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Chapman explains the marina sale rumor

City mulls changing the marina's repair plan

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The Fernandina Beach City Commission answered questions about possibly selling the Fernandina Harbor Marina with a resounding "no" Tuesday night, and surprised stakeholders with an idea that "flips" the entire marina repair project on its head.

The city has been rife with talk recently after it was announced that commissioners had received notice that there are "qualified buyers" interested in buying the marina. At the June 19 meeting, Commissioner Phil Chapman said he opened a can of proverbial worms when he – "out of curiosity" – asked Laura DiBella, executive director of the Nassau County Economic Development Board and director of the Ocean Highway and Port Authority, if there were, in fact, parties interested in

purchasing the marina.

Chapman said DiBella told him there are interested parties, so he contacted a marine broker – "just to see if there was any interest."

Chapman said he has doubts regarding the city's ability to repair and operate the marina, which has not been fully operational since Hurricane Matthew hit the area in October 2016.

"I realize there is no question this city deserves a first class marina," he said. "However, I'm not sure that the city will ever have the financial ability to provide that. I just don't see it happening given the track record of the city's poor maintenance. I point to the Vuturo building on the waterfront, and our parking lot out back (of City Hall). Those are good examples of how well we take care of the things we own." The dilapidated

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The Fernandina Harbor Marina, which has been called the jewel of the community, will stay under the ownership of the city of Fernandina Beach for now. Plans to get the marina up and running at full capacity have been a work in progress for nearly two years. City leaders are considering changing the order in which different parts of that project will be performed and hope to have all the repairs done by Shrimp Festival 2019.

Kelley drops out of race

JULIA ROBERTS
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Nassau County Commissioner Steve Kelley has dropped his bid for re-election to his District 2 seat this fall. He announced his withdrawal on June 19 in a letter to Supervisor of Elections Vicki Cannon.

Kelley could not be reached for comment before the print deadline.

According to Kelley's sister and former Fernandina Beach City Commissioner Pat Gass, Kelley made the decision not to run in order to travel and spend time with his family.

Gass said that Kelley's wife, Bernice, retired when the couple sold their business, Kelley Termite & Pest Control, three years ago. Kelley will retire in November of this year, Gass said, and plans to travel after his retirement.

He was elected to the Board of County Commissioners in 2010, defeating incumbent Mike Boyle.

Kelley's campaign was listed as having \$100,000 in funds as of Thursday. Two other Republican candidates are running for the office, Aaron Bell, who has qualified, and Dawn Hagel, who has only filed.

NOTARIZING AFFIDAVITS



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Marian Phillips notarizes affidavits as part of a drive to collect notarized testimony of customary beach use. Those documents could be used by city and county governments to mitigate the potential effects of a new Florida law, HB 631. According to Mac Morriss, who is spearheading efforts along with Lowell Hall and Citizens for Public Beaches and Shores, as of June 18, the group had collected 60 percent of its goal of 10,000 affidavits in 21 days. A "beach family" gathering is scheduled for 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at Peters Point Beach Front Park. The public is invited. "If you love the beach, come on down," Hall said in a Facebook post.

Sale of golf course quashed by city

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In the middle of Amelia Island is an open green space. With over 3,000 trees, the 34-acre "park" is owned and maintained by the city of Fernandina Beach. It attracts visitors from around the world, some of whom, according to the manager of the facility, come to the island and stay through the winter just to visit it.

That "park" is the Fernandina Beach Golf Club on Bill Melton Road.

The City Commission answered rumors it is considering selling the golf course at its June 19 meeting, with all commissioners present emphatically refusing a sale.

The controversy started when it was made public that a real estate agent had found "qualified buyers" for the property as well as the city's marina.

Florida golf, as an industry, has been in a nosedive since the 2008 recession.

According to an investigation by USA TODAY Network-Florida, "The state's municipal golf courses have lost nearly \$100 million over the past five years.

... While some dipped into reserves or found one-time sources of revenue, overall these county- and city-owned courses required \$64.9 million in subsidies to stay afloat."

"Everybody is struggling," Fernandina Beach Golf Club's general manager, Steve Murphy, told the News-Leader. "There's no doubt the golf industry has bottomed out."

While the city's Finance Department could not furnish hard numbers to the News-Leader confirming how much the city's general fund has subsidized the course, Murphy said the golf club is "very close to breaking even or making a little bit of money," if you look at its earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.

The golf course carries debt from investing in a clubhouse that was built in 1999 and an irrigation system. Murphy said the loan would be repaid in 2020. He said the Fernandina Beach Golf Club's financial situation is not unusual.

"There are very few public golf courses in this country that make

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Florida Medicaid to change up benefits this fall

'Broadest benefit package' announced by state agency

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Big changes and choices are coming for thousands of Medicaid recipients in Nassau County.

According to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, which runs Medicaid in Florida, enrollees in Florida Medicaid should expect to receive information "this fall" about new options and benefits to choose from. The AHCA's news release says it has "negotiated the broadest benefit package ever available to Florida Medicaid recipients."

Medicaid recipients might include people 65 or over, but it is specifically meant to cover low-income families, including pregnant women, people of all ages with disabilities, and people with limited means who need long-term care.

Financial eligibility for Florida Medicaid is complicated, according to

the agency's site: "The state considers both the applicant's income and assets. In 2018, the individual (income) limit for an applicant is \$2,250 per month. For couples, when both parties are applying, the joint income limit is \$4,500/month."

Funded by both the state and federal governments, Medicaid programs are managed by each state individually. In Florida, applications for Medicaid are made through the Department of Children and Families and administered by the AHCA.

The AHCA intends to award contracts to nine health plans of the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care system – SMMC – and will offer 55 additional benefits this fall, including substance abuse treatment and mental health, group and individual therapy, enhanced pain management services to provide alternatives to the use of opioids, preventative dental services and

treatment "for those diagnosed with HIV/AIDS."

Those with a serious mental illness will have the option to enroll in a specialty plan specifically designed to serve those diagnoses. A specialty plan focused on serving children in Florida's child welfare system will also be available.

"Two new provider-based health plans, known as Provider Service Networks, or PSNs, (will) service recipients receiving Managed Medical Assistance and Long Term Care services," according to the AHCA, as a result of a re-procurement process required every five years.

An objective of the re-procurement process, according to the AHCA, is to "increase the percentage of enrollees receiving long-term care services in the community instead of a nursing facility."

Shelisha Coleman, press secretary for the AHCA, said that "the Agency will notify all enrollees of their new plan options and all enrollees will have the opportunity to select a plan," but Coleman could not give a specific date when enrollees will be notified.

"Final decisions around timelines are still pending, but once finalized, information will be made available to the public," Coleman wrote in an email. She said enrollees would be notified of their new options by U.S. mail.

The AHCA will provide assistance in making a decision about the new benefits and plans through "Choice Counselors," which can be reached at flmedicaidmanagedcare.com and (877) 711-3662. In-person appointments can also be arranged.

What exactly is Statewide Medicaid Managed Care?

In 2013, the AHCA ushered in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care system. The move to managed care plans was based on the premise that managed care might help recipients stay out of nursing homes, according to the Nolo Network.

SMMC programs provide nursing care, birthing center services, assistive care, emergency services, hospital inpatient and outpatient services, hearing and hospice services, mental health services, physician and physician

assistant services, prescription drugs, respiratory equipment and supplies, substance abuse treatment services, transportation to access covered services, and more. Go to <http://bit.ly/2lk7uz7> for more information.

There are two programs under the SMMC system: the Managed Medical Assistance program, known as MMA, and the Long-Term Care Managed Care – LTC – program.

As of May 1, there were 9,041 Nassau County residents receiving services through the MMA program and 231 residents receiving LTC assistance.

What is MMA?

MMA plans cover services such as prescriptions, doctors' visits and hospital stays, according to the ACHA. The state selects providers to the MMA plans through a competitive process. Providers are nationally accredited and are chosen based on "credentials, quality indicators, and price," according to fact sheets provided by the ACHA. Like traditional health insurance policyhold-

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OBITUARIES

Jimmie Joyce Vanzant Johns

Mrs. Jimmie Joyce Vanzant Johns, 91, of Yulee, Fla., passed away Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at UF Health North in Jacksonville.



Born May 28, 1927 in Kings Ferry, Fla., she was a daughter of the late James William and Irene Vanzant. She graduated from high school in Hilliard and met her future husband, Nolan Johns, "uptown" in Fernandina while she was visiting her sister, Marjorie Johnson. She was a lifelong resident of Nassau County and longtime resident of Fernandina Beach.

Her marriage to Nolan would last 68 years until his passing in 2013. Together they would raise a family and serve their church, Five Points Baptist Church, for many years. Across those years she would remain active in the church where she taught Sunday school and worked in a variety of ministries. She had the special honor of being the first "Youngest" mother to be recognized by the church on Mother's Day and was honored as the "Oldest" mother last Mother's Day.

Her family will remember her as being a determined lady who would work in her yard and amaze them with her strength and endurance. Memories

of her using anything she found to complete a task in the yard would always bring a smile to their faces. Whether it was a pair of scissors to trim a bush or a kitchen knife to hack away at limb, she would find a way to accomplish what she wanted to do.

After her love of her Lord and Savior and her church, she always loved and cherished her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her siblings, Broward Vanzant, Bernard Vanzant, Marjorie Irene Vanzant Johnson, and Sadie Vanzant Peeples.

She leaves behind her daughter, Judy Johns Cannon and her husband, Arthur Eugene, of Yulee, and her son, James Nolan Johns and his wife, Ronda, of Kingsland, Ga.; and her grandchildren, Tamara Sloan, Jamie Johns, Justin Johns, Zachary Johns, Jessica Hutto, Art Cannon, Genia Rich, Pam Hammond, and Roy Cannon; as well as several great grandchildren and extended family members.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 23, 2018 at Five Points Baptist Church with Pastor Frank Camarotti officiating. The family will receive friends at the church beginning at 10 a.m. She will be laid to rest next to her husband at 2 p.m. in Brickyard Cemetery near Kings Ferry.

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

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Dorothy Marie Lasker

Dorothy Marie Lasker, 83, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Sunday, June 17, 2018 at her home.



Born in Lake Charles, La., she was a daughter of the late Benjamin E. and Hazel Laughlin Bass.

In her earlier years, she had operated a retail clothing store in Kirtland, Ohio. As her children were finishing high school, she returned to college and obtained her bachelor's degree. With that degree, she began her career in social work.

She loved making pottery and was an avid genealogy researcher. Until her later years, she was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She moved to Fernandina Beach from The Villages six years ago. She had retired from the Florida Department of Children and Families. She had been a social worker through much of her later adult life.

Her surviving family includes her two sons, Craig Lasker and his wife, Carolyn, of Fernandina Beach, and Drew Lasker and his wife, Mia, of Moscow, Russia; a brother, Benjamin E.

Bass Jr. of Lake Charles; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her beloved dog, Buddy.

Her family will remember and celebrate her life in a small private service at a later date.

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

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Leslie Thrall

Leslie Thrall, 76, of Amelia Island, Fla. and formerly of Swarthmore, Pa., died Monday, June 11, 2018.

Beloved wife of the late George Vail, loving mother of Ward, Vail, Alex, and Evan, and cherished grandmother of 10 grandchildren, she was an active member of the Amelia Plantation Chapel, where a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. June 30, 2018.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Leslie's name to Unite for HER at uniteforher.org, Amelia Plantation Chapel at ameliachapel.com, or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at cff.org.

