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Jeff Brinkley removed some moss and leaves, revealing the shape of a tree trunk that was deformed, he believes, by Native Americans to mark a trail.

## 'Indian Trail Marker trees' are unique and fascinating

JULIA ROBERTS  
News-Leader

When Jeff Brinkley walked past a huge live oak on the Egans Creek Greenway, he stopped. An old live oak tree rose a few feet from the forest floor, where its trunk took an almost 90-degree turn, then rose straight up.

Hundreds of people walk past the tree each week, seeing an old oak tree, beautiful, oddly shaped, but otherwise unremarkable. Brinkley saw

something different. He saw a guide, a trail post created years ago before there was a city of Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island. He saw what is called an Indian Trail Marker tree.

According to the Great Lakes Trail Marker Tree Society, Native Americans used trees as navigational aids, as well as to mark areas of importance, such as ceremonial sites. Brinkley said when he saw the oak tree, he knew it was a marker tree.

"I saw it and I knew that tree wasn't found in nature like it is," Brinkley said.

When he first discovered some of the same sort of trees on his hikes through North Florida and Southern Georgia, he began researching the phenomenon and found the trees are located in several states.

Brinkley's research found that Native Americans would bend trees as saplings, tie the trunk down and leave it for a year to keep it in that position. The young trees were tied down with rawhide, bark or a vine, or sometimes weighted down with rocks

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## City must act now to keep discount on flood insurance rates

RANDY COTTLE  
For the News-Leader

Angie Lester, an administrative coordinator in Fernandina Beach's Building Department, is on a mission.

As she enters her 11th year with the city, Lester finds herself in a battle to respond to recent changes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program, its Flood Insurance Manual and its Community Rating System.

Due to changes to a scoring system that went into effect April 1, FEMA has given the city a preliminary CRS assignment of Class 8, down from its current assignment of Class 6. That doesn't sit well with Lester, who led successful efforts to improve the city's assignment from Class 7 in 2013.

The city of Fernandina Beach voluntarily participates in FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The CRS is meant to encourage communities to engage in proactive floodplain management efforts. In return, participating communities earn classifications that translate into flood insurance discounts for citizens.

The city's current Class 6 assignment earns a 20-percent flood insurance savings for city residents and businesses located within FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Areas, and a 10-percent savings for those outside those areas. The city's Flood Insurance Rate Maps were updated a year ago after an extensive scientific review by FEMA.

A final assignment class reduction would negatively affect the flood insurance discounts that the city's property owners enjoy by being part of the CRS incentive program.

An official from the Insurance Services Office, which reviews CRS applications and oversees the program on behalf of FEMA, expressed considerable confidence that the city of

Fernandina Beach will retain its current Class 6 assignment without interruption and also confirmed the city has until May 1, 2019 to meet the necessary requirements.

Lester is already aiming to improve the city's CRS assignment to a Class 5 by May 1, 2020.

"I want people to have confidence that we are looking into this," she said. "It's not something I take very lightly. In fact, I take it personally. I am meeting with a private consultant who's an expert in CRS in order to help the city understand how the change in manuals and scoring systems resulted in a lower score. We will identify ways to mitigate the drop in score."

Lester has Fernandina Beach City Manager Dale Martin's unwavering support.

"We went to the new scoring system, we understood it. Unfortunately, Angie didn't get some of the mid-level management support that she needed," Martin said. "That came to my attention — the gap between her efforts and the additional efforts that were necessary. So that's where I think we're picking up moving forward."

Martin added, "We understood that with the new scoring system there were going to be some new challenges, but we don't think we were scored appropriately, especially with some of the efforts the city — especially Angie — has done."

For its ongoing outreach efforts, the city also continues to partner with colleagues from other Florida communities, including Collier County's FEMA Floodplain Coordinator (and former Nassau County NFIP-CRS Coordinator) Christopher Mason.

"It will be a very aggressive effort on our part over the next few months," Martin said.

In continuing the community out-

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## Homestead exemption affects the bottom line

CINDY JACKSON  
News-Leader

It's that time of year again. Property owners in Nassau County have received their Truth In Millage (TRIM) notices from Property Appraiser Michael Hickox, and the savings to homesteaded owners is apparent. Currently, 22,751 homeowners take advantage of the homestead exemption in Nassau County, according to Hickox.

"The Homestead Exemption (Florida Statute 196.031) is a constitutional guarantee that reduces the taxable value of residential property for qualified permanent residents. Every person who has legal or equitable title to real property in the State of Florida and who resides thereon and in good faith makes it his or her permanent home is eligible to receive a Homestead Exemption of up to \$50,000. The first \$25,000 applies to all property taxes. The additional \$25,000 applies to any assessed value over \$50,000 and only to non-school taxes," says Hickox's website.

According to Kevin Lilly, the chief deputy at the Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office, approximately 25,000 applications for Homestead Exemption are received each year and about 95 percent are approved.

The homestead exemption cannot be purchased and it is not transferable.

Another benefit to owning a home in Florida is something known as the Save-Our-Homes amendment. Under the amendment to the state constitution that took effect in 1995, the taxable value of a homesteaded property can rise no more than 3 percent a year regardless of its market value appreciation.

Other exemptions available to homeowners in Nassau County and the number of individuals who take advantage of these savings include:

- First responder exemption — 1
- Military/veterans exemption — 250
- Deployed military personnel exemption — 11
- Widow/widower exemption — 2,230
- Senior citizen exemption — 460
- Disability exemption — 450
- Religious or charitable exemption — 423

Unfortunately, all those tempting tax incentives also mean some property owners, including those living out of the area, attempt to mislead the Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office about the honest details of their ownership.

In April, the office launched an effort via a contract with LexisNexis Risk

Solutions of Alpharetta, Ga., to root out mistakes, like failing to report that the homeowner died or moved, all the way to outright fraud. The contractor gets paid a percentage of the taxes recouped when violators are caught and money is recovered. The county's staff also performs labor-intensive online research on things like home rental ads, and follows up on tips from concerned citizens.

Third-party companies like LexisNexis Risk Solutions have access to databases that go across state lines and are plugged into information that can easily cross-reference death records, driver's licenses, commercial licenses, and Homestead Exemptions claimed in other states.

Lilly said the project began this year using data from homestead receipts.

"Of the list of higher priority parcels of over 150 with homestead exemptions, 75 were found to be questionable and 10 of the 75 have resulted in the removal of the homestead exemption for 2018 and back assessments placed on the property owner. Of the 10 property owners that were back taxed, five were the result of the homestead property owner passing away and the heirs of that

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Nassau County Property Appraiser A. Michael Hickox, left, is pictured with Chief Deputy Kevin Lilly. The county's Truth In Millage notices about proposed property taxes for fiscal year 2018-19 were sent out earlier this month.



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## OBITUARIES

### William G. Beard Jr.

William G. "Butch" Beard Jr., 70, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Saturday, September 1, 2018 at his residence.



Butch was born in Ruston, La. to the late William Grady and Eleanor Caswell Beard. His family moved to Beech Island, S.C. and Butch grew up playing football, working his parents' farm and dating his high school sweetheart, Martha.

Butch received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point and graduated with a degree in civil engineering in 1969. After graduation, he left to serve his country in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic or meritorious service in a combat zone. Butch proudly completed Airborne and Ranger training and served in the 18th Airborne Corp. Butch attained the rank of captain and left the army in 1974.

After the Army, Butch and Martha moved to Greenwood, S.C. and started the family that they had always wanted. Eventually moving to Fort Mill, S.C., they raised their three children in a wonderful small town. It was here that Butch really found his love of business and began his life as a successful entrepreneur.

Butch and Martha moved to Amelia Island in 1999. They loved the island life and Butch decided to retire for the first time. It didn't quite take but finally, he retired for the third time and spent his days doing his five favorite things: sailing, fishing, shag dancing, treasuring his grandchildren and loving Martha.

Butch was an amazing husband, proud father and faithful friend. He loved his family beyond measure and they all knew it.

He leaves behind his wife, Martha Beard of Amelia Island, Fla.; his children, Leslie (Brian) Bogstad of Charleston, S.C., Shelley (Greg) Cagle of Simpsonville, S.C., and Michael Beard of Tampa, Fla.; sisters, Cindy (Dave) Bullard of Seneca, S.C., and Jennifer (Tommy) Crain of Cross Anchor, S.C.; and grandchildren, Will Bogstad, Isabelle Bogstad, Eli Bogstad, Lawton Cagle and Jax Cagle.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 8, 2018 in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard Funeral Home. Following the service, a Celebration of Life will be held at the Kraft Athletic Club, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach.

The family asks donations be made, in Butch's memory, to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Share your memories and condolences at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

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### Clyde Olester Benjamin

Clyde Olester Benjamin, the son of the late Clyde and Mary Benjamin, was born December 19, 1954. After fighting a courageous battle, Clyde transitioned to his Heavenly home with the Lord on Saturday, September 1, 2018, at Community Hospice & Palliative Care's Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Fla. with his family at his bedside.

Clyde was employed with Fernandina Seafood for more than 40 years. He spent most of his time watching old Western movies and cheering for his favorite football teams, the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Dallas Cowboys. His best times, however, were spent watching his grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Benjamin will be 11 a.m. Saturday, September 8, 2018 at The River of Praise, 83410 St. Mark Drive, Yulee, Fla. Interment will take place in Elmore Wiley Cemetery, Sandhill, Fla. Visitation will take place between 5 and 7 p.m. Friday, September 7, 2018 at the Huff & Battise Funeral Home, located at 410 Beech St. in Fernandina Beach, and between 9:30 a.m. and the hour of the service Saturday at the church.

*Huff & Battise Funeral Home*

### Maria Bresciani Quinn

Maria Bresciani Quinn, 45, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville after a valiant five-year battle with breast cancer.

She was born May 17, 1973 in New York City to the late Luigi Bresciani and Gloria Maria (Gonzalez) Bresciani.

Maria grew up in New York City and graduated from The Mary Louis Academy in 1991. After graduating, she received her associate's degree in business from Berkeley College in NYC.

Her hard work and excellent work ethic propelled her to vice president of Retiree Benefits for Voya.

Maria met JP Quinn through mutual friends in 2002 and they hit it off immediately. They moved to Fernandina Beach together in 2004 when she accepted a promotion for her job with Citi Group. They married April 16, 2005. Maria and JP wished for a child more than anything. After many difficulties conceiving, Maria was ecstatic when her son, Jack, was born. She poured all her love and affection into him, even going so far as to bring him a fresh lunch to school every day.

Maria always put others before herself, whether it was caring for her family and friends or anyone who needed help. She always stayed positive and happy even when she was battling breast cancer. She was very outgoing and had many friends. She loved cooking and entertaining the one's she loved. Maria and JP enjoyed traveling and going on cruises, seeing new places and meeting new people. Her life was full with the love of her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Luigi Bresciani, 2015.

She leaves behind her husband, JP Quinn, and her son, Jack Quinn, both of Fernandina Beach; her beloved sister, Catherine McCarthy and her husband, Richard, of New York City; brother, Tony Bresciani and his wife, Robin, of Houston, Texas; her mother, Gloria Bresciani of Fernandina Beach; her grandmother, Aminda Gonzalez of Fernandina Beach; and many beloved nieces and nephews, especially her namesake and goddaughter, Maria Anna.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, September 10, 2018 at St. Michael Catholic Church with Father Jose Kallukalam, Celebrant. The family will receive friends between 1 and 3 p.m. and 5 and 7 p.m. Sunday, September 9, 2018 with a Vigil beginning at 6 p.m. She will be laid to rest in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

Share your memories and condolences at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Stephen M. LaTorre**, 75, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

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# WEEKLY UPDATE

### 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. today and Wednesday, Sept. 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.

### Hazardous waste collection event

Keep Nassau Beautiful and Nassau County Solid Waste Management will hold a household hazardous waste collection event for residents on Saturday, 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](http://keepnassaubeautiful.org).

