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Cord Byrd, capitalist, is excited by growth

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Byrd

The first part of a two-part interview with State Rep. Cord Byrd, R- Neptune Beach.

Byrd will face Democrat and Fernandina Beach resident Nathcely Rohrbaugh in the general election contest for the District 11 seat in the Florida State House of Representatives. Election day is Nov. 6.

Cord Byrd is a capitalist. Plain and simple.

"I believe in free markets," he said recently, as he sat down with the *News-Leader* for an interview ahead of the November general election. "I'm a capi-

talist, so I believe markets work when markets are allowed to work."

Byrd said he wants to emphasize the positive things happening in North Florida, as he did in a recent *Florida Times-Union* story.

"The news article (was) about North Florida being poised to, not lead the state of Florida, but lead the nation in economic growth," Byrd said. "It's a story that I'm glad it's finally getting traction. It's what I talk about when I'm

out on the campaign trail. There are so many positives that are happening in Northeast Florida. That's a testament to policy and vision over time, of people putting us in position. It has partly to do with our geography, the fact that we have space and land. I am excited."

Byrd is the owner of a small business, a law firm specializing in fire-arm rights. He said the principles that apply to his business should be applied to health care and education. He also believes competition is the key to creating a cost-effective health care and education systems.

In 2015, state representatives voted to reject an expansion of Medicaid that, according to *The New York Times*, would have provided health care coverage to

650,000 Florida residents. Although not in office at the time, Byrd said he supports that decision. It rejected \$18 billion in federal money that would have allowed the expansion over a term of 10 years.

"The problem we have in health care is we don't have a real market," he said. "When we're talking about health care and health care policy, you have the federal government involved."

"There's been discussions about allowing people to buy insurance across state lines so there are new products coming into the marketplace. The health care budget is going to, if we don't get a handle on this, is going to consume the state budget. I and my colleagues are looking for efficiency, such as a col-

laborative practice bill, that are more market-centered, more private sector-centered than government-centered."

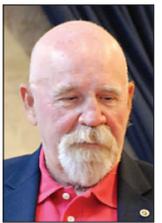
Byrd said businesses must be efficient, and so should the health care system, and referred to the collaborative practice bill he filed in the last session, which died in committee.

"So, someone's a diabetic. Friday night at midnight, they are having an episode," he said. "Their primary care physician isn't in his office, so what do they do? They go to the emergency room. That's expensive. It's inefficient. What they really needed to be able to do is go to their pharmacist, who could check their (blood glucose) levels and

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Bach lists options for conservation funding

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Kreger



Bach

Although the city of Fernandina Beach created a Conservation and Land Management program in June, the question of exactly how to fund the acquisition of undeveloped land in order to protect it has not been answered.

At the Oct. 2 meeting of the City Commission, at the request of Vice Mayor Len Kreger, City Attorney Tammi Bach detailed three avenues the city could take to raise the money: a general obligation bond, a Municipal Services Taxing Unit, and conservation and open spaces impact fees. She also discussed other options.

Bach explained that, if general obligation bonds were issued, the city would pledge ad valorem property taxes to repay the bonds. Voters would have to approve a bond issue through a referendum.

First, the City Commission would adopt a resolution that would set the

date for an election in which voters could decide on the bond. The commission could put the matter on the ballot of a general election, held every two years, or hold a special election.

The cost of holding a special election is roughly \$26,000. An alternative is a mail-in election in which all registered voters are mailed a ballot. The city would pay the postage on all returned ballots.

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AARGH, IT'S PETE'S 40TH BIRTHDAY



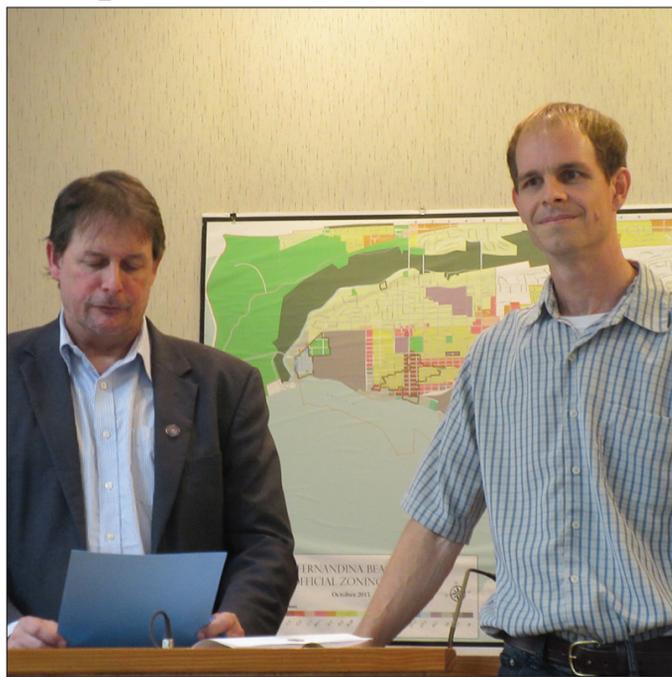
The iconic statue of Peg Leg Pete in downtown Fernandina Beach will have its "birthday" celebrated Saturday, Oct. 6, from 1-5 p.m. This photo from the *News-Leader's* archives shows artist and master woodcarver Wayne Ervin, left, with then-mayor Jake Mottayaw.

"His face, once the heart of an aged oak tree, is now the likeness of the sea," the *News-Leader* published in our Oct. 4, 1978 edition. "This monument to the town of Fernandina was made possible due to contributions made by many townspeople and merchants." Merchants voted on whether the monument should be a fisherman, a sea captain or a pirate. The pirate was chosen "because, it was felt, he reflects all aspects of this island. He is representative of a strong, unswerving community."

FILE PHOTO

City Commission reverses decision on solar panels

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Dave Holley, Fernandina Beach's new arborist, accepted the Community Planning Month proclamation from Mayor Johnny Miller.

The roof on the Atlantic Recreation Center auditorium will be replaced without reinstalling the solar panels that had been used to heat the center's pool water, after Tuesday's reconsideration of the issue by the City Commission.

The city is replacing the roof, which has been leaking. The cause of the leaks, according to the city's facilities director, was the installation of the solar panels.

At their Sept. 18 meeting, commissioners heard from Pete Wilking, president of A1A Solar, the company that installed the water-heating panels. Wilking said the roof was substandard, and that was why it leaked. He told the commission that the solar panels saved the city money. After hearing from Wilking, commissioners voted to have the panels reinstalled when the roof is repaired.

However, at the Oct. 2 City Commission meeting, commissioners referred to a conversation that Wilking had with Parks and Recreation Director Nan Voit. Wilking was said to have told Voit that it is more financially advantageous to the city to heat the pool with gas and that the city should purchase energy-producing photovoltaic panels from his



Voit



Wilking

company. Voit, he said he changed his mind. "What (Wilking) said to Nan was contradictory to what he said to us," Chapman told the *News-Leader*. "It concerned me that we were going to spend \$30,000 on something that he didn't even endorse himself. To me, he discredited himself."

Vice Mayor Len Kreger called the issue "disturbing."

"What he was actually doing was trying to sell photovoltaic. Photovoltaic means generating electricity," Kreger said. "The whole process was disturbing to me."

The commission voted to replace the roof without the panels, 4-1, with Kreger casting the dissenting vote.

The *News-Leader* attempted to reach Wilking for comments, but he did not respond by the press deadline on Thursday.

Another issue from the Sept. 17 commission meeting spilled over into the Oct. 2 meeting — the rules of order.

