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State legislators Rep. Cord Byrd and Sen. Aaron Bean attended a special meeting of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners Sept. 17 to address growing tensions between the county and the East Nassau Stewardship District related to the Wildlight development. Shown at right is BOCC Chairman Pat Edwards.

Can this marriage be saved? Special meeting rehashes history between county and developers of Wildlight

PAMELA BUSHNELL
News-Leader

A stalemate appeared to continue Monday between the Nassau County Board of Commissioners and the East Nassau Stewardship District over funding of public parks and recreation areas within the Wildlight development. A special meeting of the BOCC on Sept. 17 resulted in further documentation of the divergent views on where and how joint meetings should be conducted, and other issues between the two entities.

What began as a public-private partnership between the county and Rayonier Inc. in the development of the 24,000 acres along State Route 200/A1A, mostly east of Interstate 95, has devolved into an adversarial relationship since creation last year of the East

Nassau Stewardship District, a special taxing district formed to generate funding for amenities within the development. The Stewardship District board is comprised of five members appointed by Raydient Places + Properties, a subsidiary of Rayonier, Inc. and the developer of the property. The Wildlight development began to take shape in the past three years, and Rayonier moved its corporate headquarters there in 2017.

The question posed at the Sept. 17 meeting was, "Can this marriage be saved?"

As Michael Mullin, interim county manager and county attorney, told those in attendance at the Sept. 17 meeting, "If you are in a marriage or partnership and there's a misunderstanding, you go to your spouse or your partner first to resolve it. ... You try to find the source of the misunderstanding before you

(involve others)."

Two issues for the BOCC are the Stewardship District's preference for a third-party facilitator for future meetings between the two and its request to hold the meetings in a neutral location.

While the county and Rayonier reached an interlocal agreement on the shared cost of building roads in 2013, which was prior to the creation of the District, agreements with respect to sewer services and recreational areas in Wildlight have yet to be finalized. Both topics have become hot-button issues between the BOCC and the Stewardship District.

The latest issue is a disagreement over who is responsible for building parks in Wildlight. The county's understanding has been that the initial costs

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City passes budget; citizens want funds for conservation efforts

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Several members of the public addressed the Fernandina Beach City Commission Tuesday, before it passed a fiscal year 2018-19 budget of \$154,884,500, asking the commission to fund land conservation.

City Attorney Tammi Bach read the truth in millage statement, which sets the property tax millage rate for operating expenditures and sets the millage rate for voter-approved debt.

The rollback rate – a rate that would keep the next budget exactly same as the current one – is 5.2469 mills per \$1,000 of assessed value. The percentage increase for the next fiscal year will be 11.60 percent over the rollback mill-



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age rate.

The operating millage rate to be levied is 5.8553 mills per \$1,000 of assessed value. The voter debt millage rate is 0.1929.

The budget was passed by unanimous vote.

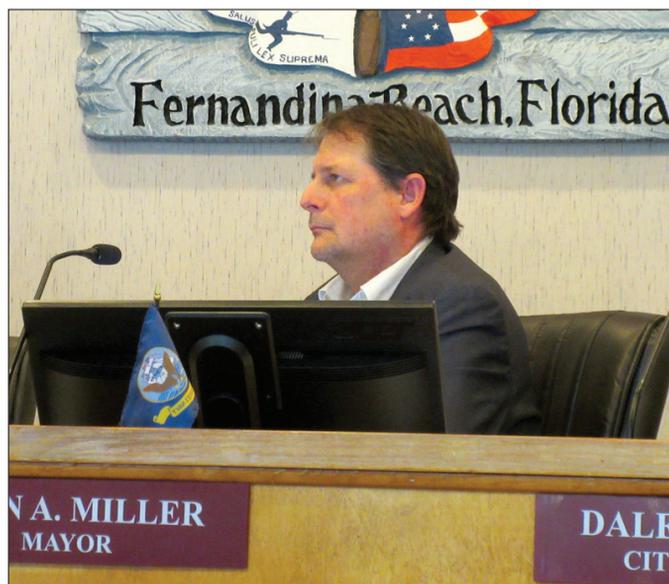
The fiscal year 2018-19 budget can be found at <http://bit.ly/2OD2cLW>.

Different avenues to fund land purchases have been discussed by the City Commission, including floating a bond that could bring in millions for purchasing conservation land, in order to preserve the land from development.

Those who spoke to the commission Tuesday were in support of that bond.

"We need to buy land at market value, and to do that I would urge you to get a bond issue going," city resident Chris Occhuzzo said. "We need a public referendum, and if we wait until the next election cycle, I don't know how much land is going to be left. If we can get the bond issue going now, we can raise

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Fernandina Beach Mayor Johnny Miller presides over the city's fiscal year 2018-19 budget discussion and vote.

Sparks fly during flag discussion Tuesday

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Commissioner Roy Smith speaks to Mayor Johnny Miller during a recess called by Miller after Smith objected to the length of Miller's comments, interrupting the mayor without being called upon.

The Sept. 18 meeting of the Fernandina Beach City Commission became contentious, with Mayor Johnny Miller declaring a commissioner out of order and demanding that he be allowed to speak uninterrupted as he read various emails expressing support for the rainbow flag that flew in front of City Hall in June.

At that time, the commission approved raising a rainbow flag, traditionally the symbol of gay pride, for the last week of June, Gay Pride Month.

The flag was raised after the matter was put on a June meeting agenda at the request of Miller. City Attorney Tammi Bach said that, as the request was made by the mayor, it is what is called "government speech," a show of support by government, and is protected by the First Amendment.

The discussion Tuesday began with a resolution regarding the three flagpoles in front of City Hall, with Miller giving some background on the matter.

Miller said he received complaints that the matter as discussed in June was put on the agenda too late to allow for discussion. He said he told the commission in June that there was only one

week of Pride Month remaining, and that he received a "lot of positive feedback from the community."

"I said, 'I would like to go ahead, if there are no objections from the commission, to go ahead and raise it. It's about a week,'" Miller said. "No one said anything, except the vice mayor did make a mention about opening Pandora's box, opening a can of worms, and I had already checked on that. I turned back to the vice mayor, and I said, 'That's why we'll do this by proclamation next time.' I just wanted to ... celebrate for a week. It went up. That's how it happened. It wasn't slipped in."

Following the raising of that flag, calls were made to City Hall demanding that the Confederate battle flag and others be flown in the spirit of fairness.

Bach said the city must refuse requests by the public to have flags fly at City Hall, because that would make the flagpole a public forum for special interest groups. However, the city could allow "public speech," which would include the use of the marquees at public buildings or banners erected in the city. Religious flags cannot be flown, since there cannot be religious expression by a governmental agency, Bach said.

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OBITUARIES

Edith Nelson Moree Farmer

Edith Nelson Moree Farmer, 91, of Fernandina Beach, Fla. and formerly of Moultrie, Ga., died Sunday, September 16, 2018.



Born June 6, 1927 in Worth County, Ga., she was the daughter of the late Nelson David Moree and Newla Claude Beasley Moree. Mrs. Farmer was a bookkeeper and a member of First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach, First Baptist Moultrie and First Baptist Brunswick.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Clarks Ray Moree, Dorothy David Moore, June Beasley Moree, Melba Sharon Moree, Ramon Janice Moree, Mary John Moree, and Mack Hardin Moree.

Survivors include her husband of 72 years, Walter Franklin Farmer Sr. of Fernandina Beach; children, Sharon F. Quarterman and Jimmy, Walter Franklin Farmer Jr. and Brenda, Frances Lee Farmer Hieden, and Thomas Mathews Farmer and Melissa; grandchildren, Brian Quarterman and Christina, Brent Quarterman and Tina, Tammy Murphy, and Mathew Farmer; great-grandchildren, Braydon Quarterman, Ty Quarterman, Carsen Quarterman, Cohen Farmer, and Emerson Farmer; sisters and brother, June Beasley, Melba Sharon and Mack Harden Moree.

The family received friends 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at Cobb Funeral Chapel. Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at Cobb Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Wayne Woods officiating. Interment was in Summer Cemetery in Worth County. Casketbearers were Brian Quarterman, Brent Quarterman, Mathew Farmer, John Thompson, Jeff Thompson and Sammy Williamson.

Memorial contributions may be made in Edith Farmer's memory to First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach, 416 Alachua St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.cobbfuneralchapel.com.
Cobb Funeral Chapel

Ethan George Weiss

Ethan George Weiss, a former top executive in the plastics industry who was also a passionate and dedicated multi-sport amateur athlete and lifelong mentor to many in the worlds of golf and business, died Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the age of 83. He suffered from complications stemming from a long fight with kidney disease.



Ethan or "Big E," as he was known to one and all, rose from humble beginnings in the nearby suburbs of his hometown of Philadelphia, the son of a high school math teacher and mom who went back to work as a nurse so they could afford to send him to college. Completely irreverent, he liked to remember that he spent the summers "digging graves and caddying."

He was a junior at the Penn Wharton School of Business when he met his future wife Mary Priscilla Krampf (Polly) on a blind date. She was a senior at Agnes Irwin High School, but the romance flourished and "Polly and Ethan" eventually became their collective moniker for the rest of their lives. Polly pre-deceased him in 2005.

Armed with a B.S. in economics, Ethan joined the Navy in 1956 and attended Officers Candidate School and Naval Supply School before being assigned to the Port Lyautey Naval Air Station in Kenitra, Morocco. He also soon became a coach of the Navy Regional Basketball Team, which qualified for the semi-final playoffs in Washington, D.C. in 1958. They would have gone on to Hawaii for the Navy championships in March but lost the game – and he married Polly instead. She soon joined him overseas, and the first of three children was born in Morocco.

Returning to Pennsylvania and the Downingtown area, Ethan joined Westlake Plastics in 1960 in Lenni, Pa., and rose through the ranks to be president and CEO. He also soon joined Whitford Country Club, where he served as chairman of the Golf Committee and eventually as club president for three and a half years in the 1970s. Ethan initiated and ran the Westlake Pro-Am Tournament from 1975 to 1990. He retired from Westlake in 1998.

He traveled the U.S. and Scotland playing many of the world's best golf courses. He also began dividing his time between Pennsylvania and Amelia Island, Fla. in 1974. He eventually moved there full-time in 2000, but he did not divert his attention from golf. Ethan started a Pro-Am benefit to help local pros and was involved with the Navy Seals Foundation Charitable Golf Tournament from 2011 until his death.

Friends and colleagues in the industry remembered Ethan as a mentor in all aspects of their lives – and some liked to tease him about being "a captain of industry." They also fondly remembered the obligatory gin games, zingers and dirty jokes he and golfing friends made a fixture at their clubhouses; and some remembered (not so fondly) olive green Grenadier cigars that he smoked constantly.

At home, when he was ready for another vodka, he'd rattle the ice cubes in his now-empty glass and call out, "Hey, Pol!" It became a trademark line, and Polly forgave him.

At Baxter's Restaurant on Amelia Island, which Ethan frequented – some say "lived in" – friends and admirers greeted news of his death by referring to him as "Mayor of Baxter's."

Ethan remains a retired commander in the Naval Reserves.

There will be a celebration of Ethan's life on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Sea Oats Room at The Ocean Club on Amelia Island beginning at 5 p.m. A second celebration of his life will be scheduled in Pennsylvania soon.

Donations may be sent to the Navy Seals Foundation at navysealfoundation.org.

Ethan is survived by three children and their spouses, Hillary (and Scott) Latham, Brad (and Tawnia) Weiss and Geoff (and Theresa) Weiss, and four grandchildren, Victoria Latham, Matt and Sarah Weiss, and Brooke Weiss.

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

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DEATH NOTICES

Margaret Beach, 85, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

James Darrell Beverley Jr., 45, of Yulee, Fla., passed away September 7, 2018.

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Flag retirement, POW MIA services

VFW Post 4351 will host a flag retirement ceremony and a POW MIA service at 6 p.m. today. The community is welcome to attend. Students are welcome to attend and earn community service hours. For more information, call 432-8791.

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.

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. 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. Follow the site to Offices, Maintenance, Adopt-A-Highway, Safety Video. For more information, contact stevecowart52@gmail.com.

Wreaths Across America at VVA meet

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1088, will meet 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 blood drive

The Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach's quarterly blood drive has changed its location. The next blood drive, in cooperation with OneBlood and Nassau Health Foods, will be Wednesday, Sept. 26, in the Nassau Health Foods parking lot at 833 T. J. Courson Road in Fernandina Beach. The drive will start at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Your donation can help save the lives of up to three people. Come by and roll up your sleeve, then join the Rotary Club for lunch at its new meeting location, the Story & Song Neighborhood Bookstore Bistro, just two blocks east on Park Avenue.

AITDC board meeting Sept. 26

The Amelia Island Tourist Development Council will hold a board meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, in the conference room of the Residence Inn Amelia Island, located at 2301 Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach.

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.

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.

St. Francis blood drive Oct. 14

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Mission, located at 86000 St. Francis Way in Yulee, will hold a blood drive 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14. All donors will receive a free cancer awareness T-shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening. Sign up online at oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code "34851." Walk-ins also welcome.

Tobacco Free class Oct. 17

Now is the time to become Tobacco Free! Northeast Florida AHEC will host a free Tools to Quit class 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Barnabas Center. Free patches, lozenges, and gum will be available, as well as a free quit plan, workbook, water bottle, stress ball and more. Call Northeast Florida AHEC at 482-0189 to register and learn about more classes.

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.

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 nhffvolunteers@gmail.com. You can also learn more at nassauhabitatforhumanity.org.

Interim county manager meeting with public



Mullin

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.

'Make Your Voice Heard'

The Florida Department of Health Nassau and the Partnership for Healthier Nassau will host the 2018 Nassau Health Summit from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Red Bean Center on the Florida State College at Jacksonville's Nassau campus, according to a news release.

The public is invited to attend this free event and "help us improve the health of our rapidly growing county."

There will be an opportunity to learn about local service organizations, network and hear about the results of the MAPP Community Health Assessments conducted this spring and summer. "More importantly, there will be a facilitated session to hear your ideas. We will discuss and choose the top health issues to be addressed in the upcoming 2019-2021 Nassau Community Health Improvement Plan," the release states.

