



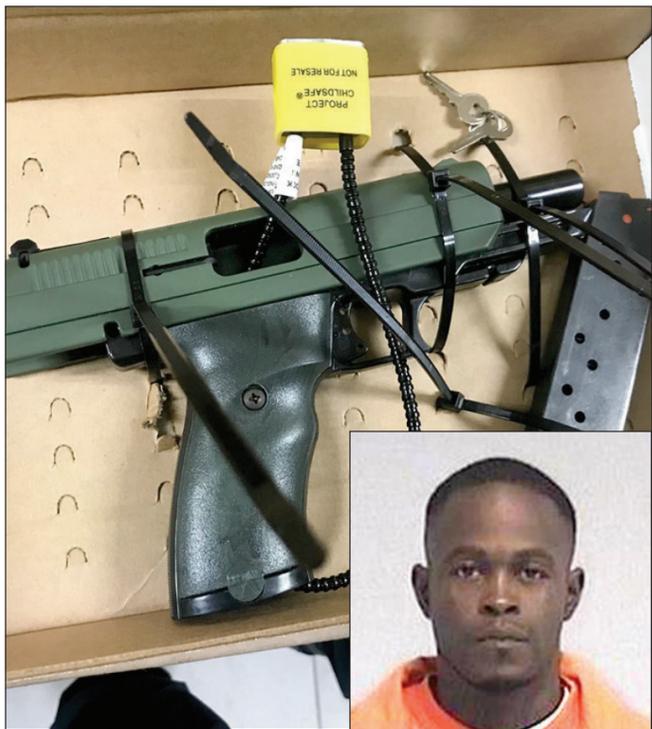
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NCSO traffic stop nets suspect, gun

Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper says that a traffic stop conducted Saturday by one of his deputies nabbed a suspect in an attempted murder in Jacksonville.

Leeper wrote in an email Wednesday that at approximately 9 p.m. on Saturday, the deputy "observed a Chevrolet Equinox traveling westbound on Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue in Callahan. The vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign located at Page Street. The vehicle also displayed an expired Florida license plate."

"Upon making contact with the driver, the deputy could smell the odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. The right front passenger,

James Arthur Hill, admitted to smoking marijuana. A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded .45 caliber handgun in the floorboard inside a backpack, with additional ammo inside. Two small baggies of marijuana (were) also located in the backpack.

"Hill also had a warrant for his arrest out of Duval County for attempted murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon."

Leeper wrote that Hill, 36, who lives in Jacksonville, was arrested on the warrant and was also charged with possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, carrying a concealed weapon, and possession of marijuana - less than 20 grams.

Vehicles on American Beach raise concern of residents

JULIA ROBERTS
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Residents on the south end of Amelia Island are crying foul over vehicles driving on the beach between American Beach and a storage unit owned by the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. However, the Omni said the beach is the only route they have to service their guests and will continue to do so.

The Omni has a Lewis Street storage facility where it keeps beach chairs, linens and towels, Area Managing Director Donald Stamets said. The resort has what Stamets called a permit, issued in 2003, that allows ATVs to drive on American Beach in order to service guests and club members who want chairs or towels on the beach.

"We've been doing it since the '70s," Stamets said.

However, Nassau County Attorney Mike Mullin said what the Omni is calling a permit is actually a 15-year-old letter that may or may not be enforceable.

"They do not have a permit," Mullin said. "What they have is a letter I wrote to then-president of the Plantation Jack Healan 15 years ago, which gave them permission to use ATVs, with insignia on them. It is arguable whether that is still in effect."

Mullin said the letter approved ATVs only.

Stamets said the Omni had used a pickup truck when its ATV was not working but stopped using the truck when residents complained.

The letter from Mullin is addressed to Healan and does not mention the Omni. It tells Healan the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners "approved your request to drive your small ATVs in front of the Inn, Beach Club and Sea and Turtle Dunes condominiums in order to set up beach rentals for your guests."

Mary Massman, who lives on Majestic Walk Boulevard says the current traffic is "well north of (those) specified locations, extending to American Beach and Lewis Lane."

An email from Massman notes that,



JOAN SCHMIDT/SPECIAL

Residents say this vehicle, as well as pickup trucks, carry towels and beach chairs from a storage facility on Lewis Street to Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort guests using the beach. The director of the Omni says he has a letter that permits it. County Attorney Mike Mullin said he is working with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office general counsel to resolve the issue.

while the letter Stamets has granted Healan permission for vehicles to carry equipment to set up beach rentals, "the current Omni activity involves moving supplies to and from the resort to their storage and laundry facilities."

Stamets told the *News-Leader* that Omni vehicles carry beach towels and linens for guests as well as club members who want those items in front of their homes.

Mullin said that the Omni has not been cited for driving on the beach since

the question of whether any laws have been broken has not been settled.

"NCSO is the enforcement arm of the county, and for them to issue a citation, they must be able to cite which statute is being violated," Mullin said. "I have been in contact with Bobby Lippelman, general counsel for the sheriff's office, and we have been trying to determine if NCSO can enforce that."

Stamets scheduled a meeting with the concerned property owners.

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Ges Selmont hopes to unseat Rutherford in November

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Ges Selmont has been around. He's lived in places as diverse as Connecticut, New York City, Washington D.C., and Boston, but landed in Ponte Vedra almost 10 years ago. He says his wife's job brought him south, but moving "down here" was really about putting their children first. "We felt the First Coast was really the best place for two - second and third grade - boys to grow up, and it has been. It's still the kind of place you can get on your bike and go get an ice cream cone. It's a beautiful place, a safe place, and a place with a lot of opportunities. And we want to keep it that way," Selmont said in a telephone interview on Aug. 10.

An attorney with an eclectic background that includes being an off-Broadway producer, Selmont said he knows what it is like to run a small business where you have to provide health care insurance for 15 or 20 people. He says his last job was with an institute of higher education, helping Dr. Nat Glover at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville with his campus and his neighborhood, but right now his cam-

paign "for the people" is his full-time job. Selmont hopes to replace former Jacksonville sheriff John Rutherford as the 4th Congressional District's representative in the Nov. 6 election.

Selmont's idea of taking a break after his Edward Waters gig was to volunteer to help the St. Johns County Democratic Party. The former Clinton White House intern soon went from licking envelopes to the party's congressional nominee. He says his life's circumstances and experience "made him a good candidate."

Selmont brushes right past a question about Rutherford trouncing his Democratic opponent two years ago, and of Donald Trump's huge victory over Hillary Clinton in Nassau County, to ask if we are aware of the results of two recent straw polls in which Selmont received 43 percent and 49 percent of the votes. He attributes doing well to an influx of Northerners to the area: "There has been a ton of migration into Nassau, St. Johns, and Duval counties; people from up north are moving down here, so the demographic numbers are changing." The second reason he is doing well? "John Rutherford is a poor and ineffective congressman," Selmont

charges.

Selmont accuses Rutherford of not coming to walk the beaches with his constituents in Vilano Beach after hurricanes "ripped their houses into the ocean" or having a town hall meeting about what the federal government could do to restore the sand and public beach access. "(He) hid, quite frankly, because his party doesn't believe that the tide is rising," Selmont said.

Congress did finally come through this summer with \$36.8 million for a Vilano Beach renourishment project, "as well as \$2 million for flood and storm damage reduction projects," in Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties, according to a news release from Rutherford.

Selmont moved on to gun violence as another example of Rutherford's poor performance and a reason Selmont did almost as well as Rutherford in the straw polls.

"No one in American knows more about the horrors of gun violence than the sheriff of Duval County," Selmont said, calling Jacksonville "the murder capital of Florida."

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Ges Selmont is the Democratic Party candidate for the 4th Congressional District seat this fall. The *News-Leader* interviewed Selmont earlier this month. SUBMITTED

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your vote of confidence in this election! I cannot possibly explain how humbling it is to have so many of you stand in support of me.



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WEEKLY UPDATE

Donate blood, get Zombie Hunt ticket

The American Legion Post 54 will sponsor the bi-monthly blood drive at the Fernandina Beach farmers market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1. The Blood Mobile will be located at the corner of North Seventh Street and Alachua Avenue. All donors will receive a free OneBlood T-shirt and a wellness checkup as well as a voucher for admission to the Haunted Brewery Zombie Hunt. Make an appointment online at oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code "36191." For information, contact the American Legion at 261-7900.

Homebuyer seminars in Yulee

The Yulee branch of the Nassau County Public Library System will host homebuyer seminars from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 5 and 19. The seminars are open to the public. If you are planning the purchase of a new home, don't miss this opportunity for great advice from experts.

Community Band seeking members

The Nassau Community Band begins its 15th season Thursday, Sept. 6. Practice is 6-7:30 p.m. in the Yulee Middle School, located at 85439 Miner Road in Yulee. Woodwind, brass, and percussion sections are welcoming new members of all ages. The band's focus is on providing concerts for the community. Members rehearse weekly. Email nassaucommunityband.fl@gmail.com for more information or visit nassaucommunityband.wixsite.com/ncbsite.

St. Peter's hosting literacy event

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host a fun-filled morning of crafts and arts focused on literacy between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday, Sept. 8. The event will feature storybook readings, face painting, snacks and more. Celebrity guests will include The Cat in the Hat and Curious George.

This book and school supply drive is hosted by St. Peter's Episcopal Church on behalf of Episcopal Children's Services. For a list of needed books and supplies, visit ecs4kids.org/st-peters-literacy-day. You can make your donation online or at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Learning to be a grandparent

Do you struggle in your role as a grandparent? Catherine Jacobs has developed "Seven Keys" for becoming a life-changing grandparent in the 21st century and will lead a workshop on grandparenting at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. The workshop begins Tuesday, Sept. 11, with a candlelight ceremony and dinner at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for dinner; please make your donations at the door. Then, on Wednesday, Sept. 12, the workshop continues with a 90-minute program at 10 a.m. in Burns Hall. To RSVP, contact St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 261-4293.

Arthritis exercise program

The Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center is offering the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program at no charge 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays through 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.

Hazardous waste collection event

Keep Nassau Beautiful and Nassau County Solid Waste Management will hold a household hazardous waste collection event for residents on Sept. 8 from 7 a.m. to noon.

County residents are encouraged to bring pesticides, paint thinners, radiator fluid, used oil and lubricants, oil filters, pool chemicals, solvents, insecticides, gasoline and fuels, fluorescent bulbs, electronics, computers, TVs, paints, batteries fertilizers, household cleaners, corrosives, propane tanks, medications, aerosol cans and used cooking oil to the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds at 543378 U.S. 1 in Callahan for disposal. Collection is free of charge for residents. For more information, visit keepnassaubeautiful.org.

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 information.

King at EmpowHER! luncheon

The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce will hold its next EmpowHER! luncheon Monday, Sept. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Golf Course Clubhouse. The program will feature guest speaker retired Command Sergeant Major Teresa King. After serving 28 years in the U.S. Army, King has a long list of accomplishments to her name. Most notably, she became the first female commandant of the Drill Sergeant School in Fort Jackson, S.C. in 2009. EmpowHER is a professional women's network that enhances personal and professional growth of businesswomen in Nassau County.

Luncheons include discussions on trending topics, an inspiring speaker and mentoring and partnership opportunities. Tickets for the luncheon are \$20 per person for members. To

Interim county manager meeting with public

Interim County Manager Mike Mullin will be holding regularly scheduled meetings from 3 to 4 p.m. on the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday of each month to make himself available for anyone to ask county-related questions and/or address county issues. The meetings will take place in the Commission Chambers, located in the James S. Page Governmental Complex at 96135 Nassau Place in Yulee.

attend this event, you must pre-register at nassaucountyflchamber.com. For more information, contact the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce at 261-3248.

Caregivers group meeting Sept. 20

The Nassau County Council on Aging Caregivers Support Group will meet 2:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at 1367 S. 18th St. in Fernandina Beach (across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau).

The support group meeting will be followed by a special presentation from Byron Beall, bereavement counselor with Community Hospice & Palliative Care, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. In addition, from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m., Janice Clarkson will instruct caregivers in "Chair Yoga," a workout featuring stretching and relaxation that can be done anytime, anywhere. NCCOA's Caregivers Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month.

The overall goal of the group is to offer support and education for caregivers. It is not suited for loved ones to attend; however, all caregivers are welcome. For more information, call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, CDP, at 261-0701, ext. 113.

Rotary sponsoring blood drive

The Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach's quarterly blood drive has changed its location. The next blood drive, in cooperation with OneBlood and Nassau Health Foods, will be held Wednesday, Sept. 26, in the Nassau Health Foods parking lot at 833 T. J. Courson Road in Fernandina Beach.

The drive will start at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Your donation can help save the lives of up to three people. Come by and roll up your sleeve, then join the Rotary Club for lunch at its new meeting location, the Story & Song Neighborhood Bookstore Bistro, just two blocks east on Park Avenue.

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.

Healing Hearts

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 information, contact Mary Mercer at 415-1881 or Joni Reid at 556-6767.

District schools satellite offices

Do you ever have the need to visit the Nassau County School District administration office at 1201 Atlantic Avenue in Fernandina Beach? Do you find yourself driving 20 miles or more 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.

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 Nassauhumesociety.com and click on Volunteer. For information, call 321-0022.

Be a zookeeper

Amelia Residents in Action for the Symphony sponsors a program each January and February that visits all fourth grade classes in Nassau County with 40 orchestral instruments. The goal of the program is to acquaint students with how to properly hold and play each instrument. To be able to reach all Nassau County students, ARIAS needs volunteer "zookeepers." No experience is required. To volunteer, contact Susan Kosciulek at 548-0227 or Barbara Zacheis at 321-5639.

Gun courses

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

Beverly Allen Asbury

Beverly Allen Asbury died August 22, 2018, at age 89. He was born on Valentine's Day in 1929 in Elberton, Ga.

He married and became father to two daughters and a son and a stepfather to the daughter and son of his wife of 38 years, Vicky Hake Asbury. Their progeny includes 10 grandchildren who live all over the country.

Bev Asbury, an ordained Presbyterian minister, served for 30 years as the Vanderbilt University Chaplain, Adjunct Professor of Divinity, and Lecturer in Religious Studies.

He wanted to be remembered for his work for racial justice, for interfaith understanding and respect, and against acts of genocide.

Both modern thought and human atrocity left him skeptical of religious doctrines. In his lifelong study of ethical monotheism, he ceased to describe himself as Christian. He believed that, although Christianity's truth claims were false, its values of love, justice and morality were to be embraced and were to be found in the religious experiences of humans in other faiths.

He hoped to be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and an open-minded man committed to racial justice and respect for human beings.

Joy Dzwilefsky

Mrs. Joy Dzwilefsky, 71, of Yulee, Fla., passed away Thursday, August 23, 2018 at UF Health North in Jacksonville, Fla.

Born in Kingston, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Edward J. and Ruth Reed Geida. She attended public schools in Kingston and was a 1969 graduate of Wilkes College, where she majored in music education.

In that same year she married Joe Dzwilefsky. They made their home in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She taught school full-time until she and Joe began



a family, but she returned to work as a substitute in various capacities in the local schools. After retirement she and Joe made their home in Yulee. As an active member of Yulee United Methodist Church, she served on the Building Committee and the Board of Trustees. She was also active in the United Methodist Women and always looked forward to the Easter "Egg-Stravaganza" held for the children each year.