At the Sept. 17 meeting, Mayor Johnny Miller told Commissioner Roy Smith he was out of order after Smith attempted to interrupt Miller to say that Miller's comments were too lengthy. Miller told Smith that he had never

After hearing the comments made to

PANELS Continued on 5A

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2016 Nests: 204 Hatchlings: 13,550

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WEEKLY UPDATE

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.

Annual NAMI walk set for Saturday

NAMI of Nassau County will host a free annual community walk Saturday, Oct. 6, in Central Park. Sign in will be at 9 a.m. at the gazebo and the walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. The walk is approximately two miles in length. Free T-shirts and refreshments will be available. Local providers will have information booths set up and be on hand to answer questions.

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

Cancer Wellness for Women on Sat.

The Pink Ribbon Ladies will host a Cancer Wellness for Women event Saturday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1600 S. Eighth St. in Fernandina Beach. The interactive day will be filled with activities like yoga, education programs on nutrition, exercise and breast health.

The event is free and check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Lauren DeWitt at 277-2700.

Ostomy support group meets Oct. 8

The Amelia Island Ostomy Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, off the lobby of the UF Health North Hospital building in Conference Rooms 3 and 4. Directional signs will be posted. Co-led by certified ostomy nurse Lynn Oaks, the meeting will provide attendees with opportunities to ask questions, share experiences, and learn about medical products in a supportive environment.

All those with ostomies, their families, professionals, or anyone facing ostomy surgery are welcome to attend. UF Health is located on Max Leggett Parkway, east of the Airport Exit of I-95, just beyond the River City Shopping area. It is also convenient to U.S. 17. For more information, or directions, call 310-9054.

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.

Prostate cancer support meeting

Men Helping Men, a prostate cancer support group, will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in the Board Room at Baptist Medical Center Nassau.

The group provides an educational program developed to help men make informed decisions throughout their prostate cancer journey. For more information, contact Lauren DeWitt at 277-2700.

FRWN hosting Trees for Troops

The Oct. 12 meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Nassau will feature Judy Mixon, president of Trees for America's Troops. Attendees will participate in stuffing some stockings for the troops so please come to help with this great cause. The meeting will be held at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club beginning at 11:30 a.m. Reserve your place for lunch and the meeting by calling 491-5544 or emailing frwnassau@gmail.com by Tuesday, Oct. 9. Reservations are \$15. All registered Republican women and men are invited to attend meetings and join as members or associate members in the latter case.

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.

FDOT Lane Closures

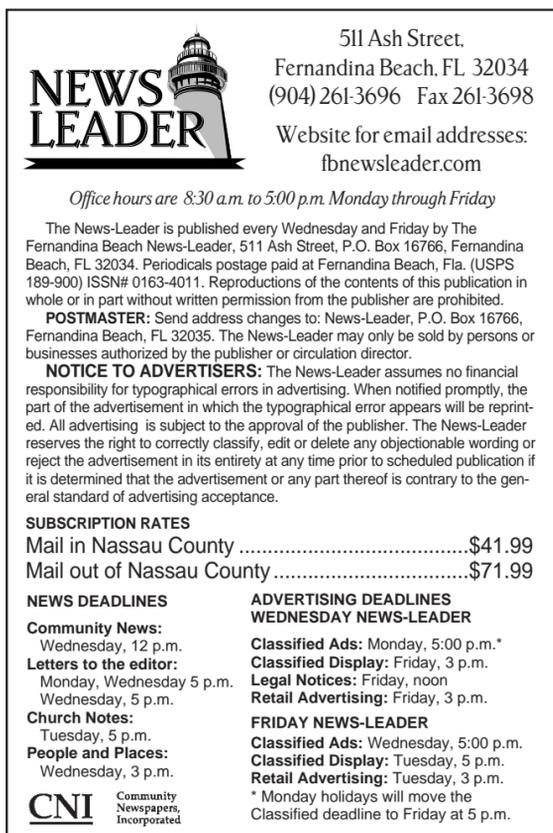
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) now posts its weekly lane closure report online at www.NFLRoads.com/TrafficReport.

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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NACDAC offering server training

Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition (NACDAC) will offer "Responsible Beverage Server Training" for servers and retailers that serve and sell alcohol.

The training for establishments that have alcohol consumed on their premise will be 1-3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, or 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16. The training for retail establishments that sell alcohol are 5-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, or 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16. The trainings will be held at the Fernandina Beach Police Department, located at 1525 Lime St. in Fernandina Beach and are free to attend. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion. To attend one of these trainings, RSVP to Rachel Stokes at 277-3699 or rachelstokes@nacdac.com.

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.

Caregivers meeting and presentation

The Nassau County Council on Aging Caregivers Support Group will meet 2:30-3:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at 1367 S. 18th St. in Fernandina Beach (across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau). The support group meeting will be followed by a special presentation by Debra Jean Landolfi, NCCOA's director of Home Health Services, from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Home Health Services offered through NCCOA include homemaking, personal care, companionship, respite and household chores. NCCOA's Caregivers Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month. The overall goal of the group is to offer support and education for caregivers. It is not suited for loved ones to attend; however all caregivers are welcome.

For more information, please call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, CDP, 904-261-0701, ext. 113.

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 epidemic 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.

'Suicide: The Ripple Effect'

Starting Point Behavior Health will host a screening of *Suicide: The Ripple Effect* at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, at B&B Amelia Island 7 Theatres in Fernandina Beach. The film chronicles the story of Kevin Hines, who at age 19 attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. Since then, Hines has been on a mission to use his story to help others stay alive and find recovery. To reserve tickets, visit gathr.us/screening/24835. Donations made at the screening will help Starting Point continue providing mental health services in Northeast Florida. For more information, contact Katrina Robinson-Wheeler at 415-9350 or krobinson@spbh.org.

Pecan sale through 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.

Citizens Corps seeks new members

Seventy-two hours. Could you survive that long in an emergency? Could your friends, neighbors, and relatives? For the past two years, area residents have survived hurricanes and fires that left people without services for this long or longer. How would you do?

The Citizens Corps is a new group that works in conjunction with Nassau County Emergency Management to gather agencies, corporations, and individuals for training and education to help everyone survive those first 72 hours. If you are interested in helping the community, helping yourself, or helping your neighborhood, visit ccncl.com and sign up. You'll fill out a form about your skills and interests that will help match you to agencies that need you. The website is your first step to self-sufficiency and confidence in emergencies.

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 nhffvolunteers@gmail.com. Learn more at nassauhabitat-forhumanity.org.

Arthritis exercise program

The Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center is offer-

Interim county manager meeting with public

As a reminder, Interim County Manager Mike Mullin will be holding two meetings per month to make himself available to anyone wishing to ask county-related questions or address county-related issues.

These meetings are typically held 3-4 p.m. on the second Tuesday and the fourth Thursday of each month; however, dates can change due to unforeseen circumstances. Residents are urged to check nassaucountyfl.com for current meeting information. Meetings are held in the Commission Chambers located at the James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place in Yulee.

Below is the tentative meeting schedule for the remainder of this calendar year.

- Tuesday, Oct. 9
- Wednesday, Oct. 17 (moved from Oct. 25 due to scheduling conflict)
- Tuesday, Nov. 13
- Thursday, Nov. 29 (moved from Nov. 22 due to holiday)
- Tuesday, Dec. 11
- Thursday, Dec. 27

If you have any questions, contact the county manager's office at 530-6010.

ing 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

Medicare can be a complex subject but it doesn't have to be. If you will be enrolling in Medicare or are already enrolled, then this is the time to learn about your choices or re-evaluate your coverage. During Medicare's annual Open Enrollment period, Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, you can make changes to your drug and health plan for 2019. The University of Florida is offering unbiased, individualized consultations 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Fernandina Beach every Wednesday at the Fernandina Beach Branch Library and Friday at Barnabas Center. Contact UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Agent Meg McAlpine at 530-6359 to schedule your appointment.