For more information, contact Mary von Mohr at 557-9133 or mary.vonmohr@flhealth.gov.



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.

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 Nassauhumanesociety.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, or visit www.thebelsongroup.com

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Overeaters Anonymous

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

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FOR THE RECORD

Both a story that appeared Wednesday, Sept. 12, and another story that appeared Wednesday, Sept. 19, about the Joleen Cummings case said that Cummings was last seen leaving the Tangles Hair Salon in Yulee in the company of Kimberly Kessler.

That information was incorrect. According to a press statement from Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper on May 22, Kessler was supposedly the last person who saw Cummings at the salon on Saturday, May 12.

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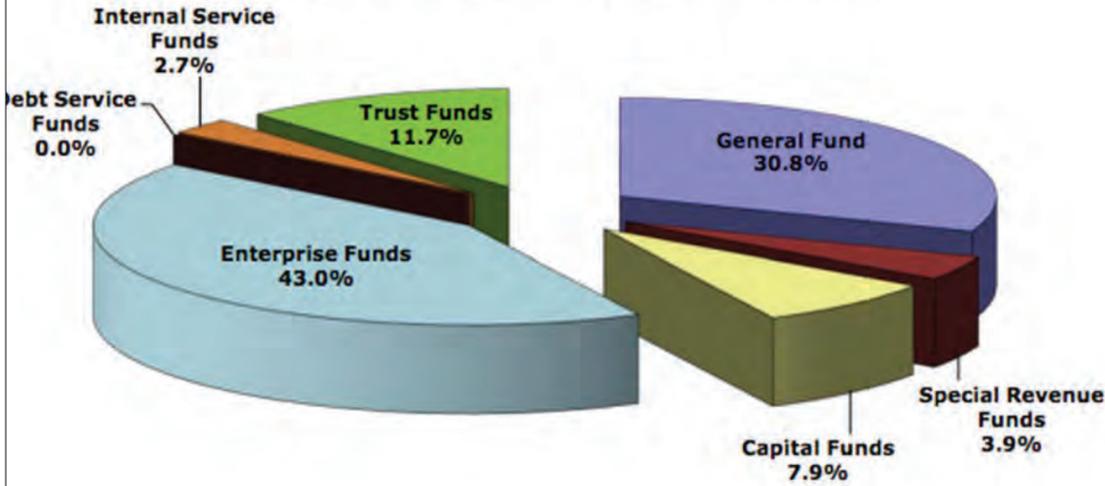
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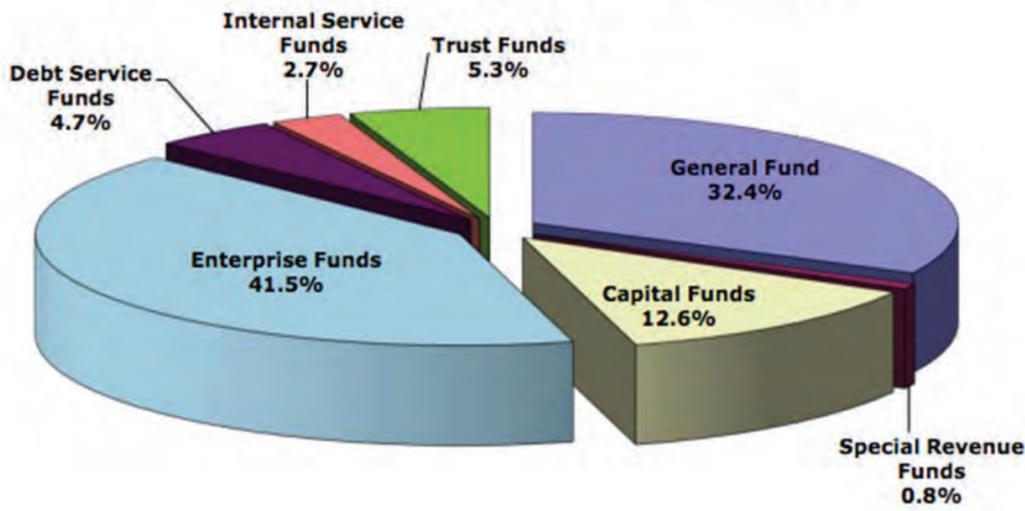
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\$10 million, \$20 million, and go out with a checkbook and buy some of this land and put it into preservation. I would urge you very much to seriously consider that."

Commissioner Chip Ross, who has broached the subject of a bond to fund conservation, said he has been working behind the scenes to find ways to fund conservation.

"I sat down with Ron Sapp, and he was the mayor who got through the bond issue for the Greenway," Ross said. "(Nassau County Commissioner-elect Aaron) Bell and (I) talked about an MSTU, and he is supportive of ways of preserving trees on the island. There's all kinds of ways we can, and should, be funding conservation land."

Impact fees in the Parks & Recreation Department's budget have been discussed as a revenue stream for purchasing land. Vice Mayor Len Kreger said those funds must be used for specific projects, but are one of the items that will be included in the discussion.

"The impact funds are very specifically ... for infrastructure," Kreger said. "On October 2, we have an agenda item to review all of those items – the MSTU, the bonding issues, all of those different items. I would like to get the budget approved and we can address those issues as we move on."

Commissioner Phil Chapman said the city needs to work with the Board of County Commissioners on the issue.

"I think one of the things we need to look at ... is conservation as an island issue," Chapman said. "It's not a city of Fernandina issue, and I think it's time that we get together with the county and say, 'Look, what we do on this island impacts you because you're collecting taxes from the real estate here.' It's time to put out the olive branches and say, 'Look, let's work together, because we all gain.' I think by getting together with the county, we can maybe find some possibilities, some dollars, that we might not today see is there. I think we should move forward to do that."

Ross also wants to hire a floodplain coordinator and says

he found the money to pay for that position.

"It turns out there's almost \$2.2 million sitting in a restricted fund for the Building Department. It can only be used, under Florida law, for things that are in the Building Department," Ross said. "So, what I would like to see in the budget, or at least taken into consideration because the money's already there, is the hiring of a full-time floodplain manager and a community rating system person as a full-time job, because we are about to lose – our community rating system is going down. Our flood (insurance) rates are going to go up, and we need to flood-proof this island. I would like to have that considered in the future to be included in the budget. The money's already there, so you can do a budget amendment later. That money can also be used to hire more contract building inspectors who can be used to monitor buildings, because many of the things that are go on – it's claimed by some that we don't have enough building inspectors, and things get done that shouldn't be done and it affects our flood rat-

ing."

The commission will discuss funding conservation at its Oct. 2 meeting, which will be held at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

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Place: Nassau County School Board
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Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Date: October 11, 2018

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Proposed amendments to the state constitution

In anticipation of the lengthy November ballot, I will continue my brief overview of the proposed amendments to the state constitution. The summaries of questions Nos. 1-3 were presented last week. Please remember that proposed amendments must garner at least 60 percent of the vote in the affirmative to be incorporated into the state constitution.

Question No. 4 is titled the "Voting Restoration Amendment." This proposed amendment, included on the ballot through a citizen petition drive, automatically restores the voting rights of residents with felony convictions after they complete all terms associated with their criminal sentence, including parole or probation. This amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or felony sexual offenses (although the governor and cabinet may consider such instances on a case-by-case basis). The state constitution currently provides for the restoration of voting rights for felons through a process developed in 2011. A "yes" vote supports the automatic restoration of voting rights; a "no" vote opposes the automatic restoration.

This campaign regarding this amendment will be highly visible. Without revealing the objective of either group (one in favor; one, opposed), the two leading advocates are Floridians for a Fair Democracy and Floridians for a Sensible Voting Rights Policy. I mean, who can be against either group (one of them could have added apple pie or motherhood to tip the balance in its favor!). Expect a strong media push from supporters and opponents of question No. 4.

Question No. 5 is the "Supermajority Vote to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees" (just reading that title and realizing that you will still have eight more questions to consider is mind-numbing). Press on!

Currently, the Florida Legislature can pass new taxes or fees as well as increase existing taxes or fees with a simple majority in each chamber (including through the use of multi-subject bills). This proposed amendment was included on the ballot through action of the legislature (House: 80-29 with seven not voting; Senate: 25-13). Through my initial research, support or opposition to this proposed amendment has not necessarily coalesced, but is scattered among individual state and local politicians.

If passed, the legislature would require a two-thirds majority vote in each chamber to levy a new tax or fee or to increase an existing tax or fee. Additionally, any such action would have to be the sole subject of a bill. This amendment would not apply to taxes or fees



CITY NOTES

Dale Martin

imposed by local governments (county, municipality, school) or special districts. A "no" vote would allow the legislature to continue to enact new taxes through a simple majority vote. The final eight proposed amendments were added to the ballot by the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC), a 37-member group of officials appointed by several state leaders. The CRC, in part or as a whole, considered over 2,000 proposed amendments submitted by the public as well as over 100 offered by its own members. Several of the CRC-proposed amendments are complex in that the proposed amendments "bundle" disparate topics (just watch). The CRC rationalized the decision to bundle through the belief that the ballot would otherwise be too long to reasonably consider. Others subscribe to the "poison pill" theory. That is why your INFORMED vote matters.

Continuing with question No. 6, titled "Rights of Crime Victims; Judges" (CRC vote: 34-3). The proposed amendment would provide crime victims (as well as families and other authorized representatives) with a series of rights, beginning with the onset of becoming a victim. The proposed rights are lengthy and detailed, adding 25 sections and subsections to Article I of the Constitution.

The other topic of question No. 6 proposes to amend two different sections of Article V (Section 8 regarding mandatory retirement age and Section 21 referring to the relationship of judicial interpretations and administrative agency interpretations of state statutes or rules) and another in Article XII (establishing the effective date of the Article V, Section 8 revision).

As simply (?) as possible, here is what your vote would mean. A "yes" vote would add the specific rights of crime victims to the constitution, increase the judicial retirement age, and prohibit state courts from deferring to an administrative agency's interpretation. A "no" vote would not add specific crime victim rights or increase the judicial retirement age, and state courts would be allowed to continue to defer to administrative agency interpretations.

My head hurts and we're not even halfway through the proposed amendments.

Dale Martin is the city manager of Fernandina Beach.

Bezos and modern money

There have always been titans of industry like Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, Carnegie, and Vanderbilt, to name a few. Today's leading titans dominate industries in most cases. How healthy pseudo-monopolies of today are could fill books.

Today's kings of the hill are more specialized than conglomerates of the 1800s and 1900s. Software (Gates), consumer deliverables (Bezos), social media (Zuckerberg), telecom (Slim), search engines (Page/Brin), fashion (Arnault/Ortega), and IT (Ellison). Warren Buffet and the Koch brothers are more diversified.

My original topic was going to be exclusively Jeff Bezos, who I knew nothing about, save his Amazon empire. He is the richest person on the planet, valued at \$162 billion this month. He ascended to the top on March 6 of this year at \$112 billion. Fifty billion dollars gained in six months, for a 44.6 percent jump. How high is up for Amazon?

Jeff Bezos had the goods all his life. His mother was 17 when he was born in New Mexico in 1964. She remarried early to an engineer and moved to Houston, and on to Miami. When we say he had the goods, it relates to being a high school valedictorian and National Merit Scholar while working the grill at McDonald's on the breakfast shift. He graduated Princeton in 1986 with a 4.2 GPA. He focused on electrical engineering and computer science.

He spent eight years on Wall Street. During the latter part, he married MacKenzie Tuttle,



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will just say the rest is history. Current historic accomplishments and headed for who knows where.

Some speculate that the much-coveted Amazon headquarters No. 2 will be in the Washington D.C. area. Bezos purchased *The Washington Post* in 2013, and some speculate he might have the ultimate political aspiration. If everyone likes a winner, he may be able to start at the top, as we have just seen.

Bezos started Blue Origin in 2000. It seems the pursuit of the world's mega-rich appears to be space travel. He also has a venture capital fund, *Bezos Expeditions*, through which he purchased the *Post*, and could do who knows what else. His eight years as a bright young guy on Wall Street show through. Don't so many prominent cabinet members and Washington insiders come from Wall Street?

One thing endeared me to Bezos the man. He spends mornings with his kids before they are off to school. He reads the paper, has coffee, and gets himself engaged in the day.

a co-worker, in 1993. They have four children, including an adopted Chinese daughter.

Bezos dreamt up Amazon during a drive from New York to Seattle in 1994. It started as an online book-seller, and we

His three tips for high IQ meetings: 1. Get enough sleep. 2. Feed the soul first (see his morning time at home). 3. Identify priorities. He holds meetings at 10 a.m. for any important agendas. Afternoons are not felt to be as conducive to mental capacity. He feels three decisions a day are plenty at his level. Those are highest priority items.

He is, to his credit, a giver. Tens of millions at a time, in some cases. Not surprising, Princeton and Seattle are on the receiving end at times. Working for Amazon is not for the faint of heart. They push employees, vendors, and the market. "How big is too big" is a question we saw most prominently as "too big to fail" during federal bailouts in the last recession.

Is Amazon getting too big? Will Bezos be the first trillionaire?

Billionaire trivia: There are 2,200 worldwide, with \$9.1 trillion in value. The U.S. has 585 (144 in California), China has 476 (in a communist country?), Germany - 123, India - 119, Russia - 102. Women billionnaires comprise 256, up from 227 in 2017. Alice Walton is the world's richest woman at \$46 billion. Watch out for China - they want it all. All, as in money and power.

For disclosure, we are regular Amazon Prime customers. I have no beef with brilliance. But most of us like a level playing field. Is it getting too tilted? Will the feds step in? It will prove a great case study for our future.

Enjoyed the 63-degree reading on the car's outside temperature display. Western North Carolina is a special area. Have a good week.

Hartke named president of national organization

Karyn Hartke has been named 2018-19 national president of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance, according to a news release. The certified public accountant is a member of the Northeast

Florida Chapter of AFWA in Jacksonville. Founded in 1938, AFWA will celebrate its 80th anniversary this year. The Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance promotes the professional growth of women in accounting and finance.

