The same city block. And they both believed that they were in charge. Nowhere else in our nation's history do we find the absurdity of events such as those created by these bizarre circumstances. Smith is a published historian with a master's degree in the field of American history and a Ph.D. in early American history and Atlantic world studies from the University of Florida. Smith's goal is to bring the newest historical research to a general audience through entertaining speaking engagements, publications, stage performances — all while continuing his research into untold stories and history concerning the American Revolution. The program is free for museum

members with a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members. Seating is first-come, first-served. For more information, contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or gray@amelia-museum.org. The Amelia Island Museum of History is located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

The award-winning romantic comedy Guys and Dolls is playing at Amelia Musical Playhouse in Fernandina Beach. The show tells the story of gambler Nathan Detroit trying to find the cash to set up the biggest crap game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck. Meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for 14 years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, as a result. The curtain will go up at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and June 21-23, with matinee performances at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. For ticketing and questions, visit ameliamusicalplayhouse.com or call 277-3455. The theater is at 1955 Island Walkway in Fernandina Beach.

Amelia Community Theatre is currently presenting William Shakespeare's comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream. In this play that blurs fantasy and reality, the course of true love is an obstacle course, with trickery at every turn. The interwoven plots of the play have at their center the wedding of Duke Theseus and the Amazon Queen Hippolyta. A group of amateur actors, known as the mechanicals, are in the forest to rehearse a play they are to perform at the wedding. Quince, Bottom, Flute, Snout, and Snug have the best of intentions, but they struggle to learn their parts. In another part of the forest are four young lovers on the run. Hermia loves Lysander, but her father demands that she marry Demetrius. Demetrius is rather a cad, but that hasn't stopped Helena from loving him. Can the four sort themselves into two happy couples? Finally, in the realm of the fairies, King Oberon and Queen Titania have a disagreement that results in Oberon commanding his sprite, Puck, create some mischief with a love potion that makes a person fall in love with the first living thing he or she sees upon awakening from sleep. The scene is then set, all under the light of the moon, for chaos and confusion to reign. However, harmony and order are restored by the end of the play, with Puck assuring the audience that it was all just a dream. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and June 21-23 and at 2 p.m. Sunday at 207 Cedar St. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$10 for students through college and are available at AmeliaCommunityTheatre.org or 261-6749.

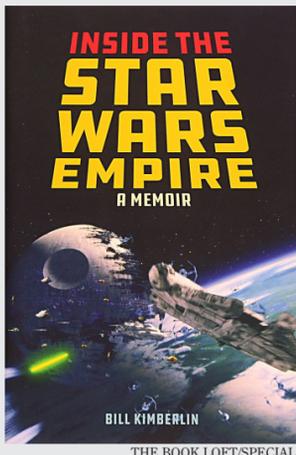
Auto Legends Amelia Cars and Conversation will meet Saturday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at Eight Flags Autosports, located at 925 S. Eighth St. in Fernandina Beach. The event is open to anyone who enjoys cars. Unique and legendary autos will be on display and owners will be available to answer questions.

St. Marys Little Theatre will hold auditions for its season opener, An Evening with the Stars, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 16, at Theatre by the Trax, located at 1000 Osborne St. in St. Marys. The original musical production will be staged like a variety show with guest celebrity performances that include some of the entertainment world's most popular stars. Show director Barbara Ryan said she is looking for performers who can look and sing similar to a celebrity and is open to suggestions. Anyone who would like to audition should prepare to sing a hit song by a popular performer (current or historical). For more information, contact Ryan at barbara@stmarysmagazine.com or 912-729-1103. Performances of *An Evening with the Stars* will be Sept. 14-15 and 21-23.

The American Legion will host a Riders Steak Dinner 5-7 p.m. Saturday. For \$12, you receive a N.Y. strip

AUTHOR TO VISIT

The Book Loft will host Bill Kimberlin, author of *Inside the Star Wars Empire*, 4-6 p.m. Thursday. The book is a funny and insightful tell-all about the two decades Kimberlin spent as a department director at Lucasfilm's Industrial Light & Magic, George Lucas' special effects company behind the groundbreaking effects first seen in the original Star Wars trilogy and subsequently in dozens of other Hollywood blockbusters. The event is open to the public and no registration is required.



cooked to order with baked potato, salad, corn, and a roll. Dinners are open to the public. The Legion is located at 626 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

Fern and Dina's Gallery and Gifts will conduct an oil and cold wax painting workshop 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 17. Participants will explore the technique of combining oil paint and cold wax and incorporating other media and tools to build layers and create texture. The class will emphasize the process and is experimental in nature. All materials are included in the \$75 class fee. Call Eva Marie at 261-5566 to register.