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

Be a zookeeper

Amelia Residents in Action for the Symphony sponsors a program each January and February that visits all fourth grade classes in Nassau County with 40 orchestral instruments. The goal of the program is to acquaint students with how to 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.

OBITUARIES

Kathleen Mary Ross

Kathleen Mary Ross, 63, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Sunday, September 30, 2018 at her residence.

She was born December 3, 1954 in Lakewood, Ohio to the late James and Francis (Majors) Kolb.

Kathleen grew up in Beaver, Pa. and received her associate's degree in nursing from Beaver County Community College.

In 1999, she moved with her family to Fernandina Beach, where she enjoyed being out in the warm, beautiful weather. Kathleen was known by all as a vivacious, free-spirited, outgoing person who never met a stranger. She loved music and was self-taught on the keyboard and also enjoyed playing bongos and maracas. She would often attend concerts and go to the theater with her friends. Kathleen was a spiritual person and on her bedside table were books by Shirley MacLaine.

Kathleen retired in 2006 from US Airways, where she worked as a flight operations technician. She was very proud of her son, Kevin, and would brag to everyone about him being a firefighter for the city of Fernandina Beach.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son Steven Ross.

She leaves behind her son, Kevin Ross,

and his wife, Hannah, of Fernandina Beach; siblings, Dr. Gary Kolb, David Kolb, Robert Kolb, Karen Green, Karol Cowart, and Kimberly Ferguson; and twin granddaughters, Stevie and Rebekah Ross.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Memorial United Methodist Church in Fernandina Beach.

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

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Joseph Stephen Shape Jr.

Mr. Joseph Stephen Shape Jr., 73, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Friday, September 28, 2018 at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla.

He was born July 5, 1945 in Sidney, Ohio to the late Joseph Steven Shape and Georgia Schlugetter. He was a graduate of Tri-State University in Angola, Ind., and for most of his working career Mr. Shape worked in the vending and packaging industry.

Mr. Shape attended Blackrock Baptist Church until his health declined.

Mr. Shape and his wife, Carole, moved 27 years ago from Huntington, Ind. to Fernandina Beach, where he loved the "Florida living." Spending time at the beach whether he was fishing or just walking was great fun to him. He also enjoyed antique and modern firearms and could be found on the target range with

his latest acquisition. Between family, work and the beach, he also found time to be a private pilot. He will always be remembered as a loving family man who not only saw to the material needs of his family but instilled an emphasis on maintaining a positive outlook for life and a "never stay down" attitude to his son and grandchildren. His son, Joe, said of him, "No young man could have had a better example of how to be a loving and caring 'man' than my father."

Mr. Shape leaves behind his wife of 52 years, Carole Shape, of Fernandina Beach; son, Joe Shape and his wife, Danielle, of Roanoke, Ind.; sisters, Sally Schenkel and her husband, Kent, of Huntington, Sharon Solloway of Huntington, Linda Altenhof and her husband, Ron, of Goshen, Ind.; grandchildren, William Shape, Elizabeth Shape and Maxton Shape.

Mr. Shape will be returned to Huntington for family services there.

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

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DEATH NOTICE

Louis Todino, 92, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

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then provide them their medication. The bill that I sponsored would have allowed a doctor to give protocols to their local pharmacist that is going to be open at midnight on Friday – that the person could go to and get their levels checked, and get their medication instead of going to the emergency room, which is much more expensive.”

Byrd said another business principle, competition, could work in education.

Byrd said he is in favor of public funding for charter schools because “charter schools are public schools.”

“I think competition makes everything better, whether it’s sports, whether it’s business, and even in education,” he said. “I’m about choice in education so, whether it’s home school, charter school, public school, private school, I’m for all about giving the parent and the child the ability to make that decision.”

Funding for schools should address failing schools and successful ones, Byrd said, but should not direct funding toward chronically failing school systems, but rather should reward those systems, such as the Nassau County School District, that “are doing things the right way.”

Byrd then talked about the debate that took place over charter school funding, saying, “we’re looking for ways to give parents and students that are in these chronically failing districts the avenue to have academic achievement.”

Byrd added that pulling funding from a chronically failing school system would not necessarily be a roadblock to the system’s improvement.

“I don’t accept the premise that more money equals better

educational outcomes,” he said. “Every state agency that comes and testifies, when we (ask), ‘Can you find efficiencies in your department?’ – whether it’s a state agency, whether it’s a local agency, whether it’s a school system – they will always say, ‘We can’t do without one penny less, not one penny. We have to have more money.’ I just don’t accept that. That’s not how regular people live.”

“During the economic downturn, we had to find ways. I cut back. I had to make dramatic cuts to my business and change things. We cut back about 30 percent. You find ways to do it. I don’t accept the premise that more money equals better educational outcomes, or better outcomes for government at any level.”

Byrd also spoke to hot-button local issues such as HB 631, which he supported.

HB 631, passed in the last legislative session, attempts to define the legal process if there is a dispute over the public’s access to the dry sand area above the mean high tide mark on beachfront private property. It also limits the home rule authority of local governments to determine the historic, customary public use of the beach.

The bill caused a huge uproar in Nassau County, resulting in a grassroots effort to protect customary public use of the beach before the bill took effect. A public outreach spearheaded by Citizens for the Preservation of Public Beaches and Shores resulted in thousands of customary use affidavits being delivered to the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners.

“There were – as often happens in legislation – there were multiple pieces that get put together,” Byrd said of the bill. “The part regarding the beaches

was only two pages. The actual law ... was a part about ejection, and that had to do with basically squatters in your home and that caused people to be alarmed that they were going to get ejected from the beach.”

Byrd contends that the dismissal of a recent lawsuit brought by beachfront property owners in Walton County illustrates that the bill was not intended to protect the right of private property owners to restrict access to the beach.

“In the order (to dismiss the lawsuit), the judge repeatedly cited the new law, and said that, if properly enacted, it actually enhances public access and the right of customary use, which I think is important to know,” he said.

“If it was meant to protect private property owners, why did they file a lawsuit attacking it? Because they know that, if done properly, where the local government still has the authority to enact an ordinance, and it has to be approved by a circuit court judge, that actually protects customary use. That’s what the homeowners in Walton County are attacking. Their lawsuit is trying to get rid of the doctrine of customary use in Florida, and the judge dismissed that lawsuit.”

Byrd said he expects the dismissal of the lawsuit to be appealed, and that the bill had become politicized.

“This was a bill filed by a Democrat. It had broad bipartisan support, and it wasn’t until Sen. Nelson came out and said Republicans are privatizing the beaches that people got angry. It didn’t get this attention when we were over in session.”

In part two of the News-Leader’s interview, Byrd discusses affordable housing, funding for mental illness, and guns.

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POLITICAL SEASON



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State Rep. Jeanette Núñez, left, who is running for lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket with gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis, visited several locations in Nassau County last week, including the Fernandina Beach Branch Library. Youth Services Librarian Michelle Ford, right, gave Núñez a tour of the facility.

FWC delists animals from Imperiled Species

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission approved Species Conservation Measures and Permitting Guidelines on Sept. 26 for eight of the more than 50 species in the agency’s Imperiled Species Management Plan, according to a news release.

Based on thorough scientific review, FWC staff determined that the eastern chipmunk, harlequin darter, Homosassa shrew, southern fox squirrel, and the Monroe County osprey population no longer warrant listing. The Suwannee alligator snapping turtle will now be listed as “State Threatened,” while two other species of alligator snapping turtle will no longer be listed.

“Delisting of a species is positive news,” said Kipp Frohlich, director of the FWC’s Division of Habitat and Species Conservation, in the release. “It means the species is doing well and no longer needs critical action for its survival.”