West Laurel Hill Cemetery & Funeral Home



WEEKLY UPDATE

St. Francis blood drive June 24

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

Langley to speak at lunch

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

Leadership Nassau applications

Applications are now available for the 2018-2019 Leadership Nassau program, sponsored by the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce. Application deadline is Monday, July 2, by 5 p.m. Designed to develop community leaders, the program provides an understanding of the problems, opportunities and issues facing the communities within Nassau County. The program also fosters the development of leadership skills and techniques in an environment that encourages the establishment of

new relationships and communication networks between the participants. Class topics range from economic development to health issues and social concerns. For information or an application, contact Nassau County Chamber of Commerce at 261-3248 or info@nassaucountyflchamber.com.

Sapp to address society

Lifetime Fernandina Beach resident Ron Sapp will address the Clinch Historical Society with a presentation about "the different issues and people that have kept Fernandina such an interesting place in which to live since 1950" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 9, at the Amelia Island Museum of History, according to a news release.

"(Sapp's) primary focus will include the resort/tourism era (1973 to present); the different city managers, city attorneys and commissioners. He knows politics from the inside as he was elected city commissioner for the first time in 1978 and served eight terms off and on (over) 24 years (including) six terms (years) as mayor. He regularly contributes to the Fernandina Beach News Leader," the release states.

"Sapp has lived in Fernandina Beach since he was two years old. He went to all the schools here. He married Kasey, his wife of 50 years. Ron and Kasey have two children: Sherri, who lives in Fernandina Beach, and Lori, now living in Gainesville," the release continues.

Sapp has also been a teacher at Fernandina Beach High School since 1988. After taking off two years for retirement, he's now teaches psychology and Honors U.S. History part-time. He's also a veteran, having served four years –

1966-70 – in the U.S. Air Force.

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The museum is located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach. For more information, contact clinchhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Scholarships for FBCA available

FBCA has announced that the school is accepting scholarships from the AAA Scholarship Foundation. This nonprofit organization awards annual scholarships for tuition and fees and is privately funded to assist eligible students attend an eligible private school of their choice. The Foundation works with schools in several states, including Florida, to make "Academic Achievement Accessible." Scholarships are income-based, offering a broader range of quality education to eligible families. For private school opportunities, visit Fernandina Beach Christian Academy located at 1600 S. Eighth St. in Fernandina Beach or call 491-5664 to schedule an appointment.

Hearing group volunteer needed

Can you help people adapt to a hearing-impaired world? Nassau County Volunteer Center is looking for a hearing loss support group facilitator. This unique individual will schedule meetings and speakers, update social media, and participate in traditional marketing techniques. This person would have a social work, facilitation, hearing or audiology background. If you fit the bill, go to volunteernassau.org and volunteer.

Unbiased help with Medicare

The UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service is offering weekly individual consultations at the Barnabas Center, located at 1303 Jasmine St. in Fernandina Beach, for Medicare beneficiaries. If you will be new to Medicare, have questions about Medicare or want to know if you qualify to save money on your Medicare drug costs, Medicare monthly premium, deductibles and copays, call Meg McAlpine at 530-6359 to schedule your private appointment. Appointments are being scheduled today from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Hospice fundraiser at local salon

Magna's in Fernandina Beach is currently 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 magnasaloon.com and at the salon, 103 Centre St. Donations are welcome. Checks should be made payable to Community Hospice and Palliative Care and can be mailed to Magna's.

Diabetes support group

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 build-

ing 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 meetings

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.

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City manager distributes rail-crossing concepts

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The city of Fernandina Beach has been working in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation and First Coast Railroad to consider opening Alachua Street through to North Front Street as well as changes to the railroad crossings at Ash and Centre streets.

In a June 20 email to city commissioners, City Manager Dale Martin shared a memorandum and concept drawings from HDR, the engineering firm that completed a study of those crossings.

"I do not expect, or recommend, that any decision be made regarding these crossings until the anticipated traffic circulation study is completed," Martin's email to the commissioners said.

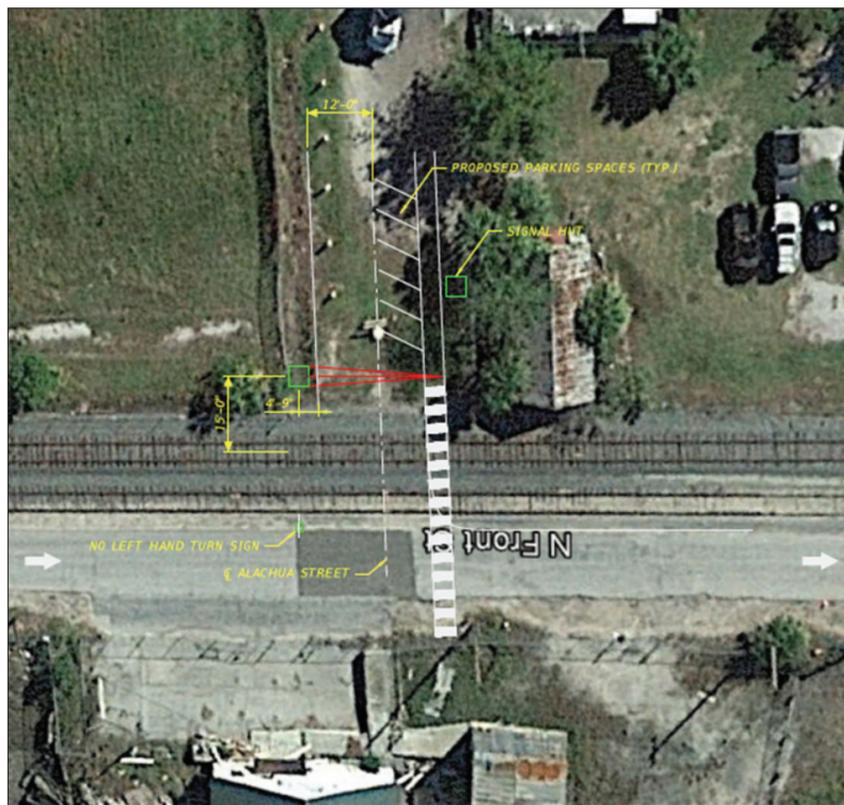
Martin wrote that FDOT has assured the city that federal and state funds will be available "in support of signal and safety improvements, especially in the vicinity of Ash and Centre Streets, where the safety improvements will possibly be mandated."

Ideas in the memo include making North Front Street one-

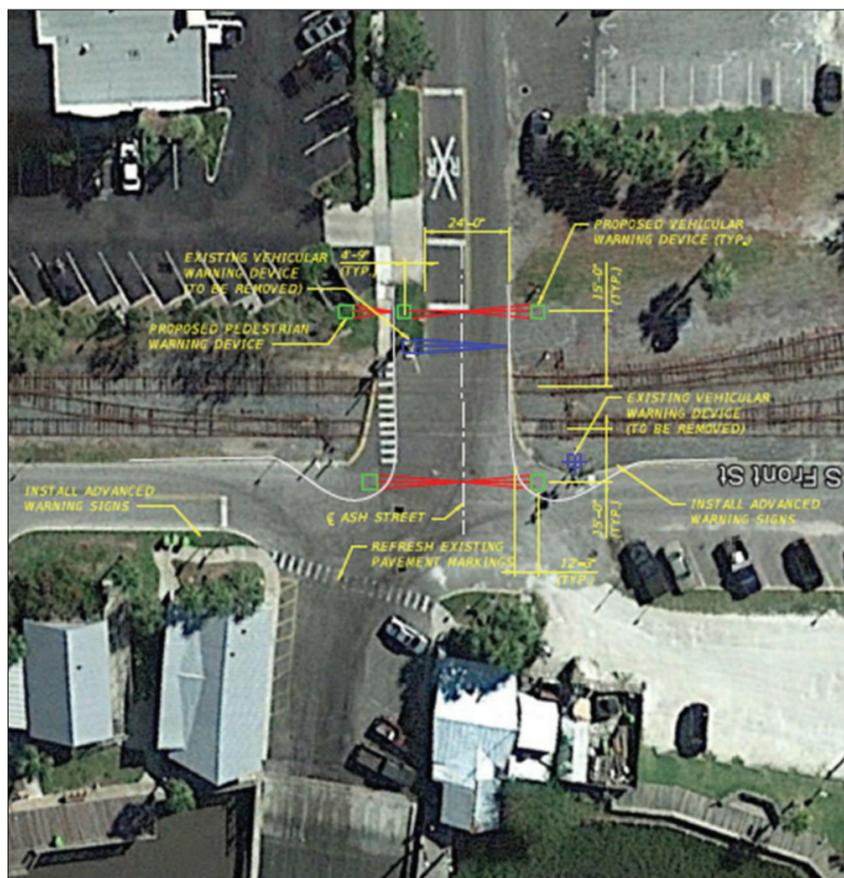
way to the south, toward Centre Street, and double pedestrian gates across the sidewalks on both sides of Centre Street. Another idea submitted by the consultants is to move the positions of vehicular gates and make them double-armed, one for each lane.

At Ash Street there would be a separate pedestrian safety gate on the sidewalk on the northeast side of the tracks. There would be no pedestrian gate on the south side of the tracks since there is no official pedestrian crossing there.

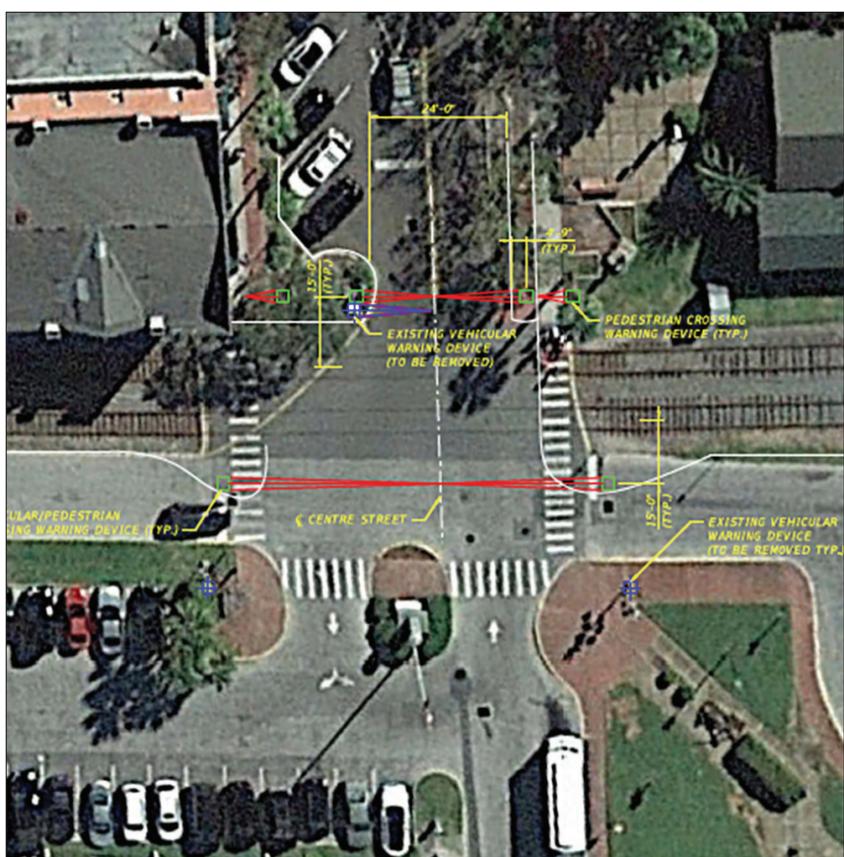
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A synopsis of the city's 2018-19 draft budget

The first draft of the 2018-19 budget has been crafted. The final version won't be completed and adopted until September (the city's fiscal year begins Oct. 1). In the interim, however, budget presentations and public hearings will be scheduled. Please stay informed of the dates of those efforts.

