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County board votes 4-1 to increase property taxes



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Nassau County Commissioner Steve Kelley listens intently at Monday night's Board of County Commissioners meeting. Kelley voted in favor of an increase of the county's gas tax if the proposed increase in the property tax millage rate would be kept to 1.5 mills instead of going up to 1.9 mills.

CINDY JACKSON
News-Leader

For the first time in his eight-year history of elected office, outgoing Nassau County Commissioner Steve Kelley committed Monday night to vote for an increase in the county's gas tax if the proposed increase in the property tax millage rate would be kept to 1.5 mills.

Office of Management and Budget Director Justin Stankiewicz noted that a proposed increase of 1.9 mills to the county's ad valorem property tax rate could be reduced if supplemented by additional revenues generated by an increase in the county's gas tax, currently at 7 cents a gallon. Stankiewicz also took the time Monday night to explain that, while he has received suggestions to balance the budget through an increase in the sales tax, it is not a possibility. The county already levies as much as it can, Stankiewicz said, adding, "it is a good thought, but not an option."

Addressing the proposed increase in the county's gas tax, Stankiewicz explained that the gas tax is limited to

a 12-cent maximum by state law. "If the ordinance passes on August 13th, then we will levy the full 12 cents. The estimated countywide revenue would be \$1,994,485, broken-down as follows: Nassau County (Board of County Commissioners), \$1,707,409; town of Callahan, \$14,946; town of Hilliard, \$91,635; city of Fernandina Beach, \$180,495," Stankiewicz said. In an email to the *News-Leader* sent Tuesday morning, Stankiewicz explained more about that distribution: "That breakdown is consistent with how the other local option gas is distributed. Revenues are distributed according to the transportation expenditures methodology set by the state. Basically in summary, a local government's distribution is based on the transportation expenditures of that local government for the immediately preceding 5 fiscal years as a proportion of the sum total of such expenditures for the respective county and all municipalities within the county. These proportions are recalculated every 10 years based on the transportation expenditures of the immediately preceding 5 years."

Interim County Manager and County Attorney Michael Mullin was the first to speak at the lectern, making an argument for the county's need for additional revenues.

Mullin underscored the need for increased revenues by saying he had received six phone calls earlier in the day, all concerning drainage issues and problems with county roads. Stankiewicz followed with a presentation outlining two proposals. Option A was the 1.9 rate increase in the millage rate which would bring in an additional \$13,014,418 in revenue, and Option B being an increase of 1.5007 mills, which would bring in an estimated \$10,607,484. These figures were provided after the meeting. Stankiewicz had previously estimated that the county would face a budget shortfall of \$11 million without a tax hike.

When Stankiewicz completed his presentation, Kelley noted that there was no way a unanimous vote on an increase of 1.9 mills was going to happen. Kelley then suggested that the

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School Board sets tax rate, budget

JULIA ROBERTS
News-Leader

The Nassau County School Board set its tentative millage rates and approved a tentative budget in a special meeting Monday night, but Schools Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns said the budget is still a work in progress, with more cuts to be made in order to add to the district's reserves.

Susan Farmer, executive director of the school district's business services, explained the rollback millage rate. The millage rate is \$1 per each \$1,000 of property value and is used to calculate the amount of property taxes that go to the school system.

The board has advertised a rate of 6.317, which is a 1.03-percent increase from the rollback rate, Farmer said, the rate set by the board to collect the same revenue in dollars as the previous year. The total proposed millage rate is below last year's rate of 6.598 mills.

The total 2018-19 budget for Nassau County schools is \$168,753,798. The required local effort, or amount the



Burns

School Board must contribute to that budget, is \$55,762,854 and will be provided by taxes levied at the millage rate set by the board. The state of Florida will provide \$47,337,234. The remaining \$65,653,710 will

come from income sources that include federal programs, donations, grants and interest, Farmer said.

Of the proposed 6.317 millage rate, 4.069 mills, or \$35,918,799, would go toward the required local effort; 1.500 mills, or \$13,241,140, would go toward capital outlay; and 0.748 mills, or \$6,602,915, would go toward basic discretionary spending. "This is the rate which will be noticed as part of the truth in millage process and will be the maximum rate which could be levied by

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RUTHERFORD VISITS NASSAU CO.



Florida's 4th District congressman, John Rutherford, visited Nassau County on Monday, July 30. District Director Chris Miller accompanied Rutherford on the trip, which included a meeting at the new LignoTech Florida plant in Fernandina Beach.

According to Rutherford's communications director, Emerson W. George, on Tuesday, "When Congress is not in session, Congressman Rutherford travels throughout our district to meet with constituents in their communities and hear about the policy issues impacting them. Yesterday, he spent the day in Nassau County, stopping in Hilliard, Yulee, and Fernandina Beach to listen to folks and gather feedback that helps him effectively serve the people of Northeast Florida in Congress."

Rutherford's stops included an on-the-record discussion with the *News-Leader* on some of the major topics of the day, which will be featured in the Friday edition.

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Lessons in affordability St. Johns County's advice for Nassau

PAMELA BUSHNELL
News-Leader



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Bill Lazar, executive director of St. Johns Housing Partnership, recently gave a community presentation in Fernandina Beach at the invitation of the Nassau County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

In the first of a series of community presentations to be offered by the Nassau County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Bill Lazar of the St. John's Housing Partnership met with an estimated 25 people in Fernandina Beach recently to address how other communities are addressing affordable housing issues.

SJHP is a private nonprofit organization located in St. Augustine committed to promoting safe, decent and affordable housing through public and private partnerships in St. Johns, Putnam and Clay counties. The organization creates low- and moderate-income housing, rebuilds neglected homes and neighborhoods and serves as a HUD-certified counseling agency to help first-time buyers qualify for mortgages. Lazar is a licensed contractor with 30 years of experience working with affordable housing and

nonprofit organizations.

"When you are spending more than 50 percent of your income on housing, you are in trouble," said Lazar. From data collected by the Florida Housing Coalition, Lazar shared, "In Nassau County there are more than a thousand seniors living in their own homes that are spending more than 50 percent of their income on housing. ... When it comes to renters, you have 1,900 families who are spending 50 percent or more on housing." He pointed out these households are one crisis - one medical bill or car repair - away from losing their housing.

Most lenders and other sources identify housing as "affordable" when it does not exceed 30 percent of household income.

How do people find themselves paying more than half of their income for rent or mortgage? Florida is known for a preponderance of low-paying jobs,

LESSONS Continued on 3A

Scott picks Bass to replace Judge Foster

Though an appeal is still pending at the Florida Supreme Court, Gov. Rick Scott has chosen Jacksonville judge Lester Bass, 55, to replace 4th Judicial Circuit Court Judge Robert M. Foster.

The appeal at the Florida Supreme Court was filed on behalf of Jacksonville attorney David Trotti, who had qualified to run for Foster's position in this year's elections.

Foster was facing a mandatory retirement on Jan. 7, 2019 because of his age, but he sent Scott a letter in April saying that he would step down just a few days sooner. That resignation opened a loophole allowing Scott to make the decision about who will serve in Foster's place instead of allowing voters to decide.

Trotti had sued to stop the appointment, but on Thursday the three judges on the 1st District Court of Appeal sided with Scott.

Bass is currently a Duval County judge appointed to the bench by Scott in 2014. He has a law degree from the



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University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He previously served as general magistrate and civil traffic hearing officer in the 4th Judicial District and as a staff attorney for Jacksonville Area Legal Aid.

"Throughout his career, Judge Bass has demonstrated a commitment to his community and to public service. His service on the County Court has reflected the values we should expect from the judiciary: integrity, a tireless work ethic, respect for the rule of law, and an unwavering belief in equal justice under the law. I am confident that Judge Bass will continue to serve families in the Fourth Judicial Circuit with distinction," Scott said in a news release.

A NEW DAWN in Nassau County



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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
District 2

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LOOKING BACK 25 YEARS

Nassau General Hospital trustees unanimously agreed to negotiate an affiliation with Baptist Medical Center, which beat out St. Vincent's and Memorial hospitals.

July 28, 1993

OBITUARIES

Matthew C. Higginbotham

Matthew Cannon Higginbotham, 54, passed away Friday, July 27, 2018 at Community Hospice & Palliative Care's Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Fla. after a lengthy battle with cancer.



Matt grew up in Macon, Ga., the youngest of five. After moving to Florida, he began his 30-year career as a commercial diver traveling the world. Matt was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman enjoying all that beach life has to offer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Kay Higginbotham; his sister, Mary; and brother Mike. At the time of his death, Matt was surrounded by family and friends.

He is survived by his children, Zachary and Madison Higginbotham; sisters, Martha Sorenson (Randy) and Patty Blythe (Tom); and nieces and nephews, Kristy Bland (Reid), Laura Miller, Katie Lynn, Jacob Higginbotham and Thomas Blythe.

Please join us in celebrating his life Saturday, August 4, 2018. Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Fernandina Beach and will be followed by a beach send off at his home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to Community Hospice & Palliative Care's Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

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

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Annah Price Landrum

Annah "Beth" Price Landrum, 79, a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away Thursday, July 26, 2018, in Waco, Texas, following a brief illness.



A resident of Buffalo, Texas, Beth was born December 10, 1938, in Norway, S.C. to William Rodney and Wessie Gossette Price. She was raised in South Carolina and Fernandina Beach, Fla. After graduating from Fernandina Beach High School, she attended Betsy Tiff College. In 1956, she married Donald Ray Landrum of Abilene, Texas, where they made their first home until moving to Fernandina Beach to raise their three children, William Steven, Charles Randall and Angela Rae. In 1971, Beth and her family moved to Atlanta, Ga., where they would reside until 1976, when they returned to Texas, making their home in Houston.

While in Houston, Beth was a dedicated church member and volunteer of Spring Woods Baptist Church, taking a leading role in youth programs, Bible study and church leadership groups. Fueled by her lifelong belief in the saving power of Jesus Christ and love of family and service to others, Beth continued her volunteer activities throughout her entire life.

In 1982, Beth and her husband returned to Georgia, living in Atlanta, and eventually building a rustic cabin in the Georgia mountains. She was drawn to the natural beauty of the area, and was an active member in the Mt. Airy Baptist Church in Mt. Airy, Ga. Beth and her husband

returned to Texas in 1988 to be closer to their adult children and grandchildren. They resided in Dallas for a few years before retiring to the hilly, forested countryside between Centerville and Buffalo. Beth embraced small town life and sharing her deep faith, especially with children. She was a charter member of the Centerville Good News Club, an afterschool Christian outreach program, and taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. Beth was also active in local community service.

Over the years, Beth and her husband enjoyed traveling around the world, visiting Hawaii, the Caribbean, Spain and England. Ever the lover of the ocean, each summer she and her husband enjoyed traveling back to Fernandina Beach to reconnect with family and spend time with their children and grandchildren during annual beach vacations.

An avid antiques collector, Beth was gifted at spotting antique collectibles and furnishings, and was known for her exquisite decorating style. Her hobby led to having her own antique shop in Centerville.

Beth was preceded in death by her parents, William Rodney Price and Wessie Gossette Price; her sister, Dixie Jo Price; her brothers, Bill Price and Marney Price; her sisters-in-law, Linda Price and Carolyn Sutton Price; and her grandson, William Joshua Landrum.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Donald Landrum; her brothers, Alva Price and Randy Price; her son, Steven Landrum and wife, Melissa; her son, Randy Landrum; her daughter, Angela Mousner and husband, Mark; grandchildren, Chantelle Peavey and husband, Mike, Caye Landrum Richards and husband, Alan, Grant Landrum, Austin Mousner, Blair Landrum, Cole Landrum, and Bryan Mousner; and great-grandchildren, Logan Richards, Jaycie Peavey and Bailey Peavey.

Family and friends are invited to attend a viewing between 6 and 8 p.m. Friday, August 3, 2018 and a memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday, August 4, 2018. Both the viewing and the memorial service will be held at Walters Funeral Home, located at 610 S. Commerce St., Centerville, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Beth's name to Ebenezer Baptist Church Afterschool Children's Fund, P.O. Box 675, Centerville TX 75833.

For those unable to attend the service, please visit the funeral home's website to share a memory and sign the guest register at www.walters-funeralhome.com.

Walters Funeral Home

DEATH NOTICES

Ardith O'Day, 82, of Amelia Island, Fla., passed away Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Maryalice "Molly" P. Hendrickson, 99, of Amelia Island, Fla., passed away Monday, July 30, 2018.

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Marina Ramos-Cortez, 84, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Thursday, July 26, 2018 at her residence.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Joyce Carvell Thornton, 60, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Saturday, July 28, 2018.

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Advertisement for Savannah Grand, a spectacular assisted living community, featuring services, location, and contact information.

Advertisement for NEWS LEADER, including address, contact information, subscription rates, and advertising deadlines.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Legion sponsoring Aug. 4 blood drive

The American Legion Post 54 will sponsor a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4. All donors will receive a free OneBlood beach blanket and a wellness checkup...

Free school physicals Aug. 4 at Peck

Free school physicals will be available between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St. in Fernandina Beach. A parent or guardian must be present...

Stuff the Bus! on Saturday in Yulee

A Stuff the Bus! event will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Yulee Walmart, 464016 S.R. 200. Supplies collected will be donated to the Nassau Families In Transition program...

Sip & Shop for Keep Nassau Beautiful

A Sip & Shop event to benefit Keep Nassau Beautiful will be held between 12 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at J. McLaughlin on Amelia Plantation. Keep Nassau Beautiful is a nonprofit that provides ways for residents and visitors to take action to make Nassau County a better place for people and nature to thrive...

Back to School Giveaway at Peck

The Elm Street Sportsman Association and Ronald Veal Football will hold the third annual Back to School Giveaway between 2 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, in the gym at the Peck Center in Fernandina Beach. Children must be present to receive school supplies.

State office candidates at luncheon

The 2018 meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Nassau is scheduled for Aug. 10. Speakers will include state Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, and his opponent in the Republican Primary, Carlos Slay, as well as state Rep. Cord Byrd and his opponent, Joe Zimmerman. The meeting will be at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club and begin at 11:30 a.m. Reservations for lunch and/or the meeting can be made by calling 491-5544 or emailing frwnassau@gmail.com by Tuesday, Aug. 7. Reservations are \$15. Registered Republicans are invited to attend meetings.

Prostate cancer support group

Men Helping Men, a prostate cancer support group, that provides educational programming for men will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, in the Board Room at Baptist Medical Center Nassau. Hosted by Ackerman Cancer Center. For more information contact Lauren DeWitt at 277-2700.

Pink Ribbon Ladies on Aug. 13

For survivors of breast cancer and other female cancers, Pink Ribbon Ladies will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at Ackerman Cancer Center, 1340 S. 18th St. For more information, contact Anne Showalter at 321-5465 or

Isobel Lyle at 321-2057.

Blood drive Aug. 19 at St. Francis

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Mission at 86000 St. Francis Way in Yulee will be holding a blood drive between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19. All donors will receive a free OneBlood beach towel and a wellness checkup that includes blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screenings. All donors also receive a coupon for BOGO admission to the Jacksonville Zoo. Sign up online at oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code "34851." Walk-in are also welcome.

Arthritis exercise program in Hilliard

The Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center is offering the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program at no charge 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays from Aug. 1 to Sept. 21 at 37002 Ingram Road in Hilliard. The program offers low-impact physical activity proven to reduce pain and decrease stiffness. Sessions will include gentle range-of-motion exercises that are suitable for every fitness level and ability. To pre-register, contact Northeast Florida AHEC at 482 0189.

Senior Expo & Health Fair in Sept.

Nassau County Council on Aging, in partnership with Baptist Health, will present the sixth annual Senior Expo & Health Fair on Fri., Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center auditorium, 2500 Atlantic Ave. More than 50 health service providers, state and local government agencies, and other senior service organizations and businesses are expected to participate in this year's event. Blood drive, free health screenings and hearing tests. NCCOA's Senior Expo & Health Fair is free and open to the public. Call NCCOA at 904-261-0701 for more information.

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. Visit Fernandina Beach Christian Academy located at 1600 S. Eighth St. or call 491-5664 to schedule an appointment.

Beach task force needs volunteers

The Amelia Island Beach and Marine Life Protection Task Force is seeking volunteers to remove litter from area beaches before it is ingested by animals. Volunteers will work one or two evenings a week, through August, for one to two hours between 5:30 and 8 p.m. For information, email charmontaskforce@gmail.com or aibeachprotectiongroup@gmail.com.

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 Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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 building located at 449621 U.S. 301 in Callahan. Varying topics are presented with informal support and discussion. A registered dietitian and a mental health counselor will facilitate some sessions. Today, participants will prepare a healthy meal to take home and cook. To register, contact Melanie Hadden at 507-2692. There is no cost to attend.

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FOR THE RECORD

In a quote contained in a photo caption on 1A of the July 27 edition, the name of St. John, an island in the U.S. Virgin Islands, was spelled incorrectly. The News-Leader strives for accuracy. We will promptly correct all factual errors. Please notify the editor of errors at pegdavis@fbnewsleader.com or call (904) 261-3696.

Advertisement for Interim county manager meeting with public, detailing the date, time, and location of the meeting.

Advertisement for City Scoop, featuring downtown street and parking lot closures for the 36th Annual Fernandina Beach Fishing Rodeo, including dates, times, and location.



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and wages have not increased proportionately to housing costs across the state. Even some two-income households struggle to keep up.

Lazar pointed to Florida Housing Coalition data estimating that it takes two incomes of \$50,000 each to afford the average price of a home in Fernandina Beach. Many people who work in the community do not earn that kind of income. Housing costs are disproportionate to area wages.

Another side of the equation is a shortage of rental units. Competition for a scarce supply of rentals forces many to pay more than they can afford in rent. "The biggest problem for people wanting to buy their own homes is the cost of rental housing. They are paying too much where they are currently living and can't put aside money," he added.

When death, divorce or illness reduces a two-income family to a single-income household, there are no corresponding breaks in housing costs for singles. For retirees or others who want to downsize, a shortage in apartments and smaller homes keeps them in more expensive homes they no longer want or need.

According to the same data source, Lazar pointed out that "950 a month in Nassau County - if you can find something for that - gives you something most

'When I see nonprofits are the only ones building affordable housing in an area, that's market failure.'