"AFWA is such a unique organization empowering women both professionally and personally. I feel honored to have the opportunity to be a part of its

leadership," said Hartke in the release.

An AFWA member since 2008, Hartke has served on various committees at the local and national levels of the organization.

"There are a lot of exciting things happening at AFWA and with Karyn's leadership, the organization is positioned to expand and grow exponentially. We have a strong volunteer base that is dedicated to improving and growing the organization," said Cindy Stanley, executive director of AFWA, in the release.

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Buddy holds licenses from the state of Florida as both a Certified Roofing Contractor and a General Contractor and is OSHA certified. The company is licensed and insured.

Since 2001, Domestic Designs has met the roofing needs for new and existing homeowners and commercial businesses in Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Clay and Baker counties. The company's 5 crews install shingle, metal, tile and flat roofs as well as provide inspection, repair, additional installation and cleaning services for both residential and commercial customers.

A full service company, Domestic Designs works with homeowners and builders everyday to provide the highest quality, warranted roofing services at the lowest costs and least inconvenience. "Everyone's needs are different. I enjoy working with individual homeowners and builders to solve their specific problems and meet their needs. I understand that any type of home or business construction can be challenging so it is our goal to provide every client with the most cost effective and least intrusive solutions. In today's fast-paced and economically challenging environment, you cannot expect anything less," said Boyd.

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

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of constructing recreational areas would be borne by the developer, with the county assuming the cost of maintenance through impact fees thereafter. The Stewardship District now maintains the developer's obligation is the donation of land for these facilities – meaning construction costs would fall to the county. Moreover, within the past year, two bills came before the state legislature mandating the terms under which such amenities are provided in private developments rather than by negotiating with county governments. SB 324 and its companion bill in the House were supported by the Florida Home Builders Association and developers like Raydient.

County commissioners traveled to Tallahassee in February to protest the bills.

The stated purpose for the Sept. 17 special meeting, with state legislators Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, and Rep. Cord Byrd, R-Neptune Beach, present as guests, was to review HB 1057, which created the Stewardship District last year, and to explore the need for amendments to the law to, in Mullin's words, "put the public-private partnership back together."

Byrd, Bean and the BOCC had been in favor of creating the Stewardship District last year. Mullin reviewed language from the statute referencing expectations for a continued partnership between the entities, and shared with the legislators the BOCC's frustration that such a relationship has never developed.

BOCC Chairman Pat Edwards referred to three letters sent to the District in recent months requesting the two entities meet to discuss their differences. "They ignore us," Edwards claimed. The District did respond by agreeing to meet under specific conditions, but the slight that Edwards feels goes deeper. The BOCC maintains they have been neither consulted nor informed about some key decisions taken so far by the District, including its desire to issue approximately \$600 million in bonds.

"There is no joint planning," according to Mullin. "There have been no proposals for interlocal agreements. There have been no joint meetings."

The Monday meeting with the legislative delegation, attended by all five county commissioners, Mullin, county Planning Director Taco Pope and county Budget Director Justin Stanckiewicz, drew an audience of more than 25. In an apparently unexpected twist, when the meeting was opened up for public comment, a Tallahassee attorney representing Rayonier named Gary Hunter introduced himself at the lectern. The board granted him the better part of an hour to talk and respond to questions.

After clarifying the distinction that he was not speaking for the Stewardship District, Hunter began.

"I don't ... disagree with a whole lot of what Mr. Mullin went through with you. I think he accurately portrayed everything that has happened up to today. I think the fundamental misunderstanding in what's being discussed is that HB 1075 somehow has problems with it today as a result of what may or may not have happened," Hunter said. "The Stewardship legislation is good for Rayonier, for Raydient, and the District is good for Nassau County. ... Rayonier looks forward to moving forward. ... The sole point of contention has been parks and recreation. The District cannot spend any money they raise by bonds for recreation without an interlocal



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April Stone of Fernandina Beach expressed her concern that trust in the public-private partnership with the Stewardship District was "irretrievably broken."

agreement on impact fees."

Hunter added, "I am here to say to you today that HB 697, the issue that caused you so much consternation this session, had nothing to do with (the) HB 1075 stewardship legislation – nothing."

Hunter went on to defend the rationale for a facilitator for a joint meeting between the entities. As for the request for a neutral meeting place, he pointed out the meeting would still be a process open to the public no matter where it is held. When pushed by Mullin as to who would be the facilitator and what he would bring to the process, Hunter stated there had been no determination yet who that might be but it would be "someone neutral with an understanding of stewardship districts and how they work, knowledge of how local governments work, someone knowledgeable in conflict resolution. It could either be you or me if we were not already otherwise involved."

When asked by Bean what Bean could personally do to help get both sides together, Hunter replied, "I don't have an answer." He reiterated that the Stewardship District was offering a solution with their request for a facilitator and a neutral meeting place.

Replied Edwards, "We meet here with school boards and other public entities all the time. This isn't the first rodeo of the county commission. We do this all the time. We know how to follow an agenda. I don't see the board ever voting to use a facilitator. Everything that's hap-

pened before has happened here. It should have happened a long time ago. ... Is this just another ploy today? I'm just asking for a fair deal or let's kill the deal. We need more legislative limits on what they (the District) can do."

Commissioner Danny Leeper weighed in: "It took having our legislative representatives here to get you here. By the time we paid for all the facilitators, you could have a nice park. ... We've been very patient."

Four citizens did make brief remarks during the public session, all essentially in support of the BOCC's side in their disagreement with the Stewardship District.

Said April Stone of Fernandina Beach, "When SB 324 and HB 697 were dropped in the dark halls of the state capital, that trust in the public-private partnership was irretrievably broken. So for (Rayonier) to send a representative – a legal representative – is not a way to ingratiate yourself to the Nassau County community ... to the county commission. If you do decide to pursue the nuclear option, which is to dissolve this public-private partnership or to amend HB 1075, you have my support."

Commissioner Steve Kelley responded, "Is this partnership irretrievably broken? ... I am to that point. We have as a board lost faith in our partners and we are very troubled (about) how we got to this point."

Commissioner Justin Taylor was more conciliatory. "Our time in Tallahassee was a very trying time for us. I remember

the comment then was 'so, try to pull the knife out of my back' but we can't focus on that. We need to find a way forward." However, Taylor said he is not in favor of the District's demands as to conditions for the meeting.

Bean asked Mullin what kind of amendments the BOCC might be proposing and, "what would it look like if we try to repeal?" Mullin acknowledged repeal would be "problematic, but not out of the realm of possibilities."

According to Mullin, it's not clear whether the District has sold any bonds yet, but repeal would have a negative effect on the sale of future bonds. As to possible amendments, Mullin replied, "There should be a member of an elected body on the (District) board or more teeth in the interlocal agreement language."

In closing Bryd stated his belief that "there's still an opportunity if we can come together to the table." Bean agreed: "I, too, believe it's not completely broken yet. ... The legislative process is hard. ... I am hopeful there's still a possibility for everyone to come together."

In other business, the BOCC passed a resolution to honor the service of Judge Robert E. Williams, the retired county judge who died on September 13.

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Essay contest focuses on Equal Protection Clause

The lawyers and judges of the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, and the members of the Jacksonville Chapter of the Federal Bar Association recently announced the 2018 High School Essay Contest commemorating the 10th anniversary of the ratification of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

According to a news release, the contest is open to students currently in grades 10 through 12 in counties in the Jacksonville Division of the Middle District of Florida, which include Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Flagler, Hamilton, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, and Union.

"The 14th Amendment was ratified 150 years ago and commanded, in part, that no person shall be denied 'Equal Protection of the Laws.' Congress and the Courts have applied this Equal Protection Clause to the right to equal education opportunities.

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Student essays must be submitted electronically at www.flmd.uscourts.gov no later than noon Oct. 15.

Prizes to the winners of the contest are made possible by the lawyers and judges of the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida through the Middle District Bench Bar Fund, according to the release, and include:

- \$2,000 for first place;
- \$1,000 for second place; and
- \$500 for third place.

Winners will be recognized at a ceremony in November and at the Federal Bar Association's Spirit of Giving Luncheon in December.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at 6:00 PM** in the City Commission Chambers, 204 Ash Street Fernandina Beach, Florida to consider the following application:

ORDINANCE 2018-29

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30, CEMETERY, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-31, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 30-44 TO CLARIFY THAT ITEMS NOT DESCRIBED ARE PROHIBITED AT GRAVES; AMENDING SECTION 30-57 TO PROVIDE FOR CITY REPAIR OF HEADSTONES AND GRAVE MARKERS; AMENDING SECTION 30-106 TO PROHIBIT TREASURE HUNTING AND METAL DETECTING IN THE CEMETERY; AMENDING SECTION 30-109 MEMORIAL AND VAULT INSTALLATIONS BY REQUIRING VAULTS FOR ALL BURIALS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 310-3115, TTY/TDD 711 or through the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 at least 24 hours in advance to request such accommodation.

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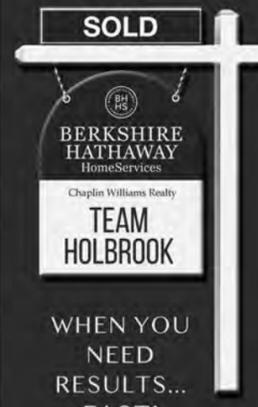
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FLAG *Continued from 1A*

A resolution was passed by the commission at the Sept. 18 meeting prohibiting any flags other than the U.S. flag, the state of Florida flag, and the city of Fernandina Beach's own flag to be flown.

The commissioners said they believed that would prevent issues such as hate or political groups from requesting their flags to also be flown.

"My concern is that, is it possible, down the road, that flags that are generally offensive to almost everybody get put up on our flagpole," Commissioner Phil Chapman said. "What we put on a city flagpole should unify us. It should not divide us. I think it's important that everyone understand. I will be more than happy to fly the gay pride flag on my lawn. It's not about that group. It's about saying to other groups, 'What you represent is not a part of what Fernandina is.' It's a sad commentary ... that, if a piece of cloth says to the citizens, 'You are welcome here,' we've failed as a city. It's not the flags. It's the people. If you feel welcome, it's because of the people, not what flies on our flagpole."

Commissioner Roy Smith said there were other ways the gay community could be visible in Fernandina Beach without fly-

ing the rainbow flag at City Hall.

"I think there's other ways we can do that," Smith said. "Proclamations are one. Why can't there be a gay pride march or a parade? I have no problem with that personally. I think that's the way to do it."

Several members of the public spoke at the meeting to support the decision to raise the rainbow flag, including Dr. Theresa Sparks, who along with Miller helped raise the flag in June.

Miller said he felt the commission should make the decision of which flags to be flown on a case-by-case basis.

"We name things all the time in the city," Miller said. "We name buildings, we name parks. I think we are intelligent enough, and I think our community is intelligent enough to accept people that represent them, and we can make those decisions on a case-by-case basis. When this has come up before to decide about how we're going to name things ... I think we can do that on a case-by-case basis."

Miller said that, after raising the rainbow flag in June, he received an outpouring of emails from the public thanking him for supporting the gay community.

"I received 43 emails in full support (and 23 handwritten letters), and heart-wrenching sto-

ries and what it meant to them. I had five that were against," Miller said. "The five all mentioned the misunderstanding that now any flag can go up. They also mentioned some pretty horrendous things. ... It was all about 'this offends me.' Religion comes into it, which we can't do because the constitution said that. Religion shouldn't have anything to do with it when we make these decisions."

Miller said the rainbow flag represents all members of the community, and that symbols such as flags should be inclusive, not exclusive of any group.

"We are talking about members of our community. We're not talking about 'them' and 'us,'" Miller said. "I heard things about 'that group' and 'those people.' That's not 'them' - it's us. These are our neighbors. These are our brothers and sisters. Let's get past that. Those of us who practice heterosexuality are included there, too."

Miller suggested that, when the city issues a proclamation, as it does to support groups such as the Daughters of the American Revolution and Girl and Boy Scouts, and events, such as Shrimp Festival and Jazz Fest, the proclamation could be an opportunity to find out if there is a flag to support that proclamation, and whether a flag to sym-

bolize the group or event should be flown over City Hall.

He said the City Commission, and he in particular, would not support flying a flag that symbolizes a group that does not reflect the opinions of the community.

"The conversations I've had have been positive, other than the one I had where I had to kind of educate on the whole legality of (flying the flag of a hate group), which would never happen," Miller said. "If anyone ever tried to ... and the commission ever brought that up, I would personally have Rex Lester go up with a blow torch and cut that thing down before I'd let somebody raise that thing up there."

Miller also said the resolution requiring that only a U.S., state and city flag be flown could not be enforced, as there is no official flag of the city of Fernandina Beach.

"I worked at Parks and Rec for a few years. I've been a commissioner for five. I've lived here for 13. I've never seen a city flag. Has anybody ever seen one? I don't think one exists," Miller said.

City Manager Dale Martin said there was a flag with the city seal being flown at the airport, "as part of the discussion."

"My understanding is that that flag was purchased because of that discussion," Miller said. "It seems to me that we took our city seal and put it on a white background, and put it as a placeholder to block something instead of to include something. I really don't want to walk outside this building everyday, and see that flag, and see something that's taking away from the community - not just this issue but any issue that comes along after this. On a legal note, this document says city flag. We have a city seal, but I don't believe we don't have a city flag. I don't know what we would put up there. We haven't voted on a city flag. We just ordered something online that has the city seal on it, which has flags on it. If you want to get in a big flag discussion, we have flags all over the place. That's the Confederate flag (a flag in city commission chambers, one of the eight flags that have flown over the city). That represented the Confederate nation. It's not their battle flag, but they were here. That's on our city seal. That's going to be flying above city hall."

Speaking after all the commissioners had a chance to voice their opinions, Miller took the opportunity to give a short history of Gay Pride Month and read



JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER
Fernandina Beach Mayor Johnny Miller hugs local clinical psychologist Dr. Theresa Sparks after raising a rainbow flag over City Hall to mark June 26-30 as Pride Week in the city.

several emails he had received from people in the community, thanking the city for flying the rainbow flag.

When Miller began to read an email against the flying of that flag, Smith interrupted him.

"We've all read it," Smith said.

