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Hashing out the cost of emergencies in Nassau

JULIA ROBERTS
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When Hurricane Irma struck Nassau County 10 months ago, many of those who did not evacuate took advantage of emergency shelters set up in schools across the county. Those shelters were staffed by school personnel, who provided hot meals in addition to a place to weather the storm. However, the Nassau County School District has not been reimbursed for the costs associated with providing those services.

In the past, the School Board applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which reimbursed the district for

those costs. However, that agency has changed the way it will reimburse the district for those costs. FEMA now requests that the local government – in this case the Board of County Commissioners – reimburse the district for shelter costs and then in turn apply to FEMA for reimbursement.

Costs to the district related to Hurricane Matthew in 2016 were \$121,000, of which \$63,000 was reimbursed by FEMA, and the cost of providing services for the district during Hurricane Irma was \$200,000, none of which has yet been reimbursed, accord-

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The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners and the Nassau County School Board met in a joint session to discuss how best to help the Nassau County School District recoup the cost of providing emergency shelters. Schools Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns said an agreement needs to be put in place as soon as possible since this year's hurricane season has already begun.

Citizens aim to protect public beach access

KATHIE COLGROVE
Community Newspapers Inc.

Nassau County residents spoke in favor of public beaches Monday night.

The Nassau Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing for an ordinance “recognizing the customary right of members of the public to utilize the dry sand beaches of the county,” according to the measure.

The preliminary draft ordinance is still in progress and must be finalized before House Bill 631 takes effect July 1. A second public hearing will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

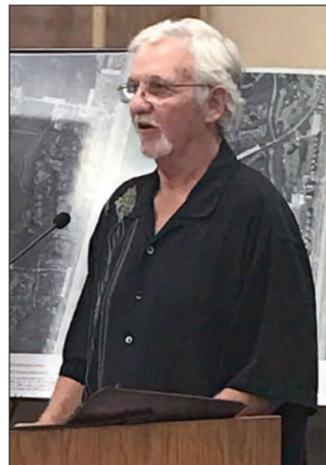
Mac Morriss and Lowell Hall, both of Citizens for the Preservation of Public Beaches and Shores, est. 1973, received 3,728 notarized affidavits by Monday afternoon and submitted them to county officials. Notaries have donated their time to assist the drive since early June. The goal is to collect 10,000 affidavits to show that citizens access the beaches regularly. The deadline for submission is June 21.

“We’re looking out for our west side people too, because we want to protect their river access,” Morriss told the Record Monday. “The beach on Amelia Island belongs to everyone in Nassau County and that’s what they’re trying to do with HB 631 is privatize the beach.”

Morriss said that the group is getting the word out about HB 631 so that citizens can become aware of the legislation.

“For the first time ever they have to prove that they use their own beach,” Morriss said.

According to HB 631, “a governmental entity may not adopt or keep in effect an ordinance or rule that finds, determines, relies on or is based upon customary use of any portion of a beach



KATHIE COLGROVE/COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS
Lowell Hall speaks Monday about the public's right to access the beach.

above the mean water line.”

That’s where the sand becomes wet from the ocean’s high tide.

Director of Planning and Economic Director Taco Pope presented information from a 1989 survey of the South Amelia Island Nassau County Erosion Control Line. Nassau County Attorney Mike Mullin said that HB 631 does not reference the erosion control line and that Florida State Statute Chapter 161 established a new demarcation line.

“The importance of the erosion control line is for beach renourishment that is the new demarcation line between public and private property,” he said. “The mean water line is typically the

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Northeast Florida Democrats hope to shake things up this fall

JULIA ROBERTS
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Democrats are fed up.

They are fed up with what they believe is a lack of leadership from the current Republican representatives in Tallahassee and in Washington. And, although Democrats make up a bit over 21 percent of the registered voters in the county, Democrats are running for offices long-held by the GOP, hoping to become part of what has been called a “blue wave,” an effort by the Democratic Party to turn the tide of Republicans in public office.

At an event hosted June 9 by the Nassau County Democratic Party at the Amelia Island Museum of History, three challengers to Republican incumbents sat down with the *News-Leader* and told similar tales of frustration and hope.

Billee Bussard

Billee Bussard is a former journalist and business owner from Jacksonville. She calls herself a “reluctant candidate” who “mustered the courage” to run following the February mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., responding to the “pitiful response of what I call the Tallahassee lapdogs of special interests to the Parkland massacre,” Bussard told the *News-Leader*.



Bussard

“I was (Duval County) campaign committee chair and we managed to find a candidate for every office in Duval County, except for Aaron Bean,” Bussard said.

So Bussard made the decision to run for Bean’s District 4 Senate seat herself. Bean has experience on his side. He has held the seat since 2012 and ran unopposed in 2014. Before his stint in the Senate, Bean served eight years in the Florida House of Representatives.

A Fernandina Beach native, he also was elected to the Fernandina Beach City Commission and served as mayor.

Bussard is not intimidated.

“I think he should be intimidated by what may come out and what I may inform people about what’s really been going on,” Bussard said. “He has deep roots here in the community, but he also has, unfortunately, deep roots in the network of special interests that have been running this state for several decades. It’s my patriotic duty to get out there and stick my neck out. Whatever happens, happens.”

Bussard wants to upset the apple cart in Tallahassee. As a journalist, she has written about everything from a visit by the Beatles to Jacksonville in 1964 to an expose of a network of state legislators’ connections to special interest groups and private educational institutions.

Bussard said her experience as someone who researches before she writes has enabled her to bring to light issues that have made a difference in Florida.

“I have chosen my fights, and I do a lot of homework on the things I take on,” she said. “Among the things I’ve done in recent years was to question the city of Jacksonville’s panel of 15 people looking at turning the public schools over to the mayor. I found ... that the panel was skewed with people who were essentially supporting charter schools, private schools, or were involved in some way with for-profit entities. It was an article that I did in Folio pointing this out that, I think, really influenced the decision of the City Council not to accept any recommendation to turn the schools over to the mayor. I’ve done little things like that, but they’ve been important.”

Nathcelly Rohrbaugh

Images of young people taking a stand against gun violence also inspired a long-time Fernandina resident to try to upset the status quo by running for the Florida House of Representatives District 11 seat currently held by Cord Byrd, R-Neptune Beach.

A man with a young face and a memorable name, Nathcelly Rohrbaugh, said he began writing political essays at a young age, but only recently under his own name.

“Since my name is Nathcelly Rohrbaugh, and I’m Mexican-American, I was a little afraid that putting my ideas out there might bring negative attention to my family,”



Rohrbaugh

Rohrbaugh said. “I didn’t want anything bad to happen to me or my children, so I wrote under a pen name for a while.”

The shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School were a call to action to him as well. Rohrbaugh said he believes the current leadership in Tallahassee did not answer hard questions about guns.

“I listened to Rick Scott and (Florida Attorney General) Pam Bondi speak from Parkland about the tragedy and (they) never once talked about guns or the need to make sure guns are not in the hands of people who are going to be using them for massive crimes like this,” he said.

“I wrote an essay from a very upset place, and woke up the next day and started editing it, and there was a 16-year-old girl on TV saying that she didn’t know if the gunfire she was hearing was part of a drill or if it was actually a school shooting. That was actually the first that I’d heard that we’re doing drills at the schools where they simulate active fire. I got so upset at that.

“Watching all the kids stand up and go out there and say that we need to do something made me feel like a coward for writing behind a pen name. So, I said, alright, I’ve got to do more than just sit here at my house and write. So, I reached out to the local Democratic party. I said, ‘How do you run for office?’”

When Rohrbaugh learned that Byrd, who has been given an A+ rating by the National Rifle Association, was initially running unopposed, “I said, if not me, then who?”

“I’m not intimidated,” Rohrbaugh said. “He is an American just like I am. He’s a Floridian just like I am. He has his ideas and I have my ideas. It’s just going to come down to trying to convince people that I am going to be the person that’s going to work harder for them. That I am going to be willing to come up with solutions that work for everyone.”

Rohrbaugh said the state’s economy needs to be more progressive.

“I want to engage with both Republicans and Democrats and Independents, and all the population that exists in third parties, to start having a real conversation about how we can make our economy work for everybody,” Rohrbaugh said. “How we can not leave people behind as the world is transforming so fundamentally. In my lifetime, I saw the internet be born and computers get stronger. Now we have phones in our pockets that are stronger than anything that existed when I graduated high school. The pace of technological development isn’t going to stop. We have artificial intelligence that’s going to be taking jobs. We’re still kind of living in a mid-20th-century mindset. We need to have serious conversations about how we’re going to change with the times.”

Rohrbaugh said he would work at building an economy that works for everyone by making local investment possible.

“I don’t like the fact that so many rural areas are getting left behind because of the fact that there aren’t enough people there,” he said. “Bryceville, Callahan, Hilliard – they’re all full of Americans that want jobs, that want a better life for themselves and their kids. But, we need to make sure that, when their kids graduate from high school there, that they can afford to stay in their communities. People are being priced out of the island and being priced out of Yulee because of there being not enough affordable housing. But, they see fit to start a family there, and to improve their own economy. Billionaires from New York and Los Angeles are not going to come and invest in Nassau County. We need to make sure there is capital here so that people can invest in themselves and invest in their communities.”

Addressing the economy, Rohrbaugh said, requires looking at environmental issues.

“I feel like the environment and the economy are really intertwined in Florida,” he said. “Our beaches bring people from around the world. Tourism drives our economy. If we don’t take care of our environment, people aren’t going to want to come here.”

He explained that climate change is affecting the environment and, in turn, the economy.

“At this point it shouldn’t be debatable that our climate

DEMOCRATS Continued on 10A

County passes new animal tethering law

KATHIE COLGROVE
Community Newspapers Inc.

The Nassau County Commission enacted a new animal tethering ordinance Monday that doesn’t address dogs that are transported in the back of vehicles.

Animal activist David Fashingbauer asked the Nassau Board of County Commissioners Monday to consider adding language that would stop the practice.

“I would ask that you move forward with the attached tethering only ordinance and also consider using language that would require dogs be properly restrained when transported in the back of pickup trucks,” Fashingbauer said.

In May 2017, county commissioners approved imposing a 12-hour limit on tethering dogs.

Nassau County Attorney Mike Mullin said that enforcing the safety of dogs in the back of pickups would be an issue for the Nassau County Sheriff’s Office.

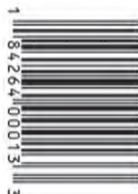
Nassau County Commissioner Steve Kelley asked if enforcement of the ordinance would require the need for additional animal control officers.

County Manager Shanea Jones said the way the ordinance was drafted, it shouldn’t.

Commissioner Justin Taylor said that the county took “baby steps” to bring the ordinance to fruition. He said he would like to see Fashingbauer’s suggestion about language modification completed. Commissioner George Spicer was absent.

During the public hearing, Christine

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OBITUARIES

Mary Elizabeth Bennett

Mary Elizabeth Bennett, 88, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Monday, June 11, 2018, at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla.

She was born August 4, 1929 in Jacksonville to the late Joseph Lemuel Stephens and Ellen Susan Westberry. She graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1947.

After marrying Daniel G. Bennett, the young couple moved to Fernandina Beach in 1952 and raised their family.

She was employed by Terminal Bag as a machine operator for many years before retiring.

Mary Elizabeth was a devout Christian lady and always said that her family was her blessing. She was a longtime member of Springhill Baptist church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel G. Bennett, in 1995; her son, Danny Bennett, in 1972; and her sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Lindy Scott of Fernandina Beach.

She leaves behind her two daughters, Danelle (Larry) Morris and Helen (Leon) Crist, both of Fernandina Beach; grandchildren, Honey (Glenn) Atkins of Jacksonville, Jenny (Roy) Kingery-Hall of Fernandina Beach, Danny (David Blocker) Crist of Fernandina Beach, Bennett Crist of Jacksonville, and "Peanut" (Ann) Stephens of Yulee, Fla.; sisters, Shirley A. Kirkland of Callahan, Fla., and Pat Forbes of Thomasville, Ga.; and great-grandchildren, Daniel, Madison, Andrew, Jaydan, Braelyn and Sky. Mary Elizabeth was expecting her first great-great-grandson, Rhett, this coming August. She also leaves behind her beloved "great-grand dogs," Shorty, Pup Pup and Shelby.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 14, 2018, at Springhill Baptist Church. The family received friends from 10 a.m. until the hour of the service at the church. She was laid to rest in Springhill Cemetery.

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

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James A. Robinson

Mr. James A. Robinson, 87, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at UF Health in Jacksonville, Fla. after a short illness.



A native of Jacksonville, Mr. Robinson was a son of the late Abe and Lottie Mae Robinson. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, Mr. Robinson made his home in Albany, N.Y. There, he spent his career working for the state Department of Education. After retirement, he and his wife, Joyce, moved full-time to Fernandina Beach in 1986.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Robinson was predeceased by a son, Anthony Payne; a son-in-law, Ralph Odum; and two brothers, Abe and Freeman Robinson.

His surviving family includes his wife, Joyce Robinson; three children, Judy M. Odum of Fleming Island, Fla., Renata R. Toney of Buffalo, N.Y., and Larry (Mary) Payne of Albany, N.Y.; a sister, Jeanette Potts; a brother, Robert Robertson; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews as well as a host of extended family members and friends.

No local services will be held. Additional services will be arranged by Newcomer Cremation and Funeral Service in Albany. Mr. Robinson will be buried at Saratoga National Cemetery.