NEXT WEEK

Do you have questions about family history research — perhaps how to get started or ideas for getting unstuck? A volunteer from the Amelia Island Genealogical Society will be available 1-3 p.m. June 18 in the Genealogy section of the Fernandina Beach Branch Library to assist those interested in studying their family history. Stop by and see what resources are available.

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, in the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Branch Library, located at 25 N. Fourth St. in Fernandina Beach. Miles Meyer will present "Social Media as a Genealogical Research Tool." Social media has become one of the fastest growing ways to communicate, but many people are concerned with the negative impact of social media. Meyer will cover ways social media can be used to improve genealogical research including groups who provide research tips, photo restoration, minor translations, or look-ups. In addition, learn to build a social

media presence to find new cousins.

The Fernandina Beach High School Class of 1983 will hold its 35-year reunion June 22-23. A meet and greet will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, June 22, at the Down Under Restaurant. There's no cost, but you may purchase food and drink on your own if you like. Then, a barbecue dinner and dance will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the Chem-Cell Clubhouse, located at 2951 Riverside Drive in Fernandina Beach. The cost is \$50 per person. Contact Serena at 583-2578 or Angie at 753-6255 for questions and payment information.

UPCOMING

The Fernandina Beach High School Class of 1978 is planning its 40-year reunion. A meet and greet will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at Sandbar & Kitchen at Main Beach (no charge). Dinner and dancing will take place 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Walker's Landing (\$50 per person). A pre-reunion get-together will be held June 9 on Amelia River Cruises. For questions or more information, contact Johnny at 321-7875, Brenda at 753-0235 or Kim at 415-3243, or visit the FBHS Class of 1978 page on Facebook.

ONGOING

Learn tai chi at an evening on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Interested in a gentle practice to connect mind and body? Tai Chi might be perfect for you.

This ancient practice is taught by Davis Burbank at Community Yoga + Wellness, 210 Beech Street. Go to yogamelia.com to check the class schedule. Six classes are \$60.

Ms. Ernie Albert, director of the Peck Center Library, will host children in pre-K

through second grade at a new Story & Activity Hour at the Peck Library every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. Stories will include programs by Fernandina Beach firefighters with mascot Sparky, local children's author Richard Smith, Ms. Albert, Georgia Murray and the Fernandina Ocean Rescue crew. This Story & Activity hour program will run through July 5. The Peck Center Library is located on the first floor of the Peck Community Center at 516 S. 10th St. in Fernandina Beach.

Professional, traditional acrylic painting classes with Kathy Maurer are available Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn to paint landscapes, still life and more. Any level. For information call 261-8276 or 556-1638.

Resin epoxy, dirty pour art classes are being held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and 1-3 p.m. Mondays at Clay Times Art Center, located at 112 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach. All materials are provided for you to create your own 12-by-12-inch piece of art, which can be picked up the next day when it has cured to a glass-like finish. Cost is \$45. To register, contact Julie Delfs at 518-322-7937.

Four six-week adult beginning guitar classes are being offered by the Nassau County Adult Education Department beginning in June. Two classes will be held in the old middle school in Yulee at 850935 U.S. 17 in room 16-01 and will run on Tuesdays from June 12 to July 24 (no class July 3). The first class will run from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The second class will run from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The two other classes will be held in Fernandina Beach at the Nassau County School District administration building at 1201 Atlantic Ave. in the Team Center on Thursdays from June 14 to July 26 (no class July 5). The first class will run from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The second class will run from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The

class limit is six. The cost for a class is \$80. Call Michelle at 650-823-1767 to register.

The Amelia Knitting Club meets from 3 to 5 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the BuyGO store on South Eighth Street.

Kings Bay RC Modelers, established in 1989, is located at the intersection of Clark's Bluff Road and Oakwell Road in Kingsland, Ga. We are a small club with excellent facilities, consisting of friendly people passionate about our hobby. We welcome pilots of all levels. To learn more please visit bit.ly/2xDCFbd.

Bingo is played every Thursday at American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St. The public is invited to play in the meeting hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and early bird games begin at 6:05 p.m. Regular session, which consists of nine games for \$20, begins at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes, and proceeds are donated to help veterans and the community. You must be 18 to be in the hall during play. Call 261-7900.

Lions Club bingo, every Thursday and Sunday, Yulee Lions Club Bingo Hall. Doors open at 4 p.m., warm-ups at 5:15 p.m. Early birds play at 5:45 p.m. with the regular program at 6:30 p.m. Participants must be 18 years old; minimum purchase \$15. Information, 708-2591.

ACBL Duplicate Bridge, Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Amelia Island Duplicate Bridge Club hosts the only sanctioned ACBL duplicate bridge games on the island. Monday, 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, 1 p.m. For information, contact fredstokes50@gmail.com or (770) 616-7664.

Contract bridge, Monday and Thursday, except the first Monday of each month, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Peck Community Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach.

