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## County board votes 4-1 on \$226.6 million budget

### Outgoing commissioner Spicer votes no

CINDY JACKSON  
*News Leader*

The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners set the final public hearing date Monday for the fiscal year 2018-19 budget. The meeting will be held Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. While the remaining agenda was full, many items were postponed so that more time could be allocated to the discussion of the budget.

The tentative budget distributed July 18 totaled \$222,778,041. It has now increased by \$3,901,830 for a new total for 2018-19 of \$226,679,871.

The board approved the amount by a vote of 4-1, with outgoing Commissioner George Spicer casting the dissenting vote.

Most of the citizens who spoke at the meeting were outraged at the increase in the millage rate and were vocal in their opposition and disappointment. Many offered suggestions referencing what other counties have done, how an increase in property taxes doesn't seem fair, that perhaps an increase in the sales tax would be better, and perhaps developers should pay more.

"We do go through the exercises,"

Commissioner Danny Leeper said in response.

In leading up to the public discussion portion of the evening's agenda, Interim County Manager and County Attorney Michael Mullin laid out the process and procedure. He noted the movement to a more strategic process that looks five years out. Mullin also mentioned that the county now engages in better planning with a new approach to approvals that takes into consideration more contributions from developers, less

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Chris and Karen Medina bought household items and things for their granddaughter from BuyGO on Wednesday. Karen Medina said it is a shame the business is closing.

## A cruel summer for some 8th St. businesses

JOHN SCHAFFNER  
*For the News Leader*

The summer has not been kind for Fernandina Beach foodies, with the sudden closings on South Eighth Street of the BuyGO market, 801 Kitchen & Bar, and Halftime Sports Bar & Grill.

BuyGO, located at 22 S. Eighth St., closed last month and began a liquidation sale Wednesday morning. It runs through Saturday, Sept. 15, at 5 p.m.

"All merchandise will be sold at 70 percent off," an online announcement said. "In addition for sale will be all fixtures, displays, a Concordia cafe machine, coolers, freezers, cafe tables and chairs, wine bar, cafe bar, and much more. Come early, nothing held back."

The announcement added that offers are being taken for "complete

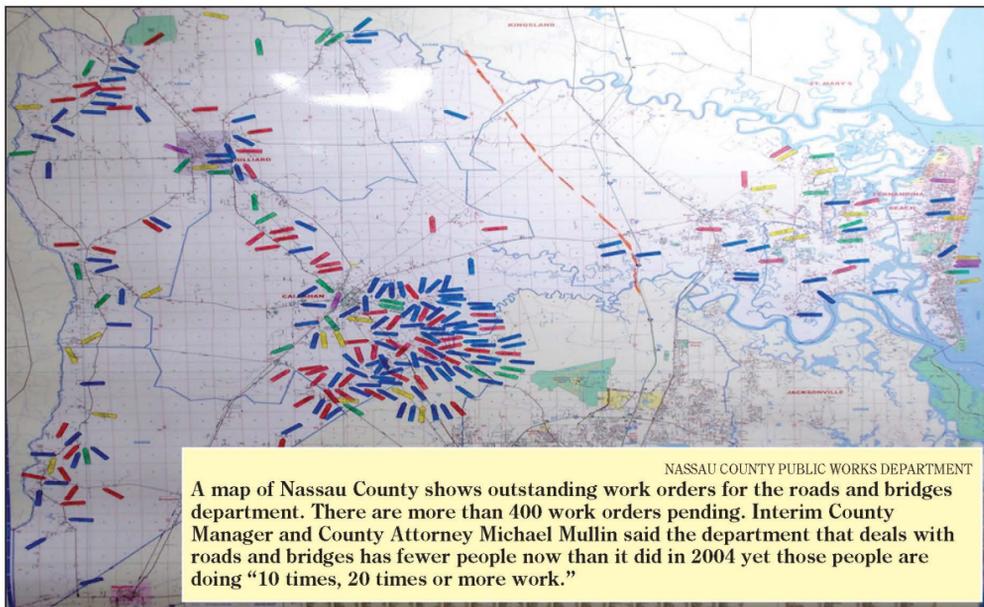
turn-key store."

BuyGO, which was originally opened at 626 S. Eighth St. in 2015 by CEO and President Randy Bowman and Vice President Michael Smith, held a grand reopening Sept. 2, 2016 after moving to the much larger location — formerly the Fred's store — in the downtown Historic District. BuyGO enlarged from 1,700 to 6,000 square feet with that move.

Bowman and Smith relinquished day-to-day operation of the store earlier this year.

A local real estate professional who is familiar with the property told the *News Leader*, "The new BuyGO store just did not fulfill the expectations and needs of the downtown residents and didn't draw enough business to cover all the

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NASSAU COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A map of Nassau County shows outstanding work orders for the roads and bridges department. There are more than 400 work orders pending. Interim County Manager and County Attorney Michael Mullin said the department that deals with roads and bridges has fewer people now than it did in 2004 yet those people are doing "10 times, 20 times or more work."

## Neighbors at Crane Island could be bald eagles

GARY D. MORGAN  
*For the News Leader*



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Developer Jack B. Healan Jr., who is spearheading the home building project on Crane Island, escorted the *News Leader* to a tall pine tree holding a bald eagle nest. The nest is officially noted on at least one tracking site.

Crane Island, where a new 207-acre housing development is taking shape, sits on the west side of Amelia Island between the Intracoastal Waterway and the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport. Developer Jack B. Healan Jr., who is spearheading the home building project, envisions new residents living within the tree canopy in the maritime forest. At least one current resident seems to like that type of environment as well: a bald eagle.

There have been two bald eagle nests officially registered on Crane Island by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission since 2011, though one no longer exists. The remaining nest is on the north end of the island on land owned by the Florida Inland Navigation District for a dredging spoils deposit site.

John Hillman, vice president of sales for Crane Island, said the developers are "well aware of the nest," and assured the *News Leader* there is no construction activity near it, citing "law and our land funding."

"Years ago when we got into the land planning, knowing that the nest was there, we dedicated the park and did not develop home sites within the legal limit that you are allowed. These precautions were made some time ago. We are complying with any laws and rules about it," Hillman said recently.

Though removed from the Threatened and Endangered Species List in 2007, the bald eagle is still protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines, developed by the USFWS to address human activities around eagles that could require a permit, include everything from aircraft operations to construction activities and tree removal.

Ulgonda Kirkpatrick of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Division said "there was a tree-fall and the birds moved" when asked about the old nesting site, adding that FIND's original permit was amended to cover the removal of the fallen tree and the new nest. Kirkpatrick said the eagles there now could be the same eagles or new ones.

Ryan Taylor is the senior manager of Environmental Services Inc. who did the permitting for the Crane Island development and assisted FIND in the permitting of their site.

"The old (nest) location was there prior to the construction of the FIND site," Taylor told the *News Leader*. "During the construction of the site, they had to remove the tree which the eagles had their nest in." Taylor confirmed that the new nesting site is located on FIND property and has been there for several years now.

"Our firm was involved in monitoring the site during the construction of the FIND site which is a requirement

of FWC. When the FIND site was constructed, the eagle nest was removed and the eagle built a new nest slightly south of the old location."

Taylor said while neither nest was on property owned by The Range at Crane Island LLC, "the buffer extends onto the developer's property and so they have gone through extensive efforts to make sure they are doing everything properly, so they don't disturb the buffer around the eagle nest. The buffer is a 330-foot buffer zone around the nest itself which is a protected buffer for the nest." Taylor emphasized Healan has "gone to the nth degree to make sure they are doing everything properly."

Mark Crossley, the executive director of FIND, confirmed that during monitoring required by their permit, which was issued for October 2012 to May 2013, "there was a report from the monitor of the permit that two fledglings were witnessed at the nest. The eagle obviously rebuilt (the) nest in a favorable location and is utilizing our area to hunt and fish. We've got an active site and we're glad to have them as neighbors and they don't bother us, and we don't bother them."

"The FIND site is designated as a dredge material management site designated NAI. During our monitoring period for the permits there were fledglings observed and there have been anecdotal reports that they have continued to be successful."

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## OBITUARIES

### Nancy W. Berry

Nancy W. Berry, 88, passed away Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at Community Hospice & Palliative Care's Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Fla.



She was born in Sanford, Fla. to the late Robert Austin Williams and Thelma Edith Dobbins.

She was raised in Sanford and lived there most of her young adult life until she married Kenneth Leon Berry Sr. in 1952. They relocated to Orlando, Fla., where she taught music at Jefferies Elementary School in St. Cloud, Fla. for many years.

Mrs. Berry received her bachelor's degree in music education from Stetson University in Deland, Fla. and continued her education at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., where she obtained her master's degree in education.

After retiring from teaching in the early 1990s, she moved to Fernandina Beach, Fla., where she pursued her love for genealogy, history and sports. She could always be found watching tennis, Atlanta Braves baseball games and, above all, Gators football.

Mrs. Berry was very active at Amelia Baptist Church and up until her early 80s she went on missionary trips all over the world, taking in the sights and enjoying the new people she met.

Mrs. Berry loved her family and relished every minute spent with her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Berry Sr., and her grandson, Jason Flood.

She leaves behind her son, Ken (Cindy) Berry of Jupiter, Fla.; daughter, Angela (Dave) Flood of Yulee, Fla.; son, Dana (Karen) Berry of Hoover, Ala.; grandchildren, Jeremy (Suzanne) Flood of Huntington, Texas, Ashley (Jeff) Spencer of Yulee, Rob Berry of Inverness, Fla., Christine (Drew) Blasband of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Joshua (Shaina) Berry of Birmingham, Ala., and Jordan (Jourdan) Berry of Hoover; 11 great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Dena Flood of Jacksonville.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, September 16, 2018 at Amelia Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until the hour of service at the church. She will be laid to rest in Green Pine Cemetery.

Flowers are welcome, but if so desired, donations may be made in Mrs. Berry's name to Amelia Baptist Church Missions Fund, 961167 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

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

*Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors*

### Sean Michael Humberson

Sean Michael Humberson, 31, passed away Friday, September 7, 2018, in Middleburg, Fla.



Sean was born November 30, 1986, in Norfolk, Va. He had resided in Camden and Nassau counties for 27 years and was of the Baptist faith. Sean was loving and kind, had an amazing sense of humor and enjoyed sharing family stories. He dearly loved his girls, enjoyed paintball and the Oakland Raiders, supported his mom's Jaguars, and especially treasured beach and pool time

with his girls.

A Celebration of Sean's Life will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, September 15, 2018, at Allison Memorial Chapel in St. Marys, Ga.

Survivors include his two children, Kayden Marlee Humberson and Kealli Michelle Humberson; his girl's mother, Caitlin Humberson of St. Marys; his mother, Donna Humberson of Fernandina Beach, Fla.; brother, William "Billy" Humberson (Alysia); niece, Izabel Humberson; paternal grandmother, Rosemary Humberson; maternal grandfather, George "Nick" Smichnick; maternal grandmother, Carol Smichnick; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, William R. Humberson, and paternal grandfather, William Humberson.

The family requests memorials in memory of Sean be made to the Sulzbacher Center, 611 E. Adams St., Jacksonville, FL 32202.

*Allison Memorial Chapel*

## DEATH NOTICES

**Anna M. Gerrity**, 89, of Clark Summit, Pa., passed away September 5, 2018.

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# WEEKLY UPDATE

## 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 today 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 Saturday

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).

## King at EmpowHER! luncheon

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

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

## 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 [nclmooa.org](http://nclmooa.org) or come to the September meeting.

## Homebuyer seminars in Yulee

The Yulee branch of the Nassau County Public Library System will host a homebuyer seminar from 7 to 8 p.m. 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.

## 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).

## Wild Amelia plans road clean-up

Wild Amelia is sponsoring a road clean-up on Sunday, Sept. 23, along South Fletcher Avenue (A1A). Anyone interested in a brisk morning walk while picking up litter on a 2.6-mile stretch should meet in the Peters Point parking lot at 8 a.m. It will take approximately 1-2 hours to complete the task, depending on the number of volunteers participating. Disposable gloves, orange safety vests and litter bags will be provided. You may want to bring medium-weight garden gloves, a hat, sunglasses, water and closed-toed shoes. It is a requirement that everyone who participates in the event view the safety video on the following website: [dot.state.fl.us](http://dot.state.fl.us). Follow the site to Offices, Maintenance, Adopt-A-Highway, Safety Video. For more information, contact [stevecowart52@gmail.com](mailto:stevecowart52@gmail.com).

## Wreaths Across America at VVA meet

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1088, will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. at The Ark Nassau, 86051 Hamilton St. in Yulee. The guest speaker will be Mike Smith with the Wreaths Across America program. A social hour with refreshments will begin at 6 p.m. Guests and new members are welcome. For information, call 432-7006.

## Rotary sponsoring blood drive

The Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach's quarterly blood drive

## FOR THE RECORD

In a story published Sept. 7, "Homestead exemption affects the bottom line," the company that Nassau County began using in April to detect fraud in homestead exemptions was incorrect. The company is TransUnion. The approximate number of homestead exemption applications received each year was also incorrect. The county receives about 2,500.

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## 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.

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.

## FRWN cruise for scholarship funds

The Federated Republican Women of Nassau will host the "End of Summer Inaugural Marilyn Evans-Jones Scholarship Cruise" fundraiser 6-8 p.m. Oct. 4. Reservations are \$50 per person; the price includes food. Contact Amelia River Cruises at 261-9972 or [ameliarivercruises.com](http://ameliarivercruises.com).

## LGBTQ support group begins Oct. 10

An LGBTQ support group will begin meeting Oct. 10 at Family Support Services in Yulee. For more information contact Lori at 716-5390.

## Annual FBHS pecan sale to Oct. 31

The Fernandina Beach High School ESE class is taking orders for new crop mammoth pecan halves (\$11/pound), chocolate-covered pecans (\$8/12 oz.), pecan caramel clusters (\$8/8 oz.) and cinnamon-glazed pecans (\$8/10 oz.). The last day to place orders is Oct. 31; orders should arrive before Thanksgiving. You may place your order by calling Pamela Nobles at 261-5713, ext. 2694, or emailing [noblespa@nassau.k12.fl.us](mailto:noblespa@nassau.k12.fl.us).

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

## Healing Hearts

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

## 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. in Callahan and the Yulee location is at 86207 Felmore Road in Yulee.

The offices will provide a place for parent meetings, employee meetings, staff meetings, and support. If you have questions or would like to schedule a meeting, call 491-9900.

## Volunteering for NHS

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

## Be a zookeeper

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

## Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates holds basic with defensive tactics courses, concealed-weapon license courses and close-quarter defensive tactics courses. For information, contact Gary Belson at 491-8358 or 476-2037, or [gbelson@bellsouth.net](mailto:gbelson@bellsouth.net), or visit [www.thebelsongroup.com](http://www.thebelsongroup.com)

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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 A-1A 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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expenses of the much larger operation.”