### 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](http://ecs4kids.org/st-peters-literacy-day). You can make your donation online or at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

### Free becoming tobacco free class

Now is the time to become tobacco free: The Callahan Branch Library will host a free "Tools to Quit" class 5:15-7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11. Free patches, lozenges, and gum will also be available to participants, and the class includes a free quit plan, workbook, water bottle, stress ball and more. Call Northeast Florida AHEC at 482-0189 to register and learn about more classes near you.

### 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.

### FRWN speaker to discuss proposed state constitutional amendments

The Federated Republican Women of Nassau will welcome guest speaker Cherie Billings, former president of the FRWN and the current chairwoman of the Bylaws Committee of the Florida Federated Republican Women, at its Sept. 14 meeting. She will speak about the proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution that will appear on the November 2018 ballot. Reserve your place for lunch and the meeting by calling 491-5544 or emailing [frwnassau@gmail.com](mailto:frwnassau@gmail.com) by Tuesday, Sept. 12. Reservations are \$15. All registered Republican women and men are invited to attend meetings and join as members or associate members in the later case.

### 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.

### 'Suit Up To Clean Up' on Sept. 15

Keep Nassau Beautiful and Kayak Amelia have organized a "Suit Up To Clean Up" beach cleanup event for 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at an Amelia Island public beach of your choice. "The ocean provides the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe. Ocean trash is a global problem but has a local solution. Be part of the solution," a press release about the event states.

To participate, register for the event by visiting [kayakamelia.com](http://kayakamelia.com) and selecting "BOOK A TRIP." Choose one of the access points to reserve your spot. Site captains will be available at each location to provide gloves, trash grabbers, trash bags/buckets. Volunteers should bring sunscreen and water if desired. There will be a volunteer appreciation gift at the close of the event.

To qualify for a gift, you must register, check in with the site captain and sign a registration form. For information, contact 261-0165 or [kayakamelia.jules@gmail.com](mailto:kayakamelia.jules@gmail.com).

### TRICARE changes subject of MOAA luncheon

Captain Mike Doran, USN retired, will address the major changes coming to TRICARE at the Tuesday, Sept. 18, luncheon of the Nassau County, Fla. chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). Doran will discuss the changes and how they may impact your current coverage. The meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club; a light lunch will be served for \$10.

To attend, RSVP to Lou Tonti at 206-4460 by 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. A large attendance is anticipated so RSVP early to ensure a seat at what promises to be a "high-interest" session. The MOAA Nassau County, Fla. chapter welcomes all active, retired and former officers and their spouses; for more information, visit [ncflmoaa.org](http://ncflmoaa.org) or come to the September meeting.

### 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

### 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.

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 attend this event, you must pre-register at [nassaucountyflchamber.com](http://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.

### Car show to support Fort Clinch

A family-friendly vintage car event sponsored by Friends of Fort Clinch and Auto Legends Amelia will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Fort Clinch State Park. Proceeds from the event will help support Fort Clinch's many restoration and community projects. In addition to the vintage car show, there will be historical military vehicles on display and period re-enactors will bring the history of Fort Clinch alive. If you wish to enter a vintage car (1993 or older), entry forms are available at the Fort Clinch Ranger Station and Eight Flags Autosports at 925 S. Eighth St. in Fernandina Beach. Visitors are encouraged to wear vintage outfits. For show information contact [lebeal44@aol.com](mailto:lebeal44@aol.com).

### 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 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.

### Nassau Habitat seeking volunteers

Nassau Habitat for Humanity will begin its 25th building season in October. The local Habitat nonprofit affiliate constructs quality affordable homes and has completed construction of 42 homes. In the 2018-2019 building season Nassau Habitat will complete House No. 43 on South 10th Street in Fernandina Beach. The organization is looking for volunteers to help build homes.

There are opportunities to participate in actual construction and site construction support. For more details call 277-0600 or email [nhnhvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:nhnhvolunteers@gmail.com). You can also learn more at [nassauhabitatforhumanity.org](http://nassauhabitatforhumanity.org).

### 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.

### 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](mailto:charmontaskforce@gmail.com) or [aibeachprotectiongroup@gmail.com](mailto:aibeachprotectiongroup@gmail.com).

### Unbiased help with Medicare

The UF/FAS 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 530-8359 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.

### School 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.

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### FDOT Lane Closures

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) now posts its weekly lane closure report online at [www.NFLRoads.com/TrafficReport](http://www.NFLRoads.com/TrafficReport). With major work underway on A1A and other projects in Nassau County you can stay up-to-date on which roads will have lane closures. Commuters traveling into Duval County can also get the latest on Jacksonville lane closures. The report is updated every Friday.

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# A clash over fees at city's budget meeting

JULIA ROBERTS  
News-Leader

A discussion about pickle ball ended up in a back-and-forth between two Fernandina Beach city commissioners regarding the budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year, and whether allocations already set forth for impact fees should be changed.

Several members of the public attended a special meeting held by the City Commission to discuss the upcoming fiscal year budget, which will begin Oct. 1.

Most of those who addressed the commission are pickle ball players, who said there are 67 teams who play pickle ball in the city. They said the sport is growing, and facilities are strained.

The city has four pickle ball courts, and plans to expand those courts, as well as add lighting for play after dark, are included in the new budget. Those improvements are to be paid with Parks & Recreation impact fees.

There was also some discussion of using money from the Parks & Recreation impact fees to fund conservation efforts by the city. The pickle ball players spoke to the commission to ask that the money set aside to improve their facilities are used for that, and not taken away for conservation.

While the commission assured the pickle ball contingent that there were no plans to take the money from the Parks & Recreation impact fees that were allocated for pickle ball facilities, Commissioner Chip Ross did suggest that the commission rethink the impact fee account, which, when the 2018-19 fiscal year begins, will have a \$2.2 million balance. Projects that have been appropriated out of the Parks & Recreation impact fee fund total a bit over \$1 million.

"Knowing there is (\$2.2 million in the Parks & Recreation impact fee account), what I'd like to do, or the commission consider doing, is sort of hitting the pause button," Ross said. "What I'd suggest doing is zeroing out what's going to be spent in the next two to five years in the Parks and Rec impact fee budget and then, in the next two or three months have a workshop ... to figure out how we're going to spend this \$2.2 million. There's the waterfront park. There's some that think we should buy additional passive parkland. There's other

constituencies. So, I think instead of coming up now with what we want to do, I think a more prudent approach might be to zero it out, put it in reserve, and then have a discussion in the community ... and come up with a plan for spending that \$2.2 million."

Other commissioners said the impact fees have already been allocated, and should be spent accordingly.

"I know what you're saying, but I don't agree," Commissioner Roy Smith said. "These funds have been being collected. Part of that is for Simmons Road Park, \$400,000 of the \$1 million. So, it's not like it was not utilized. Why should all the people who could be utilizing this stuff in the next two years - and probably some of them paid the impact fees when they moved here ... why should we say we're not going to spend it now? No, let's spend it exactly how we approved it before. I mean, at the end of next year, you're probably going to, if we spend \$1 million now, at the end of 2018, we're probably going to have another \$1 million in impact fees. Just like after this year. It's not just pickle ball. There's a lot of different things up there. I don't want to see the citizens of our town go without when we have the money for it and it's a good use. I just can't see doing that."

Vice Mayor Len Kreger reminded the commission that Parks & Recreation impact fees are supposed to be used to pay for infrastructure necessitated by a growing population.

"I believe these two items (Simmons Road and pickle ball) and some of the others are specifically what the impact money was established for - infrastructure for growth," Kreger said. "I understand what impact funds are for. It's not what the people want. It's what they paid for - infrastructure for growth. In this case, I think these two items are definitely there. I think some of the others certainly can be looked at because we can change things down the line. It's infrastructure due to growth. It's not what people want, which are two different things. We have to provide that infrastructure to support the growth of the community."

"I didn't say we should not spend this money," Ross said. "I think this money should definitely be spent in the next 24 to 48

months. What I said was I think we need to take a pause, and take that whole \$2.2 million and sit down and figure out where that's going to go in the community."

"All the commissioners approved this back when we built the budget," Smith said. "I don't think we should be, at this point now, we should go ahead and spend this money. We all agreed on it. If we've got certain special

interests in the city that's trying to put a stop to this by delaying it because they want some of it, we've got more money coming in this year. I just think it's not fair to the residents of the city, a lot of whom have paid this money."

As the meeting was a special one called to discuss the budget, no action could be taken regarding the matter.

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City Commissioner Chip Ross suggested the commission "pause and take a deep breath" and reconsider allocations of funds in the city's Parks & Recreation impact fee account.

JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER

# Numbers and words

Pondering column topics since becoming a layman, two things stick out. Numbers and words define much of our worlds. This column has almost exclusively relied on some numbers each week to give a concrete foundation to a subject. Words define all of us every day. My desire has always been to be conversational in delivery, without the credentials to be otherwise.

Going forward, which the *News-Leader* has graciously allowed, and many have asked about, I will continue to use numbers as a base and words to frame things in. It seemed like some examples would be fun to look at.

The written word is part of all religions, along with numbers. Allow the Christian example to be one with broad familiarity:

- 2 – Adam and Eve. Loading the Ark, two by two.
  - 3 – The Trinity. Three wise men. Cock crows three times.
  - 4 – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
  - 5 – Five loaves and two fish.
  - 10 – Commandments.
  - 12 – Apostles.
  - 30 – Coins given to Judas.
  - 40 – Days of Lent.
- I will ask for divine permission to go from religion to politics. Words that are associated with U.S. presidents:
- No. 16 – Lincoln: “Four score and seven years ago ...”
  - No. 33 – Truman: “The buck stops here.”
  - No. 35 – Kennedy: “Ask not what your country can do for you ...”



**KEFFER'S CORNER**

Rick Keffer

does not ensure they are factual, depending on the usage, but 10 is 10 and always will be. Words are the wild card. The English language gives us so much to work with. I have long admired the British for saying the mundane in an interesting way. Words give us humor, empathy, joy, love, hate, optimism, clarity, meaning, definition, expression, and infinite other examples. Embrace them.

Why do we buy eggs or donuts by the dozen? The dozen is thought to have been derived from the cycles of the moon in a year. How that translates to food packaging, it's anyone's guess. There exists an answer in numbers expressed in words.

Enough for this week. Enjoy football, even in the last weeks of summer. Go Jags. Have a good week.

- No. 40 – Reagan: “Tear down that wall.”
- No. 41 – George H. W. Bush: “Read my lips, no new taxes.”
- No. 42 – Clinton: “I did not have — with that woman ...”
- No. 43 – George W. Bush: Mission accomplished. Compassionate conservatism.
- No. 44 – Obama: Hope and change. Affordable care.
- No. 45 – Trump: Make America great again. Low-energy Job.

Numbers are specific. That the dozen is thought to have been derived from the cycles of the moon in a year. How that translates to food packaging, it's anyone's guess. There exists an answer in numbers expressed in words.

## RATES *Continued from 1A*

reach standards that helped earn its current Class 6 assignment, the city conducts public workshops at City Hall. The next workshop is set for Oct. 9, and the City Commission will be present. All concerned stakeholders including the public are encouraged to attend.

Martin said the upcoming workshop is a separate meeting with the City Commission and is “solely devoted to floodplains.” He also stressed it will be held after conventional business hours.

“I’m not a fan of daytime meetings because I think it sends a hidden message that you’re trying to minimize public participation. That’s a personal philosophy of mine. I think you can’t have a

meeting earlier than six o’clock if you really want to promote public participation.” Martin said. “Now that’s not to say that people who work a second or third shift aren’t going to have trouble, but the preponderance of people are available at six o’clock at night.”

The Oct. 9 workshop is critical in forging a coordinated effort to update the city’s current floodplain ordinance to comply with the new NFIP Flood Insurance Manual.