She worked regularly at Gracie's Kitchen along with her husband, Joe. She loved the people and could usually be found working at the front desk to register the guests the evenings she worked. The assistance provided to those in need through Gracie's Kitchen was a passion for her.

In addition to her involvement with her church, she enjoyed many simple pleasures. Whether it was traveling, going to the movies or going out to dinner, she took pleasure in them all. She also was always willing to watch football whenever she could and was a passionate fan of her Purdue Boilermakers and Army Black Knights.

Even after two of her children graduated from the United States Military at West Point, she continued as an active member of the Parents Club West Point. Her family was her true passion. She loved Joe, her children and her grandchildren.

She leaves behind her husband of 49 years, Joe Dzwilefsky; her daughters, Deborah Titzer and her husband, Jason, of Newburgh, Ind., and Holly Dzwilefsky of Highland Falls, N.Y.; a son, Matthew Dzwilefsky and his wife, Amanda, of Houston, Texas; and her four grandchildren, Laura and Sam Titzer and Riley and Raylan Dzwilefsky.

Funeral services for Mrs. Dzwilefsky will be held Friday, September 7, 2018 at Yulee United Methodist Church with Pastor Charlie Sward officiating. The family will receive friends at the church beginning at 10 a.m. After the funeral service she will be laid to rest in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

OBITUARIES

In lieu of flowers her family asks that donations be made, in her memory, to the Coalition for the Homeless of Nassau County, P.O. Box 16123, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035. Please indicate Gracie's Kitchen on memo line of the check.

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

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Herbert Kuhn

Herbert "Skip" Kuhn, 87, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Saturday, August 25, 2018 at his residence.

Skip was born May 17, 1931 in Columbus, Ohio to the late Mr. Herbert Albright and Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth (Shelby) Kuhn.

Skip attended Miami of Ohio University and upon graduation in 1953 served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was married to Barbara Ann Casey on July 4, 1957 in Springfield, Ohio. After transferring to multiple states with his family, he retired to Fernandina Beach in 1997.

He retired from Oneida, Ltd. after 30 years of service to the company. Skip was a member of the American Legion Post 54 and the Marine Corps League, as well as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. He was an avid fly fisherman and enjoyed numerous outdoor activities with his family. He loved dancing and socializing with their many friends.

Skip was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 60 years, Barbara Kuhn, and a grandson.

He leaves to cherish his memory three children, Dana Kuhn, Pamela Crowley (Marc), and Stacey Gilley; a grandchild, Casey; and a host of extended family and friends.

A joint celebration of life service for Skip and Barbara will be held at a later date.

Neptune Society

Robert V. Zeluff

Mr. Robert V. "Butch" Zeluff, 64, of Yulee, Fla., passed away Thursday, August 30, 2018 at the Custead Care Center in Orange Park, Fla.

Born in Staten Island, N.Y., Robert made his



home in Yulee for more than 34 years. For most of his working life he was an ironworker and traveled all over the United States "hanging steel." Across the years he formed special friendships with many of the ironworkers who are members of the Navajo Nation. Those friendships led to his endearing nicknames of "Dad" and "Pale Face."

Those who knew him found him to be hard-working and very determined. He often asked, "Why can't we do it?" and would then work out a way to accomplish the task before him.

Butch was a wonderful husband to his wife, Debra, and dedicated father to his daughters, Tashell and Alicia. In addition to hard work that typified much of his life, Butch was just as much fun away from work. Among his nieces, nephews and neighbors, he became known as the "Potato Gun Man." His potato guns were "awesome" and he relished using them. Sometimes, he had to be stopped from using all the potatoes they had at home.

He leaves behind his wife, Debra Lee Zeluff of Yulee; his daughters, Tashelle Weaver and her husband, Christopher, of Orange Park, and Alicia Zeluff and her wife, Stephanie, of Washington, D.C., as well as numerous extended family members.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 1, 2018 in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors with Pastor Frank Camarotti of Five Points Baptist Church officiating. The family will receive friends for the hour prior to the service.

Those desiring may make contributions to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606.

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

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DEATH NOTICES

Patricia Rose Kreger, 72, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Thursday, August 30, 2018.

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Parents unhappy with decision to cancel classes

JULIA ROBERTS
News-Leader

Some advanced classes have been discontinued at Callahan and Yulee middle schools, and parents have let the Nassau County School Board and Schools Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns know that they are not happy with that decision and the lack of communication about it.

Advanced comprehensive science, language arts, math and world geography were discontinued in the sixth grade. Advanced comprehensive science and civics in were discontinued in seventh grade, and advanced comprehensive science and U.S. history were discontinued in the eighth grade. Students still have the option of taking advanced classes via the internet in a virtual classroom.

Burns said the decision to discontinue the classes in not permanent but a "pause," and was made as a result of collaboration between district and school staff. She said that the decision will allow the district to "come back stronger" but acknowledged there should have been better communication regarding the classes.

Advanced classes are considered to be more rigorous, faster-paced and more challenging for the students who qualify for them, Burns said, and are similar to the Advanced Placement classes that allow high school students who pass AP tests to skip introductory classes once they get to college.

Students do not earn credit toward graduation for advanced classes in middle school, Burns said. Algebra I is still being offered to eighth grade students at Callahan Middle School, and advanced language arts and math are still offered to seventh grade students at Yulee Middle School, as well as Algebra I and advanced language arts in eighth grade.

At a meeting at Yulee Middle, the superintendent said data has shown a downward trend, particularly in math and reading, and that the decision was made to "address that and ensure that we are meeting the needs of all students."

"We made the decision to take a pause, and I'm going to say that, for this year, to look at what we're doing, how we're instructing," Burns said. "Are our advanced classes truly advanced classes? It is taking time for our teachers to collaborate and plan together so that we can come back stronger and ensure that we truly are offering advanced classes. I believe, above all other things, you would be more upset if you are bringing a high-flying student to the middle school, and, by the time they leave, they are performing lower."

Mark Durham, executive director of curriculum, instruction and school improvement, said recently in local news reports that the decision to discontinue the classes was made in order to raise YMS's school grade. Those grades are determined by the Florida Department of Education and based on 11 components: four achievement components, four learning gains components, a middle school acceleration component, as well as components for graduation rate and college and career acceleration.

However, Burns said the decision to discontinue the classes was not based on school grades, but was a "collaborative decision" made by district and school staff, based on data that showed the performance of students at Callahan and Yulee middle schools was on a downward trend.

School grades, Burns said, attract students to schools, and the district receives recognition funds for "A" ratings. Those funds are sent directly to the schools that receive an "A" rating, and are disbursed by the School Advisory Council at that school.

At the Aug. 23 School Board meeting, Chairwoman Donna Martin asked Burns about the effect of school grades on the decision to discontinue the advanced classes. Burns responded that good school grades are the result of quality teaching.

"In the state of Florida, we're graded. We know that. We have to live with that," Burns said. "It's about the success of students. I don't want to get into a debate tonight. We've had two meetings and we can have more meetings. I believe that, when teaching's going on and quality instruction is happening in the classroom, the student, the teacher, the classroom is the most important place. When that's happening, that grade will take care of itself. That's not my biggest concern."

Several people spoke at the



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Yulee Middle School student Alison Williams.

more than kids that get good scores – kids like me. When my mom told me this, I was furious. The way I see it, the school's discriminating against me and my friends."

Melissa Casinger said her daughter has become disengaged this year without the added challenge of advanced classes.

"She says she is bored (and asks) why does she have to go to school," Casinger said. "This is the same girl that loved going to school every day last year. She scores all As, all 5s (on state assessments, which are rated on a 0-5 scale), wants to go to Duke University or MIT – she hasn't decided – but now she's coming home and saying, 'I don't care. I don't want to go to school.'"

Casinger asked the board to give parents a chance to make an informed decision regarding advanced classes and their children's education.

"I just ask that you reconsider the work that's been done to make this change and go back to the way it was until we're better prepared and give the parents a chance to make an informed decision for their students, if we want to continue down the same road as you have chosen, or if we want to find other alternatives for our children," she said.

Brittany Brogan is the mother of an eighth-grade and a sixth-grade student at YMS. She told the *News-Leader* her son has been in advanced classes both in Callahan and Yulee middle schools, as his test scores warranted that he be placed in advanced classes. Yet, when he got his schedule shortly before the beginning of the 2018-19 term, he was not assigned any advanced classes – without any

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The boundaries of the city

The recent conversations regarding conservation have brought a longstanding issue back into consideration: the delineation of city boundaries.

Fernandina Beach and Amelia Island are not jurisdictionally synonymous. The official city limits are haphazardly configured on the northern half of Amelia Island. The southern portion of the island, without fail, is entirely outside of the city limits. If you live south of the Harris Teeter location, you are part of unincorporated Nassau County, not Fernandina Beach (no matter that your mailing address states Fernandina Beach). Similarly, if you live off the island, you are most assuredly not within the city limits since those limits do not extend across the Amelia River.

Other notable areas that are not within the city limits are many locations off of Will Hardee Road, specifically between Safe Harbor Lane and Simmons Road. In conjunction with most neighborhoods located off of 14th Street south of Sadler Road, a wide swath of property is carved out of the city limits from Will Hardee Road west to Eighth Street and beyond to the Amelia River.

Another area with irregular boundaries is along Citrona Drive. Between Lime Street and Sadler Road, all neighborhoods to the east of Citrona Drive are outside the city limits. The west side of that same area, with the primary exception of the Amelia Park neighborhood, also lies outside of the city limits.

So why does that otherwise invisible line matter, some people ask. We're all part of the same small island and wonderful community. The issue, as it often is, relates to money:



CITY NOTES

Dale Martin

those property owners outside of the city limits have no financial commitment to the governance, operations, services, and programs provided by the city. They pay no city taxes to support the city. They have no vote for city commissioners. It is sometimes befuddling as to how many unincorporated residents contend that "we need to do this" or "we shouldn't do that" with regard to city government and operations. The responsibility and burden of those decisions sits with taxpaying city residents.

The additional significance of the city boundaries are the provisions of city services. This community, by far, is the most generous community in which I have served. The city of Fernandina Beach provides free public safety services to properties outside of the city limits. Those services consume approximately 50 percent of the entire general fund budget of the city.

If you live in one of the areas outside of the city limits described above and you need public safety assistance, in most cases, it will be a city patrol officer, firefighter, or paramedic that reaches you first. It is that level of response that is inherent to the enhanced services provided by city government, paid for by city taxes. It is nonetheless essential that the services of city and county public safety support each other.

If a non-city property owner is receiving one of the primary benefits of city residency (police and fire protection) at no cost, why should that owner consider annexing into the city and then pay taxes to get a benefit already received?

According to monthly reports, the city Police Department responded to 23 calls for service outside the city limits last month. The Fire Department responded to 44 incidents outside the city limits last month. Free service provided by city tax dollars. And as with pretty much everything, the costs of those services to city residents will continue to rise.

How does the city address this disparity? Over the course of the past few years, as properties outside the city limits desired water and sewer service, the city began to require voluntary annexation agreements: you want city water and sewer, you need to join the city. Prior to the implementation of that policy, water and sewer services were simply provided as desired (and, as remains the case, a surcharge on usage fees is imposed). A surcharge is also imposed upon non-city users of Parks and Recreation services.

The City Commission has a growing awareness of the cost of these services outside of the city limits. It will be a challenge to address how to resolve the issue, but the burden upon city residents to provide expensive services at no cost to others requires consideration. For now, though, city residents will graciously continue to provide free services.

Dale Martin is the city manager of Fernandina Beach.

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County's committee discusses accessory dwellings

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The county's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee discussed yet another delay in the expected completion of a needs assessment study by the University of Florida's Shimberg Center for Housing Studies at its most recent meeting on Aug. 18. The regular meeting had six of 11 members present as well as four interested citizens. Also present were Adrienne Burke, policy planner for Nassau County, and Kelly Gibson, planning manager for the city of Fernandina Beach.

Burke shared that the Shimberg Center has started working on the project despite local hiccups in getting the funding for the project settled, adding that the center had "already done quite a bit of the data collection gathering for our report already. ... Hopefully, they will have a draft by October. It looks like we will have (the report) by the end of the year."

Burke met with a representative of the Shimberg Center for a preliminary look at data collected, reporting back to the committee that the county is "heavy" with homeowners versus rentals. "We just don't have that much rental stock," Burke said. The data also revealed that mobile homes provide much of the existing affordable housing in rural areas of the county.



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committees on accessory dwellings and development incentives.

In earlier meetings, the committee has discussed freeing up the use of accessory dwellings as affordable rentals both in the county and in the city of Fernandina Beach. A subcommittee was formed to look into the matter. "Right now the county code does not allow for accessory dwellings. The only thing that exists is what's called a mother-in-law dwelling and it's limited to family members. It's only allowable as a conditional use," said Burke. Currently all such requests have to go through a public hearing process and there are no guarantees requests will be granted. The subcommittee's recommendation is that the county gets rid of the family-only restriction and the conditional use process.

Gibson advised that a similar proposal has been drafted and is awaiting presentation to the Fernandina Beach

Burke said none of the data is likely to be "shocking" or "surprising," but that the value of the study is to quantify the need and form a basis for decision-making and setting priorities.

In the interim, the committee reviewed the work of subcom-

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City Commission to change the city's code to eliminate the family-only restriction in the use of accessory dwellings, allowing them to be used as long-term rentals.

The current proposal does not plan to limit rents to "affordable housing" rates.

Gibson shared that, since the proposal limits the size of an accessory dwelling to a footprint of 645 square feet and a height of 12 feet, "the footprint is going to drive down the cost as to what rental income can be generated." The use of an accessory dwelling structure must meet the current Land Development Code. The city limits the position of accessory buildings to the side or back of the property.

The AHAC incentives subcommittee is looking at proposing a larger footprint of 800 square feet for the county, since that is the typical size of a three-car garage that could be converted into an accessory dwelling. The height restriction would remain the same 12 feet as the city code. The county is also looking at more flexibility in allowing positioning of accessory dwellings in the front of rural properties of three acres or more. They are seeking to define an accessory dwelling as an attached or detached, self-contained unit. An additional parking space would need to be available.

Much discussion ensued among AHAC members as to whether rents of

county accessory dwellings need to be capped based on tenant annual income but there was no final resolution on the matter. Also tabled for future discussion was whether impact fees should be waived to build or convert a structure into an accessory dwelling.

Modeling after guidelines used on accessory dwellings in Jacksonville, it was suggested the rental of accessory dwellings be limited to homesteaded property. Either the main structure or the accessory dwelling could be used as the homestead.

Burke shared that a state statute allows the homestead exemption to be extended to both structures if the accessory dwelling is being used by an elderly relative over 62 years of age. The subcommittee is recommending the same guidelines be adopted by the county.

Burke agreed to take ideas generated in the discussion and draft a recommendation proposal on accessory dwellings for review by the AHAC. The proposal would next go for review to the county planning and zoning board before going to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

The AHAC subcommittee on incentives for developers also shared some of the fruits of its labors.

