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It's official: County taxes have gone up

PAMELA BUSHNELL
News-Leader

County property taxes have gone up. On Sept. 24, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners approved a final budget for the coming 2018-19 fiscal year of \$227,331,063. The new county-wide millage rate is 7.4278, a 19.6-percent increase over the "roll-back rate," a rate where the same amount of ad valorem tax revenue as collected last year would have been generated. Also

increased was the millage rate for the Municipal Service Taxing District, applied to unincorporated areas of the county, now at 2.3093. The rate for the Amelia Island beach re-nourishment "sand tax" will remain at 0.1021 mills.

Commissioner George Spicer cast the one dissenting vote on all ad valorem tax increases.

According to Nassau County Budget Director Justin Stankiewicz, the need for increased property tax revenues included changes in the county's "Five-

Year Plan," which includes the creation of 16.5 new positions, most of them in Fire Rescue; the cost of completing Fire Station 71 on Chester Road; an increased budget for general drainage repair, and the allocation of matching funds for multiple road projects funded by the state Department of Transportation.

The millage increases are projected to generate an additional \$10,607,484 in income for the county.

Along with the gas tax estimated to bring in another \$1,280,557, a total of

\$11,888,041 more income is anticipated for the fiscal year 2018-19 budget, which starts Oct. 1.

Stankiewicz provided a document showing how the funds are allocated, with the majority going to the Engineering and Road and Bridge departments followed by Fire Rescue.

When asked by a concerned citizen to explain why the adjustment in the Municipal Service Taxing District showed an increase of 45.66 percent over the roll-back rate, Stankiewicz

pointed out there had not been an increase in this millage rate over the last 10 years, and many long-delayed projects are now having to be addressed.

About 15 citizens attended the meeting with three individuals addressing the board with concerns about higher taxes. One spoke about his preference for finding ways to cut costs before raising taxes. Two others inquired whether taxes were being raised because of costs

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HISTORIC MEETS VINTAGE



The Friends of Fort Clinch State Park held a car show Sept. 22. According to Park Manager Heath Alboher, the show raised more than \$1,000 with 64 cars and attracted more than 1,200 visitors to the park. Funds from the event will be used to fund restoration projects at Fort Clinch as well as community projects. DEREMER STUDIOS/SPECIAL

City manager recommends paid parking at the beach

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At a workshop held Sept. 25, City Manager Dale Martin brought to the Fernandina Beach City Commission the results of a beach parking committee's research on paid beach parking. Martin said that, after studying the data, he recommends the city start charging people to park their vehicles at the beach — in the city's primary beachside lots and on the sand — from April 1 until Sept. 30 each year.

If implemented, people would pay to park in city-owned lots at Main Beach and at Seaside Park. Martin said those spaces account for approximately 340 of the 900 total parking spaces owned by the city that are associated with the beach.

"These are the only lots that we are discussing with regard to (paid parking), the lots associated with Main Beach — Dolphin, the one that's labeled Wolf parking lot, and the skate parking lot, the Fletcher lot, which is in front of the Putt-Putt, and the beach lot, which is by the Sandbar Restaurant," the city manager explained. "We have the Seaside lot and the Sadler lot, and also incorporated into our review is the on-beach parking at Seaside."

The money the city would receive from paid parking would be used exclusively for beach-related expenses, such as Beach Rangers, cleaning up the beach and maintenance of city-owned beach accesses. Those costs are continuing to rise, commissioners said, and right now taxes provide the only revenue source.

"For all of the people that are against paid beach parking, how high do you want your taxes to go?" Commissioner Phil Chapman asked. "Beach cleanup is not going to get any cheaper. The cost of a lifeguard is not going to go down. When you look down the road at the increases in these costs to the city, are you willing to say, 'I'll pay an extra \$100 a year, \$200 a year to take care of these expenses?'"

Martin began the workshop by peppering the commission with the questions the committee worked to answer during its discussions of paid beach parking. Those questions accompanied a slide show explaining the issues.

After over a dozen points illustrated in the slides, Martin revealed the presentation was originally presented to the commission in 2010.

Martin broke down the costs of beach maintenance and safety this way: "Based upon a preliminary analysis by (city comptrollers) Miss Clifford and Miss Testagrose ... Ocean Rescue is a little over \$300,000, Beach Rangers are about \$85,000, beach cleanup is \$40,000, maintenance is \$7,000, signage is \$3,000, for a total of approximately \$460,000," he said. "The city is reimbursed from the county and (Amelia Island Tourist Development Council) in the amount of \$160,000, meaning the net cost to the city for beach operations is about \$300,000."

But, there are other costs associated with the city's beaches.

"One thing we did not consider

PARKING Continued on 5A



JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER
Parking kiosks like this one could be placed at Main Beach and Seaside Park if the city implements paid beach parking in order to fund costs associated with beaches.



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Local attorney and lobbyist Arthur I. "Buddy" Jacobs hosted a fundraiser Saturday for Rep. John Rutherford.

Candidates raise funds for election

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Candidates for North Florida offices were in Fernandina Beach last Saturday to attend fundraising events.

John Rutherford, 4th Congressional District representative, attended a brunch hosted at the home of local attorney and lobbyist Arthur I. "Buddy" Jacobs.

Ges Selmont, who is running against Rutherford, attended the annual low country boil hosted by the Nassau County Democratic Party.

Billee Bussard, the Democratic candidate for the District 4 state Senate seat currently held by Aaron Bean, and Nathcelly Rohrbach, who is running for the Florida House of Representatives District 11 seat currently held by Cord Byrd, also rubbed elbows with local supporters.

Both Rutherford and Selmont commented on the Senate's Supreme Court confirmation hearings for Judge Brett Kavanaugh, currently underway.

Several women have come forward

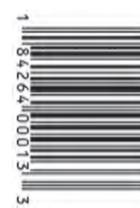
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SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON
2018 Nests: 164 Hatchlings: 11,768

For details visit ameliaislandseaturtlewatch.com



2017 Nests: 226 Hatchlings: 12,650
2016 Nests: 204 Hatchlings: 13,550

Please turn off or redirect lights shining directly on the beach.

OBITUARIES

C. Lloyd Smith

C. Lloyd Smith of Amelia Island, Fla., passed away peacefully at his home September 26, 2018, surrounded by his loving family. Prior to Amelia Island, Mr. Smith resided in Atlantic Beach for 23 years.

Mr. Smith grew up in Jacksonville, Fla. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order at Wake Forest University and served as president of the Kappa Alpha Alumni Chapter in 1981. As the president and chairman of Lloyd Smith III and Associates, Inc., his career centered on real estate and property management where he served as general partner for multiple real estate investment trusts. Formerly, Mr. Smith was a vice president of Charter Advisory Company and Guardian Mortgage Investors. Mr. Smith was also president of Oakwood Homes, served as a consultant for various commercial banks and served as a federal court-appointed receiver.

Mr. Smith was a perpetual member of Amelia Masonic Lodge No. 47, where he was a catechism instructor and was named Amelia Lodge Mason of the Year in 2003. He was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite perpetual Mason in the Valley of Jacksonville and a York Rite Mason. Mr. Smith had a passion for helping others and no place was this more evident than his philanthropic work as a Shriner. He was president of the Fernandina Beach Shrine Club in 2003, member of the board of directors and also served as its secretary. He chaired many Shrine golf fundraisers and was named FBSC Shriner of the Year in 2003. Mr. Smith was also a member of Morocco Shrine Center in Jacksonville, serving on various committees. He was an Ambassador at Large and named Shriner of the Year by Morocco in 2004. As a board member of the Tampa Shriner's Hospital for Children, Mr. Smith served on the executive committee and as secretary. Mr. Smith was also a member of Jacksonville Court 90 Royal Order of Jesters.

Mr. Smith was the ultimate family man whose love and generosity knew no bounds. His friendships ran deep and lasted a lifetime. His word was better than any contract. He was tough on the outside and soft on the inside. He had a lifetime love of golf and was happy to take you in any card game. He would want to be remembered as a loving, honest and honorable man.

Mr. Smith was predeceased by his parents, Dot and Lloyd Smith of Jacksonville. He is survived by his beautiful wife and partner of 48 years, Marie; his sons, Lloyd (Sue) and Erik (Stacy); his sister, Diann (Bodie); his grandson, Logan; and his extended family.

Memorials may be made to Community Hospice and Palliative Care, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257; the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2900 North Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607; or the charity of your choice.

A family service to remember his life will be held at a later date.

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

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Stephen Thomas Van Delinder

Stephen Thomas Van Delinder, 30, of Denver, Colo., passed away earlier this month in Denver.

Born in Charlotte, N.C., Stephen was the son of Thomas H. and Jane S. Van Delinder. He was a graduate of Appalachian State University and studied at New York University.

Stephen was a co-founder and chief operating officer of Reputation Resolution, an internet and reputation consulting firm in Denver. Stephen was an astute and results-oriented young businessman whose personal reputation was one of dedication to his clients and his firm. He was the author of several published articles on branding and marketing.

Stephen loved to travel. He had travelled to over 30 countries. When travelling, he took full advantage of the experiences each country had to offer. From backpacking through Europe for over nine months to riding elephants in Thailand to zip lining in Laos, he took advantage of every adventure. While in China, Stephen spent two months teaching English as a second language to children.

Stephen loved the outdoors and was an avid hiker and snow boarder. Living in Denver, he took full advantage of the many outdoor opportunities there. He and his dad regularly enjoyed spending time, among other things, hiking and off-roading together. Stephen was his father's best friend and was very close to his mother and sister.

Stephen brought out the best in everyone he met. He had an infectious fun-loving, adventuresome spirit. His helpful, caring personality brought joy and happiness to his family and many friends. He leaves a void in our lives that will never be filled.

He leaves behind his parents, Tom and Jane Van Delinder of Fernandina Beach; his sister, Diana Schroeder and her husband, Mark, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and his paternal grandmother, Sylvia Van Delinder of Kingsland, Ga., as well as many extended family members and friends.

Stephen was laid to rest in Bosque Bello Cemetery in a private family service.

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

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

DEATH NOTICES

Francis A. Loeb, 85, passed away September 23, 2018. No local services are planned at this time.

Green Pine Funeral Home, Cremations & Cemetery

Walter Matthew Luke, 91, of Amelia Island, Fla., passed away September 18, 2018.

Green Pine Funeral Home, Cremations & Cemetery

June Y. Salsbury, 77, passed away September 25, 2018.

Green Pine Funeral Home, Cremations & Cemetery

IN MEMORIAM

Blanche B. Williams
7/31/19 – 10/28/13

Perry M. Williams
11/26/14 – 7/28/08

Now in God's hands - STILL in our Hearts
Death leaves heartache no one can heal.
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.
Those we love remain with us, For Love itself lives on.
Cherished memories never fade Because a loved one is gone.
Those we love can never be, More than a thought apart
For as long as there is a memory, They will live on in our heart.
The Children and Other Family Members and Friends

Fundraiser breakfast

Friends of Michael Barry, who is a lung cancer patient and husband of Lauren Lowe Barry, will host a pancake breakfast 7:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, to help raise funds for Barry's treatment. The meal will consist of pancakes, eggs, grits, sausage and a beverage. Tickets are \$10 each. The event will take place in St. Peter's Church Hall. For more information, contact Sue Powell or Joni Reid at 335-0492 or 556-6767.

Tree Conservancy meeting

The Amelia Tree Conservancy is hosting an open meeting 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, for citizens who care about preserving the island's trees and undeveloped land. The meeting will be held at Story & Song Bookstore Bistro, located at 1430 Park Ave. in Fernandina Beach. For information about ATC, visit amelia-treeconservancy.com.

FRWN cruise for scholarship

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. The cruise will include a two-hour narrated tour from Fernandina Beach to Cumberland Island. Pizza, beer and water will be served. Reservations are \$50 per person. Marilyn Evans Jones, a former member of the Florida House of Representatives, spearheaded the start of the GOP in Nassau County and was one of the founders of the FRWN. Due to her accomplishments, the scholarship is in her honor. The scholarship is open to all Nassau County high school seniors, both male and female, who will be attending college or technical school after graduation. The fundraiser is to be able to provide a student this opportunity. The more funds raised, the larger the scholarship that will be given in the spring. The applications go to high school counselor offices or can be requested at the FRWN Office. It will be announced in the *News-Leader*. Contact Amelia River Cruises at 261-9972 or ameliarivercruises.com to reserve a spot on the cruise.

Blood drive at Legion Oct. 6

The American Legion Post 54 will sponsor a blood drive 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at its location at 626 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach. All donors will receive a free cancer awareness T-shirt and a wellness checkup. There is a great need for donated blood this time of the year. Remember that donating one pint can help save three lives. Make an appointment online at oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code "32627." Call 261-7900 with any questions.