**801 Kitchen & Bar**

Meanwhile, the 801 Kitchen & Bar, which was located at the corner South Eighth and Beech streets, apparently closed in late July with little or no notice. In fact, a posting on the Open Table online restaurant reservation system quotes a man as saying he made a reservation on a Tuesday in late July and, when he turned up for dinner, the restaurant was closed.

A phone call to the number listed for the restaurant still mentions the hours of operation and solicits reservations through that number and Open Table, which now indicates 801 Kitchen & Bar is “permanently closed.”

Under a previous owner, the restaurant, then called Beech Street Grill, was a longtime local favorite. Health issues forced its closure several years ago. 801 was opened by the Tim

Seyda Restaurant Group, which also owns Bar Zin and Coquina South restaurants in mid-island.

The house was built in 1889 and was passed down through the Bell family until 1972, when it became a gift shop and then a restaurant. The property is now owned by local entrepreneur Ernie Saltmarsh.

**Halftime Sports Bar & Grill**

The Halftime Sports Bar & Grill, which reopened in January 2017 under new ownership, at 320 S. Eighth St., also closed unexpectedly in the past couple of weeks, with no indication the closing is anything but permanent.

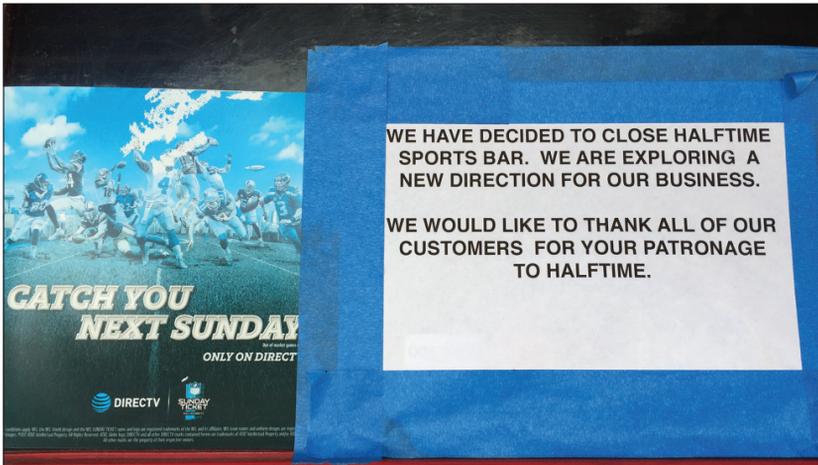
Outfitted with large TVs and various games and more, Halftime served beer and wine, wings, hamburgers and sandwiches, to name just a few menu items.

The sports games will go on, but apparently Halftime Sports Bar & Grill is taking a very prolonged time out.



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801 Kitchen & Bar was locked up tight on Wednesday evening. Restaurants have come and gone from the historic building at the corner of South Eighth and Beech streets in the past four years. Below a sign on the door at Halftime Sports Bar & Grill at 320 S. Eighth St. notifies customers the business is now closed. The owners say they are going in a “new direction.”



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A bald eagle holds a fish in its talons.

**EAGLES** *Continued from 1A*

The *News-Leader* was escorted by Healan to view the nest, but saw no eagles or activity there on that day. Healan offered that it could be mating season. Taylor said afterward, “It’s not uncommon for eagles to have multiple nests all up and down the coastal area. Sometimes they will leave it dormant for a number of years and will let the nest sit for a while.” Kirkpatrick seemed to agree: “The guidelines regarding breeding are from October to May. We had a lot of birds

showing up back in August. They do not follow a calendar.” Kirkpatrick added that what is important are people being “careful and cautious” whenever the birds are there.

Diane Hirth, the habitat and species conservation communications coordinator for the FWC, has good news in general about bald eagles in Florida.

“Given that the bald eagle population in Florida has met or exceeded the objectives of FWC’s 2008 Bald Eagle Management Plan ... annual statewide monitoring of nesting eagles ... is no longer required. Local groups,

such as Eagle Watch, monitor some bald eagle nests, and the FWC maintains the bald eagle nest location database,” Hirth wrote in an email. Hirth also suggested that readers might be interested in a publication called Eagle Watching Etiquette: <http://myfwc.com/media/3800813/eagle-etiquette.pdf>.

For further information and to review the laws pertaining to bald eagles visit <https://www.fws.gov/>, and <http://myfwc.com/>. For a view of live HD nest cams, go to <https://www.eagles.org/what-we-do/educate/live-hd-nest-cams/>.

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# Seminole County Tax Collector accepts Bitcoins

JOHN SCHAFFNER  
For the News Leader

Earlier this year, the somewhat controversial and unconventional Seminole County tax collector, Joel M. Greenberg, announced he would begin accepting Bitcoin and Bitcoin Cash – two worldwide cryptocurrencies – as payment for things like property taxes, driver's licenses and ID card fees, tags and titles. A call to his office Wednesday confirmed the system to accept these payments is up and running.

To accept the new forms of payment, Seminole County is working with BitPay, a global Bitcoin cryptocurrency payment service provider headquartered in Atlanta. It is BitPay's first contract with a government entity and Seminole County is believed to be the first government agency in the U.S. to accept cryptocurrency as payment.

Cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin are "digital assets" designed to work as a medium of exchange using strong cryptography to secure financial transactions, control the creation of additional units, and verify the transfer of assets.

The virtual Bitcoin currency has no physical backing and can either be held as an investment or used to purchase goods. Similar to stocks and bonds, the Internal Revenue Service views Bitcoin as property for tax purposes. Like a share of stock, the price of Bitcoins is determined by open market bidding on exchanges, although Bitcoin is more volatile and less liquid than most stocks.

Many merchants, however, do not accept Bitcoins as a form of payment because it is not considered to be legal tender.

So is it legal tender in Florida for the payment of taxes and state fees?

The *News-Leader* attempted to clarify through the Florida Attorney General's Office if cryptocurrencies are considered "legal tender" under state statutes. The Attorney General's press secretary, Kylie Mason, emailed, "Florida Statutes (do) not authorize the Attorney General to render opinions or advice to private individuals."

The *Orlando Sentinel* reported

in May that "Greenberg didn't receive permission from the state before making the decision, he said, nor does he think he needs to."

On Aug. 3, Greenberg took the initiative a step further, announcing via Facebook that the county has installed a fully functional Bitcoin ATM at the Casselberry office of the Seminole County Tax Collector. Bitcoin kiosks and ATMs are connected to the internet and allow the insertion of physical money in exchange for Bitcoins.

Paying taxes by debit or credit cards requires a third-party processor, leading to additional fees. Bitcoin helps eliminate most, but not all, of the fees required for a transaction.

"We live in a world where technology has made access to services on demand ... and we should expect the same from our government," Greenberg said in May, when he first announced the new payment practice.

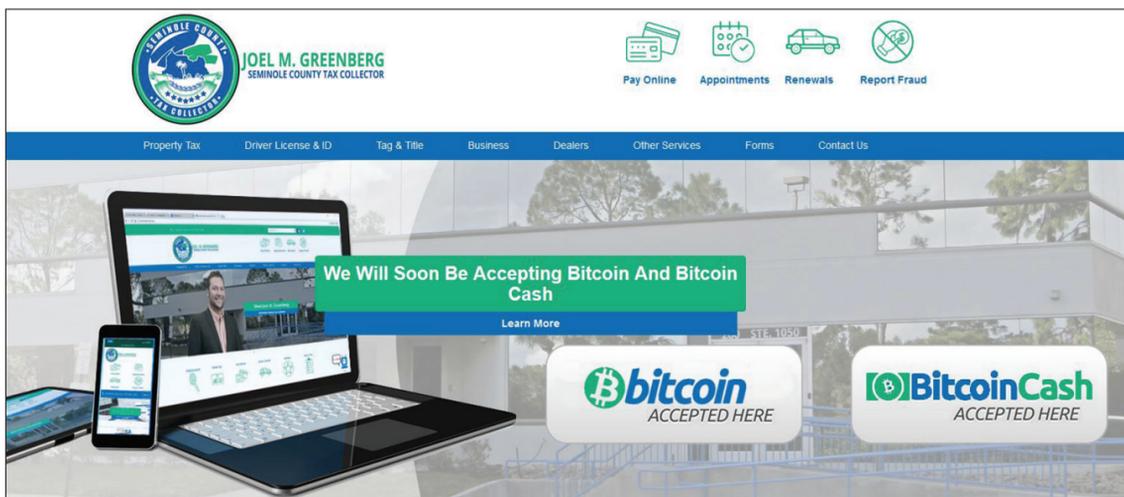
"The aim of my tenure in office is to make our customer experience faster, smarter, and more efficient, and to bring government services from the 18th century into the 21st century," he added. "One way is the addition of cryptocurrency to our payment options."

Greenberg ousted a longtime incumbent in the 2016 election, running on the campaign promise of bringing new technologies to Seminole County, a suburb of Orlando.

While Bitcoin has garnered significant attention over the past few years, it's widely believed to be too costly and impractical to use for small payments. And, there is no indication Nassau County will be accepting Bitcoin as payment for taxes or license fees any time in the near future. Nor apparently have local merchants jumped on the Bitcoin bandwagon.

"Nassau County Tax Collector's Office will continue to accept U.S. currency, checks, credit cards and debit cards. That seems to have worked well for us over the past decade," Nassau Tax Collector John M. Drew told the *News-Leader*.

"The citizens of Seminole County elected their tax collec-



A screenshot taken recently of the Seminole County Tax Collector's Office website. A call to the office on Wednesday confirmed the system for accepting Bitcoin to pay for services is up and running.

tor to do what is best for them and the voters of Nassau elected me to continue to provide the level of services that best fit our needs and level of security," Drew added.

The city of Fernandina Beach's new comptroller, Pauline Testagrose, said, "I have not heard any discussion in meetings I have attended about consideration of accepting Bitcoin for payment of city fees."

Asked if she had an opinion as to whether the city should consider accepting Bitcoin payments, Testagrose said, "I don't know enough about Bitcoin to recommend it or not. I would have to research it thoroughly before I could make any recommendation about it."

While the *News-Leader* did not poll local merchants about their acceptance of Bitcoin, Regina Duncan, president of the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce, said she has not heard of any local merchants who are accepting in Bitcoin.

An online map of Bitcoin merchants, available at <http://bit.ly/2MqZyXX>, shows one in Kingsland and seven in Jacksonville. None are shown in Nassau County.

Greenberg seems to be the Lone Ranger regarding this business practice, at least among

county agencies in the United States.

Tracy J. Marshall, president of the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers, and Finance Officers, said, "I have not heard of anyone doing it. But then I had not heard of that gentleman doing it before now. Wow! That is interesting," Marshall told the *News-Leader* that her board is having a meeting in a week, and now "we will be discussing that situation."

Attempts to get comments from the Florida Tax Collectors Association for this article were unsuccessful.

Meanwhile, the value of Bitcoin is volatile. It fell Sept. 10 as the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission suspended two cryptocurrency investment products a day earlier. Bitcoin fell 1.60 percent to \$6,307.50 on the Bitfinex exchange, as of 8:22 a.m.

The SEC suspended trading in Bitcoin Tracker One and Ether Tracker One on Sunday. Trading will remain halted in the U.S. until at least Sept. 20, the agency said in a statement. Both products track the price of cryptocurrencies and are listed on a NASDAQ exchange in Stockholm, but trade over the counter in transactions that occur off exchanges within the U.S.

The SEC is reviewing a recent

decision to reject the applications of Bitcoin exchange traded funds.

The cost of individual Bitcoin payments skyrocketed in December 2017 at the height of the cryptocurrency's price and popularity and, according to news reports, the BitPay company even temporarily banned processing Bitcoin purchases under \$100, as fees on the network hit a high of \$37 per transaction. It now costs around \$1.30 per transaction with Bitcoin.

For citizens of Seminole County who opt to pay with Bitcoin cryptocurrency, that fee reportedly will have to be accounted for, in addition to a 1-percent transaction fee paid to BitPay.

Seminole County officials have been reported as saying that government expects BitPay to help it settle payments quicker and cheaper than is possible with traditional credit card processors.

BitPay was first founded in Orlando in 2011 to provide mobile checkout services to companies that want to accept Bitcoin. BitPay provides Bitcoin and Bitcoin Cash payment processing services for merchants, and is one of the largest Bitcoin payment processors worldwide. It relocated its headquarters to Atlanta in 2013.

In 2014, BitPay expanded its North American presence beyond

its headquarters in Atlanta, opening offices in New York City, San Francisco and St. Petersburg, Fla. BitPay's European headquarters opened in Amsterdam and its South American headquarters were opened in Argentina.

In May 2016, BitPay launched the BitPay Visa Prepaid Debit Card, the first prepaid Visa debit card available for Bitcoin users in all 50 states. In October 2016, company CEO Stephen Pair introduced the BitPay app, a secure Bitcoin cryptocurrency wallet – which stores the keys which can be used to receive or spend a cryptocurrency – built on the company's open source Copay wallet platform.

BitPay enables merchants to accept Bitcoin in payment for a transaction by entering into the Bitcoin transaction on the merchant's behalf, and converts the Bitcoin amount to one of 30 currencies of the merchant's choosing. BitPay transactions are non-reversible, making it valuable for merchants who are working internationally.

Today, more than 100,000 merchants worldwide accept Bitcoin. Notable ones include Microsoft, Expedia, and the online electronics retailer Newegg. It is more rare for brick-and-mortar

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# Animal shelter euthanizes dozens of cats

## Contagious virus led to a difficult decision, per director

JULIA ROBERTS  
News-Leader

Nassau County Animal Services recently euthanized dozens of cats being held at the Yulee facility after feline panleukopenia, a highly contagious viral disease more commonly known as feline distemper, broke out in the facility's cattery.

"It's been a nightmare," NCAS Director Tim McGuire said.

The problem started several weeks ago when a kitten came down with the virus on the main adoption floor. The kitten was euthanized due to the severity of the illness, a statement from NCAS said.

A littermate of that kitten, which was located in a different bank of cages, also tested positive for FP, which is closely related to the parvovirus found in dogs. At that point, the entire cattery was placed on a 10-day quarantine, and a protocol was initiated that included gowns, boot covers and gloves being worn by staff throughout the cattery.

On day seven of that 10-day quarantine, a third cat tested

positive for FP.

"At this time we consulted with several different veterinarians regarding our options to deal with the situation," a statement from NCAS said. "We were given options ranging from extensive isolation (for which the facility is not equipped), euthanizing the entire cattery or euthanizing the kittens due to their weaker immune systems. We chose to euthanize cats under six months of age in hopes that the adults would survive. We then began a new 10-day quarantine period."

During the second quarantine, an adult feral cat tested positive for FP, and NCAS euthanized the cats in the room where that cat was found and began a third 10-day quarantine, which was subsequently extended to 15 days "to err on the side of caution."

The facility then reopened, but between seven and 10 days later another kitten tested positive for FP, at which point all the cats in the area where the kitten had been located were placed in isolation in an attempt to control the spread of the virus. The quarantine process began again.