BILL LAZAR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ST. JOHNS HOUSING PARTNERSHIP.

people would consider sub-standard. ... A person needs to make \$18/hour to afford a 2-bedroom apartment here." He pointed out that many service occupations from first responders to home health aides and teachers struggle to afford housing.

Nassau County's situation is not unique. Lazar shared some lessons to be learned from his own county.

"St. Johns County is booming. We are building more homes than we have ever built since the 1970s and 99 percent of it is not affordable. There isn't anybody building in the workforce end of housing except nonprofits. When I see nonprofits, the only ones building affordable housing in an area, that's market failure," he said.

"It's not the builder's fault ... when you make the builders absorb all the costs for infrastructure, costs just get passed on to the end user. ... St. Johns County wants out of the business of doing infrastructure. I think government's role is building the infrastructure. Who built most of

the water, sewer and roads in our communities? Government did it and then developers came in and developed the land. ... There can be no strategic planning for workforce development when you let developers do it," said Lazar.

Funding for SJHP programs comes from a variety of sources including the federal HUD program, state SHIP funds and ElderSource as well as private foundations and community grants from hospitals, banks, and insurance companies. Said Lazar, "We have gotten good over the years at cobbling things together."

He warns that both public and private funders can be "fickle," supporting housing causes one year and then changing their priorities the next. He encourages communities to leverage their resources. A partnership with Habitat for Humanity and a series of private grants helped SJHP build a subdivision for workforce housing in St. Johns County. "You never know when someone in the community

might be willing to donate property," he said.

While affordable housing issues are a concern nationwide, Florida is supposed to have a unique resource in place to address these issues. In 1992 the state legislature passed the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act raising the state documentary stamp tax on deeds on residential properties to fund two trust funds, one for local governments and one for the state. The local fund supports the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program to help low- and moderate-income households repair, build or buy homes. Monies are distributed annually to each county based on population. The state fund is for the State Apartment Incentive Loan or (SAIL) program to provide for construction and rehabilitation of multi-family housing. Unfortunately the state legislature has not been using these funds as intended.

"I always thought a trust fund meant we trust you to leave it alone. The legislature steals half of it every year and they throw it into the general revenue. And they do it because you all don't complain," Lazar told the audi-

ence. He encourages citizens to contact their state legislators and urge the money be spent on the purpose for which it is being collected.

According to Home Matters 2018, a publication of the Florida Housing Coalition, "In Fiscal Year 2018-19, a projected \$314.08 million in documentary stamp revenues will be available for appropriation to the Sadowski trust funds. ... If the money is fully appropriated for housing, it will create nearly 31,000 jobs and \$4.1 billion in positive impact in just one year, while creating homes that will last far into the future." The report goes on to state, "The Sadowski Housing Trust Funds are a homegrown, highly successful affordable housing program and they are fully within our control. ... Fully appropriated, Sadowski Housing Trust Fund monies for housing is one of the best policy decisions we can make at this critical moment."

The next community presentation in the AHAC series will be on Sept. 19 with speakers from Jacksonville Legal Aid. The location and time have yet to be announced.

The Nassau County Affor-

dable Housing Advisory Committee, created in 2017, meets the third Wednesday of every month at 4 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers at 96135 Nassau Place in Yulee. The public is welcome to attend.

County Commissioner Justin Taylor is chairman for the committee, and Adrienne Burke, policy planner, is the county staff liaison. The committee is awaiting results of a local housing needs assessment funded jointly by the city of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County being conducted by the Shimberg Center at the University of Florida. Results of the study are anticipated in early fall.

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the board at its planned Sept. 13 final public hearing on the budget," Farmer said.

The tentative budget can be read at <http://bit.ly/2vqcR4c>.

Salaries and benefits will require the largest slice of the district's general fund pie, at 79.65 percent - \$85,570,705. Other items paid out of the general fund include purchased services, \$9,387,640, 8.74 percent; energy services, \$3,312,108, 3.08 percent; supplies, \$6,468,883, 6.02 percent; capital outlay, \$1,379,275, 1.28 percent; and other personnel services, \$1,314,198, 1.22 percent.

Among the appropriations in the budget are capital improvement projects totaling \$38,868,943. Those projects include \$20,590,570 for new construction, of which \$13.5 million

would go toward saving money to build another new school in the Yulee area. Farmer said whether the school will be a middle or high school, and its exact location, has yet to be determined. Farmer said the NCSB has saved funds for construction using the same process it used to build the Wildlight Elementary. The district saved for nine years for that project. Renovations to the Fernandina Beach Middle School cafeteria are budgeted at \$7.05 million.

New security measures at Nassau County schools are included in the capital improvement projects as well. District wide, new security cameras are budgeted at \$599,677; perimeter fencing, \$550,000; front office fortifications, \$60,500; and high school security systems, \$16,833.

Burns said during previ-

ous budget workshops that the School Board made cuts to the budget, and identified more cuts that can be made. The money saved from those cuts will be used to supplement the district's financial reserves, but, Farmer said, will not affect the bottom line.

"Basically, it's just going back through and looking at budgets and revising where we anticipated needing money and what we can cut," Farmer said. "Right now we are concentrating on the district office budgets. The cuts won't affect the schools. There are some positions that were planned for, and we are now saying we are not able to add those positions."

The NCSB will have a final public hearing to receive feedback and comments regarding the budget on Sept. 13.

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THANK YOU



After much thought and deliberation, Bernice and I have decided it is time for me to retire from public office, therefore, I will not be seeking re-election. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your County Commissioner for the past eight years.

I am pleased to endorse Dawn Hagel. She is a conservative and believes as I do, government should always be accountable to the taxpayers for the way they spend taxpayer dollars.

Dawn shares my concerns for our county from its beaches, to the rich agriculture of the Westside. She has been an active member of our community since 1999. Dawn knows we should be committed to managing growth in a way that maintains our quality of life.

Thank you for your support over the past eight years. It has been an honor and privilege to be your Commissioner.

Sincerely,

Steve

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Chamber announces 2019 Leadership Nassau class

The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce has announced the beginning of the 2018-19 Leadership Nassau class. Attendees include James Antun (8 Flags Chiropractic), Alan Barker (AIPCA), Eric Belley (North Atlantic Painting Co.), Carlos Bustabad (Carlos J. Bustabad Hypnosis), Carolyn Byrd (Amelia Urgent Care), Susan Carless (City of Fernandina Beach - Finance), Jodi Collins (Edward Jones), Claudia Doniat (Residence Inn), Jeremy Folliett (FASTSIGNS), Dawn Forbes (Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare), Cynthia Jacoby (Biz Help Consulting), Dana Kahlbaum (WestRock), Michael Littlestone (CBC National Bank), Christopher Martin (Boys and Girls Clubs), Jacki McDonald (Nassau Humane Society), Lisa Rozier (Family Support Services), Renee Stoffel (Community Hospice and Palliative Care) and Joshua Whitfield (Amelia Island Museum of History).

Leadership Nassau assists in the development of community leaders by providing participants from diverse backgrounds with an understanding of the problems and issues facing the community.

The program fosters the development of leadership skills and techniques in an environment that encourages the establishment of new



relationships and communication networks between the participants.

The class begins with an opening retreat with team-building activities. Additional sessions include economic development, education, justice and law enforcement, government, environment, health issues/social concerns, arts and culture, and a Regional Issues Day.

"Leadership Nassau has been an amazing experience! I look forward to our events each month. As a social director, Leadership Nassau has opened the doors for new activities and events that I have been able to bring back to my members. The benefits of the program are immeasurable, and I am so grateful" said Mary Hamburg, a Leadership Nassau Class of 2017 graduate, in the news release.

The immigration conundrum

When George Bush was president, I believed, wrongly, if there was one thing the Democrats and Republicans could reach a compromise on, it was immigration. My reasoning was that unlike gun control, abortion and health care, a compromise on immigration would probably not set a dangerous precedent for either side as legally it would likely be a one-time event. In union negotiations, it was easier for management to agree to increase their contribution for benefits or pensions for a fixed dollar amount versus agreeing to increase the benefit or pension amount paid out with no locked-in cost.

President Trump has been able to use the immigration issue to his definite advantage and many feel it is what won him the 2016 election. On the other hand, according to the news site Vox, "While the Federal Government has been shut down because of domestic spending eight times, because of abortion twice, military spending three times and welfare once, as of 2018, it never has been shut down over immigration."

So why is there such a big problem in reaching a compromise on immigration? As I recently read in a piece by immigration attorney Diaz Shafer, "Regardless of your personal beliefs on the subject of immigration, one thing is certain - the landscape looks dramatically different for prospective U.S. immigrants than it did just 20 years ago. As recently as 1996, deportation of illegal U.S. immigrants was reserved for those who were in violation of a major law. Only those convicted of offenses that carried five or more years of jail time were subject to deportation."

In 1996, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act was passed and this resulted in a surge of deportations of illegal immigrants. And then, of course, came 9/11. As an



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Howard Pines

article from the Migration Policy Institute states, "The events of 9/11 had a dramatic impact on U.S. citizens' feelings toward immigration, and greatly changed the U.S. immigration enforcement system."

Most experts state that the real problem today in regard to immigration is security, not the supposed threat to the economy. This is why Trump's wall resonates with a segment of the population. In fact, ICE, the controversial Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency that does Homeland Security investigations as well as enforcement and removal operations, did not come about until March 1, 2003.

The above has resulted in a major polarization, especially between the two parties. Why? In 1960, Europeans accounted for 60 percent of the immigrants to the U.S. However, foreign-born citizens comprised less than 5 percent of the U.S. population. Today, foreign-born citizens comprise 13 percent of the population and they are mostly people of color. Pew Research states that Mexico now accounts for 27 percent of all U.S. immigrants. The Democratic Party, getting an increasing share of its votes from immigrants and people of color, exacerbates the partisan divide around immigration.

Americans are very divided on what they want or believe, which also confuses the parties. Time magazine reports 45 percent say immigrants have made America better; 37 percent say it has made American society worse, and 28 percent say the immigration system is totally broken. However, if we

can agree the issue is security, and not the economy, there is also more agreement on the solutions. The conservative Heritage Foundation notes that illegal immigrants mostly come to the U.S. for better jobs and therefore they add value to the U.S. economy. But because of the present system, they also weaken U.S. security by both distorting and distracting resources.

Undocumented workers have made flouting the law the norm, and this makes the job of terrorists and drug traffickers infinitely easier. The key, Heritage believes, "is a nationwide system that identifies all foreign persons present within the U.S., especially guest workers." Interestingly, they believe that for this system to be successful, it can't have too much red tape or be too rigid in how it treats both the guest workers and the companies that hire them. The program should provide positive incentives for compliance and negative incentives (punishment) for non-compliance. Guest worker status should be the goal, and should not be a path to citizenship or rights to U.S. Social Security benefits (i.e., unemployment). To be successful, the law must include sufficient funding for a system of internal enforcement to police and prosecute companies and workers that break the law. Of course, issues like amnesty, separating families, and sanctuary cities just add to the confusion and make it more difficult to solve.

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

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SBA official to visit city today

U.S. Small Business Administration Deputy Administrator Ashley D. Bell is scheduled to visit Paisely Grace Designs in Fernandina Beach at 10 a.m. today and then go to the Sandbar & Kitchen at Main Beach at noon for a meet-and-

greet and question-and-answer session with local business owners.

According to sba.gov, Bell has served as associate director for external affairs for the U.S. Peace Corps and special assistant in the Public

Affairs Bureau of the State Department. Prior to the 2016 election, Ashley was a senior strategist at the Republican National Committee. He also served as national director of African-American engagement for the RNC.

New salon is open

Atlantic Hair Studio has opened in the Red Otter shopping plaza, located on Atlantic Avenue two blocks east of Fernandina Beach's historic downtown, according to a news release.

"We are a hair salon invested in continual growth, raw creativity, the art of hair-styling and how that translates into our clients' lives," the release states.

The studio's owner, Erin Spann, is a native Fernandina Beach resident with nine years of experience as a stylist on Amelia Island, according to the release, which goes on to say, "She has created a warm and friendly studio with highly talented staff dedicated to client satisfaction. We invite you to visit our website at atlantichairstudio.com and our reviews on Google."

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Ethics complaint filed against local candidate

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The state attorney representing Palm Beach County has cast a wide net for what he called "sham" candidates entered in key races just to close a primary, and caught up in his expedition is someone running for office in Nassau County.

According to an online post in Florida Politics written by Peter Schorsch, Dave Aronberg, the state attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit, "told Florida Politics...he is filing elections and ethics complaints against eight of what he calls 'sham write-in candidates.'" Four of the candidates Aronberg is complaining about are Republican, four are Democrats.

One of the eight candidates Aronberg wants investigated for allegedly not filing his financial disclosure form properly is William "Bill" Kruse of Bryceville. Kruse is a write-in candidate for the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners District 4 seat currently held by Republican George Spicer. Thomas Ford, another Republican, is also running for the seat. The primary election is Aug. 28.

Write-in candidates are just that: their names will not appear on the ballot.

What does Aronberg mean by "sham"? Florida law contains a loophole that can be exploited by political operatives. The law allows a write-in candidate to close voting in what would oth-

erwise be a primary race open to all voters. If all the candidates in a race belong to the same party, all registered voters get a say in that race, but if a write-in or third-party candidate qualifies, the primary race closes to just the voters belonging to that party. To work around the loophole so they can vote, some citizens switch parties. That was the case in Nassau County in 2016, when some Democratic and independent voters temporarily became Republicans just so they could vote in the primary for a new schools superintendent. Florida is the only state in the nation where voters elect school superintendents. That year, Libertarian candidate Cheryl Reynolds James closed the primary by qualifying to run for

schools superintendent against Republicans Janet Adkins and Kathy Burns. Burns trounced James in the general, and while no one ever confessed to running James just to close the primary, rumors were rampant.

According to an *Orlando Sun-Sentinel* story about the request for the Florida Commission on Ethics to investigate the current candidates, "The complaints over these eight write-in candidates stem not from this process, which is legal — though 'unethical and undemocratic,' according to Aronberg — but from incomplete financial disclosure forms."

The *Sun-Sentinel* story also says Aronberg tried to get the Constitutional Revision Commission to place an amendment on this fall's ballot to close

the loophole, but they rejected the idea.

"For too long, sham write-in candidates have been able to disenfranchise millions of Florida voters without any consequences," Aronberg is quoted as saying in the Florida Politics piece. "Prompted by political consultants, these write-in candidates exist not to seek votes but to deprive others of their constitutional right to vote."

A message left for Kruse asking for his comment on the ethics complaint lodged against him was not returned by the press deadline. As of July 20, Kruse's campaign had no financial reports reflecting any contributions on the Supervisor of Elections' website.

Reached for comment on the

ethics complaint against Kruse, Spicer told the *News-Leader* he "wouldn't know Mr. Kruse from Adam's house cat." Citing another instance of a write-in candidate closing a local primary, Spicer said it is a "political tactic that people use." After saying he does not know what Kruse's intentions are, Spicer added: "He hasn't raised any money. He hasn't put any money in for his bid as a write-in candidate." Asked about whether he believes the primary should be closed, Spicer was adamant: "Every registered voter has a right to vote, and that right should not be taken away from them just because there is a stipulation in the Florida statutes. It should,

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board revisit an increase in the gas tax. He admitted that he has never voted for an increase in the gas tax since he was elected eight years ago but that he would, at this point in time, "if it would relieve some of the burden on taxpaying citizens."

Until the July 23 meeting of the BOCC, a rate increase of 1.9 mills was expected. A unanimous vote of all five commissioners was needed to approve that increase, but Spicer and Kelley voted against it.

Kelley said Monday that about 30 percent of money collected from the county's gas tax comes from non-residents, and stated that, "if the increase of 1.5 in the millage rate is adopted, I will vote in the affirmative for a gas tax and that's a commitment I make to each and every one of you."

Stankiewicz affirmed Kelley's position by stating, "The increase in the millage rate of 1.9 could be reduced and supplemented with a gas tax."

The vote to increase the millage rate by 1.5 mills was passed by a vote of 4-1. The dissenting vote was cast by Commissioner George Spicer, who is being challenged for the District 4 seat by Thomas Ford in the primary election on Aug. 28. Voting in that race is only open to Republicans due to a write-in candidate, William Kruse, running in the general election in November.

One mill is \$1 per \$1,000 of the taxable value of a property. The county's property tax does not include property taxes assessed by the Nassau County School Board, the city of Fernandina Beach, or the towns of Callahan or Hilliard, nor special taxes such as the St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Inland Navigation District, Amelia Island Mosquito Control District, or the Amelia Island Beach Renourishment MSTU that property owners in Fernandina Beach and the middle of the island pay.

For the increase in the gas tax to be officially considered, Mullin explained, a notice must be advertised, a public hearing held, and a vote put on a future agenda. The deadline for voting on an increase in the gas tax is Oct. 1, and if approved,



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it would go into effect on Jan. 1, 2019.

The next meeting to discuss the proposed gas tax rate increase is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m.

During the discussion of an increase in the gas tax, a member of the audience suggested that money collected from the increase in the gas tax should be a split 60-40 between west and east sides

of the county. Another audience member said that he would oppose such a split, stating that most of the revenue that goes into the county coffers comes from the east end of Nassau County. The commissioners agreed that they would not be in favor of such a split. However, Commissioner Danny Leeper made a motion that, if it takes an affirmative vote of four-out-of-five commissioners to approve an increase in the gas tax, it should also take a four-out-of-five vote to remove or lower it. Leeper's motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

In closing, Chairman Pat Edwards stated, "It's nice to have faces in the audience and people who have a feeling for positive growth in Nassau County and hopefully, we can do a better job of managing it in future years."

The 1.5 millage rate will appear on the TRIM — Truth in Millage — notices due to be sent to property owners starting later this month. The 1.5007 mill total increase will be divided between the county's General Fund (0.6104 increase), the County Transportation Fund (0.2504 increase), and the county's Municipal Service Fund (0.6399).