His memory will be cherished forever. Please share your memories and condolences at www.oxleyheard.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

William B. McCaull, 65, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at Quality Health Care. Arrangements to be announced.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

David Miller, 46, of Jacksonville, Fla., passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at Community Hospice & Palliative Care's Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Fla. Arrangements to be announced.

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WEEKLY UPDATE

FDOT Lane Closures

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) now posts its weekly lane closure report online at www.NFLRoads.com/TrafficReport.

With major work underway on A1A and other projects in Nassau County you can stay up-to-date on which roads will have lane closures. Commuters traveling into Duval County can also get the latest on Jacksonville lane closures. The report is updated every Friday.



holding its 15th annual fundraiser for the local Community Hospice. This year, the company will hold a silent auction that will include items and services donated by local hotels, golf courses, restaurants, the Jacksonville Jaguars, Magna's staff and more. The auction will continue through June 30. Items may be viewed at magnasalon.com and at the salon, located at 103 Centre St. Donations are also welcome. Checks should be made payable to Community Hospice and Palliative Care and can be mailed to Magna's. The salon's fundraising efforts were recognized in 2017 with the National Philanthropy Award for Small Business.

Diabetes support group meetings

A diabetes support group for those with Type 1 or 2 diabetes meets every Thursday at 11 a.m. on the second floor of the MCCI building located at 449621 U.S. 301 in Callahan. Varying topics are presented with informal support and discussion. A registered dietitian and a mental health counselor will facilitate some sessions. Today, participants will prepare a healthy meal to take home and cook. For more information and to register, contact Melanie Hadden at 507-2692. There is no cost to attend.

Sexual assault support group

A free support group for survivors of sexual assault meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Family Support Services in Yulee. For more information, contact Lori Armstrong at 716-5390 or larmstrong@womenscenterofjax.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Visit neflaa.org/wiktor/meetings or call 904-399-8535.

Healing Hearts meets twice a month

Healing Hearts is a local support group for those who have lost a spouse. The group meets twice a month on the second Monday at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at the Marina Restaurant and again on the fourth Monday at 6 p.m. for dinner at the Marina Restaurant. For more information, contact Mary Mercer at 415-1881 or Joni Reid at 556-6767.

Are you looking to help?

The Nassau Volunteer Center has a new service for volunteers. Go to volunteernassau.org and click on "Volunteer" or "Get Connected." This simple to use free tool allows you to tell agencies what skills and interests you have while allowing the agencies to find suitable volunteers. This one stop registers you for dozens of agencies in Nassau County. For information, call 261-2771.

District opens satellite offices

Do you ever have the need to visit the Nassau County School District administration office located at 1201 Atlantic Avenue in Fernandina Beach? Do you find yourself driving 20 plus miles to get there? Is it a trip that takes you more than an hour these days? The Nassau County School District now has two satellite offices. The westside location is at 45021 Third Ave. in Callahan and the Yulee location is at 86207 Felmore Road in Yulee. The offices will provide a place for parent meetings, employee meetings, staff meetings, and support. If you have questions or would like to schedule a meeting, call 491-9900.

Project documenting POWs

A documentary film maker has put out a call for Vietnam-era POWs. Thuy Diem, whose father was in the South Vietnamese Army, is producing *The Unforgotten*. Her father was captured and escaped during the war before finally coming to the United States. Veterans who would like to share their wartime POW experience can contact Diem at aspotbellypig@gmail.com.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates holds basic with defensive tactics courses, concealed-weapon license courses and close-quarter defensive tactics courses. For information and more class dates, contact Gary Belson at 491-8358 or 476-2037, or gbelson@bellsouth.net, or visit www.thebelsongroup.com.

Volunteering for NHS

NHS Second Chance Resale Store and its sister clothing store, NHS Second Chance Closet, are looking to grow their team of volunteers in all areas. If you have a few hours a week to spare and enjoy meeting and working with other animal lovers in a fun atmosphere, pick up a volunteer application at Second Chance, located in the Eight Flags Shopping Center on South 14th Street or go online to Nassauhumanesociety.com and click on Volunteer. For information, call 321-0022.

Be a zookeeper

Amelia Residents in Action for the Symphony sponsors a program each January and February that visits all fourth grade classes in Nassau County with 40 orchestral instruments. The goal of the program is to acquaint students with how to properly hold and play each instrument. To be able to reach all Nassau

County students, ARIAS needs volunteer "zookeepers." No experience is required. To volunteer, contact Susan Kosciulek at 548-0227 or Barbara Zacheis at 321-5639.

Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous meets in the parlor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, at 1 p.m. Thursdays. There is also a meeting at the Alachua Club, 32 N. Third St. at 6 p.m. Mondays. For more information, contact Lorrie at 343-4771.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

The TOPS weight loss group meets at 3:45 p.m. Thursdays in the county building at 86026 Pages Dairy Road in Yulee.

Gun classes for everyone

Pistol and revolver gun classes for beginners to advanced shooters are given by NRA-certified instructor and retired state and federal law enforcement officer Frank P. Covie and held at the convenience of each person starting any weekday except Wednesday. Both basic and personal protection classes are available and including classroom, range shooting and no-cost use of a .22 pistol and rifle including ammo. Contact 277-4144, 603-491-7017, or fpc99@comcast.net for complete info.

Lions Club bingo

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.

Energy bill assistance

Nassau County residents are entitled to receive a winter home energy payment of up to \$475 toward their electric or gas bill through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Residents may also be eligible to receive a one-time winter crisis payment up to \$600. Eligibility is based on household income and family size.

Effective immediately, the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency Inc. has changed to an automated appointment scheduling system for individuals seeking assistance with paying utility bills. All NFAA's offices located in Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties will participate in the new appointment scheduling system. The new system is user friendly with the capability to direct overflow calls and other inquires to a call center. All customer data entered through the system will be securely maintained.

- Call the toll free number – 844-625-8776.
 - Appointments can be scheduled through an interactive voice response (IVR) system or through operators.
 - Appointments can be scheduled up to 14 calendar days in advance.
 - A live operator will be available for customers who require assistance between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern.
 - Language accommodations will also be available.
 - Detailed appointment management with improved customer service and
- It is important to note that NFAA will continue to conduct outreach, accept referrals from partners and prioritize services for the elderly, disabled, and households with children ages five and under.

LIHEAP is provided through the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. located at 1303 Jasmine St. in Fernandina Beach.

ACBL duplicate bridge

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

Legion bingo

Bingo is played every Thursday at American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St. The public is invited to play in the smoke-free 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. Games have cash prize payouts, and proceeds are donated to help veterans and the community. If you have questions, call 261-7900.

Ghost Tour

Guests on this tour will learn Amelia Island ghost stories while they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era. This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday and lasts approximately one hour. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students, or before the tour from the guide with check or cash only.

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Health and well being for women in Florida and Nassau County

PAMELA BUSHNELL
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While mortality rates for women with heart disease, lung cancer and breast cancer in Florida have decreased significantly in recent years, rates for Nassau County remain higher than state or national averages.

Diagnoses of diabetes and chlamydia among women are on the rise throughout the state.

Florida earned an overall grade of C- in the Status of Women in Florida by County: Health & Well Being, a report released earlier this year by the Florida Women's Funding Alliance in affiliation with the Florida Philanthropic Network.

The report concluded that "Florida women's health and well-being has improved

in some ways, yet not all women are equally benefitting from this progress; wide disparities persist in the health of women in the state by race and ethnicity, as well as by geography."

The final in a four-part series on women's issues in Florida, the report analyzed data on chronic disease, physical health, sexual health and mental health. The analysis compared findings with an earlier report on a national level done by the Institute for Women's Policy Research. IWPR conducts rigorous research and disseminates its findings to policymakers, scholars and public interest groups toward ending discrimination and inequality, improving opportunity and increasing economic security for women and families.

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PAULA LIANG, CO-CHAIR

FLORIDA WOMEN'S FUNDING ALLIANCE

number of non-elderly women covered by health insurance. We knew that going in, but the numbers we found were stark," commented Paula Liang, co-chair for the Florida Women's Funding Alliance. Twenty percent of an estimated 3 million Americans who fall into the insurance gap between eligibility for Medicaid and the federal poverty level live in Florida.

"The single biggest recom-

mendation we have from the report is that Florida needs to expand its Medicaid eligibility," added Liang. "It's a topic worth asking of candidates in the next election."

The report also recommended increased Medicaid reimbursement for behavioral health services comparable to that of Medicare and private insurance since Florida ranks unfavorably with other states in indices for mental health.

Among unexpected data was the rise in sexually transmitted disease. Said Liang, "We were concerned about the rise in STDs especially since there is no uniform sex education in schools. Right now it's up to each principal to decide whether to offer it," said Liang.

Florida is one of 26 states that does not require sex education and one of 16 that does not require HIV education in schools. The report noted missed opportunities to educate for disease prevention. Florida ranks fourth among all states in its high rates of AIDS diagnoses.

Nearly 10 percent of women in Florida live with a disability. Furthermore, Florida leads the U.S. in the percentage of women ages 16-64 living with or caring for another person with a dis-

ability. The report recommended state legislation ensure paid family medical leave and sick days, improvement in the availability and cost of long-term care services for the elderly and disabled, and changes in Medicaid to allow the disabled to receive support services in their preferred setting.

Forty-six percent of women in Florida experience psychological aggression from an intimate partner and 34 percent experience physical violence at some point in their lives.

Previous reports funded by the Florida Philanthropic Network on women's issues addressed poverty/opportunity, population/diversity and employment/earnings in Florida. Copies of all four reports are available by visiting www.fpnetwork.org.

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demarcation line. In this case, the erosion control line, which runs on most of your beaches to the city limits and the city of Fernandina Beach - there's some gaps in that, but it runs in that line."

A surveyor will place markers on the beach so that citizens can see the erosion control line.

"Because once that's established and everyone can see that, then everything landward of the erosion control line would be private, still subject to our customary uses, realizing the state still controls and prohibits the activities on dune areas and vegetation," Mullin said. "There are some customary uses that have taken place landward of that erosion control line and those will be addressed. Again, we will try to stake those out so that you can see that."

Hall reiterated that the beaches are for everyone.

"I believe it's appropriate and proper that any American that has set foot on the shores of Amelia Island has the right to submit an affidavit for customary use," he said.

Mullin replied, "Yes, sir."

Jacksonville attorney Earl Barker represents 43 beach property owners between the city limits of Fernandina Beach and Peters Point Beachfront Park. He said that one property owner within that boundary is not fronted by an erosion control line.

"I want to say clearly for everybody that hears and understands that my clients do not oppose reasonable recreational use of a part of the property that comprise the dry sand areas of their beach if it's authorized and regulated by sound legislation," Barker said. "Reasonable customary recreational use, however, needs to be aligned in statute."

The attorney said activities that have transpired such as destruction of roadways, walkways and driving motor vehicles on the beach at night in a reckless manner are not safe to the residents.

"Our clients are not safe on the beach at night because of the cars," he said.

Barker said the current legislation is "too broad and lacks a specificity that would put it in a category of a good bill," he said.

Attorney John Wallace spoke on behalf of several homeowners at the Sea Watch Summer Beach Homeowners Association near

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Residents there have had to deal with beach visitors participating in bonfires and camping activities.

Several residents spoke in support of the county's proposed customary use ordinance.

Fernandina Beach resident Paul Murray supports public access for all.

"I cannot imagine not being able to take my children or grandchildren to, really, any spot on the beach," he said. "It just gets me emotionally."

State Rep. Cord Byrd spoke about the ordinance. He voted yes for HB 631.

"I wanted to thank you for all your hard work and effort and addressing the customary use issue of our beaches. You've been very open with me and Senator (Aaron) Bean in answering our questions."

He said the beaches are a shared natural resource that is shared with neighbors, friends, vacationers and wildlife.

"Customary use doctrine has been in effect for more than 100 years in Florida," he said.

The discussion about the erosion control line and how it supersedes the mean high water line is an important part of the discourse, according to Byrd.

He said there has been misinformation about the bill circulating online.

"They see things online that are patently false and it's intentionally intended to inflame attitudes and opinions," Byrd said. "Once again, I appreciate the opportunity. I will continue working with you and any member of the public as we attempt to establish a customary use, which, based upon the people I have spoken with, I have no doubts about it."

A second beach-access issue was also discussed, as several citizens, including business owners, requested that beach access times in the unincorporated areas be aligned with the city of Fernandina Beach. Parking is not allowed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. at Peters Point Beachfront Park, Burney Park, Scott Road and the Dunes Club parking area.

Residents would like the hours extended to 10 p.m. or later to take advantage of the Florida sunset and cooler evening hours.

Amelia Island Horseback Riding owner Debbie Manser told the commission that she has had to cut sunset rides. She was not aware of the time constraints until around May 1 when a Nassau County sheriff's deputy

asked guests to halt a ride before sunset.

"We had to cut the ride in half and give them half their money back," Manser said, adding that the business has lost thousands of dollars due to the reduced evening riding schedule

she now offers.

She has owned the business for 25 years.

"It hurts," Manser said. "Horseback riding is a major draw on the island. When people see that online, they come here and stay in hotels and eat out

in restaurants."

The commissioners agreed that the times should coincide with those in Fernandina Beach. Commissioner George Spicer was absent. A second public hearing will be held July 9 at 6 p.m.