LGBTQ support group begins

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 welcome.

Retired educators to meet

The Nassau Retired Educators will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Yulee Full Service School. All former educators and staff from all Florida counties and all other states are welcome.

Tobacco Free class

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.

NACDAC hosting meeting

Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition (NACDAC) will host its quarterly Coalition meeting at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Training Room at the Fernandina Beach Police Department on Lime Street. The guest speaker for the meeting will be Emma Slier from the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition. Slier is the director of Prevention and will have a presentation on the opioid epi-

demio and the outreaching effects in our community.

Light refreshments will be served, and the public is encouraged to attend. The Coalition is looking for partners to expand, inform and serve the needs of our county.

Please plan on attending this informative event and RSVP to rachelstokes@nacdac.com by Oct. 19 by 4 p.m.

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 needs 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 details call 277-0600 or email nhfvolunteers@gmail.com. Learn more at nassauhabitat-forhumanity.org.

Arthritis exercise program

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

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, in the Eight Flags Shopping Center on South 14th Street or go online to Nassauhumesociety.com and click on Volunteer. For information, call 321-0022.

Be a zookeeper

Amelia Residents in Action for the Symphony sponsors a program each

Interim county manager meeting with public

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

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 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 Belson at 491-8358 or 476-2037, or gbelson@bellsouth.net, or visit www.thebelsongroup.com

Gun classes for everyone

Pistol and revolver gun classes for beginners to advanced shooters are given by NRA-certified instructor and retired state and federal law enforcement officer Frank P. Covie and held at the convenience of each person starting any weekday except Wednesday.

Both basic and personal protection classes are available and including classroom, range shooting and no-cost use of a .22 pistol and rifle including ammo. Contact 277-4144, 603-491-7017, or fpc99@comcast.net for complete info.

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.

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.

Ghost Tour

Guests on this tour will learn Amelia Island ghost stories while they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era. This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday and lasts approximately one hour. 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 from the guide with check or cash only.

Energy bill assistance

Nassau County residents are entitled to receive a summer home energy payment of up to \$475 toward their electric or gas bill through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Call the toll free number - 844-625-8776. Appointments can be scheduled through an interactive voice response (IVR) system or through operators.

• Appointments can be scheduled up to 14 calendar days in advance.

Effective immediately, the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency Inc. has changed to an automated appointment

UPDATE Continued on 6A

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Nassau County's
Crematorium

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.



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Nassau County Budget Director Justin Stankiewicz, left, and Interim County Manager and County Attorney Mike Mullin refuted citizen concerns about Wildlight being to blame for property tax increases.

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related to the Wildlight development.

County Interim Manager and County Attorney Mike Mullin pointed out the county's only commitment to Wildlight to date is to cover 12 percent of the costs of seven public roads in the development. Said Mullin, "The county is not building any roads (in Wildlight)."

Mullin explained these monies are being accrued in a special fund to reimburse the developer for the county's share in building the roads.

Stankiewicz added, "I don't have the figures in front of me, but I think to date ... we've collected less than \$10,000 in that fund."

As to the projects being funded by the tax increases, Stankiewicz indicated he expects to hear regular status reports. "What I expect in the next five years are quarterly updates from our county manager to give us (information about) what's going on with those projects, whether we are following timelines and making sure those projects are getting done for the citizens of Nassau County," Stankiewicz said.

In other business, the board unanimously approved changes to the Local Housing Assistance Plan (SHIP guidelines) to make it possible for more low- to moderate-income applicants to qualify for state funds for assistance in purchasing, building or repairing their homes. Changes included

raising the eligibility requirement for the purchase price of a home, increasing rehabilitation assistance, and one-year of financial assistance to help a homeowner purchase insurance.

The board also unanimously passed an amendment to the county ordinance to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages beginning at 7 a.m. on Sundays in additional unincorporated areas of the county east of Interstate 95. This rule already applies to Amelia Island.

The meeting was attended by all five county commissioners and by county staff including Mullin, Stankiewicz, Planning & Economic Opportunity Director Taco Pope and Public Works Director Becky Hiers-Bray.

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ALMOST THERE



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The Florida Highway Patrol said no one was injured in this wreck Monday afternoon on State Road 200/A1A in front of ABC Fine Wine & Spirits. FHP Trooper Ray Ruiz said Aynsley Rhea Dickinson, 40, of Fernandina Beach, was traveling east on the highway when she attempted to turn into the store, which is located west of the Thomas J. Shave Jr. Bridge. Dickinson turned too wide, the trooper said, and slid into a power pole, which broke and landed on her car. No one was transported at the scene. Ruiz said he believed Dickinson would be cited for taking the turn too wide. No other vehicles were involved, and power was not interrupted at the store.

Annual salaries in FY 2016-17 for key county positions

Animal Services director	\$69,966
Board of County Commissioners, each commissioner	\$47,423
Building Department's interim building official	\$79,751
Contract Management and Purchasing manager	\$60,151
County attorney	\$180,130
County manager	\$153,750
(The board approved in June an additional \$7,500 a month for County Attorney Mike Mullin while he acts as the interim county manager.)	
Emergency Management director	\$74,281
Engineering Services and Public Works director	\$120,514
Extension services (Nassau County's portion)	\$33,063
Facilities Maintenance director	\$86,181
Fire and Rescue chief	\$99,598
Human Resources director	\$99,598
Nassau County Public Library director	\$92,456
Office of Management and Budget director	\$109,558
Planning and Economic Opportunity director	\$97,169

Source: Nassau County

POLITICAL BRIEFS

Meet the Democratic candidate for District 11's House seat



Nathcelly for Florida will be holding an event between 2 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. The public is invited to meet Nathcelly Leroy Rohrbaugh, the Democratic candidate for Florida State House of Representatives, District 11.

Nathcelly for Florida invites voters to learn about Rohrbaugh's plans for addressing the challenges facing Nassau County and Florida. During the event, he will be

discussing issues relating to:

- Education
- Public beach access
- Economy
- Responsible development
- Healthcare
- Environment

The event will be held at 96074 Chester Road in Yulee. Beverages and snacks will be served.

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A pain in the foot

Retiring from being self-employed in the car business, there was nobody to give me a present. For some unfortunate reason, my coincidental gift/curse has been plantar fasciitis. I feel like the bad kid who gets coal in his stocking. Welcome to the big page two and this pain in the foot development.

Opinions, remedies, and stories are many. I bought two types of inserts, iced my foot, and did stretches. With no luck, it was on to the foot and ankle doctor who confirmed that I had plantar. He highly recommended a shot, which I agreed to. It did not help. Going back for my one month follow up next week.

Shoes had been mentioned as a contributor to this malady. In Asheville, I went to Discount Shoes, a mega privately owned, 40-year-old establishment. Fred, an older guy who had been around, said, "Take off your shoes." He got out the classic, metal foot device that measures your feet. Remember being a kid when the clerk and your parents wanted to measure your feet? Old-school Fred was a believer in not only the length measurement, but most importantly, the width. He said the width was your shoe size. Also, in my case, standing up on the device delivers a longer length.

Fred said I was a 13-medium, not the 11-wides that I had been buying. He told me not to buy the 11s in my hand. Stunned, I put them back, because we were already running late. My sister-in-law asked me to fill in for her massage a day later. Ingrid told me to go to Foot RX in Asheville and get checked out by the pros in athletic shoes.

Guess what high tech Foot RX had? About five old-school foot measures. Morgan did what Fred did, and said I was indeed a 13. Why, for 10 or 15 years, had I not had my foot measured? Why would a foot doctor not ever discuss shoe size?



KEFFER'S CORNER

Rick Keffer

I use the space for this week's column to alert mature readers that their feet indeed can grow and the wrong shoes can have consequences. The arch was misplaced in my shoes and may have caused or contributed to plantar. For now, I cannot walk a long distance at one time. I can get in a round of golf, and will do so this Friday with Christopher, in my new size 13 golf shoes.

At the Foot RX store, I purchased two pair of athletic shoes and specialty socks. Hollie was measured and got a pair also. We went back to Discount Shoes and rewarded them for Fred's correct opinion on my size. We bought seven pairs to begin the hopeful size benefits.

While it pains me to admit this unfortunate ailment, the potential benefit to readers outweighs my vanity. In an era when shoe departments primarily are box providers, take time to find an old school foot-measuring device and slide your foot to the back and stand up. Make sure to measure the side width, which is all-important. There were also nifty gel pads to step on at Foot RX that created an imprint and image of the bottom of your foot. Handy, but we started with the old school measurement at the high tech store. You know I love that.

If your shoes feel a bit too snug when you try them on, do not assume your feet are temporarily swollen, as I often did. Get a current measurement.

Will it ever cool off? It will as we head toward October, a great weather month. Norms are 79 high and 64 low, with only five days of rain. Rain averages July, August, and September? All 10 days. Oct. - 5 days, Nov. - 4 days, Dec. - 5 days. Dry and pleasant. Just can't help but share some numbers. Have a good week.

CEO of Baptist Health of NE Fla. to retire

A. Hugh Greene announced in a news release Wednesday that he plans to retire as CEO and president of Baptist Health of Northeast Florida after a new CEO is selected in 2019. Greene, 65, joined the organization in 1989 and has served 18 years as president and CEO.

"Everything and everyone has their season," Greene said in the release. "I consider myself most fortunate to have led this great organization through almost two decades of success during a time of rapid change. I chose this time to begin a transition of leadership because we are in a position of strength at a pivotal period in health care, and I am very confident in Baptist Health's continued success in the future."

Greene is credited with expanding the organization's focus to include the area's

largest primary care network, comprehensive adolescent and adult behavioral care, the region's only dedicated heart hospital, and strategic partnerships and alliances such as Coastal Community Health, Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center and Walgreens.

Well known for his commitment to social responsibility, Greene was the founding chair of JaxCare, a program for the working uninsured.

Greene received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the *Jacksonville Business Journal* in 2018.

In accordance with Baptist Health's succession planning process, the board of directors will be launching a nationwide search for a successor.

"The incoming CEO could be chosen as early as next spring or as late as next winter. We are not in a hurry," Baptist



SOURCE: BAPTIST HEALTH

Health Chairman Richard Sisisky said in the release.

"What's most important is finding the person with the right character, cultural fit, and com-

mitment to our mission ... someone who will continue a legacy of thought leadership in Northeast Florida and throughout health care nationally."



JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER

Democratic candidates Nathcelly Rohrbaugh, Billee Bussard, and Ges Selmont attended a low country boil on Saturday, an annual fundraiser held by the Nassau County Democratic Party.

CANDIDATES *Continued from 1A*

recently with allegations of sexual assault by Kavanaugh. At least one of the women, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, was scheduled to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday.

Rutherford called Kavanaugh "a remarkable man and jurist," and had concerns about the order of the testimony from Ford

and Kavanaugh.

"I understand her concern about appearing before the committee, but I question some things, like that he has to go first. That turns the system on its head, and gives her concessions. I hope they can work on it so she can present her story, but the Senate needs to move forward with the confirmation of this - a man of remarkable character and integrity, until she

displays something beyond what she has said."

Selmont called the allegations against Kavanaugh "troubling."

"We need to slow the process down and vet him. He will be given an opportunity to tell his story," Selmont said. "It is a lifetime appointment, and very important that it is done right."

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The Turner family has been in the hardware business in Jacksonville for 4 generations. Steve Turner leads a devoted and knowledgeable staff who is dedicated to helping customers with all of their hardware needs.

The staff also is available to help get your home and business to-do lists DONE! The greenhouse, offers a plethora of lawn and garden accessories, such as a huge selection of ceramic pots, fountains, wind chimes, birdbaths, decorative benches, stepping-stones and plants galore, including shrubs, trees, roses, annuals, perennials, orchids, palms, tropicals, vegetables, herbs and much more.

Inside, customers will find the latest products such as the new Benjamin Moore-Aura paint with no VOCs and no odor. Other top-of-the-line brands include Stihl power equipment, Toro Mowers, Myers pumps, Weber and the Big Green Egg Smoker and Grill, Egg accessories, Traeger, Green Mountain and Delta Heat grills (assembly & delivery available). Yeti coolers and Yeti cups in decorative colors, Hunter and Rainbird irrigation accessories, Kingsley Bate, casual furniture, CRP Poly Furniture. Large Birding dept! Whole corn, layer, scratch, and Taste of the Wild dogfood, Case & Benchmade knives. Turner Ace now features the Ace Rewards program, in which customers receive money-saving coupons and additional discounts on many items each month.

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NEW MARINA ADVISORY BOARD



In its first meeting held Sept. 24, the Fernandina Beach Marina Advisory Board elected officers and set a time for its monthly meetings. The board was appointed by the City Commission and is made up of seven voting members and two alternates.