“As part of this floodplain ordinance, at the first reading there were some concerns voiced by interested individuals – whether they were contractors, architects, builders, whatever,” Martin said. “We promised them that we need to pass the first reading to get that process in motion to support our review.

But at the same time we recognized that they needed a better forum to voice their concerns. So we said we’re going to put off the second reading of the ordinance until after we have this public workshop or forum, so they can share their professional concerns with the City Commission.”

Martin continued: “So the City Commission just isn’t going to solely rely on staff. They will hear from the people, so that this will have a better and bigger impact on their livelihood than it will on our livelihood as city staff. ... So we want to have that dialogue and give those other parties that have a vested interest in this an opportunity to share their concerns with the City Commission before the City Commission makes its final decision.”

# City resident speaks out for conservation action

JULIA ROBERTS  
*News-Leader*

A Fernandina Beach resident called out city commissioners this week for not acting quickly enough to protect more property within the city from development.

At a special meeting held Tuesday to give the public an opportunity to address concerns regarding the upcoming 2018-19 budget, Elizabeth Ann Huben referenced a survey in which 88 percent of the respondents said they believed purchasing open space and conservation land was important. She told the commission that the city should work with Nassau County in order to achieve the goal of protecting land from development.

Protecting more environmentally sensitive land from development has become a hot topic, and residents and environmental groups such as the Amelia Tree Conservancy have called for the City Commission to take action.

In June, the commission created a conservation program and trust fund. That fund currently has \$115,000 that the city received as part of a deal worked out last year between a developer, the Nassau County School Board and the city.

“Continued loss of tree canopy, wetlands, dunes, native vegetation, all on our barrier island city and county properties alike, in the event of a storm – it’s going to be a negative impact,” Huben said. “Tropical storms, like Harvey in Houston last year, do not follow squiggly lines on a map when they train floodwaters over us. Storms like Matthew and Irma do not check to see who pays for a utility surcharge before it knocks out the power island-wide. Finally, weather systems do not make note whether it was a city or a county EMT that was hunkered



JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER

Fernandina Beach resident Elizabeth Huben told the City Commission that efforts to put land into conservation needs to include Nassau County. “I think that a wider conversation with the county about what to do about land conservation is certainly appropriate at this point,” she said. “We are at a tipping point. We don’t have a lot left. When it’s gone, it’s gone.”

down waiting for 911 calls in the aftermath of a storm.”

Huben said she, along with her family, own several parcels of property in the city, including five undeveloped lots. Commissioner Roy Smith asked Huben if she planned on putting those lots into conservation. She said her family had no plans for the lots.

“At some point, I’m assuming you might put houses there, or sell it for houses,” Smith said to Huben.

“We might,” Huben

answered. “... I’m not sure that this is an appropriate conversation about what the family thinks they are going to do, but we had talked about fewer houses than would be allowed by the deeds, and keeping open space is a part of it. We intend to put our money where our mouth is.”

Smith said he did not feel it is appropriate to spend Fernandina Beach taxpayer’s money to purchase land that is not in the city.

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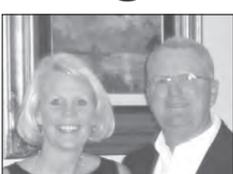
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# Disposed and missing equipment at schools adds up to big bucks

MICHAEL MILLER  
News-Leader

In an article appearing on page 3B in today's *News-Leader*, Nassau County Schools Superintendent Dr. Kathy Burns notes the extensive role technology plays in local schools these days. Even the district's buses are not immune to "the touch of technology," she says.

Burns states that the district already puts a laptop into the hands of every single middle school student and has now expanded that initiative to the high schools, adding nearly 4,000 additional devices this year.

She also explains that all this technology must be refreshed from time to time and says, "This is a monumental task."

According to Susan Farmer, who serves as executive director of Business Services for the district, those refreshes of computers, laptops, tablets, servers, printers, routers, projectors, and various other gadgetry takes place every five years on a rotating basis at each of the district's 16 schools, as well as in the district's various departments.

To get an idea of the scope of those technology refreshes,

the *News-Leader* analyzed the "Disposed Equipment" reports that are a part of the consent agenda at nearly every meeting of the Nassau County School Board.

Typically, items on the consent agenda rarely receive any discussion during board meetings, despite the fact that the reports frequently deal with equipment that can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Indeed, the reports total approximately \$5.3 million between 2014 and this year.

While the reports include non-technology categories like lunchroom equipment, furniture and vehicles, technology items account for about 85 percent or more than \$4.5 million of that total. Farmer makes the point that the amounts appearing on the reports represent the original costs of the items, rather than their present-day values.

So, what is a "Disposed Equipment" report?

Each report lists every single piece of school district equipment that has been junked, lost or stolen and groups the items by school or district department.

Items that have been "junked," according to Farmer,

have either ceased to function entirely or are "no longer usable in our environment." Junked technology items are stored in a warehouse where district personnel review them to determine if they should be thrown out, auctioned, used for trade-ins against new equipment and so forth. Much of the junked equipment isn't worth anything and vendors "offer pennies on the dollar," Farmer says.

The district has removed more technology equipment between 2014 and 2018 from Yulee High School and West Nassau High School than any other location in the county — \$713,012 and \$737,092, respectively. Those figures are nearly double the next closest schools, Hilliard Middle-Senior High School at \$442,533 and Callahan Intermediate School at \$409,434.

The schools with the least amount of junked technology items are Fernandina Beach Middle School at \$154,089, Callahan Middle School at \$185,382 and Bryceville Elementary School at \$187,525.

The remainder of the schools in the district ranged between \$250,000 and \$300,000 each.

While junked equipment

makes its way onto the reports virtually in real time as it is removed from service, missing technology equipment can take up to two years before "officially" being reported as missing. Farmer says that gives the district time to find items that may have been misplaced. The district files police reports on the relatively few items that are stolen.

Missing equipment accounts for about \$180,000 over the past five years, but items lost at Emma Love Hardee Elementary School make up more than \$66,000 of that figure, with Fernandina Beach High School following closely behind at \$64,000.

Yulee Primary and Middle schools also had problems, losing \$20,000 and \$12,000 worth of items, respectively.

The remainder of the schools in the district lost only small amounts of technology equipment, mostly totaling less than \$5,000 at each location.

The exception is Yulee High School, where administrators managed to keep track of every single piece of equipment, reporting no losses between 2014 and this year.

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## HOMESTEAD

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owner not properly notifying our office to remove the exemption [F.S. 196.161]. Three property owners were in violation because they were also claiming residency-based property exemptions in another state. Two property owners were renting out their homestead property while they lived somewhere else," Lilly said.

When asked what constitutes a "high priority parcel," Lilly said, "The high priority list is what the vendor is creating with the data used by TransUnion. It runs through algorithms to determine if, based on many factors, including multiple addresses or licenses or utilities, etc., someone may be getting multiple homestead exemptions."

So what is the penalty for homestead exemption fraud? As outlined in Florida law and contained on a form that all homebuyers receive and must sign, "They could be penalized with a lien for up to 10 years, pay a 50-percent penalty and pay 15 percent annum in interest," Lilly said.

As it stands now, according to Lilly, the county taxing authorities stand to recoup almost \$90,000 from the 10 owners caught so far.

The Property Appraiser's Office does appraise all 50,000 real estate properties and

almost 3,000 Tangible Personal Property accounts in Nassau County for tax purposes; administers nearly 22,000 homestead property tax exemptions; and manages the county-wide GIS database with over 25 layers, according to a recent presentation given by Hickox to a local business organization.

In addition, and per Florida statutes, the property appraiser is required to physically inspect each property at least once every five years. Where geographically suitable, and at the discretion of the property appraiser, the property appraiser may use image technology in lieu of physical inspection to ensure that the tax roll meets all the requirements of law.

If there is one thing the Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office would like residents to know, it is that they do not set the tax rate; they just appraise the value of properties. That appraisal process is based on the collection of hard data like home sales, vacant land sales and other variables. If for some reason a homeowner disagrees with the market value, classification, or an exemption on their TRIM notice, they are encouraged to contact the Property Appraiser's Office at 491-7300 or [info@nassauflpa.com](mailto:info@nassauflpa.com). If a homeowner is still not satisfied, there is the option of filing a petition for adjustment with the Value Adjustment Board, but the

deadline to file a dispute about the market value, classification, or an exemption on a property is Sept. 14. VAB petition forms are available online.

According to the Florida Department of Revenue, "The purpose of the value adjustment board (VAB) is to hear appeals regarding property value assessments, denied exemptions or classifications, ad valorem tax deferrals, portability decisions, and change of ownership or control. Taxpayers or their representatives file petitions with the VAB clerk in the county where the property is located."

At a recent meeting, Hickox stated that his office had five or six such hearings last year of which they lost only one.

Come November, voters in Florida will also see two questions on the primary ballot relating to homestead exemptions. If passed, the state constitution would be amended. Amendment 1 proposes to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school

district levies. If passed, that amendment would take effect Jan. 1, 2019.

Amendment 2 would permanently retain provisions that limit property tax increases on specified non-homestead real property, except for school taxes, to 10 percent each year. If approved, that amendment removes the scheduled repeal of such provisions in 2019 and would take effect on Jan. 1, 2019.

For questions or additional information, visit the website of the Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office website at [nassauflpa.com](http://nassauflpa.com), call 491-7300, or email [info@nassauflpa.com](mailto:info@nassauflpa.com).

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## UPDATE

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## Volunteering for NHS

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

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## ACTION

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"I don't remember asking you to buy county property," she retorted. "I asked you to buy property. I think that there are pieces of property inside the city limits, less than 200 of them at this point, that are vacant and undeveloped."

Huben admonished the commission to set up the funding to buy undeveloped land.

"You agreed already, as a unanimous board vote, that you would look into land conservation and would set up a trust fund. You've done neither. I think one of the things we talked about in the memo from Margaret Kirkland is having a referendum or bond issue to fund it. Existing city funds outside of Parks and Rec. Get it where you want to get it from, I don't care." Huben went on to urge commissioners to do something "now."

One of the ideas discussed at City Commission meetings is to fund conservation land purchases by floating a bond for as much as \$10 million in voter-approved debt, which would be put to a vote via a referendum. Commissioner Chip Ross said he will push for the matter to be put to the voters.

Other ways of preserving land for conservation that have been discussed include creat-

ing a special Municipal Service Taxing Unit, creating an impact fee for open space and conservation efforts, and having property owners grant property tax-deductible conservation easements to the city.

Vice Mayor Len Kreger said that the city plans to consider all the funding opportunities at an Oct. 2 meeting.

"What we need is everybody to get together," Kreger told Ruben. "We need to work with the county on everything. We need these different groups to come and step up to the plate. I've made a case that one of the premier conservation agencies in Charleston ... was initiated by outside people. It happened to be Ted Turner (who) put in a conservation easement. Cumberland Island — the Mellon Foundation funded the initial purchase. I'm not saying that you guys should do that, but the public has to step up to the plate, too."

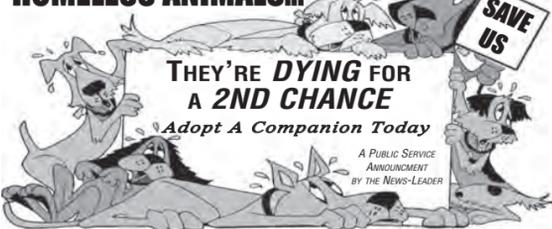
Both Ross and Kreger said they believe the city's conservation efforts will come to fruition.

"I think that within the next two or three months ... we will have a plan to move forward to come up with a real way of funding conservation land," Ross said.

"I think we're going to get there," Kreger said.

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## HOMELESS ANIMALS...



### Notice of Meeting

#### Amelia Walk Community Development District

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Amelia Walk Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Amelia Walk Amenity Center, 85287 Majestic Walk Circle, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.