Property values continue to rise in the community. As a whole, the projected property values indicate that the property values have fully regained the value lost approximately a decade ago in what is commonly referred to as the Great Recession. The estimated value of real property within the city limits is approximately \$2.2 billion. Please note that although the aggregate value is now at an all-time high, on the individual level, it may be possible that not all value lost has been recovered.

Due to state statutes, however, the full value of the increase in property values is not reflected in local property tax revenues. The estimated increase in property values is six percent. This increase reflects market values. However, the state's "Save Our Homes" amendment (1995) limits the annual increase in the assessed value of homesteaded properties to 3 percent or the change in the national Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is less. Since the change in the CPI is approximately 1.5 percent, city tax revenues will not realize the full impact



CITY NOTES

Dale Martin

The city will have to publish the proposed millage rate as an increase since property owners, again as a result of rising property values, will likely pay more next year than they did this year.

Ironically, several months ago, when the state realized some additional revenue, state officials argued that since the tax rate wasn't increasing, the state shouldn't have to provide notice as a tax increase, directly contradicting what local governments are required to notice.

My efforts to draw attention to that discrepancy were politely rebuffed, seemingly saying, "We make the rules and we also make the

of the growth in property values.

The initial draft of the budget is predicated upon maintaining the same tax levy as last year, six mills for operating purposes. The total tax levy for the city also includes a levy for voter-approved debt service.

The debt service levy, as a result of the aforementioned increase in property values, will be slightly reduced, meaning that the total millage rate will be lower than this year's levy.

exceptions." (While Washington has plenty of eye-popping spectacles, don't take your eyes off of Tallahassee.)

The primary cost drivers in local government are personnel and capital projects. The city's personnel count for next year's budget will include personnel already hired – the city's head count reflects the status of personnel at the start of the fiscal year. Changes that had already been (or likely soon be) implemented include two additional Police Department patrol officers to support new state-mandated school resource officer positions in every school. The city, in cooperation with the Nassau County School District, had officers assigned to the middle and high schools, but no officers assigned to the two elementary schools.

The newly created urban forester/arborist position will also be reflected in next year's personnel figures. The budget also includes an additional maintenance worker, the transition of a few part-time positions to full-time, and the addition of a few more part-time positions. Several departments requested additional personnel, but those requests are not included in the initial draft of the budget.

The proposed capital budget, which is primarily funded by a contribution from the General Fund (i.e. property taxes), is somewhat "skinny" this year. While normally about a dozen or

so projects are funded each year, the cost of Fernandina Harbor Marina projects next year, specifically dredging, means that many capital projects will be forestalled. While the city does anticipate over \$300,000 in grant assistance for dredging the marina, the city will likely have to contribute approximately \$750,000 toward the project. New debt costs related to the repair and proposed expansion of the marina will also ripple through the budget.

The funds spent on dredging will not be otherwise spent on park improvements, recreation improvements, and facility improvements. A few projects deemed critical have survived the first budget pass: Roof repairs to the Atlantic Recreation Center and replacement windows/doors at the Peck Center. The Maintenance Department also gets a much-needed piece of equipment. The capital project list, as I said, is skinny.

The budget is still a work-in-progress, but I do not foresee any additional sizeable expenditures at this point. More likely, additional reductions will be implemented. Stay tuned, and, more importantly, stay informed.

Even more importantly, happy birthday to my twins, Abigail and Meaghan. I no longer have any teenagers.

Dale Martin is the city manager of Fernandina Beach.

Pedestrian struck by truck

A woman attempting to cross State Road 200/A1A on foot near its intersection with Piney Island Drive was struck by a tractor-trailer truck Tuesday evening, according to a news release from the Florida Highway Patrol.

Maxine Clarke, 59, of Fernandina Beach, was transported to the UF Health North hospital with

serious injuries.

"The pedestrian walked from right shoulder's sidewalk in a north direction and entered the truck's path of travel," according to the release.

The truck's driver, Pamela Addams, 63, of Port St. Lucie, Fla. was not injured.

The incident is still under investigation.

WESTROCK DONATES TO BARNABAS



Eric J. Schmidt, training and community relations manager at WestRock, left, and Dan Rowland, general manager at WestRock, right, present Wanda Lanier, president and CEO of Barnabas Center with a check for \$7,000. The donation made on June 19 represents funding for the upcoming 5th annual Empty Bowls Luncheon on Nov. 9, and will also support three programs that Barnabas Center is assuming with the closing of the Nassau County Volunteer Center: the GoKids! School Supply Drive, Peanut Butter & Jelly Food Drive, and Adopt-a-Family.

Independence Day Holiday
In observance of the 4th of July, the News-Leader will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th.

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The company offers a wide variety of products including GAF/Elk, CertainTeed, Owens-Corning, Monier, Hanson and American Tile, all of whom offer a complete line of warranties.

With recent changes to the state of Florida's wind mitigation roofing requirements, there are many new savings opportunities for residential and commercial owners. "We offer clients several roofing options to save money on their homeowners' and wind insurance policies," said Boyd. "We work closely with local insurance agents and have seen that many owners today are unaware of the savings opportunities available to them through policy discounts related to roofing modifications. We can evaluate, with owners, their individual needs and available options".

Additionally, Domestic Designs partners with a certified solar technology and installation firm to provide energy efficient roofing solutions that reduce your carbon footprint and utility expense. "We are excited about the unlimited opportunities we now offer in alternative energy resources and costs savings," said Boyd.

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money," he said. "Most of them are very well known or they are 'niched' in a very large populated area with expensive golf courses around."

Murphy explained that the city's course is less expensive to play than the courses at the island's resorts, but still faces financial challenges.

"In a bigger area, the resorts wouldn't be competition because of their price point," he said. "Because of the population here, everybody's competition. In Nassau County there's 80,000 people. In the 32034 ZIP code, there's 24,000. That's not a lot of people to draw from. The question I get asked is, how come you can't get as many rounds as the city of Jacksonville? They've got so many golf courses. They've got 900,000 people to draw from. I've got 24,000."

Murphy said there are five courses on Amelia Island and two just off the island - Amelia National and North Hampton - resulting in seven golf courses within a 15-minute drive. But the municipal course has advantages over the other courses, according to Murphy.

"This is the least expensive place to play golf on the island," he said, also noting the walkable terrain of the course.

Although he did not speak at Tuesday's meeting, at which commissioners said selling the course is not an option, days before that meeting Murphy said he believes the course is a valuable asset to the city.

"Conservation is probably one or two on the list of reasons to keep the course. It's just a huge amenity to the city. A lot of our visitors come because of this golf course. They can stay here for three months and afford to play golf for three months. The financial impact on the rest of the city is huge.



JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER

Brandon Ei, 13, practices with his father at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. The pair plays the club often, citing affordable rates as well as a superior course.

I don't know the numbers, but I know, if you get three months of somebody who doesn't have their money here, bringing money here - they're going to eat, they're going to shop, they're going to do everything here. The financial impact is very large."

At least one city official said he believes the course could improve with financial support from the city, but that it may not be financially realistic.

"Honestly, if we gave the golf course a \$6 million line of credit, we'd have one of the best golf courses in the state," Commissioner Phil Chapman said. "I think that, as we move forward, we need to

be investing in that asset. Sadly, it does come down to a money issue."

Murphy, a former landscaper, said that even without a large investment, he has seen the golf course improve. "I got here in October of 2015 and the course was not in good shape by any means," he said. "Over the last two and a half years, we've made a remarkable turnaround in the property, thanks to a great superintendent, Shannon Wheeler, who knows what he's doing."

Dozens of golfers showed up at the City Commission meeting Tuesday to express their

support for the golf course, thanking the commission for taking the sale of the course off the table.

Commissioner Roy Smith offered suggestions for improving it, which included making one of the nines a driving range or lighting parts of the course, but said he has no intention of selling it.

Mayor Johnny Miller said the property is irreplaceable, and that the city would keep its assets, whether it is the golf course of the city's marina.

"When it's gone it's gone. If we sell it, we can't get it back," Miller said. "Golf course and marina - they can't have it, it's ours."

MEDICAID

Continued from 1A

ers, participants in the MMA program will have a chance this fall to change to a different plan - commonly referred to as "open enrollment."

The AHCA wants Medicaid recipients to feel confident about the medical safety net.

"Absolutely no one will lose their benefits," wrote Coleman in an email. "If an enrollee changes their health plan because of this transition, they will be eligible to receive all benefits that they receive today. A key goal of the SMMC program is ensuring that recipients experience no break in services while transitioning from one health care plan to another, or from one service provider to another.

"Health plans are responsible for ensuring that people transitioning into their plan do not miss any services. In the event a new enrollee is receiving prior authorized ongoing course of treatment with any provider, the health plan is responsible for the costs of continuation of such course of treatment. This requirement is written in the Agency's contract with the Medicaid health plans."

Long-term care

In Florida, long-term care accounts for a large portion of all Medicaid expenditures. In 2012, for example, 70 percent of all nursing home costs in the state were paid by Medicaid, making it the most common source of funding. Candidates for Florida Medicaid's Long-Term Care Managed Care program must be legal Florida residents, be 65 years of age or be between 18 and 64 years old and designated as disabled by the Social Security Administration, need "nursing facility level of care," and meet the financial requirements for Florida Medicaid, according to the website payingforseniorcare.com.

So, what exactly does long-term care cover? As outlined by the ACHA, long-term care

services include adult companion care, adult day health care, assisted care services, assisted living, attendant care, behavior management, case management, caregiver training, home accessibility adaptation, home-delivered meals, hospice care, medical equipment and supplies, medication administration, respite care, therapies, including occupational, physical, respiratory, and speech and more. A complete list can be found at ahca.myflorida.com/SMMC.

"Activities of Daily Living" officially include eating, bathing, getting dressed, toileting, transferring, and continence. It is the performance of these six activities that determines what type of long-term care and health coverage a person needs.

Just like with the MMA programs, LTC enrollees will receive information in the fall about what new plans are available, but service providers often have waiting lists, so just because the service is covered by a given plan does not mean that the plan guarantees any given service at any particular point in time.

Florida Health Finder (www.floridahhealthfinder.gov/medicaid/florida-medicaid-general.aspx), defines a nursing home as "(providing) nursing, personal, custodial, and rehabilitative care. Nursing homes are licensed and surveyed by the State of Florida," as are Assisted Living Facilities.

Long-term care available in Nassau County includes two "nursing homes" - Quality Health in Fernandina Beach and the Life Care Center of Hilliard. Nursing homes, sometimes called skilled nursing facilities, are freestanding, which means they are not part of a hospital. Quality Health offers 120 beds, as does the Life Care Center of Hilliard.

Assisted Living Facilities

Assisted Living Facilities - ALFs - "provide full-time living arrangements in the least restrictive and most home-like setting. The basic services include, (but are not limited to): housing and

nutritional meals; help with the activities of daily living, like bathing, dressing, eating, walking, physical transfer, giving medications or helping residents give themselves medications; arrange for health care services; provide or arrange for transportation to health care services; and health monitoring."

ALFs in Nassau County include Dayspring Senior Living - 32 beds, Dayspring Village (for individuals with mental health issues) - 122, the Jane Adams House (with limited availability for Medicaid recipients) - 40 beds, the Life Care Center of Hilliard - 120, Quality Health - 120; Osprey Village - 44, and Savannah Grand - 56.

Savannah Grand and Osprey Village are exclusively "private pay," and the Jane Adams House is limited to how many Medicaid or Medicare beds are available.