The first public hearing to discuss the TRIM notices is scheduled to take place on Sept. 10. According to the Nassau County Property Appraiser's website, "Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notices are mailed in the fall of each year. TRIM forms notify you of the proposed values and millage rates for the upcoming tax bills. They state the fair market value (or just value), Amendment 10 value (or assessed value), exempt value(s), classified use value and taxable value of your property. The

TRIMs also reflect the proposed millage rates set by the various taxing authorities. The property appraiser's office has no jurisdiction or control over taxes or millage rates established by the taxing authorities." The millage rate established at the Monday meeting cannot be increased, according

to state law, but could be reduced when the final budget is approved in September.

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Carlos Slay runs against Sen. Aaron Bean

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Carlos Slay said he wants to "drain the swamp in Tallahassee, and make Florida great again." Slay is running for Florida Senate District 4, a seat currently held by Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach. The Republican primary election for the office is on Aug. 28.

The winner of the Republican contest will square off against Democrat Billee Bussard and Libertarian Joanna Tavares in the general election on Nov. 6.

Slay last ran for Nassau County's tax collector in 2016, but was soundly drubbed by John Drew. Slay said he is running now to stand up for the Second Amendment, the access of the public to Florida's beaches, and to address the issue of public corruption. He said special interest groups "are taking over Tallahassee."

"We can't allow that to happen," he said. "We have to stand firm."

Slay said he feels gun rights have become a political issue in the country, which is why he does not stand with the National Rifle Association, although he did carry an "AQ" rating from the organization at one time.

"People who want to get involved in things, they have their own political view on it," Slay told the *News-Leader*. "Gun rights do not. Recently the NRA put out grades for all candidates. Senator Bean received a 'C.' I received an 'AQ.'"

But someone along the way affected the rating.

"Mysteriously, a complaint came up and (the NRA) changed it from an 'AQ' to a question mark," Slay said. "I guess its an 'A,' with questions that they asked us. Mysteriously a complaint was

filed against me. I was told to stand down. I told them, 'I don't stand down.' They will not say who (filed the complaint)."

According to the NRA's website, an "AQ" rating indicates "a pro-gun candidate whose rating is based solely on the candidate's responses to the NRA-PVF candidate questionnaire and who does not have a voting record on Second Amendment issues."

A lack of a rating or question mark indicates that a candidate "refused to answer the NRA-PVF candidate questionnaire, often an indication of indifference, if not outright hostility, to gun owners' and sportsmen's rights."

Slay commented on a vote in the Senate that raised the legal age required to buy a gun, a right he says is "sacred."

"(Sen. Bean) voted twice to raise the age limit for a young man or any person from 18 to 21," Slay said. "Our Second Amendment right is very sacred. I take the Constitution, the amendments and the Bill of Rights very strong for the people. That should have never happened. That's one thing I would like to do, the first bill to go in, to have that repealed."

Slay also wants to repeal the controversial HB 631 law governing public access to the dry sand area of Florida's beaches on private property above the mean high tide mark. Bean, along with state Rep. Cord Byrd, R-Neptune Beach, voted to approve that bill.

"I was deeply disappointed," Slay

said. "For generations way before me, everybody went to the coastline. To write a bill, to vote for a bill, and to allow the special interest establishment to dictate, from a bench - we cannot have this judicial activism going on. This has to stop. That is a second bill I would like to have repealed immediately." Slay believes the fact that Byrd and Bean voted for the bill indicates issues in Florida state government.

Last year, Slay filed ethics complaints against Bean and Nassau County Tax Collector John Drew regarding \$1 million in state funding Bean helped secure for a mental-health screening program run by Florida Psychological Associates LLC. The company is owned by Dr. Catherine Drew, John Drew's wife. The program, managed through the Florida State University College of Medicine, was stopped and much of the money was returned to the state after it was determined the project's success could not be adequately measured. According to a report from the Commission on Ethics, Bean admitted John Drew had asked him about acquiring state funding for the screening program Catherine Drew had developed, but Bean told the commission he had no personal interest in Florida Psychological Associates.

Slay's complaints against Drew included many others, but all were dismissed for "no probable cause." Drew had filed a petition with the commission to have \$80,000 in legal costs spent defending himself before the commission reimbursed by Slay, but after the matter was referred to an administrative hearing the parties settled on a reimbursement of \$2,000.

Slay said he fought that battle against persons who had been in office too long and had "become stale."

"With the ethics commission, when you file a complaint, that is the job of a citizen - to file that complaint. If you have that proof, the evidence, and to file that complaint, but when the ethics commission doesn't look at the citizen, but looks toward the legislator, and they say 'no corrupt intent,' this opens up a massive door of saying they can come at you with public funds and silence you. We can't have this. I'm disappointed because there are things in place and we are not looking at it. We need to start holding (people) accountable."

He said the \$1 million could have been better used to support the people of Florida.

"This is for the people, what is for the best," Slay said. "Not to waste money. If we have that much money to waste, let's put it to a good cause. Let's put it to health care for our seniors that are struggling. How about our handicapped? How about the nursing home, the assisted living facilities, the small ones that need help? Let's don't pick special interests. Let's put the people first. Prescription cost is out of hand here. I want to serve as the senator so we can work on these issues."

Slay is an opponent of raising taxes for any purpose. Asked how he feels about additional funding required by the state for school security following the mass shooting in February at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, he said those funds could be found within the state's budget.

"Find the resources to help and assist. I am not in favor of raising taxes. The people are getting hit hard enough. How can they take any more? They have mortgages, they have insurance, they have everything they have to pay. ... How do you raise taxes when some-

one is dependent? All the income they have is their Social Security or small retirement checks they get. They're not CEOs."

Being the owner of a maintenance and light construction company, Slay said he has empathy for working people.

"I'm the son of a master carpenter who taught me the values of life. You will work for everything you want. You will respect every person. This country has been great to us. We have many graves of fallen heroes who fought for that freedom. That's what we need to do. We need to remember them. No new taxes. We need to work. We need to solve the issues. We don't need to be making bills and putting in pork for projects we don't need, for the special interests. If it has nothing for anybody, that bill doesn't need to come on the floor."

Slay also made an unsuccessful run for Nassau County sheriff in 2008. He received 135 votes. He was entered in the 2012 sheriff's race but withdrew. He said he is running again despite his losses because the Constitution says he can. "I ran then on mismanagement of what I seen, what was going on. That's the past. I'm here to focus on the future."

Law enforcement is an issue Slay said he feels strongly must be supported on the local level. Speaking about crime in Jacksonville, Slay said he believes "the sheriffs and the police chiefs need to allow each zone commander to take control of each zone and reduce the crime there. You have to give them the authority to do that. But, you must hold those commanders accountable. If they can't do it, you put somebody else in there that can."

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Words of wisdom

A few quotes from Abraham Lincoln:
"I do not consider that I have ever accomplished anything without God, and if it be His will that I must die by the hand of an assassin, I must be resigned. I must do my duty as I see it and leave the rest with God."

"The people of the United States are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."

"You must remember that some things legally right are not morally right."

We need harmony in our country. Tolerance, compromise, and patience are the keys in all of us.

Pat Henderson
Fernandina Beach

Bradley Bean

Congratulations to Bradley Bean for his thoughts in the July 25 News-Leader regarding the availability and value of city lands and how they are used.

Bean makes some good points, and I am encouraged when a young person gets involved with important local decisions.

To an old guy like me, it is a breath of fresh air and truly inspiring to read Bean's thoughts about improving city services and thoughts regarding land use and beach concerns.

I look forward to Mr. Bean's continued interest and involvement in local issues that affect our city and Nassau County.

It would be encouraging to read about Bean's thoughts and ideas regarding other city issues. Hopefully, more young citizens will also get involved and show civic interest.

Bob Howat
Fernandina Beach

Parking fees

Steve Nicklas makes numerous, valid points about parking and fees. However, having been raised in a cozy seacoast town just like Fernandina, they solved the problem. Everyone pays to park downtown, citizens and non, but beach parking for residents comes with an annual sticker acquired from town hall. Without it, there is no free parking. Hotel guests, guesthouse guests, and every other kind of guest pays. It's been like that in this town and millions of others just like it.

Taxpayers pay for police, fire, rescue, and trash pickup 365 days per year. Day trip tourists and hotel guests pay little, if any, for all those services. Your picture of trash on page 3A of Friday's paper (July 20) really says a great deal!

We need to be realistic. We need to be prudent. We need to be cognizant that services are costly and everyone needs to bear some cost.

David Francis
Fernandina Beach

Thinking clearly?

On July 13, a letter was published regarding the political divide in our country and that is undisputable. That is the only premise in the letter that is based on fact. The first topic addressed is tax cuts and deregulation. The author lauds tax cuts and deregulation as launching a booming economy. Actually, the beneficiaries are the wealthy. The largest portion of our population with earnings from \$50,000 to \$75,000 will have a benefit of 1.6 percent. The population earning 500K to 1M will increase their benefit by 4.2 percent, and those earning \$1 million or more will see a benefit of 3.3 percent. He admits that the program will trigger inflation and add to our deficit, but that higher business activity will compensate for that. He is probably basing that on tax cuts for large businesses. That has already resulted in companies

buying their stocks back and raising dividends. This only benefits the small number of our population that own stocks.

The author has praised Trump's meeting with North Korea. History should teach us that this is not the first attempt to denuclearize North Korea, all of which failed and there has been no inclination that this effort should differ.

The praise for Trump's trade and tariff policies expressed in the body of the letter is perhaps the least factual premise. It ignores the fact that the last time our country went down this road in 1929 it gave us the Great World Depression. Many notable organization and companies have already opposed this path. Among them are The Heritage Foundation, American Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Home Builders, American International Automobile Dealers, American Automobile Policy Council, National Marine Manufacturers Association, All American companies doing business in China, solar energy companies, National Retail Federation, Caterpillar, Anheuser Busch, Miller Coors, and American farmers to name a few, not to mention the majority of Americans polled.

The author notably, did not mention morals. A president that mocks invalids and grabs women is disgusting. A president that has insulted our longtime allies and praised our longtime adversary is a fool. A president that has lied and made false statements 3,251 in his first 487 day, according to Fact Checker, is a shame.

So much for thinking clearly.

Frank Clark
Fernandina Beach

Local taxes and politics

Three of our county commissioners want to raise our taxes. We have senior citizens and disabled military that are living on fixed incomes. With the price of groceries, gas, and medication, can they really afford to have an increase in taxes?

County commissioners Spicer and Kelley were the only two that opposed the (1.9 mill) tax increase. We need to keep Mr. Spicer in District 4. Mr. Kelley has announced his retirement. They were the two that usually stood up for the people of Nassau County. Dawn Hagel is running in District 2 to replace Mr. Kelley. We need an individual who will stand for the people and not big business. I hate to see Mr. Kelley retire from his position. I personally feel Ms. Hagel is a person of high morals and integrity.

Cord Byrd and Aaron Bean have hurt the people of Nassau County. Both voted to make the beaches private, and for the Stewardship District. Voting to make the beaches private not only hurts Nassau County, but all of Florida. Tourists will wonder if they are trespassing on private property. We need to vote Joe Zimmerman as our state representative in District 11. Joe will fight to repeal HB 631. The beaches belong to the citizens. He will also fight to repeal HB 1075. The Stewardship District will cost all Nassau County residents in the long run.

Cord Byrd also needs to go. Carlos Slay has seen the damage done to Nassau County. We need to vote for him as our state senator, District 4. He too will fight to straighten out the mess that our county is in with the current government. We need to make changes in order to help ourselves.

Cord Byrd claims to have served in the military. One year in the Air Force Academy, in my opinion, is not service to our country. He had an opportunity for a free education and failed to even finish the schooling or the obligation he made to his country.

My husband, both my stepsons, my father, uncles, cousins, and a niece were, or are, veterans. They know the meaning of the word 'service' to our country. In my opinion, you only have the right to call yourself a veteran if you actually served in the military.

The only way we can make a change in our country is to vote. The vote is our voice in government.

Barbara Adams
Yulee

VIEWPOINT / LOWELL HALL / CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC BEACHES AND SHORES

SOS - 'Save Our Sands'

HB 631 is an assault on the historical legal rights of the public to access and enjoy the dry sand beaches and shores of Florida.

For over 100 years, Florida common law has been upheld by the Florida and U.S. Supreme Courts to protect public beach access in the best interest of all the citizens of the state. Furthermore, the "Public Trust Doctrine" holds that the government must protect the natural and cultural resources, which all citizens have the right to enjoy. The historical "customary use" of dry sand beaches as a recreational activity is such a protected right.

HB 631 was pushed through the Florida legislature to benefit the wealthy special interest property owners at the expense of the general public. The special interest's legislative pawns reversed the historical legal presumptive right of the public to access the dry sand beaches, from the public to private property owners.

Before the passage of HB 631, private property owners were required by law to prove that the public did not have customary use of the dry sand beach. After passage of HB 631 the burden of proof shifted to the public and we became the defenders of our customary use of the dry sand beaches and must be able to prove this in court. Private property owners will chip away one piece at a time. They will amend state laws that will further erode public rights, elect and appoint judges that support their efforts, and in not too

many years most of the dry sand beach will be private.

If not repealed, HB 631 will also create hundreds of lawsuits that will cost millions of dollars and create an enormous burden of time and expense on local taxpayers that could be used to improve and expand the public amenities of the beach.

Be aware, HB 631 is the special interest oceanfront property owners' latest ploy in their pursuit to privatize the dry sand beaches for their own enrichment. It is a bold and cleverly written law in an attempt to strip the public's customary use of dry sand beaches from the people who have historically and continuously enjoyed this natural recreational resource for generations.

HB 631 is clearly not in the best interest of the great silent majority of citizens of Florida, Nassau County and Fernandina Beach, and visitors who come here to enjoy unobstructed access to the sandy beaches. It is bad for our tourism economy. It is inconsistent with historical customary use and contradictory to legal precedents.

HB 631 must be repealed and replaced with new, clear legislation that protects and guarantees the public's access to the dry sand beaches. Legislators who support public dry sand beach access should be supported, while those opposed should be voted out of office.

It's time to stand up and be heard! It's time for action! Keep all our beaches public.

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VIEWPOINT / RAFFAELAMARIE RIZZO FENN / FERNANDINA BEACH

County commissioners stick their heads in the sand

The recent Board of County Commissioners meeting demonstrated, yet again, our commission's inability to lead! While I have a lot of respect for our elected officials and know theirs is a tough job, we sorely need elected officials with the courage to make tough decisions. For nearly 10 years, we've seen clear indications that the county is headed toward financial ruin.

We need to become better educated on the real fiscal situation. For instance, a report by the county clerk, saying that our clean audit somehow reflects the fiscal health of the county is absurd on its face. The county's audit has no bearing on the future financial health of the county.

Since 2008, the Clerk of the Court and county commissioners have ignored the Nassau County Fiscal Sustainability Study conducted by Fishkind & Associates. To briefly summarize, the study pointed to the financial dilemma we are experiencing now, and some of the key findings that have been ignored are worthy of revisiting. In short, the study findings summarized here were:
• At 51 percent, Nassau County is overly reliant on property taxes.

- Type of growth determines fiscal impact and not all land uses are created fiscally equal; typically residential land uses do not pay for themselves.
- Office, retail, and industrial land uses as well as mixed-use development generate a positive fiscal benefit for the county, by requiring less infrastructure.
- Fishkind took our short-term forecast of growth in population and employment for Nassau County and extended it 20 years to estimate the impacts and determined that the current budget structure is not sustainable, even with expected growth.

Fishkind made several recommendations of note that are particularly timely for our commissioners to hear again now. The report recommended controlling costs, especially for general government and for fire-rescue. It suggested expanding the capital improvement plan, developing a true capital maintenance program, reserve the 1-cent sales tax for infrastructure and move to multi-year budgeting, holding departments accountable for their budget results. Any

dollars left over should be reserved for emergencies. The study also recommended the county increase capital funding with Municipal Service Benefit Units and updated impact fees.

Today, Nassau County's impact fees are literally a small fraction of what is assessed to new development in St. Johns County. Both counties are largely bedroom communities today, trying to broaden and diversify their tax base, protect their high-rated public schools and pay for their growing pains. St. Johns is one county south of Jacksonville and, of course, we are one county north of Jacksonville.

To ensure the fiscal health of our county, we need our elected officials to change their debt management policies and understand why debt leverage is taxpayer friendly. For example, while I could pay off my mortgage, I'd be foolish to do so because of the low-interest rates. I also need to leverage my savings to ensure I can handle the capital expenses that occur in my dwelling and to handle the unexpected, such as illness and hurricanes. The same goes for long-term county assets.

Recently, the Board of County

Commissioners paid approximately \$10 million for the new sheriff's complex. While the building was sorely needed, they could have bonded for the long-term asset at historically low-interest rates and have current and future taxpayers pay off the bond over 30 years. This would also have given us more of an emergency cushion, in retrospect, for the two hurricanes that followed.

Can we fix this mess? I believe we can, especially if our board acts intelligently, swiftly and with purpose to do the following: 1. Fix our broken growth management ordinances and impact fees; 2. Stop using the 1-cent sales tax fund for operating expenses and reserve it for capital expenditures; 3. Reinstate the fuel user fee and leverage those funds for state road paying dollars. While we all hate higher taxes, we're going to need to accept higher property tax rates if we're to solve the backlog from failure to act years ago.

It is time to fix our financial problems. Please only vote for candidates with the knowledge to understand our budget condition and the courage to do the right thing.

Get cracking people. The wolf is at the door.