The board elected Amelia River Cruises Captain Kevin McCarthy, above, as its chair, Cathy Chapman as the vice chair, and former marina manager Coleman Langshaw as recording secretary. Other members are Paul Lore, Allen Mills, Scott Steward, Marina Manager Joe Springer, Joe Blanchard, and Terry Lacoss.

Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month in City Commission chambers.

JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER

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is that this does not get into the capital improvements about beach walkovers, about parking lot maintenance, lighting, things like that," Martin said.

Two different consultants, NuPark and Parkeon, gave estimates of annual revenues from paid beach parking of \$450,000 to \$550,000.

Startup costs would be \$200,000, Martin said, and annual maintenance approximately \$25,000.

Martin also gave a breakdown of the planned rates: "The intent or the recommendation will be that we incorporate the seasonal paid parking April 1 through September 30," he said. "Rates recommended are \$1 per hour, \$5 per day, \$10 for the weekend (48 hours), \$24 weekly, \$40 monthly and \$100 for the entire season. If you pay these fees, your parking is allowed anywhere on the Main Beach lots or anywhere on the Seaside lots, with the exception of on the beach.

"We would have a premium charge to park on the beach. The daily rate for on-beach parking would be \$10, the weekly rate would be \$40, a monthly rate would be \$100 and a seasonal rate would be \$400."

There would be no charge anywhere on city beaches at any city parking lots from Oct. 1 through March 31. The charges would apply across the board to residents and non-residents alike. They are per-car, and are non-transferrable.

Martin said that, while city taxes

pay costs related to the beach, many visitors, according to research, do not pay property taxes, and often do not stay overnight in a hotel, so they do not pay the "bed tax," which provides one source of revenue.

He presented the commission with other information from a past survey conducted by the AITDC in 2015.

"The TDC surveyed visitors to beaches (at Main Beach and Seaside)," Martin said. "Approximately one-third to a quarter are residents of Amelia Island. Another third to almost half are just visiting for the day. Half at Seaside Beach to 20 percent at Main Beach are actually visitors staying overnight."

Martin emphasized that the revenue from paid beach parking would be strictly used for beach-related expenses.

"The intent ... is to set up a special revenue fund so that all monies from beach parking stay segregated and remain associated solely with beach operations," Martin said. "They do not get shifted over to the general fund. They do not support any other general fund activity."

Vice Mayor Len Kreger said that beach infrastructure, which Martin said was not figured into the cost of beach maintenance, is a significant expense.

"We are in a serious, serious problem with our infrastructure on these beaches," Kreger said. "I think we have 30 walkovers and 20 walkthroughs. If you've been out

there lately, you've seen the condition of them. This money's going to be dedicated, but it's just a drop in the bucket. If there's \$200,000 left, that's not even one walkover, based on the revenues. We have deferred these capital costs for many years. It's going to cost us some big bucks."

No study was done to project revenues if the residents of Fernandina Beach did not have to pay for parking.

Martin said that study could be done, but if residents were excluded from having to pay, he said, they would use the prime spots, forcing those who would otherwise have to pay into free parking spaces. "So, you lose some of the revenue that non-residents would be willing to pay," he said.

Martin said the issue will be on the agenda for the Oct. 16 City Commission meeting, and said he will recommend implementing paid beach parking, as the revenue stream is needed to prevent undue financial burden to city residents.

"We are on the cusp of possibly raising taxes in order to pay for conservation, whether we do it through a Municipal Service Taxing Unit or a bond," he said. "The cost of beach operations is likely to continue to go up. There is a number of visitors that come to the island that have no financial stake, so residents who pay the taxes are going to bear the costs, which are continuing to rise, of beach programs. This is a source of revenue that I think cannot be overlooked."

More on amendments

This week's summary (part three) of November's proposed constitutional amendments is satirically sponsored by the Citizens for Truth, who provided to me one of the many mailers related to one of the many amendments. Interestingly enough, none of those mailers included the actual language or summary of the ballot proposals! Let me continue to offer information related to the proposed amendments (the first six amendments have been shared over the past two weeks).

Question No. 7 is titled "First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities." This question continues the streak of proposals offered by the Constitutional Review Commission as a "bundle" of completely unrelated issues. The CRC placed this question on the ballot with a 30-7 vote. This proposal has several components.

First, if passed, this amendment would require the employers of first responders and members of the military to provide death benefits to surviving spouses if the first responder died in the course of official duties. "First responders" are defined, in amended Article X, as "a firefighter, a paramedic, an emergency medical technician, a law enforcement officer, a correctional or correctional probation officer, or a member of the Florida National Guard." In addition to death benefits, certain educational expenses would be waived for surviving spouses and children pursuing a career certificate or an undergraduate or postgraduate education.

Second, the proposed amendment makes it more difficult to raise college fees by requiring a two-thirds vote by both the university's board of trustees and the state board of governors. Please be aware that the proposed amendments definition of "fees" specifically EXCLUDES tuition.

Finally, the current structure of the state's system of higher education would be codified in the constitution. Through my preliminary research, I have not found any instance of public opposition or support (other than the original CRC vote) for this question. In general, if you vote "yes," you support death benefits for first responders and military members, make it more difficult to increase college fees, and enshrine the college system structure in the constitution. If you vote "no," you don't support those changes.

Question No. 8 also has several parts, and, although again somewhat specifically distinct, the parts are, in general, related to education (but still complex). The title of this question is "School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools." This proposal was included on the ballot following a 27-10 CRC vote.

First, the proposed amendment would institute term limits (two four-year terms) for school board members. Second, the proposed amendment would restrict local



CITY NOTES

Dale Martin

proposal, if passed, would require the state legislature to pass laws to ensure public school students "understand and are prepared to exercise their rights and responsibilities as citizens of a constitutional republic."

The primary division regarding this proposal appears to coalesce around the local control of non-public schools component of the question. In summary, should local boards of education maintain their current oversight of non-public schools? The supporters and opponents of this proposal will likely focus on this component.

Question No. 9 is the most egregious example of this year's CRC bundling: "Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces." If anyone on the CRC (they supported the inclusion of this measure 33-3, one non-voting) could explain the rationale of tie-barring these issues, I'd love to hear it.

The measure would ban offshore oil and gas drilling within the seas of Florida's territorial waters. (Although those products could still be transported through those areas.) The proposal would also ban the use of vapor-generating electronic devices in indoor workplaces. Some allowances are made for private residences not being used for commercial childcare, adult daycare, or health care; for retail tobacco and vapor-generating device shops; for designed smoking guest rooms in hotels; and in stand-alone bars.

It appears, obviously, that most support or opposition to this proposal is related to the offshore ban rather than the vaping component.

According to the Nassau County Supervisor of Elections, mail-in ballots will begin to be distributed next week. If you can be a little patient, I'll conclude my summary of the constitutional ballot proposals next Friday. You still have time to register to vote, to request a mail-in ballot, and, most importantly, study the ballot. Election Day is still over a month away on Nov. 6.

Dale Martin is the city manager of Fernandina Beach.

Editor's note: The Florida Supreme Court ruled on Sept. 7 that the proposed amendment No. 8 "is stricken" from the Nov. 6 general election ballot. The ruling is at <http://bit.ly/2NjvQD4>.

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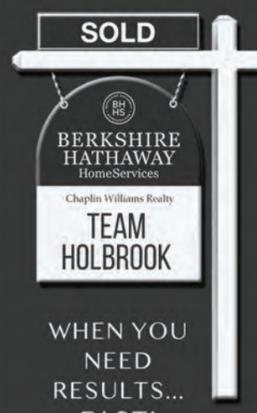
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Local agencies provide help for families in need

LINDA GREEN
Special to the News-Leader

The Friends of the Library presented a roundtable of agencies helping families in need in Nassau County on Monday at the Fernandina Beach Branch Library. Representatives from agencies including Barnabas Center, Micah's Place and Salvation Army Hope House were present.

Linda Ellis, a clinical social worker, gave an overview of the four branches of service offered by Barnabas: medical and dental clinics, food pantry and crisis assistance. Access to these services is provided to clients who reside in Nassau County who provide an ID, proof of residency and proof of income. Medical and dental services for those without insurance are offered for a minimal fee depending on resources.

The food pantry at Barnabas serves approximately 700 families a month. Clients may receive food once a month when the pantry is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday. Soon, clients will be able to shop for food as the pantry is being remodeled this year.

Volunteer opportunities abound at Barnabas. For instance, it takes 45 volunteers a week to run the food pantry. Volunteers are always needed at the resale store New to You to sort clothing and donations. Potential volunteers need to fill out an application at the center at 1303 Jasmine St. Appointments for client services are scheduled by calling 261-7000.

Micah's Place community engagement representative Lauren Goode reviewed the services that agency offers to survivors of domestic violence and their children.

The agency runs an emergency shelter in a secure location, a 24-hour hotline staffed by trained advocates, an economic justice program, outreach and prevention services. The agency now has a staff attorney who helps clients file orders of protection. This service alone aids 30 clients a month. The prevention program teaches even children as young as 4 years old how to be "global citizens."

The agency has two resale shops, Purple Dove, in Callahan and Yulee. These stores always need volunteers to sort clothing, and the agency needs volunteers to help with special events. Training is offered for a 30-hour course for volunteers to become advocates. The crisis hotline is (800) 500-1119 or (904) 225-9979. To volunteer, call the administration office at 491-6364.

Mary Moore, who is site manager and director at Salvation Army Hope House, located at South Ninth and Date streets, presented information on the many services her organization offers to those in need, including the only free clothing closet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The free food pantry is open at the same time. Clients may receive food twice a month. Hope House distributes an average of 350 bags of food monthly. The clothes closet always needs donations of men's clothing and shoes. Volunteers are needed to sort and stock the closet and the pantry. Hope House also provides financial assistance, emergency travel and gas, weekly

worship and dinner for anyone who is hungry from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This meal is provided through the Interfaith Dinner Network. Programs and services of Hope House can be reached by dropping in or by calling 321-0435.

All three agency representatives stressed that they cooperate with each other well to meet the needs of those in crisis in this area. All agencies met recently to discuss and share responsibilities for meeting the needs of children and adults at Christmas time, for instance.

All three also agreed that they have seen an increase in working poor clients and those who are 60 years old and up in need of their services. This need is often related to a housing crisis because of the lack of affordable housing in the area. Those without benefits and those who are working multiple jobs at low wages cannot bear the additional cost of a medical or personal crisis or losses suffered after a severe weather event. All three also serve on the Nassau County Homeless Coalition.

Popularity of fresh foods supports small farms

JUDIE MACKIE
For the News-Leader

The farmers market in Fernandina Beach reflects the charm of our Amelia Island community. Located on historic North Seventh Street, the Fernandina Beach Market Place features locally produced specialties like seasonal produce, fresh baked breads, nursery and landscape plants, and so much more. Our vendors love to talk about their farms and artisan dishes so we encourage you to ask questions such as where is your farm located, what is the best way to cook a particular vegetable, can I visit your farm, and what are you growing now?

There has been an increase in the popularity of fresh foods and this movement supports small farms and local businesses. Those who shop our local farmers market have been the reason for our growth. We encourage all of our customers to become familiar with the seasonality of local crops and when they are available for harvest. Some of our farmers produce their vegetables in greenhouses making these great items available almost all year long.

Oizeo is back this week. This company is run by five sisters who have built a catering business and offer Asian tapas like firecracker shrimp, chicken kabobs, and Asian noodles twice a month at the farmers market. "Try before you buy" by sampling from the variety of dishes they provide. Another weekly



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vendor who always has samples is the African Love Kitchen. Jen serves up sambusa in a variety of flavors including bison, goat, and vegetable. Her curry dishes are popular, too. Have you met the new owners of Lulu's at the Thompson House? Wes and Anka are at the farmers market every week with the same pimento cheese spread and crab cakes that you are used to getting from Brian and Melanie.

This week our Booth With a Cause will be the city of Fernandina Beach along with Fernandina Beach Main Street. They will have representatives at the Market Place to tell you all about the Oct. 6th festival celebrating Peg Leg Pete and his 40th birthday. Jenn Burns Staples will be providing entertainment. The farmers market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

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CAR WASH TOMORROW FOR SENIORS



The Fernandina Beach High School's Interact Club will hold a free car wash Saturday to help raise donated funds for its fourth annual Senior Citizen Gift Box Program, which provides gifts, supplies, and goodies for about 60 senior citizens through the Nassau County Council on Aging. The event will take place between 9 a.m. and noon in the parking lot at Zaxby's in Fernandina Beach. Later this year, Club members will wrap gifts and take them to a Christmas party at COA, where they will have the opportunity to spend time talking and singing Christmas carols with COA clients.