Dayspring Village Inc. in Hilliard is a limited mental health assisted living facility serving adults with schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorders. Dayspring Senior Living, also located in Hilliard, offers "affordable senior services."

Douglas D. Adkins, the executive director of Dayspring Village and Dayspring Senior Living posted a message on Facebook that warned two of Medicaid's MMA plans, United Health Care (1082) and Molina (2939), will no longer serve Nassau County, but added that four other plans will be available.

"I would recommend that if you are enrolled in United Health Care you contact Choice Counseling and start to look at your options," Adkins advised.

Adkins feels a sense of urgen-



Adkins

cy about the state of health care in Nassau County. He said he hears about, and sees firsthand, the trouble individuals and families face trying to navigate the health care system. In a recent email, Adkins mentioned the "barriers and obstacles (families) face. ... I understand why so many become despondent, feel it is hopeless and just give up trying altogether."

Adkins said the re-procurement of services by the AHCA - what he calls the "realignment" - "will reorder things and create some chaos for families that depend on Medicaid for those with disabilities." He warned on Facebook that the changes coming "will force a complete realignment of the service delivery system for nearly 4,000 people on Medicaid in Nassau County." He suggested that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners "hold a workshop to outline the transition process."

Adkins also believes that a "Federally Qualified Health Care Center" could be the way to go in Nassau County.

As defined by healthcare.gov, FQHCs are "federally funded nonprofit health centers or clinics that serve medically underserved areas and populations. Federally qualified health centers provide primary care services regardless of your ability to pay. Services are provided on a sliding scale

fee based on your ability to pay."

Ann Swerlick, an attorney and analyst at the Florida Policy Institution, said, "FQHCs are an essential part of the health care safety net, but (are) no substitute for having health insurance coverage."

65 today? Your long-term care costs could be staggering

A segment that aired on National Public Radio in 2016 provided additional insight about the state of health care, noting "about half of all people turning 65 today will need daily help as they age, either at home or in nursing homes. Such long-term care will cost an average of \$91,100 for men annually and double that for women, because they live longer. As a result, Medicaid has become a safety net for millions of people who find themselves unable to pay for medical

care as well as daily living care."

The federal study supporting that claim can be read at <http://bit.ly/2K1jvL>.

To apply for Medicaid, call (866) 762-2237 or go to www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/. According to Florida Medicaid, "A person who moves here from another state, who had Medicaid in the prior state, has to apply for Medicaid in Florida. People who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) should contact Social Security to report their new address when they move into or out of Florida. Call Social Security's toll-free number (800) 772-1213 or TTY (800) 325-0778, or visit www.ssa.gov.

"Families who only want to apply for Medicaid for their children may submit a Florida KidCare application. Call the toll-free number (888) 540-5437 or TTY (877) 316-8748 or visit www.floridakidcare.org"

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RYAM awards \$60,000 in local scholarships

Rayonier Advanced Materials Inc. recently announced in a news release it has awarded \$60,000 in scholarships to the following six local high school students through its annual program to bolster education opportunities for future engineers:

- Josie Kilburn, Fernandina Beach High School, University of Florida
- Raymond Pace, West Nassau County High School, University of Florida
- Daniel Faltemier, Stanton Preparatory High School, University of Florida
- Ryan Rush, Jeff Davis High School, Georgia Southern University
- Ross Rush, Jeff Davis High School, Georgia Southern University
- Connor Sweat, Brantley County High School, University of Georgia

"This is an incredibly exciting opportunity, both for these students and for Rayonier Advanced Materials," Paul Boynton, CEO of Rayonier Advanced Materials, said in the release. "Not only are we able to help young students from our communities pursue their college dreams and gain firsthand experience, we also benefit from their

new talents and energy. Congratulations to all of the RYAM scholarship recipients; your families and communities are very proud of you."

The RYAM scholarship is unique: Not only does it contribute \$10,000 toward recipients' four year degrees, it also offers a paid internship to scholarship winners as rising juniors in college. Eligible applicants must be seniors and attend high school within 45 miles of RYAM's Jesup or Fernandina Beach plants. In addition, applicants must have plans to enroll in an engineering program at approved universities.

Jay Posze, senior vice president of human resources at Rayonier Advanced Materials, said the RYAM scholarship was designed to help local students obtain good degrees and find high quality job opportunities when they return home. "If these talented young people settle elsewhere after college, we don't want a lack of opportunity to be the reason," said Posze. "We have a vested interest. Not just as a company, but as parents, neighbors and members of the communities we serve."

Students interested in applying for next year's scholarship may visit www.RYAMScholarship.com to learn more.



Florida winners of the Rayonier Advanced Materials scholarship are Daniel Faltemier, Josie Kilburn, and Raymond Pace, left. Georgia winners of the scholarship are Ryan Rush, Conner Sweat, and Ross Rush, below.

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Nearly 125 booths planned for Saturday's art/farmers market

JUDIE MACKIE
For the News-Leader

The Fernandina Beach Arts Market and the Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market will be open Saturday – rain or shine. With nearly 75 booths, there is no doubt a trip to historic Fernandina Beach will help you find what you are looking for, whether for yourself or a gift. Located on North Seventh Street, both markets are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On the art side of the market, look for Mike and his creative and colorful bird houses. Mike paints the handcrafted birdhouses in vibrant colors and even has a few birds to match. Don't miss his larger houses, too.

Jerry and Billie are returning with Stained Glass Creation. This couple makes a wide variety of stained glass, hanging art. They specialize in patriotic and military pieces, all at affordable prices.

Gail with Reverse Glass will be on hand displaying her steins, wine glasses, and other stem-

ware with hand painted birds and fish. The designs are seen not only from looking at the outside of the glass, but the design is also visible from the inside when you are taking a sip.

The farmers market will have nearly 50 tents of fresh-baked breads, seasonal produce, foot aromatherapy, massage and soy candles, fresh and wild caught shrimp, salmon, beef, hot sauce, chopped olive salad, lemonade, dog treats and more.

Alain Lelait will provide music, and our Booth with a Cause will have representatives from Fort Clinch State Park and the Friends of Fort Clinch to provide information about the park and its recreational opportunities exploring Florida's natural and cultural resources. Stop by and learn how to become a Friend of Fort Clinch, adopt a sea turtle nest or attend an educational program at the park.

The markets are located in the open-air under the Spanish moss draped oak trees of old, coastal Florida. For more information, please find either market on Facebook or the internet.



JUDIE MACKIE/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Mike's handcrafted birdhouses come in vibrant colors.

CAMPUS NEWS

■ Sarah Crooks, daughter of Kate and Patrick Crooks, graduated cum laude from the University of Florida in May. She is a 2014 graduate of Yulee High School. Crooks rode for the UF equestrian team and served as the PR chairperson. She currently works as the assistant membership director at YMCA of North Central Florida in Gainesville. Sarah will be attending nursing school in the fall.



Crooks

■ Kinsey Moser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Moser of Fernandina Beach, Fla., was named to the dean's list at Bates College for the winter semester ending in April 2018. She is a 2014 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and is majoring in biology and women and gender studies at Bates.

■ Delaney Flanagan of Fernandina Beach, Fla., recently graduated from Berry College with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

■ Brie Cullen of Fernandina Beach, Fla., was named to the spring 2018 Dean's List at Berry College.

■ Sarah Welch of Fernandina Beach, Fla., was named to the Provost's List at Troy University for the spring semester of the 2017-18 academic year.

■ Furman University recently graduated the following students from Fernandina Beach, Fla.: Taylor G. Kinsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Kinsley, and Megan A. Womble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley S. Womble.

■ Shelby Booker of Fernandina Beach, Fla., graduated in May from the University of San Diego with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

■ Hunter Selton of Fernandina Beach, Fla., graduated in May from Colorado College with a bachelor's degree in molecular biology. Selton is a graduate of Episcopal High School of Jacksonville.

■ Clayton Deloss Jelinek was named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the 2018 spring semester at the College of Arts and Sciences at Baylor University.

■ Erik Joseph Bergkvist of Fernandina Beach, Fla., a senior majoring in computer science, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester at Clarkson University.

■ Tallahassee Community College recently named Charles Byrd and Fionna Mahoney, both of Fernandina Beach, Fla., to its 2018 spring Dean's List.

■ Clayton Deloss Jelinek graduated in May from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Arabic and Middle East Studies.

■ Carson Walsh of Fernandina Beach, Fla., was named to Tallahassee Community College's spring 2018 President's List.

■ Liam Gallivan of Amelia Island, Fla., graduated in May from Gonzaga University.

■ Gwenyth Stromdahl of Fernandina Beach, Fla., graduated in May from the University of Findlay with an Associate of Arts in Equestrian Studies.

'TECHNIQUES OF EXPRESSION'

Friends of the Library announced a new exhibit of artwork by local artists that will be on display through the end of August in the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Branch Library, located at 25 N. Fourth St. in Fernandina Beach. Entitled "Techniques of Expression," the exhibit features a variety of art mediums and techniques employed by several prominent Fernandina Beach artists, including Susan Henderson, Mary Libby, Wayne Howard, Vickie Maley, Carol Winner and James Widerman. The artistic techniques displayed include photolithography, oil, watercolor, 3D sculpture and pastel on light ink jet printing. The exhibit has limited viewing hours of 2-4 p.m. Wednesday and Saturdays. For further information regarding this event, on joining Friends of the Library, or donating, visit the FOL website at fernandinaFOL.org.



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We've been there. A lot of wrong decisions led us to one big mistake. God has the plan to help us back on our feet. He is our eternal source of strength in desperate times. Pray for God's guidance in your decisions and strength to carry it through.



Weekly Bible Trivia
Name the city spelled with only two letters that Joshua and the Israelites conquered.
(answer found in this week's scripture reading)

Sunday Josh. 8:1-5
Monday Josh. 8:6-10
Tuesday Josh. 8:11-17
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Error in tree removal

Over my 41-year career in industrial forestry, I have marked timber or supervised the marking of timber for harvest or leave trees for protection on thousands of acres.

The lack of communication between those that marked the trees for protection and those that did the removal is not plausible (“Horrible mistake” stops work on new hotel,” June 20). It is either absolute negligence or a total lie. This error does not happen.

It sounds like a classic case of “we cannot get what we want, so we will do what we like,” and then beg for forgiveness, call it a “horrible mistake,” wring hands, shed a few fake tears. The local officials will feel his pain, pat him on the back for his sorrow and capital investment, and allow the carnage to continue.

In the forestry world, the state demands triple damages, you can be sued for malicious negligence, and the person responsible gets fired.

This cycle of “Oops, we are so sorry” needs to stop, \$100,000 per tree might send a message.

Jim Tucker
Amelia Island

Greenway presentation

Many thanks to Kathy Russell, Aquatic and Greenway Manager, and the Presbyterian Church for the presentation on the Greenway this morning. The talk was informative, interesting, and well illustrated with a PowerPoint program.

With maps and photos, Kathy described what awaits the visitor. The Greenway is truly a gem and is being discovered by more and more folks. I hike or ride it several times a week and am seeing an increase in locals and tourists.

As the island develops, we need to be increasingly vigilant to protect this important path along marsh and fresh water. It is a unique environment. This presentation will help by informing people of what we have and encouraging them to experience and protect it.

Bill and Susie Birdsog
Fernandina Beach

Be civil

Mr. Stipe’s opinion was extraordinarily rude and offensive. It doesn’t matter how long you’ve lived here in Fernandina Beach. I’ve lived here 38 years! I would never write to the people and friends here that I treasure and tell them what he said.