AMELIA WALK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") for the Amelia Walk Community Development District ("District") will hold the following two public hearings and a regular meeting:

DATE:	August 21, 2018
TIME:	2:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Amelia Walk Amenity Center 85287 Majestic Walk Circle Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 ("Fiscal Year 2018/2019"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("O&M Assessments") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

Description of Assessments

The District imposes O&M Assessments on benefitted property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget and providing the funds necessary to pay debt service on outstanding bonds as reflected in the District's debt service budget. A geographic depiction of the property potentially subject to the proposed O&M Assessments is identified in the map attached hereto. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments, which are subject to change at the hearing:

Land Use Description	Total # of Units	FY 2018 Gross Per Unit	FY 2018 Total Gross Assessments	FY 2019 Gross Per Unit	FY 2019 Total Gross Assessments
Single Family	750	\$695.00	\$521,250	\$929.68	\$697,260

¹ Includes collection fees and discounts (7.5%)

The proposed O&M Assessments as stated include collection costs and/or early payment discounts, which Nassau County ("County") may impose on assessments that are collected on the County tax bill. Moreover, pursuant to Section 197.3632(4), *Florida Statutes*, the lien amount shall serve as the "maximum rate" authorized by law for O&M Assessments, such that no assessment hearing shall be held or notice provided in future years unless the assessments are proposed to be increased or another criterion within Section 197.3632(4), *Florida Statutes*, is met. Note that the O&M Assessments do not include any debt service assessments previously levied by the District and due to be collected for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

For Fiscal Year 2018/2019, the District intends to have the County tax collector collect the assessments imposed on certain developed property, and will directly collect the assessments imposed on the remaining benefitted property by sending out a bill prior to, or during, November 2018. It is important to pay your assessment because failure to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title, or for direct billed assessments, may result in a foreclosure action, which also may result in a loss of title. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

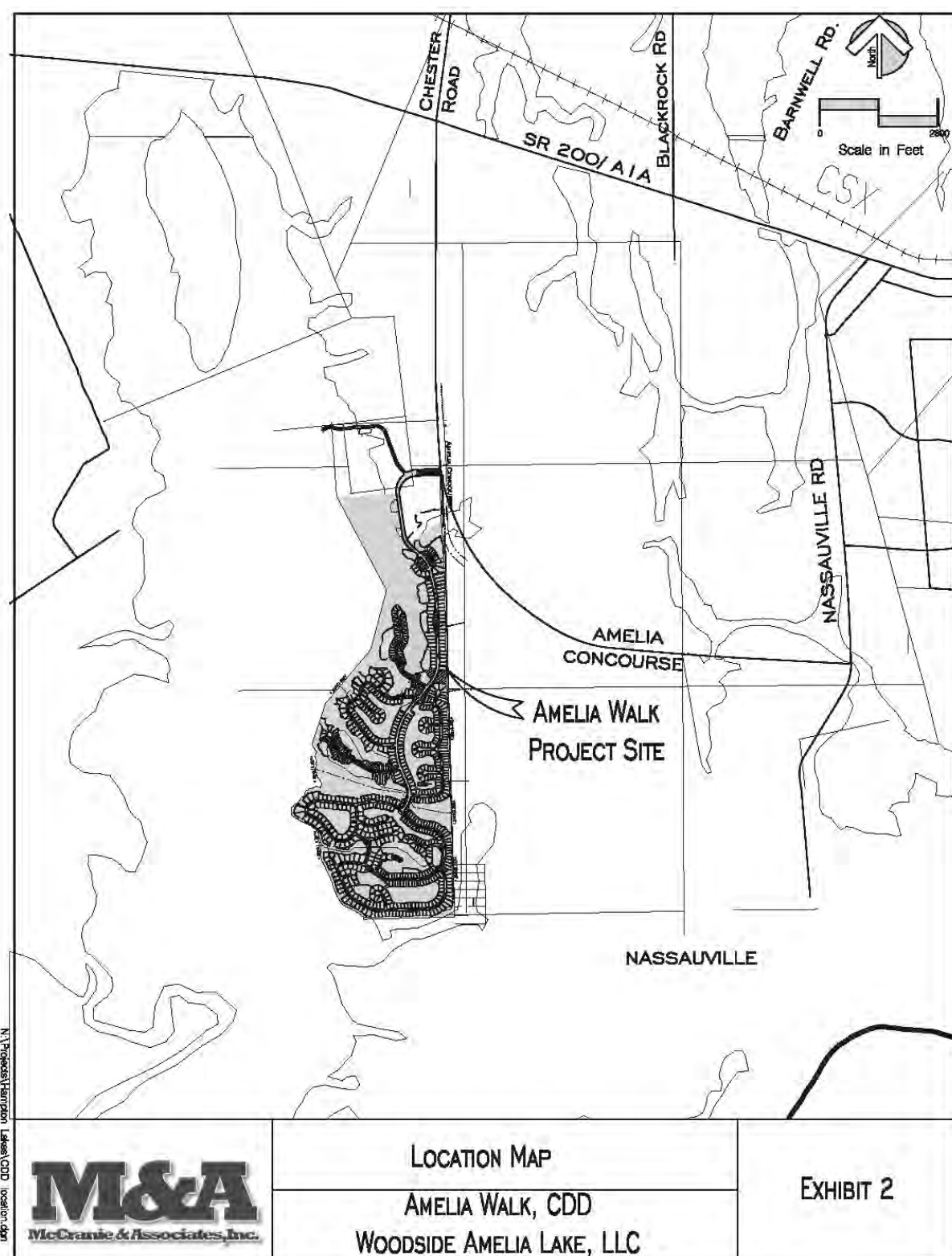
Additional Provisions

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Proposed Budget, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at Governmental Management Services, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, Ph: 904-940-5850 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

Please note that all affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearings and meeting, and may also file written objections with the District Manager's Office within twenty days of publication of this notice. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

David deNagy
District Manager



Regional Express Bus Service coming to Nassau

This December, residents of Nassau County will have a new mobility option to get to and from downtown Jacksonville, according to a news release.

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority Board of Directors has approved an Interlocal Agreement with the Nassau County Council on Aging, Inc. for an express route service that will enhance regional mobility for one of the fastest growing areas in Northeast Florida.

The Agreement will allow JTA, in collaboration with Nassau County Council on Aging / NassauTRANSIT and the Florida Department of Transportation to develop a premier service inter-

connecting Nassau and Duval counties.

"Public transportation provides an affordable and reliable mobility option that connects people to jobs, education, health-care, entertainment and more," said JTA Chief Executive Officer Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. in the news release. "JTA is pleased to offer Nassau County residents a new direct and convenient mobility option that provides more access to downtown and the Nassau community."

The Regional Express Bus Service will launch on Monday, Dec. 3 and will provide direct service from Yulee to downtown Jacksonville.

ETHICS *Continued from 5A*

in my opinion, be open to every registered voter."

Ford said he does not know Kruse, but does not believe anyone put Kruse up to running.

Ford is also not sure what to think about a write-in candidate closing the primary. "It was a

surprise, obviously, because it pushes the election to November, which is less than thrilling for me because I hoped it would be over in August," Ford said. "Honestly, I was counting on independent or Democratic votes." Ford believes the loophole should probably be addressed, but "is not sure how."

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SLAY *Continued from 6A*

Slay has some past legal issues of his own that have previously been reported by the *News-Leader*. They include being arrested on a charge of petit theft, which he said was "false, fake news," and an incident in which he was accused of pulling a gun on his wife and children. Hope Slay, identified in court documents as Slay's wife, petitioned the Nassau County Circuit Court in 2004 for an injunction against her husband, saying in court documents, "He pulled a gun on me several times (and) continually threatens me and my children. He has attempted to harm my children as well. He has broken furniture, doors, put holes in walls (and) continually flaunts a gun when he is angry. I fear for my life and he has a violent temper. I am afraid he will snap and kill me."

Following the granting of a temporary, 15-day injunction, a court date was set to determine whether a permanent injunction would be granted, according to the previous report.

Six days before the scheduled hearing, Hope Slay filed an official request to withdraw her injunction petition.

"I do not wish to proceed with this petition as I do not feel my life is in danger and do not feel threatened by the respondent," Hope wrote in the July 15, 2014, document. "We will seek marital counseling to work our differences."

Slay said that incident was in the past and was brought up for political reasons.

"That was the last election. We already went through that," he said. "Why would it even come up today? Don't believe everything you hear in a newspaper. There was an incident that came up. Some things came

up. No gun was pulled, even though it was said. Things happen in life. I was never charged with an incident. It was the past. I love my wife. All these years, with our grandchildren, people go through a lot of things in life and during that time, my father had just died two weeks prior to that. That was over 14 years ago. Why would anybody want to keep bringing stuff up like that? Just to be spiteful, to bring it up in an election race. Everybody's trying to tear me down. Why would you want to tear somebody down that wants to serve the people in the most compassionate way there is, to serve the people and only the people, not the special interests? That's the past."

Slay said he wants to bring both sides of an issue together in a time of polarization.

"We can agree to disagree. You see it one way, I see it another," he said. "All we can do is, somehow, come to an understanding. Let's sit down and have a cup of coffee. Let's talk. We're friends. We're going to agree on some issues; on some issues we're not. But let's don't hate each other because we've got a letter behind our name. Let's look out for the future. Let's not put the blame on one certain person or project or entity that's out there. Let's work through that, that's why they send us to Tallahassee, to negotiate."

But Slay leaves no doubt where his loyalties lie.

"I'm a proud, 100-percent supporter of Ron DeSantis. Him and Donald Trump, I stand behind them both," he said. "It's time to drain the swamp in Florida."

Slay, 53, lives in Callahan with his wife, Hope. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

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UPDATE *Continued from 2A*

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

District schools 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.

Volunteering for NHS

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



A tale of love and stamps

“Do you still collect postage stamps for veterans?” an elderly woman’s voice asked me when I answered the phone. I responded that I did, and she shyly explained that she had spent the last few days going through the correspondence between her and her husband during World War II. “No need for the children to see them,” she explained.



CITY SIDEBAR

Cara Curtin

package containing just her stamps on its way. She and her husband must have been separated for a long time, because her stamps fill a gallon Ziploc bag. This package will go to the head of the Stamps

for the Wounded Program for Lions International. The Daughters of the American Revolution joined with the Lions Club in this service project long before my membership in the Amelia Island Chapter. When I became a member in 2009, my regent asked me to take Stamps for the Wounded as one of my projects.

I was hesitant and unexcited at first, but I quickly embraced this program with more interest and dedication than I expected. Preparing the stamps to forward to my contact is comfortable busy-work I can do in front of the television. I often see stamps that I’ve never seen before, including those in my caller’s collection from the WWII era. I will never be a stamp collector, but now I am aware of those that grace my daily mail. I have learned that new stamps are issued on a regular basis – and they are greeted by a steadfast group of people who collect first issues. Sometimes, I buy a sheet of these new stamps to send in the next package and smile when I think of these never-before-seen stamps brightening someone’s day.

I like the idea that in some VA hospital or rehab unit, there’s an American serviceperson using the stamps the chapter has donated to regain small motor skills that have sustained battle damage. We leave about a quarter of an inch – or more – of paper around the stamp, so he or she can use those impaired skills to separate the stamp from the paper. After that, the stamps are used in various craft projects, and I am told that some people also discover a new hobby in philately.

If you would like to join me in this endeavor to help our wounded vets, cut or tear your stamps, both cancelled and un-cancelled, from the packages and envelopes you receive. Then mail them to me at Box 134, 1417 Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

She went on to say that she’d had such a delightful time rereading every one of them, revisiting the places they’d been and the times they’d shared. She was so relieved that the stamps they’d used to keep track of each other would not go in the trash, but would go on to help someone else get through tough times.

She promised to get them in the mail to me in the next couple of days, and I managed to thank her before she broke the connection. I had not asked her who she was, nor did I ask her a single question about her husband. What branch of the armed forces had he been in? What did he do? Did he keep personnel records straight? Load our heavy bombers? Work on their engines? Was he in any of the battles we hear about on the History Channel? And where was she, and what was she doing while he was gone?

He obviously survived the war, but I had not asked where they’d lived after he came back. What did he do to feed his family? She mentioned she had children, and now I wondered how many there were. What about grandchildren? When and why did they move to Fernandina? Do their children live here? Would I know them?

No, I didn’t ask any of those things. I just put the put down the phone and cried. What a wonderful story. It touched my very heart, what little she had volunteered. I’m sure she thought that I am a churl, because I said very little to her, showed little interest. I couldn’t. I was too choked up to conduct a civilized conversation. And Lord knows, I certainly didn’t want to reduce her to tears, thinking about what once was. So I grunted and umm-humm’d, and when she’d said her peace, she hung up and left me a quivering mass. Perhaps it’s because my Adult Supervision and I are approaching our 45th, but her short conversation rang out as testimony to an abiding love that endured for decades. Oh, my. We should all be so lucky.

I’m going to include this column when I send this special

AMELIA CONCOURSE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Supervisors (“Board”) for the Amelia Concourse Community Development District (“District”) will hold the following two public hearings and a regular meeting:

DATE: August 21, 2018
 TIME: 11:00 a.m.
 LOCATION: 85200 Amaryllis Court
 Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

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¹ Includes collection fees and discounts (7.5%)

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Traffic stop leads to three drug arrests

A traffic stop near Callahan on Tuesday, July 17, reportedly uncovered more than a driver with a lead foot.

According to a news release from Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper, NCSO deputies who conducted an initial traffic stop kept investigating, and their search of the vehicle found 150.6 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 4.7 grams of marijuana, 34.5 pills of a controlled substance, some THC (marijuana extract)

edible candy, two glass pipes, a digital scale, and a 9mm handgun.

The Toyota Highlander, driven by Victoria Reanna Brady, 25, of Jacksonville, had been stopped for speeding and for occupants not wearing seat belts at the intersection of U.S. 1 and M. Sikes Road. Brady was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance,

and possession of a schedule 1-5 substance.

Joshua Benjamin Carter, 29, from Waverly, Ga., was also arrested. Carter was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine. Max Arthur Stanfill, 25, from Atlantic Beach, Fla. was arrested too.

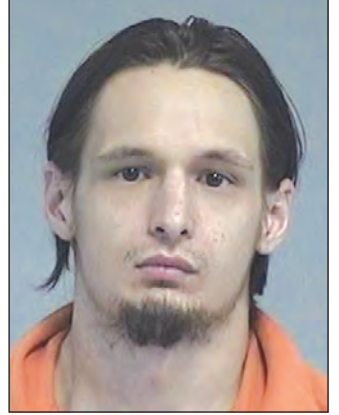
Stanfill was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.



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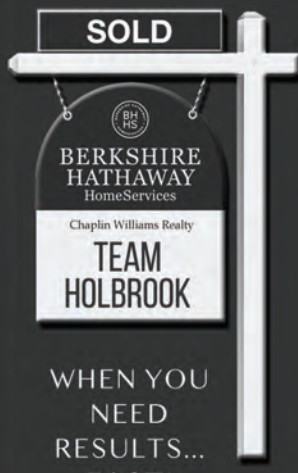
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POLICE REPORT

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■ Tina Michele McCain, 49, 95240 Catalina Drive, Fernandina Beach, July 17, felony driving while license suspended.

■ James Roosevelt Timmons, 38, 37227 Railroad St., Hilliard, July 19, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and domestic battery.

■ Brandi Nicole Eggebrecht, 41, 125 Enlet Reach, St. Marys, Ga., possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia for production.

■ Sumer Nicolle Frost, 37, 1441 Robinhood Drive, Fernandina Beach, July 20, DUI - fourth or subsequent offense.

■ Shawn David Jones, 38, 2700 Mizell Drive, No. 303, Fernandina Beach, July 20, sale of a controlled substance. Other charges are pending.

■ Carleigh Michele Wilson, 24, 850766 U.S 17, No. 9A, Yulee, July 20, theft of a motor vehicle.

■ James Andrew McGuire, 62, 94280 Catalina Drive, Fernandina Beach, July 21, depriving 911 communications and simple battery.

■ Diane Louise Vining, 46, 10715 Weatherby Ave., Hastings, Fla., July 21, introduction of contraband into a jail facility.

■ Shawn Lee Blitchington, 45, 1431 Danbury Road, Jacksonville, July 22, failure to remain at the scene of a crash with fatalities.

■ Nancy Elena Campbell, 50, 813 Nottingham Drive, No. 1, Fernandina Beach, July 23, attempted murder.

■ Ashley Marie Allen, 29, 750 McSwain Road, Fernandina Beach, July 24, forging bank bills, checks, drafts or promissory notes, possession of counterfeit pay instruments, possession of forged notes/bills, forgery, unauthorized possession of a driver's license or identification, and possession of duplicate/fake identifications.

■ James A. Crawford, 31, 750 McSwain Road, Fernandina Beach, July 24, identity theft, scheme to defraud, forging bank bills, checks, drafts or promissory notes, possession of counterfeit pay instruments, possession of forged bills, forgery, unauthorized possession of another's driver's license or identification, and possession of duplicate/fake identifications.

■ Benjamin Curtis Lyons, 48, 5818 Croft Estates Court, Jacksonville, July 24, possession of a controlled substance, possession of more than 20 grams of cannabis, driving while license suspended, possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Russell Allen Parker, 41, 7633 King Royse Road, Jacksonville, July 24, felony driving while license suspended.

■ Juan Pablo Santiago, 33, 501 N. 20th St., Apt. 190, Palatka, Fla., July 25, retail theft.

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COURT REPORT

The following report was compiled by Pamela Bushnell of the News-Leader from the July 26 court docket of Circuit Court Judge Robert M. Foster.

■ Jennifer Ardel Baker pleaded not guilty to driving while her license was suspended or revoked.

■ Robin Johanna Barilla pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine and reckless driving. Adjudication was withheld. She was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail and 18 months of drug offender probation. She must submit to a drug and alcohol evaluation within 60 days after release and random urinalysis and comply with treatment recommendations. She must participate in the Victim Impact Panel. Her license will be suspended for six months although the court has no objections to a hardship license for business purposes. She must enroll within 30 days in DUI Level One and successfully complete the course. She must complete 50 hours of commu-

nity service. Early termination of probation may be considered upon full compliance with all conditions. She was ordered to pay \$518 in court costs and \$100 to the State Attorney's Office.

■ Michael Boatwright denied violation of probation for carrying a concealed firearm.

■ Sylvia Christine Butler pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor. She was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to six months of probation and ordered to perform 25 hours of community service. She was ordered to pay court costs of \$223 and \$150.

■ Douglas Bradshaw Carlyon pleaded not guilty to felony battery and battery on a person in a detention facility.

■ Gary Allen Coachman pleaded not guilty to the sale or delivery of cocaine, using a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony, possession with the intent to sell, deliver, manufacture or purchase cocaine, possession with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver a controlled substance, possession of a concealed weapon by a convicted felon and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

■ Nidia Vicky Cruz admitted violation of probation for aggravated stalking, giving false statements under oath to a law enforcement officer and three counts of using another person's identification without their consent. Probation was reinstated and extended for an additional 12 months. The defendant is to be added to the mental health court calendar for Aug. 2.

■ Janie Leean Deal pleaded not guilty to three charges of dealing in stolen property and three charges of giving false verification of ownership to a pawnbroker.