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2035	\$1.602 trillion	\$3.041 trillion	\$2.589 trillion	71 percent	\$10,110 trillion

Economics takeaways

Yesterday, at my Vistage (business owners group) meeting, we heard from a speaker from ITR Economics. Founded in 1948, ITR is the oldest privately held economics firm in the U.S. They have a long-term accuracy rating of 94.7 percent, including the prediction of the last recession in advance of the Wall Street issues. They are so in demand, it is only possible to schedule them every other year for Vistage groups.

In three hours, I took notes and will share what made it to my scratch pad. Most are facts, with some predictions sprinkled in. Economists and weather reporters both are paid to look around corners with supporting research. The very accomplished young speaker did a great job, which I felt was worth sharing a part of.

Big picture – ITR looks for a cooling of the economy beginning the third quarter of 2018. Further, 2019 will be softer than recent years, but not dramatically. Then, in 2020, things will roll again. It would take too much space to tell you the whys, but the prediction is based on thousands of analysis, and rolling 3- and



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Rick Keffer

12-month data. This company has a history of getting it right. The concerning topic of the presentation is ITR's prediction that the U.S. will enter into a depression in 2030.

They will disclose they are alone on this prediction, which they have held to the last 10 years. Why do they feel it is inevitable? A small chart will best exhibit their reasoning. Our speaker was around 30 years old. She has an economics and religion double major from Wellesley. She is very concerned on a personal level about this event in the middle of her prime career years. The ITR contention is the debt will be unsustainable and that Washington will not have the fortitude to make any changes in social programs. The U.S. will plunge into a recession, pulling the world with it. This is one prediction that I hope

they get wrong.

Now, for some lighter information:

1. Current Workforce Age – 25-34 = 34.8 percent, 45-54 = 32.5 percent, 35-44 = 32.2 percent, 55-64 = 26.3 percent, 20-24 = 14.1 percent. Millennials are now the largest block of workers, and the most willing to change jobs.

2. U.S. Gross Domestic Product = 17.4 trillion. No other country will touch us for many years.

3. World GDP – U.S. = 25 percent, Europe = 25 percent, China = 15 percent. That is two-thirds of the global economy. Reminds me of the old Wendy's commercial: "Where's the beef?"

4. State GDPs and comparative countries – California = \$2.3 trillion (India), Texas = \$1.54 trillion (Canada), New York = \$1.3 trillion (Russia), Florida = \$841 billion (Turkey).

Hope this was interesting in one or more ways. Have a good week.

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A great place to live

Earlier this month, I attended the annual conference of the Florida City/County Managers Association in Orlando. This event provides an opportunity to examine the current state of affairs in local government, explore new products and services, and renew acquaintances.

Since being introduced to rail service between Jacksonville and Orlando by my neighbor, I take the Amtrak train whenever possible. The cost is low – \$35 each way, then a \$15 Uber ride to the hotel. I get to avoid the \$20 daily parking fee at the hotel. The trip, however, should not be made if you are in a hurry (although you shouldn't be driving on I-4 if you are in a hurry, either). The southbound train, which originates in New York City, is typically late. Once aboard, though, it is an enjoyable trip without the perils of traffic congestion.

The opening keynote speaker of the conference was Dr. Natalie Stavas. Dr. Stavas is a pediatrician and an avid runner. She found herself nearly at the finish line of the 2015 Boston Marathon when two bombs detonated. Dr. Stavas recounted how she was confronted with the spontaneous decision as to how to respond. Turn and flee? Stand in shock? Or charge into chaos? She charged and is credited with saving several lives.

Her message was that, as community leaders, we are regularly confronted, usually on a smaller and safer scale, with such decisions. We operate in a very open environment that can be chaotic. How are we "wired" matters greatly to the communities that we serve: Are we paralyzed or are we mobilized? When things are chaotic, it is our responsibility to gather accurate information, secure necessary resources, and offer sound recommendations to key community leaders.

We (municipal managers) deal with "chaos" on a daily basis and in a public environment. I am often told by residents that they would not want



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Dale Martin

or so retired managers in our community from around the country would admit to being similarly wired.

The second keynote speaker was Ms. Amy Holloway, a national economic development consultant. Ms. Holloway shared her insight into some of the current trends affecting communities throughout the country. You'll see that these challenges are present in Fernandina Beach.

Ms. Holloway indicated that a significant challenge to economic development is the lack of qualified workers. She provided data illustrating that several industries severely lacked sufficiently trained personnel: skilled trades, financial professionals, and service workers. Even with adequate numbers of personnel in those and other affected industries, those personnel may not be available due to other factors.

The leading factor, she contends, is affordability. With the flow of residents now returning to the urban cores following the mid-to-late-20-century migration to suburbs, housing prices are becoming less affordable. Local governments and businesses have limited methods on how to address this overwhelmingly market-driven problem.

Affordable housing discussions are becoming more frequent in our community exactly for the same reason: How can the labor to support our businesses find adequate housing in the general vicinity of the jobs themselves, rather than miles or counties away, which creates

new challenges? The reality on the ground is that land and housing prices are increasing as owners capitalize on the demand. It will be interesting to follow over the course of the next several months or years the change of ownership of long-held relatively inexpensive properties as well as the development of properties purchased by area residents for speculative purposes. How will those properties be utilized? Will the owners "take the money and run" or will the owners, some of whom publicly advocate for more affordable housing, find a method to support affordable housing? This is not a unique challenge to Fernandina Beach.

The final keynote speaker was Mr. Eugene Robinson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for The Washington Post. He talked about the problems in Washington, D.C. I'll let others deal with that "chaos."

I talked to several vendors about products and services that could be of value to Fernandina Beach. I'll follow through with those conversations. I also renewed friendships with other managers, some from Michigan and some from Connecticut who have relocated like I have. I often joke about not only literally living and working on an island, but also figuratively – not too many other city managers in our part of Florida.

As I waited for the return train, I wandered around downtown Kissimmee (due to the conference location, my train trip was technically from Jacksonville to Kissimmee, not Orlando). I examined a downtown garbage collection system, studied railroad crossings, pondered vacant storefronts, and looked at streetscape design. I visited a few shops and spoke with patrons and owners. While they all seemed very content, many of them commented, "You live in Fernandina? That place is beautiful and we love going there! It must be great to live there."

Yes, it is. Dale Martin is the city manager of Fernandina Beach.

TETHERING

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Norman expressed her concern. She urged the board to take Fashingbauer's advice.

Patrice Fogarty gave an emotional statement about the benefits of animal ownership.

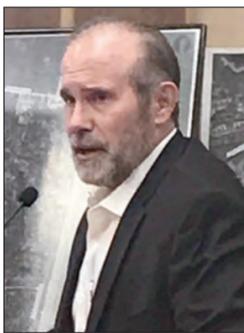
"I am begging all of you who are here tonight to make a change for all of these animals," she said. "They go to nursing homes and make old people laugh, they unchain autistic children and they lower your blood

pressure."

Following the county's 4-0 vote to approve the ordinance, Fashingbauer believes it is a move in the right direction.

"Except for farm dogs," he said. "Any way you slice it, it's a huge victory for tethered dogs and people of Nassau County."

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ing to the school district.

The School Board met June 11 with the BOCC and the Nassau County Sheriff's Office to discuss how best to address who pays what, and to shape a plan to pay for the required shelters going forward.

County Attorney Mike Mullin said his office received notice from FEMA that the agency had interpreted Florida Statute 252 to mean that school boards could not request reimbursement directly from FEMA, and that reimbursement must from local government, which would reimburse the School Board first and then seek repayment from FEMA.

Mullin said FEMA told Nassau County Emergency Management Director Billy Estep that if the county and the school board could address the situation by coming to an agreement, that agreement could be retroactively applied to Hurricane Irma, enabling the School Board to apply directly to FEMA for reimbursement.

"After Irma, at least, they responded to the state and to Mr. Estep indicating that, if there was an agreement, retrospective to Hurricane Irma, they would honor the traditional method that had been utilized – that is that the school board would still request reimbursement and the county, local government would not have to write the check," Mullin explained. "FEMA would do it as they have always in the past, the School Board would request reimbursement of the sheltering expenses. FEMA has made a decision and rendered an opinion."

Mullin said the Florida Division of Emergency Management does not agree with that opinion and is appealing it. However, the agencies that provided services – the School Board and the Nassau County Sheriff's Office – and the BOCC need to come to an agreement on how to pay for those services, both for the costs associated with Hurricane Irma and for future sheltering costs.

Nassau County Schools Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns said the issue is time sensitive.

"We met with you (BOCC) in January, and we discussed that we needed some type of agreement with the county," Burns said. "Here we are, in hurricane season again ... so I do think that we need to quickly come up with some kind of agreement to get us through, and hopefully get paid for Irma."

One issue surrounding reimbursement is the fact that FEMA only pays for 75 percent of costs of shelters, Commissioner Steve Kelley said.

"When FEMA reimburses us – and their track record is terrible – they only reimburse 75 percent of our cost," Kelley said. "If that is the case, if we follow the guidelines that FEMA has set forth, we were to reimburse the School Board and then to ask for reimbursement from FEMA, and receive 75 percent."

"My question is, when we reimburse the School Board, do we reimburse 100 percent or 75 percent?"

Burns referenced the mutual aid agreement provided by FEMA.

"If you look at the information we received, it states here

you reimburse the School Board directly at 100 percent of the sheltering cost," Burns said. "The county serves as a requesting entity, the school board serves as a providing entity in a mutual aid agreement that provides the school district with the legal authority to provide the work, entitled to 100 percent reimbursement from the county," Burns continued. "I know where the finances are for everybody, but this is a big task, and we haven't been reimbursed for anything. We have our paperwork in order. We've been communicating with FEMA for almost a year."

Estep explained the formula for reimbursement for the costs associated with providing services during a disaster.

"The typical scenario is the federal share is 75 percent, the state should send 12.5 percent of any eligible costs, so our local share would be 12.5 percent," Estep said. "With Irma, however, it was a little bit different scenario because we met the equations for a 90/10 scenario for the first 30 days. So, from a sheltering standpoint, our local share will be 10 percent, the state would split that in half, so we would see 5 percent of this first 30-day cost."

Sheriff Bill Leeper said his department couldn't burden any percentage of costs associated with Hurricane Irma.

"When we have emergencies, we have overtime costs, and equipment costs, a lot of costs we do not have built in our budget that we expect to be reimbursed 100 percent, which we are, from the county," Leeper said. "Whatever you get from FEMA, that's between you and FEMA. We just can't bear those costs within our budget. We have to have 100 percent back in our budget to function the rest of the year. We don't have that built in, reserves like I think the county has. That's why you have reserves, so you can pay for these emergencies. I'm not pointing fingers, but if you don't have the reserves, what do you do?"

School Board Vice Chairwoman Gail Cook pointed out that the school district's job is to educate, not public safety.

"It is your expectation, because the shelters are in schools, that we bear some of the cost when they're not education costs," Cook told the commissioners. "They just happen to be. We are supposed to build schools that are shelters – that, we are mandated to do – but public safety is not a School Board responsibility. That's yours."

Commissioner Pat Edwards said he believes the county needs to look after its own, regardless of help from the federal government.

"We, as county residents of Nassau, need to understand that the end result of this is we are obligated to provide this to the residents of Nassau County," Edwards said. "At the end of the day, all these dollars we're talking about are being paid by the same people. So, what we need to do is take FEMA out of it. What you get from them, thank God that it came, but we can't depend on them because, every time you depend on them, they don't show up. When the bell's rung, we're going to be fighting this together. They're going to be, from what I've seen since I've been on the

Board of County Commissioners, they're trying to figure out how not to send a check.

"From my standpoint, we have to protect the residents of Nassau County, and whether we have to design some other way to fund this as a group or whatever we have to do, we need to find a way that we're not dependent on an outside group. I don't want them throwing me a life ring because they'll throw me a third of it."

"My concern is, whatever we do, we do to protect all of Nassau County, not just 75 percent or 25 percent of it. That's money that, if you get it back, great, but, if it's an emergency, you have to do whatever you have to do, and we have to know we have that in place and the ability to cover. I don't think the Board of County Commissioners has addressed anything – when it comes to funding – correctly."

Burns said talks regarding the interlocal agreement between the county, the school board and the sheriff's office need to address more than reimbursement procedures.

The interlocal agreement sets guidelines for what is required by the school district to provide in an emergency situation. Those guidelines include what is provided by the district to those people in shelters such as staff, hot meals and services for those with special needs as well as services provided to help emergency management aid those affected by the disaster.

"There are details in this draft agreement that I know we need to address," Burns said. "Some items like the ratio of shelterees to staff – 72:1 – that's not reality. Sheltering animals – we did all those things. I worked with shelters the entire time and got a great education, but I think there's so many other things that have to be taken into consideration. This is our experience in running a shelter."

In the end, all three entities agreed to allowing their respective attorneys – Mullin for the county, Leonard Hackett for the School Board, and Bobby Lippelman for the NCSO – to meet and bring a new interlocal agreement to the agencies for approval.

"I would be in favor of the attorneys trying to sit down and come to an agreement that we can all live with," School Board Chairwoman Donna Martin said. "Obviously, we're all in tough times with the growth of this county. There's so many costs, and we only bring in so much revenue. Of course we want to open our shelters, and we're obligated to do so, but I hate to see that money come out of our education, our schools, our kids. There's got to be an in-between that we can live with."

Also at the meeting, Burns gave the BOCC a report of the status of funding additional security officers at the county's schools as required by new state law.

She said her office has been working with the Fernandina Beach Police Department as well as the sheriff's office regarding the situation, both funding and recruiting officers, and that finding funding and recruiting personnel is difficult.