This community to me has always been about Christian ways and families with higher standards than to say what he did publicly. I have never written to the Voice of the People before, but I know that I stand for many, many people that read his comment. We should all be civil. It’s a mark of a better education.

Kathleen Maurer
Fernandina Beach

Consider a hobby

I wish to thank Mr. D. Stipe for informing us all how extremely smart and experienced he actually perceives himself to be. Absolutely amazing! My husband spent 22 years in the U.S. Navy and achieved a stunning career, which he was grateful to be able to do. He, too, was a brilliant person, but no one who spent a few minutes with him questioned that.

He never made reference to his quite high IQ because he was smart enough to realize that no one wants to hear how smart someone else is. Neither did he want me to brag about him. Hmmm.

Mr. Stipe’s incredible support of a raging fool in the person of Robert DeNiro is not an intelligent move. His (Stipe’s) expletives directed toward the president of the United States are unforgivable at best. It seems some haters will die of hate and angst before the four-year term is up. I take great exception to anyone being disrespectful to any president elected by the people. Period. The complete and utter hate spewed toward Mr. Trump and the voters who are told that they should “rot in hell...” goes “Beyond the pale.” Shame. Mr. Stipe may want to consider a hobby to vent some anger. I suggest paint-by-numbers, in an upholstered room. Just my opinion.

Caroline Adams
Fernandina Beach

Advice on rage

In response to Mr. Dennis Stipe’s letter printed June 15, I offer the following thought on anger from Marcus Aurelius: “Keep this thought when you feel a fit of rage coming on – it isn’t manly to be enraged. Rather, gentleness and civility are more human, and therefore manlier. A real man doesn’t give way to anger and discontent, and such a person has strength, courage, and endurance – unlike the angry and complaining. The nearer a man comes to a calm mind, the closer he is to strength.”

I am truly saddened the *News-Leader* allowed such pathetic and vile language into our local paper. No matter a person’s political beliefs should readers be subjected to such inciting hatred and ignorance. It serves no good purpose.

Jana Rainey
Fernandina Beach

Better communication

I did not see or read the opinion piece entitled “Beyond the pale” but I have read the two excellent responses by Steven Heller and Joyce Frink. They were both so well written as to be both strong and considerate. I think we can all learn how to better communicate by reading such replies.

Thank you for publishing a controversial opinion so that we can all see what a terrific reply looks like.

Sandra Taylor
Fernandina Beach

Child abuse at border

Donald Trump promised repeatedly that Mexico would pay for a wall across our southern border. Many gullible supporters believed this absurd claim. Now it is clear that President Trump cannot deliver on that promise, and he wants taxpayers to pay for the wall instead. Nobody voted to do this.

Trump has recently instituted a policy of separating illegal immigrant children from their parents, an inhumane practice that has most Americans up in arms. He indicates Congress should pass a bill that funds his wall to stop this child abuse. He could stop it himself at any time, but his wall takes precedence. He is holding the children hostage until he gets his ransom wall funding. Call your Congressional representatives and decry this horrendous power play.

John Findlay
Fernandina Beach

Effort to document customary use of dry sand heats up

Community activists around Nassau County have gathered 6,000 affidavits to protect the public’s right to use all of our glorious beaches.

Activists such as Mac Morriss and Lowell Hall are building a case with the affidavits, resembling pebbles of sand in a sculpture. The effort revolves around the dry sand on the beach – above the high-water mark – and whether it is public or private.

The controversy blew in from Tallahassee like a summer thunderstorm. State lawmakers passed House Bill 631, which addressed the public’s access to the dry portion of the beach above the mean high water mark. The ambiguous bill states that the sand rights should be decided by a judge if a dispute is brought by a private landowner.

“That’s what this is all about,” says one organizer. “It can no longer be determined legislatively. It has to be determined judicially.”

County organizers are prepared for the challenge. With the input and assistance of County Attorney Mike Mullin, both Morriss and Hall have orchestrated signups and notarizations around the county, and even as far as Ops Restaurant in St. Marys, Ga.

The sworn affidavits prove that residents and visitors alike use the beach – all the beach, that is. This is categorized as “customary use.” Mullin hopes the sworn statements will strengthen the county’s position before a judge.

In addition, county commissioners plan to enact an ordinance by July 1 espousing the public’s longstanding access to use of the entire beach. The ordinance is another cautionary measure in the event of a legal challenge here.

Organizers want more signed affidavits. You can drop off affidavits at many locations in the county. Amelia Island: Redbones Dog Bakery, 809 S. Eighth St.; Kayak Amelia Retail Store, 4 N. Second St.; Go Fish or Celtic Charm, both on Centre Street; Steve Johnson Automotive, 1505 S. 14th St. In Yulee: Ultimate Liquidation & More. In Callahan: Callahan Bar-B-Q. In Hilliard: Making Memories Thrift Store or Dayspring



STEVE'S MARKET PLACE

Steve Nicklas

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There are also scheduled signing events, like at First Federal Bank from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. The bank is located at State Road 200 at Chester Road. Then this Saturday, a “Family Beach Gathering” will be held at Peters Point Beach Front Park. People will be encouraged to photograph themselves and others using the dry sand.

One local group has been instrumental in coordinating the community effort. “Citizens for Public Beaches & Shores” has been behind the scenes at many of the public events. And the “Amelia Island Fernandina Beach Network” Facebook page carries timely information (Morriss is the administrator of that page.)

To potentially complicate matters, there are technicalities within the ruling, like where the high water mark is as compared to the erosion-control line. And there are uncertainties, as to the level of challenges, such as whether a decision by a judge here applies to other places in the state. In other words, this whole episode could be a full-blown sandstorm, or more like dust in the wind.

Either way, local organizers are confident in their proactive efforts. As one says, “We’re not worried, but we’re not taking any chances either.”

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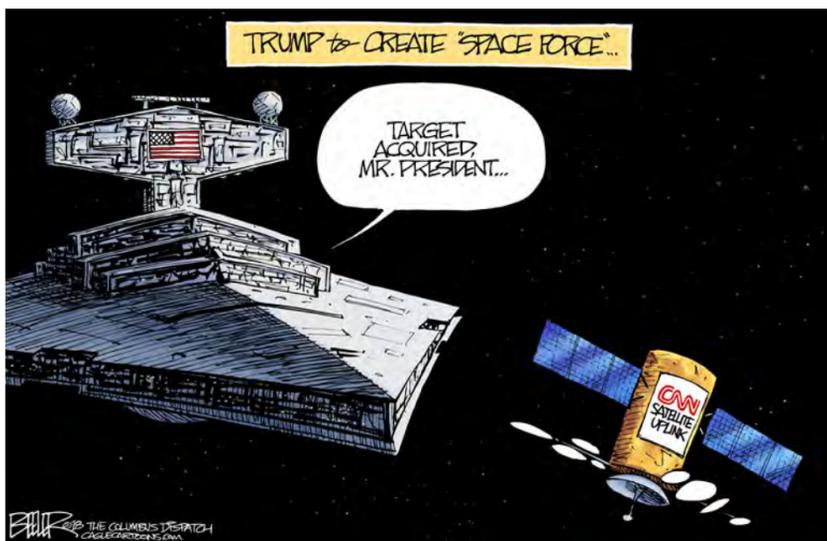
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It's time to end a preference for clicks over bricks

Bloomberg Businessweek just did a feature piece about the demise of Toys R Us that, complete with an illustration of a crying Geoffrey the Giraffe, really tugs at your heart string. It’s a clever take that puts the blame squarely on private equity investors and executives who, the magazine claims, kept the company alive for a decade or more by “living on borrowed money.”

While that’s true in part, there’s much more to the story. Almost nowhere in its exposition of the company’s failure does it examine the underlying problem: government policies that favor clicks over bricks by granting tax and regulatory preference to e-tailers over what’s come to be known as Main Street retail.

As things currently stand, the sales tax on an item purchased over the internet must be collected by the seller if the seller has a physical presence in the state in which the buyer resides. That Supreme Court decision is under review in a new case before the court. If the seller does not have a physical presence (the technical term is nexus) in a state, it is not required to collect sales tax on

goods sold purchasers living out of state.

To many, this differentiation amounts to a “loophole” that results in preferential tax treatment being given to internet retailers at the expense of local stores like Toys R Us, which once dotted the American landscape. It was the toy store of choice for many parents until it became apparent the same items you could buy in the store could be bought cheaper on the internet and delivered to your house already gift wrapped.

It was sweet deal that cut into the ability of stores like Toys R Us to survive. Some call that smart shopping by taking advantage of tax avoidance to lawful and legally reduces the amount of taxes paid. Actually, it’s tax evasion, something that’s against the law, because most states have an admittedly almost unenforceable provision on the books requiring voluntarily remittance of an amount equal to the tax they would have paid on a good purchased from another state free of sales tax if they had purchased it in their own state instead.

Admittedly, it’s easier to understand in prac-

tice than it is to explain on paper, but it’s had a major effect on American shopping habits. It has allowed e-tail to grow at the expense of local retailers. Congress has tried to address this bias but has thus far failed – allow the government to in effect pick the winners and determine the losers, a group that now includes Toys R Us.

Economist Art Laffer, one of the brilliant minds behind the tax policy that created the Reagan boom, has come up with one solution that’s credible. He’s no fan of taxes, but would prefer taking an e-commerce tax if the revenues are used to buy down the rates on taxes that are more economically inefficient, like the state income tax.

If Toys R Us is going to be held up as a cautionary tale, let’s examine the whole story. It’s easy, even fashionable to blame private equity, casting these investors like modern-day rapacious Gordon Geckos buying up companies to strip them of their assets, make a quick buck, and leave nothing but wreckage and unemployed workers behind. That’s the Hollywood version

of the story but it’s not accurate. The people who owned and ran Toys R Us lost \$1.3 billion getting it wrong while being unable to overcome the growing power of e-tail built on government preference.

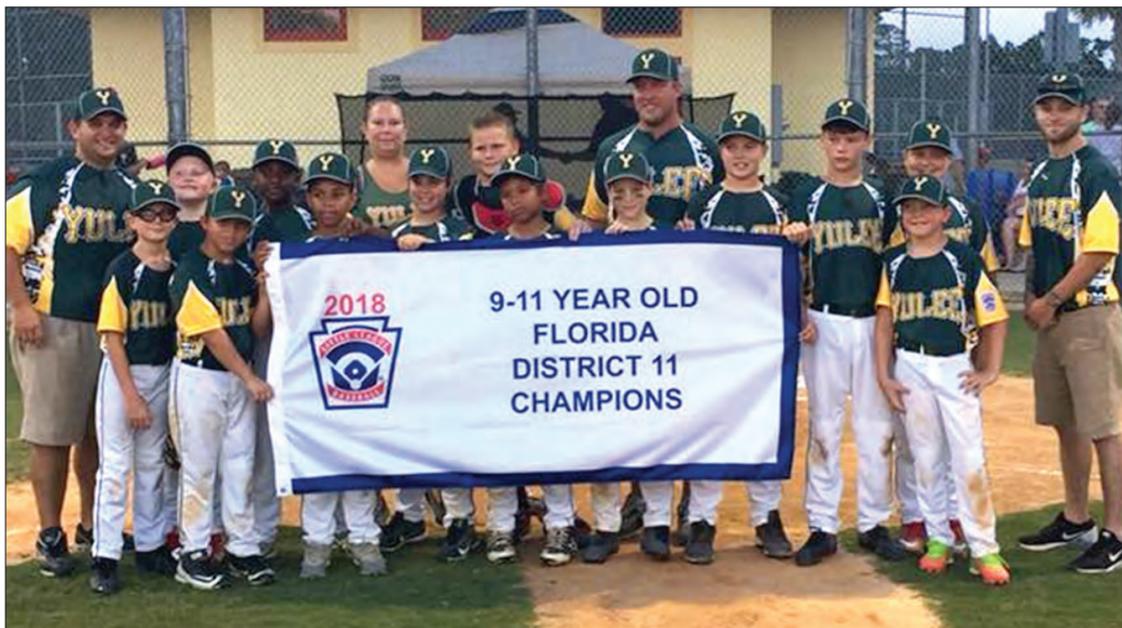
Congress must act to end the anti-Main Street regulatory environment. It should not be left to the courts that, perhaps without intending, created the mess we’re currently in. It won’t take much to level the playing field and ensure everyone is playing by the rules. Main Street brick and mortar can successfully compete with click-based e-commerce if the rules are fair. That way, everybody wins – especially the American consumer.