The species guidelines are designed to be a tool for landowners, consultants, agency partners and other interested parties on how to conserve these

species. Additionally, rule changes were made to further ensure protection of these species.

The guidelines offer options for avoidance, and minimization and mitigation of take for listed species. For species being delisted, guidelines outline recommended conservation practices that will maintain the status of the species. They provide species-specific information on key issues relevant to real-world conservation, including:

- Essential behavioral patterns.
- Survey methods.
- Recommended conservation practices.
- Exemptions or authorizations for take.
- Coordination with other regulatory programs.
- Permitting options.

Over the past several months, FWC staff worked with stakeholders on several occasions to discuss and get input on the development of the species guidelines.

For an overview on imperiled species conservation, go to MyFWC.com/Imperiled.



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The value(s) of coaches

We are almost mid-way through the college football season. The idea for this week's topic can be credited to Dabo Swinney. Having a son who is a 2014 Clemson grad has allowed me to be an interested observer of Clemson football for the last eight years. It has been an incredible time for Clemson football, with universal credit going to one Dabo Swinney. Fans can like players, the university, and in my case, the coach. Or certainly a combination of the three. Good coaches create legacies.

Having lived in North Carolina for 26 years of my life, Dean Smith and Mike Krzyzewski were coaches who led programs for decades in a basketball-centric state. They are legends for their commitment to individuals during and after college, and for the ultimate barometer, results. Credit John Wooden with the gold standard.

Back to football. These coaches in big college programs are responsible for 100 athletes. Among this number of young college men, some are going to stray from good decision making away from the field. How



KEFFER'S CORNER

Rick Keffer

simple criteria: 1. Total accomplishments as a coach; 2. Who would be the most desired hires by today's athletic directors.

Here are the 2018 top 10:
 1. Nick Saban, Alabama
 2. Urban Meyer, Ohio State
 3. Dabo Swinney, Clemson
 4. Jimbo Fisher, Texas A&M
 5. Chris Peterson, University of Washington
 6. Gary Patterson, TCU
 7. David Shaw, Stanford
 8. Kirby Smart, Georgia
 9. Chip Kelly, UCLA
 10. James Franklin, Penn State

The all-time list I found named Bear Bryant as the No. 1-ever college football coach. Having Saban today and Bear Bryant in your history puffs out

those Alabama chests. Numbers two, three and four were Fielding Yost, Pop Warner, and Woody Hayes. Saban is No. 5 on the greatest of all time, for now. Other noted coaches on the all-time list were Knute Rockne at No. 7, Tom Osborne at No. 11, Joe Paterno at No. 13, Bobby Bowden at No. 16, Barry Switzer at No. 17, and John McKay at No. 19.

Today's elite college football coaches are one-man conglomerates. Three to seven million a year in salary, plus fringe income. Footwear, TV deals and incentives push the packages. Saban signed an eight-year, \$74.4 million package this year. Bear Bryant led all coaches in pay in 1982 at \$450,000. That is a 2018 equivalent of \$1,174,500. (\$100 in 1982 = \$261.29 in 2018). It is not just college tuition that has run way past general inflation; the value of a coach has skyrocketed. The market speaks.

For every Saban, there are a million youth sports coaches doing it for their communities and kids. No paycheck and no Nike deal, just the desire to teach young boys and girls about life and sports. Thanks to all who volunteer. Have a good week.

Partner Disposal service bought by Meridian Waste

Meridian Waste has acquired Partner Disposal, according to a news release. Nassau County approved Meridian Waste for a commercial and residential hauler's permit earlier this month.

Meridian Waste will now provide environmental waste services to approximately 300 new commercial customers and 3,500 new residential customers and operate from two North Florida facilities including Partner Disposal's existing location at 463106 State Road 200 in Yulee and the company's new Jacksonville commercial hauling location at 1777-C N. McDuff Ave.

All Partner Disposal employees will join the Meridian Waste team, including Partner Disposal founder and owner Dave Shepler. Communications will begin to come from Meridian Waste, and questions or comments can be directed to CustomerCareFL@MeridianWaste.com or (904) 849-5122. All customers are encouraged to sign up for service alerts to be notified by email and/or text of issues such as severe weather events, road closures and holidays affecting their

collection schedule. They can sign up at meridianwaste.com/service-alert-signup.

"We are excited to be back in Florida," said Wally Hall, CEO of Meridian Waste, in the release. "While this is a new market for Meridian Waste, it's certainly not a new market for our leadership team. We remain focused on staying nimble and taking advantage of opportunities that allow us to serve more customers with quality environmental services, hire more employees to join the Meridian Waste team and deliver cleaner communities for all. Partner Disposal was just that type of opportunity for us with a strong management and operational team that has proven its ability to execute upon stellar service in a fiercely competitive market."

Warren Equity Partners of Jacksonville took Meridian Waste private in April. The company has expanded outside its previous core operations in the St. Louis, Mo. and Richmond, Va. areas and into Augusta and Macon, Ga. and Northeast Florida since then.

COMMUNITY HOSPICE RELOCATES



PAMELA BUSHNELL/NEWS-LEADER

Community Hospice and Palliative Care of Nassau County dedicated their new suite of offices at 1901 Island Walkway in Fernandina Beach on Oct. 2. They will share a building with the Council on Aging. Shown from left are state Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, Hospice CEO Susan Ponder-Stansel, COA Director Janice Ancrum and Rev. Jim Tippins, chaplain at Baptist Medical Center Nassau. Community Hospice provides end-of-life care in homes, in long-term care and assisted living facilities, in hospitals and at inpatient hospice centers.

Steve Spurrier to attend grand opening in Yulee

The newly renamed Davis Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Yulee will celebrate its grand opening Oct. 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with SEC football legend Steve Spurrier in attendance, according to a news release.

The dealership, which was recently taken over by Davis Automotive Group, has extended an open invitation to the community to join in the upcoming grand opening celebration. Those in attendance can expect food, free giveaways, music, and the chance to meet and take a picture with

Steve Spurrier.

Angelo Fanelli is continuing in his leadership role of manager under the new ownership; the entirety of his Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram team will also remain, according to the release.

"We're thrilled to be a part of this incredible community, and we wanted to include everyone in our celebration. This is our way of expressing the gratitude we feel for receiving such a warm welcome into this town, and we hope to see everyone out at the dealership on the 18th," said Rick

Davis, owner of Davis CDJR of Yulee, in the release.

"It was important to me that we make sure the dealership and its people were taken care of under the new ownership, and we couldn't be happier with the Davis team in that regard. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at their grand opening celebration," said Rick Keffer, previous owner of the dealership, in the release.

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If approved, the commission would borrow the funds and issue the bonds by pledging ad valorem taxes as repayment.

The bond would be validated by a validation lawsuit, Bach said, which ensures the referendum process cannot be challenged. If the bond is not validated and the city receives the money through a bond and is subsequently sued, the city would have to pay the money back, Bach said, making the validation crucial.

The interest rate the city would pay on the bonds, Bach said, is dependent on the market. "The debt service payment will depend on terms of the loan, the amount, length and interest rate," Bach said. "(City Manager) Dale Martin has requested that the comptroller run some numbers for bonds in the amount of \$4 million, \$6 million and \$8 million."

A Municipal Services Taxing Unit, Bach said, can only be adopted by counties.

Bach explained that cities have to consent to have an MSTU levied. Nassau County could adopt an ordinance approving an MSTU on Amelia Island to be used for land conservation. The county can do this in a small geographic area, she said, and no referendum is necessary. The additional millage is put on property tax bills, if the county adopts it.