"We are flying this plane as we're building it," Burns said.

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Ocean Links discussed

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News-Leader

A legal battle between the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort and property owners over a golf course at the resort moved into mediation this week, with the resort saying the Ocean Links golf course will become a green space.

Last November, heavy equipment began work that Omni management said would create a green space and park-like area on some holes on the course. Omni officials said the Ocean Links golf course was no longer sustainable as an 18-hole course.

Amelia Island Club attorney Stephen Busey then filed a complaint saying the Omni was in breach of its agreement with the club to maintain the course.

Judge Steven Fahlgren determined that the Omni did "breach the agreement by not maintaining" the course and by "undertaking to destroy the Ocean Links Golf Course."

The club and the Omni subsequently entered into an agreement in which the club agreed to allow the Omni to sod areas of the course that had already been destroyed so that erosion would not occur due to the topsoil being exposed as a result of the Omni's previous work.

The Amelia Island Club filed a motion Feb. 2, asking that the Omni be held in civil contempt due to work the club believes is



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The fourth hole of the Ocean Links golf course was destroyed last year when the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort said maintaining the course was no longer financially viable. Mediation talks were held this week between the resort and the Amelia Island Club, which has contended that the Omni was legally obligated to maintain the golf course.

in defiance of an order to prevent the change of the course to a green space.

A representative of the Omni said the mediation talks held June 12 were "positive and open."

"We share the community's interest and are excited to collaborate to enhance the experience for the community's residents and guests of the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort," Omni Area Managing Director Donald Stamets told the *News-Leader* in an email. "The Ocean Links space will be transformed into green space and there are no plans to devel-

op residential real estate on the property. The only contemplated plans continue to be an event lawn near the sixth hole."

He said that while golfers can no longer use Ocean Links, the resort will continue to offer golf at its Oak Marsh course.

Sam Russell, who owns a condominium at Amelia Island Plantation near what was the fifth hole of Ocean Links, said that, while there is no statement from Amelia Island Club's intermediary in the legal action, "some progress was made at mediation."

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GAS LINE BREAK

Traffic was rerouted for a period Thursday morning when construction crews punctured a gas line in O'Neill. According to a statement from Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper, a gas line was punctured by the road construction crew around State Road 200/A1A and O'Neill-Scott Road. East- and west-bound lanes of S.R. 200/A1A were shut down from Chester Road east to Brady Point Road. Traffic was rerouted through Amelia Island Concourse to County Road 107 (Old Nassauville Road). Nassau County Emergency Management Senior Planner/Accreditation Manager Martha Oberdorfer told the *News-Leader* that her agency was notified of the leak at 10:30 a.m. when Nassau County Fire and Rescue and sheriff's deputies were on the scene. She said businesses from City Electric east to C.R. 107 were evacuated due to the incident. The leak was repaired, and all roads were open by 11:15 a.m., Oberdorfer said. Leeper issued an all-clear message by email at 11:30 a.m. No one was injured in the incident.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at 5:00 PM** in the City Commission Chambers, 204 Ash Street Fernandina Beach, Florida to consider the following application:

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For information, please contact the Staff of the City Clerk's Office, 204 Ash Street, between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, (904) 310-3115.

YMCA and partners unite to fight hunger this summer

This month, the YMCA of Florida's First Coast, the Jacksonville Jaguars and Florida Blue are teaming up with Feeding Northeast Florida to launch a two-week hunger drive and fundraising campaign aimed at providing critical nourishment to thousands of food insecure households across the First Coast, according to a news release.

Beginning today and continuing through June 30, all 12 YMCA branch locations – including the McArthur YMCA in Fernandina Beach – and the Metropolitan office will be collecting donations and healthy, non-perishable food items with the goal of providing a week's worth of meals to 3,500 families.

The entire First Coast community can participate in the two-week hunger drive by:

- Donating healthy, non-perishable foods items at any YMCA branch. Collection bins will be available for any resident to easily drop off food. Needed food items can be found at firstcoastymca.org/nohunger.

- Donating money to the effort, either in-person at any YMCA branch or by texting "NOHUNGER" to 91999.

Volunteering to distribute food at one of the mobile food pantries. Learn more about how to volunteer at feedingnefl.org/volunteer.

"As part of our ongoing commitment to youth development, the First Coast Y nurtures the physical, mental and social-emotional development of youth to feed their spirit, mind and body," said YMCA of Florida's First Coast President and CEO Eric Mann in the release. "Our youth can't achieve their full potential, however, without access to nutritious and wholesome food. In Northeast Florida alone, one in four children do not know where their next meal will come from. The First Coast YMCA is honored to partner with Jacksonville Jaguars, Florida Blue and Feeding Northeast Florida to help close the gap of food insecurity among children all summer long."

Feeding Northeast Florida, Jacksonville's community food bank, is dedicated to rescuing high-quality food that would normally be wasted and transforming it into meals for those in need. With children out of school, summer is the most challenging time of year for the food bank to keep

enough inventory stocked to meet the increased demand from local families, according to the release.

"In Duval County alone, more than 102,000 students are enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program at school. During the summer – without access to these meals – many of these children are going hungry," said Feeding Northeast Florida President and CEO Frank D. Castillo. "With the support of the Jaguars Foundation, Florida Blue, and the First Coast YMCA and its members, we are better positioned to be able to provide these children with the necessary nutrition they need to grow and thrive. These community organizations are proven leaders in health and wellness, and we are proud to collaborate with them to collectively help transform Jacksonville."

Food and monetary donations collected during the drive will be used to host Feeding Northeast Florida Mobile Food Pantries at seven locations across the First Coast. These mobile food pantries deliver fresh and shelf-stable food to neighborhoods that do not have adequate grocery stores,

feeding agencies or pantries within an accessible distance.

"Food insecurity is a year-round issue, but we know that it is even more pronounced when school is out for the summer," said Jaguars Foundation Senior Vice President Peter Racine. "For that reason, the Jaguars Foundation is working with Feeding Northeast Florida, the First Coast YMCA and Florida Blue to help parents feed their families this summer."

Both the Jaguars Foundation and Florida Blue are supporting the efforts by the Y and Feeding Northeast Florida.

"We all have a responsibility to ensure that children in our community have the basics to be their very best," said Florida Blue Market President Darnell Smith. "The summer break from school should not result in our children going without consistent access to nutritious food. Florida Blue is honored to partner with Feeding Northeast Florida, the Jacksonville Jaguars and the YMCA to help meet the nutritious needs of children in our community."

Getting ready for Father's Day at the Fernandina farmers market

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market will be celebrating Father's Day on Saturday with a variety of fine food vendors that are perfect for dad. If your dad is an outdoorsman, we are sure he will appreciate the new line of outdoor products from Elemental Earth Works. They will be introducing a mosquito-fearing citronella candle, natural bug repellent spray, and a fresh camping soap.

In a pickle for gift ideas? Lady Bug Gourmet has been approved to sell their homemade pickles. They will be offering a sassy bread and butter, and kickin' pickles that are habanero dill, in addition to their jams, jellies, pie fillings, and ice cream toppings.

One of our most faithful vendors has been Lulu's at the Thompson House. Now that the restaurant is under new ownership, we hope you will join us at the farmers market as we welcome members of the JWR Group. These three local friends also own the bowling alley in Yulee. Wes, the managing partner in Lulu's, and his wife have over 20 years in the hospitality industry. Stop by and meet Wes and Anke as they continue to sell their customary pimento cheese spread in both regular and spicy flavors, as well as their popular crab cakes.

Returning this week are Rose with her An Unbelievable Egg Rolls and Beef Jerky, Tea Nation, and Fulford Gardens with their amazing beeswax food wraps.

The farmers market is located on North Seventh Street between Centre and Alachua streets in historic Fernandina Beach. Music this week is provided by Lucas Merren, and the city



Lucas Merren will provide music during Saturday's Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market.

of Fernandina Beach will be on hand to answer questions about permitting, tree removal, and storm safety. The Market Place is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and your well-behaved, leashed pets are always welcome. For more information, please visit FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com.

Be aware of housing scams

We know that momma may have and daddy may have, but God bless the child that has its own.

Sometimes our young people get in a hurry to get what they want instead of checking things out. It pays to listen to older people who know the ropes. Everything that looks good is not as good as it looks. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

Recently, a young family moved here with hopes of getting ahead. Already set up with a Section 8 voucher for a place to live, they both work two jobs but still cannot find a place to rent. They have two beautiful boys, four and two years old.

An advertisement was listed from American Homes for rent, phone number 855-774-4663. The couple contacted



NOW AND THEN

Maybelle Kirkland

was a misspelling of the man's name. They were asked to correct the spelling of the name that the money was being sent to. Her grandmother asked her not to re-send the money, believe it to be wrong, and it was seriously wrong. The man received

them and was told a beautiful home for rent was available. They were told to wire the deposit for the house. The money was sent through Money-Gram. There

the money, and it was a scam. The company said that they can't catch him and that he does it all the time. This family is still without a home and now their hard-earned money.

It's hard moving to a new area, unable to find a place to live and scammed trying to find a home for your family. If you know of a home or can help this young family, please call 277-3285.

The family of the late Velda Coleman gives thanks to God for the help that you, the family and friends, contributed to help in service for their loved one. Thank you so very much. Let Jesus get the praise.

Birthday wishes to DeMario Williams, Leroy Coleman Sr., Sharon Ikner, Tangala Shephard, Anna Alderman, Wendy Hooper, India Santana and Vernita Edwards.

'MULLIGANS FOR MICAH'S PLACE'



At the Women's Golf Association of the Amelia Island Club at Long Point May 10 spring luncheon, President Donna Sweet and Treasurer Judy Schmonsees present a check for \$2,200 to Lauren Goode of Micah's Place. The organization raised the funds through its "Mulligans for Micah's Place" event in which golfers could purchase mulligans – an extra stroke allowed after a poor shot – for \$5, with all proceeds going to Micah's Place. The gift was also eligible for a matching grant given to Micah's Place by a generous donor. At the luncheon, Goode gave a presentation on Micah's Place and participated in a question and answer session.

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Warren Harrison, right, chairman of the 2018 Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival, presents a donation to Nassau County Council on Aging President and CEO Janice Anrum for outstanding support of the Shrimp Festival, held May 4-6 in Fernandina Beach. Just passing its 55th consecutive year, the festival has an established role each year with the Council on Aging's programs on behalf of Nassau County senior citizens. Anrum stated, "We at the COA are very grateful for the Shrimp Festival Committee's continued active engagement in helping seniors live happy, healthy lives in our communities."

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Whenever I felt low, my dad was right there to lift me. He made me feel as if there was nothing I couldn't do. As I grew older, I often wondered if my dad ever needed lifting. He assured me that he had all the strength he needed to keep me high above any problems I might have. Through his sacrifice to give me every chance at success, he had made me feel safe, loved and confident to accomplish my dreams. God offers the same security, love and sacrifice to us. He is our heavenly Father and wants so badly to lift us from the sin that holds us down. We are His children.

Weekly Bible Trivia

Who gave Samson his unusual gift of strength?
(answer found in this week's scripture reading)

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The passing of an icon

Upon reading the *News-Leader* recently, I read where another Nassau County icon has passed away. Miss Mary Libby was in her 90s.

I first got to know Miss Libby about 1970 when she was the Nassau County Schools Superintendent and I was president of the PTA on Amelia Island. She was very forthright and easy to work with. The Nassau County School System certainly owes her a debt of gratitude. I've always insisted that these icons be profiled before they pass away. It would mean so much to them and their families.

During the next school year, the Nassau County School System should have a moment of silence to honor her.

Stanley Bunch
Fernandina Beach

Eighth Street

There has been much discussion by city government regarding the "beautification" of Eighth Street over the last couple of years, yet little has been done. Even the simple things, planting flowers, flowering trees – crepe myrtles seem to do exceptionally well here and add beauty most of the year – keeping the streets cleaned of debris and litter. No, none of it has been done before!

Then, along comes a private business, and they go beyond what one could hope to make a statement regarding the upgrading of their facility. Hot Paws, owned by the Martinez family, has made such an improvement that it has to be lauded. The comments heard around town from dog lovers, as well as people that wouldn't have a pet, are continuous and flattering.

The one question that is reflected by all is, "Did they get a grant from the city?" I would be the answer is no, because the other constant comment, especially by small business owners, is that the city government isn't "business friendly." I don't wish to make this a commentary on city government and its practices, but rather a thank you and congratulations to Hot Paws for their exceptional work.

Is the city providing grants, low interest loans, permitting fee reductions, or any other incentives? No matter, the Martinez (family) took it upon themselves to beautify their facility, the Eighth Street corridor and the city as a whole. As a resident, I certainly

appreciate it as do many others.

John Cascone
Fernandina Beach

Beyond the pale

I'm a near native of Fernandina Beach from my hometown of St. Simons Island. I'm 75 years old and a retired vice president of a 400-employee software company supporting custom software for the telecommunications industry. My wife and I have lived on Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach now for some 21 years. I'm currently a registered Republican.

Prior to my career in software as a consultant, instructor, program and project management, I spent a little over 15 years as a computer and electronics technician on U.S. Navy submarines. I was perhaps one of the best technicians the Navy ever had. I was first in my class in 90 percent of the fine Navy schools that I attended. I made advancement in the minimum time from E1 to E8; Senior Chief Petty Officer. I completed a Navy Associates Degree college program Summa Cum Laude. As an instructor and supervisor of a state of the art submarine weapons fire control system that was the first fully digital computer system, I revolutionized the training curricula to focus on troubleshooting and problem solving rather than the dictated component function that the sub sailors were no longer authorized to work on.