"I want to read anyway, and I have the floor, please," Miller told Smith. "I didn't recognize you. How many times have I sat here and heard you repeat yourself over and over and over, and never once interrupted you? You don't have the floor, sir."

Smith replied, "Well when we get out of here at eleven -," at which point Mayor Miller brought down his gavel.

"You are out of order," Miller said. "I did not recognize you. I sit here and let all of you talk and never interrupt you. That's the second time you've done that to me. You want to (be mayor)? Put your name on the ballot, straw poll, sit in this seat and you can do whatever you want. Until then, you sit in that seat (and) you don't talk until you're recognized."

Miller went on to plead a case for flying flags on a case-by-case basis.

"If this thing is shot down,

(giving) us the possibility of discussing this as adults on a case-by-case basis, so that we don't have to just block everything because of this one issue, which should be a non-issue, and move forward and do this the right way," Miller said. "This is an inclusive symbol, not exclusive. I keep hearing, 'those people.' This is not an 'us' and 'them' discussion. This is an us discussion."

However, the resolution passed, with Miller casting the lone dissenting vote.

Bach told the *News-Leader* that, while no ordinance was passed, the resolution would likely be followed. "It is a policy adopted by resolution, and these have traditionally been followed by the City Commission," Bach said.

After the vote, Miller apologized to the group of people who had come to City Hall in support of the rainbow flag, a group that had given him a standing ovation for his comments.

"I'm sorry, folks. This is not a reflection of the community. It's a reflection on this commission and there are ways to solve this problem in the future," Miller said. "We'll get there."

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BUDGET SUMMARY FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

	GENERAL FUND
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 52,543,099
ESTIMATED REVENUES	
Taxes: Millage per \$1,000	
Ad Valorem Taxes 0.0320	27,835,514
Interest on Investments	600,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	28,435,514
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	80,978,613
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	
Administration	1,317,598
Operations	14,661,822
Capital Program	19,181,694
Waterway Studies	2,053,394
Interlocal Agreements	0
Waterways Assistance Program	38,225,257
Cooperative Assistance Program	4,447,009
Public Information Program	276,839
Tax Collection & Property Appraiser Fees	815,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	80,978,613
Fund Balance Reserve	0
Total Approved Expenditures & Fund Balance Reserve	80,978,613

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Florida Inland Navigation District has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy	\$ 27,252,717
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes	\$ 189,168
C. Actual property tax levy	\$ 27,063,549

This year's proposed tax levy \$ 29,140,001

This tax increase is applicable to: Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Flagler, Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties.

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

September 26th, 2018

6:00 PM

at the

SJRWMD, Palm Bay Service Center

525 Community College Parkway S.E.

Palm Bay, Florida 32909

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing. This meeting may be conducted in part by communication media technology and speaker phones.

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Cat euthanasia

It was with great interest I read the Sept. 14 article about the county shelter's euthanizing cats related to an outbreak of feline panleukopenia. First, I learned of the incident from Channel 4 News reporting 127 cats were euthanized, a different number than reported in the article.

Second, NCAS included information from www.thesprucepets.com. My curiosity piqued, I visited the site. Probably not a resource I would have cited for professional/valid information regarding such a level of concern. In fact, you can also get home decorating tips from the same site publisher.

My experience as a medical researcher, including veterinary medicine, spoke to me to take a brief look at the veterinary medical journals included in the NIH PubMed database to review factual evidence. For those interested in learning more about this circumstance, of the many journal articles published on this topic and in layman's terms, I recommend consulting the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery (2009) and (2013) that include issues dedicated to prevention/management of feline infectious diseases in shelters, including feline panleukopenia. One step further into investigation, while negative pressure rooms are well documented in human healthcare and perhaps appearing in the veterinary literature, I have yet to come across any evidence as to how and to what success they are used in animal shelters to manage feline panleukopenia. What is, however, prevalent evidence in the literature is that shelters are often short of money, resulting in crowding, have inadequate hygiene and vaccination measures, lack testing for infectious diseases, and persons who work in shelters are often untrained in hygiene and disease management as well as accurate medical record maintenance.

I hope Dr. Julie Moore from the University of Florida can further enlighten our community with her observations of procedures currently in place and recommend how to proactively improve conditions at Nassau County Animal Services.

Rebecca Ayers
Yulee

A tragic death

We will never forget. Our son was murdered on Feb. 21, 1980, and it still hurts. We thank you Nassau County, Fernandina Beach High School classmates of Bennie Isaac, and other counties, friends, neighbors, and all citizens for writing letters in our defense to the Florida Parole Commission in Tallahassee, Fla. The commission heard our cry through our letters. Thanks again.

The police in Fernandina Beach did an awesome job too, and we thank them for the work they've done.

At the commission meeting held on Aug. 15, Doyle Graham's date was not modified and remains at Feb. 21, 2040. In March 2025 he will be interviewed again. At that time we have to write more letters. A special thanks.

The Isaac Family
Fernandina Beach

Spray more of county

Nassau EM just responded to a query on my part (in response to a Facebook post of theirs re West Nile Virus being present in the county) as follows:

"The residents of Nassau County have not opted to include the mainland portion of the county in the Mosquito Control District, established in 1950 and paid for with a special tax assessed only on Amelia Island properties, but unless the State Surgeon General declares a Public Health Emergency, or the Governor declares a State of Emergency, or insect control is requested and paid for by the County (and there has to be a documented significant increase in numbers, compared to a baseline – they use mosquito traps) the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services cannot initiate spraying."

County residents are facing increases in gas and property taxes and although the proposed uses for the above may all be

necessary, at the very least, the County should pay to spray the area from the Bridge to I95. So many of the ditches along the roads and property lines remain filled with standing water long after rains and there are numerous marshes within and next to developments.

Having lived in Nassau County, New York during the West Nile outbreak a number of years ago and the subsequent deaths that ensued, I feel that the county should absolutely get ahead of this before it gets worse, which it will.

Dottie Seuter
Where??

Searching for our helper

I am writing this letter to say thank you to everyone that helped my husband and me on the night of July 25 in the parking lot of Super Walmart in Yulee when my husband went into v-fib and/or cardiac arrest. Doctors are still not sure what caused the v-fib.

I parked the car and called 911. The dispatcher knew just what to say to me to get me focused and told me to get him out of the car and flat on the ground. I wasn't physically able to do that, and flagged down the only car that I could see moving. A young man got out and the dispatcher walked him through the steps necessary to save my husband's life.

I'm especially thankful that he and the young lady with him were uninhibited about praying for him as he performed CPR.

Very quickly, the rescue unit was there and the EMTs took over and worked hard and efficiently to revive him and get him stable enough to transport him to the ER at Baptist Nassau. The Nassau County sheriff's deputies were on the scene and did their job to see that we were protected and that everything was in order and going smooth so the EMTs could do their job without interruption.

Everyone in the ER knew what to do and moved quickly to get him ready to be lifeflighted to Jacksonville. Even though they were very busy with him, they took the time to help our family feel calm and comfortable. Then lifeflight took over and flew him to Baptist Heart Hospital in Jacksonville.

I am also very thankful for our pastor, Bishop Larry Osburn, and his wife, Mary, who came immediately to the scene and stayed with us through it all.

When they arrived at the hospital in Jacksonville, the ER team there was just as caring and efficient as the others. They worked so hard to save his life while also trying to keep our hopes up and make us comfortable. We learned along the way what had happened to him, and they explained to us that less than 5 percent live when they go into v-fib. If they do live many have brain damage, depending on how long the brain was without oxygen.

I'm so happy to report that, in less than 24 hours, my husband was off the ventilator, talking and laughing, with no sign of brain damage. Dr. DiLoreto and the staff there were in awe of his recovery. Many of them told us, "This just doesn't happen." We are so thankful to each and every one of you who helped us. You are amazing.

We also want to thank the News-Leader for publishing this, because we not only want to thank everyone, but we need to find the young man who did the CPR. Your name was lost in all the rush to save my husband's life. If you are that young man, or if you know of that young man, please contact us: (904) 864-0671. We can't wait to meet and thank you and the young lady who was with you.

Our greatest thanks and praise goes to our lord, Jesus Christ, for the gift of life.

Pat and Armanest Ennis
Yulee

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Resetting the relationship

It looked like a perfect solution. A mammoth, mixed-use development would be built to inject energy into a flagging Nassau County economy like a vitamin B-12 shot.

A harsh economic recession was ending. And county officials were searching for an economic boost. That was 10 years ago.

Fast-forward to today, and the Wildlight project is now a reality. Amid old timberland tracts, two impressive corporate headquarters are built, glitzy retail complexes are planned, and high-tech houses are popping out of the ground like colorful wildflowers. And much more is coming.

Yet terms of the agreement between Wildlight's corporate parent and the county are still being hashed out and debated. A meeting over the stalemate this week was mostly attended by only one side.

Rayonier, the parent of developer Raydient Places + Properties, sent an attorney to briefly represent its case. No one representing the Wildlight governing board, the East Nassau Stewardship District, attended.

Mostly, the meeting involved county commissioners expressing differences and grievances over the terms of their agreement with Raydient/Rayonier.

There was little resolution following the county meeting. Mostly, the meeting consisted of County Attorney and Interim County Manager Mike Mullin explaining the terms of the Wildlight agreement. When the Wildlight concept was introduced in the late 2000s, Mullin was in private practice as an attorney for Rayonier.

In fact, Mullin made numerous presentations for Rayonier to county commissioners at that time. Since then, the commissioners have changed, as has the county staff. Mullin is just about the only remaining or common participant.

Some of the terms reportedly were never finalized. They existed on an informal "handshake" basis. Since then, differences have arisen over a variety of terms, like which party will pay for recreational facilities within Wildlight. And who controls what.

"We're in a position," says Commissioner Pat Edwards, "where we don't have control."

A Rayonier spokesman contacted the News-Leader to respond to last week's "Steve's Marketplace" column about the worsening standoff. Alejandro Barbero, a director of communications for Rayonier, rejects any negative perception about Wildlight. "This project started as a way for the county to diversify its tax base 10 years ago," Barbero said. "We are part of the solution."

In many ways, this is true. Rayonier paid little in taxes on the 2,900 acres of timberland that will become Wildlight, an industrial/commercial/residential behemoth.

For instance, Rayonier used to pay \$7 a year in property taxes for the timberland site on which its corporate headquarters is now built. The re-valued two-acre site now generates \$137,000 in tax revenues for the county.

"It's bringing tax revenues into the county," Barbero said. "If we



STEVE'S MARKET PLACE

Steve Nicklas

don't do this (Wildlight), those tax dollars don't exist. These are future dollars this is creating."

The county's inadequate, outdated infrastructure is not Rayonier's fault. Explosive growth throughout the county – from Amelia Island to Callahan – has cast light on the inferior roads here, among other shortcomings.

Barbero cites studies claiming that large industrial/commercial projects can produce "a net positive benefit" for surrounding areas by diversifying and bolstering the tax base. Within the Wildlight community, a "Commerce Park" section consists of 80 acres of industrial-use land.

"This leaves money in the county coffers to do things outside (of Wildlight)," Barbero said. "By all means, we stand ready to get to a solution for everyone."

Barbero disagrees with any notion that Wildlight receives a significant tax break from the county. "There is not a property tax reduction," Barbero said, referring to the 12-percent Tax Increment Financing for the area (It was incorrectly stated in last week's column that Wildlight received a 13-percent tax reduction.)

Mullin explained TIF this way in 2013 when he was Rayonier's attorney, according to a previous News-Leader report: 12 cents from every dollar invested in capital inside the planning area would help pay for the construction of roads and other infrastructure there.

An ordinance passed by the county in 2015 basically says that 12 percent of incremental increases in ad valorem property taxes received for property within the East Nassau Community Planning Area, now governed by the Stewardship District, "shall be dedicated, paid and applied to finance essential transportation infrastructure," and be transferred annually, starting Jan. 1, 2016, into the county's ENCPA Mobility Network Fund for the "mobility" projects slated within the Stewardship District.

The next move in the impasse could be critical. Both sides want to get along, as Wildlight will be at the forefront of county activity for many years. Commissioners say Rayonier is not living up to its agreements; Rayonier says it is.

One local official sees it this way: "There is a sense of desperation to get something done."

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Ready to visit a Rage Room?

The imperishable words "Hulk smash!" aren't just for green super-heroes anymore.

According to the Wall Street Journal, entrepreneurs in New York City have launched competing "rage rooms."

At The Rage Cage or The Wrecking Club, patrons who pay a fee, sign a waiver and don protective gear can unleash their pent-up anger, using baseball bats, sledge hammers, etc. to demolish defective electronic devices, 99-cent-store dishes and other expendable items.

In a tension-filled world where angry people hurl vases at their spouse or smash rural mailboxes, such rage rooms could be the innovation we need.

Innovation? The Journal did note that a prototypical rage room was operated in New York some 40 years ago. The owners probably tried to carry over too many practices from more conventional enterprises. ("Can't understand why we're going bankrupt. The ol' extended warranty scam, er, BENEFIT... used to work like a charm.")

Rage rooms are your chance to be the proverbial "bull in the china shop" - except that you have to wait in line, you have to wear clothes and you don't get made into T-bone steaks afterwards. ("Conversion to steaks: bad for repeat business. I learned that at the seminar.")

Such venues could become a nationwide trend, but investors must weigh the startup costs. So far, liability insurance is costly, and landlords demand high rent. Even the late Fred Rogers would have been leery of rage rooms moving into



TYRADES!

Danny Tyree

The Journal don't sound all that bad for 15 minutes of unbridled mayhem, but don't be surprised if the businessmen shift toward premium packages. They could scour the world for ever more exotic damaged objects to attract deep-pocketed customers. ("See if you can get the Sphinx, and that Venus de Milo chick.")

Folks who go to a rage room on a lark don't worry me. But is it wise to have the hotheads who really, really NEED a rage room driving through heavy traffic to get there? Maybe the rage rooms could send a self-driving shuttle to pick them up. ("No, I'm here to pick YOU up, not vice versa. Oh, my poor jangled microchips!")