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David deNagy  
District Manager

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The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1088, which serves veterans and their families in Nassau and Camden counties, has recently been sanctioned to adopt State Road 200/A1A between Sadler Road and the Shave Bridge by the state of Florida. Since its inception, the chapter has reached out to many veterans and their families in the community and beyond with support services and caring for citizens as an important way to honor local heroes who serve and have served. Pictured from left are Tommy Townsend, Roger Allen, David Roeser, Barry Moody, Corkey Rudd and John Harris.

## Unsung Heroes

Throughout most cultures, monuments, buildings, statues, etc. are erected to remind us of certain accomplishments in our society. These reminders are sometimes necessary because we tend to forget those people who blend in the background after their job is finished. We must remember however, that most importantly heroes do not bring attention to themselves. They do what they think is right in all instances with or without being celebrated, and this makes them a true hero. With this in mind, let us celebrate heroes in our own everyday lives - our grandparents. They are the unsung heroes who have lived their lives to make ours. Today let them know their worth is unmeasurable.

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## Fear and trust

God does not lie. The question is, why do His children lie? Fear will make you a liar. It will cause you to think doubtful thoughts, say what you think, will cause you to forget the promises of God. Fear will cause you not to consider how your choices will affect other people.

Aren't you glad that God is faithful to do what He has promised even when we fail to trust Him. So many times, God will make us a promise, and the first contrary condition will cause us to plan our protection, as if we were more capable than God. That is what people did when they feared what other people could do to them, and it is what we do when we don't understand what God's protection can do for us.

It is when God does the supernatural in the middle of our fear that we return to His promise to us. We will wake up on day and find that, although we have a famine, we have been provided with seeds to sow during the famine. Then, before we realize it, we are reaping in the same year we sowed an abundant crop, because God has blessed us as He promised He would.



NOW AND THEN

Maybelle Kirkland

when fear is trying to rent space in our hearts.

The families of the late Charlotte George, Nikita Raysor and Clyde O. Benjamin thank you, their family and friends, for all acts of kindness shown to them during their times of bereavement, and ask God's continued blessing upon each of you.

Birthday greetings to Shalene Raysor, Ardee Harris, Shameka Alberta, Paula Clayton, Deena Raysor, Jerry Owens, Curtis Collins, Reginald Alexander, Florenda Jones, India Rainey, and Sis. Renee Bolden.

Commit to truly trusting God's promises, because trust is the only thing that will cause truth to proceed from our lips. Trusting the promises of God is the only eradicator of the torments of fear. Remind ourselves often of His promises so that trust will squeeze out truth from our hearts

## Arts Market returns Saturday, rain or shine

JUDIE MACKIE  
For the News-Leader

The Fernandina Beach Arts Market and the Market Place farmers market will be open in historic Fernandina Beach from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, rain or shine. With just over 100 days until Christmas, this is a great opportunity to start checking off your shopping list for gifts while picking up natural body and bath products, as well as fabulous farm-fresh finds.

The Arts Market will host over 20 booths of fine jewelry, apparel, wooden crafts, paintings, and more. Two of our featured wood artists that are setting up in the Arts Market will be Catherine Limp and Kristina Hoover. Limp owns Crafts by Catherine and creates handmade wooden crafts recycled from fence pickets and wood pallets. Hoover is a woodcut artist currently based in Jacksonville. She creates unique and custom works of art using woodblocks.

The Arts Market also hosts a fabulous leather vendor, House of Jaguar, and they are introducing new medicine bags this week. The ancient use of a medicine bag was to maintain balance and harmony with the physical and the spiritual world of the wearer. The contents had a sacred significance to ensure healing, personal power and protection. To help balance and harmonize, the wearer would add something from the plant, animal, mineral and modern world. So



JUDIE MACKIE/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

This Saturday marks the sixth anniversary of the Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market and to celebrate we are kicking off our "Leave One Take One" reusable shopping bag program.

grab your crystals, lipstick, herbs, pocket knife, cell phone, feathers and keys, instill good vibes and add them to your personal medicine bag!

The farmers market will host nearly 40 booths of fresh-baked breads and pastries, plants and herbs, seasonal vegetables, freshly cut flowers, hand-squeezed lemonade, beef, salmon, shrimp, and more. You will find Asian tapas, African dishes, and American cuisine. Hot sauce, dip mixes, and garlic spreads are all available for tasting, as well

## Agencies to discuss services at roundtable

Representatives from Barnabas Center, Micah's Place, The Salvation Army Hope House, and Families in Transition will offer a roundtable discussion Monday, Sept. 24, about the services each organization provides to families in crisis.

Attendees will learn how:

- Families in Transition helps the more than 500 homeless children in Nassau County;
- The Salvation Army Hope House assists other ministries and individuals in their time of need;
- Micah's Place serves our community to prevent, educate, and assist victims of domestic violence;
- Barnabas Center provides comprehensive assistance to help prevent homelessness; and
- They can help.

Sponsored by Friends of the Library, the program will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Branch Library, located at 25 N. Fourth St. in Fernandina Beach. This presentation is free of charge. Registration in advance is suggested by calling the library at 530-6500, ext. 1.

For further information regarding this event, on joining Friends of the Library, or to donate, please visit the FOL website at [www.fernandinaFOL.org](http://www.fernandinaFOL.org).

as body sprays, salves, lotions, and soaps.

Local nonprofit Kenya Partners will be in our Booth with a Cause. They will be sharing information and building awareness about the extent of poverty existing in other parts of the world. Their mission is to make a significant impact on the lives of orphans in Kenya by providing quality education, reliable health care, and a feeding program. Kenya Partners will be promoting their annual fundraiser scheduled for Sept. 23 at Walkers Landing on Amelia Island.

Saturday is our sixth anniversary as the Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market, and to celebrate, we will be introducing our new "Leave One Take One" program. This is a free service for our community to share those reusable shopping bags that we all have accumulating in our cars and pantries. Simply bring your extra bags or feel free to take one to use when you are shopping at the farmers market. We all have those bags, but many of us simply forget to use them. We hope Saturdays at the farmers market will become that reminder for us all to do our part when it comes to recycle, reuse, and repurpose!

Entertainment this week is provided by musicians "RAE" - Alix Rae and Ana Rae Delfs.

Both markets are located at the corner of Eighth and Centre Streets. Learn more by "liking" the Amelia Island Market Place on Facebook.

## EASTERN STAR RAISES CHARITY FUNDS



At the recent Eastern Star picnic commemorating the birthday of founder Rob Morris, Norma Storms, left, Worthy Matron, Fernandina No. 55, and Myrtis Jackson, right, Worthy Matron, Riverview No. 265, encouraged the crowd to bid high on each of the wrapped, undisclosed one-pound items. This year's theme was The Beach so Storms used the surfboard and beach towels to decorate the table. The auction garnered more than \$200 that will be given to local charities. Hosting the event this year was the Worthy Matron "Pinky" Kirkland of the Callahan Lodge.

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I am an 84-year-old grocery bagger who has been working at the Amelia Island Harris Teeter grocery store since 2005. Recently, as my 45th anniversary approached, I lost my gold wedding ring that I had been wearing all those years.

I weigh more now than when we were first married. One day it became too painful to wear on the ring finger as I moved carts in the parking lot, and I made the sad mistake of transferring the ring to my “pinky,” with the predictable result that the ring was soon lost.

It was prior to our planned anniversary celebration together with our daughter and her husband. That is when Patty Spaulding, the manager of the Harris Teeter store’s floral department, came to our rescue by informing many of the store employees, many of whom generously donated funds for the purchase of a replacement ring. It was purchased from Amelia’s Fine Jewelry store on Centre Street, and I received the very fine replacement ring on the very day of our anniversary!

Word of these happenings, much to my astonishment, was also mentioned on Facebook, and I am still hearing from customers (while I am bagging their groceries) that they heard about the loss of the original ring.

How fortunate and grateful I am to know that such caring and generous people work where I work.

**Karl Fleckhammer**  
Fernandina Beach**Justice for all**

One of the basic tenants of our great American experiment with democracy is equal justice under the law. We have come a long way in this regard since our nation’s founding documents were written. And we’re still struggling to get it right, to our credit.

The dramatic bias now being exposed in the Justice Department and FBI should be cause for concern for most thoughtful Americans – Republicans, Democrats, and Independents – because that bias may someday impact directly on you, on your families, and on me, unfairly. One example: The IRS recently showed how bias can exert itself when it abused certain individuals and organizations because of their conservative mindsets.

It truly frightens me that the bias we are slowly unearthing would not have been discovered if the Trump investigation had not taken place. Under different circumstances, it would have continued, uninterrupted, undercover, until who knows when. Unequal justice would have prevailed and been promulgated at the highest levels of government, setting the wrong example for our country. A dangerous one, to be sure.

Please think about equal justice and its importance to democracy. Few foundations are more important to our American way of life. Without equal justice, we fall well short of the promise of the great American Dream.

**Ed Weihenmayer**  
Amelia Island**"IF IT'S ANY HELP, I WOULD RULE IN FAVOR OF THE CHAIRMAN..."**

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**Higher taxes coming**

The trend at the federal and state levels has been toward lower taxes, which is favorable for residents and businesses alike.

Local officials, however, are bucking this trend. By a lot of bucks.

The governments of Nassau County and several cities are proposing higher – and in some cases, much higher – property taxes for this coming year. Take Fernandina Beach. Though the proposed millage rate went down slightly, soaring property valuations in our area overall mean most property owners are going to get a higher bill.

Therefore, these government entities will essentially double-dip on property taxes. In the meantime, both the state of Florida and the federal government have been reducing taxes in a variety of ways.

So why the disconnect, you might ask? The exact answers are as difficult to find as Jimmy Hoffa.

The county says it needs new and better roads – and roads are costly to build and refurbish. Fernandina Beach says it needs money for the waterfront/marina. The schools must reinforce their premises against gun violence.

Even for those living outside any cities, the total taxes you pay will likely increase by nearly 10 percent (according to the “Notice of Proposed Property Taxes” everyone receives). So if you paid \$2,500 in property taxes last year, you will now pay \$2,750, for instance (depending on the value of your property). If you live inside cities like Fernandina Beach or Hilliard, you will likely pay even higher taxes next year.

There are taxes on things other than your property. The county is also proposing a big hike in the gas tax charged at the pump. And there are sales taxes. (It must be noted that the proposed tax rates could be lowered before the final budgets are adopted.)

Granted, Nassau County is growing. And attracting more tourists than ever. This is mostly positive, although there are costs – even for existing residents.

The county has been negligent in passing off “growth-related costs”

**STEVE'S MARKET PLACE**

Steve Nicklas

to new businesses and residents. This could be done through impact fees, for instance. Or by requiring major developments to contribute toward new roads, or even new schools or recreational facilities.

In the case of Nassau County, the financial burden is being placed upon those who are

already here. We do need new and better roads. But most residents would probably agree that this burden should be placed on new development, when possible.

Both the state and the federal government have been amenable to taxpayers. Most people are benefiting from sweeping income tax cuts approved by the federal government last year.

And Florida continues to flourish with a \$3 billion surplus each of the last few years, while living within its means. There is no income tax in Florida, but there are state taxes on property, sales, gas, etc.

Trends toward lower taxes and regulations are favorable, whether at the federal, state or local levels. As proof, the U.S. economy grew by more than four percent last quarter.

Local officials need to learn from the federal and state examples – and follow them, not buck them. The only bucks we want are those in our pockets.

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**Teenagers, would it kill you to open a book?**

Call me a nuanced curmudgeon.

I’m not so bothered by the AMOUNT of time that teenagers spend with the internet and/or digital devices as by the lack of QUALITY of their pursuits.

I’m reacting to the recent Drudge Report headline “A third of teens haven’t read a single book in past year.”

Researchers from San Diego State University, analyzing four decades’ worth of data and publishing the results in the journal *Psychology of Popular Media Culture*, show traditional reading devastated by texting, social networking, aimless web surfing and addictive video games.