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- Bean house
- Babies down under
- Singes in "La Planète des singes"
- Foolhardy challenge
- 24-___ gold
- Horizontal wall beam
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- Analyze
- *Stanley Cup sport
- Fanatic's quality
- Street art
- Have a bawl
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- King's order
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COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK



SUBMITTED

Bird demonstrates portrait painting

Debby Bird, award winning fine art and commissioned portrait artist, gave a demonstration in oils with a live model at the Plantation Gallery on May 31. The public was invited. Bird is the Gallery's guest artist for the month of June. She is a member of Oil Painters of America and the Portrait Society of America. She is also a member of the Kentucky Guild of Art & Crafts and serves as the Kentucky State Ambassador for the Portrait Society. Her work is for sale in the Gallery and consists of a variety of subjects including portraits, landscapes and still life. Pictured from left are the Gallery's president, Gary Rubin, portrait model Kevin Arthur, Debby Bird and Brenda Price, program arranger. The Gallery is located in the Omni Spa & Shops. Open daily, hours may be found on the website artamelia.com. For more information, call 432-1750.

CATS ANGELS

Lilly and Duke are littermates who are waiting for their forever home and it's the perfect time since June is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month. Duke is solid black and Lilly is black with some white fur on her throat. These two are playful, curious and active. They love playtime with each other and their kitten friends. Pick them up and you will have real purr-boxes to love on. All of our kittens ready for adoption have been spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. All they need now is your love. Cats Angels has many adult cats too that are waiting to meet you, have also 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.

Cats Angels is a volunteer-based organization helping the community since 2001 with low-cost spay and neuter services and TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return to Caregiver). We receive no local or federal government funding and operate solely on private donations, fund raising, grants and sales from our Thrift Store. Your support is appreciated. If you want to know more about how to support or donate to Cats Angels, visit www.catsangels.com and



click on "How To Help" where you will find many ways to lend 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.

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NASSAU HUMANE SOCIETY

Bob is a friendly little fellow with an amazing face and smile! He's a short-coat Chihuahua mix and about 4 years old. He weighs 18 pounds and is fully-grown. Our staff says he's friendly and sweet as can be, and our volunteer dog walkers say he does well on his leash and does his business on his walks. He does great with the other small dogs we've introduced him to. He has a black and tan coat with white markings. The staff loves watching him play with tennis balls. Roll a few along the floor in the playroom and he'll trot after them, retrieve them and place them on his cushion. If one should roll off, he goes after it again! He's neutered, micro-chipped, up to date on his shots, and ready to be your fun, affectionate lap dog. Please come meet adorable Bob!

Grayson is one handsome dude! He has a gorgeous, soft cream-and-tan coat with a dark brown mask and tail. His eyes are a striking deep blue. He's a Himalayan mix, or possibly a Ragdoll mix, medium-sized

and about 6 years old. Grayson is eager to greet you and loves to be petted. He will talk to you and follow you around the cattery. He's neutered and vaccinated and has a micro-chip. He is very excited to meet his new family and go home! If you're interested in seeing those beautiful blue eyes for yourself, please call us at (904) 321-1647 or visit NassauHumaneSociety.com to see if he's at our cattery or one of our remote adoption locations.

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.

C.A.R members greet award recipients

The Amelia Island Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution recently held its annual awards ceremony at the Amelia Island Museum of History. Members of the Vaughan-Latham Society, Children of the American Revolution were greeters and ushers. Amelia Island Chapter member Linda Davis, center back, stands with C.A.R. Vice President Olivia Schopf, left, Treasurer Landon Alexander, center front, and President Aislin Alexander, right. The Children of the American Revolution is the oldest patriotic youth organization in the United States. Membership is open to any boy or girl under the age of 22 who is lineally descended from a man or woman who rendered material aid to American independence. The society allows children to learn leadership, parliamentary procedures, public speaking, and the democratic process. For more information, go to www.nscar.org.

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NCCOA remembers fallen soldiers

The Nassau County Council on Aging hosted two members of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1088, who served as special guests for a Memorial Day presentation May 25. David Roeser, director and Color Guard commander, and Dennie Pendergrass, director, joined Nassau County seniors, including many veterans, to commemorate the men and women who died in military service for the United States. Formerly known as Decoration Day, Roeser explained, Memorial Day began as an event to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War. It was inspired by the way people in the Southern states honored their dead by decorating the graves with flowers. After World War I, Memorial Day was extended to include all men and women who died in any war or military action. Pendergrass related the background of the "Buddy Poppy," the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and both he and Roeser distributed them to NCCOA participants. Appearing from left to right are VVA Chapter 1088 members and NCCOA veterans: John Mason, Dennie Pendergrass, Leroy Owens, David Roeser, Rose Howington, Larry Cochran, Ron Turner and Rick Traum.