If the MSTU applies solely to property within the city limits, the City Commission would have to consent by ordinance. MSTU funds are spent as specified in the county ordinance adopting it. The county is responsible for the budgeting and expenditure of the money for conservation. The county can delegate some of its authority, but not all of it, to the city. The county would have to have some oversight. The city could opt out of the MSTU at any time.

The process for adopting an MSTU would take 90 days, Bach said, and must be adopted by Jan. 1 in order to have it put on the tax rolls. There are no administrative costs or legal fees associated with the MSTU.

Bach then explained the process of adopting a conservation and open space impact fee. She said impact fees are enacted by an ordinance of city or county

commissions, and requires new development to pay for the cost of additional infrastructure needed to support the development. Open space and conservation land is green infrastructure, she said, "arguably the most important infrastructure to citizens."

The city would hire a consultant to perform an impact fee study that applies a dual rational nexus analysis to a new conservation impact fee. That is a test to ensure that there is a rational nexus to the growth to charge that fee. The study would establish that, whatever the fee amount is, it is related to the need for new facilities or infrastructure, including green infrastructure.

After that study, the city would adopt an ordinance establishing the fee and create a trust fund for the revenue and expenditures.

The study would take about six months, including time for bidding, at a cost of \$10,000 to \$30,000. There would be a 90-day notice after adopting the fee before it could be assessed.

Other means of raising funds mentioned by Bach, but not discussed in detail, were increasing the ad valorem tax millage rate without a bond and dedicating a certain millage to conservation; increasing planning and development application fees and using a portion of that money for conservation; the county dedicating a portion of its sales tax revenue to conservation; and private monetary and land donations.

Kreger added that property owners could also put land into a conservation easement. He said the easement is granted in perpetuity and has significant tax benefits.

Margaret Kirkland, speaking on behalf of the Amelia Tree Conservancy, said that group supports all the efforts but recommends working with the county to enact an MSTU. She urged commissioners to fund conservation efforts because "if we don't, we will look like Jax Beach."

"This is an island problem, and we need an island solution," she said. She also suggested using funds from Parks & Recreation impact fees to create passive parks.

Commissioner Chip Ross said he wants to move forward with

funding as soon as possible, and suggested that each commissioner prepare for a Nov. 7 meeting a written plan of how they would fund conservation.

Commissioner Phil Chapman said his decision about funding revenues would be based on a simple question: How much?

"With any of these, what's the dollar amount we're looking for? Is it one million, two million, 10 million?" Chapman asked. "I think that, for me personally, would influence the direction I would want to go in."

Ross said he wants to know how much the city needs to raise before he approves any plan.

"I would propose to, number one, identify all the lands that are available and approach the landowners and see if they are willing to sell their property and at what price, and whether they are willing to lock that price up while you are going to referendum to float a bond," he said. "Once you have that list of properties and a set price, then you will know ... what all this is going to cost."

"I don't think that's the right way to go," Commissioner Roy Smith said. Smith said the matter should go to referendum, and that the amount of the money to be borrowed with a bond should be established beforehand.

"We've got to look, if we go for a bond referendum ... we have to have a number in mind that we can live with. We can't just go and say, 'There's \$20 million worth of property out there, so we need a \$20 million bond.' The rate of paying it back would be way more than people want to pay. We have to come up with some kind of number, break it down into so many months, so many households. We can't get a number that's going to be egregious for the taxpayers."

"I don't care if you want \$20 million of land. It's probably not going to happen, because nobody could afford to pay it back. It's easy to come up with how much we would have to pay back on \$5 million for 30 years or whatever, but you are opening a can of worms there. We should come up with an amount we think we can sell to people."

While there was no official vote on the matter, Kreger suggested the issue be put on the agenda of the Nov. 7 meeting as a discussion item.

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Amendments, part three

With mail-in ballots now being distributed, I'll conclude my summary of the state constitutional amendment proposals under consideration on this year's ballot.

Question No. 10 is titled "State and Local Government Structure and Operation." This question was added to the ballot by the Constitutional Revision Committee (CRC) by a 29-8 vote. The existing Department of Veterans Affairs and a new Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism (housed within the Department of Law Enforcement) will be added to the constitution, if passed. Additionally, the legislature would commence its session in January of even-numbered years rather than the currently prescribed March (and further prohibits changes to that date).

The key differences regarding his proposed amendment, however, are the portions related to county government. The question seeks to ensure that offices of county constitutional officers — sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, and clerk of the circuit court — remain elected offices. Some counties have established other methods by which to fill those offices, and the amendment seeks to remove the ability of those alternative methods. At first glance, since Nassau County constitutional officers are, in fact, elected, this amendment would appear to have minimal, if any, effect upon Nassau County. If I have overlooked an after-effect, I will provide that additional information as soon as possible.

Question No. 11 is "Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal

**CITY NOTES**

Dale Martin

Statutes." Added to the ballot by the CRC (36-1), and continuing the "bundling" trend of different issues, this proposed amendment is relatively short. Discriminatory language related to property rights is proposed to be removed, addresses the "timing" of criminal actions in relation to any subsequent repeal of criminal statutes (if a crime was committed before the associated statute was repealed, an offender can still be prosecuted and punished), and language related to high-speed trains is removed. Support either for or against this amendment is relatively quiet in comparison to the other questions.

Question No. 12 is titled "Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officials" (CRC, 30-4; three not voting). This is a lengthy amendment that, in short-form, addresses ethics in government.

Public officials (for which the proposed amendment provides a definition) would be prohibited from paid lobbying (for which the proposed amendment does not provide a definition) before other governments or agencies. Those same public officials would also be prohibited from paid lobbying before their former governing bodies for a period of six years following their departure from office. The amendment also adds language

prohibiting the abuse of public position for personnel benefit.

And finally, Question No. 13, ends dog racing. Despite being added to the ballot by the CRC (27-10), this amendment is not bundled with any other issue. Simply, do you want to end gambling on dog races? Supporters of the proposed amendment include several animal welfare agencies; opponents include kennel clubs and greyhound associations.

And that is how the entire ballot concludes. In total, the Nassau County ballot includes over a dozen elected offices (it may vary due to local elections: in Fernandina Beach, with two City Commission seats contested, 16 positions will be decided on Election Day) and 12 proposed Constitutional amendments (one ballot question, No. 8, was removed following a legal challenge).

Elections are how we, as a nation, determine our political and governing future. Your actual participation is critical. Vote by mail or vote in person, but VOTE. Despite the obvious explosion of social media, we do not govern by Facebook.

I encourage you to review and study the issues and candidates. I again congratulate every candidate who, given the toxicity of the general political environment (which thankfully, to-date, has not poisoned our local government), has put herself or himself (and families) into the public spotlight which grows brighter and hotter every second. I hope that the victors on Nov. 6 will humbly accept the challenges for which they have been selected to address.

Dale Martin is the city manager of Fernandina Beach.

PANELS *Continued from 1A*

interrupted him, even when Smith was repeating himself.

At the Oct. 2 meeting, Smith addressed the issue. He apologized to the mayor, but said he was trying to save time by cutting him short. He also said Miller owed the commission an apology for "grandstanding" and "politicking."

"He violated the meeting rules of order," Smith said. "The only time he can speak last is when all commissioners have completed their remarks about all the issues and he calls the vote. When he adjourns the meeting is the other time he can speak last. I believe he owes us all an apology for trying to run a bully pulpit here."