Will the novelty of rage rooms wear off? Maybe, but I'm sure owners will find creative ways to keep consumers angry. ("Introducing: a brand-new selection of Pumpkin Spice keyboards and Pumpkin Spice pink flamingoes.")

Let's hope we don't see picketing by People

the area. ("Won't you be my nei-hey, keep those ruffians away from King Friday XIII or this cardigan is going upside your head!")

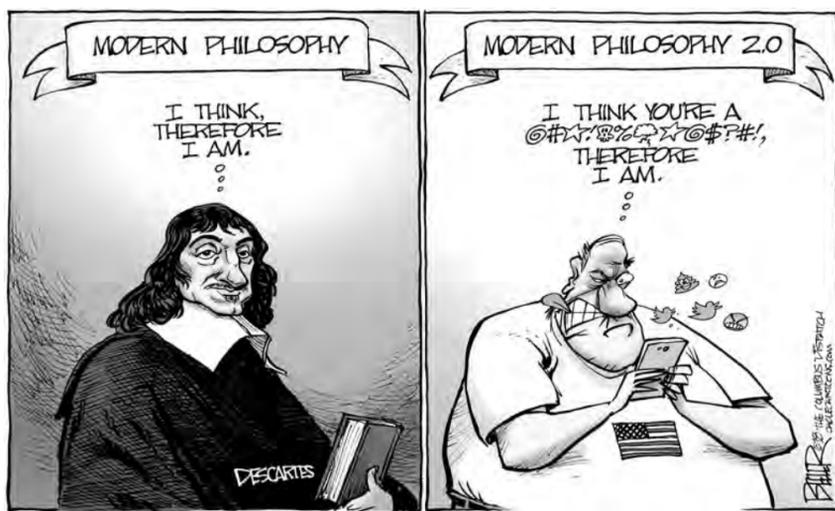
Customers include couples on dates, birthday parties and families with children. Rage rooms also host bachelorette parties. My guess is that Masochist Mike will soon find he has the "stripper cop" business all to himself.

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NATE BEELER - THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH/CAGLE CARTOONS

for the Ethical Treatment of Ceramics. ("Going straight from boiling water to a ball peen hammer! What kind of life is that?")

The trend toward legalized marijuana could put a crimp in the business model by making customers too mellow. ("Aw, poor little soup bowl. You've got a chip missing, dude. Here, let me get some glue and patch you up.")

Try out a rage room if one comes to your neck

of the woods. Make sure the protective clothing doesn't include shirts that announce, "I'm with Stupid - and Stupid is tired of being called Stupid, and Stupid is holding this big nine iron and..."

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COMMUNITY

NAMI annual fundraiser dinner slated for October 1

NAMI of Nassau County, part of America's largest grassroots organization for helping with education, support and advocacy for those with a mental health diagnosis, has announced a fundraising dinner for Monday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m.

NAMI expressed a desire "to highlight the crucial support of two individuals who have made the event a success

for many years."

• State Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, will be officiating at the silent auction for the 15th straight year.

• Daniel Murray, owner of Callahan Barbecue, will be donating a barbecue dinner as he has done for several years.

The event will be held in Burns Hall at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in

Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$20 at the door. There will be a live and silent auction and 50-50 raffle. The array of auctioned items will include vacation packages, art by local artists, quilts, crafts, dental services and gift certificates to many restaurants and attractions.

There will also be the opportunity to hear from two members of our commu-

nity, Sascha Moore and Barbara Tallman, who have mental health diagnoses and are living successful lives.

Funds raised will directly benefit those with a mental health diagnosis in Nassau County in the form of scholarships to local providers, peer support and family support groups, two drop-in centers, and support for respite care. NAMI

also offers education and advocacy efforts to help stomp out the stigma that still remains despite the fact that one in five people are affected by a mental health across the country.

If you have items to donate to the auctions or would like to learn more about NAMI of Nassau county, contact nassau-namiflorida@gmail.com or 277-1886.

Our covenant with God

When we shout out loud in the midst of seeming disaster, God immediately hears and comes on the scene to confirm His covenant with us. We occasionally find ourselves in positions where it appears that we are outnumbered, out-classed, and headed for defeat, but thanks be to God, that is not the final report.

The truth is that we cannot should that loudly if we do not have a covenant with God. It is confidence in the covenant that inspires us to shout when fear tries so desperately to be the order of the day. When we know our covenant, we will declare God himself is with us for our captain and to fight against the Lord God and ye shall not prosper.

It does not matter if it appears that the enemy is before us or behind us. When we covenant, men and women cry to the Lord. When the new breed of priest sounds the trumpet, we split the ear of the enemy with the sound



NOW AND THEN

Maybelle Kirkland

and watch the hand of the Lord deliver us from every adversity. We thank God for the covenant He made with us. We will continue to shout His praises in the midst of every effort of the enemy.

Birthday wishes to Betty Wilson, Alonzo Key, Joanne Baker, Stephanie Way, Kim Rainey, Leon Cribb, Betty Veal, Romel Green, Windell Glover, Emory Wingard II, Deonna Clinton, and Robert Blue. A special hello to Ms. Joan Liuzzi.

that is loud enough to reach the ear of our father, who ear is unaffected by the sound except to respond to it on behalf of His children. Lift your voice, split the ears of the enemy

Community invited to pirate birthday party

The enchanting Victorian seaport village of Fernandina Beach is full of rich history, eclectic shops and restaurants, and amazing architecture. However, it was once a stomping ground for pirates, too, and the community is coming together Oct. 6 to celebrate Peg Leg Pete's 40th birthday, according to a news release.

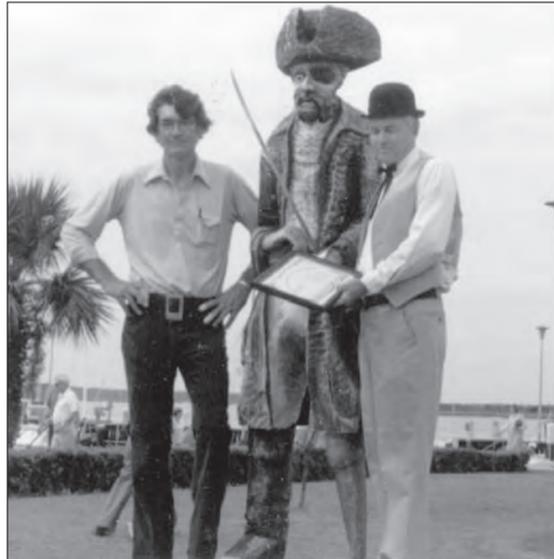
Originally carved from a single 10-foot piece of live oak by artist Wayne Ervin, a communitywide contest to name the statue was won by the students of Emma Love Hardee Elementary. Officially named Peg Leg, the wooden sculpture has stood proudly as a symbol of fellowship in downtown Fernandina Beach since Oct. 14, 1978, states the release, which notes, "Pete, as Peg Leg became fondly known, is reported to be the single most photographed icon in Fernandina Beach, Florida."

Hosted by Fernandina Beach Main Street, Peg Leg Pete's 40th Birthday Party will be held Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Welcome Center located at the foot of Centre Street beginning at 1 p.m. with the reading of a proclamation of Pirate Peg Leg Pete's birthday followed by actress and historian Thea Seagraves telling the story of Peg Leg Pete. There will be family-friendly vendors, a coloring contest, music, toy dem-



onstrations, face painting, the Fernandina Pirates Club's popular parade float, and of course birthday cake.

The Nassau Community Band will perform at 1:15 p.m. and again at 2:15 p.m., story telling by Jenna the Mermaid will be at 2 p.m., and members of the Pirate's Club will be holding Pirate School at 3 p.m.



SUBMITTED

A 40th birthday celebration of Peg Leg Pete will take place Saturday, Oct. 6, in downtown Fernandina Beach. Artist Wayne Ervin, left, and then mayor Jake Mottayaw during the original dedication. Peg Leg originally stood across the street from its current location in front of the Marine Welcome Station, now Brett's Waterway Cafe.

for the youngsters who want to learn how to become a pirate. Musician Lucas Merren will perform leading up to the official cutting of the birthday cake at 4 p.m.

before the festivities come to a close with raffle drawings and the award presentation to announce the winner of the coloring contest as judged by pirates.

Community Band announces season

The Nassau Community Band has announced the start of the group's 15th season.

Led by Dr. Marc Dickman, the band meets 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Thursday in the Yulee Middle School, located at 85439 Miner Road in Yulee. The band is currently auditioning for woodwind, brass, and percussion members.

The band's fall 2018 schedule includes the following dates:

- Oct. 6, Peg Leg Pete's 40th birthday celebration
- Oct. 13, Fernandina Beach airport terminal grand opening
- Oct. 27, St. Michael Catholic Church Halloween Festival
- Nov. 24, Fernandina Beach Christmas tree lighting
- Dec. 8, Savannah Grand Christmas concert
- Dec. 11, Dickens on Centre Christmas concert
- Dec. 15, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Christmas concert

For more information, email nassaucommunityband.fl@gmail.com or visit nassaucommunityband.wixsite.com/nCBSite.

Artists participate in 'Exquisite Corpse' project

In 1925, a group of surrealist artists invented a collaborative art game that became known as "The Exquisite Corpse." One famous production from Joan Miro, Max Morise, Man Ray, and Yves Tanguy resulted in humorous body features such as snowshoe feet and leaf ears. The objective is to disarrange the waking mind's affinity for order through unseen elements from one participant to the next, building on the unpredictable. For more information and examples, visit <http://bit.ly/2Nsn5wL>.

Nine local artists - Gwen Cowart, Liz Dion, Sharon

Haffey, Susan Henderson, Vickie Maley, Rebecca McDannold, Denise Murphy, Georganna Mullis, and Susan Schraft - recently participated in a new variation of The Exquisite Corpse, according to a news release, and many will be on hand Tuesday, Sept. 25, for an unveiling of their finished pieces.

"They enjoyed the creative and experimental aspects of their collaboration," the release states.

The event will begin with a social mixer at 6:30 p.m. and be followed at 7 p.m. with a pro-

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gram that includes discussion with the artists who will detail how the project unfolded and discuss the outcomes.

The program is open to the public and will be held in

the Island Art Association's Education Building at 18 N. Second St.

For information about the Island Art Association, visit islandart.org.



JUDIE MACKIE/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER
Fulford Gardens makes birdbaths, fountains and planters from hypertufa.

Farmers and arts markets open Saturday

JUDIE MACKIE
For the News-Leader

Looking for a wonderful morning out with your family or friends? Check out the Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market and arts market. Both markets will be open in historic Fernandina on Saturday. Enjoy a stroll under the Spanish moss-covered oak trees of old Florida while you shop for tasty treats and handcrafted arts. Well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome and this past week we had adorable puppies - a trained monkey and Sammi the Chicken. And yes, even the chicken was well-behaved and on a leash.

Featured in the Arts Market this week is Fulford Gardens. They have birdbaths, fountains, and planters made from hypertufa. Lighter than concrete and stronger than terra cotta these pieces will add a rustic and unique look to your garden. Lane will also be bringing concrete benches that can be made in custom lengths and colors. Kathy Blessing, of Kathy's Gardens and Craft, has adorable succulents and fun-to-fill bear art for the kids in her booth. All of her items are "Designs to make you smile!" Island Home Candle Company has begun to roll out their fall scents like pumpkin, cinnamon bun, and brandied pear. Now created in new jars and using coconut wax

instead of soy, these candles burn cleaner and longer, and throw their scents a little better than traditionally made candles. Other popular scents include fig, rain, and Georgia Peach.

In the farmers market look for thirst quenching favorites such as Lemon Sensation's 32-ounce fresh-squeezed lemonade in blueberry, strawberry and lemon. Campcraft Cocktails carries unique blends of fresh spices and fruits to create a homemade cocktail that serves eight after just three days of curing. She has bloody Mary, aromatic citrus, and hibiscus ginger lemon. It's the end of the summer so look for sweet and juicy fruits like peaches and berries from

King's Kountry Produce, and farm ripe watermelons in manageable sizes from Cabbage Creek Farms.

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market is open every Saturday of the year, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., while the Arts Market is open on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Located between Centre and Alachua streets on North Seventh Street, each week offers a different mix of vendors, musicians, and a weekly Booth With a Cause. This week you will find Musician Alain Lelaït pleasing the crowds with his renditions of soft rock classics, and the Amelia Island Book Festival will be on-site to share the details of their upcoming festival.

BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS OF YOUR FAITH

All through the Bible, there are examples of people who had barriers to their faith. Moses had the barrier of insecurity. David experienced a barrier due to his sinful life with Bathsheba. Peter's barrier came when he denied Jesus. The disciple Thomas had a barrier of doubt.

God demolished these barriers, and continues to crush the walls of our insecurity, fear and doubt.

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Weekly Bible Trivia
To what did God change Jacob's name?
(answer found in this week's scripture reading)

Sunday Gen.	Monday Gen.	Tuesday Gen.	Wednesday Gen.	Thursday Gen.	Friday Gen.	Saturday Gen.
32:1-8	32:9-15	32:16-20	32:21-26	32:27-30	32:31-32	33:1-7

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NCSO detention deputies graduate



NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper announced in a news release Wednesday that five new NCSO detention deputies graduated on Tuesday, Sept. 18 from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Training Academy at Florida State College at Jacksonville. The graduation was held at FSCJ's Kent Campus.

Those who completed the four-month academy were Kaitlyn Hodges, 19, from Hilliard; Thomas Kutz, 29, from Jacksonville; Elizabeth Smith, 33, from Folkston; Michael Pensa, 20, from Hilliard; and Veronica Smith, 22, from Jacksonville.

The new recruits will now go through a 14-week field training program at the Nassau County Jail-Detention Center before being fully certified.

NCSO detention deputies monitor, control and account for incarcerated inmates and civilian visitors while at the jail-detention facilities. They also

monitor and supervise juveniles.

The rigorous training to become a detention deputy includes defensive tactics, weapons qualification with rifle, shotgun and handgun, use of restraint devices, inmate transport techniques, proper radio transmissions, emergency signals and emergency and crisis intervention.