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DISTRICT CHAMPS



The Yulee Little League 9- to 11-year-old Allstars won the District 11 title, beating St. Augustine in the championship game. Yulee advances to the sectional tournament July 7 in St. Augustine. The team is managed by Trey Reynolds, and coaches are Christian Holbrook, Robert Svoboda, Randy Moriarty and Brad Batte. Parker Lynch slides into home, top left. Pitcher Connor Rhodan, top right. Above, Tyler Hathcox at bat. Above right, the team with the banner. Jaylen Mickey, right, catcher Nicholas Waldron, right center, and Ethan Svoboda, far right, in action for Yulee.



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FERNANDINA BEACH VS. LONG POINT



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The Amelia Island Club at Long Point hosted its first home match against the ladies from the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. Players from both teams include, from left, representing Fernandina Beach, Regina Brennan, Vickie Galpin, Donna Dandurand, Mary Poole, Rachel Hentigan and Pat Kraus, and representing Long Point, Melonie Murphy, Pam Fox, Judy Schmonsees, Susan Kaye, Wendy Wessels and Sheila Braddock. Following a morning of spirited match play golf, Long Point won the match.

▼ GOLF

ALS tournament slated for Aug. 3 at Long Point

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

Entry fees are \$200 per player or \$800 for a foursome. The reception only is \$50 per person. Sponsorships are available. Registration and warm-up with lunch buffet are from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with a shotgun start at noon. Format is a four-person scramble.

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

Contests include hole-in-one, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin (men and women) and putting on putting green. Awards go to the first- through fifth-place net teams and first- and second-place gross teams. All players receive a complimentary goody bag. Raffle tickets will be available for five for \$20 or an entire arm wing span for \$100.

Contact Mark O'Day at 553-0576 or odaym25@aol.com or visit www.ALSGolfAmelia.com.

SPORTS SHORTS

Adult tai chi

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

Surf fishing seminar

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.

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association, founded in 1983, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, created to develop and promote salt water fishing in the Nassau County area while adhering to state, federal and local regulations, to encourage compliance with rules of water safety by club members and the general public and to promote youth-related community and other civic-minded activities.

For information contact Rick Mowery, NSFA board member, at 206-0347 or email info@nsfafish.net.

FCA camp

Faith Christian Academy is offering a boys flag football camp and a girls volleyball camp July 23-27 at the FCA Upper School Campus located behind New Life Baptist Church, 464067 SR 200 (at Blackrock Road). It is open to rising fifth through 12th graders.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Early entry deadline is July 20; 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.

Auxiliary meets

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Amelia Island Flotilla 14-1 meets the first Thursday in the Amelia Island Lighthouse Cottage, located on O'Hagan Lane on Lighthouse Circle. Call 261-1889 for information.

Bowling leagues

Senior league bowling is offered at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the bowling alley off U.S. 17 in Yulee. The group also meets for Christian league at 6 p.m. Thursdays.

Walk with Me

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

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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FISHING RODEO



TERRY LACOSS/SPECIAL

Team Game Day captured first place during the Nassau Sport Fishing Association's Fernandina Beach Fishing Rodeo last year with a 42.69-pound king mackerel. Pictured, from left, are Cameron Bowers, Ryan Rodeffer, Justin Jasinsky, Brandon Sanborn and Josh Henderson. Early entry deadline for the 2018 event is July 20. The 36th annual event is Aug. 4. See all of the registration information and instructions at www.nsfafish.net.

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SUMMER AQUA-ADVENTURE CAMP July 2, 3, 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for three days, one day from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Meet at the Atlantic Center. Campers should bring lunch and refill-

able water bottle every day. Ages 10-15. \$150 city residents, \$187 non-city.

Register at the Atlantic Center. Contact Kathy Russell at 627-8303 or krussell@fbfl.org for information.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD EXPLORATION

program for ages 9-13 (participants must be able to swim one full length of the pool unassisted and tread water for two minutes). This course explores several lifeguarding environments, including pool, beach, water park and river. Classroom and water sessions; from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 23-27 (meet at the Atlantic Center). \$150 city residents, \$187 non-city. Register at the Atlantic Center in person or call 310-3350, ext. 1. Email Kathy Russell at krussell@fbfl.org.

OCEAN BEACH JUNIOR LIFEGUARD program for ages 10-15 (par-

ticipants must be able to swim two full pool lengths proficiently, using front crawl and/or breaststroke, swim 10 yards underwater and tread water for three minutes). This program emphasizes physical fitness and personal safety and explores ocean aquatic safety techniques. It is primarily held at Main Beach and will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 25-29 or July 9-13. Meet at the Atlantic Center for transportation to Main Beach. \$150 city residents, \$187 non-city. Register at the Atlantic Center in person or call 310-3350, ext. 1. Email Kathy Russell at krussell@fbfl.org for information.

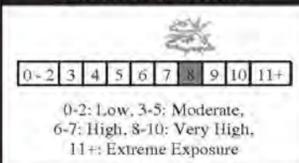
PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS, age 2 to adults, 30-minute single session, \$25 city resident, \$31 non-city; four-pack, \$75 city resident, \$94 non-city. Schedule at Atlantic Center.

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Scattered T-storms 91 / 77	Saturday Isolated T-storms 90 / 79	Sunday Scattered T-storms 88 / 78	Monday Scattered T-storms 90 / 80	Tuesday Scattered T-storms 89 / 79	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 84 / 74	Thursday Partly Cloudy 85 / 75

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

Do hurricanes spawn tornadoes? **Answer: Yes, indeed, this phenomenon is quite common.**

Weather History

June 22, 1972 - Hurricane Agnes deluged Pennsylvania and New York State with the most costly flood in U.S. history. At Wilkes-Barre, Penn., the dike was breached destroying much of the town. Flooding resulted in 117 deaths and 3.1 billion dollars damage.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Peak Times			Peak Times		
Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Fri	8:09-10:09	8:32-10:32	Tue	-	11:17-1:17
Sat	8:55-10:55	9:19-11:19	Wed	11:41-1:41	12:05-2:05
Sun	9:42-11:42	10:05-12:05	Thu	12:29-2:29	12:54-2:54
Mon	10:29-12:29	10:53-12:53			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Full 6/28	Fri 6:23 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	3:38 p.m.	2:47 a.m.	
	Sat 6:24 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	4:35 p.m.	3:22 a.m.	New 7/12
	Sun 6:24 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	5:31 p.m.	3:58 a.m.	
	Mon 6:24 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	6:26 p.m.	4:36 a.m.	
	Tue 6:25 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	7:19 p.m.	5:17 a.m.	
Last 7/6	Wed 6:25 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	8:11 p.m.	6:00 a.m.	
	Thu 6:25 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	6:47 a.m.	

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
6/13	88	73	88/73	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
6/14	91	73	88/73	0.00"	6/13	30	6/17	31
6/15	89	74	88/73	0.00"	6/14	32	6/18	31
6/16	87	75	88/73	0.00"	6/15	31	6/19	33
6/17	88	74	88/73	0.00"	6/16	31		
6/18	87	76	88/73	0.00"				
6/19	89	77	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	High	Low	Date	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	4:53 am	10:55 am	5:37 pm	11:36 pm	Fri	4:17 am	10:52 am	5:01 pm	11:33 pm
Sat	5:48 am	11:46 am	6:31 pm	None	Sat	5:12 am	11:43 am	5:55 pm	None
Sun	6:41 am	12:31 am	7:21 pm	12:34 pm	Sun	6:05 am	12:28 am	6:45 pm	12:31 pm
Mon	7:29 am	1:22 am	8:06 pm	1:21 pm	Mon	6:53 am	1:19 am	7:30 pm	1:18 pm
Tue	8:15 am	2:10 am	8:49 pm	2:06 pm	Tue	7:39 am	2:07 am	8:13 pm	2:03 pm
Wed	8:59 am	2:54 am	9:30 pm	2:48 pm	Wed	8:23 am	2:51 am	8:54 pm	2:45 pm
Thu	9:41 am	3:36 am	10:10 pm	3:28 pm	Thu	9:05 am	3:33 am	9:34 pm	3:25 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Meteorites Tell Stories of Times Past

I've been scouting for meteorites on eBay for the past week. It has become somewhat of an annual tradition which has resulted in the discovery of dealers who are knowledgeable, provide accurate descriptors, and document their space rocks with good photographs. Many retailers are members of the International Meteorite Collectors Association (IMCA), a group of buyers and sellers that police the market looking for dodgy dealers and meteorite forgeries, fakes that are really terrestrial in origin or human made. Many meteorites are rather dull and unattractive. In fact, I have often joked that the most unappealing displays at large mineral and fossil shows are the meteorite dealers. So what is so appealing about owning a few rocks from space or for that matter collecting them? One factor is that a meteorite has spent virtually all of its existence in space. The meteorites that fall to Earth today were broken up only 50-500 million years ago in collisions among larger bodies, signifying that new supplies of space debris continue to be generated for the Earth and other planets to encounter. Hold a meteorite in your hand, and you are witnessing something as old as the solar system itself, 4.5+ billion years. The breakups may have been recent history, but the bodies from which they originated, formed about the same time that the Earth was accreting. One of my favorite meteorites is a tiny one gram slice of the Monroe which fell to Earth at 3 p.m. on October 31, 1849 in the future confederate state of North Carolina. It is chock-full of small spherical bodies called chondrules. See the online picture. These were the first dust packets of accreting matter in our planetary system. They were heated, melted, and frozen into spheres which stuck together in ever increasing numbers as the sun's nuclear furnace ignited. What a wonderful treasure it is to possess as visual proof a small "piece" of the solar system's birth. www.astronomy.org



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MARINA *Continued from 1A*

building that Chapman referred to is located on the city-owned 0.71 acre property at 101 N. Front St, which was purchased in 2016.

City Manager Dale Martin said in November that the "demolition of the principle structure is contingent upon receiving the appropriate permit to allow for reconstruction/redevelopment of the site. Following the permitting and demolition, the City Commission will determine how to proceed: leave vacant, rebuild, sell, lease, etc."

Chapman said there are several factors that will affect waterfront development, including rebuilding or repairing a seawall and repairing the docks. He also said he does not think the city will commit to performing maintenance dredging of the marina.

"Does any of us know what the total price of this project will be for the city?" he asked. "Can anybody set a timeline of when it's going to be open?"

Chapman said he envisioned

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- FERNANDINA BEACH CITY COMMISSIONER PHIL CHAPMAN

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Beach has the best marina in the state. I think it's possible, but I do not think this city can do it alone."

Other commissioners were not interested in exploring any option that would relinquish control of the marina.

"I don't want to see a public-private partnership out there. The city should control the marina," Commissioner Roy Smith said. "It would be nice if we had the best marina in the state of

Florida. I don't think that's what we're looking at. We want a marina the city can be proud of. I don't care if we compare with Miami or whatever. I want something we are happy with."