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Community Conversation on opioid epidemic

Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare has announced a Community Conversation to discuss the opioid epidemic in Northeast Florida on Monday, Oct. 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Peck Center in Fernandina Beach. With a straightforward and open discussion by experts and a recovering opioid user, "Opioid Addiction: The Inside Story" will tackle the issue with facts and compelling personal stories, according to the announcement. Their presentations will be followed by open discussion among those attending.

Every day, there are 170 deaths due to opioid overdose, according to a study by the National Academy of Medicine. Since 1999, the number of opioid-related deaths – from both prescription opioids and illegal drugs including heroin, fentanyl, and carfentanil – has quadrupled.

In 2016, there were more than 4,600 deaths due to opioid overdose in Florida, up 67 percent from the prior year. Florida is ranked 13th in the nation for overdose deaths.

The event will include a "robust discussion" of the causes and treatment of opioid addiction, including Medication Assisted Recovery programs, and the use of NARCAN by emergency personnel. The personal story of one local woman who defeated her addiction to opioids will provide a candid look at how addiction can affect someone's life.

"Addiction and overdose not only destroy individual lives, but erode the health and prosperity of entire families and communities. The economic toll is significant; according to the President's Council of Economic Advisers, the opioid crisis cost \$504 billion in 2015, or 2.8 per-

cent of gross domestic product," the release says.

With the improved availability of drugs like NARCAN, emergency providers are able to rescue many who might otherwise have died from an overdose. Recovery from opioid addiction is possible, especially with Medication Assisted Treatment programs like those available at Starting Point.

The featured speakers for Community Conversations will be:

- Tina Miller, LPC, LMHC, NBCC, MCAP, Behavioral Health team leader at Starting Point;
 - Frank Montes de Oca, retired fire chief and paramedic and training consultant for emergency responders; and
 - Jill, who is recovering from opioid use.
- Montes de Oca is a former firefighter, paramedic, fire chief

and executive emergency services professional who has served communities in Florida, Ohio and North Carolina. He is a subject matter expert in safety and security with forty years experience in fire and emergency management, pre-hospital medical services, and disaster planning and response.

Currently, he develops and delivers training programs for fire and public safety responders throughout the U.S. as a recognized instructor for the National Fire Academy, Federal Emergency Management Institute, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The Peck Center is located at 516 S. 10th St. The program is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. To register, email dforbes@spbh.org or call 225-8280, ext. 428.

Don't Be A Chicken About Sharing Your Faith!

Although our faith in Christ is intensely personal, it is not private. And while we are ultimately accountable to God for our actions, spiritual maturity is accelerated when we make ourselves accountable to others. The principle of accountability pervades our work, our marriage, our finances. Spiritual accountability is inviting a group or individual to question you regarding one or more areas of your life and committing yourself to total honesty.

Weekly Bible Trivia

Whose bones of their early great leader did the children of Israel carry with them when they left Egypt?
(answer found in this week's scripture reading)

Sunday
Joshua 24:1-7

Monday
Joshua 24:8-16

Tuesday
Joshua 24:17-23

Wednesday
Joshua 24:24-28

Thursday
Joshua 24:29-33

Friday
Judges 1:1-7

Saturday
Judges 1:8-14

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Thanks to Howard Pines' “Coach's Corner” comments on mental health first aid, Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare is an excellent resource for our community but the community is the ultimate solution. There are so many wonderful stories of recovery but still many tragic mental health events that reach the media and can affect families for life.

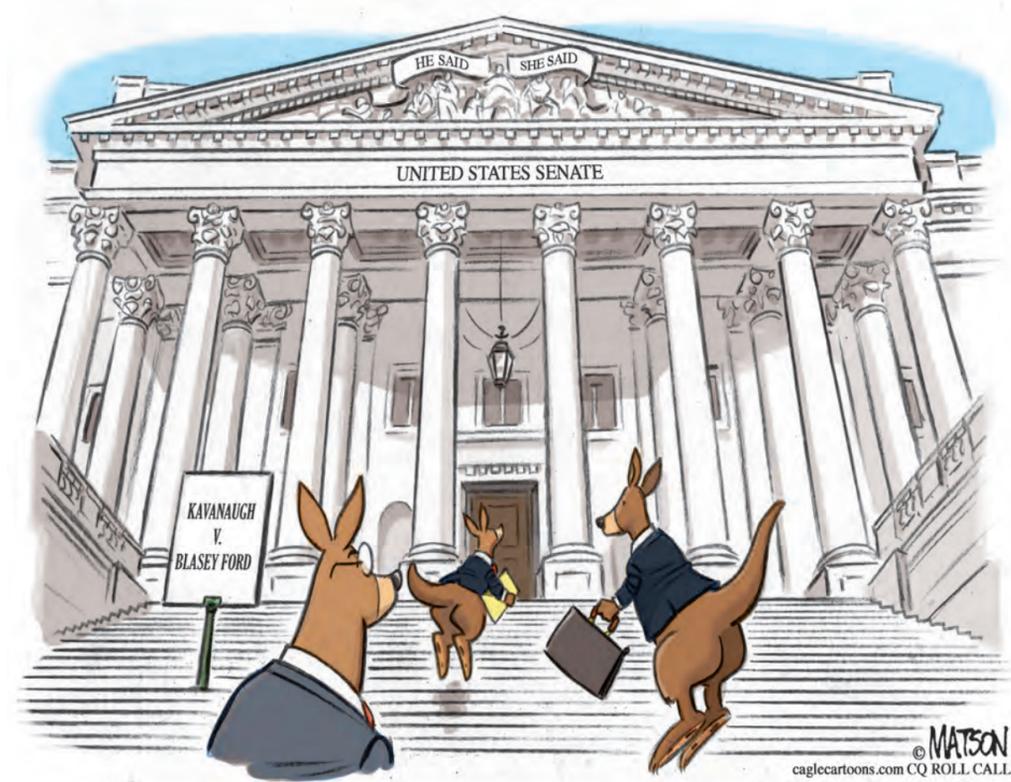
What can we do to help? Sign up for the free mental health first aid classes sponsored by leaders including the police and fire departments.

Baptist Hospital has also helped train employees in the emergency department where nurses look for signs of mental illness and contact a qualified mental health staff

person from Starting Point to follow up.

Paul Barnes
Fernandina Beach**Road construction hazards**

Who would your think is responsible for the terrible conditions during the construction of State Road 200, a.k.a. A1A? Not the FDOT, and not the contractor hired by the FDOT! I guess all the construction debris and metal pipes sticking out of the road is not their fault. Funny, that's what I was told today in an email. I've had four flat tires since April 16, 2018.

Brenda Jones
Yulee

RJ MATSON-CQ ROLL CALL/CAGLE CARTOONS

VIEWPOINT / PAUL WRIGHT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER**The case against Amendment 4 on felon voting rights**

Florida leads the nation with over 1 million citizens disenfranchised and unable to vote due to felony convictions. The path to having their voting rights restored is long and difficult, and has been found unconstitutional by a federal judge. This November, Floridians who are able to vote will determine whether convicted felons who have completed their sentences, including parole or probation, will automatically have their voting rights restored. With two glaring exceptions: those convicted of murder or a sex offense.

The problem with Amendment 4 is that it perpetuates the discrimination and bigotry of disenfranchisement against a subclass of ex-felons – those convicted of murder or sex crimes. All the talk of Amendment 4 being about second chances, redemption and reintegration into the community rings hollow and opportunistic when it excludes certain former prisoners from the franchise. No other state constitution, according to The Sentencing Project, singles out citizens by conviction offense with respect to restoration of voting rights.

Around the country, organizations led by former prisoners have made “all of us or none” a rallying cry against this very type of discrimination which seeks to divide and exclude. At a very base level, Amendment 4 pits members of an impoverished and oppressed community against one another.

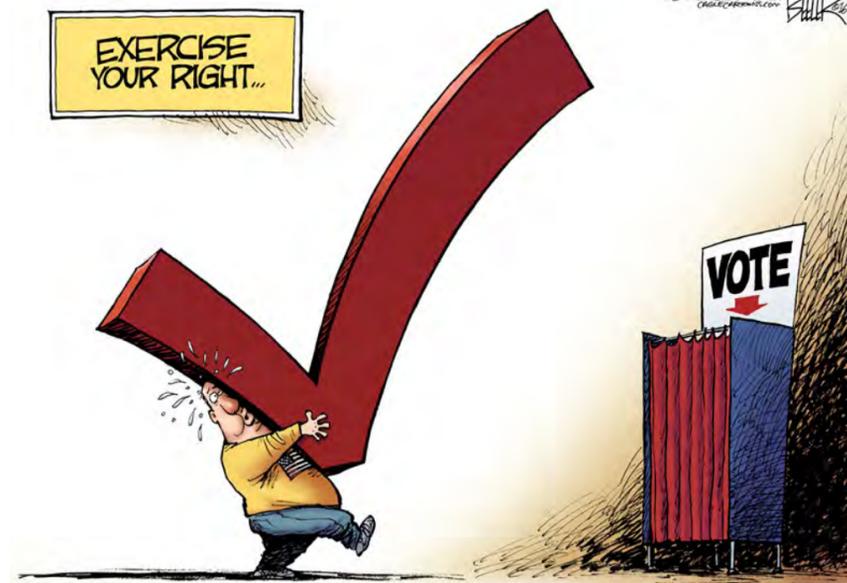
Nowhere in the history of the American franchise has extending the right to vote been conditioned upon depriving voting rights to another group of people. When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. advocated for civil rights for Black Americans, he did so for all Black Americans, not just some and, more importantly, not at the expense of Latino Americans, Native Americans or Asian

Americans. When suffragettes fought for voting rights for women, they did so for all women, not just some. Most recently, the struggle for marriage equality by the LGBTQ community did not seek marriage rights for only certain LGBTQ people; they sought it for everyone and not at the expense of any other group.

In these examples, those who worked to expand the rights of their community did not take the low road of excluding certain people or doing so at someone else's expense for political expediency.

The proponents of Amendment 4 are spending well over \$15 million to get the measure on the ballot. But the most important voting has already taken place: by the people who decided to exclude murderers and sex offenders. With no sense of irony, the hundreds of corrupt Florida government officials who have been convicted for taking bribes and otherwise selling out their public offices will see their voting rights restored, as would anyone convicted of voter fraud or campaign finance violations. But sex offenders and murderers who have completed their sentences and are rehabilitated, productive taxpaying citizens would not. If Amendment 4 passes it will enshrine into our state constitution discrimination against convicted murderers and sex offenders that will make enfranchising them virtually impossible. While some may point to the serious nature of their offenses, they have nothing to do with voting; the punishment of disenfranchisement does not fit the crime.

I was convicted of murder in Washington State in 1987 for killing a drug dealer during an armed robbery. In 1990, while serving a 25-year sentence, I started a nonprofit magazine from my prison cell which today, 28 years later, employs 18 people to advocate for just, humane



NATE BEELER-THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH/CAGLE CARTOONS

and fair criminal justice policies. I pay taxes, work to improve my community and am a productive member of society. But the backers of Amendment 4 would deny me the right to vote.

Do you think Dr. King would approve of Amendment 4? I don't, because you can't fight discrimination and bigotry by perpetuating it. I encourage Florida voters to vote against this ballot initiative.

Paul Wright, a Florida native and honorably discharged veteran, is the founder and executive director of the Lake Worth-based Human Rights Defense Center, a non-profit organization that advocates for progressive criminal justice reform. He is also the founder and editor of Prison Legal News, a monthly magazine that reports on criminal justice-related issues: www.humanrightsdefensecenter.org and www.prisonlegalnews.org.

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HORNETS HOME TONIGHT



Yulee High School students displayed their patriotism, above, during the Hornets' home opener Sept. 14. The YHS football team is back at home tonight, hosting New Smyrna Beach. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. J.C. Simpson carries the ball for Yulee against Paxon in the home opener, right. Quarterback Kyle Lee, far right. The Fernandina Beach Pirates head to Zephyrhills tonight.

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Fall ball opening day Oct. 6

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

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

Visit www.ameliaindlandlacrosse.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.

NAMI community walk

Join Nassau NAMI for a free annual community walk on Oct. 6 in Central Park in Fernandina Beach. Sign-in will be at 9 a.m. at the gazebo. The walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is approximately two miles in length.

Free T-shirts and refreshments will be provided. Local providers will have information boots set up and be on hand to answer questions.

For information, call 277-1886 or email NassauNAMIFlorida@gmail.com.

Yulee senior named FYSA Youth Referee of the Year

Domingo calls games for AIYS in her free time

BETH JONES
News-Leader

Referees catch a lot of flack, but Malia Domingo, 17, a senior soccer player at Yulee High School, has learned to deal with it in her own way.