In July, the subcommittee looked into the existing resources available through the State Housing Incentive Partnership (SHIP) program. The

county has received the minimum allocation of \$350,000 each year from the state for the purpose of helping low and moderate-income homebuyers with the purchase of a home or homeowners with repairs. Current county guidelines for participation in the program have set caps on finding an existing home at \$150,000 or new homes at \$215,000. There is a cap on home repairs at \$65,000.

Most of the funding recently has focused on repairs since homebuyers are increasingly hard pressed to find homes in Nassau County within the guidelines. One requirement for assistance for home repairs has been that the applicant must have homeowner insurance, and this has been an obstacle to some people getting help. All these guidelines were set by the county's Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) to qualify for SHIP funds. The BOCC has the authority to modify them.

The committee recommended modest increases in all three caps to help more people take advantage of the SHIP program.

Burke suggested the county adopt the impact fee waiver process used by the city of Fernandina Beach as a model since the county process is unclear. The city uses a point system based on the purpose for which the waiver is

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The FAQs people ask in the early stages of recovery

If you are like most alcoholics/addicts, you have left a trail of maimed relationships behind you. Early recovery may seem like the ideal time to pick up the pieces. It is not. It is the time to concentrate on your recovery and nothing else. Below are some of the most frequently asked questions – FAQs – of people in recovery.

1. How can I persuade my partner that this time I mean to stay off the alcohol. I have attended several AA meetings and have not had a drink in three weeks.

You cannot do it with words. Only with actions. Trust has been lost and cannot be regained with a kiss and a promise. Telling your partner that you finally realize what alcohol has done to you, to him/her, and to the family, and that you are trying to do something to end the devastation isn't enough. Invite your partner to an open AA meeting.



MENTAL FITNESS

Janice Clarkson

to understand that you cannot change other people, or the way they think and feel. You can only change yourself. Do not be controlling or overbearing, hostile or aggressive; do not attempt a hard sell. Give your partner time, distance and space. Let them decide.

Urge your partner to go to Al-Anon. Your partner needs as much support as you do right now because they have been through so much, heard so many promises, had their hopes dashed so many times, and been so thoroughly betrayed and confused by your addictive behavior.

An important lesson of recovery is

that you cannot change other people, or the way they think and feel. You can only change yourself. Do not be controlling or overbearing, hostile or aggressive; do not attempt a hard sell. Give your partner time, distance and space. Let them decide.

2. How can I let my friends know that this time I am sober for good?

This time, do not bother to announce your intentions. Just change your behavior, and pretty soon they will notice that staying sober is as much a way of life with you as staying drunk was. But trust is not built in a day, so although they are rooting for you, it may take a while for them to believe you are serious.

If they ask you what is happening? Tell them that you are sober today, and that you are determined to stay that way a day at a time. Be honest – that is part of your recovery – but do not preach or promise the world.

3. Does medication for alcohol addiction work?

Yes, medications for alcohol use disorder can work well for people who want to stop drinking or drink a lot

less. Medications are the beginning of how you make the psychological change that needs to occur. Always check with your health care professional first.

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help uncouple alcohol and pleasure. 3. Acamprosate (Campral) eases withdrawal symptoms such as insomnia, anxiety, restlessness, and feeling blue. Those can last for months after you stop drinking.

4. Will this get easier?

Yes, it gets easier every day! You will not notice it at first, but it pops up in those little moments. One day you will look up and realize it has been a long time since you had an intense craving. Eventually your sober date becomes a day you look forward to, not one you have to hope will happen. Remain focused and keep your sobriety above all else.

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kind of explanation.

"Language arts was not advanced," she said. She said she called the school about the change, but those calls were not returned. Her son's teacher went to the school, but did not get any answers about the matter.

Burns has acknowledged the communication breakdown when she spoke to parents at YMS.

"I know this has been a tough thing, and I will take ownership for it again," she said. "We should have been communicating early on and continuing to communicate, not taking for granted that that communication was going on."

Burns has repeatedly stated in meetings, and in an interview with the News-Leader, that teachers were given a daily

planning period, which will allow teachers to plan.

"We've worked hard to incorporate more planning time to teachers this year, to allow them to plan and better prepare for advanced classes," she said.

Asked what effect the planning period would have on advanced classes specifically, Burns said, "That will allow teachers more time to collaborate and plan together for better instruction, for everybody, for all students."

The superintendent said not all the feedback she has received has been negative.

"We've also heard from parents who have said, 'This needed to happen. We needed to take a step back. We appreciate you investing the time to make things better.'" Burns told the *News-Leader*.

In the meeting at YMS, she said the matter is not about gifted versus non-gifted students.

"It's not about who's better than or less than," she said. "I grew up in Yulee. This is my town, this is my school. I'm so excited that we have a high school in Yulee, because we didn't have that when I was going to school. Every student is important to me."

"The bottom line is, if students are not offered the opportunities to succeed and if students are not engaged, every minute, in meaningful learning, and are truly not making the gains we want them to make, then we have work to do," the superintendent said.

"That's the decision we've made for this year, to take that pause, and to better prepare and come back stronger in the days ahead."

SELMONT *Continued from 1A*

ders, domestic violence, drive-by shootings, armed robbery and gang activity during his time as sheriff, Selmont says, Rutherford "has not seen fit to have one meeting with concerned parents, one meeting with scared kids, one town hall (in the district). When the Parkland students came to town ... he was in-district and did not meet with them, and when local students in Duval had a town hall, he was invited but did not show, even though he was in district. The students even put an empty seat up on stage with me. The students know they have an ineffectual and disinterested congressman."

Asked about Rutherford's recent comment to the *News-Leader* that he would not hold public town hall meetings because "the environment right now is so volatile," Selmont was quick to respond: "It's called public service for a reason. The job is to meet with his constituents and to hear them. ... He has no problem giving a forum for anything that comes from Washington that is an example of divisive discourse, or insulting comments, or denigrates the office of the presidency, or Congress, so he's obviously picking and choosing when it comes to his party."

Selmont, like Rutherford, gave the Indivisible organizations in St. Johns, Duval, and Nassau counties high praise for their constructive approach to communication.

Selmont then turned to his perception of local issues. He believes businesses losing power and being flooded during storms is a big problem. "There are infrastructure problems in Nassau County where we need leaders with vision to understand we can't attract Fortune 500 companies to come here and bring their operations to Northeast Florida if the power goes out every time it rains. We can't keep operating like 'business as usual.' We need a 21st-century power grid, we have to have a 21st-century transportation system."

Selmont accused Rutherford, Gov. Rick Scott and Florida 6th District Congressman Ron DeSantis of putting politics before constituents, noting an editorial he saw recently in the *Hartford Current* newspaper thanking Florida and Scott for turning down over a billion dollars in federal railroad money. Selmont said the Department of Transportation went to the next state on the list, which was Connecticut. "Thanks to you, Connecticut and Massachusetts have just opened up a brand new, trans-state commuter railroad," Selmont said, paraphrasing the editorial. "We have politicians turning away our tax dollars and giving them to other states."

Selmont then turned to the challenge of retirees. Selmont said people who have worked hard and put their Social Security and tax dollars into a system and now want to retire should be able to play golf and put their boat in

at a marina. "Unfortunately, too many seniors are looking forward to having to work at the garden center or at Walmart. We have an economic system that is unsustainable. We have cut taxes to the rich and we have a party in power - the House, the Senate, the White House and the Supreme Court - that is threatening to cut Social Security. So in terms of what's affecting the First Coast and what threatens Fernandina, the first thing is income insecurity. The second thing that affects this region is that we want this region to be economically diverse. You want people who grow up here to be able to afford to buy a house here."

Selmont also thinks a transportation system that allows people to get around the region is important. "We need a Congressional delegation that works together ... from the Georgia border to Daytona Beach. ... We should be able to bring home major transportation projects to Florida, where we do more than just add a lane to I-95." Selmont believes that, if Florida took federal matching funds for health care, it would free up \$500 million a year for other state projects: "I am not a tax-and-spend liberal. We do not need to raise taxes to improve our infrastructure. We simply need to take Florida's fair share."

Turning to the subject of military spending in North Florida, Selmont sounded downright hawkish. "We do not have an aircraft carrier here. All our aircraft carriers are in Virginia in one location," Selmont said, referring to carriers on the East Coast of the United States. "Our Congressional delegation needs to work to make sure one is stationed in Jacksonville." Mayport has been without a carrier group since 2007, when the John F. Kennedy was decommissioned. "Another thing is, we are not bringing the high-tech jobs to Jacksonville. ... The current jobs are 'not incubators.'"

"We need to attract that here. We need colleges with sophisticated engineering and science programs here locally, so we can have a functioning high-tech ecosystem. And that is what the military can do here. ... Right now, it's not; it's a well-funded logistics incubator."

Selmont believes the highest priority of the next Congress should be an Executive Accountability Act, with a president required by law to put assets in a blind trust, release tax returns, and adhere to an anti-nepotism clause. "Congress needs to get back to the business of legislating and leading," Selmont added. "We have a lot to do to restore the public's faith in our justice system." He sees that as the biggest issue facing the next Congress.

Selmont, who says he organized the cleaning staff at his dormitory into a union when he was 10 or 20 years old, points to economic fairness as another big issue: "We have allowed teachers and others in our economy to have their salaries eroded. We

need to fix that economic system. ... Instead of busting unions, we need to look at strengthening our labor system in this country. We need to protect workers and raise wages. People cannot even conceive of retiring, and Social Security is under attack."

Turning to President Trump's repeatedly calling journalists dishonest and "enemies of the people," Selmont called it "Nixonian," and urged Trump to "concentrate less on the press and concentrate more on Russia, quite frankly. And he should worry about cleaning his own house. ... Journalism is very important to this country. They shine a light. I am not saying they are not above criticism, but to attack the press and try to rally people against the press, to perpetuate some notion that major, valued institutions like *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* are printing fake news would be laughable, except for the fact that many people are believing it. The press is incredibly important, incredibly vital."

As far as the Special Counsel's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election, Selmont referred to his legal training, saying, "wait for a trial," but "it certainly sounds like there has been some collusion between President Trump's campaign and Russia. ... It is incredibly chilling to think that a foreign government's espionage wing could be focused on the political opponents of the president's friends and allies. ... There's nothing more important than the sanctity of our elections."

Selmont says he can sense a pent up excitement and demand for Democratic candidates. "When they see us side by side, I think they will like what I have to say, and think that I am the kind of change they need to send to Washington."

Though there are currently no debates or town halls scheduled between Selmont and Rutherford, Selmont believes that is "the American way," and he is "ready, willing, and able."

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Gilman mill site up for auction

Old Weed and Ready Plantation, LLC has retained Equity Partners HG, Heritage Global Partners, and Zetabid, collectively, as the exclusive financial advisor for a sealed bid auction of the former Durango Mill/Gilman Paper Company Site in St. Marys, Ga., according to a news release. The waterfront property consists of 719 gross acres and has been

through a long bankruptcy process, demolished, and is ready for resale. The minimum bid amount and reserve price is \$8 million.

The Gilman Paper Company operated a paper mill on the site from 1939 to 1999, when the company and plant was sold to a Mexican company and renamed Durango Georgia Paper Company. It went into

bankruptcy in 2002.

The site is currently zoned industrial, but a residential development plan with over 1,000 units was approved on the site with a prior residential developer and supported by the city of St. Marys. The Camden County Joint Development Authority is under contract to buy 50 acres of the site as a luxury marina development.

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requested. Currently, the only impact fees within the control of the city or county are those related to fire, police and parks. School fees and water and sewer fees are not negotiable. Burke advised that Miami-Dade County is now requiring anyone requesting a variance of any kind to do set asides for affordable housing, meaning they must include a certain percentage of affordable units at a reduced rate within all new developments.

The subcommittee has been reviewing a list of incentives currently being used by the St. Johns Housing Partnership for adaptation here.

The subcommittee has also reviewed a map of government-owned property in Nassau County with the conclusion there is not a lot of public land available. The county owns a parcel of land on North 14th Street on Amelia

Island where the old Humphreys Memorial Hospital stood.

Taylor requested the BOCC allow staff to look into using this property as a Community Land Trust or perhaps for development of a pocket neighborhood.

The next Speaker Series event sponsored by the AHAC is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 19 at the County Commission Chambers in Yulee. Two attorneys from Jacksonville Legal Aide will speak to the community on issues that can drive people from their homes. The AHAC events are free and no reservations are required.

The next meeting of the AHAC is scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19. Meetings are held at the County Commission Chambers. The public is welcome to attend.

For more information about the work of AHAC, contact Adrienne Burke at aburke@nassaucopl.com.



JUDIE MACKIE/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Something Good returns to the farmers market with gluten-free sweet breads, biscuits, and cookies.

New dairy vendor and gluten-free choices at market

JUDIE MACKIE
For the News-Leader

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market is thrilled to introduce our newest vendor, Key Dairy. We are inviting you to stop by Saturday to meet Jay and Denise as they present to our community, for the very first time, their fresh cow and goat milks, butter, cream, cheese, kefir and yogurt. They will also be selling a variety of nut butters and we feel they will be a wonderful addition to your local farmers market.

More products you don't want to miss will be the return of gluten-free sweet breads, biscuits, and cookies. Everything you find in Something Good's booth is gluten free. This will be Dee's only visit in September, so be sure to get to the Market Place before she sells out. In addition to these, you'll find our other - fresh from the kitchen or farm - vendors and their amazing lineup of locally grown and naturally produced products.

This week we will be hosting members of the local



American Legion who will bring the OneBlood bus to the farmers market every eight weeks. Your blood donation will leave you with a great feeling of accomplishment knowing that you are helping to fill local blood banks with life saving supplies. Our Booth With a Cause will be the Nassau County Emergency Management team, and artist Alexia Marshall will be featured in our "Talented Youth" area.

Join us with your family and friends where you can shop under Florida's tropical blue skies in a family-friendly atmosphere. The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market is located on North Seventh Street, between Centre and Alachua streets, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. This week's music is being provided by Lucas Merran.

Barnabas receives funding for its dental services

Barnabas Center was recently awarded a Delta Dental Community Care Foundation Access to Care grant of \$28,500, according to a news release.

The donation represents funding for the Barnabas dental program, one of the many services offered at Barnabas. The grant will fund the purchase of much-needed dental supplies that support restorative and preventative dental care for low- to moderate-income adults who have no health insurance. Services include cleanings, x-rays, dentures, etc.

The grant was awarded in time for National Fresh Breath Day on Aug. 6. This day was cre-

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ated to appreciate oral hygiene and its importance. Barnabas supports the importance of oral hygiene and access to affordable dental care, regardless of one's income or health insurance coverage. Information is available by calling 261-7000.

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Water conservation to be topic at MNC luncheon

Jennifer Mitchell, Ph.D., of the St. Johns River Water Management District, will discuss the stress on the local water supply and the need for conservation Sept. 20 during the Men's Newcomers Club luncheon at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club on Bill Melton Road in Fernandina Beach, according to a news release. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a social half-hour.

Mitchell, public communications coordinator at SJRWMD, holds a degree in forest ecology from Auburn University and completed her post-doctorate in soil and water science at the University of Florida. She seeks greater community participation in reducing impact on our waterways, according to the release.