■ Jeff Martin Denmark pleaded not guilty to possession of cocaine, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

■ Michelle Nicholle Dettmann pleaded not guilty to possession of alprazolam, driving under the influence, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

■ James Lamarz-Richard Foster pleaded not guilty to possession of cocaine and driving under the influence.

■ Dustin Stephen Geraci pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

■ Charles Roland Hix pleaded not guilty to burglary of a dwelling.

■ Lee Anthony Jackson pleaded not guilty to possession of cocaine and driving under the influence.

■ Robert George Jaschik pleaded guilty to burglary of a

structure or conveyance and petit theft. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 13 months in Florida State Prison with credit for time served in Nassau County Jail. The sentence is to run concurrently with two violations of probation cases. He must pay \$418 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Jolyn Carlene Jones pleaded not guilty to three charges of petit theft as a third subsequent offense.

■ Carrie Ann Kelly pleaded not guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

■ Bernadette Talmo Lucas pleaded not guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

■ Nicholas Ryan Lutgens pleaded guilty to possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis. Adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to 12 months probation with the condition he perform 50 hours of community service. He must pay \$238 and \$150 in court costs.

■ Issachar Ben Melchisedec was determined incompetent to proceed on two charges of battery on a law enforcement officer. He was committed into the custody of the Department of Children and Families.

■ Timothy David Murphy II pleaded not guilty to two charges of dealing in stolen property and two charges of giving false verification of ownership to a pawnbroker.

■ Leyla Idalisse Nieto admitted violation of probation for organized fraud. She was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked and terminated. She was sentenced to six months in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served. She must pay outstanding court costs of \$4,843.90.

■ Andrea Lynn Pratt pleaded not guilty to possession of cocaine and possession of methamphetamine.

■ Leo Thomas Rains Jr. pleaded guilty to impregnating a child under age 18 and child abuse. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to four years in Florida State Prison with credit for time served followed by three years of probation. He is to have no victim contact. He must submit to psychosexual evaluation and follow up treatment, must not view or possess pornography, and have no intentional or unpersuaded contact with minors. He must obey a curfew from 10 p.m.

to 6 a.m. with the exception of employment. He must submit to polygraph testing at least once a year. He was ordered to pay \$418 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and surcharges of \$151 and \$201 related to the nature of the offense.

■ Calvin Scheider admitted violation of probation for aggravated assault. He was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked and terminated. He was sen-

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POLITICAL BRIEFS

Dawn Hagel runs for Board of County Commissioners

Local real estate agent Dawn Hagel has announced she is running for the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners District 2 seat currently held by Steve Kelley, who is not seeking an additional term.



Hagel

Hagel will meet businessman Aaron Bell in a universal primary contest on Aug. 28, when all registered voters in Nassau County can vote, regardless of party.

“With all the growth this area has seen over the past 10 years and the vast amount planned to come in the next 10 years, it is more important than ever that we get our house in order through fiscal responsibility. We have to have planning that doesn’t require raising taxes. We have to manage the growth that incorporates parks and recreation and maintains our emergency services, schools, and infrastructure to keep our citizens safe,” Hagel said in the release. Hagel’s release says she is against property tax increases, for protecting beach rights, for keeping green spaces, for a balanced budget, and for keeping the county safe.

Hanna runs for OHPA seat

Scott Hanna announced his run for the Ocean Highway and Port Authority District 3 seat on July 27, according to an email. Hanna is a local business owner and volunteer in the community. He is married to his wife, Kari, and has two children. For more information, go to Facebook and search for “Scott Hanna for Port Authority.”

“Our port is a large part of our local economy. We can make it better. As a small business



Hanna

owner and family man in the community, I understand how important it is that we have balance with our growth and environment. As an electrician who gets up and goes to work every day, I also understand how important it is we help the port to be successful to care for families in our community. I believe the Port has an important role to play in that balance. It’s time for the Port to take a more aggressive role in actively solving challenges in our community from doing our part to help protect beach access to championing high-speed internet. I want to be part of that solution. I also promise to be accessible and available,” Hanna stated in the release.

Candidates forum for Board of County Commissioners

The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce will host a forum for the Board of County Commissioners candidates for Districts 2 and 5 on Aug. 15 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce, 961687 Gateway Blvd., Suite 101-G, in Fernandina Beach, according to a news release.

The candidates for District 2 are Aaron Bell and Dawn Hagel. The candidates for the District 4 seat are incumbent George Spicer and challenger Thomas Ford. The winner of the primary race for District 4 will face write-in candidate William Kruse in the general election in November.

The forum is open to all members of the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce, but pre-registration is required. For more information, visit www.nassaucountyflchamber.com or call (904) 261-3248.

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tenced to eight months in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served. He must pay \$524.15 in outstanding court costs.

■ David Cecil Scheider pleaded guilty to violation of probation for three counts of possession of a controlled substance and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis. Adjudication was withheld. Probation was revoked and terminated. He was ordered to pay \$988 in outstanding court costs.

■ Robert Todd Stubbs admitted violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. Adjudication was withheld. Probation was extended by six months during which time he must remain drug and alcohol free. Defendant is currently in the Anchor of Hope program in Dublin, Ga.

■ Ovid Ezekiel Vansickle pleaded guilty to felony domestic battery and admitted violation of probation for a prior conviction of felony battery, assault and trespass in an occupied structure or conveyance. Adjudication was withheld. Defendant was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail and 18 months of probation under the condition he must attend the Veterans Court Program and have no violent contact with the victim. Court costs of \$418, \$100 to the State Attorney’s Office, \$150 to the Public Defender’s Office, and surcharges of \$151 and \$201 related to the nature of the offenses were converted to civil judgment.

■ William Shannon Wagner pleaded guilty to habitually driving while his license was suspended. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 45 days in Nassau County Jail. He must pay \$418 in

court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney’s Office and \$150 to the Public Defender’s Office.

■ Nataraja Banyan Williams admitted violation of probation for four counts of burglary. Adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to six months in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served followed by 24 months of community control probation. As a condition of probation the defendant must obtain a drug and alcohol evaluation within 60 days of release and must comply with treatment recommendations.

■ Brad Wilson failed to appear on charges of dealing in stolen property, giving false verification of ownership to a pawnbroker and grand theft. Bond was forfeited and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

■ Elizabeth Joy Wilson pleaded guilty to the sale, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance. She was adjudicated guilty. After she waived pre-sentencing investigation, she was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail and 18 months of drug offender probation with the condition she obtain a drug and alcohol evaluation within 60 days of release, comply with treatment recommendations and submit to random urinalysis. Early termination of probation may be considered after six months of full compliance. She must pay \$518 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney’s Office and \$150 to the Public Defender’s Office.

■ Carly Dawn Wray pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Adjudication was withheld. She was sentenced to 30 days in Nassau County Jail followed by 30 days of probation. She must pay \$518 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney’s Office and \$150 to the Public Defender’s Office.

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EAST NASSAU STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MEETING.

Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

The Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) for the East Nassau Stewardship District (“**District**”) will hold the following two public hearings and a regular meeting:

DATE: August 16, 2018
 TIME: 10:00 A.M.
 LOCATION: Florida State College, Nassau Center
 76346 William Burgess Boulevard
 Yulee, Florida 32097

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 2017-206, Laws of Florida, and Chapter 189, *Florida Statutes*, to receive public comment and objections on the District’s proposed budget (“**Proposed Budget**”) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 (“**Fiscal Year 2018/2019**”). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 2017-206, Laws of Florida, and Chapters 189 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance general fund special assessments (“**O&M GF Assessments**”) and operations and maintenance special revenue fund special assessments (“**O&M SRF Assessments**”) and cumulatively the operations and maintenance special assessments (“**O&M Assessments**”) upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

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O&M GF Assessments

Land Use	Total # of Units / Sq. Ft./Acres	ERU Factor	Proposed O&M Assessment (including collection costs / early payment discounts)
SF 30’	60 (units)	1	\$5.08
SF 45’	241 (units)	1	\$5.08
SF 55’	175 (units)	1	\$5.08
SF 70’	105 (units)	1	\$5.08
Apartment	300 (units)	1	\$5.08
Other Residential	23,119 (units)	1	\$5.08
Commercial	11,000,000 (sq. ft.)	0.001	\$0.00508
Wellness/Private School	28 (acres)	5.88	\$29.85

O&M SRF Assessments

Land Use	Total # of Units /Sq. Ft./Acres	ERU Factor	Proposed O&M Assessment (including collection costs / early payment discounts)
SF 30’	60 (units)	0.62	\$83.46
SF 45’	241 (units)	0.87	\$117.11
SF 55’	175 (units)	1.00	\$134.61
SF 70’	105 (units)	1.28	\$172.30
Apartment	300 (units)	0.52	\$70.00
Commercial	550,000 (sq. ft.)	0.00145	\$0.19518
Wellness/Private School	28 (acres)	5.88	\$791.50

DISTRICT SITE

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	EAST NASSAU STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT	DATE: June 22, 2017 PLATE NO. 1

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District Manager

A drive through Fort Clinch State Park



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

Above, a deer on the road at Fort Clinch State Park. Below right, gopher tortoise jogs back to its burrow in the park. Right, wood sage lines part of the road.

It is not often that you have just the right timing to see the best local shows of nature. Bucko and I drive through Fort Clinch State Park nearly every day and most of the time we only get rare glimpses of wildlife, if any at all.

Sure, there are always the live oak trees that canopy over the main road and are draped with grey Spanish moss. And we always notice the condition of the resurrection ferns on the branches. Is it all brown and shriveled up, meaning no rain here for a while, or is it all soft and spread out and green? Yep, it rained recently in this spot on the island even if not where our home is, only a few miles south.

We always look for our favorite, unusual sites – sort of touchstones for us: the cactus plant up high on an oak limb; the twisted pine tree; the “elephant tree” as we call it, because of the texture of its bark; the spot where the “twin pines” used to be before a hurricane demolished them. After all these years, we have many old familiars that we see every day with fondness.

And we always look for turtles, snakes, or whatever else might be on the road, usually finding nothing, but once in a while we see a pond turtle or a snake making a road crossing. Sometimes there are deer passing by – does, bucks, fawns, the whole works. But really not so often. These drives are mostly a chance for us to talk about our day, our tomorrows, and our past. It’s our favorite time together, these drives through nature.

One recent drive pulled it all together. It was sunny after a spell of rain and the creatures were out and about. Right away we saw a doe on the road, just standing there. Soon we saw why. A young, fully spotted fawn eventually came out of the woods and joined her, and then they crossed the road together. A beautiful sight, the doe and fawn.

A little further down the road, another of the Fort Clinch nature shows was happening live. In the sandy area marked off by posts, heading toward the beach, the gopher tortoises were on the prowl. This area contains a handful of gopher tortoise burrows, deep holes marked by a dome-shaped (tortoise-shaped) entrance. The casual passerby would never even notice the burrows unless they were told about them. We know about the burrows, and always look for tortoises when we pass this area. Most often when we pass this area, the tortoises are hidden, either deep in their burrows or rummaging in the vegetation out of sight somewhere. Not today, though. Two different tortoises were out and about, enjoying the sunshine after the rain and munching on vines growing across the sand. Another great sighting, just a few minutes after the deer.

This day the summer wild flowers were at their peak too. Orange and yellow gaillardia were blooming in the sand at the beach side of the park. White and pale-purplish wood sage flowers were dressing up the side of the road near the woods. Up high in the trees, trumpet vines stood out amidst the Spanish moss.

At the end of our drive around the park we noticed butterflies on the purple ironweed flowers. These tall, native plants are said to be a butterfly magnet. I even bought some and planted them in my yard for this reason, before discovering that, when not blooming, they look like giant unruly, rangy weeds that block out everything else in front of them. Sadly, I eventually removed them.



Right plant, wrong location. But in Fort Clinch State Park, it’s the right place. They are now visible along the main road near the lighthouse overlook parking lot. They are everywhere in Nassau County now, in full bloom; tall as they are, true to their reputation, they are attracting butterflies. So at the end of our ride through the park, we stopped to admire the butterflies and the ironweed.

On this day, in only a 20-minute drive through Fort Clinch State Park we admired deer and gopher tortoises, wild flowers and butterflies. And once again, we thought how blessed we are to call this place home.

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

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Saturday was a fun day for us. First the car wash by the CREEPs to benefit this years HAUNT held in our parking lot. Great turn out and a big THANKS. We hosted the clarinet section of YHS for tie-dying their shirts, pizza and swimming again this year. They are a great group! Come by your coffee is ready.

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Bowen named 2018 Little League Mom of the Year

Every Little League program around the world has a dedicated volunteer who serves as a "team mom" for their league, but very few exemplify what that position means more than Maegan Bowen of Yulee Little League.

Based on her dedication to the Little League program and her compassion to her family and community, Little League International chose Bowen with the 2018 Little League Mom of the Year Award.

Bowen played in Yulee Little League when she was a child and, when her son, Brantley, started playing in tee ball, she immediately knew she had to get involved again as a volunteer so she signed up to be a team mom to help out.

This year, while coaching her son's team alongside her husband, Bowen decided she wanted to get more involved with the league, so she joined the board of directors as the concession stand manager and team mom coordinator.

"You make more friends when you get involved with the board, and those friends become family," she said. "It's really rewarding to watch the kids grow older together and see the looks on their faces when they're having fun. That's the main reason I do this."

While most mothers love the opportunity to spend time with their sons, these moments mean even more to Bowen, knowing that her son, Brantley, was born with a heart condition so she never knew if he would even be able to experience these moments.

"At nine months old, Brantley was diagnosed

with a coarctation and had to have two heart surgeries by the time he was 15 months old," Bowen said. "When he got involved with tee ball, we didn't think he'd ever get this far, but four years later he's made so many friends and really fell in love with the game. It's a blessing for us because we never even thought we would see this day."

For the Bowen family, being a part of the Yulee Little League community has become more than just a place to play baseball, but more importantly grow stronger as a family. Her husband, Justin, serves as a Florida Highway Patrol officer and loves being able to coach their son's team while their five-year-old daughter, Alta, spends time hanging out with her parents and the rest of the families at the fields each night.

"I never thought I was deserving of this award," Bowen said. "There's so many other volunteers that put in just as much effort as I do, so it was really humbling to hear I earned this."

"With this position, not only are you a mom for your children, you become a mom to all the kids out there in the community, and that means a lot. At the end of the day, you're doing this for the kids and to see the look on their face makes it worth it."

The Little League Mom of the Year Award was established in 1991 as a symbolic form of recognition and tribute to the millions of mothers in communities around the globe who contribute their time and effort to Little League programs.

Little League honors players, coaches,



From her time playing Little League to her current role as team mom coordinator, Maegan Bowen has become an important part of the Yulee Little League community.

SPECIAL

parents and volunteers with annual awards for dedication to the Little League program. Bowen will be honored with the Little League Mom of

the Year Award during the 2018 Little League Baseball World Series in South Williamsport, Pa., this month.

GRIDIRON CAMP



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER
First-year Fernandina Beach High School head football coach Jude Swearingen, below, and his players held a three-day camp for future Pirates last week at Buccaneer Field. Football schedules, 2B.



FWC seeks anglers' aid

Researchers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute are asking for help from anglers, spearfishers and charter captains to capture information about the Atlantic red snapper fishery.

NOAA Fisheries announced the recreational season will be Aug. 10-12 and 17-19 in Atlantic federal waters (beyond three nautical miles from shore). Anglers and spearfishers are limited to one fish per person, per day, with no minimum size limit.

Each day of the season provides an opportunity for researchers in Florida to collect biological data from harvested red snapper, which can be used to monitor the health of the fishery. FWC biologists will be greeting recreational anglers at boat ramps and marinas along Florida's east coast to conduct short interviews about their fishing trips. Biologists will also ask for permission to collect biological information from harvested fish.

Charter vessel operators also work cooperatively with FWC researchers during the Atlantic red snapper season by providing details about their fishing trips and allowing biologists to collect samples from harvested fish at the dock.

The survey responses and biological samples submitted by anglers will provide valuable data about the red snapper fishery. The FWC will provide information collected to the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review for the next red snapper stock assessment.

During surveys conducted in Florida last year, FWRI researchers sampled more than 700 red snapper that were caught recreationally to collect information on the size, weight, age and sex composition.

This year, FWRI researchers will again be asking anglers and charter vessel operators to assist with data collection efforts. This work would not be possible without the collaborative efforts of scientists, anglers, spearfishers, and charter captains working together to collect high-quality data to manage Florida's fisheries.

For information about Atlantic red snapper sampling efforts and the 2017 results, visit MyFWC.com/Research. For information on snapper rules and regulations, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing. If anglers catch a tagged red snapper, FWC researchers ask that they report it to the Angler Tag Return Hotline at (800) 367-4461.



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KEFFER'S CREW

Keffer's Crew captured the summer city of Fernandina Beach Coed Open Softball League championship on July 23, defeating Johnson Home Builders 12-1 in the tournament championship game. Pictured are, front row, Austin Conner, Carlos Cabrera, Mackenzie Roberts, Shelbi Hanifee and Arian Manning; back row, Darius Prentice, Rick Manning, Casey Vance, Jacob Casey, Larry Hodges, Samantha Wiegmann, Tristan O'Brien and Colleen Trotter. Registration for the fall Coed Open Softball League ends Friday. Visit www.leaguelineup.com/fbfl-softball for information.



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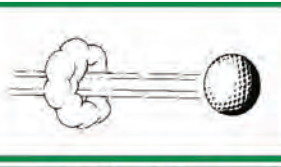


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If it's Tuesday, it must be time for summer team golf. On July 24, the players from The Amelia Island Club at Long Point traveled a short distance to Fernandina Beach Golf Club for a morning of match play golf. Team members include, from left, Maureen Nussman, Debi Sutton, Betsy Millen, Carol Newburger, Annamae LePorin and Gail Biondi.