Mayor Johnny Miller said that an ideal situation, where a buyer would take over the debt on the marina as well as invest financially in it, is unlikely.

"I thought that if Daddy Warbucks was going to come in and drop \$25 million to build a new marina, (the city could) put caveats in the sale," he said. "It would always remain public, that you wouldn't get fences up there like you see in California where it's a private marina, no 'private property' signs, they would not own any of the uplands, that they are required to maintain dredging and they are required to carry enough rider insurance that they could repair the marina, on their own, after a hurricane. Nobody has come to me and said that's going to happen. I made that public: No buyers came in."

"We are still paying off a massive loan we took on it. The fact that anyone would ever consider coming on, paying off the loan, paying off what we had asked for it, with every caveat I have in place ... and then paying off the FIND grant money that you have to replace if you went private - I don't think that person exists."

Miller said he has discussed the marina's financial situation with city Comptroller Patti Clifford, who assured him that the marina would eventually make money.

Miller summed up his position, "At this time, I'm not interested at all in selling the marina."

Chapman said he realizes the interest in a potential sale has "caused an uproar" in the com-

munity and that he will support the wishes of the commission and the community.

"I will work 100 percent to make sure that that marina gets what it needs," he said. "I threw the idea out there (and) I accept the decision. Now let's move forward and get it done."

The first step in moving forward with the marina is to begin the process of making repairs to the southern basin, and the attenuator in that basin, and dredging the silt that has been building up for more than four years.

The city's plan was to complete repairs to the southern attenuator, then remove the docks, dredge and realign the docks in the southern basin to go with the flow of the Amelia River in order to reduce the need for future dredging.

Martin said the city is on track to receive the proper permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the repairs to the southern attenuator. The city has issued a request for bids for that portion of the marina project and is slated to award the project to a bidder at its July 17 meeting.

Two contractors are qualified to bid on the project. A third contractor was disqualified when it failed to attend required meetings. Martin said both of the qualified contractors told the city that the goal of having the project completed by the end of 2018 is "likely not achievable."

"The reason for that is the third (disqualified) contractor is also the primary supplier of the docks," Martin said. "Since every marina from Texas to the Georgia coast is looking for parts, it becomes an issue of supply and demand. The backlog on dock material is overwhelming and will not, in all likelihood, allow the city to complete the southern attenuator by the end of the calendar year."

Martin said that situation brought about the idea of "flipping" the project.

"The thinking was, what if we still award the bid on July 17 and get a contractor in hand, but then also immediately go out for bids, while we were sitting around waiting for the docks (materials) to be available, and move forward with the dredging and the realignment of the south (docks)," Martin said. "The grand scheme of things was to have both of those projects - the southern attenuator and the southern basin - completed by next Shrimp Festival. In our discussions with the contractors, that is still doable, but we are going to have to flip the order."

There are obstacles to the new plan, Martin said, "but, right now, that seems to be the best option moving forward."

"We already have the permits for the dredging, and we already have the permit to realign the southern basin. I am working with the city's marina consultant to prepare an invitation to bid that we can have out, hopefully, by the end of this month, so that, when we do award the bid on July 17, that contractor will be in a much better position to submit a bid to move forward with the pulling of the docks," Martin said. "We don't have to wait for those docks. We're going to reuse what we have. Pull the docks, store them someplace. We've talked about moving them to the airport and refurbishing the docks there. Once the marina is dredged, put the docks back in a newly configured position."

The idea to flip the plans for the marina only came about four days before Tuesday's City Commission meeting, and commissioners said details have not yet been worked out.

Problems with the plan include where to put the boats that currently work out of the southern section of the marina. Captain Brian Soucy runs Semper Fi Charters, which operates out of the marina. Soucy asked how long he "will be out of business."

"The answer to your question, how long are they going to be closed, is, I think, two to four months, something like that," Commissioner Chip Ross said. "That's the reality. Could be less or more."

"The realistic timeline would be ... if we put the invitation out for bids by the end of this month, we have to notice the bids for 30 days," Martin said. "Now you're at the end of July. We award the bid, hopefully, in August. Then, how long does it take them to mobilize? So, you're talking (about) starting in September and the goal would be ... December so that we at least get that portion done."

Miller said decisions regarding the new plan are still being pondered.

"It's brand new," he said. "Do we wait and build these big docks? That takes time to get you moved. Or, do we wait and you guys are still down there, not being able to go our three or four times a day because of silting?"

Miller assured Soucy that affected parties would be kept informed about "every step" of the process and all decisions that are made about the project.

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'Yellow brick road' takes visitors on a garden journey

LIBBY WILKES, MASTER GARDENER
UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Service

Joy Cashdan moved to Nassau County from New York with a wonderful interest in gardening. All are welcomed to a garden journey once you enter her special yard. A cow model, originally from Sag Harbor, N.Y., is in the entryway to her home and now immediately brings smiles to visitors' faces.

The next area on the path is hidden in a secluded place but too lovely to be kept a secret. It has a bench for reflection, a birdbath, a hummingbird feeder and a wonderful array of flowers including ferns, begonias, and impatiens. Also located in this same area is a fig tree, a lemon tree, and Mickey Mouse elephant ear plants.

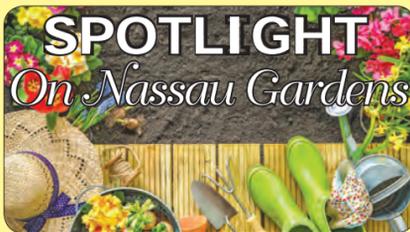
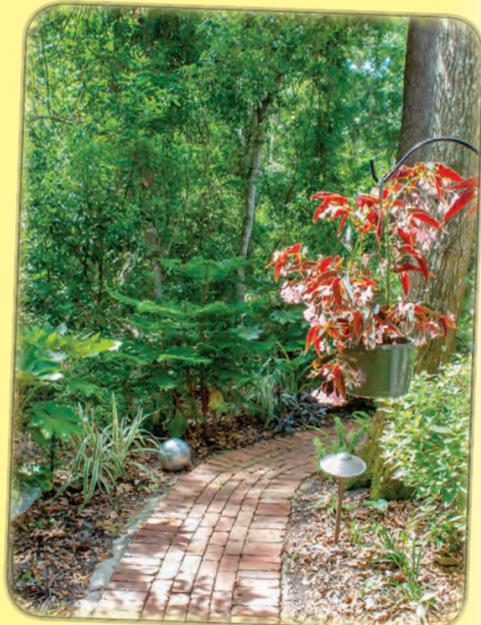
A winding path called the "yellow brick road" is a delight. Hanging begonias start the journey through a wooded area flanked by azaleas. Out of the forest and into the backyard there is a fern shade garden nestled under two trees, and a birdbath and feeders are nestled in a special place for birds. Around the bend is an archway visually suggesting more trails into the woods.

Next, we see a succulent garden with a variety of plants chosen for their shapes and blooms. The cacti especially enjoy this space. In the fish pond are goldfish and water plants, surrounded by ferns, orchids and a variety of papyrus. The working greenhouse provides a perfect environment for more delicate plants and seedlings. Tomatoes, violets and sunflowers are the current occupants.

In this back yard there are also blueberry plants, olives, kumquats, avocados.

All of this makes Cashdan very happy, thankful and restored.

Spotlight on Nassau Gardens is a monthly recognition program of the UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Service and features gardens and plants grown by Nassau County residents. To be considered for recognition, send a digital photo with a description of your "spotlight" along with your name, address, and phone number to beawalker105@gmail.com. For more information, call the Extension office at 530-6353.



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Libby Wilkes/
Special



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ON & OFF THE ISLAND

JAZZ PARTY WEEKEND

Horizons Restaurant will host a Jazz Party Weekend with the Dynamic Les DeMerle Jazz

Trio featuring Bonnie Eisele 6-9 p.m. today and Saturday at its 5472 First Coast Highway location on Amelia Island. For reservations, contact 321-2430 or Courtrthomp@gmail.com. A \$15 music charge will apply.



A MOSH WEEKEND

The Museum of Science & History in Jacksonville is packed with programs all weekend. Here's a sampling of the shows, tours and programs:

- Sesame Street's One World, One Sky: Elmo and Big Bird meet a new friend who lives far away in China and discover, despite the distance, that they still see the same stars in the night sky.

- Invertebrate Encounters: Explore and learn about the sea creatures that reside in the VyStar Intertidal Touch Tank.

- Family Friendly Laser Show: Kick back and relax as laser lights and images dance around the

Planetarium dome set to music.

- Extreme Science Show: Discover the cause of explosions, shocks and other fun experiments in this interactive science show.

- Mysteries of Mars: Learn about the Red Planet during this MOSH educator-led discussion preceded by NASA's Journey to Mars, a short film about how robotic explorers are paving the way for human exploration.

- Daily Animal Encounter - Pond & Beyond: Explore the Hixon pond and learn more about the plants and animals native to Northeast Florida.

For more information and schedules, visit www.themosh.org or call 904.396.MOSH.

FINAL PERFORMANCES

Both Amelia Community Theatre and Amelia Musical Playhouse will hold final performances of their current productions tonight and Saturday.

- ACT will present William Shakespeare's comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at 8 p.m. both nights on its Main Stage at 207 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$22 for adults



and \$10 for students through college and are available at AmeliaCommunityTheatre.org or 261-6749.

- The award-winning romantic comedy *Guys and Dolls* is playing at AMP at 7:30 p.m. tonight and tomorrow. For ticketing and questions, visit ameliamusicalplayhouse.com or call 277-3455. The theater is at 1955 Island Walkway in Fernandina Beach. For complete information about both shows, see 2B.



FREE BOWLING

Children 15 and under can bowl free today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Edwards Bowling Center in Yulee as part of summer-long program that includes additional free sessions every weekday. Register your children at kidsbowlfree.com for each to receive two free games each day.

Costs for bowling shoe rentals are not included. The program runs through Aug. 5. The bowling center is located at 850822 U.S. 17. For additional information about the program, call Kids Bowl Free at 866-798-4502. To reach the bowling center, call 225-1077.

OUT AND ABOUT

THIS WEEK

The award-winning romantic comedy **Guys and Dolls** is playing at Amelia Musical Playhouse in Fernandina Beach. The show tells the story of gambler Nathan Detroit trying to find the cash to set up the biggest crap game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck. Meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for 14 years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, as a result. The curtain will go up at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday. 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. today and Saturday 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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The Fernandina Beach High School Class of 1983 will hold its 35-year reunion today and Saturday. A meet and greet will be held at 6 p.m. tonight 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 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. Saturday 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 Saturday, June 30 and July 7 at Fern and Dina's Gallery and Gifts. The cost for the class is \$150. To register, call 557-1195.

NEXT WEEK

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

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.,

WNHS announces car show date

The West Nassau Historical Society has selected Saturday, Nov. 3, for its fundraiser Hobos, Hot Rods, and Heroes Festival and Car Show, according to a news release.

The nonprofit's second autumn celebration is an all-day event held in and around the historic 1881 Callahan Train Depot and adjoining 1856 Florida Railroad bed. The arts and crafts and food vendors will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The car show portion is a judged contest in several categories and is presented by Cochran's Collision Center, Callahan Cruisers, and AB&B Auto Parts. It is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be followed by an awards ceremony on the depot's main stage.

The kids' play area will start at 10 a.m. with a bouncy house and youth-oriented games such as a Hobo Scavenger Hunt. Joel Pace Music students will hold a hands-on instruments session on the front platform of the 137-year old station.

The Historical Society will honor veter-



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erans at 11 a.m.