SJRWMD's mission is to balance human need for water

with that of nature. The district was established in 1972 as a state environmental regulatory agency concerned with water quality, water supply, flood protection and maintaining natural systems.

Reservations for the luncheon must be made by email to bwesche6@gmail.com or by phone to 310-9055 by Saturday, Sept. 15. Cost is \$15 when reservations are made in advance. The cost of the luncheon will be \$20 for those without reservations. The \$15 lunch checks can be mailed to the MNC, P.O. Box 16291, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035, to arrive by Sept. 15. Non-members, attending a meeting for the first time, will be charged \$15, and if they join the MNC that day, the \$15 luncheon cost will be applied to the membership fee.



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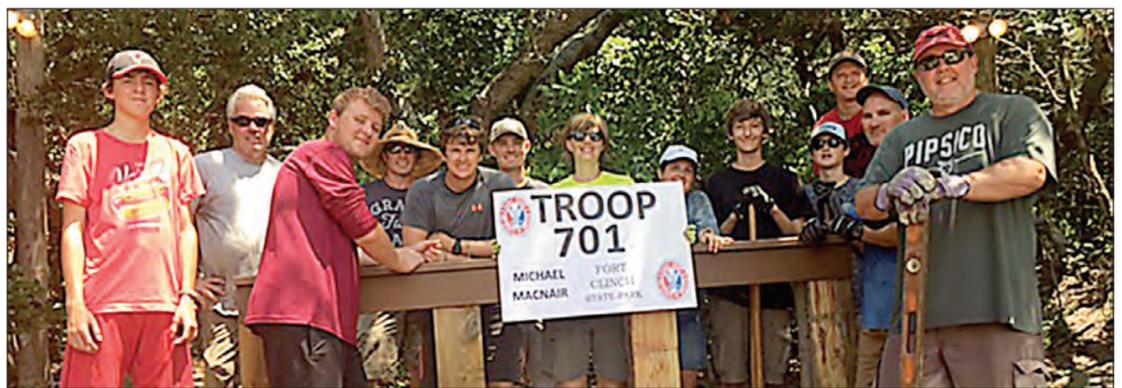
Leading the Men's Newcomers Club as it begins its 22nd year are Glenn Gerhardt, right, president, and Bob Seel, left, vice president. Steve Helburn, center, was president for the past two years. The club returns from its summer hiatus with a luncheon on Sept. 20 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT REPLACES BENCHES



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Michael MacNair and a group of volunteers from Troop 701 recently removed 10 old benches from the small amphitheater at Fort Clinch and built replacements out of trex board, which resists the elements. The effort took about six hours during a hot, humid Florida day. MacNair raised money for the project by holding a garage sale and soliciting donations locally. The volunteers who worked with MacNair include Karen and Tim MacNair, Joe Gallerizzo, Cathy, Mark, Nate and Tyler Sabatini, Linda, Michael and Mallory Crow, Kyle and Winston Selph, Chase Oliver, Rebecca Martinez, Cole Strain, Ian and Stephen Head, Nick Foster, and Lee and Tristan Peavy.



LABOR DAY was created in 1882. This was a day to celebrate the American worker during a time when the working class needed to support each other. The industries were established and the workers were the backbone of their success. Organizations began popping up to protect the worker.

Labor Day honors the craftsmen who carve all we enjoy. I a nation full of economic freedom and stability, "It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership - the American worker."

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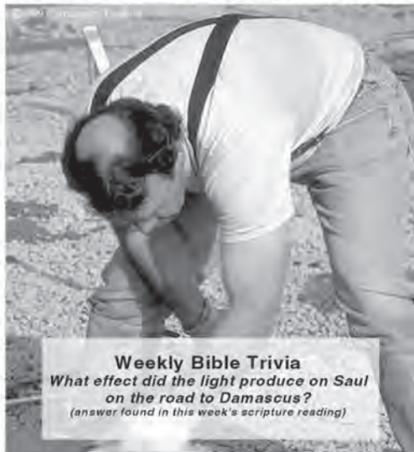
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What effect did the light produce on Saul on the road to Damascus?
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Sadler Road proposed changes

What a mistake it would be to add parallel parking on Sadler. I believe if you took a poll, you would find out that close to 50 percent of drivers cannot parallel park. I can just imagine the backup on the road from attempts to slip into a parking space.

Perhaps some reporter could answer the question: How many beach parking spaces are available in the city and county? Never heard the total number of spaces at Peters Point. Why is the city reducing spaces for Salt Life?

There is no way the city or county can provide sufficient beach parking to accommodate all the growth currently in progress on and off the island.

Mary Miller
Fernandina Beach

Analyzing parking

There are some basic facts about island parking that most of us do not like to face when getting into the “parking argument.” The obvious one is that the island has limited space. Another obvious fact is that increasing county development, including “Wildlight,” will soon be overwhelming the island.

There is a new plan making the rounds regarding Sadler Road, which is a county road leading to a city beach. The county’s proposed plan would help make Sadler a “destination” by adding 60 parallel parking spaces between Drury Lane and the beach, and narrowing the road to two lanes with a six-foot bike path on either side of the road. The county heavily promoted this plan at the farmers market and various other locations for the last month.

It sounds like the county wants the city to pay for their beach maintenance. There are several county-maintained and policed beaches with large parking lots that are rarely full.

At a City Commission meeting, the city’s planning supervisor was asked for her input regarding the county’s plan. The response from city residents has been mixed, but the need for safe crosswalks in that area was acknowledged.

City Commissioner (Phil) Chapman asked if either normal traffic or city fire engines will be able to maneuver around the congestion of vehicles stopping mid-road to try and parallel park. He also questioned whether families parking and walking with small children loaded down with beach gear would be endangered, especially at the roundabout where drivers are often confused.

As Sadler Road is a county road, don’t forget to give the county commissioners your thoughts and feedback. They are in the driver’s seat here.

If you’re like me, the above ideas sound like insanity; but it doesn’t stop there. Another idea floating around is to create more beach access parking at the eastern edge of the Greenway on First Avenue. Would parking cars on First Avenue mean cutting Greenway trees? If so, that’s a no for me.

Adversely affecting quality of life in the Sadler Road-First Avenue vicinity is similar to that which is happening downtown. New condo and housing complexes are beginning to be built in the heart of the city. Current law only requires one space per residential unit be provided by the developer. Obviously, nearby city public spaces will be used to supplement the complexes’ parking. Those same city spaces are presently also being used by businesses and event parking. In other parts of the Historic District, new downtown residential construction requires no onsite parking. If restaurants, businesses, and downtown churches hope to survive, available parking is necessary for customers.

I think it would be nice if the city commissioners required more due diligence by city staff and advisory boards when okaying downtown permitting including any zoning or land development changes that increase density. Every new permit should require adequate parking of 2 or 2.5 places per unit or we’re just adding to a long list of current insanities.

It seems the city’s parking needs are unbridled, and it doesn’t take a genius to figure out that the county wants city residents to provide them with costly beach parking, nor does it take a genius to figure out that soon we’ll have a huge parking dilemma downtown. If parking garages were big money makers, the developers would be falling all over each other to build us a downtown garage. With their focus on making money, I would assume developers are happy with condo developments and apartment complexes with NO city parking being required.

Then there’s the ever-present argument for “paid” parking which will impact everyone. I assume that’s another whole can of worms that’s bound to come back up soon. Whew! I can’t keep up with it all!

Joyce Newlin
Fernandina Beach

Fouling the beach

Another summer is winding down. That means members of the Amelia Island Beach and Marine Life Protection Task Force can take stock of what we learned over the past three months and report back to you. We are a brigade of about 34 volunteers who walk the beaches in the evenings to remove trash.

Well folks, it’s not a pretty picture. Our collective experience suggests that most people try to avoid leaving obvious litter on the beach. Larger pieces of trash, with the exception of plastic bags and plastic drink bottles, were not much of a problem. But we were confronted with huge amounts of tiny offenders (the material that is most harmful to sea life): cigarette butts, bottle caps, plastic straws from juice boxes and the cellophane that covers those straws, bandages, zip ties, rubber hair bands, store price tags and bits of shattered plastic from toys, beach chairs, boats and other items.

Armed with buckets and grabbers, we fished these items from the sand night after night. Cigarette butts are, by far, the most common and egregious litter fouling our beaches — left there intentionally. Kind of made us wonder about the nicotine content of our sand.

We also found the yucky and amusing, such as condoms, tampons, underwear and many, many socks. One evening, a volunteer found a naked, headless Ken doll. The next evening, another volunteer located its head. Ken is now RIP in a trash can. We saw lots of peanut shells. While biodegradable, peanut shells don’t add to the ambiance of our beaches. Early in June, we found shredded, white Styrofoam—probably from a boogie board—dispersed across several hundred feet of Peters Point. Tiny white spheres were in the water line. We tried to scoop them up, but it was impossible. We saw white Styrofoam spheres around the beach and walkways of Peters Point all summer.

So what lessons can we share with you?

- Adopt a carry-in, carry-out policy at the beach. Hold all members of your party accountable.
- Open newly purchased bottles of sunscreen, towels, beach chairs and toys at home and dispose of the tags and plastic wrapping before going to the beach.
- Kids need beach toys. But either keep track of the toys or limit what you bring.
- Don’t take any plastic bags to the beach. With one gust of wind, they blow away and end up in the water.
- Smokers, the beach isn’t your ashtray. Collect your cigarette butts while the rest of us ponder the benefits of banning smoking on the beach (as other states have done).
- Join us! We were heartened by the positive reaction and thanks from beach-goers who witnessed our efforts and wanted to help.

With the growing global awareness of the plastic garbage collecting in the oceans, we need to act locally. We are the stewards of Amelia Island’s beaches. Lets keep them clean and remember how privileged we are to live by the sea.

Shari Roan
Fernandina Beach

Business is confident

U.S. consumers are the most confident since 2000, and the confidence extends to the business sector, especially in flourishing places like Nassau County.

And it’s an unbridled confidence here. Commercial and industrial expansion is happening as if on steroids, amid a massive influx of people to work in the new industries, to shop at the new stores, to eat at the new restaurants.

Laura DiBella revels in the activity. She likes winning in her role as executive director of the Nassau County Economic Development Board. The board’s mission is to spearhead our local economy in many ways.

Meanwhile, the business confidence here is palpable. It is “evidenced by the expansion activity,” she says. “From health care to manufacturing to everything else. You don’t have to take my word for it. Just look around.”

DiBella’s job is to make Nassau County appealing — to keep existing businesses here and to attract new ones. To stay ahead, her office recently initiated a workforce study. The study aimed to identify workforce needs of companies already here, and those looking to move here.

The survey, conducted by an outside firm, is a proactive measure “to get ahead and stay ahead,” she says. After all, the location and land availability are no longer the overwhelming attractions, because we are well-endowed in both areas. “The land is no longer the competitive tool,” she says. “It’s the talent.”

Indeed, the labor market is tight here, like it is in many places. A sub-4 percent national unemployment rate reflects this. Cultivating the labor market is a top priority for DiBella’s office. The workforce report sheds light on this, making these main points:

1. Growth will continue because of Nassau County’s proximity to the Jacksonville metropolitan area and migration of residents to Northeast Florida.
2. The unemployment rate for



STEVE'S MARKET PLACE

Steve Nicklas

Nassau County was a remarkable 3.4 percent in January.

3. Over the next 10 years, the fastest growing profession in Nassau County is expected to be health care support occupations.

4. Nassau County has experienced a 12 percent growth in population since the 2010 Census; amid

a growing metropolitan region, that number should continue to rise.

5. Nassau County has a labor participation rate slightly lower than the state and national average at 56 percent (because of so many retirees here); looking at the population between the ages of 20-64, however, that jumps to 72 percent.

6. In addition, there are many other employment issues raised in the exhaustive report. DiBella’s office will dissect the report and its recommendations. The report is impressive.

To complement her efforts, there is an existing industry here that continues to thrive, and prosper. It’s tourism. And it’s a function of economic development.

Tourism continues to turn up new leads. They are people who come here for vacations, festivals, conferences. “We market to them from every angle possible,” DiBella says.

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Pre-mourning boosts life before death

Social media and digital tools have changed the way we live and, to some extent, the way we die. Increasingly, loved ones and notables are honored through what could be called pre-mourning.

“I love my husband with all my heart,” tweeted Cindy McCain, as it was reported that her husband, Sen. John McCain, would discontinue treatment in his battle with cancer. Daughter Meghan tweeted, “Thank you for all your continued support and prayers.”

The tweets were echoed hundreds of thousands of times in less than 24 hours. The hope, of course, was that heartfelt messages would reach the Arizona senator before his death.

Before Aretha Franklin’s death on Aug. 16, the Queen of Soul was similarly honored by fans via social media. According to CNN’s Don Lemon, a reporter with close ties to Franklin, pre-mourning messages from an adoring public were read aloud to the 76-year-old singer during her final hours.

Back in June, when Charles Krauthammer, the acclaimed conservative columnist learned that he was dying of cancer, he wrote on *The Washington Post* website that he had only a few weeks to live. His last words soon reverberated on social media.

“I believe that the pursuit of truth and right ideas through honest debate and rigorous argument is a noble undertaking,” he wrote. “I am

grateful to have played a small role in the conversations that have helped guide this extraordinary nation’s destiny.”

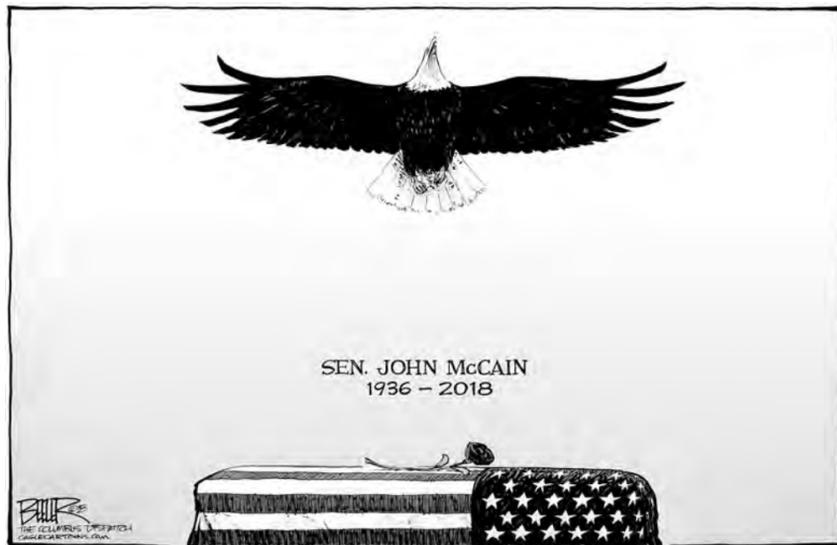
Like John McCain, Krauthammer received an enormous outpouring of pre-mourning praise from all sides of the political spectrum. Each man was noted for taking a fair and articulate approach to the issues that seem, more than ever, to divide us.

Social media was active in April before the passing of Barbara Bush, the wife of one president and mother of another. The love and respect for Mrs. Bush was immediately apparent in the flood of digital messages — many of which reached her before her death.