I am extremely troubled with the horrible man in the White House and his cabinet, and equally the Senate and House. One of the most pleasing events of last weekend was that of Robert De Niro's statement at (the) Tony awards. He is a beloved and admired Hollywood celebrity. His statement calling out "F*** Trump" struck the hearts of all the audience including mine. I want to add that the colliery is "F*** the Republicans in the Senate and House." The president is abysmal. The Republicans in Congress are beyond the pale.

My god, I spent collectively over two years of my life underwater on a missile submarine, fully believing that I was protecting all of you Americans from the Soviets. And you have the audacity to support Trump and Russia?

I want my two years back. And I want all you Republicans to rot in hell for your support of that miserable traitor Trump.

Dennis Stipe
Fernandina Beach

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Private vs. public parties

A sand storm of controversy is engulfing parts of Nassau County beaches. Most notably, the dry part.

The controversy has erupted from a state edict over who owns Florida beaches outside the high-water mark. More specifically, the predominantly thick sand that remains dry – out of the ocean's reach. And the issue is whether it is public or private property.

While uncertainty swirls around the state ruling (known as the Beach Bill), Nassau County commissioners are acting quickly. Commissioners are soliciting notarized affidavits from residents and visitors alike to strengthen their case for preserving our beaches for public use. The affidavits detail how beachgoers use the entire beach, especially the dry sand.

Commissioners have used a fact-finding committee and public input to craft a new ordinance. They will hold a final public hearing on the ordinance at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 21. The ordinance specifies that the beaches should remain the property of the public, not of private interests.

Some 4,000 local affidavits have been signed and confirmed so far. A citizen's movement engineered by Mac Morriss has made it convenient for people to sign affidavits. Booths, staffed by volunteers, have been spread throughout the county. Morriss is following the activities closely on the "Amelia Island Fernandina Beach Network" Facebook page he oversees.

The county plans to enact its beach ordinance by a deadline of July 1. The ordinance will hopefully provide the county with a valid argument if challenged in court. Private property owners around the state are reportedly lining up their own legal challenges.

If private owners prevail in a lawsuit, they could potentially block off the dry part of the beach bordering their properties – for their use only. Beaches within public parks or bordering public areas such as parking lots, pavilions, etc. cannot be impacted. Beach walkovers, common within Fernandina Beach and the unincorporated area of Amelia Island, cannot be blocked by a private owner.

The state's bill came in response to several court decisions in the Florida panhandle. State lawmakers, intending to provide clarity about beach access,



STEVE'S MARKET PLACE

Steve Nicklas

Patio Place and Color It Green (both in downtown Fernandina Beach), First Federal Bank in Yulee and The Pig Bar-B-Q restaurant in Callahan.

On Saturday, June 23, the group Citizens for Public Beaches and Shores will host a family gathering at Peters Point Beachfront Park today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some businesses taking part include The

entire beach. In the meantime, affidavits can be sent by email to contact@nassaucountyfl.com or delivered in person to the county manager's office (96135 Nassau Place, Yulee) or the Fernandina Beach city clerk's office (204 Ash St., Second Floor). Affidavits can be notarized at the county manager's office or at the Fernandina Beach city clerk's office.

For additional information, contact Susan Gilbert at 530-6100 or Sabrina Robertson at 530-6010. Affidavits will continue to be accepted until noon on June 20. Organizers hope to reach 10,000 affidavits. It is part of a united cause.

"Keep the beaches public – that's what we want to do," says one prominent resident.

Steve Nicklas is a financial adviser and a chartered retirement planning counselor for a regional U.S. firm who lives on Amelia Island. He is also an award-winning columnist. His business columns appear in several newspapers in North Florida and South Georgia, and on his personal website at SteveNicklasMarketplace.com. He has published a book of his favorite columns from the last 20 years, All About Money. The book is available in local stores and on Amazon. He can be reached at (904) 753-0236.

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The incredible power of fathers

Editor Note: This column is an excerpt from Tom Purcell's humorous book, *Misadventures of a 1970s Childhood*, available at Amazon.com.

My 84-year-old father still asks me why I did it. The "incident," as my family refers to it, dates back to 1973, when my father remodeled our basement into a family room. The project included a small bathroom, which would be the bane of his existence for more than 30 years.

You see, my father, always looking to save a buck – he had six kids to feed, after all – bought the cheapest sink and toilet he could find. Though the sink worked fine, the tiny toilet rarely functioned properly.

My father spent much of his spare time unplugging it. He pleaded with us not to use it unless it was "an emergency" and "for goodness sakes don't even think about number two!"

Armed with this knowledge, then, it is

remarkable I did what I did.

One Sunday morning, after chomping on a large Washington apple, I lay on the family room couch, too lazy to go upstairs to the kitchen to dispose of the core.

I noticed, 12 feet away, that the toilet lid was up. In a moment of insanity, I aimed the core at the toilet and flicked my wrist. The core floated majestically in the air, a perfect trajectory, and landed in the center of the bowl with a satisfying "ker-plunk!"

I later flushed it and never gave it another thought.

Over the next six months, the toilet plugged up several times. My father, a maestro with a plunger, was always able to clear the pipe. But one Sunday morning, the tiny commode presented him with the mother of all clogs.

Nothing would free it. The plunger failed, but not before my father was soaking wet. Two jars of Drano had no effect. Even a plumber's snake, which my father borrowed from our

next-door neighbors, failed to dislodge the blockage.

In a fit of rage, my father unbolted the toilet from the floor. In one mighty heave, he lifted it off its mount and set it aside. He knelt before the black hole in the floor. He reached his large paw inside, then his forearm, then his biceps.

His head pressed against the damp floor, sweat dripping off his nose, the veins in his temples ready to explode.

His eyes lit up. He had something. He carefully removed his biceps, then his forearm, then his paw. He was on his knees now staring at his clenched fist. He unpeeled his fingers slowly. In the center of his palm was a black, rotten apple core.

I could go into excruciating detail about my father's incredible reaction – how he ran through the house shouting, "Which of my idiot kids flushed an apple core down the toilet?"

But I won't.

I will tell you that my father, unlike bumbling

dads presented in the media today, earned our respect. He believed it was his job to help my sisters and me master basic virtues – certainly to master common sense – and I failed him that day.

His powerful model left a profound impact and guides me still. Even at 56, I'm filled with joy when I live up to his high standards and make him proud. I'm filled with disgust when my actions fall short and make him sad.

That is the incredible power my father holds over me.

Still, he phones me now and again with a familiar question: "Why did you flush an apple core down the toilet?"

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Poynter defends national SUP title

BETH JONES
News-Leader

Sean Poynter, 28, of Fernandina Beach captured back-to-back national stand-up paddleboard titles on Monday, defending his crown in the 2018 USA Surfing Championships in Oceanside, Calif. He did so in the final heat with a score of 17.87 out of a possible 20.

"Coming into the event, I knew it was going to be big and wasn't exactly sure how the beach break would shake out with the swell," Poynter said. "Well, it was pretty much maxed out, making wave selection and surfing execution critical on your final result."

Poynter did his homework. "I put in time prior to the event, understanding the waves, the locations of where the waves were breaking, understanding what type of surfing I could do on each defined wave in the seemingly slop conditions and, because of this, I was able to string together great strategy in my heats," he said.

"My strategy going into each heat shifted slightly, depending on the tide but, in general, there were three peaks amidst the chaos that I would bounce between and a jetty that I would use as help to get in and out of the break in the difficult conditions," Poynter continued. "Each heat I was able to put the strategy into practice and advance through to the final."

"It wasn't easy, but I was able to find my scoring waves on one of the right-handers peaks with three powerful frontside turns on one wave and two frontside turns on my back up wave. The three-turn wave led to one of my career highest single heat wave scores, a 9.87, and my backup wave an 8."

The pressure was on for his opponents. "This put me in a position where all the finals competitors needed two new scores to have potential to take the win over me," Poynter said. "This lasted up until the final moments, when one of the competitors broke the combination situation with scoring a 9.4 but, given the dying seconds of the heat, he wasn't able to back it up."

Poynter captured his second consecutive national SUP title and was named for the seventh time to Team USA, which will compete at the International Surfing Association World



Sean Poynter of Fernandina Beach is a two-time national stand-up paddleboard champion. He competed in Oceanside, Calif., top and left.

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Championships later this year in Brazil.

Poynter, who started surf-

ing competitively in 1999 and in SUP in 2010, will also compete on the Association of

Paddlesurf Professionals World Tour, traveling to New York in September and Gran Canaria,

Spain, in December.

"Results from these events will determine who will be the

APP World Champion, equivalent to our overall sport world champion," Poynter said.

ALL STAR



SPECIAL

Kayla Bradberry represented Yulee High School in the 29th annual Florida Athletic Coaches Association Softball All Star Classic at Florida Southern College in Lakeland June 1-2. The North team defeated the East team and went on to beat the West team in a 3-2 tie-breaker in the championship game. The senior outfielder hit over .400 for the Lady Hornets this past season.

Fireworks, Father's Day at the ballpark

Take Dad out to the ballgame this weekend to celebrate his big day. The Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp have a homestand at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville.

The crustaceans host the Jackson Generals at 7:05 p.m. today. Fans who wear red shirts to support the military save \$1 or they may donate it to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. There will be fireworks after the game.

First pitch is at 6:35 p.m. Saturday. The first 2,000 fans will receive a free Ronnie Van Zant

bobblehead doll. There will also be fireworks after Saturday's game.

On Sunday, the game starts at 3:15 p.m. Kids can run the bases after the game. There will be a cookout to celebrate Father's Day.

Tickets start at \$5. Tickets are available at www.jaxshrimp.com, by calling (904) 358-2846 or by visiting the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville box office, which will open at 10 a.m. Saturday, noon on Sunday game days and 9 a.m. daily during the week.

NSFA surf fishing seminar June 23

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association will sponsor a seminar on surf fishing by noted guide and instructor Noel Kuhn. The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon June 23 at Burney Park at American Beach, 95570 Burney Blvd.

The public is invited, and attendees do not have to be a club member to participate. This is a class, not a practice session. Participants need not bring their own equipment.

Several of the topics to be discussed and demonstrated by Kuhn include proper casting techniques with a spinning and conventional rod and reel; shock leaders; size of braid and mono to use, size of leaders; basic surf rigs to use; how to put different fresh bait on the hook (shrimp, crab, clams, fish); the proper way to put a sand spike in; where to find the fish; and, how to handle sharks, rays and catfish.

The NSFA is asking people to bring lawn chairs, as seating is limited. Water and sodas will be provided. Learn more about Kuhn by visiting his website, www.thesurfangler.com.

Additional information and reservations are available on the NSFA website, www.nsfafish.net.

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Surf fishing guide Noel Kuhn will conduct a seminar June 23 at American Beach.

youth-groups community and other civic-minded activities. For information contact Rick

Mowery, NSFA member, at 206-0347 or email info@nsfafish.net.

SPORTS SHORTS

Youth tennis camp

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 Kaweck at 415-0187.

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.

Fishing Rodeo

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/offshore 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.

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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 paksfernbnch@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-sombbrero.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.

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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.ameliailandcycling.com, www.ameliailandtrail.org or www.nfbc.us.

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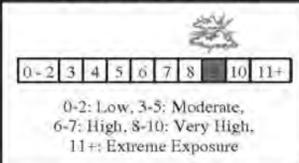
The Kraft Tennis Club held its 10th annual Member-Guest Tournament Sunday. There were four levels of competitors. Jackie Dunn and Barbara Rudolph, top left, won the pink level. Ruth Carter and An Lapre, top right, were the purple level. Dave Fortney and Dave Law were blue level winners. Fortney accepts the award from Tim Yeager, right. Tom Bell and David Weihe, left, were the green level champs. Some 80 players and spectators enjoyed the tennis competition along with the musical stylings of Early McCall and outstanding food and other refreshments. The event was organized by Tim and Kay Yeager and Susie Demille with the tournament committee and Tara Barrineau and members of the social committee.

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Scattered T-storms 89 / 76	Saturday Scattered T-storms 86 / 78	Sunday Partly Cloudy 84 / 76	Monday Partly Cloudy 85 / 77	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 87 / 79	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 93 / 85	Thursday Mostly Cloudy 90 / 82

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

What is a halo? ?
ANSWER: Clouds of ice crystals sometimes refract the light of the sun or moon.