"There were some times where parents or coaches or, sometimes even players, would say a few things, but it isn't that hard to shut it down if you're nice about it," said the Amelia Island Youth Soccer official.

A player since age eight, Domingo has spent the last three years officiating soccer games in her spare time from playing for the YHS Lady Hornets and her club team, Coastal Kicks.

She was rewarded for her efforts when the Florida Youth Soccer Association named her Youth Referee of the Year. Domingo accepted her award during the association's annual general meeting in August at the Orlando World Center Marriott Hotel.

She was nominated by her ref coordinator, Mike Giannini. Domingo said she received the award for her work on the field but also her endeavors outside of soccer.

A four-year letterman on the YHS girls soccer team, Domingo is an honor student who tackles honors classes and dual enrollment. She volunteers and is a member of the Student Government Association at YHS.

Another ref coordinator, who was Domingo's coach at the time, suggested she try her

hand at officiating a game.

"She said, 'You know the game already. You might as well make money off it,'" Domingo said.

So, she started the process toward certification, which included a two-day class and a test.

"I recertify every year online," Domingo said.

Domingo has officiated youth teams up to the under-19 division.

"I was refing U19s when I was 15," she said.

Playing both roles has given Domingo a new appreciation for the sport she loves.

"I think I learned more about the game," she said. "It helped me to understand more as a player. First of all, just watching more soccer games all the time when I was working. Guys that were older than me, better than me."

"I learned more about the rules, for sure, since I had to officiate. And, it just helped me a lot."

And, knowing the game a little better also gives her a new perspective when she's playing, especially when it comes to questionable calls by the ref.

"I know that they're wrong, and that bothers me sometimes," she said.

Domingo is in the recruiting process to play soccer on the collegiate level. Yulee High School has had just three female players receive scholarships to play soccer. She hopes she's the fourth.

In the spring, Domingo runs the 100m, 200m and 400m for the Yulee track and field team. She is also a member of the 4x400m and 4x800m relay teams. She plans to study criminal justice after high school.

"I want to be a homicide detective," she said.



Malia Domingo was named Youth Referee of the Year by the Florida Youth Soccer Association, far left. She calls games for Amelia Island Youth Soccer despite the weather, left.

SPECIAL PHOTOS

SPORTS SHORTS

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.

Teens who are interested in participating can call the Roberts Learning and Achievement Center at 491-9102 or the Miller Freedom Center at 261-1075. For more details about overall Boys & Girls Clubs programs, visit www.bgcncassau.org.

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.

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 entry fee for each team is \$100 and spaces are limited. The registration deadline is Oct. 16.

Visit www.nassaucountyfl-chamber.com or call 261-3248.

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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.

Boules Club

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

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

Sailing club meets

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

Current boat ownership or sailing skills are not prerequisites to joining. Club activities throughout the year may include day/overnight excursions by water and/or land, sailboat racing, social activities such as tubing, swimming with manatees, picnics and parties; as well as assisting with local conservation and environmental efforts in surrounding waters.

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

NSFA meets

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association holds its monthly business meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The monthly social get-together is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The location for both meetings is Kraft Ten Acres, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach. All are welcome to attend the meetings.

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 com-

munity and other civic-minded activities.

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

Walk with Me

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

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

Auxiliary meets

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

Call 261-1889 for information on the auxiliary.

Bowling leagues

Senior league bowling is offered at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the bowling alley off U.S. 17 in Yulee.

The group also meets for Christian league at 6 p.m. Thursdays.

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.

To submit an item for this column, contact Beth Jones at 261-3696 or email information to bjones@fbnewsleader.com.

FCA ANGELS



Faith Christian Academy hosted its first home cross country meet of the season on Saturday at Littleberry Farms in Fernandina Beach. FCA placed second of the five teams competing with a total of 59 runners. Teams included First Christian Academy (High Springs), Victory Academy, Northside Academy (Jacksonville) and Southside Academy (Waycross, Ga.). Zachary Yale, a 10th-grader at FCA, placed second overall for boys, and Makayla Hay, a seventh-grader, placed fourth overall for girls. Ninety percent of the FCA team members improved their times since their first meet earlier this month, but Nick Cribbs showed the greatest improvement in his time. Jeremiah Bowlin, above, in Saturday's meet for the FCA Angels. Faith Christian Academy lost 48-46 in overtime to Melody Christian Academy of Live Oak on Sept. 21. FCA played its best game since starting a flag football team as part of their athletic program. Ethan Sawyer carries the ball for the FCA Angels, left.

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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

2018 SCHEDULES

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL
Varsity Football
Sept. 28 at Zephyrhills Christian 7:00
Oct. 5 at Paxon 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

Oct. 9 UNIVERSITY (srs.) 5:30/6:30
Oct. 15-16 District at Episcopal
*District

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL
Varsity Football
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
Girls Golf
Sept. 29 PONTE VEDRA 4:00
Sept. 26 BISHOP KENNY 4:00
Sept. 27 BOLLIES 4:00
Oct. 2 at Episcopal 4:00
Oct. 9 at Bolles 4:00
Oct. 11 WEST NASSAU 4:00
Oct. 15 DISTRICT 8:00
Oct. 22, 23 or 24 Regional
Nov. 1-3 State

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL
Junior Varsity Football
Oct. 14 YULEE 6:00
Oct. 11 at Ridgeview 6:00
Oct. 18 at Bolles 6:00
Oct. 25 at Episcopal 6:00

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL
Boys Golf
Sept. 28 STANTON 4:00
Oct. 1 at Bishop Kenny 4:00
Oct. 4 WEST NASSAU 4:00
Oct. 15 DISTRICT 8:00
Oct. 22, 23 or 24 Regional
Nov. 1-3 State at Mission Inn

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL
Cross Country
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

YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Football
Oct. 3 ST. MARYS 5:00
Oct. 9 Open
Oct. 16 at Camden 5:00
Oct. 23 at Fernandina Beach 6:00

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL
Swimming
Oct. 2 at Clay/Ridgeview 4:00
Oct. 4 FLORIDA D&B 5:00
Oct. 9 COUNTY 5:00

FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Football
Oct. 2 TRINITY 6:00
Oct. 9 Open
Oct. 16 at Bolles 5:00
Oct. 23 YULEE* 6:00
*Homecoming

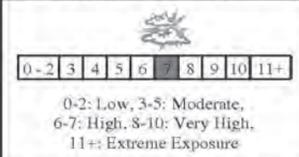
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL
Volleyball
Oct. 1 PAXON 5:30/6:30
Oct. 4 at Duval Charter 6/7:00
Oct. 6 JJVA JV tourney

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Sunny
88 / 76	87 / 78	86 / 75	85 / 77	84 / 76	85 / 77	84 / 76

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

What is ombrophobia?
?
ANSWER: Ombrophobia is the fear of rain.

Weather History

Sept. 28, 1987 - Thunderstorms produced up to ten inches of rain in southern Kansas and north central Oklahoma overnight. The Chikaskia River rose 2.5 feet above flood stage at Blackwell, Okla. during the day, causing flooding in Kay and Grant counties of Oklahoma.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	2:47-4:47	3:12-5:12	Tue	6:24-8:24	6:54-8:54
Sat	3:38-5:38	4:04-6:04	Wed	7:23-9:23	7:52-9:52
Sun	4:31-6:31	4:58-6:58	Thu	8:21-10:21	8:50-10:50
Mon	5:26-7:26	5:55-7:55			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:17 a.m.	7:14 p.m.	9:50 p.m.	10:30 a.m.
Sat	7:18 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	10:33 p.m.	11:30 a.m.
Sun	7:18 a.m.	7:12 p.m.	11:22 p.m.	12:32 p.m.
Mon	7:19 a.m.	7:11 p.m.	Prev Day	1:33 p.m.
Tue	7:19 a.m.	7:09 p.m.	12:16 a.m.	2:33 p.m.
Wed	7:20 a.m.	7:08 p.m.	1:15 a.m.	3:29 p.m.
Thu	7:21 a.m.	7:07 p.m.	2:19 a.m.	4:20 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
9/19	94	73	85/73	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
9/20	90	73	85/72	0.00"	9/19	33	9/23	30
9/21	88	73	85/72	0.00"	9/20	31	9/24	33
9/22	87	73	85/72	0.00"	9/21	30	9/25	32
9/23	89	72	84/72	0.00"	9/22	30		
9/24	87	80	84/72	0.00"				
9/25	88	76	84/71	0.00"				

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

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance					
Date	High	Low		Date	High	Low			
Fri	11:42 am	5:09 am	None	5:39 pm	Fri	11:06 am	5:06 am	11:28 pm	5:36 pm
Sat	12:04 am	5:51 am	12:27 pm	6:28 pm	Sat	11:51 am	5:48 am	None	6:25 pm
Sun	12:49 am	6:39 am	1:16 pm	7:23 pm	Sun	12:13 am	6:36 am	12:40 pm	7:20 pm
Mon	1:39 am	7:34 am	2:10 pm	8:24 pm	Mon	1:03 am	7:31 am	1:34 pm	8:21 pm
Tue	2:35 am	8:37 am	3:12 pm	9:28 pm	Tue	1:59 am	8:34 am	2:36 pm	9:25 pm
Wed	3:38 am	9:42 am	4:18 pm	10:31 pm	Wed	3:02 am	9:39 am	3:42 pm	10:28 pm
Thu	4:47 am	10:47 am	5:26 pm	11:32 pm	Thu	4:11 am	10:44 am	4:50 pm	11:29 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - The Planetary Diet

When Isaac Newton quantified gravity during the plague years of 1665-66, he laid the mathematical foundation for Apollo astronauts going to the moon three centuries later. What he discovered was the force of attraction between two objects was directly related to their masses, how much material they contained, and inversely proportional to the square of their distances (1/d²). Newton's revolutionary concepts allowed us to calculate the true orbits of the planets and comets, the trajectory which took Apollo to the moon, and also the amount of matter which a system contained. In an even more simplistic form of Universal Gravity, the weight of a person standing on any planet or satellite could be known if you knew the weight of that person on Earth, and the ratios of Earth's radius and mass to that of the object upon which the individual was standing. Take for instance our moon. Its mass is approximately 1/80th that of the Earth's mass and its radius (center to surface distance) is just a little more than 1/4 of Earth's radius. 1/80 divided by 1/4 x 1/4 = 1/80 divided by 1/16 which yields an answer of 16/80 or 1/5th of the gravitational attraction that the Earth possesses. The correct answer, if the exact numbers are incorporated, is 1/6th Earth's pull. The Apollo astronauts when fully suited weighed on average 360 pounds, but on the moon they only weighed 60 pounds because the force of attraction at the moon's surface was much less, 1/6th of Earth's gravity or 1/6th of 360 pounds or 60 pounds. No wonder they were able to take giant strides as they walked across the lunar surface and jump two to three feet into the "air" when saluting the American flag. A 200 pound terrestrial moving to Mercury or Mars would weigh an anorexic 78 and 76 pounds respectively, but still look the same if housed in an Earthlike environment. Traveling to Jupiter would be an entirely different story, however, for that same person would weigh in at 500 pounds if there was a Jovian surface on which to stand. That's the planetary diet. www.astronomy.org

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Scientist says conserve water – avoid higher costs

R. M. WEINTRAUB
For the News Leader

The average household here uses 88 gallons of water per day, with half of that used for lawn and garden irrigation, reported Jennifer Mitchell, Ph.D., of the St. Johns River Water Management District, at a recent Men's Newcomers Club's luncheon. Mitchell stressed the need for water conservation to avoid future higher costs of water from sources other than the Florida aquifer.

Mitchell is the public communications coordinator for SJRWMD, a Florida environmental regulatory agency focused on ensuring a long-term supply of drinking water and protecting the health of water bodies in the district's 18 counties in northeast and east-central Florida.

Mitchell holds a degree in forest ecology from Auburn University and completed her post doctorate work in soil and water science at the University of Florida.

Our primary source of water, she explained, is the Florida aquifer, a deep underground reservoir of water, which has been under stress during dry periods, but with



Mitchell

recent rains has recovered. Ninety-eight percent of homes and businesses in the district use water from the aquifer, she said, pointing out that 1,050 million gallons of water is withdrawn from the aquifer daily. Public water systems in the district use 55 percent of that total, 21 percent is used by agriculture, 11 percent commercial/industrial, six percent is used for recreational and municipal landscaping purposes, and six percent is withdrawn by private wells, she said.