Barbara Bush planned every detail of her funeral and burial, but few in modern times have orchestrated a goodbye with such grace, dignity and detail as John McCain.

Some of our public heroes, such as the comedian Robin Williams, for example, are taken from us in such a way that there can be no pre-mourning. But, as McCain demonstrated, when one’s fate is clear, there can be no greater source of final satisfaction than to hear and read the messages from those who care so deeply.

“Like most people, I have regrets,” wrote McCain in his farewell. “But I would not trade a day of my life, in good or bad times, for the best day of anyone else’s.”



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A grateful nation mourns John McCain now, but was able to reach out before his death through social media and salute him.

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MITEY MITES



The Fernandina Beach Pop Warner Mitey Mites hosted the Yulee Mitey Mite-White team on Saturday. The hosts prevailed over the visiting Hornets. Yulee-Green teams travel to Fernandina Beach Saturday with games at 9 a.m. (Tiny Mites), 12:30 p.m. (Mitey Mites) and 2:30 p.m. (Junior Peewees). The Yulee Tiny Mites-Gold host Middleburg at 10:30 a.m., and the Yulee Mitey Mites-Gold play at Ponte Vedra at 10 a.m. Yulee's Mitey-Mite-White team plays at Callahan at 2 p.m., and the Yulee Peewees-Green host Clay PAL at 8 p.m.

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▼ FOOTBALL

Pirates face Flashes; bye week for Hornets

BETH JONES
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The Hornets and Pirates are coming off losses as they enter week two of the high school football season. The Yulee High School football team, which lost 27-21 to Palatka in the opener, has a bye this week. The Fernandina Beach Pirates, who fell 24-15 to Keystone Heights, head to Hilliard tonight. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Yulee lost in the waning seconds Friday to the host Palatka Panthers.

Sophomore quarterback Kyle Lee completed 12 of 26 attempts for 141 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Nyle Perkins (four receptions for 27 yards) and Garrett Halliwell (two catches for 23) reeled in the TD passes. Cole Richardson had 99 yards on four receptions.

JhaCurry Simpson led the rushing attack with 66 yards on 13 carries. Javari Williams rushed seven times for 23 yards and scored a touchdown.

Clayton Walden led the Hornet defense with eight solo tackles and three assists. Gavin Knight recorded four solo tackles and as many assists. Bryson Williams had three solos tackles and four assists and forced a fumble. Sanchez Albertie, Jalen Holmes and Lakhan Montgomery and four tackles apiece. Albertie also had an interception and two pass breakups. Garyet Williams recovered a fumble.

Chase Boyd and A.J. West scored touchdowns for the FBHS Pirates Friday in their opener against visiting Keystone Heights. West hauled in a pass from Jackson Mock for the score.

▼ VOLLEYBALL

Lady Hornets prevail 3-2 over Lady Pirates

"The girls showed a lot of fight coming back from losing the first two sets," said Jenna Martin, head volleyball coach at Fernandina Beach High School. "We turned it around in the third and fourth sets. And in the fifth set, Yulee gave it everything they could, and we did our best it but it just wasn't quite enough."

Host Yulee beat the FBHS Lady Pirates 25-18, 25-19, 25-27, 23-25, 15-7 on Monday. "It was an exciting match," YHS Coach Donna Jackson said. "Our passing was off, but the team was able to pull out a win."

Emily Sheperis led Yulee with 10 kills, six aces and six blocks; Maddie Vanzant record-

ed eight kills; Jaelyn Harding had three aces; and Megan Costolo had 34 assists.

"Overall the team played well," Jackson said. "Although they dropped sets three and four, the team was able to finish strong in the fifth set."

Emily Duggan had 29 kills and 12 digs for FBHS; Alayna Jones had five aces and 10 digs; Ryley Parkin had three blocks; Emma Ward had 11 digs; and Elizabeth Burnet had 17 assists.

Yulee (3-1) beat Paxon Aug. 23 in a district matchup.

Sheperis led with 11 kills and eight blocks.

FBHS hosts the rematch with the Yulee Lady Hornets on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.

Lewis gets full ride to wrestle, first for Yulee

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Classes started two weeks ago for McKenzie "Big Mac" Lewis, Yulee High School's first wrestler to garner an athletic scholarship in the sport. Lewis received a full ride to Spartanburg Methodist College.

"I had a couple of other offers," Lewis said. But he decided to go the junior college route and start at a smaller school.

"Cumberland is offering me a full ride, so after my two years here, I'm going to do two years there," Lewis said.

"We are excited our first-ever wrestling scholarship is awarded to McKenzie," said Candy Hicken, athletic director at Yulee. "He is a model athlete and has worked hard to accomplish his goal to grapple at the collegiate level."

The heavyweight grappler racked up more than 100 wins in his four years at Yulee. He is a four-time regional qualifier, two-time state qualifier and he placed sixth in the state this season. The district champion placed third in the regional tournament and was Yulee's lone state qualifier.

"That is an impressive four years spent as a Yulee Hornet," said Brandon Crowder, head wrestling coach at Yulee. "Not only did he excel in wrestling but he was an accomplished football player."

"Our goal is to grow these kids into not only winners on the mat, but wonderful people. I believe we did that with 'Big Mac'."

"Big Mac" has always been one of my favorites because of how hard he works and the great person he is. Coach (Ralph) Mortier and Coach (Doug) Youmans and the rest of our staff are so proud of how he ended his career and will truly be missed."

Mortier agrees.

"I feel we are going to see a team emerge from Yulee High School like no other," he said. "Our community should be on the lookout for greatness. 'Big Mac' has set the bar for our wrestling athletes."

At 6-foot-1, 279 pounds, Lewis lives up to his nickname.

"I'm a big, old boy," he said.

A lineman for the Hornets the past four years, Lewis said he turned down football offers to pursue wrestling.

"I chose wrestling," he said.

He plans to study physical education but wrestling will be in his future long after graduation.

"I want to go back to Yulee and be an assistant coach for the wrestling team," Lewis said. "I have a couple of kids who actually look up to me



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McKenzie "Big Mac" Lewis, above in action this season; Yulee's district champion, left; and far left, with Athletic Director Candy Hicken and coaches Brandon Crowder and Doug Youmans, standing, and Coach Ralph Mortier.

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right now. I have three or four kids asking me, 'Do you know what I should do for wrestling or what kind of moves I should do?'

"Monday is Labor Day, and we don't have

school, so I might come back down and roll with them a little bit."

The season opens in October for the Hornet-turned-Pioneer, and he and his teammates are

preparing daily for the 2018 season.

"We've been putting in a lot of work," Lewis said. "We've been lifting tires. We run six miles every day."

Nassau Pride laying foundation with key additions

Tryouts will be held in early 2019

To compete at a high-level, the Nassau Pride — a new franchise in the American Basketball Association — recognizes the need for a strong team on and off of the court. After an extensive search, Dwane Joshua has been named head coach after signing a three-year deal.



Joshua

Joshua comes to the organization with a wealth of experience as a player and coach. A Jacksonville native, he averaged 24 points his senior year in high school and was the area's Offensive Player of the Year and member of the All-Gateway Conference Team.

The former North Carolina A&T State University standout led the Aggies to its first regular season title in more than 15 years and was the team's captain for three consecutive seasons. He then competed in

the ABA for four seasons. With more than eight years of coaching experience, Joshua served as an assistant coach for Potter's House in Jacksonville, won six championships with the AAU Jacksonville Nets and helped more than 40 student-athletes obtain scholarships. In addition, the Pride's newly formed advisory board, which consists of numerous local leaders in education, health care, government and business, will play a pivotal role.

"We wanted a board that was committed to the betterment of Nassau County and was willing to share their insights and diverse perspectives to ensure that our organization was reflective of the community and competitive," said Darrin Eakins, co-owner of the Pride with Dr. Jeremy Coleman.

With the coach and community advisory board solidified, the Nassau Pride is shifting its focus to player recruitment. Player tryouts will be held in early 2019 and more information will soon be available at www.nassaupride.com. Interested prospects should forward game footage as evaluations are currently underway.



Dwane Joshua recently signed a three-year contract to coach the Nassau Pride, an American Basketball Association team forming in Nassau County.

Babe Ruth baseball

Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth will hold annual board elections at 6 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Buccaneer Field clubhouse, 1201 Beech St. Fall baseball registration is open through Sept. 9. Tryouts for all divisions are Sept. 10-13. Opening day is Oct. 6. The season runs through Nov. 23. Visit www.fbri.com.

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 at www.foldsofhonor.org. Visit www.ameliainlandguidesassociation.com for tournament information. To donate or have a booth at the event, contact Capt. Scott Thompson at 430-6014.

Hunter safety

A hunter safety class will be held Oct. 6, with sessions from 8 a.m. to noon in the Callahan Fire Station community room and from 1-4 p.m. at the North Florida Firearms and Tactical Center in Hilliard.

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Students must have completed the online course at www.MyFWC.com before taking the course.

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.ameliainlandlacrosse.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 aincyouthlacrosse@gmail.com or (843) 263-0761.

Monster Jam

The Monster Jam Triple Threat Series will be held at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena at 1 p.m. and

7 p.m. Sept. 1. The pit party is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Grave Digger, Megalodon, Max-D and El Toro Loco are the featured trucks for this event.

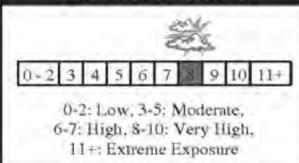
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Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High / Low
Friday	Mostly Cloudy	87 / 75
Saturday	Mostly Cloudy	85 / 76
Sunday	Scattered T-storms	87 / 75
Monday	Scattered T-storms	86 / 76
Tuesday	Scattered T-storms	84 / 78
Wednesday	Few Showers	83 / 73
Thursday	Few Showers	86 / 76

Local UV Index



Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	4:02-6:02	4:25-6:25	Tue	7:32-9:32	8:02-10:02
Sat	4:50-6:50	5:15-7:15	Wed	8:32-10:32	9:02-11:02
Sun	5:41-7:41	6:07-8:07	Thu	9:33-11:33	10:03-12:03
Mon	6:35-8:35	7:03-9:03			

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Weather Trivia

What is the largest size a raindrop can be?
 Answer: A quarter inch because air friction breaks it up if it is larger.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:01 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	11:10 p.m.	11:36 a.m.
Sat	7:02 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	11:51 p.m.	12:35 p.m.
Sun	7:02 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	Prev Day	1:36 p.m.
Mon	7:03 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	12:36 a.m.	2:38 p.m.
Tue	7:04 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	1:26 a.m.	3:40 p.m.
Wed	7:04 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	2:23 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
Thu	7:05 a.m.	7:42 p.m.	3:26 a.m.	5:36 p.m.

Weather History

Aug. 31, 1954 - Hurricane Carol swept across eastern New England, killing 60 people and causing 450 million dollars in damage. It was the first of three hurricanes to affect New England that year.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days
8/22	91	76	89/75	0.00"	33
8/23	88	76	89/75	0.00"	32
8/24	87	78	89/75	0.00"	32
8/25	89	75	89/75	0.00"	32
8/26	88	76	88/75	0.00"	32
8/27	88	76	88/75	0.00"	32
8/28	84	76	88/75	0.00"	32

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

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance				
Date	High	Low	None	Date	High	Low	None	
Fri	12:27 am	6:18 am	12:50 pm	6:46 pm	Fri	12:14 pm	6:15 am	None
Sat	1:09 am	7:04 am	1:36 pm	7:41 pm	Sat	12:33 am	7:01 am	1:00 pm
Sun	1:56 am	7:57 am	2:29 pm	8:43 pm	Sun	1:20 am	7:54 am	1:53 pm
Mon	2:50 am	8:56 am	3:28 pm	9:46 pm	Mon	2:14 am	8:53 am	2:52 pm
Tue	3:50 am	9:58 am	4:34 pm	10:49 pm	Tue	3:14 am	9:55 am	3:58 pm
Wed	4:57 am	11:01 am	5:41 pm	11:50 pm	Wed	4:21 am	10:58 am	5:05 pm
Thu	6:05 am	12:03 pm	6:45 pm	None	Thu	5:29 am	12:00 pm	6:09 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - It's Just Another Day on Mars

I admire Peter K. Deterline's attitude. He is the lead astronomer and visionary for the Mars Desert Research Station Robotic Observatory. Moravian has a 25 percent telescope timeshare in this endeavor, and Pete is gearing up to teach an online astronomy course about observational techniques this fall. When trouble arises, Pete says, "It's just another day on Mars," and in a realistic way it could be much worse. If we were on ruddy Mars, now shining brightly low in the south around 11 p.m., we'd have to suit up before going outside to fix some of these problems; whereas at MDRS all we have to do is open the hatch. On an even brighter note, the sun pushed temperatures into the low 100s on this August 1 day, but the robotic observatory seemed to be functioning properly with the clamshell dome opening and closing remotely and the cooling fans of the cameras humming and whirling confidently. That was before the power loss, but we brought everything back online again this morning. On that first night, we slept outside. When I awoke around midnight, the moon was up, and ruddy Mars was shining brightly in the south. Two hours later, still conscious and now getting cold, I popped back into the habitat and finished the night in my bed, a little uncomfortable because of the heat, but okay enough to sleep. The next morning, things did take a turn for the better. With the sun now shining, the solar power returned, but the system was not charging. We checked the fluid levels and tested the backup power generator. It started, and then ran continuously for the next six days. There are support people from the Mars Society on call when problems arise, and they respond quickly with good advice. We also managed to get the swamp box operational, an evaporative device that circulates air through a moist, water-absorbing material, cooling the habitat's interior by at least 20 degrees Fahrenheit. It works exceptionally well in low humidity areas like deserts, and is similar to the way you feel after emerging from a swimming pool on a windy, summer afternoon. More adventures at MDRS next week www.astronomy.org