"At this time we reviewed our options given to us while consulting with multiple veterinarians and made the very difficult decision to euthanize the cattery in order to stop the cycle and, in the long run, actually save more cats and kittens," the statement said.

The facility is undergoing extensive sanitation work, during which the cattery is closed to the public.

McGuire said NCAS had to put down "maybe as many as 50" cats. He praised the efforts of Nassau County in the battle against infectious diseases at the facility.

He said the county is funding a new room at NCAS, which will more than double their capacity for cats from 110 to 213 cages.

"We will be able to isolate cats in a room with negative pressure, with direct access to the outside," McGuire said. He said the project is currently in the engineering and design phase. He did not have a price tag for that project.

"We were just really happy that the county acted so quickly," he said.

McGuire said Dr. Julie Moore, chair of the University of Florida



JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER

Nassau County Animal Services remained closed Thursday due to an outbreak of feline panleukopenia. The shelter plans to reopen Tuesday, Sept. 18.

College of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Infectious Diseases and Immunology, is scheduled to visit the NCAS facility today to look at the procedures in place, and what can be done to improve conditions there.

NCAS is expected to open to cats and kittens again on Tuesday, Sept. 18, McGuire said.

Included in the statement from NCAS was information from [www.thesprucepet.com](http://www.thesprucepet.com), which said symptoms of feline panleukopenia include fever, lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea. The virus also causes a decrease in white blood cells, leaving affected cats susceptible to a secondary bacterial

infection.

There is no treatment for the virus other than managing symptoms. Dehydration and secondary bacterial infections are often life threatening, according to the website. Vaccination for the virus is included in routine cat vaccinations.

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### UPDATE *Continued from 2A*

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#### Overeaters Anonymous

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There is also a meeting at the Alachua Club, 32 N. Third St. at 6 p.m. Mondays. For more information, contact Lorrie at 343-4771.

#### Lions Club bingo

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

#### ACBL duplicate bridge

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

#### Legion bingo

Bingo is played every Thursday at American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St. The public is invited to play. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and early bird games begin at 6:05 p.m. Regular session, which consists of nine games for \$20, begins at 6:30 p.m. Games have cash prize payouts, and proceeds are donated to help

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- B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment
- Board and other assessment changes.....\$ 9,618
- C. Actual property tax levy.....\$12,113,743

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# Amendment votes could change property taxes

As has been mentioned, this November's ballot will include several key political races, including the statewide contests for U.S. senator and governor. Additional statewide issues on the ballot are the 13 proposed state constitutional amendments. Each of these amendments will require at least 60-percent approval in order to be incorporated into the Florida Constitution. Over the next few weeks, I'd like to provide a brief description of each amendment in order to provide an introductory level of familiarity to what is proposed.

Question No. 1 is titled "Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption." This proposed amendment would increase the homestead exemption for qualifying property owners for the portion of a homesteaded property's assessed valuation greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000. Please note that this increased exemption does not apply to every homesteaded property - only those with an assessed value of at least \$100,000. If your property has a lesser-assessed value (or is not homesteaded), you will not be affected by this change, if adopted. The Nassau County Property Appraiser has prepared a map (based upon 2017 values since the 2018 values have not been integrated) that illustrates the potential impact upon your property. Please visit <http://bit.ly/2CTShjT> to begin a search. Click on "Map Layers" at the top of the screen, then select "Land Records" in the box on the left, and finally, select "3rd HX Savings." When you



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Dale Martin

locate your property on the map, the map will show the potential impact. Again, this map tool provided by the Nassau County Property Appraiser, Mr. Michael Hickox, is an incredibly useful tool, offering a wealth of information related to County properties.

Question No. 1 was placed on the ballot by vote of the Florida Legislature, passing in the House, 83-35 (two non-votes), and in the Senate, 28-10 (one non-vote). Proponents of the amendment believe that the additional exemption will lessen the tax burden on homeowners, generating additional revenue for the state economy. Opponents believe that the amendment would result in a shift in taxes: reducing taxes for those properties valued at over \$100,000, but, due to the loss of that revenue, taxes would be increased on lesser-valued homes.

Question No. 2 is titled "Limitations on Property Tax Assessments." Currently, the state constitution limits property tax assessment increases to 10 percent annually for specified non-homesteaded property. This cap is slated to expire Jan. 1, 2019. The proposed amendment would make this 10-percent cap permanent. The properties affected by the amendment include second homes, rental apartments and

non-residential property (commercial and vacant land). The cap does not apply to school district taxes. Again, this amendment was placed on the ballot by the legislature: House, 110-3 (seven non-votes); Senate, 35-0 (four non-votes). This amendment would prevent substantial increases of assessments (when rising property values would demonstrate) to many Fernandina Beach commercial and second home property owners.

As indicated by the legislature's votes, this amendment does not appear to have any organized opposition.

Question No. 3 is titled "Voter Control of Gambling in Florida." If passed, the Florida Legislature would not be allowed to authorize casino gambling through state statute or constitutional amendment. Instead, voters, through citizen-initiated ballot measures, would have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling in Florida. "Casino gambling" is defined as card games, casino games, and slot machines; wagering on horse racing, dog racing, and jai alai exhibitions is not included, nor is gambling authorized on Native American tribal lands.

Proponents argue that only in recent years has the legislature inserted itself into casino regulations, and that the issue should return to voter-control. Opponents argue that regulations related to casino gambling are more easily implemented through the legislature rather than through citizen initiatives.

I will continue the overview of the proposed amendments next week. I hope that you take appropriate time to consider your vote on every candidate and question on the 2018 ballot.

Dale Martin is the city manager of Fernandina Beach.

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THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH ARE 7.0% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

Millage Per \$1,000	
General Fund	5.8553
Voted Debt	0.1929

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS	TRUST FUNDS	TOTAL BUDGET
<b>CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	7,632,964	2,511,178	8,680,050	9,008,313	254,342	63,670	47,138,000	75,288,517
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>								
TAXES	Millage Per \$1,000							
Ad Valorem Taxes	5.8553	12,346,297	8,000					12,354,297
Ad Valorem Taxes	0.1929 (Voted Debt)	407,009						407,009
Sales/Use/Fuel Taxes		2,596,579	125,000				225,000	2,946,579
Franchise Fees		1,460,000						1,460,000
Utility Service Taxes		2,432,920						2,432,920
Licenses/Permits	1,601,825							1,601,825
Intergovernmental	1,514,375	127,644	2,145,000	7,235,000				11,022,019
Charges for Services	1,348,943	151,700		16,000,991				17,501,634
Fines/Forfeitures	23,700	15,000						38,700
Miscellaneous	148,944	12,500	1,742,250	200,704	-	125,500	7,910,000	10,139,898
Other Financing Sources	2,391,000	11,300	4,680,700	7,670,000	3,178,052	1,760,050		19,691,102
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCE SOURCES</b>	23,838,672	2,759,064	8,692,950	31,106,695	3,178,052	1,885,550	8,135,000	79,595,983
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES</b>	31,471,636	5,270,242	17,373,000	40,115,008	3,432,394	1,949,220	55,273,000	154,884,500
<b>EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>								
General Government	5,073,824		1,600,000			1,853,451	3,611,430	12,138,705
Public Safety	11,856,109	241,300	500,000					12,597,409
Physical Environment		101,181	-	10,889,010				10,990,191
Transportation	2,332,491		826,500	1,129,236				4,288,227
Economic Environment	84,791							84,791
Human Services	58,500							58,500
Culture/Recreation	2,577,888	191,698	4,864,000	10,013,238				17,646,824
Debt Services			699,715	6,120,030	3,178,030			9,997,775
Other Financing Uses	2,625,020	2,640,000		4,590,332		25,700		9,881,052
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>	24,608,623	3,174,179	8,490,215	32,741,846	3,178,030	1,879,151	3,611,430	77,683,474
<b>RESERVES</b>	6,863,013	2,096,063	8,882,785	7,373,162	254,364	70,069	51,661,570	77,201,026
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES</b>	31,471,636	5,270,242	17,373,000	40,115,008	3,432,394	1,949,220	55,273,000	154,884,500

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September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Thoughts of suicide cross all boundaries of age, gender and background. For this reason, Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition is reaching out to raise awareness and provide resources needed for the discussion of suicide prevention. If you or a loved one want to gain more information or services, please contact us at (904) 277-3699.

Did you know more than 41,000 individuals die each year by suicide, leaving friends and family members to deal with the loss? According to Florida Healthcharts.com in 2017, Nassau County had a suicide rate of 14.6 percent, compared to the state rate of 14.1 percent (based on single year per 100,000). Although the suicide rate in 2016 was 30.5 percent, Nassau County did experience a significant decrease from 2016 to 2017, however we are still above the state rate of 14.1 percent.

- One in 5 Americans experiences a mental health condition. Persons with mental health conditions are more likely to cancel their appointments for treatment (37 percent).

- The stigma of mental illness causes isolation, blame and secrecy creating many challenges. Reaching out, getting the help and support needed becomes an obstacle due to the stigma. The definition of stigma is a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person. Many describe stigma as shame that can be felt as judgment from someone or feeling and thinking they are less than everyone else.

- 90 percent of those who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States.

- According to the Medical Examiner's Office, in 2016 24 percent of the reported suicides were attributed to overdose by Hydrocodone; 21 percent from Diazepam, 17 percent Oxycodone; 17 percent Alprazolam and 8 percent from Methadone (top 5).

We as a community need to be aware of the silent suffering. When sought, treatment for serious mental illness is very effective with between 70-90 percent of individuals

experiencing a significant reduction of symptoms. The quality of their life improves with the right treatment and support.

During September, please help promote awareness by using #SuicidePrevention, #StigmaFree or #IAMMORE on your social media posts.

Informational resources: Know the Warning Signs and Risk of Suicide; Preventing Suicide as a Family Member or Caregiver; Being Prepared for a Crisis.

Crisis resources: If you or someone you know is experiencing an emergency call 911 immediately. Call 1-800-273-8255 (talk) National Suicide Hotline.

You can text the National Alliance on Mental Illness Crisis Text Line: Text to 741-741.

**Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition**  
Fernandina Beach**Term limits**

Writing in his “Coach’s Corner” column, Howard Pines does a fine job of outlining the issue of term limits for legislators. It’s a popular topic that many people support, but it’s a dumb way to govern state or federal legislatures.

Limiting terms transfers power from legislators to unelected legislative staff and lobbyists. It promotes gridlock by discouraging legislators from forming long-lasting relationships with each other. It also robs the legislative process of historical knowledge.

I’ve seen first-hand the chaos in legislative committee meetings in Tallahassee because there’s so many newbie lawmakers who lack understanding of the legislative process.

The other problem with term limits is that it discourages legislator from working on long-term solutions to problems. They won’t be around to accept credit (or blame) for their work, so why bother. Having so many lame ducks at one time is counter to good governance.

And besides, our system already has a process for limiting terms. They are called elections.

**Dennis Jay**  
Fernandina Beach**Wildlight and county need relationship help**

A once-blissful marriage is deteriorating between Nassau County and the developer of the massive Wildlight community in Yulee.

A potential divorce could unfold over major disagreements between the two sides. In response, county commissioners will meet with our state representatives this Monday over contested issues with Raydient Places + Properties, the owner of Wildlight. The public is invited to the 4 p.m. meeting at the commission chambers.

“The sad part,” says County Commissioner Steve Kelley, “is that people of the county don’t have a clue what’s about to go on.”

At the heart of the issue is state legislation designating Wildlight as a special “stewardship district,” entitling it to a 13-percent reduction in property taxes (among other things). Stewardship districts are far-reaching and powerful, and have been enacted in other parts of the state.

Other recent legislation impacting Wildlight was blocked by Aaron Bean, the state senator for our area. This legislation would have precluded Wildlight from paying for recreational facilities within its vast complex.

And that’s when county commissioners unified. Commissioners traveled to Tallahassee for the spring legislative session to protest this proposed bill. Under their arrangement with the county, Wildlight is responsible for constructing recreational facilities within its borders.

Since that time, county officials have been thwarted in efforts to meet with Wildlight representatives for new talks, Kelley says. Therefore, the most viable solution is to meet with Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, and local State Rep. Cord Byrd, R-Neptune Beach, over what is an important county issue.

“If you’re not going to honor your agreements, then we do not have a partnership in good faith,” Kelley says about the two parties.

Commissioners may ask Bean and Byrd about the harshest measure – revoking Wildlight’s status as a stewardship district. This would reverse previous legislation that granted the preferred designation to Wildlight. Raydient is a subsidiary of Rayonier Inc., a prominent developer.

“We would have to formally ask them to go back to Tallahassee and rescind the stewardship district,” Kelley says. “When you go against Raydient, you’re going against every big developer.”

There are other solutions to the standoff, which the county could enact on its own – like creating a special taxing district or imposing targeted fees,

**STEVE'S MARKET PLACE**

Steve Nicklas

A renewed agreement is imperative. Otherwise, the county will carry a heavy burden of providing recreational facilities, along with road improvements and other infrastructure. “We have an obligation to our 80,000 stockholders, called taxpayers,” Kelley says.

There are other variables. The

makeup of the county commission changes in November, with two new commissioners replacing Kelley and another conservative voice, George Spicer. A decision on the Wildlight project could be delayed until then. Either way, the burden of additional infrastructure – at substantial expense – hovers over the county commission. How much the county must provide, versus Wildlight/Raydient’s responsibility, will be critical to the financial future of the county.

Kelley feels the county will already provide police protection and a fully manned fire station within the mammoth development. The need for improved roads to accommodate 22,000 new homes in Wildlight is a given; who pays for them is not.

“The infrastructure to provide services to Wildlight is not even a break-even for the county – it’s going to cost taxpayers money,” he says.

Prominent community organizations are moving into Wildlight, including a UF Health facility, a YMCA, along with influential businesses and churches. “Some of the most influential organizations in Nassau County will have a vested interest in Wildlight,” Kelley says. “They’re getting their tentacles out into the community.”

Kelley has seen this genre of movie before. And he isn’t optimistic about the ending. “This is exactly how they have developed South Florida,” he says.

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**Veterans Treatment Court and incarcerated veterans**

When you enter a state prison for the first time, and after the friendly greetings from the expectant staff, you will find yourself led through several monitored gates surrounded by tall fences wrapped in concertina wire. You feel immediately cut off from the reality of the outside world. But after the long walk down the restricted pathways, you enter a compound standing alone as a refuge for a band of fellow brothers, the quarters of the incarcerated members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1080. The atmosphere suddenly changes to one of hope and service to others. Painted on the wall are murals depicting recognizable scenes from the Vietnam era. This is “Fire Base Golf,” G-Dorm, Union Correctional Institution, Raiford, Fla.

Sixty miles east of Raiford Prison are Duval, Clay and Nassau counties, each with a Veterans Treatment Court, one of more than 20 VTCs in Florida counties and 150 VTCs in the country. The VTC program has become a positive approach for many veterans who need help and a second chance to live life free and unblemished by negative decisions, and for many, their unwanted and unrequested handicaps.