While Miller did not apologize for his comments on the issue of what flags can fly on the staffs in front of City Hall, or the length of them, he did apologize for not following Robert's Rules of Order. He said he had discussed the issue with City Attorney Tammi Bach and learned that there is a method to be followed which allows people to address comments made by another speaker. "If somebody wants to speak in response to what he has said, as a democratic body we can do that under Robert's Rules of Order, and our rules of order," Bach explained. "The way that you do that is you put your light on, and that's the way you are recognized. The mayor would ask what it is that you have, and you would say 'point of order,' that you would like to speak, or there are other commissioners that would like to speak, and then, I think the best thing to do is to find out if — because the mayor is entitled to adjourn the meeting — if the majority of you are ready to take additional comments after that. You all decide, essentially, to overrule the mayor."

"I did not understand that at the time," Miller said. "If there are things that you have to say afterwards, if you would like to

comment on what I commented on, that's the procedure we will follow. I was not aware that was the process. I do apologize for that. I did not know, I didn't understand the rules. That's my fault."

In other business, the commission:

- Approved payment for exemptions of wastewater, refuse and storm water fees for financially challenged residents. Commissioner Chip Ross asked that the names of those residents not be made public. The commission agreed.

- Approved an amendment regarding deadlines for items and supporting materials to be submitted in order to be put on commission meeting agendas.

- Approved an agreement with Nassau District Schools to

place a school resource officer in the four schools in the city.

- Approved an interagency agreement with the Nassau County School District, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Probation and Community Intervention and the Nassau County Sheriff's Office regarding students' records.

- Approved on its first reading an ordinance that limits the number of times per year a group can sell items for fundraisers in the city to five days, two times per year.

The ordinance would have to be approved on a second reading to become city law.

- Approved zoning map amendments for locations on 14th Street and TJ Courson Road.

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District Manager

Airport Open House Oct. 13

The public is invited to the opening of the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport's new terminal facility with food, live music, and aircraft viewing on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to a news release. The city of Fernandina Beach will host a dedication ceremony.

In 1943, the U.S. Navy built Outlying Forward Field on Amelia Island to train pilots on the F4U Corsair fighter plane. That airfield is now the airport.

The airport's new terminal building design represents the original F4U Corsair, and the inverted gull wings that earned it the nickname of the "Bent Wing Bird."

SkyDive Amelia Island will make a jump at 11 a.m. followed by remarks from Senator Aaron Bean and U.S. Navy Captain Trent DeMoss.

Live music will be performed by the Navy Band Southeast Quartet and the Nassau Community Band. Hamburgers

and hotdogs cooked by the Amelia Island Sunrise Rotary Club will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with Friends of Fernandina Aviation providing tours every 15 minutes.

The Experimental Aircraft Association's Chapter 943 will offer free plane rides to children 8-17 (must have parental approval) and Kona Ice will be on hand distributing free treats.

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Mayor Johnny Miller with Florida Ombudsman Program First Coast District Manager Tracie Rayfield when Miller proclaimed October as National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month.



National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century, Princess Amelia Chapter President Georgia Murphy and Vice President Lisa Bauer accept the National Colonial Heritage Month proclamation from Mayor Johnny Miller.



Fernandina Beach Fire Chief Ty Silcox and members of the Fire Department were on hand when Mayor Johnny Miller recognized Oct. 7-13 as Fire Prevention Week.

Ms. Union St. James Queen Revue

The Union St. James Association Women's Department presented its Ms. Union St. James Queen Revue on Sept. 22 at the Peace Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville, where Rev. Anthony Webster serves as host pastor.

Sis. Cynthia Benjamin presided over the Queen Revue and Sis. Lillian Smith welcomed everyone and gave the occasion. A praise dance was given by My Destiny Praise Dancers.

Contestants and contributors representing 10 of the churches of the association were on parade:

- Bethlehem, Palatka – Sis. Velma Parker.
- First Baptist, Yulee – Sis. Madrina Addison, Sis. Daina Davis, Sis. Latoya Brizele, Sis. Laura Rhodes, and Lady Rosalyn Goode.
- First Missionary, Fernandina Beach – Sis. Janice Ferrell, Sis. Corlis Brown, Sis. Semoria Chalres, Queen Emeritis, Sis. Maybelle Brown, Sis. Michelle Brown, and Lady Renee Bolden.



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- Greater Mt. Pleasant, Callahan – Sis. Johnnie Mae Killings, Sis. Lillian Lambert, Sis. Maxine Simmons, and President Willie B. Garvin.
- Greater Shiloh, Palatka – Sis. Mildred Oliver.
- Jerusalem, Jacksonville – Sis. Doris Gregg and Sis. Scherolyn Smith.
- New Mt. Canaan, Jacksonville – Sis. Burnice Bennett, Sis. Geraldine Davis, and Sis. Glenda Hopkins.
- New Zion, Fernandina Beach – Lady Cynthia Robinson.
- Peace, Jacksonville – Sis. Angela Butler, Sis. Angelia Hawkins, Sis. Betty Holmes, Sis. Teretha Newkirk, and former queen

Lady Freddie Webster.

- Tabernacle, St. Augustine – Sis. Sylvia Felder.
- West Union, Jacksonville – Sis. Gloria Dixon and Sis. Yvonne Walker.

The Final Walk and crowning, Ms. Union St. James, Sister Tami Autry, Ms. Union St. James 2016-18 escorted by Bro. Jamadi Benjamin and Kary Addison, First Baptist, Yulee.

Presenting "The Queen" 2018-19 Ms. Union St. James Association Queen Sis. Laura Rhodes, First Baptist Church, Yulee, Rev. William Goode, pastor. Third time is the charm. Remarks by women's president Sis. Willie B. Garvin and Union St. James Association moderator Rev. Jeremiah Robinson Jr. Refreshments were served. Every lady is a queen. Just smile.

Birthday wishes to Wendell Glover, Lakeitha Johnson, Tina Johnson, Keondra Johnson, Endia Geter, Emory Wingard II, Romel Green, Marcus Jones, Deonna Clinton, Robert Blue, Pam Haney, Brenda Hooper, and Tierra Jones.

Fresh food and desserts, music and good friends at the market

JUDIE MACKIE
For the News-Leader

Tomorrow is the first Saturday of the month and that means the farmers market on North Seventh Street will be open in historic Fernandina Beach. Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, this outdoor market is an intimate gathering place for the community where you can shop for fresh produce, listen to great music, and catch up with old friends.

Bring a blanket to spread on the lawn and enjoy an ice cream from EPIC creamery, or a fresh chocolate chip cookie from Rudy's Bakery. Once the market closes, stroll to the waterfront where our community will be celebrating the 40th birthday of the historic statue Peg Leg Pete.

Our gluten-free vendor, Something Good, has returned to the Fernandina Beach Market Place and will be attending on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Jay's Marketplace is back with delicious chopped olive salad, and Logan's Microgreens will be back with nutrient packed greens. Upstream Seafood is now bringing Alaskan halibut to the farmers market. Packaged in single portions, this halibut is cleaned and frozen on the boat. These three vendors will be joined by nearly 30 additional natural or food vendors who sell honey, shrimp, beef, seasonal produce, desserts, dips, sauces, plants,



JUDIE MACKIE/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER
A Savannah bar from Great Harvest's booth at the farmers market

flowers, and more. Music this week will be provided by Colored Sound. This local band is made up of Thaxton Rowe, Andrew Haynes, and Michael Hawthorne II, who will play a nice variety of rock and funk jams. This week's Booth With a Cause will be Relay For Life. They are on hand to answer your questions about the upcoming Relay event being held Oct. 20 at Fernandina Beach High School. For more information, visit FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com.