2018 SCHEDULES

School	Event	Date	Time	
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Varsity Football	Aug. 31	at Hilliard 7:30	
	Open	Sept. 7		
	WOLFSON*	Sept. 14	7:00	
	at Stanton (homecoming)	Sept. 21	7:00	
	at Zephyrhills Christian	Sept. 28	7:00	
	at Paxon	Oct. 5	7:00	
	WEST NASSAU*	Oct. 12	7:00	
	SATELLITE BEACH	Oct. 19	7:00	
	at North Fl. Edu. Institute	Oct. 26	7:00	
	at Yulee	Nov. 2	7:00	
	*District			
	YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	Varsity Football	Aug. 31	Open
at Menendez		Sept. 7	7:00	
PAXON*		Sept. 14	7:00	
at West Nassau		Sept. 21	7:00	
NEW SMYRNA BEACH		Sept. 28	7:00	
BISHOP KENNY**		Oct. 5	7:00	
at Stanton*		Oct. 12	7:00	
SUWANNEE*		Oct. 19	7:00	
at Ribault*		Oct. 26	7:00	
FERNANDINA BEACH		Nov. 2	7:00	
*District ** Homecoming				
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		Junior Varsity Football	Sept. 6	HILLIARD 6:00
	at Bishop Kenny	Sept. 13	6:00	
	STANTON	Sept. 27	6:00	
	YULEE	Oct. 14	6:00	
	at Ridgeview	Oct. 11	6:00	
	at Bolles	Oct. 18	6:00	
	at Episcopal	Oct. 25	6:00	
	YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	Junior Varsity Football	Sept. 6	Open
		SANDALWOOD	Sept. 13	6:00
		WEST NASSAU	Sept. 20	6:00
		BISHOP KENNY	Sept. 27	6:00
		at Fernandina Beach	Oct. 4	6:00
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		Cross Country	Sept. 2	at Jekyll Invite 8:00
		at Ponte Vedra Invite	Sept. 16	7:30
		at UF Mt. Dew Invite	Sept. 23	2:00
		at Alligator Lake Invite	Sept. 30	8:10
		AMELIA ISLAND INVITE	Oct. 14	8:00
		DISTRICT	Oct. 28	8/8:35
		Regional at Alligator Lake Park	Nov. 4	
	State	Nov. 11		
	FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Volleyball	Sept. 4	at Florida D&B 6/7:00
		at First Coast	Sept. 6	5:30/6:30
		FIRST COAST	Sept. 10	5:30/6:30
		BOLLES*	Sept. 11	5:30/6:30
at Baldwin*		Sept. 13	5:30/6:30	
at JVA River City Classic		Sept. 14-15	5:30/6:30	
at West Nassau		Sept. 27	5:30/6:30	
PAXON		Oct. 1	5:30/6:30	
at Duval Charter		Oct. 4	6/7:00	
JVA JV tourney		Oct. 6	5:30/6:30	
UNIVERSITY (strs.)		Oct. 9	5:30/6:30	
District at Episcopal		Oct. 15-16		
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	Volleyball	Sept. 4	at Orange Park 6/7:00	
	RIBALULT	Sept. 11	5:30/6:30	
	HILLIARD	Sept. 13	6/7:00	
	at River City Classic	Sept. 14-15	6/7:00	
	Ridgeview	Sept. 17	6/7:00	
	WEST NASSAU	Sept. 18	5:30/6:30	
	TERRY PARKER	Sept. 20	5:30/6:30	
	CAMDEN COUNTY	Sept. 24	5:30/6:30	
	Fernandina	Sept. 25	6/7:00	
	at Stanton	Sept. 27	6/7:00	
	at Paxon	Oct. 2	6/7:00	
	at West Nassau	Oct. 4	6/7:00	
JVA JV tourney	Oct. 6	6/7:00		
at Hilliard	Oct. 8	6/7:00		
BAKER COUNTY	Oct. 9	6/7:00		
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Boys Golf	Sept. 5	at Ponte Vedra 2:25	
	YULEE	Sept. 10	4:00	
	at West Nassau	Sept. 13	4:00	
	NEASE	Sept. 18	4:00	
	at Episcopal	Sept. 24	4:15	
	BOLLES	Sept. 25	4:00	
	STANTON	Sept. 28	4:00	
	at Bishop Kenny	Oct. 1	4:00	
	WEST NASSAU	Oct. 4	4:00	
	DISTRICT	Oct. 15	8:00	
	Oct. 22, 23 or 24 Regional			
	State	Nov. 1-3		
YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL	Football	Sept. 4	Open	
	LAKE CITY	Sept. 11	6:00	
	BOLLES	Sept. 18	5:00	
	TRINITY CHRISTIAN	Sept. 25	5:00	
	ST. MARYS	Oct. 3	5:00	
	Open	Oct. 9		
	at Camden	Oct. 16	5:00	
	at Ferandina Beach	Oct. 23	6:00	
	YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL	Volleyball	Sept. 4	HILLIARD 5:30/6:30
		EPISCOPAL	Sept. 5	5:00/6:00
		at Callahan	Sept. 6	5:30/6:30
		HILLIARD	Sept. 11	5:30/6:30
at Hilliard		Sept. 17	5:30/6:30	
at Trinity		Sept. 20	4:00/5:00	
BOLLES		Sept. 21	5/6:30	
B semis at Hilliard		Sept. 24	5:30/6:30	
A semis at FBMS		Sept. 25	5:30/6:30	
Finals at Callahan		Sept. 27	5:30/6:30	
FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL		Football	Sept. 4	at Episcopal 6:00
		at St. Marys	Sept. 11	6:00
	at Callahan	Sept. 18	6:00	
	CHARLTON COUNTY	Sept. 25	6:00	
	TRINITY	Oct. 2	6:00	
	Open	Oct. 9		
	at Bolles	Oct. 16	6:00	
	YULEE*	Oct. 23	6:00	
	*Homecoming			
	FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL	Volleyball	Sept. 6	at Hilliard 5:30/6:30
		at Bolles	Sept. 7	5:30/6:30
		CALLAHAN	Sept. 10	5:30/6:30
at Lakeside		Sept. 14	5:30/6:30	
BOLLES		Sept. 20	5:30/6:30	
JV semis at Hilliard		Sept. 24	5:30/6:30	
V semis at FBMS		Sept. 25	5:30/6:30	
Finals at Callahan		Sept. 27	5:30/6:30	

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Impact fees for buying city land

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Ross

As more city residents are becoming increasingly concerned about conserving island land, vegetation and trees, it has become critical that the city find funds to preserve them. Since residents are equating preserving their environment with preserving their quality of life, I recently met with the current city comptroller, former comptroller, and city manager to find funding.

What funding mechanisms are available? Many citizens are advocating the use of Parks and Recreation Impact Fees to buy properties that should not be developed with the creation of more parkland in the form of passive parks. These parks can be accessed by the public, but provide no recreational facilities except for trails. Some are advocating a bond issuance, and in combination, an Open Space/Conservation Land Impact Fee. All of these funding mechanisms are available and have their advantages and disadvantages.

Since Parks and Recreation Impact Fees are readily available, it is important to know how these funds can be immediately utilized. These fees are collected when new construction gets a building permit, and they are a creation of the Florida Legislature to provide infrastructure improvements for growing communities. They allow the park system to grow with the city by funding additional parkland, trails, playgrounds, shelters, public restrooms, and amenities. However, the fees cannot be used to pay for maintenance. So to keep future city expenses low, an eye needs to be kept on the future maintenance costs for Parks and Recreation Impact Fee purchases. To save properties from development, passive parklands could be purchased from the fund and zoned as Recreation land. However, undisturbed lands (conservation lands) would need to be purchased from another fund to be zoned Conservation land.

To gain monies for true conservation zoning, a bond issue

ance to borrow money for land conservation would require a voter referendum. The next election cycle for a voter referendum would be in 2020. However, a

special election may be called by the City Commission (the election's cost would need to be funded by the city). Over the years, the bond's payments would be paid by all city residents through their property taxes. This process was used to purchase the Greenway surrounding Egans Creek in the late 1980s.

In adding an Open Space/Conservation Land Impact Fee, the cost of new conservation land or open space would be placed upon new construction. It would encourage property owners to keep the existing vegetation on a property. If the developer kept a certain percentage of the land in open space, no fees would be collected. (They keep the trees.) However, if a developer chose to remove all the vegetation, the fees would be collected to purchase conservation land to replace the loss.

After meeting with the city's comptrollers and city manager, it is estimated that there will be approximately \$2.1 million in the Parks and Recreation Impact Fee Fund at the beginning of the next fiscal year. It is important to note that Parks and Recreation Impact Fees will not continue to be available in the future when the city no longer has the space for new development, so it is extremely important that we all take the time to carefully evaluate how the fee money is to be utilized to provide the best future park and recreation facilities to benefit the largest number of citizens in the city of Fernandina Beach.

The City Commission will have a special meeting at 5:05 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, to consider the final budget. How the Park and Recreation Impact Fees will be spent will be considered at this meeting.

I thought it would take longer

I thought that it would take a long time for me to be considered elderly by the rest of the world. Unfortunately, I have just run across an article that included my generation in its discussion of gerontology. Well, dang! What an incredibly rude revelation that was.

After a (very short) period of dismay and crankiness, I finally concluded that I really don't give a rat's elbow about how the medical profession – or any other working group – classifies me. I like the age I am, and have been comforted with the knowledge that I am now exempt from several unpleasant activities that the younger set employs to use up its time.

Like going to work every day. It took a week of retirement for me to fully appreciate the beauty of waking up without benefit of an alarm clock. I no longer had to be at a specified place at a certain time, which led to the realization that the threat of dire consequences at my failure to do so had also disappeared.

And then there's exercise, one of my least-favorite time-eaters. If walking is good for your health, the mail carrier and the beat cop would be immortal. A whale swims all day, has a healthy seafood diet, drinks nothing but water, and is still fat. Go figure. A rabbit runs and hops his way through life – for 15 years, max. On the other hand, a tortoise doesn't do any of these things and lives for up to 150 years. Duh.

Or putting up with toxic people. God



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...
Cara Curtin

Or children disguised as adults. I admit that it's been a lot easier to get older than it has been to get wiser. A series of ill-conceived plans, sometimes poorly executed, gave me the opportunity to accept responsibility and consequences like an adult. An unintended benefit of my misadventures is that I now have a never-ending repertoire of amusing stories.

One thing a misspent youth has taught me is that a steady diet of wild oats can only lead to no good. These days, those oats come in a round box with "Quaker" printed on the side, but that's OK. All is not lost ... merely misplaced until I discover what hidey-hole I've put it in. My only hope is that when I discover it, I not only remember what it is, but why I wanted it in the first place.

Speaking of not losing it all, now that I

got it, nobody wants it! Or maybe they're too old to appreciate it. Sigh. At this age, "getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

Have you noticed that the young ones spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about the color and density of their hair? Instead of spending an unholy amount of time and money on hair color, I have convinced my hairdresser that my gray hairs are merely wisdom highlights.

And of course I talk to myself these days. Who else would I ask for expert advice? At this point, I have been around, if not the world at least the block, and I have seen and done (and eaten!) things that most of the younger set can only imagine.

Current wisdom says that good judgment comes from surviving bad judgment. Why should I ask a young person of limited experience for advice when I have a treasure trove of lessons learned from my less-than-stellar decisions?

I constantly hear that we old people have to watch our diet, and that we have to be careful what we ask our aging systems to digest. One comforting thought I read the other day is that chocolate comes from cocoa, which is a tree. That makes it a plant, which means chocolate is a veggie! "Eat your veggies" has taken on a whole new meaning!

Old age comes sooner to some and later to others, but it does arrive. The trick is to adapt, adjust, and enjoy ... another day in Paradise.

Tests at Escambia Slough find *E. coli*

JULIA ROBERTS
News-Leader

Tests by the St. Marys Riverkeeper have found elevated levels of *E. coli* bacteria in Fernandina Beach at the site of a stormwater outlet, and the Nassau County Health Department is trying to pinpoint what the source of that contamination is.

Riverkeeper Rick Frey said a program that has been in place since 2016 monitors sites throughout the St. Marys watershed. Those tests have showed elevated levels of *Escherichia coli*, a bacteria that is known to be a good indicator of the possible presence of pathogens in water.

The source of *E. coli* is often leaking septic systems, and Frey was able to find some homes on

Sixth, Eighth, and Escambia streets that have septic systems, as opposed to being connected to a public sewer system. He said there might be other houses which have septic systems that could be responsible for the contamination.

"In June 2018, there was a marked increase in our *E. coli* counts at our Escambia Slough site on Escambia Street in downtown Fernandina Beach," the Riverkeeper report says. "We also smelled a sewage odor at this site on July 2. Because Escambia Slough is an outflow of the Fernandina Beach storm water management system, we notified the City of Fernandina Beach Storm water Department of the recent spike. They sent crews to inspect the outflow on July 12, and found no leak."

Since the source of *E. coli* could not be identified, the Riverkeeper began a 30-day water quality monitoring program downtown, with four sites along Escambia Slough.

"We sampled twice a week for four weeks from July 18 to August 8; we sampled on both the ebb and flood tides on the same day each week," Frey's report says.

Frey said that, since the *E. coli* counts were higher on the ebb tide than the flood tide, it eliminated sources downstream, such as the WestRock paper mill. A site on Calhoun Street had the highest counts, indicat-



JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER

Elevated levels of *E. coli* the St. Marys Riverkeeper have been found in Escambia Slough. The source of the contamination is under investigation.

ing the source of the contamination is in that vicinity.

The information from the testing was forwarded to the Nassau County Department of Health, which has jurisdiction over septic systems. Michael Godwin, environmental health manager, said his department could not investigate because Frey did not have specific addresses for the homes with septic systems.

"If you do not have address-

es, this will need to be referred to Department of Environmental Protection, as they have jurisdiction over Surface Water Bodies," Godwin told Frey in an email. "The DEP should probably be aware of this issue regardless since there is evidence that there is a problem."

Frey said the results of the testing were sent to the FDEP, but he has not heard from that department as of press time Tuesday.

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AMELIA WALK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PHASE 4A & 4B NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Notice is hereby given that the Amelia Walk Community Development District ("District") will receive proposals for the following District projects: **Phases 4A & 4B Neighborhood Development Projects**

The contract will require contractors to provide for the construction, labor, materials and equipment necessary to construct earthwork, roadway, recreational amenity, stormwater, water and sewer, and other associated scopes necessary to complete neighborhood developments, as more particularly described in the Project Manuals and in accordance with the plans and specifications. The District may award Phases 4A and 4B of the Project separately or to the same proposer and the District anticipates different start dates for each sub-phase, to commence within 120 days of each other.

The Project Manual, consisting of the proposal package, contract, proposal form, plans, and other materials, will be available for public inspection and may be obtained beginning September 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. from Digital Village, 961687 Gateway Blvd, Suite 101-F, Amelia Island, FL 32034, (904) 277-1277. Plans may be obtained only as full size (24x36). The cost of each Project Manual will be the reasonable reproduction and assembly costs for each manual. It is recommended that prospective proposers contact Digital Village at (904) 277-1277 in advance to avoid printing delay and for cost information. Proposers may purchase as many Project Manuals as they would like. No partial Project Manual or plans will be available. The Project Manual will not be available for pickup at the offices of McCranie & Associates, Inc.

Minimum experience requirements to submit a proposal for this project: successful completion of at least two (2) residential infrastructure projects within northeast Florida (to include Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, and Clay counties) within the last five (5) years.

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria included in the Project Manual. **The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, award the contract in whole or in part with or without cause, provide for the delivery of the project in phases, and waive minor or technical irregularities in any Proposal, as it deems appropriate, if it determines in its discretion that it is in the District's best interests to do so.** Any protest of the terms and specifications must be filed with the District within 72 hours of pickup of the Project Manual, together with a protest bond in a form acceptable to the District and in the amount of \$10,000.00. In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses and attorney's fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. Failure to timely file a protest will result in a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and other law.

Firms desiring to provide construction services for the referenced project must submit one original and eight (8) copies of the required proposal no later than 11:30 a.m. on October 5, 2018 at the offices of McCranie & Associates, Inc., 212 B Centre St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Additionally, as further described in the Project Manual, each proposer shall supply a bid bond or cashier's check in the sum equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid with its proposal. Proposals shall be in the form provided in the Project Manual and submitted in a sealed envelope pursuant to the Instructions to Proposers. The District reserves the right to return unopened to the Proposer any proposals received after the time and date stipulated above. Each proposal shall remain binding for a minimum of one hundred and twenty (120) days after the proposal opening.