Weather History

June 15, 1953 - Dust devils are usually rather benign weather phenomena. However, two boys were injured by one near Prescott, Ariz. One of the boys suffered a black eye and the other boy had two vertebrae fractured by wind-blown debris.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	1:55-3:55	2:26-4:26	Tue	5:46-7:46	6:11-8:11
Sat	2:57-4:57	3:27-5:27	Wed	6:36-8:36	7:00-9:00
Sun	3:57-5:57	4:26-6:26	Thu	7:23-9:23	7:46-9:46
Mon	4:53-6:53	5:20-7:20			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 6/20	Fri 6:22 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	8:17 a.m.	10:32 p.m.
	Sat 6:22 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	9:24 a.m.	11:27 p.m.
	Sun 6:22 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	10:31 a.m.	Next Day
	Mon 6:23 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	11:37 a.m.	12:14 a.m.
	Tue 6:23 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	12:57 a.m.
Full 6/28	Wed 6:23 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	1:41 p.m.	1:36 a.m.
	Thu 6:23 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	2:12 a.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
6/6	83	73	87/72	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
6/7	84	72	87/72	0.00"	6/6	28	6/10	30
6/8	85	73	87/72	0.00"	6/7	28	6/11	30
6/9	89	73	87/72	0.00"	6/8	29	6/12	28
6/10	88	72	87/72	0.00"	6/9	31		
6/11	87	73	88/73	0.00"				
6/12	85	72	88/73	0.00"				

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance					
Date	High	Low	Low	Date	High	Low	Low		
Fri	10:51 am	4:29 am	11:20 pm	4:35 pm	Fri	10:15 am	4:26 am	10:44 pm	4:32 pm
Sat	11:47 am	5:21 am	None	5:29 pm	Sat	11:11 am	5:18 am	11:38 pm	5:26 pm
Sun	12:14 am	6:14 am	12:44 pm	6:26 pm	Sun	12:08 pm	6:11 am	None	6:23 pm
Mon	1:09 am	7:10 am	1:41 pm	7:28 pm	Mon	12:33 am	7:07 am	1:05 pm	7:25 pm
Tue	2:03 am	8:09 am	2:39 pm	8:32 pm	Tue	1:27 am	8:06 am	2:03 pm	8:29 pm
Wed	2:59 am	9:07 am	3:39 pm	9:37 pm	Wed	2:23 am	9:04 am	3:03 pm	9:34 pm
Thu	3:55 am	10:02 am	4:39 pm	10:39 pm	Thu	3:19 am	9:59 am	4:03 pm	10:36 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Crescent Moon Woos Venus

Friday and Saturday, June 15-16 offers the best opportunities for seeing the second brightest sky object, the moon, next to the third brightest object, Venus. It will be an inspiring sight to behold in the western sky. The moon will be below and to Venus' right on Friday and above and to the left of the Goddess of Love on Saturday. Look for earthshine on the unlit portion of the seven percent waxing crescent moon on Friday and also on Saturday when Luna has grown to nearly 15 percent illumination. Bring binoculars along to enhance the earthshine, light reflected from a nearly full (fat gibbous) Earth rebounded back to us from the unlit portions of the moon. Also, on the 16th with binoculars, you can scan between the moon and Venus and spot a faint grouping of luminaries. That's the Beehive star cluster, also known as the Praesepa (Latin for manger), and designated as M44, the 44th object cataloged by Charles Messier (1730-1817), a French astronomer who was more interested in discovering comets than viewing celestial showpieces. When Messier came across fuzzy, stationary objects during his sky sweeps that his small telescopes could not properly resolve, he noted them to avoid the embarrassment of announcing the false discovery of a comet. Many of his findings, such as the Beehive, were either known in antiquity or first discerned by other sky watchers but then chronicled by Messier, perhaps to boost his catalog numbers. The current listing contains 110 objects, 103 which were published in his last catalog in 1781. The Beehive is one of the easier Messier objects to view. Under a dark, moonless early spring sky, when it is much higher in the heavens, it can be observed with the unaided eye as a faint, nebulous looking object, but it is really composed of just over 1000 stars. To the left of the moon on Saturday will be Regulus, the "king" of the stars of Leo the Lion. Look for the sickle, the head appearing as a backwards question mark, diving towards the western horizon as the spring stars set earlier and earlier each evening, and the summer stars begin to take center stage in the east. www.astronomy.org



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DEMOCRATS *Continued from 1A*

is slowly changing," Rohrbaugh said. "Carbon was sequestered under the earth for millions of years. Now, with the industrial revolution, we've been burning coal, we've been burning petroleum, it's going to have an effect. I'm not a doomsayer like a lot of progressives are, saying it's going to be absolutely catastrophic, but it's going to be bad if we don't do anything. Especially for Florida, if we don't do anything, it's going to ruin our economy."

Rohrbaugh said that he shares common ground with Republicans but that members of the GOP have alienated him with negative talk about Mexico.

"Frankly, there is a lot I like about the Republican Party and I likely would be a Republican if it wasn't for the way that I've listen to the Republican Party talk about Mexicans," Rohrbaugh said. "I grew up in a household with a Mexican mother and a father from Ohio. I want us as Americans to recognize, as George Washington said, that there are only shades between us. We all want basically the same things. We all share the same basic culture and traditions. For too long, politicians in both political parties have just made a very cynical calculation to divide people, to pit people against one another, to make people afraid instead of hopeful. We can't move together alone. We have to work together as Americans."

Ges Selmont

The mass shooting at MSDHS was also one of the events that prompted Ges Selmont, an attorney from Ponte Vedra, to run for Congress. Selmont would like to unseat John Rutherford, R-Fla., currently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives for Florida District 4. Rutherford was elected to his current office after serving 12 years as Jacksonville's sheriff.

"I think it's an extremely important time for

**Selmont**

the First Coast," Selmont said. "There are an awful lot of pressures on these coastal communities and I feel that Rutherford is not up to the challenge. I don't think there's anybody in America who knows more about the horrors of gun violence than Duval County's sheriff, and Rutherford has not held one town hall. He's avoided meeting with concerned parents. He's avoided meeting with concerned kids who are scared about going to school. To me, that shows somebody who does not have the ability to do the job."

When the hurricane hit, and people's houses are washed into the sea, their congressman did not come down, walk the beach with these families, did not assure people that the federal government was going to restore access for these communities to the ocean, what the federal government was going to do in terms of sand replenishment and protecting the oldest city in America, because he belongs to a party that doesn't believe the tide is rising."

Financial security is also a major issue in the race. Selmont addressed talk in Washington, D.C. about possible cuts to Social Security.

"It's unconscionable to threaten to mess with people's Social Security," Selmont said. "I don't understand why Paul Ryan and the Republicans are trying to go after Social Security. That's something people have earned from a lifetime of building this country, by being nurses and teachers and doctors and cops and construction workers. To threaten to take that away or privatize it is unbelievably unsettling."

Selmont said one cost to families – health care – has skyrocketed in recent years due to greed in Washington.

"Health care is families' number one concern,"

he said. "Can they pay the doctor bills? There's no reason in this country that that should be a family's number one concern. The biggest issue in that is cost containment. When it costs \$550 for an EpiPen that saves a kid's life from a bee sting or a peanut allergy, that's unconscionable. That's simply a lack of willpower in Washington. Because you have families who are deciding who gets healthcare in a family of four. Who gets dentist visits? This is a country where there is more than enough for everybody who wants to work for it. You can't just feed pigs at the trough."

Selmont said one of the biggest challenges to his campaign is to educate voters.

"There's so many snowbirds, transplants and recent transplants who have not followed local elections and local politics," he said. "They may be more engaged back at home or the places they moved from. They may have moved here and just registered as an Independent or no party affiliated because they don't follow the local elections. A big part of it is trying to get people engaged."

"In this area, there are some particular challenges. Geographically, this is a huge district. It runs from the Georgia border to St. Augustine Beach. It has 735,000 people in it, a couple of military bases, tomato farms, suburbs, office parks, pretty much everything except for the urban core of Jacksonville. So, a large part of it is letting people know who their congressman is and what district they are in."

All three candidates said they think that the divisiveness that seems to be gripping the country is not indicative of the people in the street.

"I have a lot of conservative views, and when people start talking, when liberals and conservatives start talking, they find they have more in common than they are different. It is the power structure that doesn't want people to have dialogue because divisiveness serves their interests."

"I think that Democrats and Republicans, average people, are in agreement," Selmont said. "I think Democrats and Republicans on Main Street believe the system is rigged. When the hurricane hit, all I saw was people hopping out of trucks, pulling trees out of people's driveways, chopping up oaks and palms that had fallen in the road. I never saw anybody stop and put the palm leaves back when they saw a Hillary bumper sticker on a car or they saw the man they were helping had a Trump hat on. I see normal people on Main Street going out of their way to get along with each other."

Overcoming stereotypes

All three candidates said they realize that, to be elected, they need to work toward harmony in government and against stereotypes of Democrats.

"We have to show people that we are a party of ideas, and those ideas are the ones that FDR, JFK, RFK and Bill Clinton and President Obama have all run and won on," Selmont said. "That's protecting Social Security, that's a strong defense, that's

protecting American workers at home and abroad, that is an innovation economy, that's a president challenging industry to go to the moon."

Rohrbaugh said he will work against preconceived ideas about the Democratic party.

"I certainly hope that I can convince Republicans in this area that I'm not the stereotype of a liberal that is just going to tax and spend and make programs that are wasteful," he said. "I want to take a serious look at the government and say, 'How can we make a 21st-century government for the state of Florida? How can we integrate technology? How can we use information technology to make things run smoother? Make sure resources are being allocated properly?'"

All the candidates at the event said they want to change the direction in which they believe the country is going.

"One of the things that has frustrated me in my lifetime, watching politics at the state and national level, is that politicians only seem to be gumming the dyke," Rohrbaugh said. "They're not looking at long-term solutions to protect our environment, to protect our children, to strengthen our economy. They just do short-term fixes to keep themselves in office. It's going to have to come from my generation coming up and saying we can't accept short-term thinking any longer. We need to plan for the future."

"The crassness, the crude language that's coming out of Washington and filtering down to local politics, I think, has made a lot of people want to get involved," Selmont said. "I think that's what this blue wave in North Florida is. It's values voters standing up this November and saying that the government being a mean-spirit and vengeful government does not reflect the values of people on the first coast."

"I'm furious that (Bean) and his fellow Republicans don't have the courage to speak out about what's going on in Washington," Bussard said. "Frankly, I think they're complicit in the moral decline of this country by their failure to speak, and I think a lot of people feel that way too. If the Republican leadership doesn't get it, what does that say for the future of our state? It's all interrelated. All of these people, including Bean, have worshipped at the altar of the people running the Trump campaign. They have to pay a price for that, I think. Hopefully I will be part of that."

Early voting for the primary election will be Aug. 17-25, with the primary election day taking place Aug. 28. The final day for voter registration to be eligible to participate in the primary election is July 30. Currently, all three candidates are running unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

Early voting for the general election will be Oct. 26-Nov. 3, with election day taking place Nov. 6. The last day to register to vote in the general election is Oct. 9.

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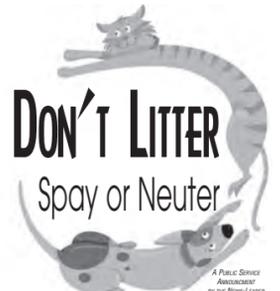
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IAA announces Nouveau Art winners



The Island Art Association has announced the winners of its June-July Nouveau Art show and sale, according to a news release.

"Chiaroscuro," or light and shadow, is the theme of the show, energized by high-value contrast mixed media art. The judge was Lily Kuonen, who has participated in exhibitions and on faculty around the world and holds a master's degree in painting from Savannah College of Art and Design. She is foundations coordinator and associate professor of art at Jacksonville University.

Sixty works of art were submitted for the show, and Kuonen noted chiaroscuro manifests ideas of allegory, balance, opposition, and the participants distinguished works represent well the breadth of the concept.

In addition to the winners appearing in the photos, honorable mentions included Judith Morgan, James Wideman, and Nancy Williams.

Featuring the work of 48 local exhibiting artists, the gallery is located at 18 N. Second St. in downtown Fernandina Beach. For information on how to participate in Nouveau Art, workshops, classes, and ways to support their charitable mission, visit islandart.org.

Clockwise: Sue Schraft, Best in Show for "LaVue de la Fenestra en Janvier," mixed media. Joe Winston, Second Place for "Black/White Gee O," porcelain clay. Linda Johnson, Third Place for "Bill's Brass," mixed media. Julie Delfs, First Place for "Jellies II," acrylics.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Shake up summer entertaining with theme parties

Pressed watermelon with basil water

Few foods are as synonymous with a particular season as watermelon is with summer. For many people, a backyard barbecue or picnic in the park is not complete without a refreshing slice of fresh watermelon.

But while watermelon is most often associated with dessert at warm weather soirees, this beloved fruit is much more versatile than that. For example, watermelon can be used to make a refreshing beverage for guests of your next outdoor get-together. Easy to prepare and ideal on warm afternoons and evenings, the following recipe for "Pressed Watermelon With Basil Water" from Brian Peterson-Campbell's "Cool Waters: 50 Refreshing, Healthy, Homemade Thirst Quenchers" (Harvard Common Press) is sure to cool down your guests. Makes 6 servings.

4 cups watermelon
6 to 8 large basil leaves
1/4 teaspoon white wine vinegar
4 cups chilled still water
Pinch of sea salt

1. Combine the watermelon chunks and basil in a colander placed over a large bowl. Using a metal ladle or spoon, press the watermelon to extract as much juice as possible (the remaining pulp should be fairly dry).

2. Season the juice with the sea salt and vinegar and strain through a fine-mesh sieve into a large pitcher. Add the water, stir and serve.

Food pairings: Grill chicken or fish, feta and tomato salad, shortbread cookies

Chef's tip: Use yellow watermelon for an unexpected twist. EL146229

Perhaps no season is better for entertaining than summer. Summer allows hosts and their guests to spill out into the yard, which also allows for bigger parties. But backyard barbecues can quickly grow stale.

Individuals who frequently entertain can develop some fresh ideas when hosting crowds. Parties with a theme can put a new spin on festivities, turning a typical day in the yard into a party with a theme that can make a party more fun. Hosts and hostesses who develop a theme often find that decorations, food ideas, music, and activities fall easily into place. Kids are not the only ones who can enjoy a theme party. Here are some ideas that fit with a wide variety of events.