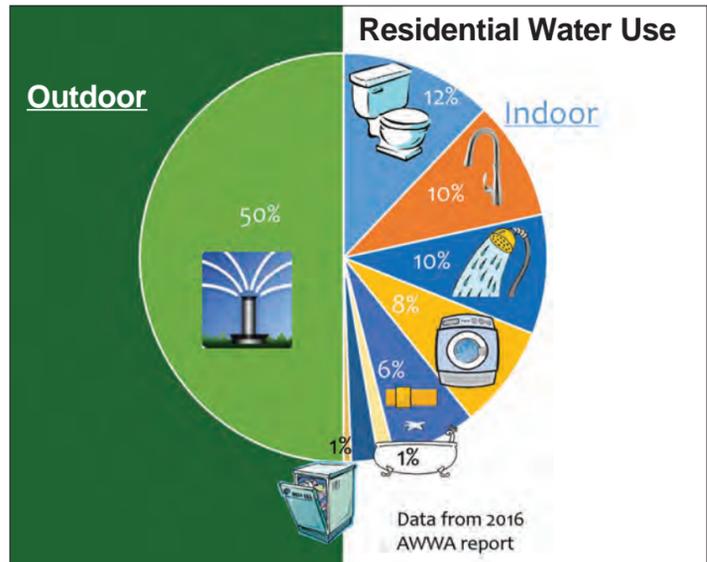
Public water systems' processing of water from the aquifer – such as the Fernandina Beach municipal water system – costs between \$1 and \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water in the district, Mitchell explained. Water reclaimed from waste systems costs \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons to process and water from rivers and lakes costs \$3 to \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons to process. To desalinate the same amount of seawater

would cost \$6 to \$8.50, according to the district. These costs are why the district is focused on conservation, Mitchell said.

The district's annual water use survey shows conservation efforts are having an impact. Mitchell showed a chart for the district indicating that despite population growth – the district now has more than five million people, a million people more than in 2000 – water usage has declined. Usage has stayed under 1,200 gallons per day for the past six years, significantly less than almost 1,600 gallons used in 2006, the chart shows.

Mitchell cited "more efficient homes" as the major reason water conservation is working. She specifically mentioned the more efficient toilets installed in homes built in the last dozen years or so. Mitchell urged the retrofitting of toilets as a key conservation measure people can take.

A report from the American Water Works Association shows that 12 percent of the water used in a typical home in 2016 is used by toilets, showers account for 10 percent, and other indoor uses constitute 10 percent. Washing machines use eight percent of res-



Average household water usage according to the St. Johns River Water Management District. SJRWMD

idential water, leaks account for six percent, and bathtub use one percent according to the AWWA report. Irrigation accounts for half the total.

The district has a Consumptive Use Permitting program that requires large users of aquifer water such as golf courses and

industry to implement conservation practices, Mitchell explained.

Flood protection was another issue she discussed. Floods can be mitigated by counties and cities acquiring land adjacent to rivers and lakes, she said.

The Men's Newcomers Club, in its 22nd year, helps newcomers

to the Amelia Island area become acclimated to the community and make new friends. Many of our members have stayed on to enjoy the benefits the club offers and to provide guidance to newcomers. More information can be found on the internet at mensnewcomersclub.org.

Memories of the ladies who lunched

I ran across a letter last week that I wrote to a friend years ago, and chuckled over this forgotten lunch with several women I knew. We were all members of a club in Norfolk, and this letter fully illustrates why I was usually ready for my martini to be served in a water glass after several hours with them. Read on for a good chuckle:

I began the letter by patting myself on the back for controlling my homicidal tendencies. Mary Jo (who always thought she was in charge, but was not) was actually very good during the meeting that day, while Shirley seemed less inclined to do everyone's thinking for them. The meeting ended right at noon, and several of us decided to go to Jerri's, an upscale restaurant not too far away.

Jerri's was packed, so we switched to lunch at Rummer's. Mary Jo wasn't happy with this choice, but came grumbling along. The hostess seated us on the screened-in back porch, and Mary Jo loudly explained that the service at Rummer's was slow, so we were going to be there longer than we had time for.



CITY SIDEBAR

Cara Curtin

arrived, armed with coffee, and produced cream and sugar just as Mary Jo started to fetch her own.

Mary Jo waited until the server was almost out of earshot before she explained that this young woman had been incredibly slow delivering their order last week, and she had not kept their orders straight.

It took a few minutes for a server to come by, as Mary Jo had predicted, and that's when my homicidal tendencies began to stir. It was during this short wait that Mary Jo decided to take our drink orders and then go get them.

Some busybody suggested that we write down our lunch selections and hand them in to further expedite matters. I loudly announced that I was not about to wait on myself, especially at the prices Rummer's charged. The server finally

When the server arrived to take our orders, Mary Jo began to tell her how to write them down to preclude any mix-ups. The server looked at her as if she were crazy, and I hurt myself from not laying some serious pain on Mary Jo.

When it was her turn to order, Mary Jo warned the young woman to pay attention, because it was going to be complicated. She ordered a stacked meal, where one ingredient is placed on top of another. Only Mary Jo wanted each ingredient placed side-by-side on her plate. The server assured her that she had the order straight and disappeared.

The food eventually arrived, even though Mary Jo made several threats to visit the kitchen to see what was taking so long. And now the food was not hot enough for her or for Amanda, who had been quiet until now. They both complained about paying this much money for cold food. By now, I was making grunting sounds at the effort to control myself.

In between cold bites of food, Amanda explained that she and her husband had just moved into a new house. They loved sitting out on the deck to watch the wildlife in and around their pond, and their puppy was fascinated by a resident momma alligator. The baby alligators were so cute, even if they would grow up to be killers.

Mary Jo matter-of-factly predicted that the momma alligator was going to eat Amanda's puppy. Amanda's mouth fell open, and I could see tears in her eyes.

I turned to Mary Jo and asked, "Why on earth would you say such a thing to someone?"

Mary Jo patiently explained that everyone (except me, it seemed) knew that alligators eat dogs. "Gators especially like small dogs. Maybe they're more juicy or something."

Our checks arrived while I was still rummaging in my purse for my .45.

Mary Jo gave our server \$20 to pay for lunch. When her change arrived, she questioned the server closely to determine that this was her change, and not another diner's. I think the server's teeth were gritted as she assured Mary Jo that this was the correct amount of change for her meal and no one else's. I turned away so I could not see what kind of tip Mary Jo left this poor woman. I seem to remember being a little overly generous with my own tip that day, silently labeling the additional amount as a nuisance fee.

Fortunately, I have moved to Paradise and have left those women far behind. But I must admit that sometimes, when I am contemplating the wonders of life in Paradise, I take a moment to wonder if anyone has assassinated Mary Jo.



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Buckeye butterfly can produce multiple generations

Q. What is the name of these beige, hairy caterpillars on my sycamore tree?

A. Thanks for bringing samples of this pretty caterpillar in a glass container. I believe you have a sycamore tussock moth caterpillar, *Halysidota harrisii*. The larvae feed on the leaves of sycamore trees but the leaves are already starting to turn brown and will be dropping soon. While it is possible to have so many of the larvae they defoliate the tree, most of the time they are simply a nuisance. The nuisance occurs when they drop in large numbers from the tree. A reaction to the specific "defensive" hairs on the caterpillar may cause hives in humans – which can be tricky when bringing in samples. I am glad you just brought in the leaves with the caterpillars attached. Smart move!



GARDEN TALK

Rebecca Jordi

Q. What type of butterfly has large dots on the wings? It is mostly brown or rusty colored. SM

A. I believe you are talking about the common buckeye butterfly, *Junonia coenia*. The large eyespots you saw were developed to help the butterfly scare away potential predators. The common buckeye is found all over southern U.S. and into Mexico. In Florida, it can be found in all 67 counties. From the northern parts of the United States, the common buckeye butterfly will migrate in the late summer and early fall to



spend the winter in warmer areas of the South. Its habitat is most any open park areas, but it visits landscapes with plenty of nectar and larvae plantings too. The common buckeye produces multiple generations each year. Adults may be found in all months of the year throughout much of Florida. Adults have a distinctive flight pattern and will flit away if humans get too close. I took the attached photo while hunting for pollinator plants at a local plant nursery. You will notice the edges of the wing in the photo are damaged, so this common buckeye butterfly has been around a while. Both sexes (particularly males) perch on low vegetation or bare earth. Females lay the small green eggs singly on leaves of the host plant. It is important to have plants in the landscape for the caterpillars of our butterflies. Yes, it means the caterpillars will eat the leaves. A few good choices for the common buckeye caterpillar are plantain and toadflax (most people consider these two as weeds) but the toadflax



is quite delicate and lovely. You might consider planting our native twinflower, which is also a good larval plant. The adults will feed on most any flowering plant providing nectar. For more complete information on the butterfly, look over the University of Florida publication titled, "Common Buckeye, *Junonia coenia*," by Jaret Daniels at edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in801.

Q. My neighbor moved away and gave me this plant. Do you recognize it? JJ

A. It is most likely one of the Malaysian orchids. This plant is not in our cold hardiness zone because it prefers frost-free areas in zone 11 (southern Florida). Malaysian orchid plants are originally from the Philippines. It is possible for you to grow it in a pot, which means you will need to move it into a protected area for the winter or even cooler fall seasons. The flower clusters do not grow erect but hang downward like grape clusters. It is possible for Malaysian orchid plants to grow to 4 feet tall



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with an equal spread while a few cultivars can grow to 6 feet in perfect conditions. It prefers moist soil, which means you will need to monitor the soil moisture on a regular basis. Growing it on a screened porch or patio with bright, indirect light is perfect. Full sun or our hot, afternoon sun will cause browning around the edges and scalding in the middle of the leaves.

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

Local otter expert Pat Foster-Turley will give a presentation on otters at October's Wild Nite event.

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Otters to occupy October Wild Nite

River otters, Wild Amelia's Critter of the Year, will be the topic of the organization's Wild Nite in October. Pat Foster-Turley, Amelia Island's resident expert on the otter, will be the guest speaker at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the auditorium at the Peck Center, located at 516 S. 10th St. in Fernandina Beach.

Foster-Turley, a resident of Fernandina Beach for 20 years, has written "Wild Ways," a weekly nature and travel column for the News-Leader for the last 14 years. She spent two decades as education director at California's Marine World-Africa USA, where she hand-reared orphaned river otters for use in educational presentations. She then earned a Ph.D. in zoology at the University of Florida with her dissertation on the conservation biology of Asian otters.

Although Foster-Turley still takes USAID biodiversity assessment assignments that take her on foreign travels, she says she most enjoys sitting in her island yard and watching her favorite animals – the river otters – visit the nearby pond. Her favorite animals, these

otters can frequently be spotted locally at Egans Creek and Greenway as well as at the Fernandina Harbor Marina and in the Amelia River. These semi-aquatic mammals tolerate fresh and salt water.

Weighing between 10 and 30 pounds and measuring 3 to 5 feet long, river otters – members of the weasel family – are stocky with short legs, torpedo-like bodies, and muscular necks. They have acute senses of hearing and smell but are near-sighted on land. Their whiskers help them locate prey as they hunt, usually at night. They feast on fish, amphibians, clams, mussels, snails, and turtles, making use of their 36 teeth, good for crushing and grinding. Otters have a high metabolism and must eat a lot. Images of them floating on their backs and cracking open shells for food are iconic!

River otters live along the water's edge in burrows with tunnels that open into the water. Otters mate in the water and give birth in the spring to up to four pups after a two-month gestation period. Pups are cared for by their mothers for about 13



months. They remain in family groups throughout summer and early fall. Group play involves swimming, splashing, and sliding down muddy banks into the water. Their vocalizations, including screams, can be heard a mile away.

Otters are very susceptible to environmental pollution, a factor that has led to their decline in some areas, in addition to habitat loss. It is estimated that river otters live less than 10 years in the wild.

Wild Amelia is an all-volunteer nonprofit dedicated to educating residents and visitors about the wildlife and wild places of the island. For more information about the year-round programs of Wild Amelia, visit wildamelia.org and Wild Amelia on Facebook.

Author-artist to discuss North Florida's parks

Kathy Stark, author, artist and North Florida state park ambassador, will speak at an Oct. 11 evening event sponsored by The Bartram Garden Club. The event will be held 6-8 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach, located at 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd. Hospitality time with wine and cheese and a book sale and plant sale will begin at 6 p.m. There is no admission fee.

Stark will speak about her project "The Wilderness of North Florida's Parks," which consists of her book and traveling art exhibit and how she has become a parks ambassador. Much more than just a picture book, "The Wilderness of North Florida's Parks" is Stark's heartfelt bid to raise awareness of the natural wonders on the First Coast. The book is a unique resource of all 60 parks in Jacksonville and its surrounding area. With the book and exhibit, she ultimately hopes to increase awareness of the parks' existence and encourage people to preserve them.