The minimum qualifications are to be at least 19 years old with a high school diploma or GED certification, and a valid Florida driver's license. The applicant must have a basic recruit certificate for corrections in compliance with the Florida CJSTC or be willing to complete the training at an approved law enforcement academy. Prior law enforcement experience is preferred, but not mandatory and prior experience in corrections, security, or social work is a plus.

UPDATE *Continued from 2A*

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. Contact 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 veterans and the community. If you have questions, call 261-7900.

FDOT Lane Closures

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



NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy . . . \$ 61,091,081
- B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes \$ 66,982
- C. Actual property tax levy \$ 61,024,099

This year's proposed tax levy \$ 77,692,369

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

Monday, September 24, 2018

6:00 PM

at the

James S. Page Governmental Complex

96135 Nassau Place

Yulee, FL 32097

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Nassau County Board of County Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE 11.4% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

	GENERAL FUND	COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT	CONSERVATION & CONTROL DISTRICT	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 13,494,845	\$ 4,817,634	\$ 19,209,458	\$ 1,496,681	\$ 23,016,143	\$ 6,578,239	\$ 4,055,081	\$ 0	\$ 72,668,081
ESTIMATED REVENUES									
TAXES:	MILLAGE PER \$1,000								
AD VALOREM TAXES	7.4278	\$ 55,263,625	\$ 4,770,182						\$ 60,033,807
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SALES AND USE TAXES	\$ 11,852,323	\$ 3,372,068	\$ 7,232,606	\$ 940,431			\$ 727,702		\$ 24,125,130
PERMITS, FEES & SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	\$ 26,000	\$ 3,260	\$ 2,048,599		\$ 3,045,363	\$ 55,800	\$ 130,325		\$ 5,309,347
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	\$ 7,332,058	\$ 2,187,216	\$ 457,825		\$ 13,405,950		\$ 738,690		\$ 24,121,739
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 2,107,388	\$ 1,088	\$ 776,700			\$ 4,240,150	\$ 130,700		\$ 7,256,026
FINES AND FORFEITURES	\$ 46,950		\$ 124,525				\$ 1,350		\$ 172,825
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$ 570,813	\$ 180,227	\$ 141,395	\$ 5,000	\$ 542,855	\$ 100,600	\$ 52,400		\$ 1,593,290
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 804,862	\$ 3,852,338	\$ 91,739	\$ 2,321,250	\$ 6,885,661	\$ 21,600	\$ 3,648,229		\$ 17,625,679
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 78,004,019	\$ 14,366,379	\$ 11,235,164	\$ 3,266,681	\$ 23,879,829	\$ 4,418,150	\$ 18,841,568	\$ 0	\$ 154,011,790
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	\$ 91,498,864	\$ 19,184,013	\$ 30,444,622	\$ 4,763,362	\$ 46,895,972	\$ 10,996,389	\$ 22,896,649	\$ 0	\$ 226,679,871
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES									
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 9,694,287		\$ 2,496,712	\$ 3,266,681	\$ 2,608,244		\$ 2,554,474		\$ 20,620,398
GENERAL OPERATIONS-COURT-RELATED	\$ 816,604		\$ 2,001,017						\$ 2,817,621
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 14,152,056		\$ 2,053,295		\$ 5,228,755		\$ 12,242,256		\$ 33,676,362
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	\$ 2,311,334		\$ 2,989,258			\$ 6,993,656			\$ 12,294,248
TRANSPORTATION		\$ 13,273,965	\$ 1,610,349		\$ 26,499,174		\$ 16,498		\$ 41,399,986
ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	\$ 214,319		\$ 7,848,811						\$ 8,063,130
HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 2,843,752		\$ 124,010				\$ 1,525,657		\$ 4,493,419
CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 2,559,604		\$ 1,152,034		\$ 1,603,092				\$ 5,314,730
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES(USES)	\$ 45,614,922	\$ 2,598,765	\$ 894,425		\$ 53,848	\$ 1,260,744	\$ 3,154,770		\$ 53,577,474
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 78,206,878	\$ 15,872,730	\$ 21,169,911	\$ 3,266,681	\$ 35,993,113	\$ 8,254,400	\$ 19,493,655	\$ 0	\$ 182,257,368
RESERVES	\$ 13,291,986	\$ 3,311,283	\$ 9,274,711	\$ 1,496,681	\$ 10,902,859	\$ 2,741,989	\$ 3,402,994	\$ 0	\$ 44,422,503
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	\$ 91,498,864	\$ 19,184,013	\$ 30,444,622	\$ 4,763,362	\$ 46,895,972	\$ 10,996,389	\$ 22,896,649	\$ 0	\$ 226,679,871

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.



Lady Hornets River City Classic gold champs

The 14-3 Lady Hornets captured first place in the gold division during the River City Classic, held Sept. 14-15 at Ponte Vedra and Fleming high schools.

The annual event is sponsored by the Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association.

Yulee High School cruised into the tournament with wins over Orange Park, West Nassau, Ribault and Hilliard.

"During these games, the players were working on finding their rhythm as a team, and adjusting their play to make the team play stronger," YHS Coach Donna Jackson said.

The Lady Hornets opened tournament play with a 24-14, 25-11 win over University Christian on Sept. 14.

Gracie Hardwick led with six aces and four kills; Emily Sheperis had nine kills; and Megan Costolo recorded 21 assists.

Yulee's next victim was Duval Charter, which they beat 25-16, 25-16.

Costolo had a trio of aces and 24 assists; Sheperis had three blocks and eight kills; and Mallory Acosta had nine digs.

Yulee kicked off Saturday with a 25-17, 25-19 win over Keystone Heights.

Christina Jackson led Yulee with five kills and a block; and Nadiyah Richards had seven digs.

Yulee was in first place in its pool with the win and moved on to play Fernandina Beach in the first round of the gold division. Yulee prevailed 25-15, 25-8.

Christina Jackson led the Lady Hornets again,

recording seven kills; Sheperis had six kills; Maddie Vanzant had 10 digs; and Costolo had 22 assists.

Emma Ward had 11 digs for the FBHS Lady Pirates. Emily Duggan and Caitlin Spence had three kills apiece.

Yulee beat Baker County 25-23, 25-22 in the championship match.

Acosta had three aces and seven digs for Yulee; and Sheperis had nine kills and five blocks.

The Lady Hornets were back in action Monday, traveling to Ridgeview, where they continued their winning ways. Yulee beat the hosts 25-13, 25-21, 25-20.

"This was the first time that Yulee has beaten Ridgeview," Coach Jackson said. "They played amazing defense and kept the energy up all three sets."

Sheperis led Yulee with 11 kills and a pair of blocks; Vanzant had 13 kills and 11 digs; Acosta had 14 digs; and Costolo had 26 assists.

Yulee was back at home Tuesday with the West Nassau Lady Warriors. The Lady Hornets won 25-14, 25-15, 25-10.

"Overall the varsity team has really clicked and is playing great volleyball," Coach Jackson said.

Yulee hosted Terry Parker Thursday. The Lady Hornets head to Camden County Monday and play at Fernandina Beach at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The Lady Pirates (10-8) host Duval Charter at 7 p.m. Monday. Junior varsity plays at 6 p.m.



SUBMITTED

The Lady Hornets include, front row from left, Aria Treanor, Gracie Hardwick, Maddie Vanzant, Mallory Acosta, Gracie Berglund, Jaelyn Harding; back row, Coach Donna Jackson, Haley Krush, Megan Costolo, Emma Daniel, Nadiyah Richards, Bianca Dawson, Christina Jackson, Emily Sheperis and Carlynn Williams.

TINY MITES



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

The Fernandina Beach Pop Warner Tiny Mites, above, and the Yulee Tiny Mites, below, were at home with Callahan teams Saturday.



Martial arts, self-defense classes at Peck

The city of Fernandina Beach Parks & Recreation Department offers several instructed programs, including self-defense and martial arts. Visit www.fbfl.us for information.

Karate classes are offered at the Peck Center in the 1st Floor Instructors' Studio. Sensei Jerry Williamson is a sixth-degree Shotokan black belt with more than 30 years of instruction experience.

Improve your fitness level, self-control and self-image while learning self-defense. Classes are from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays and 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesdays. The classes are open to ages six and up.

The fee for city residents is \$40 per month; \$45 for non-city. Uniforms are available from the instructor.

For information, contact Williamson at 765-2441. Register at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

Japanese Ju Jitsu and Kenjutsu are also offered at the Peck Center. Both classes are for ages 12 and up.

Ju Jitsu involves striking, kicking, throwing and submission through joint locks and finishing techniques. Classes are offered from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$8 per class or \$60 per month for city residents; \$10 per class or \$75 per month for non-city residents.

Kenjutsu involves use of the katana (sword) and bokken (wooden sword). It is offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 per class or \$30 a month for city residents; \$10 per class or \$36 a month for non-city residents.

For information and to register, contact Sensei Jeff Weisfeld at 310-3354, (443) 864-3331 or jweisfeld@fbfl.org.

Women's self-defense classes for ages 12 and up are offered at Peck. Training in self defense provides a platform for developing and improving mental, physical and emotional capabilities to better deal with external aggression as well as living each day to the fullest.

Classes are from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$3 per class or \$10 a month for city residents; \$5/class or \$15 a month for non-city residents.

For information and to register, contact Weisfeld at 310-3354, (443) 864-3331 or jweisfeld@fbfl.org.

PIRATES VS. RAMBLERS



PHOTOS BY AMANDA REAM/COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

The Fernandina Beach Middle School football team traveled to Callahan Tuesday. The host Ramblers won 22-0. The FBMS Pirates host Charlton County at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

SPORTS SHORTS

World Heart Day 5K

The fourth annual World Heart Day 5K Health Walk/Run will be held at Ewing Park in Callahan on Sept. 29. The free event will start at 10 a.m. and the community is invited to come and walk/run, learn more about hands-only CPR and other community initiatives and resources.

Cardiovascular diseases, including heart disease and stroke, are the leading cause of death in the U.S. and Florida. About half of all Americans have at least one of these three risk factors for heart disease — high blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking.

A healthier Florida is possible through lifestyle changes, including walking with your family and encouraging your friends to walk with you; visiting with your doctor to talk about your heart health; eating healthy by cooking heart healthy meals; and quitting smoking by utilizing Tobacco Free Florida's Quit Your Way Program.

Visit www.worldheartday.org to find out what you can do to take part in this year's World Heart Day and www.floridahealth.gov/stroke and www.flhealth.gov/heart to learn more about stroke and heart attack resources.

First Tee Golf

First Tee Golf will continue this fall for local teens in conjunction with Boys & Girls Clubs. Sessions 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.

Interested teens can call the Roberts Learning and Achievement Center at 491-9102 or the Miller Freedom Center at 261-1075. For information on Boys & Girls Clubs programs, visit www.bgcnasau.org.

Babe Ruth baseball

Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth fall baseball opening day is Oct. 6. The season runs through Nov. 23. Visit www.fbbrl.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 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



MLB/SPECIAL

D.J. Stewart of Yulee hit his first home run in the majors Wednesday at Camden Yards. Stewart, a former standout at Florida State University, was brought up from Triple-A Norfolk by the Baltimore Orioles on Sept. 11. Stewart also had a double and scored on a single in Baltimore's 2-1 win over the Toronto Blue Jays. He had a "little league" home run the night before for the Os.

knowledge of the sport is necessary. The club is a non-profit member of U.S. Lacrosse and volunteer driven.

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

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 tournament. The event is sponsored by Putt Putt Amelia Island, Kona Ice and Waterwheel Cigar.

The entry fee for each team is \$100 and spaces are limited. The registration deadline is Oct. 16. For information, visit www.nassaucountyflchamber.com or call 261-3248.

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 horse-shoes and bocce, the Italian bowling game. The public is welcome. Call 491-1190.

Sailing club meets

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

is Kraft Ten Acres, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach. All are welcome to attend.

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

Contact President Dennis Burke at (256) 453-4744 or email 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.ameliainlandcycling.com, www.ameliainlandtrail.org or www.nfbc.us.

Adult tai chi

Master Tom Gagne is offering adult tai chi classes at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Email paksfermbch@yahoo.com or call 261-8660.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Cy Tan of LocalTails, above, and Josh Collins, below, utilized Saltwater Assassin lures to land redfish while fishing with Capt. Justin Prince of First Coast Expeditions.

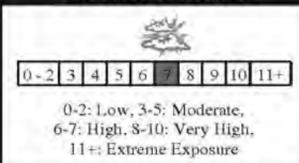


The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Weather	Temp
Friday	Partly Cloudy	87 / 75
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	85 / 76
Sunday	Isolated T-storms	87 / 78
Monday	Scattered T-storms	85 / 76
Tuesday	Isolated T-storms	87 / 78
Wednesday	Few Showers	89 / 80
Thursday	Few Showers	90 / 81

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

What percentage of tornadoes across the world occur in the U.S.?
 Answer: 75 percent take place in the U.S.

Weather History

Sept. 21, 1988 - Thunderstorms produced high winds and locally heavy rain in the southwestern United States. One thunderstorm in west Texas produced wind gusts to 86 mph at Dell City, destroying an airport hangar. One aircraft in the hangar was flipped over and snapped in two.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	9:52-11:52	10:15-12:15	Tue	12:29-2:29	12:51-2:51
Sat	10:37-12:37	--	Wed	1:14-3:14	1:36-3:36
Sun	11:00-1:00	11:22-1:22	Thu	2:00-4:00	2:23-4:23
Mon	11:44-1:44	12:06-2:06			

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:13 a.m.	7:23 p.m.	5:43 p.m.	3:57 a.m.
Sat	7:14 a.m.	7:22 p.m.	6:19 p.m.	4:51 a.m.
Sun	7:14 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	6:54 p.m.	5:45 a.m.
Mon	7:15 a.m.	7:19 p.m.	7:27 p.m.	6:40 a.m.
Tue	7:15 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	8:01 p.m.	7:36 a.m.
Wed	7:16 a.m.	7:17 p.m.	8:35 p.m.	8:32 a.m.
Thu	7:17 a.m.	7:16 p.m.	9:11 p.m.	9:30 a.m.