For instance, in the late Seventies, 60 percent of 12th graders read a book or magazine almost daily; by 2016, even with the availability of Kindle and similar devices, only 16 percent did.

Printer John Peter Zenger risked prosecution for seditious libel in order to hold the colonial governor of New York accountable. Abraham Lincoln read by firelight. Sequoyah painstakingly developed a symbol for each syllable in the Cherokee language. Today’s kids? “Wash ... hands ... after ... using ... restroom. Do those 25-year-old fossils think we have all day to read these interminable instructions???”

Sure, my generation had shortcuts such as Classics Illustrated Comics and CliffsNotes; but some of us were glad that Shakespeare’s immortal words were more complex than “Just hanging out. You?”

Yes, we had to learn a lot of things the hard way; but we also benefitted from the accumulated knowledge of prime ministers and explorers and inventors. We pondered the commandments brought down from the mountaintop on two tablets. That’s a far cry from hanging on every word of some nitwit who brings out two Tide pods on YouTube.

We used to be able to take lifelong lessons from even the driest literature. I direct you to the movie *Dead Poets Society*. But now we’re more likely to hear, “Seize the day? I can’t even seize my car keys. I’ve got carpal tunnel syndrome from texting.”**TYRADES!**

Danny Tyree

Older Americans share a priceless common bond when we can remember where we were when we first saw newspaper photographs of the Kent State riots or John F. Kennedy Jr. saluting his fallen father.

Fifty years from now, today’s adolescents will probably reminisce, “Remember that girl who sent a topless photo to that boy she sort of liked, and it went viral? Should’ve won a Pulitzer! Should’ve won a Pulitzer!”

Sometimes you need something substantive that makes you THINK. And I don’t mean like “Your post on Snapchat made me think ... that I’d better get a catheter, so I don’t miss one minute of the big videogame tournament!”

Don’t get me wrong. A number of teens (including my son the sophomore) do share my passion for reading. They learn something from essays and sermons and manuals and investigative pieces and manifestos.

And herein lies the real division of “haves” and “have nots” in our country in the coming years. Youngsters who “get” reading will have life more abundantly. The willfully ignorant will miss out on all the jokes and literary allusions that zoom over their heads. They’ll be blindsided when history repeats itself and throw a hissy fit when no one tells them about the town hall meeting to discuss zoning ordinances.

Maybe they’ll really get a comeuppance in the ROMANCE department.

“Want me to play the Naughty Librarian, handsome?”

“What’s a librarian?”

“Never mind. \*Sigh\* What’s the Cherokee phrase for ‘Get lost, loser?’”

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## JUNIOR PEEWEES



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The Fernandina Beach Pop Warner Junior Peewees hosted the Yulee Hornets' green team Saturday afternoon at Buccaneer Field.

## MLB spring training 2019 kicks off Feb. 22

Let the countdown begin. It's just 146 days until the beginning of the 2019 Florida spring training season.

The 2019 Major League Baseball spring training schedule was recently released, and the first game of the 2019 season will be played on Feb. 22 as the Tampa Bay Rays will host the Philadelphia Phillies at the Charlotte Sports Park. A full schedule of games will be played Feb. 23.

The season continues through March 26, when just two games will be played in the Sunshine State to wrap up the 33 days of play. Playing an interleague game again in 2019, the Minnesota Twins host the Colorado Rockies at the CenturyLink Sports Complex in Fort Myers while the Tampa Bay Rays host the Detroit Tigers at Tropicana Field.

The final full day of action of the 2019 Florida Grapefruit League season is March 24. A game of note being played on March 24 will feature the Atlanta Braves hosting Tampa Bay at the Braves' new spring training complex in North Port. It will be a sneak peek ahead to the 2020 season when the Braves will play a full schedule in Sarasota County.

A total of 238 games will be played in the State of Florida between Major League teams in the 33 days of the 2019 Florida Grapefruit League season.

Nearly 1.5 million fans attended Florida spring training games during the 2018 season with more than 29 million fans have attended Florida spring training games since 2000.

The 2018 Florida Grapefruit League generated an economic impact of \$687.1 million for the State of Florida, according to a Florida Spring Training Economic Impact Study, compiled by Tallahassee-based Downs & St. Germain Research to determine the Grapefruit League's overall economic impact, including number of attendees, jobs created and the overall associated wages for employees.

A key finding of the survey showed that of the averaged total of 6,318 fans per game, 70 percent were from outside of the host teams' local markets (52 percent out of state; 18 percent out of county). Those fans generated nearly \$584 million in economic impact for the Sunshine State.

Downs & St. Germain's findings also showed that 7,152 jobs are created annually by Florida Spring Training, accounting for \$253.5 million in wages. Fans attending games were responsible for 355,590 paid accommodation room nights at Florida-based lodging destinations. In total, fans attended an average of 2.9 games.

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## First hole-in-one for McGrath at GCAI



Melinda McGrath had her first ace on Saturday.

Melinda McGrath got her first ace on Saturday on the 13th hole at the Golf Club of Amelia Island. For the 106 yards, she hit the perfect shot with an eight hybrid.

### Opening Day for FBWGA

The Fernandina Beach Women's Golf Association held Opening Day golf and luncheon on Tuesday. A group of 28 women enjoyed a mixer event, and then a luncheon followed. First place went to the team of Vickie Galpin, Jayne Paige, Joyce Tonti and Kathleen Hilmer. Second place went to the team of Debbie Engers, Glenda Babin, Nancy Inboden and Betsy Montgomery. There was a tie for a third place between the team of Sue Lopiano, Nancy Meadows, Rachael Hentigan, Pat Kraus and the team of Sherril Boyer, Jean DesBarres, Sue Raskin and Betsy Montgomery as blind draw.

### Mini golf tourney

The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce will host the inaugural Complete & Putter Madness mini golf tournament from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Oct.

### GOLF NEWS

23 at Putt Putt at Main Beach, 6 N. Fletcher Ave., Fernandina Beach. This is not your average golf tournament for not your average player. Teams of four will represent businesses throughout Nassau County and compete for bragging rights and a trophy. There will be goodie bags for each team and entertainment throughout the tournament. The event is sponsored by Putt Putt Amelia Island, Kona Ice and Waterwheel Cigar. The entry fee for each team is \$100 and spaces are limited. The registration deadline is Oct. 16. For information, visit [www.nassaucountyflchamber.com](http://www.nassaucountyflchamber.com) or call 261-3248. Nassau County Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based association of Nassau County businesses, professional leaders and individuals working together to provide leadership which will aggressively promote and defend responsible economic growth, employment opportunities, government and excellence in education and quality of life.

# SPORTS SHORTS

## 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 Friday.

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.

Make a donation to the Folds of Honor Foundation directly at [www.foldsofhonor.org](http://www.foldsofhonor.org).

Visit [www.ameliainlandguidesassociation.com](http://www.ameliainlandguidesassociation.com) for tournament information. To donate or have a booth at the event, contact Capt. Scott Thompson at 430-6014.

## 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](http://www.fbri.com).

## 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.

Students must have completed the online course at [www.MyFWC.com](http://www.MyFWC.com) before taking the course.

## Adult tai chi

Master Tom Gagne is offering adult tai chi classes at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Email [paksfernbc@yahoo.com](mailto:paksfernbc@yahoo.com) or call 261-8660 for information.

## 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.

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## Boules Club

The Amelia Island Boules Club holds petanque pickup games on the petanque courts at Central Park, corner of Atlantic Avenue and South 11th Street, Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and most afternoons on weekdays.

Petanque (pay-tonk) is a cousin of both horseshoes and bocce, the Italian bowling game. The public is always welcome. Call 491-1190.

## Sailing club meets

The Amelia Island Sailing Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Kraft Athletic Club at Ten Acres, located off Buccaneer Trail. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner, business meeting and guest speaker presentation. Guests are welcome.

Current boat ownership or sailing skills are not prerequisites to joining.

Club activities throughout the year may include day/overnight excursions by water and/or land, sailboat racing, social activities such as tubing, swimming with manatees, picnics and parties; as well as assisting with local conservation and environmental efforts in surrounding waters.

For information, contact Commodore Tom Maguire at (703) 298-1714.

## NSFA meets

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association holds its monthly business meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The monthly social get-together is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The location for both meetings is Kraft Ten Acres, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach. All are welcome.

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

ties. Contact President Dennis Burke at (256) 453-4744 or email [info@nsfafish.net](mailto:info@nsfafish.net).

## Auxiliary meets

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

## Organized bike rides

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

Helmets and a bicycle in good working condition are required. Bicycle safety will be emphasized at the start of each ride.

Cyclists typically split into groups, depending on pace and skill level, and there are options to cut the ride short. Anyone who joins the group will not be left behind. Lunch is optional. Call 261-5160, or visit [www.ameliainlandcycling.com](http://www.ameliainlandcycling.com), [www.ameliainlandtrail.org](http://www.ameliainlandtrail.org) or [www.nfbc.us](http://www.nfbc.us).

## Walk with Me

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

The program is held at 8 a.m. Mondays. Meet at the McArthur YMCA, 1951 Citrona Drive. Walkers of all ages and levels are welcome. Call 261-1080 for information.

# TINY TIGERS



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Pak's Karate Academy of Fernandina Beach held its quarterly belt promotions for Tiny Tigers and Tigers on Aug. 24. Students were quizzed on their life skills comprehension in order to be eligible for promotion and, on promotion day, demonstrated their required techniques and broke boards. Pictured with the students who promoted are black belts, instructors and senior master instructors Bryan and Carolyn Peeples. Tiny Tigers, above, include Austin Guerrier, Christopher Nelson, Joseph Palmer, Matthew Godek, James Coyle, Kolton Deringer, Victoria Miranda and Bryson Roth. The Tigers, below, include Billy Mooney, Elizabeth Godek, Lora Leigh Palmer, Dillan South, Trevor South, Erin Oliver, Natalie Spencer, Brantley Thompson, Emma Jenssen, Nicolas Monterde, Gabriel Depalm, Derrick Calazans, Phoebe Gower, Drake Adams, Lila Trammell, Zachary Bietenholz, Elaina Mersereau, Sophie Kluessner, Jack Heymann and Sam Genovese.

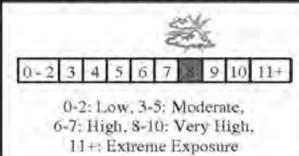


## The News Leader Weather Summary

### Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b> Scattered T-storms 85 / 76	<b>Saturday</b> Scattered T-storms 86 / 75	<b>Sunday</b> Scattered T-storms 87 / 76	<b>Monday</b> Scattered T-storms 88 / 77	<b>Tuesday</b> Scattered T-storms 86 / 79	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Cloudy 87 / 76	<b>Thursday</b> Few Showers 84 / 73

### Local UV Index



### Weather Trivia

Who developed the temperature scale?  
 Answer: In 1714, Gabriel Fahrenheit developed the scale.

### Weather History

**Sept. 7, 1970** - A lightning bolt struck a group of football players at Gibbs High School in St. Petersburg, Fla., killing two people and injuring 22 others. All of the 38 players and four coaches were knocked off their feet.

### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Peak Times			Peak Times		
Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Fri	10:33-12:33	-	Tue	1:46-3:46	2:11-4:11
Sat	11:02-1:02	11:31-1:31	Wed	2:36-4:36	3:01-5:01
Sun	11:59-1:59	12:27-2:27	Thu	3:26-5:26	3:50-5:50
Mon	12:54-2:54	1:20-3:20			

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### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
<b>New 9/9</b>	Fri 7:05 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	4:33 a.m.	6:28 p.m.	
	Sat 7:06 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	5:41 a.m.	7:14 p.m.	
	Sun 7:06 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	6:50 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	
	Mon 7:07 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	7:56 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	
	Tue 7:07 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	9:01 a.m.	9:15 p.m.	
<b>First 9/16</b>	Wed 7:08 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	10:04 a.m.	9:53 p.m.	
	Thu 7:09 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	11:05 a.m.	10:31 p.m.	

### Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
8/29	87	74	88/75	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
8/30	88	74	88/75	0.00"	8/29	30	9/2	33
8/31	89	81	88/75	0.00"	8/30	31	9/3	32
9/1	89	79	88/75	0.00"	8/31	35	9/4	35
9/2	88	78	88/75	0.00"	9/1	34		
9/3	89	76	88/74	0.00"				
9/4	88	82	87/74	0.00"				

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

### Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance					
Date	High	Low		Date	High	Low			
Fri	7:09 am	12:49 am	7:45 pm	1:04 pm	Fri	6:33 am	12:46 am	7:09 pm	1:01 pm
Sat	8:08 am	1:46 am	8:40 pm	2:02 pm	Sat	7:32 am	1:43 am	8:04 pm	1:59 pm
Sun	9:04 am	2:39 am	9:32 pm	2:58 pm	Sun	8:28 am	2:36 am	8:56 pm	2:55 pm
Mon	9:59 am	3:29 am	10:23 pm	3:51 pm	Mon	9:23 am	3:26 am	9:47 pm	3:48 pm
Tue	10:51 am	4:16 am	11:12 pm	4:42 pm	Tue	10:15 am	4:13 am	10:36 pm	4:39 pm
Wed	11:42 am	5:03 am	None	5:33 pm	Wed	11:06 am	5:00 am	11:24 pm	5:30 pm
Thu	12:00 am	5:49 am	12:31 pm	6:25 pm	Thu	11:55 am	5:46 am	None	6:22 pm

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Moravian's Robotic Observatory Online

Every day, except for one of the eight that we were at MDRS, the out-of-doors temperature reached into the low 100's. Why would anyone want to live in such a hostile environment? It's really quite tame compared to Mars, where heat is substituted for bone-chilling cold, and all exterior work must be conducted within the confines of a pressurized space suit. When you think about it in that respect, our habitat and environments were more than habitable. Still, most people avoid living in such an environment. When the idea was first pitched to build the MDRS Robotic Observatory in 2016, we gave it about a 5-10 percent chance of success; yet here we were, putting the finishing touches on a dream come true. Although Moravian has a 25 percent share of telescope time, no Moravian funds were allocated by the College for its construction. Our \$20,000 share was raised solely through public donations, about half coming from the generous contributions of Dr. Carlson R. Chambliss. In fact, it was Moravian's contribution that supplemented the original funding provided by an anonymous donor from the Mars Society to make the observatory fully robotic. During our week at MDRS we cleaned all components and made some minor mechanical repairs to the dome. We also installed two weather stations to act as backup units to the main Boltwood sensor which gives the electronic permission for the clamshell observatory dome to open if weather conditions are suitable for astronomical viewing. The Boltwood closed the dome automatically one evening when the wind picked up during the passage of a nearby thunderstorm. You can get a live look at the MDRS Robotic Observatory by downloading the BloomSky Weather application onto your smart phone. Once the BloomSky program loads, perform a search for MDRS Hanksville, Utah or use the "Explore" tab at the bottom of the screen to scroll across the US to Utah. The BloomSky positioned most centrally in the state is the one looking at the MDRS Robotic Observatory. Daily weather loops can be found on YouTube at Moravian College WxL [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

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## 2018 SCHEDULES

School	Event	Date	Time		
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Varsity Football	Sept. 7	Open		
	WOLFSON*	Sept. 14	7:00		
	at Stanton (homecoming)	Sept. 21	7:00		
	at Zephyrhills Christian	Sept. 28	7:00		
	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	Sept. 7	at Menendez 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. 13	at Bishop Kenny 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. 13	SANDALWOOD 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. 16	at Ponte Vedra Invite 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	8:35	
	Regional at Alligator Lake Park		Nov. 4		
	State		Nov. 11		
	FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		Volleyball	Sept. 10	FIRST COAST 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	6:00		
JVA JV tourney		Oct. 6			
UNIVERSITY (srs.)		Oct. 9	5:30/6:30		
District at Episcopal		Oct. 15-16			
*District					
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	Volleyball	Sept. 11	RIBAULT 5:30/6:30		
	HILLIARD	Sept. 13	6:00		
	at River City Classic	Sept. 14-15			
	Ridgeview	Sept. 17	6:00		
	WEST NASSAU	Sept. 18	5:30/6:30		
	TERRY PARKER	Sept. 20	5:30/6:30		
	CAMDEN COUNTY	Sept. 24	5:30/6:30		
	at Fernandina	Sept. 25	6:00		
	at Fernandina	Sept. 27	6:00		
	at Paxon	Oct. 2	6:00		
	at West Nassau	Oct. 4	6:00		
	JVA JV tourney	Oct. 6			
at Hilliard	Oct. 8	6:00			
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 at Mission Inn	Nov. 1-3			
YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL	Football	Sept. 11	LAKE CITY 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 Fernandina Beach	Oct. 23	6:00		
	YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL	Volleyball	Sept. 11	HILLIARD 5:30/6:30	
		at Hilliard	Sept. 17	5:30/6:30	
		at Trinity	Sept. 20	4:00/5:00	
		BOLLES	Sept. 21	5:00	
		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. 11	at St. Marys	
		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. 7	at Bolles 5:30/6:30	
		CALLAHAN	Sept. 10	5:30/6:30	
		at Lakeside			



DON WELLS/SPECIAL

## TREES *Continued from 1A*

or dirt. The result is a tree that grows up, then at a sharp angle, and then straight up again. The trees marked things like trails, stream crossings, and sites where medicinal herbs were available.

Whether it was someone from an indigenous tribe responsible for the marker trees Brinkley has noticed on Amelia Island or someone else has not been determined.

Robin Wright, coordinator for American Indian and Indigenous Studies at the University of Florida, said that Amelia Island was the territory of a large number of tribes living on the coast and known under the umbrella term "Yamasee."

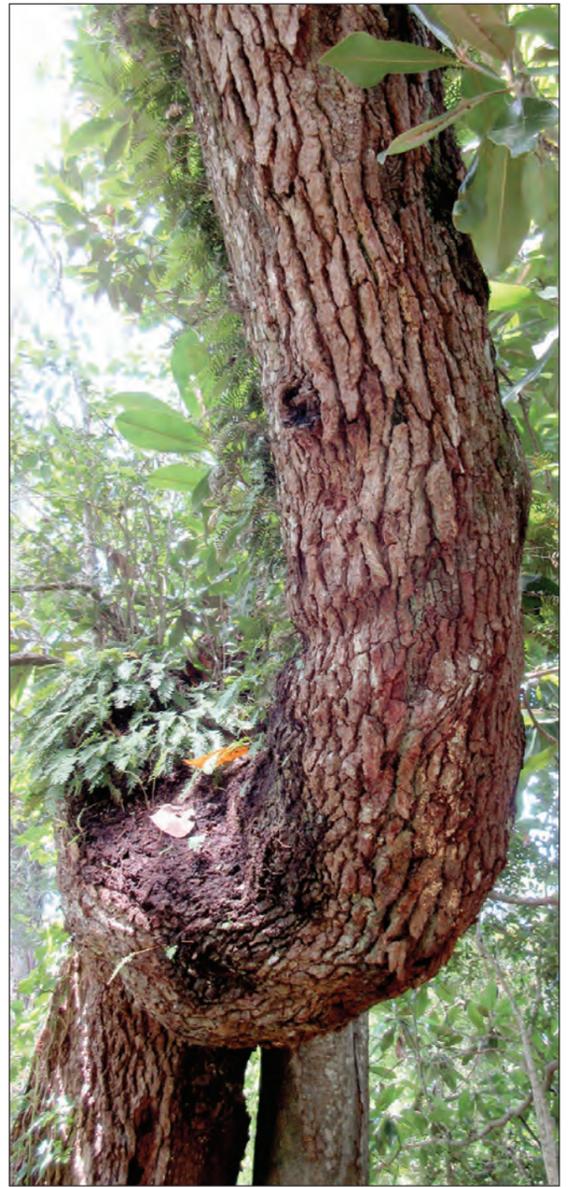
"Of course, with colonization, many aboriginal peoples were dislocated from their ancient homes and it's possible that the Miccosukee later came to occupy the ancient homes of the Yamasee," Wright said.

However, one expert in the phenomenon has his doubts about the tree on the Greenway.

Don Wells is the author of *Mystery of the Trees*. He said his experience with the marker trees dates back to 2003. In 2007, Wells, along with people from four other states, started the Trail Tree Project under the leadership of Mountain Stewards, a group dedicated to creating and preserving a network of trails in southern Appalachia. Mountain Stewards has grown into a nationwide Indian Cultural Heritage program, which includes the Trail Tree Project. Wells said the project has found over 2,450 marker trees located in 44 states and Canada.

After studying a photo of the tree found by Brinkley, Wells said, "Marker Trees are usually bent at a precise 90-degree angle such as seen in the attached examples. (The tree in the photo) has a gentle bend to it so it is more likely a naturally bent tree."

Wells told the *News-Leader* there are five marker trees located in Fort Clinch State Park. In a 2013 interview with *Indian Country Today*, he said information about the trees is difficult to find because Native American tribes did not want to share the location of the trees with white settlers, who often



JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER

Jeff Brinkley said these indentations on a live oak tree in the Egans Creek Greenway, above, were left when Native Americans used a vine or strips of bark to tie down the tree when it was a sapling, marking its location as part of a trail. According to author Don Wells, this tree located in Fort Clinch State Park, above left, is an Indian Trail Marker created by Native Americans.

destroyed the trees. Additional information about trail marker trees, and that interview, can be found at <http://bit.ly/2Nf8zb2>.

The tree on the Egans Creek Greenway trail can be found by walking about 10 minutes north from the trail entrance beside the Residence Inn on Sadler Road. It is beside

a stream and covered in moss.

"When you pull the moss off, you can actually see the indentations where they used something, a vine or bark, to tie the tree down," Brinkley said. "There's no doubt in my mind that this is a marker tree."

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## 2nd Saturday Artrageous ArtWalk

On the second Saturday of each month, galleries and several retail businesses in Fernandina Beach's historic downtown host Artrageous Artwalk, a self-guided tour of art produced by local artists. Generally, the hours of the event are 5-8 p.m. but may vary from location to location. Residents and visitors to the area can enjoy various types of art and meet a few of the artists at some of the participating galleries and stores. Media used by the artists can vary between photography, pottery, copper, metal, fused, as well as stained glass, watercolors, acrylics, oils, batik and more. The photos here represent some of the art on display this month.



### 2nd Story Gallery & Studios

For this month's Artwalk on Saturday, 2nd Story Gallery & Studios is featuring boat art. Ned Flemming has a large collection of dramatic oils depicting shrimp boats, rowboats, and dinghies. Craig Impink is also inspired by boats and painted sailboats at anchor under a sky at sunset. Photographer Pam Vieser has captured the beauty of the shrimp boat on the seas at sunrise and the sailboat peacefully anchored at the Fernandina Harbor Marina at sunset. Also, on special display this month is a framed original of a clipper ship sketched in 1931 by Vieser's grandfather, Sherman Murphy Jr. Boats travel over water and are symbolic of a journey so the question is - where is it going? 2nd Story Gallery & Studios will be open 5 to 8:30 p.m. and is located at 5 S. Second St. in Fernandina Beach.



Early Bird Catches the Shrimp, photograph on acrylic.

Shrimper at Half Mast, oil on canvas.



Full Moon Cumberland Island, acrylic on canvas. Charcoal Sketch of a Clipper, 1931.