So just what do these two entirely different entities have in common? How could they possibly form a bridge between themselves? Well, VVA Chapter 1080 is an avid supporter of incar-

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JOHN SCHERER

cerated Vietnam veterans in Raiford Prison. They got together with representatives of the Veterans Treatment Court in Jacksonville and discussed a terrific idea to enhance the lives of veterans in both areas working together, the Veteran’s Interaction Program.

VIP offers a one-on-one, non-confrontational engagement between incarcerated veterans and a veteran enrolled in the Veterans Treatment Court program. The visits show the Veterans Treatment Court program participants firsthand what the future could hold for them if they don’t make the individual effort to change their direction in life by completing the program’s opportunity.

Many Vietnam veterans returned to misrepresentations by the media and fellow citizens. They were put down, spit on, degraded and

criticized upon their return to their own country. They returned impacted by the violence, loss of comrades, horrific conditions, fatigue, hunger, disease, and with a deep distrust of their own government. Some had post-traumatic stress disorder or other emotional and physical injuries that they would carry the rest of their lives. They suffered and went undiagnosed. Very few received services from the government. Some of these veterans, men and women of honor, made subsequent mistakes in judgment that led to incarceration as their future.

The cooperation between VIP and the Veterans Court gives the veterans of Chapter 1080 a chance to give back to their fellow veterans, to share the lessons they learned and allow them to exhibit compassion and positive self-esteem through their outreach – trying to save another person from a negative destiny.

The visits by at-risk veterans in the VTC program with the veteran inmates of VVA Chapter 1080 create the opportunity for a successful reentry to society and a new life and reduce the possibility of a return to crime and custody. They decrease the potential inmate population, the caseloads in the court system, and potentially save millions of dollars in expenses for the agencies, court systems, institutions and for taxpayers.

One of the main reasons VVA Chapter 1080 functions as a model program is the attitude and

enthusiasm of the facility’s warden and assistant warden, as well as the efforts of the magistrate judge in Duval County, of the 4th Judicial Circuit, and of the very special people who are liaison officers.

The other side of this successful collaboration is the Veterans Treatment Court program serving Duval, Clay, and Nassau counties. The VTC offers a voluntary alternative to honorably discharged veterans charged with non-violent felonies or misdemeanors, providing structured support and services that could include VA medical and mental health treatment, housing, and a dedicated mentor to walk side-by-side with the program veterans through the one-year process. Upon successful completion, they have the opportunity to have their arrest record expunged and to restart a productive life.

There are over 700,000 military veterans estimated to be incarcerated in our country in over approximately 4,575 prisons and detention facilities. The VVA national records show 21 active VVA incarcerated chapters nationwide with more than 2,196 inmate members. The incarcerated inmates of VVA Chapter 1080 and others across the country are truly their brothers’ keepers and are having a positive impact.

To find out more about the Veterans Treatment Court program, call (904) 225-1046 to speak with a coordinator.

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## COMMUNITY

## FARMERS MARKET

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**Seven Trees Nursery has an abundance of colorful mums in stock in addition to their succulent plants and hanging baskets.**

Fernandina Beach Market Place, the family- and pet-friendly downtown farmers market open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday rain or shine, will tempt your taste buds with amazing artisan foods, natural body products, and seasonal produce.

EPIC Ice Cream is back with handcrafted ice cream sandwiches and pints available in a variety of delicious flavors. Making an additional September visit is our gluten-free vendor, Something Good. She completely sold out of everything she baked for her last market visit, including sweet breads, cookies, and biscuits. Hairy Farm Pit Girls will be back with their natural goat-milk soaps, and Amelia Naturals is now attending every week with her foot reflexology balms and other, all-natural salves.

Seven Trees Nursery has an abundance of colorful mums in stock in addition to their succulent plants and hanging baskets. Look for Lydia's return with Succulent Designs of Vilano this week and her cute little gardens in a dish. Robert, with Everblooming Gardens, brings hundreds of outdoor landscaping and patio plants, and even Bacon's Select Produce will have a small selection of herbs in stock on Saturday.

When you come to the farmers market, come hungry. Great Harvest Bread Company and Rudy's Bakery offer fresh-baked breads, pastries, cookies and more, while Bite Sized Confections offers perfect sized bites of red velvet or lemon miniature cupcakes and chocolate fudge. Market Place Sponsor Jack & Diane's Cafe will be open right across the street to satisfy your coffee, smoothie, breakfast or lunch cravings.

Looking to feed the carnivores in your family?

Chesser's Seafood has wild caught shrimp; Upstream Seafood has salmon, scallops, and crab legs; and JD Beef has a beautiful selection of beef and pork perfect for the smoker or grill. And don't forget our farmers with their seasonal produce like cabbage, squash, watermelon, and now in season – perfect pie pumpkins. In addition to these fine vendors, you will also find dips, sauces, honey, lotions, specialty dishes, desserts, cocktail mixes, jams, jellies and more.

Entertainment this week will be provided by Colored Sound, a three-piece band from Fernandina Beach. The band consists of Thaxton Rowe (guitar/vocals), Andrew Haynes (bass), and Michael Hawthorne II (drums/vocals). Their sound is a combination of rock and funk jams with a melodic blues touch. Market sponsor All American Gutter will be on hand with a booth to show you the latest in home gutter designs, and sponsor Jack & Diane's Cafe will be open to satisfy your coffee, smoothie, breakfast or lunch cravings.

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market is located on North Seventh Street, between Alachua and Centre Streets, in historic Fernandina Beach.

## Safe handling of food in a hurricane or power outage



**THE SAVVY CONSUMER**

Meg McAlpine

As a result of thunderstorms, hurricanes, and other disturbances, power outages occur more often than we desire. Outages are not only an inconvenience, but also a safety issue, particularly when it comes to food. When refrigerators and freezers lose power, we worry about whether or not the food will be safe for our families. Knowing how to handle food while the power is off and when it has been restored will help to ensure that you and your family do not become victims of a food borne illness. It is important to be prepared in advance to protect the safety of your food.

Basic supplies include:

- Food-grade containers for storing water and food. Camping supply stores carry collapsible water containers.
- Disposable utensils (e.g., forks, knives, spoons, cups, plates).
- Manual can opener.
- Sanitary hand wipes.
- Thermometers: refrigerator, freezer, food (e.g. bimetallic).

Preparing your refrigerator and freezer requires organization and cleaning. Discard old or unnecessary food items, and place a thermometer in the refrigerator to monitor its temperature. It should read 40 degrees Fahrenheit or less. In preparation for a power outage, set the temperature controls to be colder. Purchase dry ice to be used when power is out to keep refrigerated food cold longer. Keep foods close together.

Organize the freezer compartment by grouping meat and poultry on one side or on separate trays so that, in the event of thawing, their juices will not contaminate each other or other foods. Freezer temperature should be 0 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. If the freezer is not full, fill and freeze containers of water to fill the space. The frozen water will slow down the temperature increase in the event of a power failure. You can also place frozen water in the refrigerated section.

Generally, if there is a power outage, a well-insulated refrigerator and freezer will maintain refrigeration and freezing temperatures for several hours to two days, provided that the door is kept closed and only opened infrequently. Monitor the temperature of the refrigerator and

freezer. An unopened refrigerator will keep food safe for four hours. A full freezer that is unopened will keep food frozen for 48 hours.

Perishable foods that have been exposed to temperatures above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for over two hours should be thrown out. Never taste food to determine its safety. If unsure of the length of time that your perishable food has been exposed to temperatures above 40 degrees Fahrenheit, use a food thermometer. If the internal temperature reads 40 degrees Fahrenheit or above, discard the food item.

If the temperature of the refrigerator rises above 40 degrees Fahrenheit (4 degrees Celsius) for more than two hours, you will need to discard the perishable foods listed below:

- meat, poultry, seafood
- cold cuts, hot dogs
- casseroles
- custards, pudding
- cream, sour cream
- soft cheeses, shredded cheeses, low-fat cheeses
- yogurt, milk
- eggs
- creamy salad dressings, fish sauces, hoisin sauce, opened spaghetti sauce
- cookie dough, refrigerator biscuits or rolls
- cooked pasta, rice, pasta salads
- pizza
- cut fresh fruits
- greens, cooked vegetables, opened vegetable juice
- baked or mashed potatoes, potato salad

Any food that has an unusual odor, color, or texture should also be discarded.

Foods that are safe, even if held at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or above for more than two hours, are:

- hard and processed cheeses that are properly wrapped
- grated Parmesan and Romano cheeses

- margarine that is properly wrapped
- canned or uncut fresh fruit and fruit juices (but discard if they look, feel, smell, or taste unusual)

- fresh vegetables, canned vegetables
- herbs, spices
- breads, rolls, cakes, muffins, bagels, pancakes, waffles
- peanut butter, jelly, relish, mustard, ketchup, olives

- taco, barbecue, and soy sauces
- Opened jars of mayonnaise, tartar sauce, or horseradish (unless held at 50°F for more than eight hours, then throw them away)

Frozen foods that have partially or completely thawed can be refrozen if they contain ice crystals. If they have completely thawed but are still at a temperature of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below, they also can be refrozen. Use a food thermometer to check the temperature of the food. Although partial thawing and refreezing of these foods will be safe, the quality of some foods, especially vegetables and fruits, may be reduced. Hard cheeses, breads, and fruits and vegetables and their juices – if they look and smell normal – can be refrozen even if they have been above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for more than two hours.

One way to ensure the safety of thawed meat products that have been above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for two hours or less is to cook them immediately. Either serve the food immediately or refreeze the cooked item. Be sure to cook to the proper temperatures, checking internal temperatures with a thermometer. Refrigerate and use within two days or freeze the leftovers immediately.

For more information, call the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service's Meat and Poultry Food Safety Hotline at 800-535-4555.

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## Foundation promoting brain aneurysm awareness

September is Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month and the Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation will mark the month by continuing its mission to raise awareness about the signs and symptoms of brain aneurysm, according to a news release.

According to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, each year, brain aneurysms cause nearly 500,000 deaths worldwide. Researchers estimate that six million Americans have an unruptured brain aneurysm. The annual rate of ruptured aneurysms in the United States is about eight to 10 in every 100,000 people, or about 30,000 people a year. Every 18 minutes, a brain aneurysm ruptures. And when it does, death or lifelong disabilities often result.

"A ruptured brain aneurysm is a medical emergency that requires immediate treatment," Olivia Hoblit, director of the Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation, said in the release. "Risk factors include smoking, high blood pressure, traumatic head injury, excessive alcohol use and drug use, particularly cocaine. Women, people of color and individuals over 40 are at higher risk. We also know those with a family history of brain aneurysms are at a higher risk."

Survivors of brain aneurysm often experience what they describe as "the worst headache ever." A sudden, severe headache is a common warning sign that

## Aneurysm Risk Factors

- Smoking
- High blood pressure
- Family history
- Age over 40
- Female
- Person of color
- Drug use (particularly cocaine)

## Sudden Symptoms

- Loss of consciousness
- Confusion
- Seizure
- Nausea and vomiting
- Stiff neck
- Sensitivity to light
- Numbness or weakness
- Pain behind eye

someone may be suffering a brain aneurysm, a weakened arterial wall that, if it ruptures, causes bleeding and damages the brain. Other signs include dilated pupils, blurred vision, pain behind the eye, weakness and numbness, and difficulty speaking.

"Reducing the time between signs and symptoms and treatment saves lives and improves outcomes," said Reena Bayardo, a survivor with a family history of brain aneurysm. When Bayardo was 16, her mother passed away at the age of 36 from a ruptured brain aneurysm.

In 2015, Bayardo's 15-year-old daughter Lisset fell while walking to school. "When I spoke to Lisset on the phone, her speech was slurred, she was crying and said her head hurt really badly and that she had just vomited – another warning sign," said Bayardo. Lisset was rushed to the hospital and scans revealed two ruptured brain aneurysms. The procedure to close off the ruptures was successful, but Lisset remained in critical condition in ICU for weeks, followed by a long recovery.

After Lisset's recovery, doctors recommended that Bayardo and her other three children undergo brain scans. While her son was cleared, her other two daughters show areas of concern that require future monitoring. As for Bayardo, she suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm in 2016 after it was missed by the reading radiologist. She also underwent successful treatment and has made a near-complete recovery.

"I am grateful for the work that The Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation is doing to increase public awareness of this devastating and often fatal condition," said Bayardo. "Through awareness and funding that supports additional research, we can develop new treatments that save lives and improve the outcomes of survivors."

The Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation, founded in 2016, is a nonprofit organi-



The Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation is continuing its mission to raise awareness about the signs and symptoms of brain aneurysm. SUBMITTED

zation located in Fernandina Beach dedicated to raising awareness about the signs and symptoms of brain aneurysm. The organization also provides support and funding for neuroscience research for brain aneurysm with the goal of advancing treatment options and reducing the time between treat-

ment and signs/symptoms to ensure better outcomes for those suffering a brain aneurysm. To learn more about brain aneurysm, the Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation and to donate, visit [www.TrinityHoblit.org](http://www.TrinityHoblit.org). A portion of all gifts will be matched by the Baptist Health Foundation in Jacksonville, Fla.

## When Life Leaves A Bitter Taste



Sunday  
2Kings 2:1-5

Monday  
2Kings 2:6-10

Tuesday  
2Kings 2:11-17

Wednesday  
2Kings 2:18-21

Thursday  
2Kings 2:22-25

Friday  
2Kings 3:1-6

Saturday  
2Kings 3:7-12

The best way to get rid of a bitter taste is to eat something that tastes better. When you feel your face pinch from the sour lemons of life, take a bite of God's daily bread and drink from His cleansing fountain. Refresh yourself in His word and enjoy each morsel of life.



**Weekly Bible Trivia**  
What prophet took Elijah's place?  
(answer found in this week's scripture reading)

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**BITCOIN** *Continued from 4A*

stores to accept the digital currency as a payment method. REEDS Jewelers, which has over 60 retail locations in the eastern U.S., is one of the rare ones.

Major retailers such as Walmart and Amazon have yet to sign off on Bitcoin as an accepted payment, but the mobile gift card app Gyft offers one way around that. You can use Bitcoin to buy a gift card and then shop at those retailers or another of the 200-some that they work with, including giants like Nike, Target, and Starbucks. Alternatively, individuals can also use a service like Shakepay to convert cryptocurrencies into U.S. dollars or Euros for a fee.

The rise of cryptocurrency for payments in the real estate world began with a house here and a condo there. Now the largest affordable housing developer in Florida is considering accepting Bitcoin and other virtual currencies for rent payments "in what may be the next frontier for commercial real estate," according to a recent story by the Bisnow online real estate news service. Miami-based Housing Trust Group is looking at going beyond cash for rental payments in the future, CEO Matt Rieger told Bisnow. "I'm not telling you that this is rolling out in 2018 or 2019, but it is something I've been personally (interested in), because it is really interesting."