The successful Proposer will be required upon award to furnish a payment and performance bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the value of the contract, with a Surety acceptable to the District, in accordance with section 255.05, Florida Statutes. All questions regarding the Project Manual or this project shall be directed in writing only to McCranie & Associates, Inc., 212 B Centre St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034, Dan McCranie, P.E., dan@mccranie-engineers.com. No phone inquiries please.



SANDRA BAKER-HINTON/SPECIAL

Turtle Trot set for Monday

There is still time to register for the annual Doug Stuber Memorial Turtle Trot 5K and 1-Mile Kids Fun Run races, planned for 7:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 3, at Main Beach and sponsored each year by the Amelia Runners Club. All the money raised by this race goes to support the Sea Turtle work done on Amelia Island by a team of volunteers who monitor the beaches each day during sea turtle nesting season. Each year, local artist and fellow sea turtle volunteer Sandra Baker-Hinton creates a new and different sea turtle painting that will be on the front of the race T-shirt. The turtle this year is one that Baker-Hinton watched lay her eggs last summer on the beach at Fort Clinch. The turtle had crawled in after she and her team had already passed that area of the beach and were on their return trip back when they spotted her. The turtle had not crawled in until 8:30 a.m., quite unusual. A composite of the photos taken were used to create this painting which will be on display at the race on Sept. 3. Otherwise you can see it in the Fern and Dina's Gallery in Baker-Hinton's Studio there. You can find race information at ameliarunners.com/turtle-trot.

Watermelon Ride follows a week later

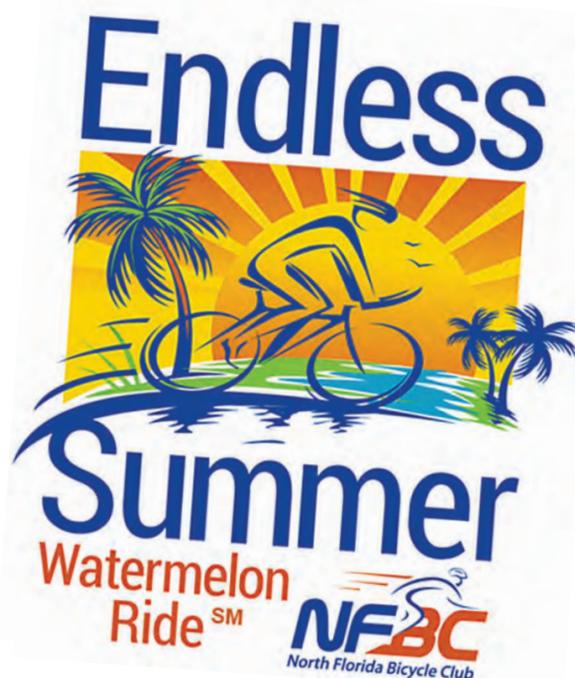
The annual Endless Summer Watermelon Ride, a large organized bicycle ride, is scheduled to start and finish at the Atlantic Recreation Center, located at 2500 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach, on Sunday, Sept. 9. This classic one-day event is sponsored by the North Florida Bicycle Club and includes fully-supported rides from 20 to 103 miles in length.

After the 7:30 a.m. start, riders will traverse Fort Clinch State Park and the waterfront area of downtown Fernandina Beach, and then head south via Clinch Drive, the Amelia Island Parkway and A1A. Riders on the shorter 20- and 30-mile rides will turn around at Scott Road and Amelia Island State Park, respectively, and return to the Recreation Center via A1A and South Fletcher Avenue. Riders with more energy and ambition (53, 77 and 103

miles) will continue south on their marked routes through the Talbot Islands State Parks with scenic ocean and marsh views, over the high Sisters Creek Bridge, to Dames Point and Cedar Point Parks, and then return to the Recreation Center. Seven staffed rest stops with fluids and snacks will be available and radio-equipped support vehicles will shadow riders en-route.

Further information, maps and online registration are available at NFBC.us. On-site registration will be held from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, and from 6:30 to 8:15 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Recreation Center.

Drivers on Amelia Island can expect to encounter small groups of cyclists on A1A/First Coast Highway, South Fletcher Avenue, and Atlantic Avenue during the day Sunday, Sept. 9. Please use caution when passing cyclists.



Sailing Club members go tubing at Ichetucknee



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Amelia Island Sailing Club members car-pooled to Ichetucknee Springs State Park last week for a day of tubing down the spring-fed river.

"It was a hot but perfect weather day, the surroundings magnificent, and the water refreshingly cool. The slow flow of the water allowed for everyone to laugh and talk, take photos of the wildlife, and have a great time. At the conclusion of the river trip we all met for a picnic before departing on our trip back to Amelia Island," a news release about the event states.

The trip is one of many social activities in which club members participate each year. The club meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Kraft Athletic Club on Buccaneer Trail, with the next meeting set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4.

If you would like more information about the club and joining, contact Commodore Tom Maguire at 703-298-1714.

ON & OFF THE ISLAND

WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

If you're looking for free things to do this weekend, you'll have plenty of options. Here's a run-down of some activities being offered:

- **The Amelia Island Museum of History** is opening its doors 4-6 p.m. today for visitors to learn about the history of the island through interactive, educational exhibits.

- **The farmers markets in both Fernandina Beach and Callahan** will be offering local, farm-fresh produce, honey, baked goods and more. The Fernandina Beach market is on North Seventh Street between Centre and Alachua

streets, while the Callahan market is at 45383 Dixie Ave. Both markets are open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- **Home Depot will hold a workshop** 9 a.m. to noon for children ages 5 to 12 to build a field goal game. All participants will also receive a certificate of achievement, workshop apron and a commemorative pin. The workshops are held the first Saturday of every month.

- **The Cummer Museum of Art provides free admission** and art activities for all ages Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in addition to live music and a docent-led tour at 2 p.m.

- **Story & Song Bookstore Bistro** offers chil-

dren's story time and a craft activity Saturday from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. The store is located at 1430 Park Ave. in Fernandina Beach.

- **The KOA Campground** at 2970 Scrubby Bluff Road in St. Marys, Ga. is holding a Labor Day Festival featuring face painting, balloon artists, carnival games and food booths from 2 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Local musician Buck Smith will perform 5-9 p.m.

- **The Museum of Contemporary Art** in Jacksonville provides hands-on projects related to its permanent collect and the upcoming featured exhibition Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. The Museum is located at 333 N. Laura St.

OUT AND ABOUT

THIS WEEK

The Fernandina Beach High School Class of 1978 is holding its 40-year reunion. A meet and greet will be held at 5 p.m. today, 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.

NEXT WEEK

The Nassau County Public Library System will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The book drops will be open for the convenience of the public.

UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Service Director Rebecca Jordi conduct a Landscape Matters class on common insects on ornamental plants at 10 a.m. Sept. 5. She'll discuss insects that homeowners encounter on their ornamental landscape plants and present general information discussing management of pests on ornamental plants for the homeowner. The emphasis will be on using best management practices that will help protect beneficial insects. In addition, she will discuss the importance of proper cultural practices to keep the landscape plants healthy and avoid creating environments to attract insects and disease. The session will take place at the Yulee Extension office. For more information, call 530-6353. On Fridays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Master Gardeners will answer questions and can be reached by visiting the Yulee office or calling 530-6350 and pressing "1" for the Yulee Extension office.

The Amelia Island Museum of History will host its next Brown Bag Lunch at noon Wednesday, Sept. 5. Because the Hometown Teams is in Baker Hall, this event will move to the the ACT Studio 209 Theatre. Attendees should not to bring food items into the auditorium. There will be some space in the lobby and at the museum to eat before the program begins. Special guest Dave Roeser will deliver a presentation on the Spanish American War. Roeser will discuss the fascinating and often overlooked history of the conflict and provide some of his impressions on how the war affected Amelia Island, the state of Florida, and the entire region. Attendees will be able to get a broad view of the war, but also will be able to see several compelling connections to local history. This program is free and open to the public. Seating is first-come/first-

served. For more information contact Joshua at 261-7378, ext. 102, or joshua@amelia-museum.org. Amelia Island Museum of History is located at 233 S. Third St.

Dirty pour, flip cup pour, swipe, strain – what does it all mean? Join in the fun and create while learning about acrylic fluid art. Beginning Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Island Art Association, located at 18 N. Second St. in Fernandina Beach, classes will be held each Friday in September. Participants will start with the basics, then learn new techniques each Friday. Students will create two pieces of art during each class. All materials will be provided. The fee for this September class is \$250. Contact Christina Hickey at 583-1141 or christinahickey@gmail.com. Facebook/majic-mixx. christinahickey.com.

UPCOMING

UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Service Director Rebecca Jordi will conduct a Plant Clinic between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sept. 10. All county residents are invited to bring plant samples showing landscape problems to the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. Problems will 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 Fridays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 530-6350.

The Newcomers Club of Amelia Island is hosting its monthly coffee at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11. 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.

The Kraft Dance Series with Crescendo Amelia will continue at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at Kraft Athletic Club, located at 961023 Buccaneer Trail. BYOB responsibly. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 online at crescendeamelia.com or for \$25 at the door.

Rehearsals for An Evening in December 2018 will begin Sunday, Sept. 23, at 4:30 p.m. at Amelia Baptist Church. Pam Helton, music minister at Amelia Baptist Church, is welcoming singers from throughout Northeast Florida to be a part of the 22nd edition of An Evening in December. The program of music and drama will be performed on Friday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. and twice on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 4 and 7 p.m. Rehearsals will be held each Sunday afternoon at Amelia Baptist Church from 4:30 to 6 p.m. starting Sept. 23. Singers are invited to come and find out more about

ACT kicks off season with modern fairytale for children and adults

CINDY LEVINE
Special to the News-Leader

Amelia Community Theatre's Studio 209 will kick off its new season Sept. 7 with a charming and moving modern fairy tale for young audiences. *This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing* follows the lives of three sisters after they are left alone in the forest by their misguided father and forced to find their own way in the world.

The girls are only 12 years old and filled with fear and indecision, but each chooses a path to follow. One embarks on a life of adventure, one of purpose, and the third stays right where she is to create a home. The story spans 20 years of fast-paced mythical adventures and world travel as the girls struggle to find their way in the world. When they meet again, they are grown women, each with a unique story.

Director Tener Wade loved this play from the

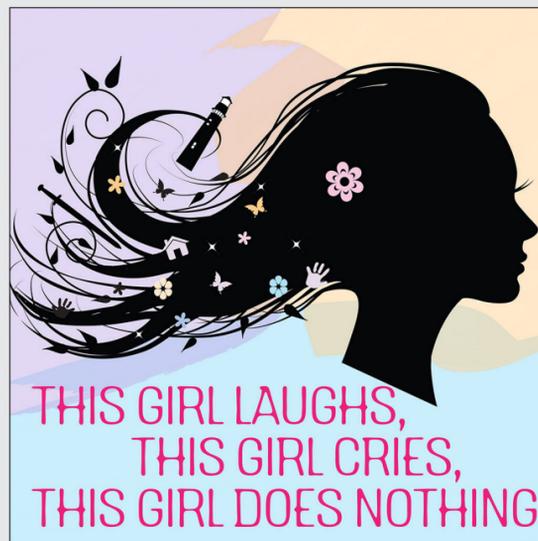
first reading and felt it was a wonderful choice for ACT's Theatre for Young Audiences program with adult actors.

"This play is filled with imagination and adventure, but it is also the story of three young women creating their own paths out of adversity and making their own magic. It is a joy to bring it to our stage," he said.

The show is rated G, and recommended for children ages 5 and up as well as adults of all ages who enjoy fantasy and beautifully told stories.

"Adults will be reminded of their own adventures and the choices they made growing up and of the importance of supporting our young people as they grow and find their own way," said Wade.

The show is written by Australian playwright Finegan Kruckemeyer, known for his many children's plays and books, and has been translated into five languages. It is sponsored by The Surf Restaurant, Bar and Beach Motel.



Performances will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 7-8 and 13-15 and at 2 p.m. Sept. 9 at 209 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$8 for students through college and \$15 for adults and are available by visiting AmeliaCommunityTheatre.org

and by calling 261-6749. Season tickets are also on sale at ACT, including the All-ACT pass that includes the Studio 209 plays. Box office hours at ACT are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

'The Last 5 Years' opens next week at AMP

JILL DILLINGHAM
Special to the News-Leader

"All I could do was love you. God, I loved you so."

These are some of the final words to Jason Robert Brown's *The Last 5 Years*, opening next week at Amelia Musical Playhouse.

A small cast with a huge presence, with a beautiful musical score accompanying *The Last 5 Years* won the 2002 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Music and Lyrics, as well as multiple Drama Desk nominations for Outstanding Musical, Actor, Actress, and Orchestration.

Brown's modern musical depicts the relationship and marriage of Jamie Wellerstein, an up-and-coming novelist pursuing his dreams at any cost, including losing the one closest to him, and Cathy Hiatt, an aspiring actress who wants nothing less than to prove her worth – to herself and her husband, who is stealing her spotlight.

Jamie, played by Fernandina Beach Middle and High schools theater teacher Matthew Eldridge-Bratsch, brings life to his side of the relationship from its beginnings to the bitter end, while Cathy, played by local singer and actress Kathryn Tremblay, relives a failed marriage from the final goodbye to the first

meeting.

AMP's production of *The Last 5 Years* is directed by Eythan Robertson, with musical direction by Jill Dillingham. The show also features a small live orchestra with flutist Ann Merwin, fretless bassist Jon Yoder, and not one but two cellos played by Nathan Ealum and Matthew Zabatta.

Show dates are Sept. 6-8 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available by visiting ameliamusicalplayhouse.com and by calling 277-3455. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Language and innuendo rate this show PG-13.

AMP is located at 1955 Island Walkway in Fernandina Beach.

An Evening in December starting Sunday, Sept. 23, at 4:30 p.m. Amelia Baptist Church is located at the roundabout near Harris Teeter. Call Helton at 261-9527 or Allen Lennon at 261-8799 to reserve music or to arrange for childcare during rehearsals.

Two six-week adult beginning guitar classes are being offered by the Nassau County Adult Education Department on Thursday evenings from Sept. 27 to Nov. 1. The classes will be held in the Team Center at the Nassau County School District administration building at 1201 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach. The first class will run from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The second class will run from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The class limit is six. The cost for each class is \$80 for instruction and materials. Call Michelle at 650-823-1767 to register or for more information.

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 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 "Drip, Drizzle & Splash," will continue through September. 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.

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. Sept. 4 and 18.
• PJD'S Beer & Wine Garden, 12 S. Second St., Thursdays 1-4:30 p.m. Sept. 6 and 20.

Ballroom On Amelia offers Two for Tuesday group classes with Cha Cha at 7 p.m. followed by Waltz at 8 p.m. Tuesday classes are \$10 per person or both for \$15. A dance workshop is offered 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays for \$10 per person.