Full 9/24, Last 10/2, New 10/8, First 10/16

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days
9/12	89	75	86/74	0.00"	
9/13	93	76	86/74	0.00"	32
9/14	94	75	86/73	0.00"	34
9/15	95	77	86/73	0.00"	34
9/16	95	76	86/73	0.00"	36
9/17	92	80	86/73	0.00"	
9/18	94	78	85/73	0.00"	

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

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance					
Date	High	Low	Low	Date	High	Low	Low		
Fri	6:42 am	12:35 am	7:18 pm	12:42 pm	Fri	6:06 am	12:32 am	6:42 pm	12:39 pm
Sat	7:30 am	1:19 am	8:02 pm	1:29 pm	Sat	6:54 am	1:16 am	7:26 pm	1:26 pm
Sun	8:15 am	2:01 am	8:43 pm	2:13 pm	Sun	7:39 am	1:58 am	8:07 pm	2:10 pm
Mon	8:58 am	2:41 am	9:24 pm	2:55 pm	Mon	8:22 am	2:38 am	8:48 pm	2:52 pm
Tue	9:39 am	3:18 am	10:03 pm	3:35 pm	Tue	9:03 am	3:15 am	9:27 pm	3:32 pm
Wed	10:20 am	3:54 am	10:42 pm	4:15 pm	Wed	9:44 am	3:51 am	10:06 pm	4:12 pm
Thu	11:00 am	4:31 am	11:22 pm	4:56 pm	Thu	10:24 am	4:28 am	10:46 pm	4:53 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - The Universe is a Grand Illusion

If you could look at the universe from far, far away, it would appear homogeneous, pretty much the same in all areas, but as you came closer, irregularities would begin to appear. The cosmos would become sponge-like with vast, dominating bubbles of virtually empty space, bordered by titanic clusters of galaxies, the spongy material stretched around the boundaries of the bubbles. Galaxies don't hang out by themselves but are members of small and large groups. As an example, the Milky Way, home to our sun and another 400 billion stars, is part of the Local Group, an assemblage of more than 54 galaxies which lies in the suburbs of the Virgo Supercluster. The Virgo Supercluster which has its center positioned in the direction of the spring constellation of Virgo may be also be part of an even larger congregation of superclusters known as the Laniakea Supercluster which may contain as many as 300-500 cluster and supercluster members. That's the scope of our universe, but lying beneath your feet and surrounding you in every direction is another universe, the quantum universe of the very small, molecules and atoms which operate under a completely different set of rules that are absolutely essential for our macro universe to exist. For example, take hydrogen, the simplest and most common element in the cosmos. If the single proton from which it is composed were enlarged to the size of the sun, its single electron would be positioned outward almost six times more distant than Pluto. All matter, regardless of how big or small its congregation of atoms or molecules become, is mostly empty space, a tightly packed nucleus of positively charged protons and neutral neutrons, surrounded by shells of negatively charged electrons. If matter is mostly empty space, why, when you walk across your kitchen floor, or for that matter anywhere, does gravity simply not pull your body down into the Earth? At the very boundary of the floor and your feet are the shells of the electrons of the atoms which compose them. We live in an intricate, intertwined, grand illusion that we call reality, where nothing that we feel, see, or measure is exactly as it seems. www.astronomy.org

2018 SCHEDULES

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			Oct. 15-19 district tournament		
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					
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL					
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					
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL					
Sept. 27	Junior Varsity Football	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			
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL					
Sept. 27	Junior Varsity Football	6:00			
Oct. 4	BISHOP KENNY	6:00			
Oct. 4	at Fernandina Beach	6:00			
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL					
Sept. 23	at UF 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				
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL					
Sept. 27	Volleyball	5:30/6:30			
Oct. 1	at West Nassau	5:30/6:30			
Oct. 4	PAXON	6:7:00			
Oct. 8	JVA/JV tourney	6:7:00			
Oct. 9	UNIVERSITY (srs.)	5:30/6:30			
Oct. 15-16	District at Episcopal				
*District					
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL					
Sept. 25	CAMDEN COUNTY	5:30/6:30			
Sept. 24	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	6:7:00			
Oct. 8	at Hilliard	6:7:00			
Oct. 9	BAKER COUNTY	6:7:00			

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Sisters of the Sea Surf Classic held Saturday

The 20th annual Sisters of the Sea Surf Classic was held on Saturday at the Jacksonville Beach fishing pier. Eighteen female surfers from Fernandina Beach, ranging from age 4-50, competed in this event. Six of the girls made it through to the finals.

Local shapers, P Surfboards and Cyclone Surfboards, each donated a custom-made surfboard to be raffled at the event to raise money to help women in the community with breast cancer.

The surf was 2-3 feet, glassy and fun. Sisters of the Sea was founded in July of 1997, when seven women came together for a surf session at Dolphin Plaza in Jacksonville. The seed was planted, and an idea was born. Twenty-plus years later, there are a few hundred members.

In September of 1998, inspired by Rell Sunn and saddened by her passing from breast cancer, members organized the inaugural Sisters of the Sea Surf Classic. Organizers wanted to use the contest as a way to get more women in the water and to raise money to help area women with breast cancer.

A few thousand women of all ages and abilities have surfed in the Surf Classic, raising nearly \$100,000 to date. Sisters of the Sea partnered with Bosom Buddies of Jacksonville for the event.

In 2001, Sisters of the Sea became a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit. For information, visit www.sister-softhesea.org.



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After competing against each other in the Keikis final, Mikaela Nichols and Ivy Bradley teamed up to compete in the tandem division.



Ivy Bradley, above left, placed third in the 11-and-under Keikis shortboard division; Mikaela Nichols, above right, was first. Below left, Fernandina girls gather to cheer for each other. Below right, Brook Martinez placed fourth in the Wahini open shortboard class. Bottom left, Pam Bradley, was fifth in the Sage longboard division. Bottom right, a few of the 18 girls who competed in the event.



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Marsh Lakes is considered one of the most attractive and convenient neighborhoods, on a barrier island between Amelia Island and the mainland, the homes are situated around a 20+ acre natural spring fed lake. The view in the rear is spectacular and the front of the home is well balanced. Circular driveway that feels like an English estate. The interior is thoughtfully, professionally appointed with customer cabinets and flooring with vaulted ceilings in the common areas. A gorgeous verandah provides a serene view of the lake. Small dock is a great place to get closer to the lake; to launch a paddle board, a rowboat or sailboat. \$787,250



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The Pagoda flower down the path that leads to the pergola, flag and magnolia.

Gardeners work hard on Osprey Village's Memory Garden



A mix of flowers, including peacock ginger, azalea, and abelia.



LIBBY WILKES
Special to the News-Leader

At Osprey Village Memory Garden, the first person with this group of gardeners was Glenda Johnson, followed by Vicki Cox, Jennie Ellis, Mary Ann Wright, and Lindy Wyman. They enjoy working together, planting new flowers and plants and keeping this special garden in good shape. A brick in the path marks 2002 as the year the Memory Garden was established. The azaleas planted by the first gardeners are now waist high. Growing along the pond are roses, crape myrtle and oleander. A pergola with a bench and rocking chairs invites you to sit and reflect on the quiet beauty.

The garden was established to perpetuate and honor members of the Osprey Village community, their families and friends. Over the years it has benefited from the generosity of members who donated money through the purchase of bricks or other memorial items including benches, rocking chairs and even a flagpole. Near the entrance grows a lovely orange Pagoda plant urging you to walk down the path.

When the garden was first planned, some residents donated magnolias, crape myrtles, a willow and a dogwood. One of the treasures is a special clone of the Andrew Jackson magnolia planted in the White House garden in the 1830s to honor a local Medal of Honor winner, Major Everett P. Pope. Also, the brick pavement under the pergola highlights many names of loved ones, past and present, including Pope.

The garden has experienced some rough treatment from occasional hurricanes. Matthew and Irma knocked down trees and vines, flooded the annual beds, and broke limbs. Fortunately, the volunteers worked hard to restore things to normal. After several site visits UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Director Rebecca

Jordi, identified several invasive plants that the volunteers removed immediately. This area now features drift roses, golden coreopsis, black-eyed susan, shasta daisies, daylilies, Buddleia, Mexican sage, Dusty Miller and liriopse. There are also peacock ginger, azaleas and abelia in the shady areas.

Since 2002, the volunteer landscape committee members have worked hard to present an area of beauty for quiet contemplation. They are proud of the support given by Osprey Village residents and by the management team. They are busy now making plans for a fundraising event to create a shade garden of oakleaf hydrangea, hosta and cyclamen.

This group of gardeners have done a wonderful job of planting and caring for a beautiful Memory Garden in Osprey Village.

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



Stone with name of Major Everett P. Pope.



The five gardeners are in the pergola.



The magnolia tree that was propagated from a tree planted by President Andrew Jackson.

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ON & OFF THE ISLAND



FBHS HOMECOMING

Fernandina Beach High School will celebrate Homecoming today with a parade starting at 4 p.m. on Centre Street, followed by a 6:50 p.m. Hall of Fame induction ceremony and football game at the high school.

'EVENING WITH THE STARS'

Imagine 26 of your favorite performers on one stage in one show. That's what you're going to get at St. Marys Little Theatre's *An Evening With the Stars*, playing at Theatre by the Trax at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. This is the show's final weekend. 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 or go to Once Upon a Bookseller in downtown St. Marys.

VFW DINNER

The VFW Post 4351 is hosting a prime rib dinner at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, for a \$15 donation. The meal will include prime rib, mashed potatoes with gravy and asparagus with hollandaise. Entertainment by Yancy will follow. For information 432-8791.



OUT AND ABOUT

THIS WEEKEND

Debra Dean, author of the acclaimed novel *The Madonnas of Leningrad*, will talk about her latest book, *Hidden Tapestry: Jan Yoors, His Two Wives, and the War That Made Them One*, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Story & Song Bookstore Bistro. A bizarre tale of love, lust, creativity and lifelong friendships, the book tells the story of Jan Yoors, one of the 20th century's most important textile artists and the polygamous family he formed with his wife and her childhood friend. Yoors' story is known through the two memoirs he wrote before he died, but *Hidden Tapestry* takes his center stage for the first time.

Rehearsals for An Evening in December 2018 will begin at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, 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.

NEXT WEEK

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.

Special guest Mike Hinkle will present "The History of Nassau County" on Thursday, Sept. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilliard Branch Library.

Tickets are on sale at Amelia Community Theatre for the comedy *Ripcord*. Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Lindsay-Abaire and set in an

assisted living facility, it's the story of two competitive residents who take a bet too far. Performances are at 8 p.m. Sept. 27-29 and Oct. 4-6 and 11-13, and at 2 p.m. Oct. 7 at 207 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach. Tickets – \$22 for adults and \$10 for students through college – are available by visiting AmeliaCommunityTheatre.org and by calling 261-6749. Season tickets packages are also available with five shows for \$100 and six shows for \$115.

UPCOMING

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. 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 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 Cochrane's Collision Center, Callahan Cruisers, and AB&B Auto Parts. It is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The kids' play area will start at 10 a.m. with a bouncy house and youth-oriented games.

For information on becoming a vendor, car show participant, volunteer, or sponsor to the 2018 Hobos, Hot Rods,

'SYLVIA' OPENS TONIGHT AT AMP

Amelia Musical Play-house will present A. R. Gurney's *Sylvia* beginning tonight. 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 ameliamusical-playhouse.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.



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and Heroes Festival and Car Show, visit www.wnhsfl.org or call festival co-chairs John Hendricks or Emily Baumgartner at 879-3406.

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

Tours of the history museum, 1881 depot, turpentine artifact exhibit, and 1940s-era caboose will also be conducted. Inside the train depot museum the Historical Society will host a Smithsonian 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 or call festival co-chairs John Hendricks or Emily Baumgartner at 879-3406.

ONGOING

The Island Art Association's Nouveau Art Show, themed "Drip, Drizzle & Splash," will continue through September. Chair for this show is Barb Wylie, and Jacksonville artist, Pablo Rivera was the judge. The gallery is located at 18 N. Second St. in Fernandina Beach. For more information, visit islandart.org.

Local artist Lisa Ingils 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. Oct. 2 and 16, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.
- PJD'S Beer & Wine Garden, 12 S. Second St., 1-4:30 p.m. Sept. 20, Oct. 4 and 18, Nov. 8, and Dec. 6 and 20.

Ballroom On Amelia offers Two for Tuesday

group classes with Cha Cha at 7 p.m. followed by Waltz at 8 p.m. Tuesday classes are \$10 per person or both for \$15. A dance workshop is offered 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays for \$10 per person. Ballroom On Amelia is at 1897 Island Walkway at RAD Studios. Neither a partner nor a reservation is required.

The usual Friday night dance parties are on hold while Ballroom with Amelia partners with Crescendo Amelia for the Kraft Dance Series, which is held the second Friday each month through October.

For information, call 624-0886 or visit ballroomname-lia.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/2xDcFBd.

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

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

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

ACBL Duplicate Bridge, Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Amelia Island Duplicate Bridge Club hosts the only sanctioned ACBL duplicate bridge games on the island. Monday, 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, 1 p.m.

For information, contact fredstokes50@gmail.com or (770) 616-7664.

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

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

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Community Band! The ensemble meets weekly at 6 p.m. Thursdays in the Yulee Middle School band room, 85439 Miner Road. For more information, visit www.nassaucommunityband.com.

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

For an appointment, call 261-7000.

Guests on the Ghost Tour will learn Amelia Island ghost stories while they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era as the past comes alive through the storytelling of your guide.

This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students, or before the tour with check or cash only.

Living in Recovery is a support group organized by the Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition for anyone who recovering from any type of addiction. The goal of this group is to harbor a safe, confidential environment where one can gain support and skills to be successful in recovery.

Meetings are Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Cost is \$10 per meeting. Call 277-3699 or email supportgroups@nacdac.com for information.

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.

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

Jersey Boys' playing one night only in Jax

Dates have been announced for the Jacksonville engagement of the Tony, Grammy and Olivier Award-winning hit musical *Jersey Boys*, the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, playing the Times-Union Center on March 25, 2019 for one performance only.