While there has been a lot of talk, speculation, and theorizing as to the impact of blockchain technology – the system on which cryptocurrencies run – that effect has so far been felt mostly in the



condominium market, according to Bisnow—"especially in major cities, often where foreign investors use online currency like Bitcoin to transfer wealth from one country and from one currency into another."

According to the Bisnow article, "There is no definitive estimate of how much real estate worldwide has traded using cryptocurrencies, but blockchain is being used often by foreign investors seeking loopholes to funnel money out of their countries," the article said, citing Collaborative Construction Resources President James Salmon, who is also the Cincinnati chapter chairman for the International Blockchain Real Estate Association.

"Right now, I don't think that the world is quite ready to engage in transactions that may even take a few days to close," Salmon told Bisnow. "They're not ready for the volatility of the radical swings in value that occur when utilizing cryptocurrencies."

Salmon said where blockchain technology may have a more immediate impact is if it is used as a sort of electronic token tied to the value of cash in an escrow account. That way real estate can

easily be sold for cryptocurrency without exposing the buyers and sellers to the roller-coaster values.

Meanwhile, Florida's Chief Financial Officer, Jimmy Patronis, has concluded that Florida needs to babysit cryptocurrency, and establish a position for someone to oversee Florida's digital currency craze, a Cryptocurrency Czar, according to ConsumerAffairs.

Miami reportedly has become a landscape flush with million-dollar condos for sale in Bitcoin and special ATMs that turn legal tender into crypto-cash.

"We cannot allow the cryptocurrency industry to expand in Florida unfettered and unchecked with the potential for so many, including our large population of seniors, to be exploited. It is absolutely essential that Florida create safeguards to protect our consumers from fraud. The establishment of a cryptocurrency chief in the state will help protect Floridians from scams," Patronis told ConsumerAffairs.

In June 2017, Gov. Rick Scott signed House Bill 1379, which expanded the Florida Money Laundering Act to expressly prohibit the laundering of virtual currency, which the bill defines as "a medium of exchange in electronic or digital format that is not a coin or currency of the United States or any other country." The bill took effect July 1, 2017.

Florida joins nine other states – California, Nevada, New York, Texas, Colorado, Arizona, Illinois, Wyoming, and Delaware – "that have cobbled together a mix of new and old statutes to get a grip on cryptocurrency," according to ConsumerAffairs.

# Memories of Wilmington

As I write this Wednesday morning, Wilmington, N.C. is in the bulls-eye of Hurricane Florence. Wilmington often deals with hurricanes riding the Gulf Stream north from the southern Atlantic. This storm is on a beeline toward Wilmington. It is tracking slightly south as of the latest track.

Several times I recall category 1 or 2 storms that we rode out in Wilmington proper, not the beach communities. Florence, N.C., particularly with the threat of sustained rains, is a different animal. We will pray for landfall in an area less populated and developed. From Myrtle Beach to north of Wilmington, gaps in development are few.

Our family moved in 1970 to Wilmington, where my father assumed general management and a minority ownership in a Chevrolet dealership. A rising high school junior at 15 years old, it was an awkward time to move from York, Pa. along with my four younger siblings. It ended up being great.

The family moved to Charlotte in 1974 when Dad bought his first dealership.



**KEFFER'S CORNER**

*Rick Keffer*

The same year, I went to Midland, Mich. to attend Northwood University, a specialized business college where the biggest major was automotive retail merchandising. I suppose it

paid off.

Upon graduating, I went back to Wilmington and sold cars for Bob King Pontiac-GMC- Mercedes. I stayed from 1978 to 1988 before moving to Charlotte to join the family businesses.

Ten years in Wilmington are a time that will always be a great memory. The similarities to Nassau County are amazing; they include historic downtown areas, container ports made possible by rivers coming off the Atlantic, two mills (Wilmington had GE and DuPont), Wrightsville Beach and Fernandina Beach, big tourism focuses, and a wonder-

ful quality of life.

In the '70s, New Hanover County, N.C. had a population of 100,000, with Wilmington making up 60,000 of that total. Today the county has 220,000, while Wilmington has grown to 119,000. The charm of '70s Wilmington has been impacted by a more than doubling of population. We in Nassau County have more of that '70s Wilmington feel. Will we double in population in 40 years? Time will tell.

Hollie and I were due to head Thursday to Brevard, N.C. My father-in-law paid my entry in a scholarship golf tournament scheduled for Friday. No pressure. My mother-in-law questions why we would even consider not coming. We will most likely "evacuate" sunny Nassau County into the fray.

Wilmington still has a place in my heart. The Wilmington Morning Star newspaper had a tag line on the front page, "The Port City of Progress and Pleasure." Always liked that. My hope is that those affected by Florence stay safe and rebound quickly. Have a good week.

## How to buy Bitcoins, per Fortune magazine...

You can buy Bitcoins from a digital currency exchange or broker such as Coinbase, Bitstamp, Kraken, and Gatehub, or from other people. You'll also need a digital wallet to hold the digital currency. The wallet stores your private key, a secret number that gives you access to your Bitcoins. Your private key ensures that you can always access your wallet, whichever marketplace you use.

There are software and hardware wallets. Software wallets are applications that connect to your traditional bank account. Hardware wallets store the user's private keys on a small device.

You can create a digital wallet by signing up with companies like Coinbase, Exodus, MyCeliium,

or blockchain.info and downloading an application through the Apple App Store or Google Play.

You can buy and trade Bitcoins as well as store them through the app.

Then visit the exchange you've picked and register with it. Most require you to connect with your bank account to pay for your Bitcoin purchase. Some exchanges like Coinbase offer an app that acts as an exchange and a wallet.

Select the amount of Bitcoin you want to buy. You can buy less than one Bitcoin on these exchanges with a credit card, a bank transfer, or even cash.

For the online article, go to: fortune.com/2018/01/03/bitcoin-buy-how-to-cryptocurrency.

**BUDGET** *Continued from 1A*

impact on transportation, and an emphasis on mixed-use growth as opposed to mere residential growth, citing the cost effectiveness of that strategy.

Mullin mentioned the growing needs of fire and rescue, public safety and animal control to keep up with the pace of growth. He stated that the county's road and bridge department now operates with fewer people than it did back in 2004: "There are less people doing 10 times, 20 times or more work." Mullin also said there are more than 400 work orders in place for the west side of the county alone, estimating it will take over a year to get to all of them, and that he receives about three to four calls a day about drainage issues. He stressed that roads and other capital improvement projects are needs, not wants. He said that those projects are expensive but that the new budget does address those needs.

"Governments should maintain a prudent level of financial resources to protect against reducing service levels or raising taxes annually because of temporary revenue shortfalls or unpredictable one-time expenditures," Mullin said. "Your proposed budget will accomplish this."

Mullin mentioned the "A" rating Nassau County schools have and the low crime rate, which has made the community attractive, adding that it is poised to become one of the fastest-growing counties in the state.

When Office of Management and Budget Director Justin Stankiewicz took over the discussion, he explained that, since the tentative budget was approved in July, a few adjustments were made including the addition of 16.5 new positions – 15 for fire and rescue and 1.5 for animal control. Increases were also made in the overlay and double chip seal program, the budget for the offices of the constitutional officers to increase their level of services, and money allotted for Florida Department of Transportation grants for Pratt Siding Road and Henry Smith Road. In addition, money has been added for the completion of a new fire station at Heron Isles.

The date for the final public hearing to adopt the fiscal year 2018-19 budget and increase in millage rates was set for Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.

Additional details and a copy of the complete proposed budget are available on the county website at <http://nassaucountyfl.com/168/Management-Budget>.

Up next for the commissioners is a special joint meeting between the board, state Sen. Aaron Bean,

and state Rep. Cord Byrd to discuss the East Nassau Stewardship District legislation. That meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 17, at 4 p.m. at the James S. Page

Governmental Complex, located at 96135 Nassau Place in Yulee.

For additional information, call (904) 530-6100.

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE:** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

**TIME:** 4:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
JAMES S. PAGE GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX  
96135 NASSAU PLACE  
YULEE, FLORIDA

**PURPOSE:** SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SENATOR AARON BEAN AND REPRESENTATIVE CORD BYRD AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO DISCUSS THE STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT LEGISLATION AND CONCERNS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS SINCE ITS ADOPTION AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE LEGISLATION.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO BE PRESENT AND BE HEARD. IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION BY THE BOARD, AGENCY OR COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING OR HEARING, HE/SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND THAT FOR SUCH PURPOSE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

**ATTEST:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

/s/ JOHN A. CRAWFORD BY:/s/ PAT EDWARDS  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk ts: Chairman

Individuals with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners at least two days prior to the proceeding at (904) 548-4660, or, if the hearing impaired, Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (v) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing is scheduled for **Monday, September 24th at 5:00 p.m.** in the City Commission Chambers, 204 Ash Street Fernandina Beach, Florida to consider the following **LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) TEXT AMENDMENTS: THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, REQUESTS LDC TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ADDRESS ISSUES OR ERRORS, AND TO ACCOMPLISH CITY COMMISSION DIRECTED ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

**PAB CASE 2018-20- ADDS OR MODIFIES CERTAIN DEFINITIONS (SECTION 1.07.00); REVISES STANDARDS FOR CALCULATION OF BUILDING HEIGHTS AND PLACEMENT OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT (SECTION 4.02.03); RESTRICTS THE GRANTING OF CERTAIN VARIANCES (SECTION 10.02.01); AND**

**PAB CASE 2018-24 - CLARIFIES PARKING STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS (SECTION 7.01.04) AND REVISES AMELIA RIVER WATERFRONT CRA STANDARDS (SECTION 8.01.02).**

Interested parties may appear at said hearing and be heard as to the advisability of any action, which may be considered. Any persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact 310-3100, TTY 711, (TTY number for all City offices) or through the Florida Relay Service at 711 at least 24 hours in advance to request such accommodation. The PAB serves as a recommending committee. Every application is submitted to the City Commission for final decision making.

Copies of the applications may be inspected in the office of the Planning Department, City Hall, 204 Ash Street, between the hours of 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. To make an appointment with a planner, please call 904-310-3135.

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Amelia Island Mosquito Control District of Nassau County, Florida, has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES

will be held on:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

**at 5:30 P.M.**

**in the**

**CHARLES "BUDDY" BROWN MEETING ROOM**

**2500 LYNNDALE ROAD**

**FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA**

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

**AMELIA ISLAND MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019**

**THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE AMELIA ISLAND MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, ARE 5.1% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

GENERAL FUND	0.1412	STATE	TOTAL
	GENERAL FUNDS	I FUNDS	ALL FUNDS
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>			
Taxes: Millage Per \$1,000			
Ad <b>0.1412</b>	719,832.36		719,832.36
<b>Valorem Taxes</b>			
Interest Income	3,500.00		3,500.00
Intergovernmental Revenue		41,645.44	41,645.44
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>723,332.36</b>	<b>41,645.44</b>	<b>764,977.80</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES/RESERVES/ NET ASSETS</b>	<b>404,724.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>404,724.99</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>1,128,057.35</b>	<b>41,645.44</b>	<b>1,169,702.79</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Personnel Services & Benefits	547,998.69		547,998.69
Operating Expenses	193,145.91	41,645.44	234,791.35
Capital Outlay	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>776,144.60</b>	<b>41,645.44</b>	<b>817,790.04</b>
Contingency	75,000.00		75,000.00
<b>FUND BALANCES/RESERVES/ NET ASSETS</b>	<b>276,912.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>276,912.75</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>1,128,057.35</b>	<b>41,645.44</b>	<b>1,169,702.79</b>

The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above-referenced taxing authority as a public record.



## HORNETS VS. FALCONS



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

The Yulee Middle School football team hosted the Lake City Falcons on Tuesday. Yulee is back home Tuesday with Bolles. Kickoff is at 5 p.m.



### FOOTBALL

## Pirates, Hornets at home tonight

BETH JONES  
News-Leader

The Hornets' home opener is tonight. The Yulee High School football team hosts Paxon in a District 3-5A match-up, the district opener for the home team. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at Hornet Field.

The Hornets are coming off a 40-15 loss to undefeated Menendez. Yulee (0-2) answered the Falcons' 27-point first half when Cole Richardson reeled in a pass from Antonio Parks.

Menendez scored twice in the third quarter, and again Yulee answered with a touchdown thanks to Parks, who scored on a one-yard run in the fourth quarter. Parks connected with Richardson for the two-point conversion.

Parks completed six of 11 passes for 104 yards. Richardson finished the night with 55 yards on two catches. JhaCurry Simpson was the Hornets' leading rusher with 20 yards. Parks had 10.

The Yulee defense was led by Bryson Williams, who had 10 solo tackles, six assists and a pair of quarterback sacks. Clayton Walden had five solo stops and six assists. Terrell Jackson recorded eight solo tackles and two assists, and Gavin Knight had five of each.

The Fernandina Beach High School Pirates were idle last week. They host Wolfson tonight at 7 p.m.

Homecoming is next week. The Pirates host Stanton at 7 p.m. Sept. 21. The homecoming parade will be held at 4 p.m. downtown, going down Ash Street and up Centre.

## FBMS 2-1 on season

The Fernandina Beach Middle School Pirates are 2-1 on the season with wins over Camden County and Episcopal. The lone loss came at the hands of St. Marys.

"We are doing good this year and are still growing," Coach Michael Leverett said. "We have a lot of seventh and sixth graders, so we have talent coming back."

"We didn't play that well against St. Marys. We made mistakes and missed multiple touchdowns."

FBMS heads to Callahan on Tuesday for a 6 p.m. match.

"We play Callahan this coming Tuesday so we will see how well we play against a rival," Leverett said.

The Pirates are back at home on Sept. 25 with Charlton County. Kickoff is at 6 p.m.

## Pop Warner homecoming on Saturday

The Tiny Mites kick off Fernandina Beach Pop Warner's homecoming Saturday with a 10 a.m. game against Callahan (red).

The Mitey Mites take on Callahan at 11:30 a.m., and the Junior Peewees face Callahan at 1:30 p.m.

Yulee is also home Saturday. The Tiny Mites take on Callahan (gold) at 9 a.m. The Mitey Mites (gold) take on Oakleaf at 10:30 a.m. The white Mitey Mites take on Ponte Vedra at 12:30 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m., the Junior Peewees (green) take on Fleming Island.

# SPORTS SHORTS

## First Tee Golf

First Tee Golf will continue this fall for local teens in conjunction with Boys & Girls Clubs. Sessions start Sept. 19 and run through Oct. 24 at the Amelia River Golf Course and the Golf Club of Amelia Island. First Tee is dedicated to impacting youngsters with an educational program aimed at building character, instilling life-enhancing values and healthy choices through the game of golf.

Teens who are interested in participating can call the Roberts Learning and Achievement Center at 491-9102 or the Miller Freedom Center at 261-1075. For more details about overall Boys & Girls Clubs programs, visit [www.bgc Nassau.org](http://www.bgc Nassau.org).

## Babe Ruth baseball

Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth fall baseball opening day is Oct. 6. The season runs through Nov. 23. Visit [www.fbri.com](http://www.fbri.com) for information.