Outdoor movie night

Taking a road trip to visit a drive-in theater can be an entertaining adventure – if you can find one – but outdoor movie enthusiasts also can construct an outdoor theater in the comfort of their own backyards.

- Concession sales provided much of revenue of drive-in theaters in their glory days. When creating an outdoor viewing experience at home, don't forget to make food part of the experience. A classic popcorn maker can keep freshly popped corn ready on demand. In addition, fire up the grill to ensure there are plenty of tasty items available.

- Projectors enable viewers to display a movie on just about any large, unobscured surface. While a large, hanging sheet can be handy, any smooth surface on your home, such as a large expanse of wall, can do the trick. Projectors now come in various sizes, and there are some pocket-sized varieties that can work with phones and other mobile devices.

- Create multi-leveled viewing by setting up seating on an incline in the yard, if available. Otherwise, place lawn chairs toward the back and have viewers in the front sit on blankets or towels so they do not obscure the screen for viewers in the back.

- Choose a family-friendly or kitschy movie to display. Delve into the classics of your movie library. Imagine seeing "Jaws" on a big screen once more or a cult-classic like "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

- Build in some intermission time when everyone can get up from their chairs or picnic blankets and mingle. Also, plan some pre- and post-viewing activities. Drive-in theaters were known to include some additional entertainment to boost attendance. Having a dance party or



including some carnival-type games can make for a well-rounded and enjoyable night.

Summer sports

Infuse some sportsmanship into gatherings by giving your party a sports theme. Baseball may be America's pastime, but soccer, volleyball and tennis are ideal in the warm weather as well. When hosting a baseball party encourage guests to arrive in their favorite team jersey, which will spark conversation and good-natured rivalry between participants.

Foods served can be reminiscent of ballpark fare, including fries, pretzels, beer, hot dogs, and any other concession stand foods you can think of. Consider decorating cakes or cookies to look like baseballs or baseball mitts.

A highlight of the party can be separating into teams and enjoying a pickup game of the event sport of choice. Turn the yard into a makeshift baseball diamond or set up a net and spike a few balls in a volleyball match. Those who do not want to play can sit on the sidelines and cheer their respective teams.

Musical flashback

Music has helped shape popular culture for decades, and the songs of a particular era can spark memories of childhood or romances from summers past. Parties based around a musical theme can unite guests who share the same love of songs and grew up together in a particular era.

Choose a period that offers a wide mix of musical influences and styles that appeal to an array of guests. The 1960s, 1970s and 1980s produced many beloved musical acts and also spurred fashion choices that are nostalgic and kitschy. Let the soundtrack set the pace of the party, with guests getting up and dancing to favorite tunes or creating impromptu karaoke sessions.

Ask guests to dress up as popular musicians of the era. Now is the time to pull those bell-bottoms or lacy fingerless gloves out of storage boxes in the attic.

Give food and drink quirky names that tie into popular movies or songs of the decade. For example, serve "Breakfast Club Sandwiches" at a party with a 1980s theme.

Summer entertaining season is in full swing. Breathe new life into run-of-the-mill barbecues by picking a theme for a party and getting creative.



ON & OFF THE ISLAND

'LAST UNION JACK'

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 today at 6 p.m. 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@ameliamuseum.org. The Amelia Island Museum of History is located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

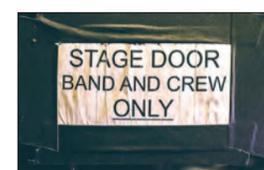
CARS & CONVERSATION

Auto Legends Amelia Cars and Conversation will meet Saturday 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.

'EVENING' AUDITIONS

St. Marys Little Theatre will hold auditions for its season opener, *An Evening with the Stars*, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday 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.



OUT AND ABOUT

THIS WEEK

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 today 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 gam-

bler, 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. today, 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. 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.

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Five Points VBS

Five Points Baptist Church at 736 Bonnieview Road in Fernandina Beach will hold "Game On" Vacation Bible School from 6 to 9 p.m. June 24-29. For information, call 261-4615.

VBS at the Chapel

Looking for a Bible-based good time for your child or grandchild this summer? Look no further!

Register today for Vacation Bible School at Amelia Plantation Chapel, which has "an exciting week of interactive, ener-



gizing, Bible-based good times" planned for June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon daily. Register online at myvbs.org/ameliaplantationchapel or call the church office at

477-0144. The church is located at 36 Bowman Road on Amelia Island.

Yulee United Methodist Church

All children from pre-k through fifth grade are welcome to attend Yulee United Methodist Church's "Who.o.o.o is Jesus?" Vacation Bible School scheduled for 6-8 p.m. July 9-13. Bible lessons, music, crafts, food, drink and lots of fun will be included.

Parents should call 336-5381 for more information and to register. Yulee UMC is located at 86003 Christian Way in Yulee.

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

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.

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.

Community Yoga + Wellness will host a belly dance workshop 2-3:45 p.m. June 23 at its 210 Beech St. studio in Fernandina Beach. This beginner workshop is fun, energetic and fabulously female! Roll, shimmy and move your hips to exotic music with belly dance teacher Margarita Dodd. For more information and to register, visit yoga-amelia.com/workshops. Dance belts normally \$25 will be available for \$16 at the door.

Sandra Baker-Hinton will teach a water-based painting class June 23 and 30 and July 7 at Fern and Dina's Gallery and Gifts. The cost for the class is \$150. To register, call 557-1195.

UPCOMING

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 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.

Tickets are on sale at Amelia Community Theatre for the musical theater camp production of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins Jr.* Performances of this one-hour family musical are at 7 p.m. June 29 and 1 p.m. June 30 on the theater's Main Stage at 207 Cedar St. All tickets are \$10, available at AmeliaCommunityTheatre.org or 261-6749. Open seating begins 30 minutes before curtain.

Community Yoga + Wellness will hold back care healing yoga classes throughout July. The series of four classes scheduled for 5:15-6:15 p.m. July 5, 12, 19 and 26 will cover recuperative poses for repairing injury, finding appropriate mobility or stability bringing blood flow for decreased inflammation, and tips for helping stay safe and injury-free at home. Participation requires a reservation which can be made at yoga-amelia.com/workshops. No previous yoga experience is needed. The cost of the class is \$60.

The Friends of the Library Book Club will meet Thursday, July 12, at 7 p.m. in the parlor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church to discuss *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. The program is free and open to the public. Future meeting dates and books to be discussed are 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.

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

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

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 yoga-amelia.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 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/2x2CfBd.

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.

Living With Loss is a support group organized by the Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition for anyone who has lost a loved one and needs a safe place for comfort and support. Meetings are Mondays from 4-5 p.m. at the Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Cost is \$10 per meeting. Call 277-3699 or email supportgroups@nacdac.com for information.

Dust off your drumsticks, oil your valves or wet your yod to join the Nassau Community Band! The ensemble meets weekly at 6 p.m. Thursdays in the Yulee Middle School band room, 85439 Miner Road. For more information, visit www.nassaucommunityband.com.

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Gerri's Corner of Comfort is open every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and every Thursday, 1-4 p.m., Barnabas Center, 1303 Jasmine St., Fernandina Beach. It is a Nonprofit resource center for women with cancer, answers questions in a confidential setting, provides support group information and more. For an appointment call 261-7000.

Guests on the Ghost Tour will learn Amelia Island ghost stories while they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era as the past comes alive through the storytelling of your guide.

This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students, or before the tour with check or cash only.

Living in Recovery is a support group organized by the Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition for anyone who recovering from any type of addiction. The goal of this group is to harbor a safe, confidential environment where one can gain support and skills to be successful in recovery. Meetings are Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Cost is \$10 per meeting. Call 277-3699 or email supportgroups@nacdac.com for information.

Overeaters Anonymous meets in the parlor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Contact Ilona at 261-9361.

Submit brief announcements/events to Calendar Listing c/o News-Leader, 511 Ash St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034; editor2@fbnews-leader.com; or 261-3696.

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SUMMER CAMPS

▼ Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council has announced 2018 summer camps open to girls of Northeast Florida. This year, GSGC is offering summer camp experiences at two different locations. Camp Kateri near Gainesville and North Fork in Middleburg will be the selected sites for Girl Scout activities this summer and will offer a variety of session themes that will allow campers to earn Archery, Gardener, Adventurer, STEM and Survival badges.

Camp Kateri will offer multiple resident camps throughout the months of June, July and August. Resident camps are overnight camps for girls of varying ages to practice independence, test their ideas and try new things. At Camp Kateri, campers can participate in activities such as swimming, kayaking, outdoor skills, arts and crafts, canoeing and archery.

The North Fork Leadership Center will host day camps where campers can enjoy the wonders of nature with canoeing and archery. Day campers may also choose the STEM emphasis camp to combine nature with the sciences such as robotics, photography, astronomy and more.

Beyond day camps at North Fork, the North Fork campsite offers girls the option of a two- or three-night stay to test out a traditional camp experience. Girls choosing to try a sampler overnight camp will sleep in a cabin, cook over a fire at night and enjoy camp activities including swimming, boating, shooting and making s'mores.

Teens who have completed high school will be able to earn their Counselor in Training designations.

For more information about the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council 2018 summer camp offerings and how to register, visit girlscoutsofgatewaycouncil.com or contact TriciaRae Stancato at 421-3484.

▼ Amelia Community Theatre

Amelia Community Theatre has announced its slate of 2018 summer camps for children and teens. Registration for all camps can be completed by going online to ameliacommunitytheatre.org, by calling 261-6749 or by visiting the ACT box office.

- **Two-Week Musical Theater Camp**
– June 18-30, 9 a.m. to noon; ages 8-12; tuition – \$200
– June 18-30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; ages 12-17; tuition – \$230
– This camp will present a production of *Mary Poppins Jr.* on ACT's Main Stage at 207 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach at 7 p.m. June 29 and 1

p.m. June 30. Campers must be available for the performances to sign up for the camp. 8 year olds must have completed the second grade or equivalent; 12 year olds have the option of registering for either the morning or the all-day session.

- **Two-Week Shakespeare Camp**
July 2-14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; ages 12-18; – \$150
– This camp will present performances of King Lear at 7 p.m. July 13 and 14 in ACT's Studio Theatre at 209 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach. Campers must be available for the performances to sign up for the camp.

▼ Royal Dance Academy

Royal Amelia Dance Academy will host several weekly camps this summer. Each camp will be split into three classes by age group – 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-12 years. Each class will be limited to 15 students. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost \$140 per week or \$496 for all four weeks. Lunch will not be provided; students should bring their own lunches with water. Each week will conclude with a family theatrical performance at Amelia Musical Playhouse.

- **Sing Your Heart Out**
– July 2-6: Students will act as their favorite characters, like Buster Moon, Rosita and Ash, as they sing and dance to hit songs and will create their own talent show props and animal costumes. Live performance is at 2:30 p.m. July 6.
- **Harry Potter**
– July 9-13: Students will create magical props, act as Hermione, Ginny, Draco, Dobby and more, join a Hogwarts House and sign and dance to new songs. Live performance is at 2:30 p.m. July 13.
- **Princess on the Bayou**
– July 16-20: Students will bring Princess Tiana to life along with her friends and their singing frogs, act as Tiana, Charlotte, Juju, Mama Odie, Stella, Evangeline and Prince Naveen, sing songs like "Down in New Orleans" and "Almost There," create costumes and props for cooking, dance and frogs, draw and paint the backdrop and dance to the great sounds of New Orleans. Live performance is at 2:30 p.m. July 20.
- **Good Is the New Bad**
– July 23-27: Students will act as Evie, Mal, Harry Hook, Jay, Uma and their famous parents, sing songs from the movie, create their own magical costumes, looks and props, design backdrops for Auradon and the Isle of the Lost and dance. Live performance is at 2:30 p.m. July 27.

▼ Beginning Guitar

Beginning guitar summer camps for children from 9 to 12 years of age and 13 to 19 years of age are being offered by the Nassau County Adult Education Department this summer. They will run for one hour Monday through Thursday the weeks of June 18 and 25 and the weeks of July 9, 16 and 23.

The 9 to 13 year old camps will be at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. The 13 to 19 year old camps will be at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. The camps will be held in the Team Center at the Nassau County School District's administration building at 1201 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach. The class limit for each class is six. Cost is \$40 for instruction and

materials. Guitars will be available for use in the class. Students will learn basic chords and well known songs to go with the chords they have learned. Different chords will be taught in each of the weekly sessions so you could mix and match the sessions as well. Call Michelle at 650-823-1767 to register and for more information.

▼ Horse Camp

Ki-lin Stables in Yulee is offering camps for children 5-13 who are interested in horses. The camps are suitable for beginner to advanced riders and will include daily riding, basic equestrian care, arts and crafts and other horse-related activities.

The camp will have three sessions: June 25-29 and July 16-20. The cost of each session is \$250 per participant and runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Snacks and drinks provided. Care before and after camp hours is an additional \$10 per hour. Sibling discounts and single day prices are available. A non-refundable deposit of \$125 or tuition paid in full is required at least 14 days before the first day of each session. Cash, checks and PayPal are accepted. For information, call 446-8643.

▼ Arts Alive Nassau

Arts Alive Nassau is offering the following summers camps.