Stark combines her expansive watercolor paintings with sketches, historical facts and maps to create an exhibit that is a unique blend of art and education, serving as a tribute and guide to the great unspoiled stretches of our region. The exhibit and book are an outgrowth of Stark's personal passion for the outdoors and her love of the natural beauty of North Florida. Her project is sponsored by Merrill Lynch and in partnership with Timucuan Parks Foundation.



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Kathy Stark will present her project, "The Wilderness of North Florida's Parks," at the October meeting of the Bartram Garden Club.

'Treasure or Trash?' presentation set for October genealogy meeting

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Branch Library at 25 N. Fourth St., according to a news release. Marcia Petruz will present "Treasure or Trash? Preparing for the Future of Your Collection."



Petruz

"When you die, what will happen to all your family history research and artifacts? No one knows and values your collection more than you. It is up to you to take control – or not," the release says. "Marcia

will discuss ways to ensure materials end up where you want them to go and how to find and work with repositories, or family members,

that will accept your personal and family records."

Petruz is a retired elementary school teacher and principal. She serves as the chair of the AIGS Library Committee and teaches part of the annual

AIGS Beginner Class in Genealogy. She has been doing genealogy for over 30 years. She holds a certificate in genealogical research from Boston University and has participated in the 18-month Professional Genealogy Online Study Group (ProGen).

Professionally, she specializes in research in Nassau County, as well as helping family historians set up systems to organize their research. Personal research areas of interest include Pennsylvania, Colonial New England, Colombia, Spain, France, Poland, and Slovakia.

ON & OFF THE ISLAND

'RIPCORD'

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. tonight, Saturday 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.

5K HEALTH WALK-RUN

The Florida Department of Health Nassau is sponsoring a 5K Health Walk-Run at Ewing Park in Callahan on Saturday, Sept. 29, starting at 10 am. This is a free, non-timed health event to raise awareness on cardiovascular disease prevention. For information, contact J. Miller at 556-9156.

HALL OF HEROES

Hall of Heroes, one of the latest exhibits at The Museum of Science and History in Jacksonville,

celebrates and explores both the history of and science behind America's fascination with superheroes and how they have impacted popular culture throughout the 20th century and beyond. Hall of Heroes features a full-scale "half" replica of Barris Kustoms' 1966 Batmobile from the TV series, *Batman*, along with an interactive Batcave and various other movie props, replicas and rare artifacts from past and present major motion pictures and television shows. Guests will have several photo opportunities in the exhibition, including set pieces depicting Batman, Superman, Iron Man and the Hulk. For tickets and more information, visit the MOSH.org or call 396-6674.

OUT AND ABOUT

THIS WEEKEND

Amelia River Cruises is sponsoring a two-hour sunset cruise at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, to benefit the St. Marys Riverkeeper, which has been working with local and state officials and citizens to clean up the St. Marys river by monitoring the *E. coli* levels and water quality, replacing/repairing leaking septic tanks and educating the public about the value of a health river. It will also help fund a new oyster bed planting project on north Fernandina Beach. The event will include light snacks and drinks, keynote speakers and live entertainment. Tickets are \$50. To sign up, visit <https://ameliarivercruises.com/special-cruises/>.

NEXT WEEK

More than 40 classes will begin Oct. 1 at the Nassau County Council on Aging's new location at 1901 Island Walkway in Fernandina Beach. Go to nassaucounty-councilonaging.org to register and find out more. For questions call 261-0701.

Here's a sneak peek of the classes being offered: **Wellness, Health & Fitness** – Beginning Guitar, A Matter of Balance – Managing Concerns About Falls, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Gentle Yoga, Mindful Meditation; **Music & Dancing** – Beginning Guitar, Line Dancing, Beginning Belly Dancing, Happy Tappy Tap Dancing; **Arts & Crafts** – Continental Knitting, Intro to Needlepoint, Jewelry Basics for Beginners, Handcrafted Greeting Cards; **Technology** – Making Social Media Work for You - Getting Started/ Kick it Up a Notch!/Keeping Your Social Media Current & Safe/ Promoting Your Business, Clubs & Events, How to Use an iPhone and/ or iPad, Simplified Basic Excel; **Community, Security & Safety** – Heeeeeeeere's Johnny! Chat with the Mayor, Protect Yourself in this Ever-Changing World, Protect Your Money \$\$\$, Options to Maximize Senior Living, AARP Driver Improvement; **Health & Support** – Living with Chronic Illness, Peace of Mind, Understanding Grief.

You can also join NCCOA to learn and save at the same time. Discount memberships are available until Dec. 31. Contact Melody Dawkins, membership director, at mdawkins@nassaucountycoa.org or 261-0701, ext. 117.

UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director Rebecca Jordi will conduct a plant clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 1. All county residents are invited to bring plant samples showing landscape problems to the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. Problems will be identified and solutions offered for correction. There is no fee for this service. For

information call 530-6353. Master Gardeners are on phone duty 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays at 530-6350; press "1" for the Yulee office.

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.

UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardener Anne Karshis will conduct a Landscape Matters class on salt tolerant landscape plants, including trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses, at 10 a.m. Oct. 3. The class will take places at the Extension office in Yulee. She will discuss the unique "Right Plant, Right Place" challenges for those who live near salty or briny waters and offer suggestions of possible salt-tolerant trees, palms, shrubs, ground covers, and vines that grow well along Nassau County properties on the ocean, or affected by their proximity to the salt water. The class is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Nassau Extension office at 904-530-6353.

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

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 and is currently auditioning for woodwind, brass, and percussion members. For more information, email nassaucommunityband.fl@gmail.com or visit nassaucommunityband.wixsite.com/nbsite.

Busy October for downtown

October will be busy in Fernandina Beach's historic downtown area, with several events that will close some streets or affect traffic. Here's a list of upcoming festivals, concerts and shows.

Saturday, Sept. 29

- 12-6 p.m. – Oktoberfest at Amelia Tavern. This event takes in the parking lot, which will be blocked off, behind the restaurant.

Friday, Oct. 5

- 6-8 p.m. – Sounds on Centre. This is the final concert in the 2018 series. Centre Street will be closed by 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6

- 1-5 p.m. – Peg Leg Pete's 40th Birthday Party. This event will be located at the train depot and pocket park next to Lindy's and will feature pirates, storytelling, vendors, and cake. No streets will be



- closed.
- 7:30 a.m. to noon – Juvenile Diabetes Bike Ride. This island-wide event will move throughout the downtown for a short time. Streets affected will be North Third,

Front, Ash and South Seventh.

Saturday, Oct. 20

- All day – 8 Flags Car Show. Street closures will begin the previous night. There will be cars parked on Centre Street between Front and Seventh streets. Some side streets will be used to accommodate those attending the show. A street will not be closed if there are no cars parked on it for the show.
- 7:15-7:45 a.m. – Zooma Run.

Participants will move through the downtown area but not interfere with the car show.

Saturday, Oct. 27

- 6-9 p.m. St. Michael Fall Festival. This annual event will take place on North Fifth Street between Broome and Calhoun streets and will include games, live music and more.

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.

UPCOMING

Calling all Pink Ladies and Burger Palace Boys! Auditions for a teen production of *Grease* will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Amelia Musical Playhouse. There will be many ensemble members plus our primary roles. Students ages 11-18 are eligible to audition. Show dates will be Jan. 18-26. Please have a one-minute monologue prepared as well as a song (which can be from the show if you prefer). Music can be played from an MP3 player or you can provide your own sheet music. If unable to audition on this date, email Beth Perkins at beth4828@yahoo.com to schedule an audition prior to Oct. 13.

UPCOMING

UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director Rebecca Jordi will conduct a plant clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 15. All county residents are invited to bring plant samples showing landscape problems to the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. Problems will be identified and solutions offered for correction. There is no fee for this service. For information call 530-6353. Master Gardeners are on phone duty 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays at 530-6350; press "1" for the Yulee office.

UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director Rebecca Jordi will teach a class on important practices that can reduce your lawn maintenance costs and also demonstrate how easy it is to set your irrigation timer at 10 a.m. Oct. 17. Participants will have opportunities to practice on a control unit. Jordi will also talk about how to calibrate your irrigation system to reduce run-off of water and potentially lower your water bill. Micro-irrigation will also be demonstrated for shrub and flower beds to reduce water usage. The class

is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. For more information, contact the Nassau Extension office at 530-6353.

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The Nassau County Extension Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale will take place 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 20. The sale will have plants propagated by Master Gardeners, select trees and shrubs, and "goodies" for your garden, including secondhand gardening equipment. Bring your plants with problems to the plant clinic with Horticulture Agent IV Rebecca Jordi for research-based information on proper plant care, disease management and insect control. All proceeds benefit the Nassau County Master Gardener program and the volunteer community projects they perform in Nassau County. The Plant Sale is held at the Demonstration Garden James S. Page Government Complex, 96135 Nassau Place Yulee. For more information, call 530-6353.

The West Nassau Historical Society will hold its fundraiser Hobos, Hot Rods, and Heroes Festival and Car Show on Saturday, Nov. 3. The nonprofit's second autumn celebration is an all-day event held in and around the historic 1881 Callahan Train Depot and adjoining 1856 Florida Railroad bed. The arts and crafts and food vendors will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The car show portion is a judged contest in several categories and is presented by Cochrane's Collision Center, Callahan Cruisers, and AB&B Auto Parts. It is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The kids' play area will start at 10 a.m. with a bouncy house and youth-oriented games.

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

Joel Pace Music students will hold a hands-on 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 cabooses 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 Inglis will host painting parties during the summer at The Green Turtle Tavern and PJD's Beer & Wine Garden. Cost is \$20 per canvas with several designs from which to choose. 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. 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 ballroomonamelia.com or the Ballroom on Amelia Facebook page.

The newest exhibition at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens – "Urban

Spaces, Open Skies: 20th-Century American Landscape" – will be on view through Feb. 3, 2019.

Drawn from the Cummer Museum's extensive collection of works on paper, this presentation will feature more than 30 prints celebrating modern cities and the timeless charms of the country. Visitors can admire how artists have aptly captured the changing landscape of burgeoning cities like Chicago and New York, with its iconic Brooklyn Bridge, busy streets, workers, and harbors. In contrast to such images, the stillness and serenity of the countryside – with its wide open spaces, fields, and lakes – offer a welcome respite from the often chaotic urban life.

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

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

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Wednesday, September 26
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FSCJ Artist Series bringing 'The King and I' to Jacksonville

The national tour of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *The King and I*, based on the 2015 Tony Award-winning Lincoln Center Theater Production, is coming to Jacksonville at the Times-Union Center for eight performances, Nov. 13-18, as part of the FSCJ Artist Series Broadway in Jacksonville 2018-19 Season.

One of Rodgers & Hammerstein's finest works, *The King and I* boasts a score that features such beloved classics as "Getting To Know You," "I Whistle a Happy Tune," "Hello Young Lovers," "Shall We Dance" and "Something Wonderful." Set in Bangkok in the 1860s, the musical tells the story of the unconventional and tempestuous relationship that develops between the King of Siam and Anna Leonowens, a British schoolteacher whom the modernist King, in an imperialistic world, brings to Siam to teach his many wives and children.

In the words of Bartlett

Sher, director of the 2015 Broadway production and the first national tour, "Great classics come back to us when we need them the most. In order to live up to the scale of its ambition, we have to go both backward and forward in time. It's like having one foot in the past as deeply as we can, one foot in the present, and our eyes looking out as far ahead as we can to see how it resonates."

Tony Award-winning director Bartlett Sher was reunited with the award-winning creative team from the Lincoln Center Theater Productions of *South Pacific* and *The Light in the Piazza*. The creative team for this new production includes direction by Shelly Butler, based on Bartlett Sher's original direction, featuring sets by Michael Yeagan, costumes by Catherine Zuber (seven-time Tony Award winner, including *The King and I*), lights by Donald Holder, sound by Scott Lehrer, musical supervision by Theodore Sperling and casting



by Jason Styres, CSA. Tony Award winner Christopher Gattelli's choreography, based on the original choreography by Jerome Robbins, will be recreated for this tour. The production features the musical's original 1951 orchestrations by Robert Russell Bennett with dance and incidental music arranged by Trude Rittmann. Tickets for *The King and I* begin at \$42 and are on sale

now. Tickets can be purchased at the box office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling (904) 632-5000, or visiting fscjartistsseries.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, visit fscjartistsseries.org.

Around SCHOOL

FBHS STUDENTS REMEMBER 9/11



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
The Young Americans for Freedom Club at Fernandina Beach High School and a number of student volunteers again placed approximately 3,000 American flags in front of the school this month remember those lost on 9/11. The flags represent victims of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon as well as those who perished on United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed near Shanksville, Pa., when passengers fought back against the terrorists flying the plane. The club purchased the flags several years ago after members held numerous fundraisers.