## 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.

## Youth lacrosse

Amelia Island Nassau County Youth Lacrosse is a developmental youth lacrosse program for boys and girls ages 8-15. Registration will begin Oct. 1 for the 2019 spring season.

No prior experience or knowledge of the sport is necessary. The club is a non-profit member of U.S. Lacrosse and volunteer driven.

Visit [www.ameliaislandlacrosse.org](http://www.ameliaislandlacrosse.org) or the club Facebook site, [www.facebook.com/groups/AINC>Youth](http://www.facebook.com/groups/AINC>Youth) Lacrosse for additional information and updates or contact Head Coach Carl J. Bazarian at [carljbaz@gmail.com](mailto:carljbaz@gmail.com) (703) 981-7703 or President Robby Allen at [aincyouthlacrosse@gmail.com](mailto:aincyouthlacrosse@gmail.com) or (843) 263-0761.

## Mini golf tourney

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

ment. 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.nassaucountyfchamber.com](http://www.nassaucountyfchamber.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.

## Adult tai chi

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

## 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 for information.

## 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 organi-

zation 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.

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

## 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.ameliaislandcycling.com](http://www.ameliaislandcycling.com), [www.ameliaislandtrail.org](http://www.ameliaislandtrail.org) or [www.nfbc.us](http://www.nfbc.us).

Email items for Sports Shorts to [bjones@fbnews-leader.com](mailto:bjones@fbnews-leader.com) or call 261-3696 for information.



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Opening Day for the 18-hole Ladies Golf Association at The Golf Club of Amelia Island was held on Sept. 6 with 26 ladies coming out to begin the 2018-19 golf season. Also attending lunch were two honorary members — Nancy Speck and Betty Quealy. The competition for the day was a captain's choice scramble followed by a great buffet luncheon. The first-place winners were Chris Danbeck, Donna Spears, Janet Woodward and Cathy West with a gross score of 70; second place went to Sue Lansdell, Linda Larabee and Kate Wiest with a 73. President Janet Woodward kicked off the season with a business meeting, officer and committee reports and discussions of upcoming tournament play and social activities. LGA events are held throughout the year from September through May.

# One-On-One Doubles at Sawgrass

The tennis One-on-One Doubles Shootout series will make a stop in North Florida when the Sawgrass Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach hosts a serve-and-volley event with rocking blues music from 3-7 p.m. Oct. 6.

One-On-One Doubles is the half-court, serve and volley singles game played crosscourt-only with the alley included. Tournaments enforce the serve-and-volley rule, on both serves, or there is a loss of point. Half-volleys are permitted, and the returner can stay back or come in. "All players are guaranteed three matches

that usually last two hours before we hit the quarterfinals," says organizer Ed Krass. "Top juniors, college players, teaching professionals and touring players are all welcome to register."

The winner will receive \$1,200, with prize money distributed through fourth place. Play will be alongside a live concert by Chicago blues circuit veterans the RJ Howson Band, and the \$50 entry fee includes the player party with food and beverages.

For information visit [www.oneonedoubles.com](http://www.oneonedoubles.com).

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### The News Leader Weather Summary

#### Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Scattered T-storms	Isolated T-storms	Isolated T-storms	Sunny	Sunny
91 / 77	89 / 79	87 / 77	89 / 79	87 / 81	95 / 80	88 / 78

#### Local UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

#### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Peak Times			Peak Times		
Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Fri	4:15-6:15	4:39-6:39	Tue	7:30-9:30	7:54-9:54
Sat	5:03-7:03	5:28-7:28	Wed	8:18-10:18	8:42-10:42
Sun	5:52-7:52	6:17-8:17	Thu	9:06-11:06	9:29-11:29
Mon	6:41-8:41	7:06-9:06	<a href="http://www.WhatsOurWeather.com">www.WhatsOurWeather.com</a>		

#### Weather Trivia

*Mammatus clouds are what shape?*

Answer: They appear round in shape.

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>First 9/16</b>	Fri 7:09 a.m.	7:32 p.m.	12:04 p.m.	11:10 p.m.
	Sat 7:10 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	1:01 p.m.	11:52 p.m.
	Sun 7:10 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	1:55 p.m.	Next Day
	Mon 7:11 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	2:47 p.m.	12:36 a.m.
	Tue 7:11 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	3:36 p.m.	1:23 a.m.
<b>Full 9/24</b>	Wed 7:12 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	4:22 p.m.	2:12 a.m.
	Thu 7:13 a.m.	7:24 p.m.	5:04 p.m.	3:04 a.m.

#### Weather History

**Sept. 14, 1987** - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather from Minnesota to Texas. Thunderstorms in Iowa produced baseball size hail at Laporte City and 80 mph winds at Laurens.

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

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
9/5	88	81	87/74	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
9/6	88	77	87/74	0.00"	9/5	34	9/9	30
9/7	87	76	87/74	0.00"	9/6	32	9/10	32
9/8	87	75	87/74	0.00"	9/7	31	9/11	31
9/9	87	74	87/74	0.00"	9/8	31		
9/10	89	75	87/74	0.00"	<small>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.</small>			
9/11	88	74	87/74	0.00"				

#### Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance				
Date	High	Low		Date	High	Low		
Fri	12:46 am	6:37 am	1:20 pm	7:19 pm	Fri	12:10 am	6:34 am	12:44 pm
Sat	1:33 am	7:27 am	2:08 pm	8:15 pm	Sat	12:57 am	7:24 am	1:32 pm
Sun	2:20 am	8:20 am	2:59 pm	9:12 pm	Sun	1:44 am	8:17 am	2:23 pm
Mon	3:09 am	9:14 am	3:51 pm	10:07 pm	Mon	2:33 am	9:11 am	3:15 pm
Tue	4:02 am	10:08 am	4:46 pm	10:58 pm	Tue	3:26 am	10:05 am	4:10 pm
Wed	4:56 am	11:01 am	5:40 pm	11:48 pm	Wed	4:20 am	10:58 am	5:04 pm
Thu	5:51 am	11:52 am	6:31 pm	None	Thu	5:15 am	11:49 am	5:55 pm

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Record Misery for Late Summer

Relative humidity, expressed as a percentage, is the ratio of the amount of moisture in the air compared to the maximum amount of moisture that can be present in the atmosphere at that temperature. The dew point is the temperature at which a given parcel of air will achieve a relative humidity of 100 percent. Expressed in another way, the dew point is the temperature to which the air needs to be cooled in order to become completely saturated with moisture. If the air were cooled even more, water vapor would condense out of the atmosphere, generally as fog or precipitation. The highest dew point recorded was 95 degrees F. at Dhahran in eastern Saudi Arabia on July 8, 2003. With an air temperature of 108 degrees F., it felt like the temperature (heat index) was 178 degrees F. (World Meteorological Organization). Last month when I was at the Mars Desert Research Station near Hanksville, UT where Moravian has its timeshare in the MDRS Robotic Observatory, the temperature climbed to nearly 105 degrees F., on one day but with a relative humidity of only 15 percent. The dew point was a mere 45 degrees F. If consideration is given to the heat index which factors humidity into the equation to gain a better approximation of how the air temperature feels, it was still 105 degrees F. at MDRS; however, the heat index on the near 95-degree days back East was also about 105 degrees F. A low humidity environment is also much more conducive for making good astronomical observations. Weather conditions are generally clearer and the sky more transparent because it is more difficult to attain the dew point to form clouds. It is even more difficult to reach the dew point near the surface where the ground has been warmed greatly by the sun during the daytime. Thus worrying about moisture collecting on the optics of a telescope and other equipment exposed to the nighttime air becomes a nonissue. That is not the case in the eastern half of the country where dew shields and heaters on telescopes have to be employed to prevent condensation from occurring on the instrumentation. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

## 2018 SCHEDULES

<p><b>FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL</b> Varsity Football 6/7-00</p> <p>Sept. 14 WOLFSON* 7:00 Sept. 21 at Stanton (homecoming) 7:00 Sept. 28 at Zephyrhills Christian 7:00 Oct. 5 at Paxton 7:00 Oct. 12 WEST NASSAU* 7:00 Oct. 19 SATELLITE BEACH 7:00 Oct. 26 at North Fl. Edu. Institute 7:00 Nov. 2 at Yulee 7:00 *District</p> <p><b>YULEE HIGH SCHOOL</b> Varsity Football</p> <p>Sept. 14 PAXON* 7:00 Sept. 21 at West Nassau 7:00 Sept. 28 NEW SMYRNA BEACH 7:00 Oct. 5 BISHOP KENNY** 7:00 Oct. 12 at Stanton* 7:00 Oct. 19 SUWANNEE* 7:00 Oct. 26 at Ribault* 7:00 Nov. 2 FERNANDINA BEACH 7:00 *District ** Homecoming</p> <p><b>FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL</b> Junior Varsity Football</p> <p>Sept. 27 STANTON 6:00 Oct. 14 YULEE 6:00 Oct. 11 at Ridgeview 6:00 Oct. 18 at Bolles 6:00 Oct. 25 at Episcopal 6:00</p> <p><b>YULEE HIGH SCHOOL</b> Junior Varsity Football</p> <p>Sept. 20 WEST NASSAU 6:00 Sept. 27 BISHOP KENNY 6:00 Oct. 4 at Fernandina Beach 6:00</p> <p><b>FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL</b> Cross Country</p> <p>Sept. 16 at Ponte Vedra Invite 7:30 Sept. 23 at Ft. Mt. Dew Invite 2:00 Sept. 30 at Alligator Lake Invite 8:10 Oct. 14 AMELIA ISLAND INVITE 8:00 Oct. 28 DISTRICT 8/8:35 Nov. 4 Regional at Alligator Lake Park Nov. 11 State</p> <p><b>FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL</b> Volleyball</p> <p>Sept. 14-15 at JVA River City Classic Sept. 27 at West Nassau 5:30/6:30 Oct. 1 PAXON 5:30/6:30 Oct. 4 at Duval Charter 6/7:00 Oct. 6 JVA JV tourney 5:30/6:30 Oct. 9 UNIVERSITY (srs.) 5:30/6:30 Oct. 15-16 District at Episcopal *District</p> <p><b>YULEE HIGH SCHOOL</b> Volleyball</p> <p>Sept. 14-15 at River City Classic 6/7:00 Sept. 17 at Ridgeview 5:30/6:30 Sept. 18 WEST NASSAU 5:30/6:30 Sept. 20 TERRY PARKER 5:30/6:30 Sept. 24 CAMDEN COUNTY 5:30/6:30 Sept. 25 at Fernandina 6/7:00 Sept. 27 at Stanton 6/7:00 Oct. 2 at Paxton 6/7:00 Oct. 4 at West Nassau 6/7:00 Oct. 6 JVA JV tourney 5:30/6:30 Oct. 8 at Hilliard 6/7:00</p>	<p>Oct. 9 BAKER COUNTY 6/7-00 Oct. 15-19 district tournament</p> <p><b>FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL</b> Swimming</p> <p>Sept. 25 BISHOP SNYDER 5:00 Oct. 2 at Clay/Ridgeview 4:00 Oct. 4 FLORIDA D&amp;B 5:00 Oct. 9 COUNTY 5:00</p> <p><b>FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL</b> Girls Golf</p> <p>Sept. 17 at Ponte Vedra 4:00 Sept. 29 PONTE VEDRA 4:00 Sept. 26 BISHOP KENNY 4:00 Sept. 27 BOLLES 4:00 Oct. 2 at Episcopal 4:00 Oct. 9 at Bolles 4:00 Oct. 11 WEST NASSAU 4:00 Oct. 15 DISTRICT 8:00 Oct. 22, 23 or 24 Regional Nov. 1-3 State</p> <p><b>FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL</b> Boys Golf</p> <p>Sept. 18 NEASE 4:00 Sept. 24 at Episcopal 4:15 Sept. 25 BOLLES 4:00 Sept. 28 STANTON 4:00 Oct. 1 at Bishop Kenny 4:00 Oct. 4 WEST NASSAU 4:00 Oct. 15 DISTRICT 8:00 Oct. 22, 23 or 24 Regional Nov. 1-3 State at Mission Inn</p> <p><b>YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> Football</p> <p>Sept. 18 BOLLES 5:00 Sept. 25 TRINITY CHRISTIAN 5:00 Oct. 3 ST. MARYS 5:00 Oct. 9 Open Oct. 16 at Camden 5:00 Oct. 23 at Ferandina Beach 6:00</p> <p><b>YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> Volleyball</p> <p>Sept. 17 at Hilliard 5:30/6:30 Sept. 20 at Trinity 4:00/5:00 Sept. 21 BOLLES 5:30/6:30 Sept. 24 B semis at Hilliard 5:30/6:30 Sept. 25 A semis at FBMS 5:30/6:30 Sept. 27 Finals at Callahan 5:30/6:30</p> <p><b>FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> Football</p> <p>Sept. 18 at Callahan 6:00 Sept. 25 CHARLTON COUNTY 6:00 Oct. 2 TRINITY 6:00 Oct. 9 Open Oct. 16 at Bolles 6:00 Oct. 23 YULEE* 6:00 *Homecoming</p> <p><b>FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> Volleyball</p> <p>Sept. 14 at Lakeside 5:30/6:30 Sept. 20 BOLLES 5:30/6:30 Sept. 24 JV semis at Hilliard 5:30/6:30 Sept. 25 V semis at FBMS 5:30/6:30 Sept. 27 Finals at Callahan 5:30/6:30</p>
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## GARAGE FIRE



FACEBOOK/NASSAU COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE 3101

Nassau County Fire-Rescue 3101 posted this picture and status about their response Wednesday to a fire on Bermuda Drive in Fernandina Beach: "Stations 70, 30, 20 Bat 1 and Fernandina Beach Fire Department quickly contained a fire to the garage on Bermuda Drive this afternoon. Great Stop Everyone."

## Endangered cranes are returned to the wild

Two rare whooping cranes that hatched this spring at White Oak Conservation in Yulee and their parents were reintroduced to the wild at the end of last month, according to a news release from the facility. The family of four was flown by private jet to the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge in eastern Wisconsin, the culmination of a successful breeding program conducted with the International Crane Foundation and the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership.

The young cranes, a male and a female, hatched in late April at the Nassau County wildlife refuge owned by philanthropists Mark and Kimbra Walter. Since then, they have grown nearly as big as their parents and have been taught to fly by their father 16-11, also known as Grasshopper, and their mother 18-12, known as Hemlock.