2018 SCHEDULES

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			
Junior Varsity Football			
Aug. 30 at West Nassau	6:00	Sept. 21 at Stanton	7:00
Sept. 6 HILLIARD	6:00	Sept. 28 at Zephyrhills Christ. Academy	7:00
Sept. 13 at Bishop Kenny	6:00	Oct. 5 at Paxon	7:00
Sept. 27 STANTON	6:00	Oct. 12 WEST NASSAU*	7:00
Oct. 14 YULEE	6:00	Oct. 19 SATELLITE BEACH	7:00
Oct. 11 at Ridgeview	6:00	Oct. 26 at North Florida Edu. Institute	7:00
Oct. 18 at Bolles	6:00	Nov. 2 at Yulee	7:00
Oct. 25 at Episcopal	6:00	* District	
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			
Varsity Football			
Aug. 24 KEYSTONE HEIGHTS	7:00	Aug. 24 at Palatka	7:30
Aug. 31 at Hilliard	7:30	Sept. 7 at Menendez	7:00
Sept. 14 WOLFSON*	7:00	Sept. 14 PAXON	7:00
		Sept. 21 at West Nassau	7:00
		Sept. 28 NEW SMYRNA BEACH	7:00
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL			
Varsity Football			
Aug. 23 PALATKA	6:00	Aug. 23 PALATKA	6:00
Aug. 30 at Oakleaf	6:00	Aug. 30 at Oakleaf	6:00
Sept. 6 SANDALWOOD	6:00	Sept. 6 SANDALWOOD	6:00
Sept. 20 WEST NASSAU	6:00	Sept. 20 WEST NASSAU	6:00
Sept. 27 BISHOP KENNY	6:00	Sept. 27 BISHOP KENNY	6:00
Oct. 4 at Fernandina Beach	6:00	Oct. 4 at Fernandina Beach	6:00
BISHOP KENNY			
Oct. 5 BISHOP KENNY	7:00	Oct. 5 BISHOP KENNY	7:00
Oct. 12 at Stanton*	7:00	Oct. 12 at Stanton*	7:00
Oct. 19 SUWANNEE*	7:00	Oct. 19 SUWANNEE*	7:00
Oct. 26 at Ribault*	7:00	Oct. 26 at Ribault*	7:00
Nov. 2 FERNANDINA BEACH	7:00	Nov. 2 FERNANDINA BEACH	7:00
		* District	



PRO GOLF WEEKLY UPDATE

Golf News, Tips, Trivia & Stats



This Week in Pro Golf

Fifty of the top 50 players in the world competing at the Bridgestone Invitational
The Bridgestone Invitational is part of the World Golf Championships set that became a fixture on the PGA Tour in 1999. This is the last year the tournament will be played at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio before moving to TPC Southwind in Memphis, Tenn. in 2019. Tiger Woods has eight wins at Firestone Country Club. Last year, Hideki Matsuyama (pictured below) captured his second WGC title of the season in dominant fashion, tying the Firestone course record with a 61 in cruising to a five-stroke victory.

Course Stats		
Yards:	7,400	
Par:	70	
Course record:	259	
Tournament record:	61	
Defending champion:	Hideki Matsuyama	

Day	Time	Network
Thursday	1:30pm-6:30pm	GOLF
Friday	1:30pm-6:30pm	GOLF
Saturday	12pm-1:45pm	GOLF
Saturday	2pm-6pm	CBS
Sunday	12pm-1:45pm	GOLF
Sunday	2pm-6pm	CBS

Pro Golf Trivia

Which golfer has shot the most rounds under par this season?

a) Kevin Strelman c) Brandon Harkins
b) Beau Hossler d) Chesson Hadley

Answer: a) Kevin Strelman

Top News Stories

Fun-loving golfer Bruce Lietzke dies at 67
Bruce Lietzke, the fun-loving, fade-hitting PGA Tour winner whose practice regime spawned an often-told spoiled banana story, died Saturday of brain cancer. He was 67. "Our PGA Tour family lost a treasured member with the death of Bruce Lietzke," PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan said in a statement. The 13-time PGA Tour winner had little time or desire to tinker with a trusted swing that didn't need tinkering, as the banana story hilariously illustrates. It started at the final event in 1984 when Lietzke told caddie Al Hansen that he wouldn't touch his clubs again until the 1985 opener. The unbelieving Hansen put a banana in Lietzke's golf bag as a test, only to discover the rotten fruit still there in January. Lietzke played in the United States' 1981 Ryder Cup victory in England, and finished second to John Daly in the 1991 PGA Championship.

Lessons from the Golf Pro

The putting game is such a fickle part of the process that we can easily ruin it if we do not keep a consistent setup. One of the big problems the amateur golfer faces during a putt is to make sure that your wrists do not move during the putting stroke. More times than not, the wrists are moving during a putting stroke and since we are so used to it, there is no way to identify this as a recurring problem. The key to making sure that your wrists do not move during the putting stroke is to focus on keeping the end of the putter pointed at the center of your body. If the end of the putter does not stay centered, this shows you that your wrists have been moved during the putting process. By keeping the wrists still, the shoulders and back move the putter head and your hands can stay passive to make a good stroke.

Last Week in Pro Golf

Dustin Johnson won the Canadian Open

Tournament Results		
Player	Score	Earnings
1. Dustin Johnson	-23	\$1,116,000
T2. Whee Kim	-20	\$545,600
T2. Byeong Hun An	-20	\$545,600

Dustin Johnson won the 19th PGA Tour event of his career and his third of the season after outlasting Whee Kim and Byeong Hun An on Sunday at the RBC Canadian Open. He retained the spot on top of the FedExCup standings with the victory and topped Tiger Woods' record of 18 wins in the last decade. "Obviously I'm doing something very well," he said. "To even be mentioned in the same sentence as Tiger means a lot."

FedEx Cup Standings

Through July 29, 2018

- 1) Dustin Johnson**
2,513 pts. / 9 top tens
- 2) Justin Thomas**
1,986 pts. / 6 top tens
- 3) Justin Rose**
1,946 pts. / 8 top tens

FedEx Cup Standings continued...		
Player	Points	Top 10s
4) Bubba Watson	1,854	5
5) Jason Day	1,654	4
6) Bryson DeChambeau	1,585	7
7) Francesco Molinari	1,569	3
8) Patrick Reed	1,521	7
9) Phil Mickelson	1,507	6
10) Tony Finau	1,425	7

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Hoops tourney

The third annual Jim Snyder Memorial Basketball Tournament will be held Aug. 11 at the McArthur Family YMCA on Citrona Drive in Fernandina Beach. Snyder was a Y member who loved basketball and was very active in supporting local youth leagues. There are 3-on-3 divisions for middle and high school. Registration for those age divisions is free, and those divisions compete Saturday morning and afternoon. There is a 5-on-5, double-elimination tournament that will take place over the course of the weekend. Cost is \$20 per person. Register online via the YMCA website or in person at the front desk. Registration is required for the youth divisions even though there is no charge.

Sign up for soccer

Amelia Island Youth Soccer is holding fall registration through today for age divisions U4-U14 (season runs through November) and U15-U19 (season runs through October to accommodate high school soccer). Register at www.aiysoccer.com. Email registrar@aiysoccer.com for information.

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.

Redfish spot tourney

The Amelia Island Guides Association and Amelia Island Marina will co-host the fourth annual Redfish Spot Tournament Sept. 8 to benefit the Folds of Honor Foundation. The event will take place at the Amelia Island Marina, 251 Creekside Drive in Fernandina Beach, at the foot of the Shave Bridge. The fishing tournament is open to all anglers fishing from powered boats, sail boats, kayak, canoe, the shore, bridges and piers, with 100 percent of the entry fees paid out in prize money. There will also be a youth division. The captains meeting is Sept. 7. The public is invited to listen to live music and watch the anglers present their fish for spot counting beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday. There are also raffles, a silent auction and food. Folds of Honor, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is committed to the families of the armed services who have been disabled or killed while serving our great nation and to ensure no military family is left behind or forgotten. Since its inception in 2007, Folds of Honor has awarded more than 16,000 scholarships to children and spouses of fallen or disabled military men and women in all 50 states. Make a donation to the Folds of Honor Foundation directly on their web site at www.foldsofhonor.org. Visit www.ameliaislandguidesassociation.com. To donate to the raffle/silent auction or have a booth at the event, contact Capt. Scott Thompson at 430-6014.

Shark workshop

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is gathering public input on shore-based shark fishing. Share your thoughts on the future management of this fishery by attending a public workshop. There will be a workshop at 6 p.m. Aug. 21 at Jacksonville University, J. Henry Gooding Building, Swisher Auditorium, 2800 University Blvd. N. If you cannot attend an in-person meeting, submit comments online at www.MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments. FWC staff is working on an advance copy of the presentation and a virtual workshop that should be available online soon. Additional details and updates will be posted at www.MyFWC.com/Fishing.

Youth lacrosse

Amelia Island Nassau County Youth Lacrosse is a developmental youth lacrosse program for boys and girls ages 8-15. Registration will begin Oct. 1 for the 2019 spring season. No prior experience or knowledge of the sport is necessary. The club is a non-profit member of U.S. Lacrosse and volunteer driven. Visit www.ameliaislandlacrosse.org or the club Facebook site, www.facebook.com/groups/AINC>YouthLacrosse for additional information and updates or contact Head Coach Carl J. Bazarian at carljbaz@gmail.com (703) 981-7703 or President Robby Allen at aincouthlacrosse@gmail.com or (843) 263-0761.

ALS tournament

The 14th annual ALS Amelia Island Golf Classic, held in memory of John Louis O'Day, will be held Aug. 3 at The Amelia Island Club at Long Point. Tournament proceeds benefit the ALS Association Florida Chapter. Entry fees are \$200 per player or \$800 for a foursome. The reception only is \$50 per person. Sponsorships are available. Registration and warm-up with lunch buffet are from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with a shotgun start at noon. Format is a four-person scramble. The dinner reception is from 5-8 p.m. and includes beer and wine, raffle prizes, awards, silent auction and live music. Contests include hole-in-one, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin (men and women) and putting on putting green. Awards go to the first- through fifth-place net teams and first- and second-place gross teams. All players receive a complimentary goody bag. Raffle tickets will be available for five for \$20 or an entire arm wing span for \$100. For information, contact Mark O'Day at 553-0576 or odaym25@aol.com or visit www.ALSGolfAmelia.com.

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36th annual Fernandina Beach Rodeo



Laura Thompson is pictured with a tournament-size kingfish recently boated on D.J. Watson's tournament fishing boat Hot LZ.

The popular 36th annual Fernandina Beach Fishing Rodeo will take place Friday and Saturday from the Fernandina Harbor Marina. Fishing teams from all parts of the Southeast will be competing for cash and prizes, including \$10,000 for weighing in the tournament's largest kingfish.

All tournament cash awards are based on 100 paid tournament entries.

Cash awards go to the largest kingfish through 10 spots; first and second place in the single engine, youth angler and lady angler divisions will be awarded cash prizes.

There is also a rodeo division in the tournament. Fishermen will be able to compete for cobia, wahoo, dolphin, sea bass, flounder, sheepshead, sea trout and redfish. First place for each species is \$650 with second place paying \$350.

This event is also sanctioned by the Southern Kingfish Association, and fishing teams will be competing for valuable points for SKA Division 5. Tournament teams are also fishing to qualify for the SKA National Championship Nov. 8-11.

The SKA team will be on hand with its trailer throughout the event. For information, visit www.fishska.com.

The local tournament will get underway Friday with a mandatory captain's meeting at 7 p.m. at the Fernandina Harbor Marina.

The popular event will once again have Florida Sportsman writer and radio personality Rick Ryals on hand to emcee the festivities. The Budweiser Beer Wagon will also be on hand; non-alcoholic beverages will also be available along with delicious barbecue. Larry and the Backtracks will also be performing on stage. The exciting weigh-in is



OUTDOORS

Terry Lacoss

Saturday. Spectators will witness a variety of tournament fishing boats docking at the footsteps of historic downtown Fernandina Beach and weighing in their day's largest fish. Weigh-in begins at 2 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

The awards presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

In case of inclement weather on the day of the tournament, the event will take place on Sunday. For information, visit www.nsfish.net.

The News-Leader is a major sponsor of the event along with Chelsea Marine Supply, Paul Clark Ford and Budweiser, which all make this event possible.

This summer has seen one of the best kingfish migrations in several years. Lots of schooling kingfish have been holding offshore at many of the live bottom, sunken wrecks and rock ledges.

There has also been a lot of excellent kingfish action along the beaches and inlets of Northeast Florida.

Many seasoned king mackerel fishermen say the big run of kingfish is due to the increased amount of bait-fish schools, including cigar minnows, Spanish sardines, Spanish mackerel and the ever-popular menhaden schools.

Fishermen will be able to harvest red snapper during two weekends in August, Aug. 10-12 and Aug. 17-19. Fishermen will be able to keep one red snapper per day with no size regulations.

Good luck fishing during this weekend's Fernandina Beach Fishing Rodeo.



The red snapper season is open Aug. 10-12 and Aug. 17-19, and fishermen can keep one red snapper per day without and size regulations. Dan McCollum, left, is pictured with a nice Amelia Island red snapper. Riot Pickett, center, had a long, hard fish fight on hand when he hooked into this large jack crevalle recently. Michael Peebles, right, is pictured with a tournament-size kingfish and will be competing again this weekend with James Raysor. The popular local fishing team placed second in the single engine category during the recent Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament.



FERNANDINA BEACH TIDES

Tides, Sun & Moon: August 1-August 8, 2018

Wed. 8/1	Sunrise 6:43A Moonset 10:51A Sunset 8:20P Moonrise 11:24P	High 12:12A 7.78' Low 6:07A 1.95' High 12:34P 7.41' Low 6:18P 2.35'	Sun. 8/5	Moonrise 1:11A Sunrise 6:46A Moonset 2:43P Sunset 8:17P	High 3:08A 7.34' Low 9:18A 1.84' High 3:47P 8.04' Low 10:07P 2.48'
Thurs. 8/2	Sunrise 6:44A Moonset 11:46A Sunset 8:19P Moonrise 11:58P	High 12:50A 7.66' Low 6:47A 1.97' High 1:14P 7.52' Low 7:06P 2.47'	Mon. 8/6	Moonrise 1:54A Sunrise 6:46A Moonset 3:46P Sunset 8:16P	High 4:07A 7.32' Low 10:16A 1.68' High 4:50P 8.30' Low 11:09P 2.28'
Fri. 8/3	Sunrise 6:44A Moonset 12:43P Sunset 8:18P Moonrise --P	High 1:30A 7.54' Low 7:31A 1.97' High 1:59P 7.66' Low 8:02P 2.57'	Tues. 8/7	Moonrise 2:42A Sunrise 6:47A Moonset 4:50P Sunset 8:15P	High 5:11A 7.40' Low 11:16A 1.46' High 5:56P 8.62' Low --P --'
Sat. 8/4	Moonrise 12:33A Sunrise 6:45A Moonset 1:42P Last Qtr. 2:19P Sunset 8:17P	High 2:16A 7.42' Low 8:22A 1.93' High 2:50P 7.83' Low 9:04P 2.58'	Wed. 8/8	Moonrise 3:37A Sunrise 6:48A Moonset 5:54P Sunset 8:14P	High 12:10A 2.01' Low 6:17A 7.40' High 12:16P 1.22' Low 6:59P 8.97'

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

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Historic treasure on North Sixth Street

Awalk down North Sixth Street in Fernandina Beach's downtown Historic District is a walk back in time – a time when elegant Victorian-era houses lined the streets of Fernandina. Each house has a story about the families that built them and lived on the island during Amelia Island's Golden Age. The Chadwick House stands out with its unique Chippendale detail.



FROM THE PORCH

Dickie Anderson

continued to make their livings on the sea. After the Civil War, Stephan Chadwick and other members of the family moved to St. Marys, Ga., and, eventually, Amelia Island.

In the late 1800s rivers along

the coast were the main highways of commerce. One can imagine the colorful image of Fernandina's bustling port where a wide variety of products were loaded and unloaded. Extensive shipping records appeared in local newspapers. In December of 1879, the *Florida Mirror* reported 900 bales of cotton, 419 boxes of pencil wood, 294 cedar logs, 298 barrels of rosin, 634 boxes of oranges and 38 barrels of syrup were loaded on ships destined for New York. Crates of turkeys, ducks and chickens were regularly seen on the docks. In addition, baskets of oysters and shrimp were abundant.

Captain Chadwick was the successful owner of a fleet of tugboats and also ran a livery. The tugboat business thrived and so did the family. Their land



DICKIE ANDERSON/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

The Chadwick House is one of the houses featured in Dickie Anderson's book *Great Homes of Fernandina – Architectural Treasures of the Golden Age*.

holdings included the 3,000-acre White Oak Plantation later purchased by the Gilman family. Chadwick's son, Louis, followed in his father's footsteps and was a prominent entrepreneur and leading citizen. He married Julia Brady, who inherited Lucy

Carnegie's elegant carriage. Now owned by one of the carriage operators in the Historic District, the carriage traverses the picturesque streets of Fernandina offering tours and transporting an occasional wedding party.

Make time to take a walk down North Sixth Street and see the living museum made possible by the continuing efforts of our city and the Historic District Council.

Dickie Anderson is a freelance writer and author of *Great*

Homes of Fernandina. Her books are available at Books Plus, Story & Song Bookstore Bistro, the Amelia Island Museum of History and Front & Centre. To be added to her weekly mailing list, contact her at dickie.anderson@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK



SUBMITTED

FBHS Class of 1954

The Fernandina Beach High School Class of 1954, which had 48 graduates, recently held a get-together. While 20 members of the class are deceased, 12 remaining members and six spouses participated. Pictured from left are Rick Gaines, Ruth (Carpenter) Gaines, Betty (Dunman) Brice, Royce Lawhorne, Joe Bruni, Ellyne (Weaver) Thomas, Shirley O'Quinn, Robert Odom, Mary Ruth (Cason) McClelland, Wyman Hughes, Mary Alice (Nolan) Brown and J. C. Campbell.



Upcoming UF/IFAS Extension classes

Nassau County homeowners attended a Landscape Matters class earlier this summer to learn more about managing their lawn care, turf challenges, and solutions to common lawn problems. UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardener Nelson Peterson, below, led the class along with Extension Director Becky Jordi, left. Upcoming Landscape Matters classes on vegetable gardening will be held at 10 a.m. today and Aug. 15. See event listings on 2B for more information. Jordi will also conduct Plant Clinics between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Aug. 6 and 20. In addition, she will hold a three-day seminar titled, "Crash Course on North Florida Gardening," from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 30 and Sept. 6 and 13. Complete information for the clinics and the seminar is available on 2B.