Jersey Boys is the winner of the 2006 Best Musical Tony Award, the 2006 Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album, the 2009 Olivier Award for Best New Musical and the 2010 Helpmann Award for Best Musical (Australia).

Directed by two-time Tony Award-winner Des McAnuff, *Jersey Boys* is written by Academy Award-winner Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, with music by Bob Gaudio, lyrics by Bob Crewe and choreography by Sergio Trujillo.

Jersey Boys is the behind-the-music story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard – and the radio just couldn't get enough of. While their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story, one that has made them an international sensation all over again. The show features all their hits including "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Oh What A Night," "Walk Like A Man," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" and "Working My Way Back To You."

Jersey Boys opened in New York on Nov. 6, 2005 and by the time it closed over 11 years later on Jan. 15, 2017, it was the 12th longest-running show in Broadway history, passing such original Broadway productions as *42nd Street*, *Grease*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *The Producers*. *Jersey Boys* returned to New York with a new production in November 2017. *The Jersey Boys* U.S. national tour opened to rave reviews in San Francisco on Dec. 1, 2006 and is still break-



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ing house records in cities across North America. *Jersey Boys* worldwide has been seen by over 25 million people (as of August 2017).

The *Jersey Boys* design and production team comprises Klara Zieglerova (scenic design), Jess Goldstein (costume design), Howell Binkley (winner of the 2006 Tony Award for his lighting design of *Jersey Boys*), Steve Canyon Kennedy (sound design), Michael Clark (projections design), Charles LaPointe (wig and hair design), Steve Orich (orchestrations) and Ron Melrose (music supervision, vocal/dance arrangements and incidental music).

Jersey Boys is produced by Dodger Theatricals, Joseph J. Grano, Tamara and Kevin Kinsella, Pelican Group, with Latitude Link and Rick Steiner.

Tickets for *Jersey Boys* begin at \$55 and can be purchased at the box office from

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling (904) 632-5000 or online 24/7 at fscjartistseries.org. Discounts for groups of more than 10 may be available by calling (904) 632-5050.

Performance schedule, prices and cast are subject to change without notice. For more information, please visit fscjartistseries.org.

The Original Broadway cast recording of *Jersey Boys*, produced by Bob Gaudio, was certified Platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America. The cast recording is available on Rhino Records. *Jersey Boys: The Story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons* (Broadway Books) is the official handbook to the smash Broadway hit. *Seasons Greetings: A Jersey Boys Christmas*, a holiday CD featuring international cast members of *Jersey Boys*, produced by Bob Gaudio, is available on Rhino Records.

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Around SCHOOL

FCA STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT MONARCHS



Sharon Randa, back left, who has been raising monarch butterflies for more than five years, recently taught Megan Popham's kindergarten class at Faith Christian Academy about the lifecycle of the insects.

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District continues looking for ways to trim costs

DR. KATHY BURNS
Superintendent
Nassau County School District

This is the last in a three-part series.

Articles one and two in this three-part series were written to inform you, the public, of the school district's current allocations, budget needs, millage rate, and actions taken to reduce the budget and enhance learning. This final article in the series is designed to look closely at where we are today as well as what's ahead.

It's often been said that folks in education just "keep making it work!" And we do. We take what we're given and make the best of it. Our goal is to ensure that the classroom, students, and teachers have what they need first. We also want to be effective, efficient, and excellent in what we do and how we manage our resources. We've tightened our belts and made many changes and improvements over the last two years. We will continue to look for opportunities to be conservative with our resources. There are some things we can do without, BUT we cannot let our budget priorities slip to a level of too many unmet needs that directly impact instruction and the success of students.

We must be keenly aware of the rising shortage of teachers and the issue of teacher salaries. Recruiting and retaining excellent teachers is becoming more and more challenging each year.

Article two in this series noted the role that technology

plays in teaching and learning. Technology deployments for the 2018-19 school year included:

- 3,750 new student devices;
- 300 new teacher workstations;
- 341 interactive flat panel displays for classrooms;
- Microsoft Office 365 for the entire district; and
- digital access to curriculum.

Other technical updates impacting district operations are new:

- data center infrastructure;
- security appliances;
- internet content filters;
- disaster recovery and business continuity site; and
- new online bus routing system.

The total cost of these updates is \$2.7 million.

Computer hardware is only removed from service after five years. Some hardware is kept as spares or for parts. Beginning in the summer of 2018, printers and other peripheral devices are only replaced as needed. Numerous studies on best practices in enterprise device lifecycle have found that replacing devices every three to four years has a lower total cost of ownership. We replace most computers once they are five years old. However, some computers are kept in service longer than five years.

Senate Bill 7026 required us to add to our responsibilities – law enforcement. We have established a school district law enforcement agency: The Nassau District Schools Department of Student Safety. We also hired a district safety specialist, as outlined in the Senate bill. This year there's a law enforcement officer present on every campus. We are working closely with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and the city of Fernandina Beach Police Department to make our schools as safe as possible. Safety is our

top priority, but it doesn't come without significant costs.

Adding to our list of required responsibilities – sheltering in the time of hurricanes. Hurricane Irma cost the school district \$191,000. We must be prepared for hurricane season, which usually means shelters for our residents on short notice. We provide shelter from the storm, food, animal shelters, and transportation.

The school district has established a land/growth committee to assist us in monitoring and addressing growth issues. However, growth is here now, and decisions must be made now as we attempt to stay ahead of the curve.

The School Board meets

annually with other government entities, such as the Board of County Commissioners, the towns of Callahan and Hilliard, and the city of Fernandina Beach. It's important that we work together in addressing current needs and planning for the future. These meetings are meaningful and productive. They allow us to address common concerns, work together to solve problems, and collaborate for the future. Many of the ideas and requests made during these meetings usually come back around to funding. It's an issue for everyone.

Legislated funding is not enough. While the state did increase the funding formula by \$100 per student, the major

portion of that increase was for special items such as school safety and mental health. The increase to the Base Student Allocation of the funding formula only increased \$0.47. This is the portion that can be used to cover increases in operational costs. Our current Full-time Equivalent funding per student from the state funding formula is \$7,413.76.

As stated in an earlier article, balancing our proposed budget required us to dip below the 3 percent reserve. This is not a position we want to maintain. We are working daily to identify areas for additional cuts. In our most recent election cycle, many school districts through-

out the state added to the ballot a "tax referendum" for their local school district. Just a few weeks ago, Clay County voters approved a property tax referendum to pay for the safety-related needs in their district. Will additional sales tax need to be considered in the future to meet the needs of our growing school district? That's a question and a conversation we need to begin NOW.

In closing, the Nassau County School Board remains committed to the safety and success of students. We value your support and input as we work together for the success of EVERY STUDENT and the improvement of our schools. WE ARE NASSAU!

Community First Cares grants \$10k to NEF

The Nassau Education Foundation recently announced it has been granted \$10,000 from Community First Cares Foundation, the charitable arm of Community First Credit Union, according to a news release. The donation is designated for the purchase of the BrainPOP program, an animated educational platform that engages students and supports teachers with cross-curricular digital content. The software will be used in and out of the classroom to enhance learning in all 16 Nassau County public schools.

"The Nassau Education Foundation learned about BrainPOP through a classroom grant request in 2015 and quickly realized how impactful this software could be for teachers and students," said Abby Bean, executive director of the Nassau Education Foundation, in the release. "We are thrilled to welcome the Community First Cares Foundation to our list of donors and partner with them to provide BrainPop to the teachers and students of Nassau County."

Since 2015, the Nassau Education Foundation has leveraged a \$1-to-\$1 match incentive for charitable giving through the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations to fund a district-wide BrainPOP license.

Teachers can utilize BrainPOP to enhance curriculum, adapt the content to teach-

ing standards, and to target each student's learning ability. BrainPOP is especially beneficial for ESE (Exceptional Student Education) and ESL (English as a Second Language) students.

"Our goal this year is to provide all students with an individual login, which will allow them to use the software at home, further enhancing their learning experience," added Bean.

The Community First Cares Foundation is North Florida's only 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation operated by a credit union. Founded in 2013 by Community First, the Community First Cares Foundation is funded by donations from employees, members, and credit union partners as well as annual donations from the credit union. The foundation grants funds to North Florida nonprofit programs and organizations that seek to improve the quality of life for our residents. Programs that enhance and improve the public and private educational systems are a major focus of the Community First Cares Foundation.

Community First serves more than 5,200 members in Nassau County with about \$46 million in deposits at its local branch, which it opened in Yulee in 2008. This fall, the branch will move to a larger, newly constructed outparcel at the Villages of Amelia shopping center on State Road 200/A1A.

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RELIGION

The swamp will drain in the presence of good character

Every day, it seems, someone's pledging to "drain the swamp." Politicians and activists routinely vow to rid Washington of systemic corruption, graft, and shady deals. But the swamp remains foul. And is getting fouler.

We're left to wonder if civility, integrity, and honor are sensible expectations anymore — not just in politics but in business, education, and law; in the home owners' association, and even our own homes. And if they are, how do we get there?

We simply need to choose — and be — people of good character. The Bible tells us exactly what to look for. In 1 Timothy 3:1-7, the Apostle Paul lists the qualifications for church leaders, and he makes one thing instantly clear: Leadership is about character. Paul mentions one skill — "able to teach." And he insists that church leaders have some experience; verse six tells us they are not to be "recent converts." Other than that, leadership comes down to character.

Some might balk, pointing out that Paul's talking about the church; surely things are different in the real world. But here's what's interesting about the 1 Timothy list: These qualifications are required of everyone. Somewhere in Scripture, every believer is commanded to exhibit these same char-



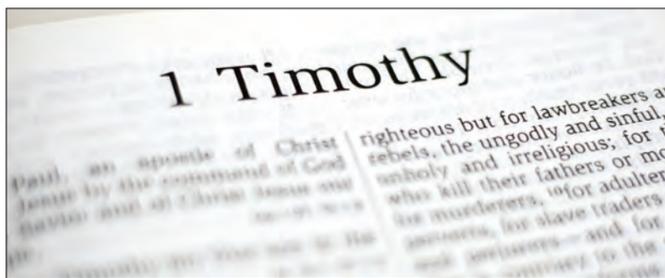
PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Richard Doster

acteristics. Which means that leaders aren't required to possess some super set of virtues, they're simply to be visible examples of good behavior.

The list isn't exactly awe-inspiring. In fact, theologian D.A. Carson is overwhelmed. These traits, he says, are "remarkable for being unremarkable. Every church is meant to be full of men and women who display these traits."

These are the basics. They're the fundamental qualities we need for people, institutions, and society to thrive. They're the virtues that not only nourish us, they protect us. Where these qualities are present, moral swamps can't possibly form. The Apostle Paul begins by telling Timothy, "An overseer must be above reproach." The Greek word here is a legal term that means "innocent before the law." When someone's above reproach, it's impossible to bring a credible charge against them. These are people who have been honorable for so long that any serious accusation



seems absurd. They've earned a good reputation. They've won respect. They reflect well on the Christian faith. And they're the examples we hope our kids and grandkids will follow.

But what is the example? What, precisely, makes someone above reproach? According to God's infallible Word, people of good character are sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, and able to teach. If they drink, they do so moderately. They're gentle, reasonable, and easy to get along with. They're charitable, not greedy. They manage their household well. Those who have children are involved parents who instill Christian values. What's more, people of good character are humble, not arrogant. They respect those who hold different beliefs and enjoy a good reputation outside the church.

But before all that, Paul tell us, an honorable man must be a faithful husband.

It's telling, in this cultural moment, that men of good character must be "the husband of one wife." Or, as often translated, a "one-woman man." This doesn't mean leaders must be married; Paul's talking generally, to the most common set of circumstances, and he's telling us that admirable men are sexually moral and would never violate their marriage vows.

Howard Marshall, a New Testament scholar, emphasized that this was positive statement, not a prohibition. He pointed out how it stresses faithfulness, sexual purity, and unqualified devotion. Theologian John MacArthur goes further, explaining that some men, though married, fail to measure up. Some men, MacArthur

says, are unfaithful. So, despite the fact that they remain married, they fall well short of the biblical standard. A one-woman man, MacArthur says, is "devoted in his heart and mind to his wife. He loves, desires, and thinks only of her. He maintains sexual purity in both his thought life and his conduct."

On this side of mankind's fall, we know that no one's perfect. Every man has relished a lustful thought a bit too long. Every man has let his eyes linger where they shouldn't. But the men Paul describes are quick to repent, and they know where to go for God's forgiveness.

Paul puts this at the top of this list because being a one-woman man is about more than sex (though not less). It encompasses commitment, truth, unconditional love, faithfulness, and full devotion.

If we're serious about draining the swamp, we'll choose leaders who aspire to this kind of character. And within the church, we'll do our best to set a good example.

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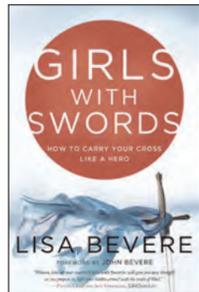
Hope House worship

Join us at noon Sept. 25 as we pray 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.

Ladies Bible study

All ladies of the community are invited to participate in an eight-week Bible study at First Presbyterian Church, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 2.

The class will be from 10 a.m. to noon.



Meg Rensberry will be leading an ecumenical study of the book *Girls with Swords* by Lisa Bevere. The study will take place in Jim Thomas Fellowship Hall located at 9 N. Sixth St. Childcare is available by reservation. Call the church office at 261-3837 to register and reserve your space. Books for this study will be \$20, payable at the first class meeting.

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

Might. The month of Will begins Sept. 27. 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.



Food help needed

The Salvation Army Hope House's Emergency Food Pantry is pretty bare. We currently need dried and canned legume beans, boxed helper-type meals, stuffing and instant mashed potatoes, cereal and breakfast bars, canned fruit, any kind of soup, pasta sauce, jelly and single serving bottled water. Donations can be brought to The Salvation Army Hope House, 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach, between 10 a.m. and noon and 1 and 4 p.m.

College-age Bible study

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

Under the Silver Balloon

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Two worship services offered at Prince of Peace Lutheran

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.

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

SENIOR ANGEL TREE PROGRAM



Applications are being accepted through 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.

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