SUBMITTED

Amelia Island DAR honors fallen

Amelia Island Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution participated in the recent Memorial Day ceremony in downtown Fernandina Beach. Chapter members once again read the names of Nassau County citizens who fell in battle. Standing left to right are past-Regent Julia Nowlin with Sharon Elliot at the podium. Jennifer Atkins, past Regent Jane Philips Collins, Kim Maddox, and Emma Leeper await their turn. Standing directly in front of the monument, Sherry Harrell holds the bell for Regent Lynn Leisy to toll after each name is read.



SUBMITTED

'Choo Choo Ch'Boogie'

The Bean School of Dance senior tap group, with members ranging in age from 50 to 80, recently dressed as train engineers and posed in front of the Fernandina Beach train station before performing their "Choo Choo Ch'Boogie" tap routine in the annual Bean School recital. Denise Caraway, the group's teacher, started the group 10 years ago as a tribute to her late father, who had a passion for music and entertainment. Not only does the group enjoy the exercise, social bonding, camaraderie and fellowship, members perform Christmas entertainment for local senior organizations and residential facilities such as Osprey Village, Savannah Grand, Quality Health, Council on Aging, YMCA Silver Sneakers, and senior church groups.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Brightway Insurance located at 463711 N.R. 200, Suite 12, in the County of Nassau, in the City of Yulee, Florida, 32097 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Fernandina Beach, Florida, this 6th day of June, 2018.

Ben G. Stephens
Coastal Risk Management, LLC
1T 6-13-2018
#434566

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Camp Liccardi located at 85198 Phillips Road, in the County of Nassau, in the City of Yulee, Florida, 32097 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Yulee, Florida, this 6th day of June, 2018.

Geannun Liccardi
Camp Liccardi
1T 6-13-2018
#434773

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

CASE NO. 18CA000103AXYX
JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY Plaintiff,

vs.
DORIS A. COX, et al.
Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: DORIS A. COX and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DORIS A. COX, whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 1, FIDDLERES WALK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 237, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Nassau County, Florida, this 18th day of May, 2018.

John A. Crawford
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: E. Michele Johnson
DEPUTY CLERK
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, & SCHNEID, PL
6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487
PRIMARY EMAIL: mail@rasf.com
2T 6-06-13-2018
#432816

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HARRY STRATTON

The holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s), the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:

Parcel Number: 29-2N-25-0000-0066-0000
Certificate Number: 863
File Number: 18TD000003AXYX
Description of Property: US 1 E TO SEC LINE EX R/W PT OR 905/77
Assessed To: CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.

All of the above property is located in Nassau County, in the State of Florida.

Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE ROBERT M. FOSTER JUSTICE CENTER, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE, FL, on the 10th DAY OF July 2018 between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. The Clerk of Courts Office Policy is to hold the sale at 11:30 a.m.

JOHN A. CRAWFORD
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER
CLERK OF COURT
BY: RHODA GOODWIN,
DEPUTY CLERK

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 548-4600 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.

4T 6-13-20-27-2018
#432553

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

CASE NO. 18CA000095AXYX
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3D4, Plaintiff,

vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVEISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF HENRY E. BARBER, DECEASED, et al.
Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVEISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF HENRY E. BARBER, DECEASED, et al. who's residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 47, NATURES GAGE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 200 AND 201 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before July 13, 2018 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Nassau County, Florida, this 18th day of May, 2018.

John A. Crawford
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: E. Michele Johnson
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Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF ACTION -

CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVEISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF HENRY E. BARBER, DECEASED, et al. whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

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John A. Crawford
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: E. Michele Johnson
DEPUTY CLERK
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, AND SCHNEID, PL
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487
PRIMARY EMAIL: mail@rasf.com
2T 6-13-2018
#433574

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2018-CP-000091

Division Probate - 44-E

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARVIN R. BECKER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Marvin R. Becker, deceased, whose date of death was October 25, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, Florida 32097. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is June 13, 2018.

CLYDE W. DAVIS
Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar No. 277266
Davis, Broussard & Steger, PLLC.
960185 Gateway Blvd. Ste. 104
Amelia Island, Florida 32034
Telephone: (904) 261-2848
2T 6-13-2018
#434516

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2018-CP-000141

IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANCES RICKETSON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of FRANCES RICKETSON, deceased, whose date of death was January 14, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is June 13, 2018.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 18-CP-000181

IN RE: ESTATE OF MERTON M. MINTER, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MERTON M. MINTER, JR., deceased, whose date of death was May 10, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee FL 32097. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

PROBATE DIVISION:

FILE NUMBER: 2018-CP-0156

IN RE: Estate of LEAH WALTERS, Deceased.

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Signed on this 14th day of May, 2018.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

DIVISION: A

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BEVERLY A. NORTON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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