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There is an old Chinese tale of a stone cutter. One day as he was cutting stones for a very rich man, he saw a person of royalty being carried on the shoulders of men. As this royal man passed, he collected taxes from all the working people. The stone cutter became very jealous and wished to the sky to become a man with this much power. He was granted his wish and then was carried along the streets, but the heavy clothes he wore made him unbearably hot under the sun. He then wished to the sky to be as powerful as the sun. His wish was granted and he became the hot sun. Every day he would beat down on the people below, until one day he was blocked by a cloud. He screamed at the cloud to move, but it could not without wind. The man then wished to the skies to become the wind. For what could be stronger than the wind? For days he blew across the land pushing everything over. Suddenly he came upon a huge boulder. He blew and blew, but the stone did not budge. Then he made one last wish. He wanted to become a stone. The sky granted his final wish to become a great boulder. He knew he was the most powerful at last. No sun could hurt him, no wind could push him, no royalty could tax him. Then one day he felt a small knocking on his side. He wondered what could possibly challenge him? He looked down and saw a small stone cutter chipping away at his base.

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Weekly Bible Trivia
What prophet anointed Saul as King?
(answer found in this week's scripture reading)

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FBI investigations

It is a joke to have the FBI investigate the sexual allegations between Kavanaugh and Ford. The FBI does not adequately investigate sexual harassment within their own ranks, so what makes us think they can conduct an objective investigation with Kavanaugh and Ford?

Deborah Blair, special agent, FBI (retired)
Callahan

Reactions to Kavanaugh hearings

During the past two weeks, I have watched Judge Kavanaugh undergo incredible torture and harassment by 10 Democratic senators of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Leaks to the press of this 36-year-old allegation of sexual assault by Californian resident and Democrat Christine Blasey Ford (show) she sent this letter to her congresswoman, then on to Sen. Dianne Feinstein. Somebody in the Democratic camp released to *The Washington Post*. This sexual assault allegation was then made public.

Last Thursday, the Senate Judiciary Committee held hearings in which Judge Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford told their stories. Judge Kavanaugh completely denied any such behavior ever in his life. For her part, Mrs. Ford was pretty vague on dates, location, how she got there, how she got back and no explanation as to why it took her 36 years to come forward.

The 10 Democratic senators on the Judiciary Committee, from my point of view, behaved as a lynch mob. The way they treated the judge, as Sen. Lindsey Graham stated, was despicable. What I saw on my own television was the Constitution of the United States was torn up and thrown in the trash by these 10 senators. It was made clear that constitutional guarantees no longer applied to males. Our Constitution guarantees every citizen who is accused to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law by his or her peers. This man had his reputation, his career, his entire life and his family destroyed for nothing but political bias.

A female senator from the state of Hawaii stated that men need to shut up. To the honorable senator from Hawaii, I say this: I served the Constitution of the United States and this country with my tail on the line for a total of 31 years. Nobody tells me or any other veteran for that matter what my First

Amendment rights are. Nobody tells me to shut up.

What this Thursday hearing said to me was any female in this country can come up with an accusation with no physical evidence or proof against any male, and this man is guilty in the court (of) public opinion. His due process has been revoked. Every male in this country should take notice of these proceedings and have a real fear, for in the future any female who gets upset with you can now destroy your life.

And for every female in this country, please also take careful note of what has occurred in the last week in this country. Ten Democratic senators have convicted this man without trial. Understand that as a woman, you no doubt have males in your life that you care for – a boyfriend, brother, dad, granddad, an uncle, or just a plain friend. All these men can have their lives destroyed by a woman, coming forward with the unsubstantiated allegation. After undergoing six FBI background investigations, there's now going to be a seventh into Judge Brett Kavanaugh.

I have undergone an FBI background investigation. It took six months to complete. They will overturn every stone in your life. Now they're going to do a seventh on the judge after he has served with distinction for 25 years, 12 of which have been on the federal bench. This is flat humiliating and a waste of taxpayers money, because all 10 of these Democratic senators have already stated they will never give him a yes vote, so it's just a case of checking off a box. What makes anybody think that they're suddenly going to discover something they haven't discovered in the previous six background checks?

Every American who has the right to vote should take a serious look at what these Democratic senators have done to a well-qualified man, all in the name of politics and should express their displeasure come November at the polls.

Bill Burk
Fernandina Beach

Sex sells

On Democratic communism: Sen. Schumer and fellow cohorts and resistance-type wild boars are good at using sex. That sells well in today's body politic. For shame!

I served 30 months in a third-world country. It is pitiful to see our country self-destruct.

Russ Coulombe
Yulee



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Stay involved and vote Nov. 6

Other than kicking sand at a new law impacting beach access, residents have hardly reacted to recent political developments.

Residents have ignored important issues like spending and taxes and growth. Maybe residents have become apathetic, or just repulsed.

However, the community rose up against new legislation about beach access around the state. The law clarified the ownership of the soft, dry sand on beaches. With even a sniff of restricting their beach rights, locals sounded off on social media and in several county meetings.

It has been a completely different reaction with property taxes. The county passed the largest tax increase in its history, with nary a protest.

The same with government spending. Elected officials widely increased their budgets as tax revenues pour in by buckets. A few alarmed residents spoke out, but not many.

The growth issue drew more scrutiny. A special meeting was called with our state representatives over disputes with Rayonier Inc. about responsibilities (who has to pay for what) at the Wildlight development. The meeting was attended by 20 or so residents, with no specific outcome.

Unfortunately, this is the wrong time for residents to become detached. Elected officials are often swayed by the numbers of people who contact them or show up at meetings. If they hear little, they figure an issue is not important.

The same goes for government officials at the state and national levels. And if mid-term elections were ever important, this is the time.

On the national front, the control of the U.S. House and Senate will be decided by voters. The decision is whether to continue along a path of prosperity, or to revert to previous policies.

The November elections are also



STEVE'S MARKET PLACE

Steve Nicklas

uber-important for Florida. Democrat candidate Andrew Gillum is supporting socialized health care, raising corporate taxes and doubling the minimum wage. These are "progressive" stances in a state that has prospered under conservative leadership in recent years. Florida is considered one of the most fiscally sound states in the nation – boasting a \$3 billion surplus in successive years.

Locally, additional issues are swirling. Fernandina Beach officials are looking at establishing parking spots on both sides of Sadler Road for beachgoers. Also, the roadwork along State Road 200 and its arteries – and the ensuing congestion – will remain a focal point for many years to come.

Residents need to speak out. Too often, only a few make their voices heard. This is hardly a majority opinion.

There is too much at stake right now for the country, the state and the county/city for voters to disengage and look the other way. Please speak out. Let elected officials know your feelings. And of course, vote. (Kick sand only when necessary.)

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VIEWPOINT / POLICE CHIEF JAMES HURLEY, FERNANDINA BEACH, FLA.

Proposed Amendment 4 – Voting restoration

For those that have completed their felony sentences, parole and probation conditions, (excluding murderers and sex offenders), there really is no means by which they might regain full status as citizens, because the current system of reviewing individual cases in Florida is a complete sham. For that reason alone, Amendment 4 deserves to be supported in November.

As a police officer with nearly 40 years of experience, I have been mostly focused on holding people accountable for their actions. In fact, as a violent crimes detective in South Florida, I was personally responsible for shepherding several hundred people into the prison system for violent crimes committed against individuals and businesses. I authored Florida's Home Invasion Robbery statute and was commended in 1987 after making more than 100 felony arrests that year.

During the better part of the last five decades, I have also worked to address the causes of crime and to reduce crime through the application of community policing concepts and other methods. As a police manager I have been engaged in countless community discussions focused on reducing the crime rate by positively impacting those affected by poverty, drugs, homelessness, and related social issues.

Many people suggest that those convicted of felony crimes have dem-



Hurley

onstrated poor decision-making skills and therefore cannot be trusted to make important political choices at the voting booth. However, this discussion is not always about bad decisions as much as it is desperate decisions fueled by drug addiction, lack of education, unemployment, frustration with the system, and despair over one's station in life. And these bad, desperate decisions have consequences that require criminals pay a debt to society, and they usually do.