Ballroom On Amelia is at 1897 Island Walkway at RAD Studios. Neither a partner nor a reservation is required. The usual Friday night dance parties are on hold while Ballroom with Amelia partners with Crescendo Amelia for the Kraft Dance Series, which is held the second Friday each month through October. For information, call 624-0886 or visit ballroomonamelia.com or the Ballroom on Amelia Facebook page.

The newest exhibition at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens – "Urban Spaces, Open Skies: 20th-Century American Landscape" – will be on view through Feb. 3, 2019. Drawn from the Cummer Museum's extensive collection of works on paper, this presentation will feature more than 30 prints celebrating modern cities and the timeless

charms of the country. Visitors can admire how artists have aptly captured the changing landscape of burgeoning cities like Chicago and New York, with its iconic Brooklyn Bridge, busy streets, workers, and harbors. In contrast to such images, the stillness and serenity of the countryside – with its wide open spaces, fields, and lakes – offer a welcome respite from the often chaotic urban life.

Learn tai chi at an evening class on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Interested in a gentle practice to connect mind and body? Tai Chi might be perfect for you. This ancient practice is taught by Davis Burbank at Community Yoga + Wellness, 210 Beech Street. Go toyoga-amelia.com to check the class schedule. Six classes are \$60.

Resin epoxy, dirty pour art classes are being held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and 1-3 p.m. Mondays in the Artisan Village, located at 2188 Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach. All materials are provided. Cost is \$45. To register, contact Julie at 518-322-7937.

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

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

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

ACBL Duplicate Bridge, Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Amelia Island Duplicate Bridge Club hosts the only sanctioned ACBL duplicate bridge games on the island. Monday, 1

p.m.; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, 1 p.m. For information, contact fredstokes50@gmail.com or (770) 616-7664.

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

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

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

Located at Barnabas Center, 1303 Jasmine St., Fernandina Beach, Gerri's Corner is a nonprofit resource center for women with cancer, answers questions in a confidential setting, provides support group information and more. For an appointment, call 261-7000.

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

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

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Around SCHOOL

District hires new school safety specialist

The Nassau County School Board voted at its Aug. 23 meeting to hire Officer Glenn Virdin to serve as the district's new school safety specialist, replacing Al Smith, who was hired in June.



Virdin

Smith tendered his resignation at the meeting after delivering a district-wide safety assessment. Ray Poole, chief of legal services for the district, told the *News-Leader* in an email that Smith decided he wanted to retire.

According to a news release from the school district, Virdin holds a bachelor's degree in education and has more than 22 years of experience as a law enforcement officer. He most recently served as a member of the Delaware Capitol Police, where he was responsible for the safety and security of the governor, state legislators, legislative staff, and members of the judiciary. He also played an integral role in the implementation of an active shooter training model for state employees.

Prior to that, Virdin served for more than 20 years on the Dover Police Department, where he obtained the rank of sergeant.

In that position, he was appointed to the Delaware/Maryland Joint Terrorism Task Force and obtained secret level clearance with the FBI; obtained certification as a Master Instructor through the Delaware Council On Police Training, which enabled him to provide training to law enforcement instructors; and, received numerous individual and platoon awards and recognitions, the release states.

By state law, the school safety specialist oversees all school safety and security personnel, policies, and procedures within the school district. Additionally, the school safety specialist is responsible for serving as a liaison with local public safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and organizations in matters of school safety and security; conducting an annual school security risk assessment at each public school.

Ripley's offers free admission for educators

Ripley's Believe It or Not! St. Augustine on San Marco Avenue is offering free admission for all K-12 educators in Florida to Ripley's Believe It or Not!, Ripley's Ghost Train Adventure, Ripley's Red Train Tours and Bayfront Mini Golf between Sept. 4 and Oct. 14, according to a news release.

Teachers, administrators, counselors, and support staff are eligible for free admission for themselves and 50 percent off for up to four guests. Educators need to bring a current pay stub and photo ID when they visit one of the participating attractions.

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FCA WELCOMES STUDENTS AND STAFF



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Faith Christian Academy's Upper School staff received gifts of donuts and monogrammed Bibles from Principal Bryan Alvare and Vice Principal Erin Land to kick off the 2018-19 school year. The Faith Christian Academy's Upper School welcomed more than 75 students and staff back to school recently. The Upper School is in its second year and growing strong.



Local author to speak at Writers by the Sea meeting

Author G. W. "Bill" Reynolds will discuss ways he enthralls readers with his stories at the Sept. 20 meeting of Writers by the Sea, planned for 6 p.m. at the Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach, according to a news release.



"A local legend among Nassau County writers, Bill is a prolific author and cooperative publisher. In his presentation, Reynolds will discuss some of the ways he's learned to involve his readers in his stories. This is part of a short version of a program he calls 'Leaving Something Behind.' Bill highlights his presentations with first-hand knowledge of some recent changes to the publishing industry," the release states.

Reynolds is a retired educator and one of the first graduates of the University of North Florida. Twenty years after graduation, he also became a member of UNF's first doctoral graduating class.

"Always a prolific writer, Reynolds takes his love of the First Coast and weaves it into his stories. His presentation, 'Enthuse Your Readers with Your Story,' is drawn from his

life, as is his *Jetty Man* series, a best-selling collection of stories that some term Southern Gothic. Each is set in Mayport, Florida.

"Bill has published 16 books in his *Jetty Man* series along with three other books - *Sin City*, *Roads End* and *Bad Blood*. Inspiration for his collective works is drawn from growing up in the colorful and diverse Mayport area. The founder and owner of High-Pitched Hum Publishing, Bill Reynolds boasts publication of 212 additional authors," the release states.

You can learn more about Reynolds and his work at highpitchedhum.com.

For more about Writers by the Sea, visit the group's Facebook page or website at WritersByTheSea.net.

There is no charge to attend the presentation.

Jax Symphony offering bus service to concerts

The Jacksonville Symphony will provide a round-trip bus for Amelia Island residents to 10 Symphony concerts throughout the season, according to a news release. Patrons will be picked up and dropped off at the Harris Teeter grocery store at 4800 First Coast Highway.

The Jacksonville Symphony bus will run to five Florida Blue Masterworks series concerts and five Fidelity National Financial Pops series for those wanting to attend, but not wanting to drive. The bus will depart at 6:30 p.m. the nights the concerts from the Harris Teeter parking lot. Round-trip transportation on the bus and premium concert seating starts at \$55 per concert.

Concerts on the bus schedule

- The Music of John Williams - Friday, Sept. 21
- Bachtobertfest 2018: The Reformation - Friday, Oct. 19
- A French Fantasy - Friday, Nov. 30
- Holiday Pops - Friday, Dec. 7
- Don Giovanni - Friday, Jan. 25
- Cirque Musica - Friday, Feb. 1
- Frank and Ella - Friday, March 29
- Mozart's Jupiter - Friday, April 26
- Patriotic Pops - Friday, May 24
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RELIGION

Conserving the island's trees, to stir thoughts of God's garden

City Manager Dale Martin recently challenged Fernandina Beach residents, asking: How badly do you want to preserve Amelia Island? He was polite, but also candid, telling us that to preserve the island, somebody's got to buy the land.

Letters to the editor followed, all advocating staunch conservation. Ron Sapp, in his "Debate and Tackle" column, provided historical context and illustrated how "preserving land, particularly environmentally sensitive land, is deep within our core."

Why is that? Why do so many feel so strongly about the island's trees, wetlands, and canopy roads? What is it that's in our core?

It might be homesickness. And it may stem from the fact that God tailor-made the world just for us. And then, with great precision, he designed us for the world. At creation, Adam and Eve understood mankind's role and responsibility. The Garden (and Fernandina Beach) was where mankind would form families and cultivate friends. It was where we would work



PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Richard Doster

and make memories and find utter fulfillment.

At creation, we were made to shape a specific place; that place, in turn, would then shape us. As writer Jennifer Allen Craft put it, our particular place in the world is "not just a piece of ground – it is the undeniable fact of our existence in relationship with the whole of creation."

Our place, then, is the lens through which we see the rest of the world. Craig Bartholomew, author of *Where All Mortals Dwell: A Christian View of Place for Today*, builds on the idea, adding, "Place is never fully place without God as co-inhabitant. Place is thus always a theological concept."

Later, Bartholomew reminds us that after the Fall, we've never felt fully at home. From that day, we've

been unsettled, as if, sometimes, we don't quite belong. Even on Amelia Island, we can sometimes long for something more.

Tiffany Watt Smith, the author of *The Book of Human Emotions*, helps us understand what's going on. In research for her book, Smith became intrigued by the emotion of homesickness. She discovered that in the mid- to late-18th century, homesickness was considered a legitimate disease. She found medical records that described homesick patients as depressed and fatigued. Some even suffered physical disorders such as sores, pustules, and fevers. In severe cases, homesick patients refused to eat; some ultimately became so weak they died. Their official cause of death was nostalgia – a word formed by two Greek words, nostos, meaning "homecoming" and algia, which means "pain."

At one time or another we're all homesick; so were several characters in the Bible. In Genesis 13:10, for instance, Abraham and his nephew Lot arrive in Canaan. Lot, we're told,

was given first pick of the land. After surveying the terrain, he chose the Jordan Valley – because, in Lot's mind and imagination, it resembled "the garden of the Lord." Lot, says author Jen Pollock Michel, suffered nostalgia. Seeing the valley, he naturally longed for Eden – for a "place" as it was meant to be – and as it is destined to become.

We can relate. We're drawn by the tree canopy because, like Eden, it's beautiful and quiets our souls. We're lured by the maritime forests because they're unique and so plainly serve God's special purpose. We're enticed by our dunes and beach because, like Lot's Jordan Valley, they remind us of God's garden. These provide rest in restless world. The bring peace, calm, and quiet. They're a foretaste of our final home.

Jen Michel points out that "the biblical narrative begins and ends at home." In Genesis, she says, God welcomed us into Eden, the place he made where we could thrive. And in Revelation, we're received into the New Jerusalem, where life will

be a perpetual joy. Because God's story begins in a physical garden and ends in a material, touchable city, we know that place matters. As Craig Bartholomew says, "One of the glories of being human and creaturely is to be [in a place]. The 'fortune' of home is the witness of Genesis and of Revelation."

In Acts 17:26-27 the Apostle Paul wrote, "And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him."

You and I are in Fernandina Beach by God's design and for his purpose. Let's see to it, then, that this place – our place – always stirs thoughts of "the garden."

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Sharps returns to Amelia Island as senior pastor of Plantation Chapel

Millie Stevenson, president of the Governing Board of the Amelia Plantation Chapel, recently announced the appointment of Rev. Conrad C. Sharps to replace the recently retired Ted Schroder as senior pastor, according to a news release.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Rev. Sharps and his wife, Lauren, back to Amelia Island and to the Chapel," Stevenson said in the release. "The Search Committee has been working diligently since March, reviewing close to 200 resumes, viewing literally hundreds of sermons and visiting on-line church websites. Video and in-person interviews were conducted with the finalist candidates. The Search Committee and the Board were unanimous in our selection of and their approval of Rev. Sharps. At a specially called meeting on July 1, the congregation voted overwhelmingly to call him as our next senior pastor."

Sharps has served four Presbyterian churches over a span of 30 years, beginning his ministry in Faison, N.C. at a small, 130-member church. From there, he came to Fernandina Beach First Presbyterian Church, where he served as senior pastor for 17 years. While there, he wrote articles for the *News-Leader* under the title "Pulpit Notes." In December 2005, he was recruited to Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Ala., a

large, 2,250-member church. After nine years in Birmingham, he returned to his hometown, Pittsburgh, Pa., where he assumed the position of senior pastor at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, a congregation of more than 900 members.

Sharps is married to Lauren, his wife of 33 years. They have two grown children, a daughter, Daron, 30, working on her Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, and a son, Madison, 27, a University of Alabama graduate working as a software developer for an insurance software company in Boulder, Colo.

"It is a homecoming for Conrad and Lauren to return to Amelia Island as their two children did the majority of their growing up here," said Stevenson. "We welcome them to our Chapel family with great excitement and enthusiasm! We know that Conrad is God's choice to shepherd our congregation into the future!"

Sharps' installation as senior pastor and first sermon will be Sunday, Sept. 2, at a special combined service at 10 a.m.

Amelia Plantation Chapel is an interdenominational community church located at 36 Bowman Road, adjacent to the Omni Amelia Island Plantation. Sunday worship services are normally at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. The Chapel welcomes persons of all faiths to worship with them each Sunday.

Musical inspiration for Taizé service

Two local musicians will provide the musical inspiration for a Taizé service at the historic Trinity United Methodist Church, located at the corner of South Eighth and Ash streets in Fernandina Beach, on Sunday, Sept. 2, at 6 p.m.

Guitarist Terry Thrift will be the featured musician. Thrift was trained in the classical style and enjoys playing music from the great composers as well as jazz and popular standards. He has played with various ensembles in the area. He also enjoys playing for worship.

Lois Gurney will be the

pianist for the evening service. She is the director of music ministries at Riverside Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville and resides in Fernandina Beach.

Dress is casual for this service, which is conducted in the style of the Taizé community's tradition that is meant to foster inclusion of all and time for personal reflection. The musical prelude is followed by time for singing, silence, prayer and communion. All are welcome regardless of faith tradition or religious background. The sanctuary is air-conditioned and accessible by ramp from Ash Street.



Terry Thrift will be the featured musician at Sunday's Taizé service at Trinity United Methodist Church.

RELIGION NOTES

Hope House worship

God gave Daniel incredible visions, even naming kingdoms that would rise and fall in his future. Join us at 12 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, as we pick up the narrative in Daniel Chapter 7 and look at both the fulfilled historical kingdoms and those that are yet to come. The Salvation Army Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

Awana Clubs begin

Springhill Baptist Church is again offering Awana Clubs for children this year, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 6 p.m. At this first meeting, children in pre-K through sixth grades will register and parents will be offered an orientation session. A meal will be available each Wednesday night for all families for \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. For more information call the church office at 261-4741. Springhill Baptist Church is located at 941017 Old Nassauville Road in Fernandina Beach.

Pass the legacy

Do you struggle in your role as a grandparent? Catherine Jacobs has developed "Seven Keys" for becoming a life-changing grandparent in the 21st century and will lead a workshop on grandparenting at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. The workshop begins Tuesday, Sept. 11, with a candlelight ceremony and dinner at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for dinner; please

make your donations at the door. Then, on Wednesday, Sept. 12, the workshop continues with a 90-minute program at 10 a.m. in Burns Hall. To RSVP, contact St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 261-4293.

Homecoming celebration

Five Points Baptist Church will hold a Homecoming celebration on Sunday, Sept. 16. Music will begin at 10 a.m. with Reign Down; Jimmy Bryson will be the guest speaker at 11 a.m. Dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Five Points Baptist Church is located at 736 Bonnieview Road in Fernandina Beach. Call 261-4615 for information.

Food, detergent and bug spray

The Salvation Army Hope House is in immediate need of food, laundry detergent, sunscreen and bug spray to put in our emergency food bags. Food needs include baked and dried beans, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, boxed and packaged meals, stuffing, instant potatoes and soups and stews. We could also use your gently used plastic grocery bags. Donations can be brought to The Salvation Army Hope House, 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach, between 10 a.m. and noon and 1 and 4 p.m.

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



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