FBHS HOMECOMING



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Above, Fernandina Beach High School's homecoming court was presented at halftime of the football game last Friday night. Elizabeth Burnet, escorted by Pirate kicker Nick Vanlennep, was crowned queen Thursday night during Escapades.

Right, Addison Tomberlin, a kindergartener at Southside Elementary School and three-month survivor of cancer, participated in the homecoming festivities, handing roses to the members of the court.



FCA SUPPORTS STAFF



SUBMITTED

Faculty and staff of Faith Christian Academy participated Saturday in an instructional team-building exercise on Lofton Creek. The goal of the activity was to have teachers and administrators work together for the academic success and spiritual development of each and every child at the school. Jami McCormick and Amelia Island Kayak Excursions coordinated the event. For additional information about FCA, contact Headmaster Bryan Alvaré at balvare@fcaangels.com or 321-2137.

2018 HONOR BAND



SUBMITTED

Sherice Livingstone, left, clarinetist, and Taylor Cook, right, flutist, were among more than 100 freshman high school students from across the state of Florida selected to represent the Fernandina Beach High School's music program as members of the 2018 Nine Star Honor Band. These elite musicians attended the Florida Band Masters Association Summer Conference held in St. Petersburg, Fla. in July. Both musicians went through a selection process with the Florida Band Masters Association based on their nominations as well as their prior individual musical assessment performances and achievements from middle school through their freshman year. The Fernandina Beach High School music program is directed by Tyler Odom, center, who also attended the summer conference. Livingstone and Cook are currently sophomores at Fernandina Beach High School and members of the Mighty Marching Pirates Band.

STUDENTS MENTORING



SUBMITTED

Through a partnership between Fernandina Beach High School and Emma Love Hardee Elementary School, eight National Honor Society students will provide mentoring and tutoring to 22 third-grade students once per week throughout the 2018-19 school year. Pictured are FBHS student Annie Tanner and third grader Hannah Jordan.

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RELIGION

Our culture needs to have a serious talk about sex

The Kavanaugh mess has shown us, among plenty else, how our distorted views of sex divide us, make us angry, and cause us to be wary of one another.

First, we were reminded that we – Republicans and Democrats – must grid ourselves for the inevitable battle over abortion when a Republican President nominates a Supreme Court Justice.

And then we were faced with the reality that we live in the #MeToo moment, when women have bravely stepped forward to reveal how misguided men leverage power to extract sexual favors. The recent allegations, some think, underscore the abuse many women endure. Others fear that #MeToo has been co-opted for partisan purposes, and that its power is now being misused.

In any case, the indisputable fact is that our culture needs to have a serious talk about sex, because we can all agree that it's a distorted view of sex that fuels the fight for abortion – and that has given rise to rise to the #MeToo movement.



PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Richard Doster

human appetite, not much different than hunger or thirst, and meant to be satisfied the same way: When you're hungry, eat.

But we're more than physical creatures. We're emotional and spiritual, too. And most of us, regardless of age, sex, or religion, know it. In a September 2015 *Vanity Fair* article, "Tinder and the Dawn of the Dating Apocalypse," the magazine interviewed several Tinder users (a dating

app often used to arrange hookups). By the end of the article, users admitted that sex, when treated as no more than a natural appetite, left them feeling objectified, isolated, and robbed of something more that sex was surely meant to give.

No other outcome is possible. We're created in God's image, and we're created as sexual beings. Therefore, there must be some glorious and cosmic reasons for human sex.

To begin, the Bible tells us to be fruitful and multiply, to populate the world with other image bearers, thereby expanding God's presence throughout creation. Tim Keller, the former pastor of Redeemer Church in New York City, explains, "Sex is sacred because, with God, it co-creates a new soul. Sex creates families of disciples who establish communities of God's kingdom."

That's profound. It's noble and of cosmic consequence, which might make some wonder: Why is it fun? That, too, is for a God-honoring reason. Read the Song of Solomon. Honestly, the sensuality makes straight-laced

Christians squirm. The Hebrew, Keller points out, is quite erotic: "There is no shy, shamed, mechanical movement. Rather, the [man and woman] stand before each other, feeling no shame, but only joy in each other's sexuality."

That's because sex is to remind us of "the joyous self-giving love within the Trinity." The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in a relationship of glorious devotion, pouring love and joy into one another continually, Keller says. The joy of human sex is to reflect that joy, and to signal the love between Christ and His people.

That naturally leads to the third reason for sex: It constitutes the renewal of a covenant. With sex, the Bible tells us, a husband and wife become "one flesh," meaning they form a complete personal union (Genesis 2:24; 4:14). Such oneness is more than emotion; it is always the creation of a covenant. That covenant, Keller says, is necessary for sex. And sex is necessary for the covenant. "Sex is the physical reenactment of the inseparable oneness husbands and wives are to have

in all areas – economic, legal, personal, psychological – that are created by the marriage covenant. Put another way: Sex is a God-invented way to say to another person, 'I belong completely, exclusively, and permanently to you.'"

We've made sex shallow and selfish. We've taken this great gift and reduced it to mere animal appetite. And nobody's happy.

What if the Christian Church argued that sex was for the high purpose of creating new souls. What if we made the case that sex is satisfying because it mirrors the joy of our generous God? What if we persuaded young adults that the reason for sex is to tell your spouse – repeatedly – "I am yours, and only yours, for as long as I live."

The fight for abortion would fade. Women would be honored. We'd all become more civil.

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RELIGION NOTES

Call to Conscience

A Call to Conscience voter registration rally and empowerment summit will be hosted by Macedonia A.M.E. Church, located at the corner of Beech and South Ninth streets, on Monday, Oct. 1, at 4 p.m. Residents will be able to register or update their voter information.

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 261-3837 to register and reserve your space. Books for this study will be \$20.

Ashes and sackcloth

Join us at noon Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Salvation Army Hope House as we listen and learn from Daniel's prayer for his nation and what the God who hears and answers does in response. The Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals events will take place at two churches in Fernandina Beach this year.

The Rev. Fr. Bradley Cunningham and the Rev. Fr. Brian Oldfield will offer the traditional Blessing of the Animals between 9 and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, in the courtyard at Holy Trinity Church in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. You are welcome to bring your dogs, cats, birds, hamsters – even goldfish – to receive a special blessing. To help maintain order, if you have many pets, the church asks you to consider bringing a representa-

tive of each kind to receive the blessing on behalf of the others. Please bring your pets leashed or crated.

• St. Peter's Episcopal Church will hold a Blessing of the Animals at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7. This year, Memorial Methodist Church will partner with St. Peter's. Bring your caged and leashed pets to the field in front of Wood Youth Center at the church. Donations of pet food and treats will be accepted to benefit Nassau Humane Society.

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.

Senior Angel Tree

Applications are being 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.

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. The church is at 1415 Lewis St. in American Beach. For information call 277-2726 or 261-5354.

Prayer leads to triumph from trouble

JOHN SCHERER
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"There's no place like home." I don't know who first said that, but I can assure you in most cases it's absolutely true! When trouble arises and passes, most people just want to go home!

We thank God and continuously lift up His name in heartfelt praise for our recovery that may have brought us from falling ill unexpectedly one evening to being near the gates for many days, and by His grace and love, we are saved to live and be on the road to full recovery and able to go home.

The above is an example that there are times in all our lives that truly humble our perspective and actions, but also rejuvenate our view of all around us. God, by His love and tender mercies, allows us an opportunity to see His will in our lives clearly, to uplift our faith and perhaps try to continue to work in His service or to just come to Him!

We tend to want to thank everyone, many of whom we may not know and even many we have never met, for their prayers, support, cards and wishes and their uplifting visits during the worst times and recovery. There is such strength in a group, the 'Body of Christ', as well as individual prayer, and those prayers are many times answered. We are deeply humbled beyond words for their response in prayer and support to our families and us.

We have had no words to adequately describe our love and deepest feelings to our caregivers, whether our spouse, family member or friend, and the medical team in the hospital that saved us by the grace of the Great Physician's hand resting on their shoulders and guiding our treatment. Many of our concerned caregivers had spent day and night by our side, taking care of us, praying continuously, reading and speaking to us and holding our hand. We hopefully are deeply humbled beyond words to express the love we feel for our caregivers and their steadfast love and devo-

tion, and the prayers of many others.

The power of prayer and the realization that God is truly in control becomes evident when something unexpected, and many times critical, happens in many of our lives. It happens every day. Without warning, life takes its sudden turns. Maybe it's a tragic accident that claims the life of a loved one, or an incident occurs affecting the lives of many people. Or a call from your doctor that tells you that the biopsy came back positive. Suddenly, God steps into your life and gets your attention! It's like hitting a brick wall after driving along so smoothly for a long time. Amazingly, that sudden crash wakes us up to suddenly remember that we are not "bullet proof," and God is in control!

Perhaps in our proud self-sustaining lives, even as believers, we then find ourselves desperately dependent? For many proclaimed Christians, however, we are so conditioned by our denominational backgrounds, our so-called religious traditions and narrow-thinking prejudices that we may miss the point of God's Grace. There is a difference between being a Christian, being religious and being a person who lives by faith. Many attend church once a week for an hour or attend Sunday school or scriptural classes, and many read scripture at home. How many of us, though, truly know and believe that constant prayer is most important? Think about it: We can actually speak directly to the Man Himself, the King of Kings, Almighty God, through His son Jesus Christ, the greatest person to ever walk this earth! There isn't any letter, email, Facebook or phone call that can equal that – ever. It's direct one-on-one communication ... anytime and anywhere!

I remember in my first career having an employee who was overheard speaking to what seemed to be herself quite often. One morning I was walking by her office and heard the same for myself. I couldn't make out what she was saying so I visited her to find out to whom she was talking. She told me that

she was praying and that she prays all the time about things large and small. She continued that speaking to God in this way kept her focused on Him through every day! What a wonderful idea for all of us to consider.

And what about those who are non-believers, not just those who consider themselves to be atheists and determined agnostics and those that find excuses citing that "all Christians are hypocrites" and "who really needs a Savior – I'm doing just fine?" I truly believe that many of the Christian population came to know Christ traveling a lengthy road, perhaps feeling something missing from their lives, or a life-changing tragedy or circumstance.

Hey, let's face it: Your life may be morally squeaky clean. You may be considered a model citizen and never lie to your spouse. You're living a "la vida loca" life or one that is impressively successful. Or you may feel that you have let too much water pass under the bridge. You have made too many mistakes and you feel indeed unworthy to receive Jesus as your personal Savior. You also may have been a Christian for a long time, but you are holding on to your own control panel. You are indeed apathetic and have turned complacent. Well, you all need to know is that over a period of time, sooner or later, God will get your attention! He'll bring you to a place in life where you'll realize there's no point to continue to live with nagging feelings of unfulfillment or complacency in your life.

Please don't wait for a storm in your life or those around you; by then it may be too late. Just pray for acceptance of Christ as your personal savior, that He died on the cross to save us, that you have sinned and are putting that part of the past behind you so that you can live a life that is pleasing to Him. You will feel the freedom and renewal as His grace, peace and joy fills your future.

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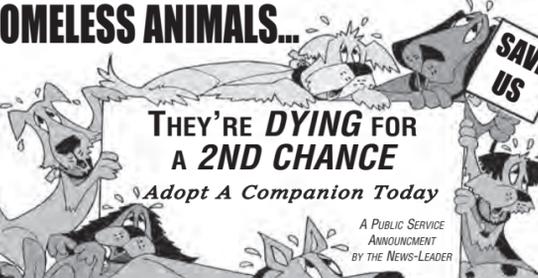
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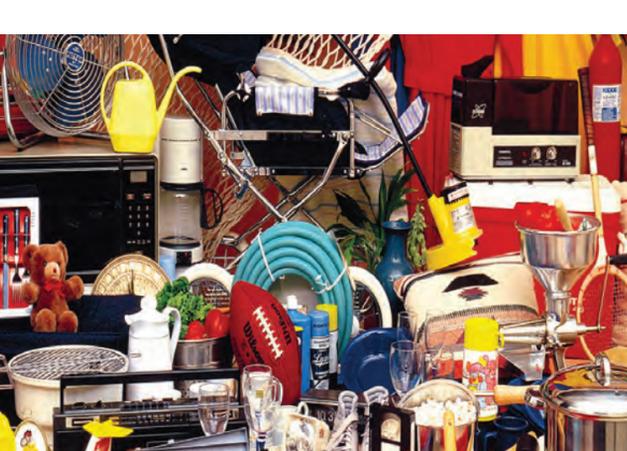
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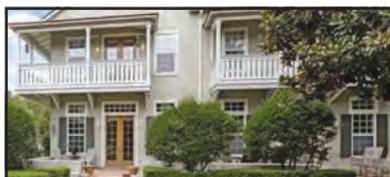
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