LIBBY WILKES/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER



SUBMITTED

Final tribute

Amelia Island Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors have entered into a partnership that offers a final tribute to veterans and their families. The chapter was faced with an overabundance of flags to be retired as a result of its recent Flag Retirement Ceremony. Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors graciously agreed to place a retired flag with a veteran at its Flora Mission Crematorium after obtaining the family's permission. Amelia Island Chapter First Vice Regent Carol Elefterion, right, and Service for Veterans Chairwoman Cara Curtin bracket Kyle Adkins, funeral director at Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors, as they deliver the first of the flags. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is the largest women's service organization in the world and contributes over one million volunteer hours a year. Over 200 members of the Amelia Island Chapter contribute approximately 5,000 volunteer hours and \$4,000 in scholarships and awards in Nassau County each year.



JANET LOVELESS/SUBMITTED

'Techniques of Expression'

"Techniques of Expression," an exhibit featuring 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 Wideman, continues Wednesdays and Saturdays between 2 and 4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Branch Library, located at 25 N. Fourth St. in Fernandina Beach. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the exhibit includes photolithography, oils, watercolor, 3D sculpture and pastel on light ink jet printing. For further information regarding this event, on joining Friends of the Library, or donating, visit the FOL website at fernandinaFOL.org.



PEOPLE & PLACES

THIS WEEK

UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardener Dee McGraw will conduct the Landscape Matters class "Gardening with Children: Sunflowers, Beanstalks and Worms" at 10 a.m. today at the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. The program will present several fun gardening activities to do with children, including planting a Sunflower Playhouse, Sack O'Spuds, constructing an earthworm habitat, and gardening in jars and small containers. Ideas will be offered for garden-related field trips, arts and crafts, and topical children's literature to stretch the imagination and reinforce knowledge. Participants will make a Green Thumb Garden Journal in which children can record their experiences and ideas. The free class is open to the public. For more information, call the Extension office at 530-6353.

The Amelia Island Museum of History will host its next Brown Bag Lunch today at noon with special guest Irving "Pep" Fuller, who is a retired senior federal executive with years of public service in the federal government. He has worked with several federal entities such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the State Department, the Marine Corps, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the Executive Office of the President under Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. He also served as the principal EPA negotiator at the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Pep will be giving a presentation called "Changing Climate/Rising Seas," in which he will discuss climate change, how it affects ordinary people on Amelia Island and worldwide, and what steps people can take to adapt to changing climate. For more information, contact Joshua Whitfield at 261-7378, ext. 102, or joshua@ameliamuseum.org. The Amelia Island Museum of History is located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

Plantation Artists' Guild & Gallery will open a new show themed "Summer Reigns" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. The guest artist for the month of August will be Fernandina artist Dante Deflorio, who paints in a variety of media including pastel, oil and acrylic. Refreshments will be served and artists present. The Gallery is located in the Omni Spa & Shops. For more information, visit artameia.com or call 432-1750.

Live Ink Theatre will present a staged reading of Jen Silverman's The Roommate, directed by Fran Hindsley and performed by Cynthia Riegler, Sinda Nichols and Sue Weiner. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at Story & Song Bookstore Bistro, located at 1430 Park Ave. in Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$15 and available online at liveinktheatre.com, in person at Story & Song Bookstore Bistro or by phone at 601-2118. This thought-provoking dark comedy with plenty of surprises explores what it takes to re-route your life and what happens when the wheels come off. Sharon, recently divorced and living in Iowa, opens her home to Robyn from New York City, who needs a place to hide and a chance to start again. This is a play about aging, identity, friendship and much, much more. For more information, visit liveinktheatre.com and Live Ink Theatre's Facebook page.

NEXT WEEK

UF/IFAS Extension Director and Horticulture Agent Rebecca Jordi will conduct a plant clinic between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Aug. 6. All county residents may bring plant samples showing landscape problems to the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road for problems to be identified and solutions offered for correction. There is no fee for this service. For information call 530-6353. Master Gardeners are on phone duty between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Fridays at 530-6350 (press "1" for the Yulee office).

The UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Service will conduct a hurricane pre-

paredness workshop 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9. Hurricane season is from June 1 to November 30. Are you storm ready? Potential threats from hurricanes include powerful winds, heavy rainfall, storm surges, coastal and inland flooding, rip currents and tornadoes. September is the most active month for storm activity. The workshop will help participants prepare inside and outside the home before the storm, and deal with the aftermath. The University of Florida/IFAS Extension Agents and Nassau County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be addressing these topics:

- Hurricane meal plans & food safety (including a mock hurricane dinner)
- Mold management
- Preparing your landscape
- Youth's role in difficult situations
- Preparing your boat, farm and livestock
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) & Youth Emergency Team (YET)

The workshop will be held in the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center in Yulee, where participants get to see where all the action is happening when a storm hits. The session will begin at 5:30 p.m. A mock hurricane dinner and refreshments are included. Registration is \$5; register online at <https://www.facebook.com/events/248877005708019>. For more information, call the Extension office at 530-6353.

It's kooky and it's spooky! It's The Addams Family Musical at Amelia Community Theatre with performances at 8 p.m. Aug. 9-11, 16-18, and 22-25 and at 2 p.m. Aug. 19 at 207 Cedar St. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students through college, available at 261-6749 and AmeliaCommunityTheatre.org.

The Island Art Association will open its Nouveau Art Show, themed "Drip, Drizzle & Splash," for August and September, during a reception planned for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11. Winners will be announced and awards handed out. Chair for this show is Barb Wylie, and Jacksonville artist, Pablo Rivera was the judge. The Featured Artist for the month of August is Linda M. Jones. The Gallery is located at 18 N. Second St. in Fernandina Beach. For more information, visit islandart.org.

UPCOMING

Three six-week Adult Beginning Guitar classes are being offered by the Nassau County Adult Education Department beginning in August. Two classes will be held in the old middle school building in Yulee at 850935 U.S. 17 North in room 16-01 and will run on Tuesdays, Aug. 14 to Sept. 18. The first class will run from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The second class will run from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The third class will be held in Fernandina Beach at the Nassau County School Board Building at 1201 Atlantic Ave. in the Team Center on Thursdays, Aug. 16 to Sept. 20 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The class limit for all classes is six. The cost for a class is \$80 for instruction and materials. Call Michelle at 650-823-1767 to register or for more information.

The Newcomers Club of Amelia Island is hosting its monthly coffee at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14. Women interested in joining the club who reside in Nassau County (no matter how long they have lived there) are welcome to attend. For further information contact coffees@NewcomersAmelia.org.

Master Gardener Joe Smith will conduct a Landscape Matters on vegetable gardening at 10 a.m. Aug. 15 at the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. The session will review seasonal gardening for vegetables, including seeds and "starter" plants, container gardening of vegetables, as well as what vegetables to grow during different seasons. The session is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Extension office at 530-6353. Master Gardeners are on phone duty between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Fridays at 530-6350 (press "1" for the Yulee office).

SUMMER DANCE SERIES CONTINUES



The Summer Dance Series with Crescendo Amelia will continue at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Kraft Athletic Club, located at 961023 Buccaneer Trail. BYOB responsibly. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 online at crescendoamelia.com or for \$25 at the door. The series, originally scheduled to conclude this month, has been extended through October.

UF/IFAS Extension Director and Horticulture Agent Rebecca Jordi will conduct a plant clinic between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Aug. 20. All county residents may bring plant samples showing landscape problems to the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road for problems to be identified and solutions offered for correction. There is no fee for this service. For information call 530-6353.

The Winston Miller Family Concert is set for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Legacy Baptist Church, located at 941328 Old Nassauville Road in Fernandina Beach. This event is open to the public. For more information, visit legacy-baptistfb.com.

UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director Rebecca Jordi will be conducting a three-day seminar, "Crash Course on North Florida Gardening," on consecutive Thursdays - Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and 13 - from 8 a.m. until noon at the Yulee county building (next door to the Yulee Extension office). The program will cover topics on proper landscape practices and plants for the Northeast Florida area with different information being presented each day. Notebooks, refreshments and plenty of garden material will be given away to participants.

Classes will contain information on Florida-friendly plants, annuals, perennials, attracting wildlife, trees, shrubs, lawngrass, palms and citruses. Appropriate watering and fertilization methods will be discussed as well as proper pruning and plant selection. The cost is \$50 per person or \$75 per couple. Deadline for registration is Friday, Aug. 24, at 5 p.m. Registration must be

completed online at <http://bit.ly/2Kmxipc>. For information, contact the Extension office at 530-6351 or rjordi@ufl.edu.

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). For 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.

The West Nassau Historical Society will hold its fundraiser Hobos, Hot Rods, and Heroes Festival and Car Show on Saturday, Nov. 3. 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 Cochrane's Collision Center, Callahan Cruisers, and AB&B Auto Parts. It is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The kids' play area will start at 10 a.m. with a bouncy house and youth-oriented games.

For information on becoming a vendor, car show participant, volunteer, or sponsor to the 2018 Hobos, Hot Rods, and Heroes Festival and Car Show, visit www.wnhsfl.org or call festival co-chairs John Hendricks or Emily Baumgartner at 879-3406.

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 veterans at 11 a.m. Local live entertainment will perform from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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 and will run through Dec. 8. The national display will be augmented with local quilters showing their works inside the depot annex along with the Historical Society's 8x8 history-themed model train layout. Sponsors and volunteers are needed to help make this fundraising event a success. For information on becoming a vendor, car show participant, volunteer, or sponsor, visit www.wnhsfl.org or call festival co-chairs John Hendricks or Emily Baumgartner at 879-3406.

ONGOING

The Island Art Association's Nouveau Art Show, themed "Chiaroscuro," is on view until Aug. 5. There are 58 entries in the show, judged by Lily Kuonen, associate professor of art at Jacksonville University.

The Island Art Association is at 18 N. Second St. in Fernandina Beach. For information, visit islandart.org or call 261-7020.

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. All supplies are provided.

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

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'BYE BYE BIRDIE'



SUBMITTED

More than 30 teens from Nassau County, Jacksonville, and Georgia will take the stage this week for a run of *Bye Bye Birdie*, the iconic 1960s musical about a teen heartthrob who is drafted. The musical was first produced on Broadway and then made into a movie, followed by Broadway revivals and a television special. The fAMPily Teens will perform a student version of this Tams Witmark Production by Charles Strause. Directed and choreographed by Sophia Rose Loveday, with costumes by Tammy Lynch and live music, the cast will sing and dance to "One Last Kiss," "Telephone Hour," "One Boy," "Put on a Happy Face," and many more. Show dates are Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 2-4, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 6, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Tickets can be purchased by visiting ameliamusicalplayhouse.com or calling 277-3455. Amelia Musical Playhouse is located at 1955 Island Walkway in Fernandina Beach.

CATS ANGELS

Meet Louie, a little kitten with a big "purrsonality." Louie is a flame point Siamese with soft white fur and peach color on his ears and tail. He came to Cats Angels with an eye defect that resulted in removal, but does that stop Louie? No way! He's a courageous explorer with a friendly, playful nature and loud purr. Louie is neutered, current on vaccinations and micro-chipped. He's waiting for you to make him your "forever" pet. Stop by to meet Louie and all the kittens at the Cats Angels Adoption Center. They have all been spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and micro-chipped and are anxious to find their new "forever" home and families. Our Adoption Center is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday or you can call 321-2267 to make an appointment to visit.

Cats Angels is a volunteer-based organization helping the community since 2001 with low-cost spay and neuter services and TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return to Caregiver). We receive no local or federal government funding and operate solely on private donations, fund raising, grants and sales from our Thrift Store. Your support is appreciated. If you want to know more about how to support or donate to Cats Angels, visit www.catsangels.com and click on "How To Help" where you will find many ways to lend a hand and also be able read our current Meowing Messenger newsletter. Recycle your aluminum and cat food cans at the bins in our parking lot at 709 S. Eighth Street. We graciously accept donations for cat care and resale items at our Thrift



Store. Information about our spay-neuter, TNVR and adoption programs is on our website. Cats Angels welcomes volunteers to help us care for the cats and as retail clerks in our Thrift Store. Our volunteer application is online or you can call or stop by Cats Angels to sign up. The Thrift Store at Cats Angels is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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

NASSAU HUMANE SOCIETY

Meet our Bella, Bella, Bella! She's a very sweet lady, a mixed-breed dog that loves people and does well with other dogs at the shelter. She weighs about 45 pounds, so she's a fine size for a housedog, and she's housetrained. She knows how to sit for treats and accepts them gently. She also adores tummy rubs! She enjoys going for walks. She might pull a bit when she wants to explore, so she needs someone who can handle a medium- to large-sized dog, but she's quite manageable. She has a loving, mellow disposition and we think she could be especially great in a quiet home with an older person or couple who would appreciate an affectionate, lower-maintenance dog. She's probably about 8 years old and has a chocolate coat with white markings.

She has the distinguished face of an old soul, plus the cutest little underbite! She's spayed, micro-chipped and up to date on her shots, and she has lots of love to give you. Please come meet Bella!



Chloe is a beautiful tuxedo girl who is living large! She is just over 11 pounds and has gorgeous black and white markings and pretty green eyes. Our staff says she's super-sweet and gets along well with other cats in our cattery. She loves to be petted and will jump up on our "kitty post" to get to your level and ask you for affection. She is a quiet senior girl who is gentle and mellow with us, and is looking for a sunny relaxing spot. Chloe is spayed and vaccinated and has a microchip. If you're interested in seeing her, please call us at 321-1647 or visit NassauHumane.org to see if she's at our cattery or one of our remote adoption locations.



She is ready to go to her new home now!

Our adoption center at 639 Airport Road in Fernandina Beach now is open an hour later on Wednesdays so you can come over after work! We're open 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays. The center is closed Mondays. You can see pictures and videos of our adoptable pets on our website at NassauHumaneSociety.com. You can contact us at 321-1647 or info@nassauhumane.org and follow us on Facebook. Come meet your new best friend!

Taking care of pests, weeds, and bacteria

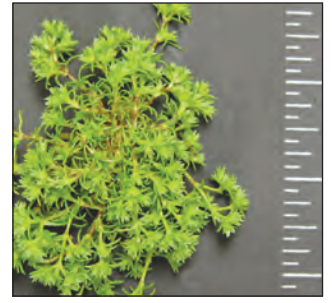
Q. Should I cut down my native redbay tree to prevent it from getting the ambrosia beetle? CG

A. I see no advantage to removing the redbay, *Persea borbonia*, tree before the ambrosia beetle attacks it. This invasive beetle is still here. There are literally dozens of species growing in this area in which it can live and survive quite well. At least one of the favored species (camphor tree) is considered a pest here. I have noticed many of the leaves on the local camphor trees, which are evergreen, have turned yellow. The leaves are normally a dark, green color year-round. Thriving on little care in full sun or partial shade, redbay can tolerate a wide range of soils, from hot and dry to wet and swampy. So, to answer your question, I would say leave the native bay tree alone and let's hope for the best. If you decide to cut the bay tree down, do not transfer the wood from one area to another. This is most likely how the beetle moved from Georgia throughout Florida. For more information on our precious native tree, read the University of Florida's publication at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/st436>; the redbay ambrosia beetle at <http://bit.ly/2NR6ezq>.



GARDEN TALK

Rebecca Jordi



Above, ambrosia beetle on redbay tree. Left, Knawel. Below, trunk galls can be caused by bacteria or fungi found in the dark growths sees on the bark.

PHOTOS BY REBECCA JORDI/ FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Q. What is this weed? It is growing all over my yard? I have fertilized with sludge, turfbuilders, weed and feed products and several weed killers. It does not go away. RR

A. I am going to take this opportunity to remind everyone: The appropriate fertilizer for all grasses grown in Northeast Florida is 15-0-15 applied September 15 and April 15 only. The sludges, turfbuilders and weed and feed products contain too much nitrogen compared to the last number (potassium). We do not recommend any of these products. With the freezing temperatures we experienced this winter, it is perfectly normal for St. Augustine grass to go dormant and the leaves or blades of grass to turn brown. If the grass has a healthy root system, it should return once our temperatures remain warm several days in a row. The weed you brought to me is called knawel, *Scleranthus annuus*. This weed is a winter annual which is found all along the Eastern Seaboard of the United States, from Canada to Florida. Its only means of propagation is by seed. The thin, multi-branched leaves are attached directly to the stem (this is called sessile). It looks like lawn burweed but does not have the sharp spines. Since it reproduces only by seed, it is best managed by putting out a pre-emergent herbicide (atrazine or trifluralin – NOT both!) in October to keep the seeds from germinating in the winter. You can apply these products in March to help control summer weeds. As always, please read and follow the directions on the label – "The Label is the Law." Knawel weed will soon die off in our summer heat but the best thing to do right now is hand pull them.

Q. My large oak tree has dozens of growths on the trunk. Several people have advised me it should be cut down because it is diseased. I hate to lose it. What should I do? PA

A. Your question was sent to me from a fellow certified arborist and I am so glad you called him rather than trusting someone who wants to cut the tree down. His answer was correct regarding the condition on the oak tree being only cosmetic and not structurally damaging to the tree. The trunk galls can be caused by bacteria or fungi found in the dark growths you see on the bark, but the good news is it generally only penetrates the bark tissue and goes no deeper. Therefore, this condition is superficial and warrants no chemical application and certainly there is no need for removal of the tree. Having said that, it is important to give the trees an area around the roots with no other plant competition. If possible, do not plant anything underneath tree canopy especially lawn grass. It is best to leave plenty of root space for the tree to grow without having to share or fight for water and nutrients. Allow a foot or two with nothing but soil and air then outside this area place an inch or so of pine bark or pine straw. The tree will thank you by living a long, long time and provide a strong healthy canopy. Look at other areas of the bark. If you see large, deep, longitudinal cracks or bark sloughing off then you have cause for concern.

Rebecca Jordi, UF/IFAS County Extension Director for Nassau County and Nassau County Horticulture Agent III, is a University of Florida faculty member. Extension locations are the satellite office at the County Building in Yulee and the main Extension Office in Callahan. The UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Garden is located at the James S. Page Governmental Complex and demonstrates best management practices for Northeast Florida. Mail questions to Garden Talk, c/o Rebecca Jordi, Nassau County Extension, 543350 US 1, Callahan, FL 32011. Visit <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu>.