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### Carol Winner Artist Gallery

Carol Winner Artist Gallery will be showing new paintings, including *The Path of Least Resistance*, during the Art Walk. Also on view are Winner's new jewelry, handbags and mixed media art angels. The gallery is normally open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except for Tuesdays but will remain open from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday during Artwalk. The gallery is located at 218B Ash St. For more information, call 583-4676.



Ceramic fish heads.



Ceramic dog.



Oil painting.

ANDREA MATEER

### Fern and Dina's Gallery and Gifts

This month for the September Artwalk, Fern and Dina's will be showing a variety of art from local artists. Come by to see the new displays featuring ceramics, painting, original prints, folk art and photography. You can also find a schedule of art classes at fernandinas.com. Fern and Dina's Gallery and Gifts is located at 26 S. Fifth St. in Fernandina Beach.



THERESA DAILY

### Blue Door Artists

Theresa Daily will be the Blue Door's featured artist during Saturday's Artwalk. She will be exhibiting her new work in watercolor on canvas. "This is my view of Chicago," Daily said. The series of paintings is called *The Third Coast*. Daily has been at the Blue Door for 13 years, making her the first to see the doors open in September 2005. She is multi-talented and works in acrylics, alcohol inks and watercolors. Blue Door also welcomes two new artists, Katie Rewa and Cindy Antcak.

Blue Door Artists is located at 205-1/2 Centre St.



CASEY MATTHEWS

### Casey Matthews Fine Art

New artwork by the internationally collected artist Casey Matthews will be featured Saturday from 3 to 7 p.m. in conjunction with Artwalk.

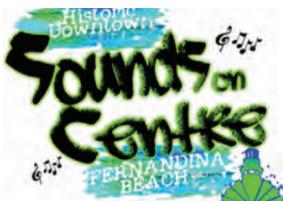
Casey Matthews Fine Art and Gallery Novus is located on 813 S. Eighth St. in the Pelican Palms Shopping Center in Fernandina Beach. Regular hours are by appointment. For more information, call 556-1119 or visit casey-matthews.com.



## ON & OFF THE ISLAND

### SOUNDS ON CENTRE

Local Amelia Island band Island Vibe will perform at Sounds on Centre tonight. The free community concert will be held on Centre Street between Front and Second streets between 6 and 8 p.m. Composed of four seasoned musicians, with three distinctive lead vocalists, the group frequently generates regular three- and four-part harmonies. Their repertoire is as eclectic as the island's residents and covers tunes from the past eight decades, including timeless classics by The Everly Brothers, The Beatles, Eric Clapton,



Bob Dylan, Elvis Presley, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Hank Williams, Paul Simon, Temptations, Neil Young, Ventures, Tom Petty and many others.

### GRANDPARENTS WEEKEND

The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is hosting a Grandparents Weekend between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Zoo is offering a free adult or senior general admission ticket with the purchase of a regularly priced child or adult admission ticket. This offer requires a coupon available at <http://bit.ly/2CBj6JB>. The Zoo is



located at 370 Zoo Parkway in Jacksonville.

### WHAT'S WILDLIGHT?

Interested in finding out more about Nassau County's newest community while also having some fun? The Wildlight StoryCenter at 123 Tinker St. in Yulee is hosting a family fun celebration with outdoor games and activities, including a trackless train, inflatable obstacle course, game truck, DJ, dancing and more, between 9:30 a.m. and noon Saturday. Children will also be able to meet first responders and get up close with a fire truck and sheriff's car. The event is free, but the donation of a non-perishable food item for the local food bank will be accepted. For more information, call 760-9715 or visit <https://hubs.ly/H0dsyr00>.

# OUT AND ABOUT

## THIS WEEKEND

**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 at 10 a.m. today 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.

**Macedonia A.M.E. Church will kick off a Men's Day weekend celebration with take out dinners** Friday and Saturday. You can choose from barbecued ribs, pork, fish or chicken for meals that will cost between \$10 and \$12 and come with two sides of macaroni and cheese, baked beans, collard greens or potato salad. Sandwiches with coleslaw will also be available for \$8. To reserve your meals, call 570-977-1479; meals will be available between 12 and 4 p.m. at the corner of Beech and South Ninth streets. The weekend will conclude with a Men's Day program at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, with guest speaker Reverend Louis Kirkland from Mother Midway A.M.E. Church of Jacksonville.

**Amelia Community Theatre's Studio 209 kicks off its new season tonight** with the family-friendly fairy tale *This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing*, which 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.

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.

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.

**Amelia Musical Playhouse will present Jason Robert Brown's *The Last 5 Years*** at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday. 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.

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 at 1955 Island Walkway in Fernandina Beach.

**The American Legion Auxiliary will host a chicken and biscuit dinner** 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. Dinner will include salad and dessert in addition to the main entrée for a \$10 donation. Music by AI on keyboards will be from 6 to 10 p.m. The American Legion is located at 626 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

**VFW Post 4351 will be hosting a fried chicken dinner** at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. Dinner will include fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy and corn on the cob. For more information, call 432-8791.

## NEXT WEEK

**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 informa-

## ISLAND ART ASSOCIATION



SUBMITTED

The Island Art Association Gallery's Nouveau Art show and sale "Drip, Drizzle, and Splash" will be on display Saturday during Artwalk and will continue through September. Featured artist for September is Karen McFadyen, a 25-year member of the organization who has served as gallery director and president of the board. She is an accomplished oil painter of landscapes and portraits. Originally from Chicago, McFadyen became fascinated with the island's majestic trees and has studied them extensively, exploring color motifs and compositions. You also might find someone you know in her basket of portraits, composed during studio art sessions at the IAA Education Center.

For information on how to participate in Nouveau Art shows, classes, and workshops and to support IAA's charitable and educational mission, visit the gallery or go online to islandart.org.

The IAA gallery is located at 18 N. Second St. in historic downtown Fernandina Beach and will remain open until 8 p.m. Saturday during Artwalk.

tion 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 Amelia Island Quilt Guild will hold its monthly meeting** 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 11. "Getting to Know You and Us" will be the meeting's theme, which will celebrate 30 years of AIQG and the organization's many projects and annual plans. In addition, the meeting will feature a show-and-tell. Members and guests will be treated with refreshments furnished by board members. The night's participation will include a round robin presentation by the organization's many committees and projects. Members are encouraged to participate in our show-and-tell, featuring completed quilts, fiber arts and charity quilts. Both members and guests can complete registration for the year's membership and begin registration for future workshops. AIQG meetings are held at the Woman's Club, 201 Jean LaFitte Ave. in Fernandina Beach. For more information visit aiquilts.com.

**The next meeting of the Bartram Garden Club** will be Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach, located at 201 Jean LaFitte Blvd. in Fernandina Beach. There will be a meet and greet 10 a.m. followed by a presentation and discussion on aquatic plants and water gardening, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Visitors and prospective members who are interested in studying gardening, floral design, and environmental conservation are invited to attend. For more information contact Beverly Williams at bevthepatriot@gmail.com.

**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.

**Elizabeth Babor, a pianist and daughter of local residents Jerry and Mary Lynn Torchia, will be returning to the area** at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14 for the third time in recital at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, located at 801 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach. She will perform compositions by Bach, Beethoven, Mozart and Gershwin in a program lasting approximately one hour. Admission is free, although freewill donations are optional. A reception will follow in Burns Hall. Babor is a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts and the Cleveland Institute of Music. She teaches at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music and is the organist at First Church of Christ, Scientist in La Cañada Flintridge, Calif.

**The American Legion will host a Riders Steak**

**Dinner** 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. For \$12, you receive a N.Y. strip cooked to order with a baked potato, salad, corn, and a roll. Dinners are open to the public; membership in the American Legion is not required. The Legion is located at 626 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

## UPCOMING

**UF/IFAS Nassau Exention Director Rebecca Jordi will conduct a Plant Clinic** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 17. 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 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays at 530-6350; press "1" for Yulee office.

**The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting** at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Branch Library at 25 N Fourth St. The evening's presentation will be a panel discussion "Have You Lost Your Way?" – an opportunity to seek assistance in identifying next steps and resources available to move your family history research forward. Priority will be given to questions submitted in advance to the AIGS webmaster at webmaster@aigensoc.org. Other questions may be addressed as time permits. Panel members will be experienced researchers and fellow members Susan Anstead, Bob Frey, Jean Mann, Lori Miranda and Gus Reinwald. Bob Loveless will moderate.

**UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardeners Vicki Martin and Claudia Witcher will conduct a Landscape Matters class** on nuisance wildlife at 10 a.m. Sept. 19 at the Extension office in Yulee. They will discuss wildlife that commonly creates problems for homeowners, and ways to deal with them. Also discussed will be some animal "pests" that are beneficial to your environment. Homeowners will learn to determine areas within home landscapes that entice wildlife to stay on your property. Moles, raccoons, skunks, opossum, snakes, armadillo – friends or foes? For more information, contact the Extension office at 530-6353. Master Gardeners are on phone duty 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays at 530-6350; press "1" for the Yulee Extension office.

**The Fernandina Beach High School homecoming parade** will be in downtown Fernandina Beach at 4 p.m. Sept. 21. The community is invited to participate in the parade. If you or your group would be interested in being included, contact Rob Hicks at FBHS at 261-5714 or hicksro@nassau.k12.fl.us.

**The Moon and You, featuring husband and wife duo Melissa Hyman on cello and Ryan Furstenberg on banjo and guitar,** will perform at the next Evening of Story & Song at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22. The couple's original songs

range in style from classic to quirky. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in advance at Story & Song Bookstore Bistro, 1430 Park Ave. or by calling 601-2118.

**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 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 Cochran'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 instrument 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 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 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., 5-7 p.m. Sept. 18.
- PJD's Beer & Wine Garden, 12 S. Second St., 1-4:30 p.m. Sept. 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

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# Around SCHOOL

## Constitution foundation offering \$25,000 in scholarships

The U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation has announced the University of US will begin its third year on Sept. 24. The focus of the program is to provide Nassau County high school students with the opportunity to be rewarded for learning about America's heritage and the U.S. Constitution.

During the 2017-18 school year, 33 high school students from Nassau County received Certificates of Graduation from the University of US, and the U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation awarded scholarships to five of the graduates. Four attended Nassau County high schools and one student was home schooled. They each received a \$5,000 scholarship to the school of their choice. All of the graduating students were asked to write essays about "The Most Important Supreme Court Decision." In addition, 17 students received \$100 awards for their work on their essays.

Sharyl Wood, director of operations, and Heidi Cook are presently accepting applications from Nassau County high school students for the 2018-19 school year. Applicants and their parents are invited to a USCSF orientation at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at Florida State College at Jacksonville's Yulee campus. Classes will be held there on the fourth Monday of each month, September through November and January through March, from 4:30 to 6:45 p.m., beginning Monday, Sept. 24. The Nassau County Council on Aging has agreed to provide bus transportation for students who have a need. The class format consists of a lecture followed by a pizza/refreshment break and an interactive competitions such as Constitution Jeopardy.

All students who attend the program will be eligible to receive a Certificate of Graduation. However, only juniors and seniors who maintain a B average, attend at least five of the six



2018 scholarship winner Grant Graves of Hilliard Middle-Senior High School with Howard Pines.



2018 scholarship winners; Isabel Burbo, left, who was home schooled, and Judge Robert Foster. Olivia Lanaghan, center, of Yulee High School and Brody Mandelbaum, right, of Fernandina Beach High School.

classes, pass a final exam and participate in the essay competition are eligible for one of the five \$5,000 scholarships, which will be awarded by the U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation at the graduation ceremonies in April 2019. An evaluation committee led by Judge Robert Foster will again provide a blind review of the final group of essays to select the five scholarship winners. To win the 2,000- to 3,000-word essay contest this year, the students will need to present arguments defending their choice of "which of the 15 amendments since the Bill of Rights should be eliminated or amended."

## New NCSd budget focuses on safety, adds teaching positions

DR. KATHY BURNS  
Superintendent  
Nassau County School District

This is the second in a three-part series.