Local live entertainment will perform on the main depot stage from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the final act following the car show awards ceremony.

Tours of the history museum, 1881 depot, turpentine artifact exhibit, and 1940s-era caboose will also be conducted. Inside the train depot museum the Historical Society will host a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit called "Crossroads: Change in Rural America." The six-week long exhibit is made possible by the Florida Humanities Council

Thursdays 1-4:30 p.m. on June 28, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23 and Sept. 6 and 20.

To celebrate the summer season, Amelia Lifelong Learning will present some new ideas on pairing wine and summer food. Wine and spirits consultant Rosemary Rillo will demonstrate how to successfully match wines with the barbecue you're planning to serve. It may seem surprising, but the right wine does go perfectly with barbecue as well as with other popular summer food. The class will be Thursday, June 28, from 4-6 p.m. at the Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach. The class fee is \$10 per person and includes barbecue and wines to sample. For more information and to register, visit amelialearning.com. This class is sponsored by Moon River Pizza.

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.

UPCOMING

The Nassau County Public Library System will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The book drops will remain open for the convenience of the public.

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

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.

Magna's in Fernandina Beach is currently 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.

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 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.

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

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

Bingo is played every Thursday at American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third

St. The public is invited to play. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and early bird games begin at 6:05 p.m. Regular session, 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 reed 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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Geri'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.

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One performance of 'Greatest Love of All'

Tickets are still available for next month's production of *The Greatest Love of All: The Whitney Houston Show* starring Belinda Davids. The national tour will be at Jacksonville's Times-Union Center on Saturday, July 21, for one performance only. Tickets can be purchased at fs-jartistsseries.org.

The tour follows star Belinda Davids' lauded performance on Fox TV's *Showtime at the Apollo Christmas Special* in December 2017, where her spine-tingling rendition of "I Will Always Love You" – on the very stage where Whitney Houston filmed her famous *Greatest Love of All* film clip, no less – earned her performance more than 10 million views on Facebook in the days following.

Though this is Davids' first major U.S. tour as the principal of *The Greatest Love of All: The Whitney Houston Show*, she's no stranger to U.S. audiences, having toured extensively as a backing vocalist for the likes of Keri Hilson, Keyshia Cole and Monica in earlier years. Davids said



of her return to the U.S., "This is the birthplace of Whitney – her home and her essence and the place and experiences that made her the incredible person and artist that she was. I

know Americans hold her memory dear, and I'm first and foremost a Whitney fan myself, so I cannot wait to be surrounded by others who treasure her just as much as I do. Every audience, every fan that I perform to is special, but I know that this tour will be particularly special."

Audiences across Europe, the U.K.,

Middle East, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Davids' home country of South Africa have already been wowed by the production, which has been touring since 2013.

A 20-piece band, backing vocalist and choreographed dancers will accompany Davids on stage as she pays tribute to Houston with live performances of "I Wanna Dance With Somebody," "How Will I Know," "I Have Nothing," "Didn't We Almost Have It All," "One Moment in Time," "Queen of the Night" and 15 other chart-topping hits.

Showtime Australia's international production house, led by respected long-time father and son team Johnny and Jono Van Grinsven, in the roles of producer and technical director respectively, has put together custom-designed lighting, theatrical effects, and more than 20 different hand-crafted costumes to complete the sensory spectacle and keep audiences enthralled through the course of the two-hour show.



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RELIGION

Right or wrong, we all have plenty of good reasons to be humble

Last Monday, a *Wall Street Journal* editorial by Emily Smith talked about Debra Mashek, a psychology professor at Harvey Mudd College. Professor Mashek had asked her students to think about how they might show intellectual humility. How, specifically, could they “signal” to others that they’re open to different perspectives? A handful of kids took a stab at it, but the class failed to come up with acceptable, politically correct ways of being humble.

In one sense, it’s hard to blame them. It’s been a while since they’ve seen good examples. In politics, business, education – and even in our own neighborhoods – more people, it seems, insist that their way and their view must prevail. Generally, we’re more demanding and less tolerant of others’ ideas. Which means there’s not much room to be humble.

The Bible has a lot to say on the subject. So much so that Richard Baxter, the 17th-century English theologian, once wrote, “Humility is not a mere ornament of a Christian, but



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an essential part of the new creature. It is a contradiction in terms to be a Christian, and not be humble.”

We see a vivid illustration of this in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. It’s especially relevant today because, according to Luke 18:9, Jesus told the story to those “who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt.”

The Pharisee, we’re told, “stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector.’” In contrast, the tax collector “stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”

These men offered vastly dif-

ferent prayers, and Jesus shared a few thoughts about them. First, he explained that that tax collector, not the Pharisee, “went down to his house justified.” And that, he said, is because “All those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Please don’t miss the connection between justification and humility. It’s key. People who are biblically justified have been declared innocent by God. They’re righteous in his eyes. Their sins are forgiven, and they’ve been promised eternal life in his presence. That’s the heart of Christianity.

Pastor and author Chris Hutchinson argues that “Jesus chose this word precisely to draw the strongest of all possible contrasts between the Pharisee and publican in the conditions of their hearts.” The Pharisee’s heart is filled with pride, which demonstrates that he remains unjustified before God. The tax collector reveals contrition. He depends on God’s mercy, thereby revealing a humble heart. Consequently, he’s the one who’s justified.

Hutchinson cites author David Wells, who explains that in the case of the publican we see “a sense of undoing before God, of inner wretchedness because of sin. ... In the other, there is no such sense.” Instead, says Wells, there’s the “confidence that there is an ascent to be made ... for surely God is obliged to reward the effort.”

And here, perhaps, is the source of so much strife today. Too many of us may be certain that we – in our wisdom, intelligence, and understanding – know what’s right. We don’t say it out loud, but we know we’re better than the “robbers, evildoers, adulterers, and tax collectors” of our day. And in such arrogance, we’ve lost the capacity to be “quick to hear, slow to speak, [and] slow to anger” (James 1:19). We’ve forgotten that “A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion” (Proverbs 18:2).

In the church, too, we may have ignored the command, “To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect cour-

tesy toward all people.” We forget that “We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another” (Titus 3:2-3).

Like the Pharisees, we may have become so sure of ourselves and so contemptuous of others that we’ve neglected Jesus’ simplest command: “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them” (Matthew 7:12).

On this side of Christ’s Second Coming, there will be complex problems and they’ll require honest conversations to resolve. Believe it or not, those conversations can take place. They can be gracious and seasoned with salt, if only we strive to “love our neighbors as ourselves.”

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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 24 – Growing Trees with Vernon Hiott, Rayonier Inc.
- July 1 – Amelia’s Sea Turtles with Mary Duffy, president, Amelia Turtle Watch
- July 8 – Eating Fresh, Farm to Table with Chef Bill Thompson, Amelia Culinary Academy
- July 15 – The Night Sky with Helmut Albrecht, ScienceFirst
- July 22 – Amelia’s Historic Trees with Margaret Kirkland, Amelia Tree Conservancy
- July 29 – “Look & See” with Rev. Dr. Wain Wesberry, pastor, First Presbyterian, Fernandina
- Aug. 5 – Solar Energy with Pete Wilking, A1A Solar
- Aug. 12 – Bees and Beekeeping with Barb Kent, BuyGones

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.

Franklintown celebrates 130 years

Pastor Christopher Fowler and First Lady Yashica Fowler and the members of Historic Franklintown 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 for the occasion will be Pastor Timothy Simmons of St. Andrews Missionary Baptist Church of Jacksonville.

‘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.

School Supplies

The Salvation Army Hope House is already getting ready for school. If you or someone you know needs help providing school supplies for your children, we are accepting applications now through July 6. If, on the other hand, you can help provide greatly needed supplies, we already have over 50 students signed up for our Smart Start Program. We need backpacks (especially for teenagers), lined and graph paper, notebooks, folders, binders, subject dividers, scissors, staplers, rulers, protractors, compasses, scientific calculators and more. Call 321-0435 or stop by 410 S. Ninth St. for a more detailed list or to drop off your supplies. Thank you for helping our students succeed!



Please join us at Prince Chapel A.M.E. Church, located at 95189 Hendricks Road in Fernandina Beach.

Hope House worship

How do we independent-minded people submit ourselves to each other? What does that even mean and how do we learn and practice it? Join us at 12 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, as we read, question and discuss what God says through Paul in Ephesians 6. 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.

‘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, his vast army, 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. You are welcome here! Amelia Plantation Chapel is located at 36 Bowman Road on Amelia Island. For more information, call 277-4414 or visit ameliachapel.com.

Bahá’í of Nassau County

The regular multi-faith inspirational afternoon is on the second Sunday of each month. The next one will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 8, at Springer Controls, located at 96072 Chester Road in Yulee. This will be an open, discussion/conference-style meeting. Bring your own ideas, thoughts, writings, book, etc. All are welcome for a casual couple of hours, hospitality, friends and fellowship. The current Bahá’í month is Grandeur. The month of Light begins June 5. For more information, call 566-5437 or 432-8845.

Bug spray, food and water

With the heat, rains and the recently published mosquito-borne virus threat, the Salvation Army Hope House’s Emergency Food Pantry is in need of bottled water, insect repellent and non-perishable food items. Food items most needed are peanut butter and jelly, soups and stews, canned fruit, legume beans like pork and beans or black, kidney and pinto beans (dry or canned), spaghetti sauce, helper meals, breakfast cereal and canned meats like tuna, chicken, spam and beanie weenies. As always, any other non-perishables you find on sale or in the “two for one” bin are also appreciated. Donations can be brought to The Salvation Army Hope House, 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

Submit event announcements/briefs to: *Calendar Listing* c/o News-Leader, 511 Ash St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034; editor2@fbnewsleader.com; or 261-3696.

Summer Bible School Guide

Let your children experience the spiritual side of summer at vacation Bible school.



Springhill Baptist Church

Springhill Baptist Church will be offering Lifeway Publishing VBS, Game On, this summer for children entering first through sixth grades in the fall. VBS will be held Monday through Friday, June 25 - 29, from 6 to 8:15 p.m. Parents can register their children at springhillbaptistfb.org. LifeWay’s VBS 2018 invites children to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments. As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drumline, players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, and celebrate salvation. Springhill Baptist Church is located at 941017 Old Nassauville Road in Fernandina Beach. For more information, call 261-4741.

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, energizing, 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 the church at 336-5381 for more information and to register. Yulee UMC is located at 86003 Christian Way in Yulee.



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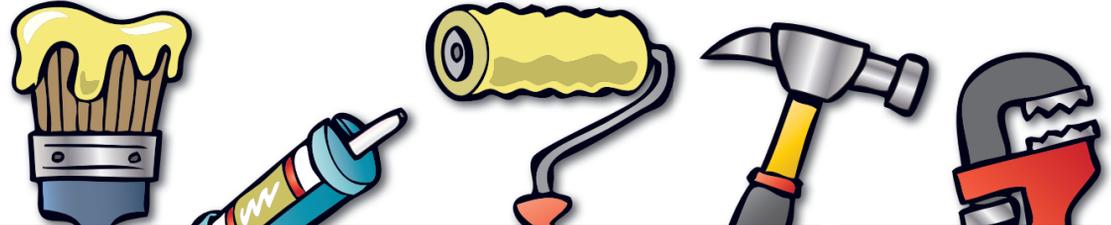
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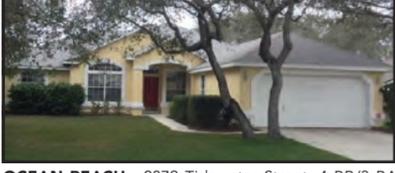
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