- **Swashbucklers & Sea Fairies:** An arts and crafts camp for students from 9 to 12 that will use artistic and creative talents in a variety of ways while focusing on themes of pirates and mermaids.
– Cost of \$75 includes all supplies;
– Monday to Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon;
– June 18-20 at New Vision Congregational Church, 96072 Chester Road, Yulee;
– June 25-27 at Story & Song Neighborhood Bookstore Bistro, 1430 Park Ave., Fernandina Beach;
- **Drums & Rhythm:** Les DeMerle, world-renowned drummer and artistic director of the Amelia Island Jazz Festival, is offering this camp, designed to develop rhythm and enhance musical skills in drummers and percussionists as well as students of any instrument. Students will require a drum practice pad and a pair of drumsticks, both can be purchased at the first session. For ages 9 and up.
– Cost of \$120 includes six sessions
– Monday to Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon
– July 9-11 and 16-18 at New Vision Congregational Church, 96072 Chester Road, Yulee
To register for either camp, contact Arts Alive Nassau at 310-9243 or arts.alive.nassau@gmail.com. For information, visit artsalivenassau.org.

▼ Boys & Girls Clubs

The Nassau County Boys & Girls Clubs will conduct summer academies at both the Lime Street and Old Nassauville Road clubs from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Aug. 6. The camps are open to ages 6 to 18 and costs \$360, which includes nine weeks of all-day specialized programs, field trips, swimming athletics, technology and more. Family discounts are available as well as free and reduced lunches. Call 491-9102 to register

at the Lime Street club and 261-1075 for the Old Nassauville Road club.

▼ Ms. Shannon

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- Art
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▼ Island Art Association

A nonprofit organization that supports the arts in Nassau County, the Island Art Association is offering a children's art camp from July 16-20 in its Art Education Building, adjacent to the Gallery at 18 N. Second St. in Fernandina Beach. The camp is for ages 7 to 14 and will run daily from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$30 for the week and includes art supplies and a daily snack. The camp will offer a variety of exciting experiences including the opportunity to be taught by experienced working artists and teachers, a visit to the Gallery to view and discuss artwork, and many exciting projects to engage and entertain the students. Payment is required with enrollment, which may be made at the Gallery beginning April 30.

▼ Genetic Potential Academy

GPA is holding camps for three different age groups at its 474321 East S.R. 200/AIA location in Yulee (next to Woody's Bar-BQ). Only 12 students will be accepted into each class. Pro-rated weeks are available for some of the camps. For more information or to register, call 491-1111 or email info@geneticpotentialacademy.com.

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– Continues through Aug. 2 (closed July 2-5)
– \$240 for 8 weeks or 16 sessions
- **GPA Fun Camp, ages 6 to 8**
– Develop overall athleticism/fundamentals
– Enhance coordination, balance and agility
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RELIGION

How to pursue peace with people who hold different values

In our world, and sadly in our country, a clash of worldviews can turn violent. Christianity has something unique to say about this. The Christian church has a solution. And, one hopes, it provides an example that shows a loving alternative.

In Hebrews 12:14, Christians are commanded to “pursue peace with everyone.” Theologian Richard Mouw points out that the operative word in this verse is the verb: pursue. The writer of Hebrews, Mouw says, is telling us that peace doesn’t come easily. It has to be chased down, and it’s only won through constant struggle. What’s more, for those who see the world through a biblical lens, the race never ends. We live face-to-face and work side-by-side with people who hold different views, live by different standards, and see society’s pressing issues – whether free speech, religious liberty, gender identity, or sexuality – from an altogether foreign perspective. How can we pursue peace with people who are so different?

We may be tempted to give up.



PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Richard
Doster

Still, he urged his first readers to pursue peace, and he instructs us to do the same. Therefore, we have no choice but to be respectful and engaged. We have no choice but to strive for peace, even as we claim that all beliefs, values, and worldviews aren’t equal.

It’d be easier to keep quiet; to simply tolerate others’ views. But some judgments must be made. The

Everywhere, it seems, the social bond is frayed beyond mending. But as Mouw points out, the writer of Hebrews lived in a fractured culture, too. He was surrounded by strange religions and mind-bending debauchery, and the mainstream culture of his day, like ours, tended to scoff at meddlesome Christians.

prophet Isaiah, for example, warns God’s people, “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil” (Isaiah 3:20). The Apostle John instructs fellow Christians to, “test the spirits to see whether they are from God” (1 John 4:1). And in his letter to the Galatian church, the Apostle Paul – in the same passage where he tells the congregation to cultivate kindness, patience, and generosity – also charges them to oppose “works of the flesh,” including sexual immorality, impurity, and drunkenness.

We’re to love those outside the church, too. We’re to care about their health and safety and want them to live satisfying lives. Which begs the question: Would simple toleration cause people to thrive? If friends or family members abused alcohol, drugs, or sex – if they refused to work or if they consumed 10,000 calories a day – is toleration the best reply?

When the writer of Hebrews told us to pursue peace, did he mean for us to simply ignore destructive behavior? The answer, of course, is

no. So what did he have in mind? Not surprisingly, Jesus provides a good example.

When Jesus met the woman at the well (John 4: 7-26) He knew about her sexual indiscretions, and He didn’t hesitate to talk about them. He told her that she had been with five men and was, even then, entangled in adultery. As Scott Sauls points out in his book “Jesus Outside the Lines,” Christ didn’t flinch from explaining that sex and men could never provide the satisfaction she craved. But He didn’t browbeat her, either. He didn’t beat her over the head with His Bible. Instead, Sauls points out, “He saw beneath her distorted behavior to the need and emptiness that were driving it.” With kindness, Jesus told her that only He could quench her thirst forever. Respectfully, He described how she had tried to satisfy her soul with men and sex. And then explained that He alone could give her her what six partners had failed to deliver.

When Jesus befriended prostitutes

and tax collectors, He didn’t ignore their sin; He loved them in spite of it. When He called Mary Magdalene and Zacchaeus, He also called them to change their ways and become faithful disciples.

That’s the wide-open acceptance we owe to everyone. For their sakes – and for the good of a gentle and courteous culture – we never turn a blind eye to destructive behavior. That’s hardly civil, and it is never kind.

When Jesus dealt with wayward people He saw their sin and confronted it. But He saw their potential, too. He affirmed them as God’s image bearers and looked to the future, to their potential for living as faithful children of God. He showed us how to pursue peace with those who are different, because no one is beyond redemption.

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RELIGION NOTES

Speakers at First Presbyterian

Each Sunday this summer, First Presbyterian is hosting a variety of presentations focused on cherishing God’s creation here on our beautiful island. They are free to the public. Please come for coffee at 9:30 a.m. and stay for the presentation that begins at 9:50 a.m. and last approximately 50 minutes.

• June 17 – Egan’s Creek with Kathy Russell, aquatics and greenway manager, city of Fernandina Beach

• June 24 – Growing Trees with Vernon Hiott, Rayonier Inc.

The church is located at 9 North Sixth St. in Fernandina Beach with special needs parking space available in the FPC lot on North Fifth Street. For more information, contact 261-3837 or churchoffice@1stpres-fb.com or visit first-presbyterian-church-32034.org.

Summer Taizé prayer service

Periodically St. Michael Catholic Church holds a Taizé service, which consists of musical chants sung repeatedly and includes a period of silence, a scripture reading and prayer intercessions. A small ensemble of singers and musical accompaniment help the participants enter into a prayerful state as they blend their voices with the ensemble. Start the summer season this year by coming to a quiet place for reflection. The St. Michael Taizé ensemble invites you to attend a 35-minute program of subdued musical chants and prayers. Feel free to take a break from the distractions of the world and meet our Lord and feel the power of His Love in communal song and prayer. Please join us and bring a friend Monday, June 18, at 7 p.m. in St. Michael Church, located at North Fourth and Broome streets.

Hope House worship

How do we walk worthily and bring glory to God when we it seems like life isn’t being fair? Join us at 12 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, as the Apostle Paul answers in the last chapters of the book of Ephesians. Don’t miss this opportunity to worship, study and fellowship with

other believers. The Salvation Army Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

Franklinton celebrates 130th

Pastor Christopher Fowler and First Lady Yashica Fowler and the members of Historic Franklinton United Methodist Church at 1415 Lewis St. in American Beach will celebrate the church’s 130th anniversary and host a “Renaming of the Church Dedication Service” at 3 p.m. June 24. The guest speaker will be Pastor Timothy Simmons of St. Andrews Missionary Baptist Church of Jacksonville. RSVP no later than June 20 to christopherfowler1906@gmail.com or 277-2726.

‘Strong Men of Faith’

The Son of Allen will have its Men’s Day program, “Strong Men of Faith,” at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 24. Reverend Dr. Helen Jackson is the pastor. The messenger is Reverend Ron Rawls of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Saint Augustine. Please join us at Prince Chapel A.M.E. Church, located at 95189 Hendricks Road in Fernandina Beach.

‘Challenging God’s soldiers’

Ed Weihenmayer, a member of the Amelia Plantation Chapel, will offer the sermon Sunday, July 1, at both the 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. services. Speaking as a patriot and Marine Corps pilot who flew more than 100 combat missions in the Vietnam War, Weihenmayer’s Independence Day message will take us from our founding as a nation whose leaders and buildings and declarations thanked and honored Almighty God for our very existence to today’s challenging culture in which many are trying to push God to the sidelines. Weihenmayer will challenge God’s soldiers to bring their talents and passion to this battlefield, so that we all might continue to enjoy the freedoms and values of our loving God. Amelia Plantation Chapel is located at 36 Bowman Road on Amelia Island. For more information, call 277-4414 or visit ameliachapel.com.

FAITH VALUES

Three keys to being a successful father

JOHN SCHERER
Crisis Intervention Minister

Father’s Day becomes a special day in the study of relationships, which may be the greatest element of success in our lifetimes. There are so many ways for us to say, “Thanks, dad,” to our fathers. There are three that come to mind that seem like they are universal for many Dads and perhaps could be considered among their greatest gifts to all of us: thanks for material provision, faithful instruction and godly illustration. These three have always stood the test of time for generations.

In the area of material supply, we can learn a powerful lesson from I Timothy 5:8 – that, if a father doesn’t provide basic needs for his family, “he has denied the faith of Christ and should be considered to be worse than an unbeliever.” We stop and try to think of people we might know that do not provide for their own and may come up drawing a blank. Well, that’s a wonderful thought. In the real world right here in our own community, this aspect exists, and we need to reach out.

In the area of faithful instruction, we can learn from Ephesians 6:4 “that we shouldn’t put our kids down, but teach them and instruct them personally about Jesus Christ.” This isn’t an easy one guys! I remember, and I’m sure many of you do too, being ‘instructed’ by our Fathers. I personally remember being “instructed” by my own dad many times, and even though the Scriptures tell us to “bring our children up with loving discipline,” I was “sometimes” instructed from a “less than loving perspective,” depending on the issue. We all might remember that it wasn’t uncommon to hear things like “because I said so,” “I don’t care what the other

guys are doing,” and “pay attention or else!” And to top that all off, many of our dads, including mine, had a hair trigger temper and he wasn’t used to speaking more than once on any given topic! “My dad didn’t ever count to three!” I personally learned very quickly when he gave an instruction, especially in a raised voice, to make sure my “selective hearing” was on maximum; I was afraid not to! He didn’t use a belt, but watch out for other nearby hard objects!

Was that system by any means perfect? Of course not, even though we look and compare the way we were raised with the parents of today, we realize where the mistakes were and can encourage others to make course corrections based upon our experiences, and hopefully by the rules the scriptures tell us. We can learn as young Dads and seasoned granddads by what we see just about any day. How many times have we been to one of the kid’s baseball or soccer games and observed some parents yelling at their kids from the stands, expressing displeasure with their performance or instructions? How many of these impressionable boys and girls are scolded after the game because a dad thinks he knows better, only cares about the “W” or worse yet, tries to relive his past, relive a memory or attain a missed success through their kids! All at the expense of his child’s feelings and proper character modeling! Many of these kids just want to “blurt it out” to their dad by saying, “What about telling me what I did right instead of wrong!” A good father is a character building coach. The score will be long forgotten but the positive character lesson shown his kids will remember a lifetime. Faithful instruction, God’s way, is paramount to being a successful dad.

As a successful, respected dad, you’ll always be in the spotlight. Don’t take a chance on looking back with guilt and sadness later in life by saying, “I took my kids to school, but not to church. I taught them to drink, but not of the living water. I put them in little league, but not in Sunday school. I taught them how to fish, but not how to become fishers of men. I taught them that the church was full of hypocrites, but didn’t recognize them and myself, and that I was dealing with matters of eternity at the kid’s expense. I gave them the keys to the car, but did not give them the keys to the Kingdom of God!”

Dads must also lead by godly example. Paul spoke in I Corinthians 11:1 “to follow the example of Christ in our lives.” On the other hand, let’s not be too hard on ourselves. Paul wasn’t perfect and neither are we. There are many things we have all done in our lives that we don’t want our kids doing, or don’t meet Scripture standards. But remember, we all have also done some good and godly things that we hope our kids will model. The most important of these is “loving others” and demonstrating positive works of service to them. When our faith is grounded in Jesus Christ, we have the best opportunity to raise our kids and grandkids by making our homes and everyday lives a positive place for great relationships with them and success for their futures.

I wish every dad a wonderful Father’s Day! May the whole day – and every day – be filled with celebration, reunion, reconciliation and wonderful memories with your children and families – and most of all – love.

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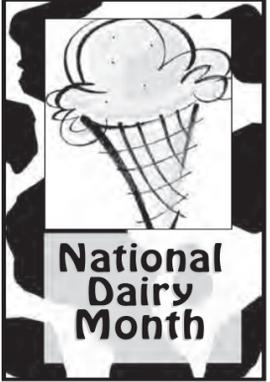
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