'PURRFECT CATS'



FILE PHOTO

Cats Angels has announced it is accepting submissions for its 2019 "Purrfect Cats of Cats Angels" calendar. Photos will be accepted through Aug. 31. Members of the Island Art Association will judge the submissions, and the winning photo will earn the coveted calendar cover shot. Four runners-up will have a full page in the calendar. Photos should be of a cat rescued through Cats Angels, but even if you don't have a Cats Angels cat, there are plenty of furry faces in the Cats Angels Adoption Center waiting for their time in the limelight! Contest information and submission forms can be found on the counter at the adoption center. Cats Angels is also looking for businesses and sponsors to help defray the cost of printing the calendar. If you would like to be a sponsor, contact Cats Angels at 321-2267 or catsangels@catsangels.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

CALL 261-3696 FOR EARLY HOLIDAY WEEK DEADLINES. LEGAL NOTICES ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT www.fbnnewsleader.com

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

CASE NO: 2018-CA-215

DIVISION A

SETH PASCALE and SARA PASCALE, his wife,

Plaintiffs,

v. FERNANDO CALVILLO and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, JUDGMENT CREDITORS AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST FERNANDO CALVILLO, AND ALL UNKNOWN NATURAL PERSONS, IF ALIVE, AND IF DEAD OR NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, THEIR SEVERAL AND RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIR, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES AND JUDGMENT CREDITORS OR OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH OR UNDER THOSE UNKNOWN NATURAL PERSONS; and ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE-

NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS OR PARTIES OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS COMPLAINT.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Fernando Calvillo and his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, judgment creditors and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against Fernando Calvillo, and all unknown natural persons, if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and judgment creditors or other parties claiming by, through or under those unknown natural persons and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under and of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in this complaint, YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following property in Nassau County Florida, viz:

Lot 4, Block 24 of OCEAN CITY, Nassau County, Florida, according to FERNANDINA

DOCK AND REALTY COMPANYS REPLAT OF SOUTHERN PORTION OF OCEAN CITY, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 39, of the Public Records of Nassau County, Florida,

Parcel ID: 00-00-31-1540-0024-0040 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on J. Thomas McKeel, Esq., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 303 Centre Street, Suite 103, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034 on or before August 27, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you to the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED this 12th day of July, 2018, John A. Crawford, NASSAU COUNTY CLERK OF COURT By: E. Michele Johnson As Deputy Clerk J. Thomas McKeel Esquire 303 Centre Street Suite 103 Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034 2T 08-01-08-2018 #445818

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That

MTAG CUSTODIAN FOR the holder(s) of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s), the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows: Parcel Number: 16-1N-25-0000-0011-0040 Certificate Number: 597 File Number: 18TD00009AXXX Description of Property: IN OR 1721/875 R583243 Assessed To: KENNETH BRANSON

All of the above property is located in Nassau County, in the State of Florida. Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to Law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE ROBERT M. FOSTER JUSTICE CENTER, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE, FL, on the 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018 between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. The Clerk of Court's Office Policy is to hold the sale at 11:30 a.m.

JOHN A. CRAWFORD CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

BY: RHODA GOODWIN, DEPUTY CLERK

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

4T 08-01-08-15-22-2018 #446022

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That

ATCF II FLORIDA A LLC the holder(s) of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s), the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows: Parcel Number: 52-3N-27-4890-0017-0000

Certificate Number: 1441

File Number:

18TD00008AXXX Description of Property: LOT 17 R498163 IN OR 1532/1765 ESMT OR 1035/1362 W H FLOOD SURVEY UNR Assessed To: MICHAEL LIGHTSEY LAURINDA TRUMAN JAMES TRUMAN

All of the above property is located in Nassau County, in the State of Florida. Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to Law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE ROBERT M. FOSTER JUSTICE CENTER, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE, FL, on the 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018 between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. The Clerk of Court's Office Policy is to hold the sale at 11:30 a.m.

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4T 08-01-08-15-22-2018 #446016

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

4T 08-01-08-15-22-2018 #446016

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 866.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Anchored in Beauty and Anchor South located at 97536 Bluff View Circle, in the County of Nassau, in the City of Yulee, Florida, 32097 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the State of Florida, Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Yulee, Florida, this 27th day of July, 2018.

April S. Marlin Anchored in Beauty

Anchor South DNM Enterprises 1T 08-01-2018 #446543

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

INVITATION TO BID (ITB) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida invites sealed bids for:

State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Rehabilitation Project

Bid No. NC18-018

For detailed information regarding the bid due date and bid requirements for this ITB, please visit the Nassau County's website at <http://www.nassaucountyfla.com> or contact the Contract Management Department at 904-530-6040. Bid information is also available at <http://www.demandstar.com> and <http://www.publicpurchase.com>.

PAT EDWARDS CHAIR

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST: JOHN A. CRAWFORD EX-OFFICIO CLERK

1T 08-01-2018 #446119

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LEGAL NOTICES
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PAGE 6B.**PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE
NASSAU COUNTY
CANVASSING BOARD
FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2018
PRIMARY ELECTION**

All meetings of the Nassau County Canvassing Board (Canvassing Board) are open to the public and will be conducted at the James S. Page Governmental Complex, Supervisor of Elections Canvassing Board Room/Conference Room A, located at 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida 32097.

The Canvassing Board will convene at 1:00 p.m. on August 7, 2018 for the testing of all voting equipment to be used in the August 28, 2018 Primary Election and to perform any other duties as prescribed by law.

Sealed Vote by Mail (VbM) ballots received prior to 11:00 a.m. on August 23, 2018 will be available for public inspection from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on August 23, 2018 at the office of the Supervisor of Elections, 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 3, Yulee, Florida. Afterwards, those VbM ballots will be opened, canvassed and processed at the Canvassing Board meeting to convene at 1:00 p.m.; however, the results will not be generated at that time.

Sealed VbM ballots received prior to 11:00 a.m. on August 27, 2018 will be available for public inspection from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on August 27, 2018 at the office of the Supervisor of Elections, 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 3, Yulee, Florida. Afterwards, those VbM ballots will be opened, canvassed, and processed at the Canvassing Board meeting to convene at 1:00 p.m.; however, the results will not be generated at that time.

Those wishing to inspect VbM ballots received after 11:00 a.m. on August 27, 2018 through 7:00 p.m. on August 28, 2018 must be present throughout the Canvassing Board meeting, until the last VbM ballot is presented for canvassing, on August 28, 2018. VbM ballots, early voting, provisional ballots, and precinct results will be tabulated and generated after 7:00 p.m. on August 28, 2018.

The Canvassing Board will convene on August 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to canvass any remaining provisional ballots, if necessary, certify the official results, and perform any other duties as prescribed by law for the August 28, 2018 Primary Election.

If a recount is ordered, a meeting will be scheduled and posted at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections as well as online at www.VoteNassau.com, and announced at the conclusion of each meeting.

The Canvassing Board will convene on September 6, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. to conduct the post-election audit of the voting system and perform any other duties as prescribed by law.

If it becomes necessary for the Canvassing Board to reconvene after any noticed Canvassing Board meeting, the time and date will be posted at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections, online at www.VoteNassau.com, and announced at the end of the respective meeting.

Section 101.68(2)(c)4, Florida Statutes, provides if any elector or candidate present believes that a VbM ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate or the cure affidavit, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of that ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon a defect in the voter's certificate or cure affidavit may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope.

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, all Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public.

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, provides that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this event should contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at 904.491.7500, toll free 1.866.260.4301, fax 904.432.1400, or email info@votennassau.com not later than two (2) days prior to the proceeding to request such accommodation.

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

CASE NO. 18CA000231AAXX
U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF10 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE ESTATE OF DANNY CHESSER, DECEASED; KELLY ELIZABETH CHESSEY F/K/A KELLY ELIZABETH HOOVER F/K/A KELLY E. HOOVER; UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVEISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DANNY CHESSER, DECEASED;
DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC F/K/A CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP. F/K/A GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORPORATION; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: THE ESTATE OF DANNY CHESSER, DECEASED (Last Known Address) 24130 CR 121, HILLIARD, FL 32046

TOGETHER WITH A 2001 FLEETWORLD WESTON MOBILE HOME, VIN#: GAFLY07A47958WE21; WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE PROPERTY, AND WHICH TITLE HAS BEEN CANCELLED/RETIRED WITH THE DMV.
has been filed against you, and you are required to

CEASED (Last Known Address) 24130 CR 121, HILLIARD, FL 32046

ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, INCLUDING, IF A NAMED DEFENDANT IS DECEASED, THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THE SURVIVING SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVEISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING, BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THAT DEFENDANT, AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, OR WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS (Last Known Address) 24130 CR 121, HILLIARD, FL 32046

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

EXHIBIT A: A PART OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4, SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 23 EAST, NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING WESTERLY AS OF STATE ROAD NO. 121 (1.100 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY), MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 WITH THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD NO. 121, THENCE SOUTH 88° 21' 23", WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 200.02 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02° 29' 47" WEST A DISTANCE OF 235.56 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87° 30' 13" EAST ALONG A LINE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 121, A DISTANCE OF 233.30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 05° 27' 04", WEST ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 240.85 FEET TO THE POINT BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A DOUBLE WIDE 1988 SKYLINE WITH VIN#S H48856GL, H48856GR AND TITLE#S 46406577 AND 46406571
A/K/A: 24130 CR 121, HILLIARD, FL 32046,
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire, POPIKJ & ROSALER, P.A., 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard, Suite 400, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose on or before September 3, 2018, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT this 23rd day of July, 2018.
JOHN A. CRAWFORD
As Clerk of the Court
By: E. Michele Johnson
#446160

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

CASE NO. 17CA000171AXXX
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff
vs.

UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVEISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HAROLD D. THORNTON AKA HAROLD DANIE THORNTON, SR., DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants
NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: CHRISTOPHER ANDREW THORNTON
2633 EASTWOOD DRIVE
BRYCEVILLE, FL 32009
CHRISTOPHER ANDREW THORNTON
202 B COUNTY RD 309C
PALATKA, FL 32177
CHRISTOPHER ANDREW THORNTON
7017 SILVER LAKE DRIVE,
LOT 40
PALATKA, FL 32177
CHRISTOPHER ANDREW THORNTON
208 NELL LEONE DR
BRUNSWICK, GA 31520
AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Nassau County, Florida:
PART OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 4, THENCE S 89 DEGREES 25' 20" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 4 A DISTANCE OF 2639.08 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 36' 30" WEST A DISTANCE OF 1675.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 1 DEGREE 36' 30" WEST A DISTANCE OF 175 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 07' EAST A DISTANCE OF 565.47 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF EASTWOOD ROAD (A 60 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AS NOW ESTABLISHED); THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 37' EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 175 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 07' WEST A DISTANCE OF 565.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 2.27 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

TOGETHER WITH A 2001 FLEETWORLD WESTON MOBILE HOME, VIN#: GAFLY07A47958WE21; WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE PROPERTY, AND WHICH TITLE HAS BEEN CANCELLED/RETIRED WITH THE DMV.
has been filed against you, and you are required to

serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, LLP, Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Center South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice in THE NEWS LEADER, on or before July 30, 2018; otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 13th day of June 2018.
John A. Crawford
As Clerk of said Court
By: E. Michele Johnson
As Deputy Clerk
Prepared by:
Greenspoon Marder, LLP
(954) 491-1120;
gmforeclosure@gmlaw.com
IMPORTANT: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at COURT ADMINISTRATION, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE, FL 32097, (904) 630-2564. If hearing or voice impaired, contact (DDD) (800) 955-8771 via Florida Relay System. 2T 08-01-08-2018
#446062

**NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION
TAKEN BY THE
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on 7/16/2018:

Rayonier East Nassau Timber Properties II LLC, Rayonier East Nassau Timber Properties V LLC, Wildlight LLC, 1 Rayonier Way, Yulee, FL 32097 and University of Florida Jacksonville Physicians Inc., PO BO 44008, Jacksonville, FL 32231-4008, permit # 139976-17. The project is located in Nassau County, Section 50, Township 3 North, Range 27 East and Section 44, Township 2 North, Range 27 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 342.0 acres for a stormwater management Phase 1C Mass Clearing and Earthwork. The receiving water bodies are Plummer Creek and Lofton Creek.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177) or by email with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwm.com, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at sjrwm.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.)

If you wish to do so, please visit http://www.sjrwm.com/not_decl/ to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Business and Administrative Services, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386)329-4570. IT 08-01-2018
#446549

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FRANK JAMES & MARY JEAN LAST
the holder(s) of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s), the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:
Parcel Number: 14-4N-23-0000-0111-0010
Certificate Number: 273
File Number: 18TD00004AXXX
Description of Property:

OR 167 PG 140

Assessed To:
BENNY JACK ROBINSON

All of the Above Property is located in Nassau County, in the State of Florida.

Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to Law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE ROBERT M. FOSTER JUSTICE CENTER, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE, FL, on the 28TH DAY OF AUGUST 2018 between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. The Clerk of Court's Office Policy is to hold the sale at 11:30 a.m.
JOHN A. CRAWFORD,
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER
By: CHERYL SALMON
DEPUTY CLERK

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 548-4600 press 0, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
4T 07-25 & 8-01-08-15-2018
#444143

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ORLANDO J AVILA
the holder(s) of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s), the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:
Parcel Number: 19-2N-25-0000-0063-0000
Certificate Number: 778
File Number: 18TD00005AXXX
Description of Property: IN OR 1594/1857 (PAR 62 & 63)
Assessed To:

ANIKKA RENEE SPARKS
All of the Above Property is located in Nassau County, in the State of Florida.

Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to Law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE ROBERT M. FOSTER JUSTICE CENTER, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE, FL, on the 28TH DAY OF AUGUST 2018 between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. The Clerk of Court's Office Policy is to hold the sale at 11:30 a.m.
JOHN A. CRAWFORD,
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER
By: CHERYL SALMON
DEPUTY CLERK

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4T 07-25 & 8-01-08-15-2018
#444178

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CAPITAL ONE CLTRL
the holder(s) of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s), the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:
Parcel Number: 04-2N-27-0000-0004-0160
Certificate Number: 1096
File Number: 18TD00006AXXX
Description of Property: IN OR 770 PG 252
ESMT IN OR 772/1330
R673716 & R673717
Assessed To:
GABRIELLE ANNE LEE
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 18CP000221
DIVISION: A**

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES LUTHER TINGLE,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of James Luther Tingle, deceased, whose date of death was May 5, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee FL 32097. The name and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is August 1, 2018.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Pamela A. Miller, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 01040498
Pamela A. Miller, PLC
2338 S. 8th Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Tel. 904-775-6147
Fax: 904-212-2306
pmiller@pamillierlaw.com
Personal Representative:
Peggy Samples Tingle
403 Tapon Ave, #301
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
2T 08-01-08-2018
#445738

Notice is hereby given to the following persons at the last known address of:
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Marissa D. Davila
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Mary J. Pascal
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Yulee, FL 32097
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Jamie D. Williams
36192 Matt Dylan Dr
Callahan, FL 32011

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Vicki P. Cannon
Nassau County
Supervisor of Elections
96135 Nassau Place, Suite 3
Yulee, Florida 32097
Telephone 904.491.7500
Toll Free 1.866.260.4301
Email:
questions@votennassau.com
IT 08-01-2018
#445367

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Association, Inc. will hold a Board of Trustees Meeting on August 15, 2018, at 3:00p.m., in the Amelia Island Management Conference Room, 5440 First Coast Hwy, Amelia Island, Florida. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should call 904-277-5123 at least 24 hours in advance to request such accommodation.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
BUDDYS AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, LLC gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and Intent to sell these vehicles on 8/24/2018, 8:00 am at 850843 US HIGHWAY 17 YULEE, FL 32097-3985, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. BIDDY'S AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR LLC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
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1G6KD54Y85U201691
2005 CADILLAC
IT 08-01-2018
#446045

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
BILL'S TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and Intent to sell these vehicles on 8/16/2018, 8:30 am at 425 S 8TH ST FERNANDINA, FL 32034-3699, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. BILLS TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
VNK1TUD34EAA008297
2014 TOYOTA
IT 08-01-2018
#446169

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
DIVISION: A**

Case #: 2015-CA-000315
Selene Finance LP
Plaintiff,
vs.
Robert William Henry; Robert Wayne Henry a/k/a Robert W. Henry; Jennifer Nicole Bartchlett a/k/a Jennifer Nicole Henry; Dinahlee R. Henry Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescinding foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2015-CA-000315 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Nassau County, Florida, wherein Selene Finance LP, Plaintiff and Robert William Henry are defendant(s). I, Clerk of Court, John A. Crawford, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.nassauclerk.realforeclose.com AT 11:30 A.M. on August 16, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

TRACT 34, YULEE HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK #, PAGE 31, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME, YEAR: 2009, MAKE: HOMES OF MERIT, VIN#: FL26100PHB300780A AND VIN#: FL26100PHB300780B.
ANY PERSON CLAIMING

AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 324 OF AMELIA LAKES, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1344, PAGE 1628, AS AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1344, PAGE 1930, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS TO BE DEFINED IN SAID DECLARATION.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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

CASE NO. 2016-CA-000062
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LINDA P. MULLIS AND HARRY M. MULLIS, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 12, 2018, and entered in 2016-CA-000062 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Nassau County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and LINDA P. MULLIS; HARRY M. MULLIS; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK are the Defendant(s). John Crawford as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.nassauclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:30 AM, on August 09, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

A PORTION OF THE JOHN LOFTON GRANT, IN SECTIONS 54 NORTH AND 55, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID PORTION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE THOMAS J. BURNIEY PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 177, PAGE 411 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 42 DEGREES, 59 MINUTES, 13 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE SAID THOMAS J. BURNIEY PROPERTY, A DISTANCE OF 1087.97 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES, 08 MINUTES, 23 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 884.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 47 DEGREES, 08 MINUTES, 23 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 417.33 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 48 DEGREES, 17 MINUTES, 13 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 554.55 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREES, 08 MINUTES, 23 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 468.56

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