The Nassau County School District's budget increased by \$8 million for fiscal year 2018-19. The operating budget increased by \$2.6 million and the majority of the balance was for capital projects. The operating increase can be accounted for by the expected growth in the student population and due to complying with the requirements of Senate Bill 7026 in the areas of school safety and mental health. There were also 31 additional teachers hired for the year. The legislature did provide \$568,216 in additional "safe school" dollars and \$366,808 for mental health services. However, the funding fell short of matching our needs:

- Hiring a district safety specialist;
- Hiring four additional resource officers;
- Establishing a law enforcement agency and hiring seven additional officers; and
- Providing mental health services on every campus with five additional employees.

Budget cuts included:

- Reduction in positions;
- Elimination of overtime;
- Vacancies in personnel and finance unfilled;
- Retiree position in Maintenance/Facilities unfilled;
- Elimination of superintendent's secretary; and
- District-level budget cuts.

Another factor we cannot

ignore is technology. Our middle schools are equipped with laptops in the hands of every student. This year we expanded our one-to-one initiative to include all high schools – 3,750 additional devices added for the 2018-19 school year. Classrooms were also equipped with new interactive panels. We've worked diligently to improve technology throughout the district and must plan now for continued refresh in the future. This is a monumental task. This, coupled with the fact that every facet of our organization requires the touch of technology now, including buses. Our district of 12,029 students and 1,521 employees supports over 13,550 daily users. We cannot ignore technology and must strive to be forward thinking and planning.

The increase to the capital budget is mainly due to the increased collection of impact fees. The majority of impact fees are being accumulated to pay for the next new school, which at the current rate of growth will be sooner rather than later. Additionally, as our buildings continue to age we need to provide the necessary repairs and renovations to ensure the best environment for our students to excel.

The Nassau County School District has been fortunate to operate without long-term debt for many years. The most recent school construction project – Wildlight Elementary School (at a cost of approximately \$25 million) – was paid in full upon completion.

As rapid growth continues,

additional classroom space at existing sites and new schools will be necessary. This also means additional personnel and services to ensure a free, public, safe, quality education for our children.

### OUT Continued from 2B

be perfect for you. This ancient practice is taught by Davis Burbank at Community Yoga + Wellness, 210 Beech Street. Go to yoga-amelia.com to check the class schedule. Six classes are \$60.

**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.

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

**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.

## Dining Out at your favorite local spots

**Barbara Jean's won Best of the Best** in the Best All Around Restaurant category!

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## RELIGION

## McCain reminded us that time is limited, and must be valued

Last week, Senator John McCain's colleagues celebrated his life and character, while friends remembered his cheerful, good humor. But one of the more interesting insights into McCain's life came from Nebraska Senator Ben Sasse. On the Senate floor Sasse talked about how McCain's conduct was related to his view of time. To honor McCain, Sasse said, one had to recognize that the reason he could be short-tempered and impatient was because he treasured time. The man had spent five-and-a-half years as a prisoner of war. "After he was released," Sasse said, "McCain wanted to make sure that he spent all his time on big things, and if you were willing to do small stuff, he was going to get up in your grill."

For McCain, the way you invested your time was the way you invested your life. And he understood that time was limited.

In our own way, we do too. That's why, says pastor and author John Perritt, we sometimes talk about how we're just "killing time." It's why we're aware of good ways and bad ways to "spend" valuable time. And why we grumble about problems that "cost" precious time.

There's a reason we think in such terms. Just



## PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Richard Doster

ies of time.

In verse 26, we discover that the triune God made man "in our image, after our likeness." If God is eternal, and if we're like him, then we're made for eternity, too.

But our story takes a dreadful turn. In Genesis 2:17, God tells Adam and Eve not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Should they disobey, God warns them, "They shall

surely die." Tempted and deceived by the serpent, they consume the forbidden fruit. But surprisingly, they don't die – at least not right away. Instead, death comes slowly, over many years.

Thus, the concept of time comes into our world.

Time doesn't fit the way we were made. That's why, says Perritt, we feel as though we never have enough time with friends. It's why we don't want a good story to end. Why we want to stay up late and get up early. Why the kids grow up too fast. And why we are forever wondering "Where did the time go?"

As a result of Adam and Eve's disobedience, we – creatures made for eternity – must learn to exist, constrained by finite time.

In Psalm 39:4-5, King David laments the loss of our timeless existence. He speaks for all of us when he says, "You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man's life is but a breath."

The Apostle James strikes the same chord when he writes, "What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." (James 4:14).

So, what do we do? How are we to make the

most of this mere breath we've given?

In Psalm 90:12, we listen in as Moses prays, asking God, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." The Apostle Paul speaks to the same issue from a different slant. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul cautioned his readers, "Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity." (Ephesians 5:15-16).

We live wisely when we live with eternity in mind. We number these few days well when we recall that. "A thousand years in [God's] sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night" (Psalm 90:4). We trust God's promise that one day the same will be true of all his people. And then, day by day, we consciously exhibit our hope for this eternal future.

When we do, we'll prove that C. S. Lewis was right when he observed, "The Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next."

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## RELIGION NOTES

## Bahá'í of Nassau County

The regular multi-faith inspirational afternoon is on the second Sunday of each month. The next one will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Springer Controls, located at 96072 Chester Road in Yulee.

This will be an open, discussion/conference-style meeting. Bring your own ideas, thoughts, writings, book, etc. All are welcome for a casual couple of hours, hospitality, friends and fellowship. The current Bahá'í month is Names. The month of Might begins Sept. 8. For more information, call 566-5437 or 432-8845.

## Hope House worship

Do you dream? Does it mean anything? In Daniel's case, it did mean something – something important too! Join us at 12 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, to hear and discuss the interpretation Daniel received. The Salvation Army Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St., 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.

## Franklinton meal

Franklinton Community Church of Amelia Island will serve a meal at 4 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month in its Gabriel Means Fellowship Hall. The dinner is open to the public and all are welcome.

The church is located at 1415 Lewis St. in

American Beach. For more information call 277-2726 or 261-5354.

## Food and comfort kits distributed

Thank you for helping The Salvation Army Hope House stock our Emergency Food Pantry month after month! Once again, we need all kinds of non-perishable and canned goods. Most needed are jelly, meats, spaghetti sauce, vegetables and fruit, soups of all kinds – both ready-to-eat and condensed, boxed meals, rice, dry or canned legume beans, cereal and oatmeal. 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.

## College-age Bible study

Amelia Baptist Church hosts the Bible Study for College Age group at 7 p.m. each Sunday. For information and directions, call Adam Page at 261-9527.

## Under the Silver Balloon

The Bahá'ís of Nassau County hold prayers and meditations for peace, amity, concord and harmony every Saturday morning from dawn to sunrise on the beach at Seaside Park (east end of Sadler Road). For more information, call 556-5437.

## Two worship services offered

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is the only Lutheran church in Nassau County and offers two worship services on Sunday mornings. The 9 a.m. service is a traditional liturgical service, while the 10:45 a.m. service is a more casual service. If you are coming or going from the beach and have shorts, a T-shirt and flip-flops on, you are welcome. All children present are invited to join in the sending song by picking out a percussion instrument to add to the joy of our worship time together. On the fifth Sunday of each month there is one combined service at 10 a.m., following by a fellowship meal and community service project. Children are welcome and encouraged to be present at either worship service; however, a nursery area is available for children five years old and younger. Holy Communion is offered at all worship services, open to all baptized believers in Jesus Christ. Lutheranism is Bible-based and utilizes the "Common Lectionary" of scripture readings. Prince of Peace is located on Amelia Island at 2600 Atlantic Ave., next to the Atlantic Recreation Center and across from the main entrance to Fort Clinch State Park. To learn more, visit [pocweb.org](http://pocweb.org).

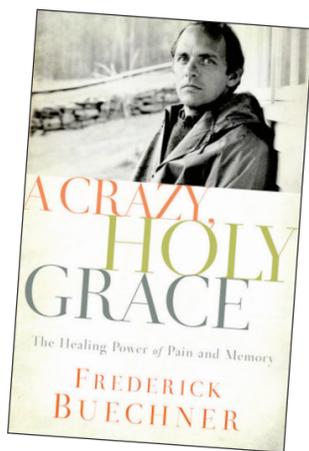
## Bible study and class for students start next week at Yulee church

Yulee United Methodist Church, located at 86003 Christian Way in Yulee, will begin two new classes next week.

The Music of Life, for junior and senior high students only, will begin Sunday, Sept. 9, at 9:30 a.m. Class participants will listen to and watch popular secular and Christian music videos and discuss the words and actions in the videos to understand their message and meanings.

A six-week Bible study will focus on *A Crazy, Holy Grace: The Healing Power of Pain and Memory* by Frederick Buechner. Buechner's writings on pain and loss, covering such topics as the power of secrets, loss of a loved one, letting go and resurrections from the ruins, reveal that pain and sorrow can be a treasure – an amazing grace. You may choose from two available times: One group will begin meeting Sunday, Sept. 9, at 9:30 a.m. and another will begin Thursday, Sept. 13, at 9:30 a.m.

For more information call the Church at 225-5381.



## Community Bible Study classes begin

Men's and women's evening Amelia Island Community Bible Study classes will begin Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. A women's morning class that held a first meeting this week is also available.

What exactly is Community Bible Study and who is it for? CBS is made up of groups of men or women seeking to find out what the Bible teaches. This year the focus will be on the books of 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Daniel, and Colossians.

Each member will receive study guides with homework to be completed each week by class day. The lesson will be discussed in small groups called Core Groups. Then a teaching summary is given. The Core Groups are non-threatening as no one is called upon to answer or pray. Speaking out is totally up to

the individual. Within the Core Groups, deep, authentic relationships develop and applying God's Word to our lives takes on meaning. It is a safe place to ask questions.

So who is CBS for? If you have been wondering what all this Bible talk is about, or if you want something more meaningful and powerful in your life, or if you just feel something is missing, or if you are looking for close-knit friendships that are not superficial or judgmental but deep and caring, CBS may be the place for you. CBS welcomes all, from those never having studied the Bible to the most seasoned believers.

CBS is a nondenominational international ministry with Amelia Baptist Church graciously hosting the Amelia Island classes. To learn more about the ministry, please

view a short video at <http://bit.ly/2fLqaby>.

Adult classes:

- Women's Day – meets Wednesday mornings 9:45-11:45 a.m. A children's program is available for babies through high school. You may register online at [ameliaisland.cbsclass.org](http://ameliaisland.cbsclass.org) or contact Kathleen Minor at 561-704-4871 or [wakminor@aol.com](mailto:wakminor@aol.com).

- Women's Evening – meets Monday nights 7-8:30 p.m. Contact Nancie Waldron at 261-8507 or Barbara Tucker at 206-0303 or [sewgofish@att.net](mailto:sewgofish@att.net).

- Men's Evening – meets Monday nights 7-8:30 p.m. Contact Mike Baxter at 556-2719 or Don Hill at 415-0035 or [donwhill@comcast.net](mailto:donwhill@comcast.net).

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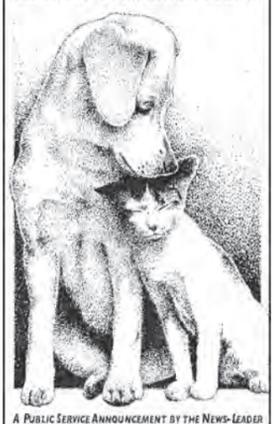
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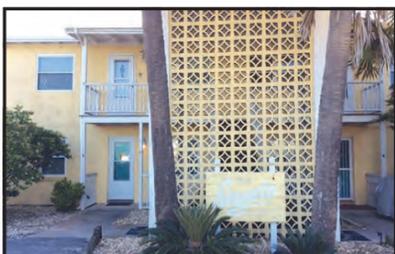
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