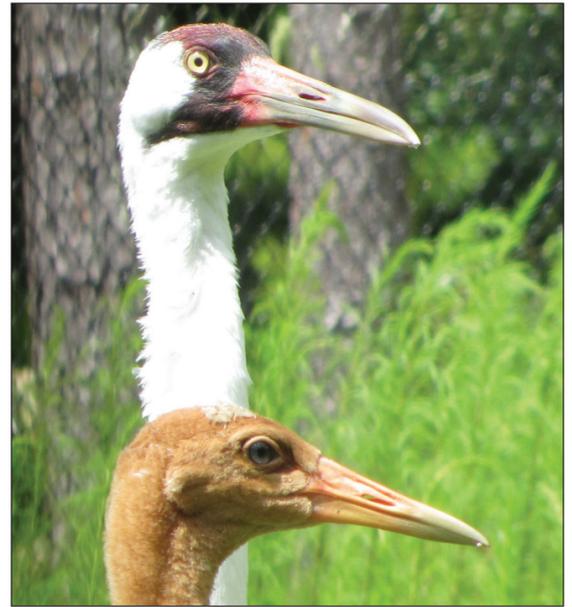
The whole family has been fitted with VHF and GPS telemetry devices attached to their color bands, allowing researchers to track their future movements.

The private flight that took the cranes to Wisconsin was donated by Windway Capital Corporation, which has been donating flights to the ICF and whooping crane recovery program since the early 1980s.

"White Oak's mission is to save endangered species around the globe, and as this case shows, exceptional care and planning among many partners is required to achieve it," Mark Walter said in the release. "This month's events make me hopeful for the future of the whooping crane."

Grasshopper was raised by the International Crane Foundation in Wisconsin and released at Horicon in 2011. Hemlock also was reared by the International Crane Foundation, but remained at the foundation's headquarters until both cranes were moved to White Oak in October 2016 and introduced for breeding.

The 4-month-old cranes – 73-18 and 74-18 – are the adult pair's first offspring. Their hatches were a milestone for



PHOTOS BY WHITE OAK CONSERVATION/SPECIAL

A young, brown whooping crane with parent behind at White Oak. The photos and videos were captured by remote camera, as there has been virtually no human interaction with these cranes.

the species, as only 700 to 800 of the critically endangered cranes remain in North America because of hunting, power line collisions, habitat reduction and encroachment.

The adult male will teach the family to survive in the wild, and all four cranes are expected to migrate as a family to their wintering area in the fall. The family likely will stay together until the next breeding season, in spring 2019, when the young cranes will strike out on their own. The adult cranes typically pair for life.

This whooping crane family is part of the Eastern Migratory Population, one of two current experimental release programs that seek to protect the existence of this critically endangered wetland bird.

"The successful release of this crane family is testament to the commitment and cooperation of the partners involved, resulting in positive outcomes and support for the long-term recovery of the whooping crane," said Steve

Shurter, CEO of White Oak Conservation, in the release.

"Every individual of an endangered species is important, and success stories like this are critical for whooping cranes," said Anne Lacy, Crane Research Coordinator for the International Crane Foundation. "The pairing of 16-11 and 18-12, their two healthy chicks, and now the family's return to their breeding grounds in Wisconsin, gives us hope for the future of the species."

The program is managed and monitored collaboratively by the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership. Members include the International Crane Foundation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Operation Migration, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, White Oak Conservation, and other partners.

More information about the partnership is available at [bringbackthecranes.org](http://bringbackthecranes.org).

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White Oak's fledgling whooping cranes eating bugs. The white parent can be seen in the back.

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## Tickets on sale for Amelia Island Jazz Festival

Tickets for the 2018 Amelia Island Jazz Festival are now on sale. The critically acclaimed Requite Trio, featuring multiple Grammy Award-winning vocalist Janis Siegel, a founding and longtime member of Manhattan Transfer, and veteran Chicago guitarist Henry Johnson will headline the week-long festival.

This year's festival is scheduled for Oct. 7-14.

Johnson was formally introduced to jazz by hearing guitarist Wes Montgomery. In 1976, he went on the road with jazz organist Jack McDuff and was called to work with vocalist Donny Hathaway.



Johnson began playing with jazz pianist Ramsey Lewis and was added to the regular group of jazz legend Joe Williams in 1985. Johnson's musical roots run deep into gospel, blues and jazz. His strongest and earliest influences were Kenny Burrell, George Benson, and most significantly, Wes Montgomery.

While influenced by these great guitarists, Johnson also cites the music of Herbie Hancock, Oscar Peterson, Freddie Hubbard, Miles Davis, big bands, and jazz orchestras as integral forces which shaped his sound and style.

Over the past four and a half decades, the voice of Janis Siegel, a nine-time Grammy winner and 17-time Grammy nominee, has been an undeniable force in The Manhattan Transfer's diverse musical catalog. Alongside her career as a founding member of this musical institution, Siegel has also sustained a solo career that has spawned almost a dozen finely crafted solo albums and numerous collaborative projects, amassed a large international fan base and garnered consistently high critical praise.

Her latest collaborative venture includes a Brazilian/jazz project, Requite Trio, comprised of Siegel, pianist and arranger

John diMartino, and percussionist, singer and guitarist Nanny Assis. Their first CD, *Honey & Air*, has garnered much critical and popular acclaim and the group tours as much as their individual schedules allow. They have played in London with the great João Donato and the guitar "wiz" Diego Figuerado.

### Sunday, Oct. 7, 2-4 p.m.

**Jazz in the Park** is a free concert that will feature the Florida State University Jazz Ensemble 1 at Amelia Park. Leon Anderson will direct. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. BBQ will be available from Gilbert's Underground Kitchen.

### Monday, Oct. 8, 7-9 p.m.

A **Jazz Festival Sponsor Party** will be hosted by Les DeMerle and Bonnie Eisele and feature special guests. This event is by invitation only for Bronze Saxophone Sponsors and above and will be held at Horizons Gourmet Restaurant, located at 5472 First Coast Highway on Amelia Island.

### Tuesday, Oct. 9, 6-8 p.m.

**Amelia Island Wine Company** at 4924 First Coast Highway on Amelia Island will host a Wine Tasting & Jazz event featuring multi-instrumentalist Bill Prince on trumpet, trombone, clarinet and flute and Doug Matthews on piano. Tickets are \$30.

### Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7-10 p.m.

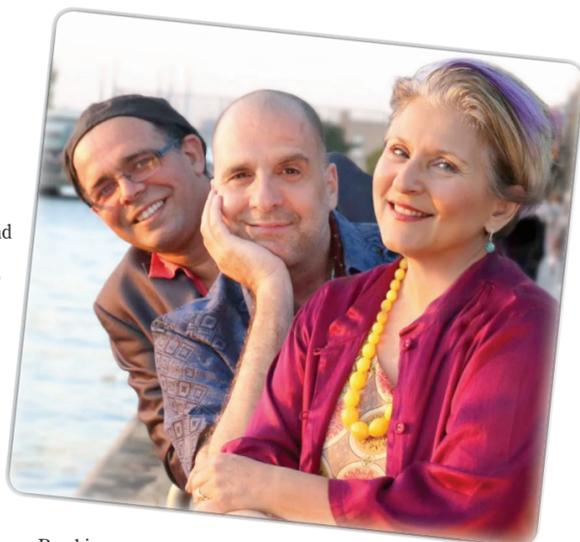
**Jump, Jive and Wail, a swing night concert and dance** at The Sandbar & Kitchen, will feature The Dynamic Les DeMerle Little Big Band. The restaurant is located at 2910 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach. A cash bar and food will be available. Tickets are \$30.

### Thursday, Oct. 11, 7-10 p.m.

**El Niño & The Latin Jazz Kings** will headline a Hot Latin Jazz concert and dance at The Sandbar & Kitchen. This Latin band has been influenced by salsa greats like Tito Puente, Mongo Santamaria, and Ray Barretto. A cash bar and food will be available. Tickets are \$30.

### Friday, Oct. 12, 7-10 p.m.

Henry Johnson is one of the festival's two headliners to appear at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, located at 2800 Bill Melton



Road in Fernandina Beach. The Les DeMerle Jazz Quartet will also perform. After the concert, a late-night jam session from 10 p.m. to midnight will be hosted by 2018 AIJF Scholar David Trulio in "Dizzy's Den" at Sliders Seaside Grill. Ticket prices start at \$50.

### Saturday, Oct. 13, 7-10 p.m.

The festival's second headliner, the Requite Trio featuring Janis Siegel of The Manhattan Transfer, pianist and arranger John diMartino, and percussionist, singer and guitarist Nanny Assis will also play at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, with the Les DeMerle Jazz Quartet, also appearing. The night's late-night jam will take place between 10:30 p.m. and midnight. Ticket prices start at \$50.

### Sunday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Nawlin's Dixieland Jazz Brunch, with two performance times, will send off this year's festival at Horizons Gourmet Restaurant. Tickets are \$60 per person and include a special Jazz Festival menu. A cash bar will be available.

For complete information about the festival and to purchase tickets, visit [ameliaislandjazzfestival.com](http://ameliaislandjazzfestival.com). Tickets may also be purchased at The UPS Store, 1417 Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach, and The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce, 961687 Gateway Blvd., Suite 101G, in Fernandina Beach.



## Chamber Music Festival tickets going on sale soon



Emanuel Ax, Piano - March 22  
Winton Marsalis, Trumpet - January 25  
Joshua Bell, Violin - February 1

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival announced this week that donors will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the 2019 season before they go on sale to the general public in October. Donors can purchase tickets on the following dates at various contribution levels:

- Sept. 17 - \$500 and above
- Oct. 1 - \$100-\$499
- Oct. 15 - general public



"If you are not already a donor, consider making a tax-deductible contribution soon, since concert tickets for the upcoming season's three internationally renowned headliners - Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra (Jan. 25), violinist Joshua Bell (Feb. 1) and pianist Emanuel Ax (March 22) - will sell out quickly," the release states.

All performance dates are in 2019. Visit [aicmf.com](http://aicmf.com) to learn about the special benefits contributors receive.

In addition to the Festival's headliners, the 2019 season will also feature internationally recognized stars such as the Dover Quartet, the Miró Quartet, the award-winning Balsam Range bluegrass band and violin virtuoso Anne Akiko Meyers.

"This line-up of acclaimed talent clearly reflects the Festival's status as one of the premier music events in the nation," says the release.

For tickets and complete information about



the 2019 season, visit [aicmf.com](http://aicmf.com). Tickets also can be purchased by calling the Festival office at 261-1779.

Entering its 18th season, the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ON & OFF THE ISLAND

### 'THIS GIRL'

Amelia Community Theatre's Studio 209 will conclude its production of 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 show is rated G, and recommended for children ages 5 and up as well as adults of all ages. Performances will be



at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday 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](http://AmeliaCommunityTheatre.org) and by calling 261-6749.

### 'EVENING WITH THE STARS'

Imagine 26 of your favorite performers on one stage in one show. That's what you're going to get if you reserve your tickets for St. Marys Little Theatre's *An Evening With the Stars*, playing at Theatre by the Trax at 7 p.m. tonight, Saturday and Sept. 21-22 and at 2 p.m. Sept. 23. It's a razzle, dazzle showcase of fun with singing sensation

look-and-sound-alikes that include Whitney Houston, Lady Gaga, Cher, Johnny Cash, and more. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. You can purchase tickets at [stmaryslittletheatre.com](http://stmaryslittletheatre.com) or go to Once Upon a Bookseller in downtown St. Marys.

### LEGION DINNER

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. The Legion is located at 626 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

# OUT AND ABOUT

## THIS WEEKEND

**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. tonight for a third 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.**

## NEXT WEEK

**UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director Rebecca Jordin 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 prop-**

**erty. 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 Plantation Artists' Guild & Gallery will host a painting demonstration by Jacksonville artist Allison Watson at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19. The demonstration is open to the public. Watson is the guest artist for the month of September. She paints Florida and Southeast landscapes from her own photos. She is also on the teaching staff of the Cummer Museum. The Gallery is located in the Omni Spa & Shops. For more information, visit artamelia.com or call 432-1750.**

**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 hick-sro@nassau.k12.fl.us.**

**Amelia Musical Playhouse will present A. R. Gurney's *Sylvia* this month. The play, an engaging comedy that premiered in 1995, is the story of Greg, who finds a stray in Central Park and brings her home, where the two bond immediately, much to the dismay of Kate, his wife. Joseph Stearman and Susan Joline play Greg and Kate, Thom Mason plays three different characters, and the title role features Sarah Savanna Sandall. The show is directed by Sabrina Rockwell. Performance dates are at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21-22 and 28-29 and at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 23. Tickets are available by visiting ameliamusicalplayhouse.com or calling 277-3455. AMP is located at 1955 Island Walkway. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. This show is rated PG-13 due to the use of profanity. AMP is partnering with the Nassau County Humane Society on this show, and donations are requested on the following items: dog treats and chews, Martingale collars, paper towels, hand sanitizer, laundry detergent, and gift cards from Walmart and PetSmart.**

**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.**



**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 [crescendoamelia.com](http://crescendoamelia.com) or for \$25 at the door.**

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

## UPCOMING

**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 information.

**Amelia Community Theatre will hold auditions for Ken Ludwig's comedy/mystery *The Game's Afoot* or *Holmes for the Holidays* 6-8 p.m. Oct. 1 at 207 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach.**

Set in 1936, the actors in a Broadway show about Sherlock Holmes are celebrating the holidays together and find themselves in the middle of a real mystery. Five women and three men are needed for the cast, with performances between Nov. 29 and Dec. 15 on ACT's Main Stage. The show will be directed by Linda McClane. Detailed character descriptions and plot synopsis are available on the audition page at [AmeliaCommunityTheatre.org](http://AmeliaCommunityTheatre.org). For information or to check out a script, call 261-6749.

**The Florida Alpha Alpha chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for**

**Women Educators is celebrating the 60th anniversary of its charter this year. A celebration reception will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. All current and former members of any and all of the local Nassau County chapters are invited and encouraged to attend. RSVP to Joanne Carroll at [carrolljo@nassau.k12.fl.us](mailto:carrolljo@nassau.k12.fl.us) by Sept. 30.**

**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](http://www.wnhsfl.org) or call festival co-chairs John Hendricks or Emily Baumgartner at 879-3406.

Joel Pace Music students will hold a hands-on instruments session on the front platform of the 137-year old station. The Historical Society will honor veterans at 11 a.m. Local live entertainment will perform from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tours of the history museum, 1881 depot, turpentine artifact exhibit, and 1940s-era caboose will also be conducted. Inside the train depot museum the Historical Society will host a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit called "Crossroads: Change in Rural America." The national display will be augmented with local quilters showing their works inside the depot annex along with the Historical Society's 8x8 history-themed model train layout. Sponsors and volunteers are needed to help make this fundraising event a success. For information visit [www.wnhsfl.org](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**Resin epoxy, dirty pour art classes are being held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays 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/2xDeFBd](http://bit.ly/2xDeFBd).**

**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](mailto:fredstokes50@gmail.com) or (770) 616-7664.

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

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

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## DANCE SERIES TONIGHT

# Alhambra announces 2019 schedule

Alhambra Theatre & Dining has announced the schedule for its 2019 season. To purchase tickets, visit [alhambrajax.com/2019-show-schedule](http://alhambrajax.com/2019-show-schedule).

### Godspell

Jan. 9 to Feb. 10

A Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical that follows a group of storytellers as they help Jesus Christ tell different parables with music, games, and hefty doses of comic timing, dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion.

### Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical

Feb. 20 to March 24

A hilarious romp with an honest humor about the trials and tribulations of the unavoidable aging process. Sketches make fun of the frustrations of mammograms, love handles, and weekend warriors. **Big the Musical**

March 27 to May 5

After Josh makes a wish to become an adult, he is forced to do "adult" things, like getting a job. Soon, he resents the pressures of adulthood and desperately seeks

a way to be a kid again. This high-energy musical based on the film is a family-friendly smash-hit.

### Ain't Misbehaving'

May 8 to June 9

A tribute to the black musicians of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and 1930s, this revue provides an evening of rowdy and humorous songs. Winner of the 1978 Tony Award for Best Musical and celebration of legendary jazz writer Thomas "Fats" Waller.

### The Little Mermaid

June 12 to July 28

Ariel's fascination with a young human prince brings her on an adventure leading to a showdown between good and evil, where only love can prevail.

### Mamma Mia!

Aug. 7 to Sept. 15

On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. A mother, a daughter, three possible

dads, and a trip down the aisle you will never forget!

### Brighton Beach Memoirs

Sept. 18 to Oct. 13

Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene must cope with the mundane existence of his family life in Brooklyn: formidable mother, overworked father, and his worldly older brother Stanley. This dramedy is a recipe for hilarity, served up Simon-style.

### Jekyll & Hyde

Oct. 23 to Nov. 24

While trying to find a cure for his father's mental illness, Dr. Jekyll makes himself the subject of his experimental treatments. Based on the classic story by Robert Louis Stevenson, this musical brings to life the epic struggle about the nature of man.

### A Wonderful Life

Nov. 27 to Dec. 14

Based on the beloved 1946 film, this musical follows George Bailey's life from his childhood dreams to his midlife disappointments and beyond.

# Around SCHOOL

## FBHS students participate in water-testing program

ANGIE M. KINDLER  
Special to the News-Leader

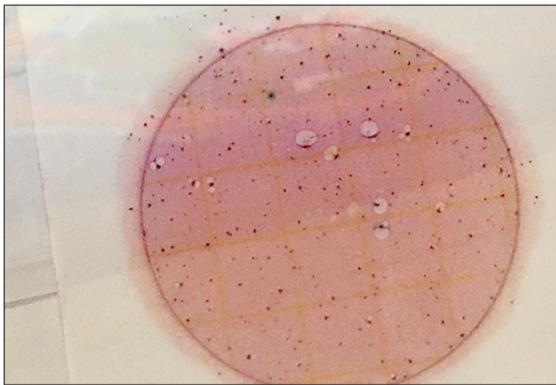
Fernandina Beach High School students in the AP Environmental Science class and members of the school's Greenwise Club are participating in a scientific research study to monitor the water quality of Egans Creek.

Egans Creek is part of the St. Marys watershed, which is monitored by the St. Marys Riverkeeper. However, no monitoring has been done for the Riverkeeper for Egans Creek, which means that the students are providing the much-needed baseline data of Egans Creek for the watershed study.

On the first Wednesday of each month, a group of students will walk to the sample site with their teachers, Angie Kindler and Joseph Waas, to collect the water from the creek at Hickory Street. While at the site, they will "fix" the sample so chemical tests can be performed back in the lab, where students will test for dissolved oxygen concentration and pH level.

Students test for dissolved oxygen amounts because the results indicate the ability of aquatic organisms to breathe.

In addition to the chemical tests, students will also monitor for *E. coli* bacteria levels in the water sample by plating the samples and a control sample and then incubating the plates for 24

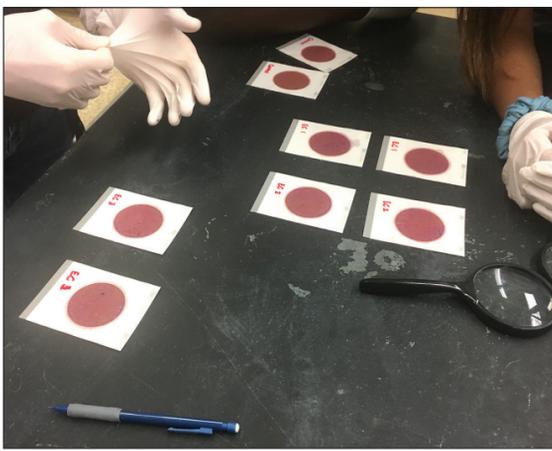


hours. The next day, students will count the number of bacterial colonies.

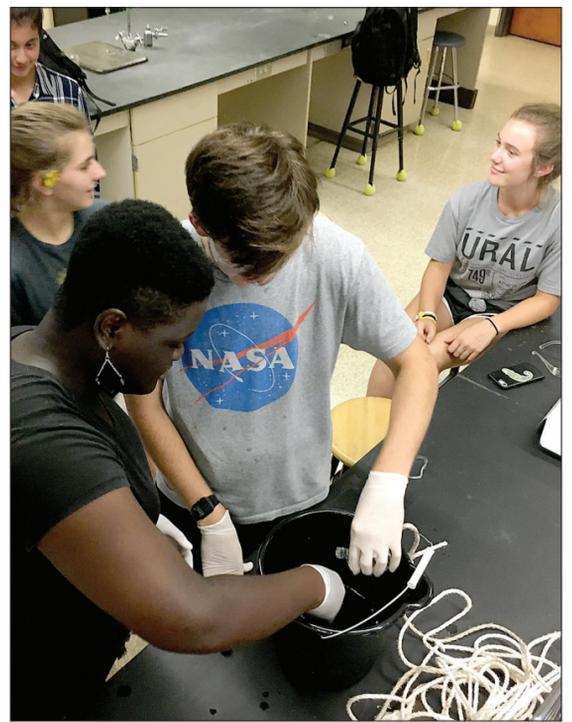
We test for *E. coli* because it is considered an indicator species. The presence of high levels of *E. coli* indicate that other pathogens might be in the water. Sources of *E. coli* in our water could be livestock, wildlife, urban storm runoff, leaking pipes, or failing septic systems.

Currently, students are monitoring only one site, Hickory Street, but are looking to expand their monitoring to at least one more site at Beech Street, or possibly three more sites – Beech Street, Atlantic Avenue, and Sadler Road.

Angie M. Kindler is an AP Environmental Science and Anatomy & Physiology Honors teacher at Fernandina Beach High School.



PHOTOS BY ANGIE M. KINDLER/SPECIAL  
Top left, Petrifilm after incubation. To determine the number of colonies, students count the blue dots surrounded by air bubbles. Recent counts were well below the minimum level established by the St. Marys Riverkeeper. Right, students rinsing the collection bottles to perform the chemical (dissolved oxygen) tests. Pictured are Shemyah Preliou and Graham Murphy. Above, Petrifilms to be counted. Top right, students using micropipette to take water from the sample bags that will be placed on the petrifilm for bacterial testing. Pictured are Will Waters, Harmony Gaskin, and Shemyah Preliou.



## Take Stock goes back to school

More than 90 students and mentors of Take Stock in Children of Nassau County gathered Saturday, Aug. 25, at Florida State College at Jacksonville's Nassau Campus for the organization's annual Back to School Bash, according to a news release.

In addition to enjoying several hours of food, fun and games, participants also took part in the "Cha-Cha" and "Stanky-Leg" dance craze as well as a DJ's conga line that stole the show. Students also enjoyed a BBQ lunch catered by Callahan Bar-B-Q, a meet-and-greet with Take Stock mentors, a photo booth and competitive gaming and entertainment courtesy of Amelia Island DJ.

"Establishing a network of support among students and mentors is a critical component of the Take Stock program. To help break the ice, Executive Director Dr. (Andrea) Cummings set four unique goals for the event. First, every student was challenged to take at least one picture with their assigned mentor. Second, all attendees participate in the group game and in at least one competitive challenge. Third, no superficial student or mentor diets were allowed while enjoying lunch. And fourth, everyone was required to socialize and have fun, fun, and more fun," the release states.

Some of the sporting events at

this year's Bash included needle and thread, lime and spoon, jump rope, checkers, cards, dominoes, Uno, Connect Four, Pictionary, and a corn hole toss on the green. Games also included a random raffle drawing for prizes and lots of highly sought-after gift cards.

"Take Stock Nassau would like to extend a special thank you to James and Regina Lee, as well as our local Publix supermarket for making our Back to School Bash a huge success. It was your gracious, heartfelt participation in this event that made it so incredibly special," the release says. "It would be a mistake not to mention the camaraderie shared by all as so eloquently mentioned by Deb Walton, a mentor in attendance at the event. Thank you to all our Board members and staff who attended and assisted to make it such a huge success."

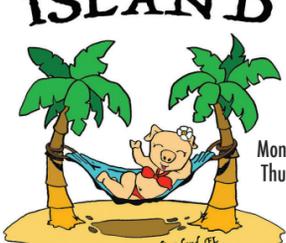
Take Stock in Children is a nonprofit student mentoring and scholarship program that assists academically qualified low-income students to reach their greatest potential through higher education. Take Stock helps students stay in school, strive for better grades and, ultimately, succeed in college. Upon completion of the program, Take Stock students receive a tuition scholarship to college. All college scholarship funds raised locally are matched 100 percent by Florida Pre-Paid.



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Students and mentors at Take Stock in Children of Nassau County's recent Back to School Bash participated in a conga line.

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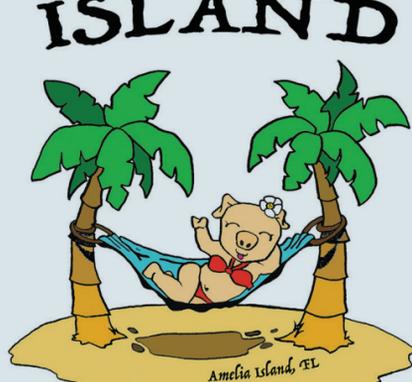
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# RELIGION

## SENIOR ANGEL TREE PROGRAM



Applications are being accepted Sept. 17 to Oct. 26 for The Salvation Army's Senior Angel Tree Program. If you are or know a low-income senior citizen who is 60 years or older and could use a little help this Christmas, please call 321-0435 or come to the center for application criteria and to apply 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Salvation Army Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St. in Fernandina Beach.



## RELIGION NOTES

### 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.



### 'God's Not Dead 2'

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will be showing the movie *God's Not Dead 2* at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, and having a discussion afterward on the movie. The church is located at 2600 Atlantic Ave., across from Fort Clinch, in Fernandina Beach.

### Hope House worship

Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, is the second of God's appointed fall feasts and begins Tuesday evening, Sept. 18. We will be praying at 12 p.m. for ourselves, our loved ones, the church, our nation and more during this special feast. The Salvation Army Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

### 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, Oct. 14, 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.

### 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.

### Yom Kippur services Wednesday

The Jewish Community of Amelia Island is holding Yom Kippur services Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. Services will begin at 10 a.m. The Jewish Community of Amelia Island also holds monthly Shabbat services at private residences on Amelia Island and in Yulee as well as celebrations of Passover and Chanukah. For reservations and additional information, contact Deborah Price at 203-313-3925 or deb203@aol.com.

### 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 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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 Recreational Center and across from the main entrance to Fort Clinch State Park. To learn more, visit [poplweb.org](http://poplweb.org).

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

# A free and fair press helps us fulfill God's calling

Last week, the president guesstimated that some 80 percent of the press is the enemy of the people. Later, he shrugged off some unfavorable coverage in *The Washington Post*, telling those within earshot that it was, again, "fake news." To be sure, there are publishers who serve no higher purpose than to distribute salacious clickbait. There are writers who yearn to win praise from their political tribe, and the rising incidence of actual fake news should alarm us all. Even so, the president's hyperbole isn't helpful. The American people, and Christians in particular, need to know if reporters and publishers take their role seriously, because without dependable news, we're ill-equipped to fulfill God's calling.

The Bible, of course, never mentions newspapers or cable television. But it does tell us to be engaged in the life of our cities. The prophets Jonah and Jeremiah, along with the Apostle Paul, and Jesus himself instruct God's people to be good citizens — to pray for those in authority, pay taxes, love their neighbors, care for the poor, and pursue the peace and prosperity of all.

In a fallen world where there's ample corruption of every kind, we depend on a free press to show us the gaps between "what is" and "what ought to be." Citizens trust journalists to take notes at city council meetings, question the mayor, investigate finances, and study the drab documents that define public policy. What's more, they rely on the press to hold the powerful accountable to the people.

Bob Case, the former president of the World Journalism Institute, talks about the obligation to shine light where there is darkness. "If there is one practical calling of a journalist," Case says, "it is to investigate." Christians, he notes, are to be children of light; therefore, Christian journalists should be purveyors of light in dark places. They must "expose corruption, evil, injustice, malfeasance, and even sin."

Regrettably, such "accountability news" is growing scarce. In the digital age, economic pressure has forced big-city newspapers to appeal to a broader audience, primarily those who care more about sports and entertainment than the civic health of their city. More disturbing is the content of cable news. After a thorough study, Terry McDermott of the Columbia Journalism Review concluded, "Whatever it is that dominates cable news, it is not journalism." Rather, McDermott found, "It's just talking. It's reporters talking to themselves, to other reporters or co-hosts, to guests, political operatives — who, he suggests, are mostly expert at being guests.

Christians need to read and watch critically.



### PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Richard Doster

Bryan Chapell, the president emeritus of Covenant Theological Seminary (and a graduate of the Medill School of Journalism), once told an assembly of student journalists, "We should use Christian principles to evaluate the journalism that pervades our culture." We can't consume today's media without biblical discretion, Chapell says, "otherwise we'll soon accept and imitate what is now secular and pervasive. The reason that some of today's advocacy journalism is so dangerous to Christians is not because we are blind to its bias," Chapell said. "The danger lies in our tendency to think that, since we agree with the politics of certain commentators, the witticisms and disrespect of leaders and opponents are acceptable among us." We are obligated, Chapell told his audience, to consider the heart and soul of those we oppose as well as those we defend. Name-calling, shaming, and the taking of political scalps — these are not the objectives. "Our most rigorous critiques," Chapell insists, "still require us to desire the good of those we are correcting."

If we desire the good of all, says Bob Case, we'll relentlessly pursue truth. "To diligently report the truth," Case writes, "is to take part in the cosmic struggle to redeem human culture." To be truthful with our neighbors, he continues, "is to love them as we love ourselves ... because truth is the power of the incarnational lifestyle." Case encourages journalists to report the facts even when they're ugly, because ultimately, "God will use the truth to work his perfect will for our neighbor."

"The glory of journalism," Chapell adds, "is using demonstrable truth to edify — and if edify is too mild a word — then let's say that Christian journalism is to champion truth, dignity, justice, and mercy." Journalism — the kind that investigates, is verified, and speaks truth to power — reflects God's concern for human culture.

But such journalism comes with a catch: If Christians are responsible to report the truth, they're also obliged to know it. And to act on the honest, accurate news they've been given.

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