It is important also to recognize that non-violent property crimes are often viewed very differently by society. In many cases felony property crimes are reduced to misdemeanor crimes in order to pave the way to a plea bargain agreement. Not only do many "white-collar" criminals avoid jail time, but they rarely are punished a second time by having their right to vote taken from them.

I know how hard it is for those caught up in the criminal justice system to get their lives straightened out. They are clearly helped emotionally and psychologically by the incentive of "being restored," of being whole citizens again. Being trusted again to



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vote in a free society is a huge step and helps to distance individuals from a life of crime and poor decision-making. Is that not a responsible goal for our communities to help individuals achieve?

Without question, communities will be safer if voting rights are restored for

those that have paid their debt to society by serving their prison sentences, including parole or probation, because recidivism rates are found to be reduced for those individuals. I support Amendment 4 because I believe that individuals should be afforded the dig-

nity of acceptance once they have satisfied that debt. And I believe in giving people a second chance at living productive, meaningful lives. Forgiveness is a powerful grace that works on both the giver and the receiver. Shouldn't we be focused on rehabilitating lives?



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Sean Poynter defeated teammate Zane Schweitzer in the final of the New York SUP Open on Sept. 22. His next event is the ISA World Championships in China in November.

Poynter wins New York SUP Open



Poynter captured the New York title in last month to open the APP World Tour season.

BETH JONES
News-Leader

It was an all-U.S. final in the New York SUP Open Sept. 22 in Long Beach. Sean Poynter, 29, of Fernandina Beach battled Hawaiian Zane Schweitzer for the title in the APP World Surfing Tour's first stop of the season.

Poynter emerged victorious. "I took the win in the final with one of the highest heat totals of the event (16.37), and it felt amazing," he said. "My scores came through on a right and a left. There were only a few sets in the heat given the high tide, but I managed to get on them and execute. It all seemed to go my way."

"Heats are always slightly nerve-racking to me because of the inconsistency of waves, but fortunately I was on the right side of the wave flow."

It was a great season opener for the standup paddleboarder.

"It was a big win for me," Poynter said. "First event of the year and you always want to start it strong."

Poynter, who is home on Amelia Island this month, will be heading to China in November to compete in the ISA World Championships.

"I'm really looking forward to the next event in Canaries," he said.

If he fares well in China, Poynter will qualify for the Pan American Games.

"It's the second largest sporting event behind the Olympics," he said. "This the first time surfing and standup paddling have been included in the Games. We're definitely blazing the trail."

Surfing will be added to the Olympics in 2020, and Poynter is hoping standup paddleboarding joins the events in Paris in 2024.

"It's a big step in that direction, having it recognized at the Pan American Games," he said. "It is exciting where the sport is at and where it continues to go to."

Poynter has been surfing since he moved to Fernandina Beach when he was 10 years old.

"When we lived up in Cincinnati, I wanted to be a professional soccer player," he said. "Then we got down here, and surfing just took over that. I picked up surfing shortly after we got here, and I've been surfing and standup paddling for 19 years."

Poynter's budding surfing career was nipped in 2008. He was a victim of the 2008 economic downturn.

"I was kind of the lower guy on the totem pole, and they dropped me," he said. "They kind of left me twiddling my thumbs and going, 'What am I going to do?'"

He spent time in his family's restaurant, washing dishes, slinging drinks and serving meals while he planned his next move.

"One door in a way closed, so I decided I have to move out west, find a sponsor and do it in the way I wanted to do it," Poynter said.

But before he hit the road, a friend introduced him to standup paddling.

"It was the most humbling experience ever," Poynter said. "Here I was this kind of hot-shot surfer. It was 1-2 foot, if that, southwest winds, I was on a 10-foot board, light chop and I couldn't stand, for the life of me. I couldn't stand on the board for more than five seconds, and I was falling off."

Poynter was determined. "I would not let this defeat me," he said. "Initially it was that challenge, and I wanted to do this. I got a smaller board, and I started doing better. I just loved it."

Since 2010, Poynter has collected a pair of gold medals in ISA World Championships and, in 2012, he finished second on the APP World Tour.

"I competed in just a couple of events," he said. "I said, 'I want to win the world title by this year.' I was closest in 2012. I was leading in the last event."

But he was denied. "That's the closest I've been," Poynter said. "I made it my goal this

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23rd annual Reggie Hunt Memorial Golf Classic slated for Oct. 13

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida will host the 23rd annual Reggie Hunt Memorial Golf Classic on Oct. 13 at the Amelia River Golf Club. This event is held annually in Nassau County in memory of William Reginald Hunt Jr., a former Fernandina Beach High School student-athlete and six-year participant in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida mentoring program in Nassau County.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida in Nassau County relies on the support of the community and on private donations. Through this support, the organization continues to inspire change and ignite today's youth to reach their full potential.

For more than 30 years in Nassau County, Big Brothers Big Sisters has impacted the lives of children facing adversity by matching them with a caring adult mentor who can positively influence their lives for the better forever.

The Reggie Hunt Memorial Golf Classic is the largest fundraising event for the Nassau County program of Big Brothers Big Sisters of

Northeast Florida. Registration begins at 8 a.m., followed by an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Guests will enjoy a prime rib luncheon and an awards reception following the tournament.

Former BBBS of Nassau County Advisory Council chairman and current supporter Tom Oden has played in all previous 22 golf tournaments.

"Amelia River is a great venue for this event," he said. "The course is in fine shape; the staff does a very professional job. And the prime rib dinner is fabulous. Don't miss it."

Community partners include the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, LJA Rail, First Federal Bank and WestRock. Sponsors are Rayonier, Davis Chrysler-Jeep-Ram, Amelia Dental Group, Quality Health, Community First Credit Union, Synovus Bank, Rogers Towers, the Blackall family and Florida Public Utilities. FIS is the luncheon sponsor.

"We appreciate the community coming together in support of our organization," BBBSENEFL's Chief Executive Officer Sara Alford said. "This event is so special because it allows us to honor a former



Gearing up for the annual golf event are, from left, Alan Clack, Amelia River Golf Club; Jimmy Weaver, First Federal Bank; Tom Oden, BBBSENEFL; David Elder, LJA Rail; Rainey Crawford, BBBSENEFL area manager; Sheriff Bill Leeper, Nassau County Sheriff's Office; and Larrie Beaudry, WestRock.

little, Reggie Hunt, while helping advance other youth through the proceeds of this tournament.

"We hope those who sup-

port the golf tournament do not allow their support to end there. We are always in need of caring adults to serve as mentors to our waitlisted youth. We

hope this tournament highlights the importance of giving back and positively affecting the life of a child."

For information about the

event or to become a mentor, contact Rainey Crawford, Nassau County area manager, at 513-0813 or visit www.bbbsnefl.org.

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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 9:30 a.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 NassauNAMI Florida@gmail.com.

Hunter safety

A hunter safety class will be held Oct. 6, with sessions from 8 a.m. to noon in the Callahan Fire Station community room and from 1-4 p.m. at the North Florida Firearms and Tactical Center in Hilliard. Students must have completed the online course at www.MyFWC.com before taking the course.

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 community and other civic-minded activities.

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

Babe Ruth baseball

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

Youth lacrosse

Amelia Island Nassau County Youth Lacrosse is a developmental youth lacrosse program for boys and girls ages 8-15. Registration is open for the 2019 spring season. No prior experience or knowledge of the sport is necessary. The club is a non-profit member of U.S. Lacrosse and volunteer driven.

Visit www.ameliainland-lacrosse.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)

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year. The season opener was a big swing in that direction for me. I'm excited.

"It's a good confidence booster, coming into the first event. We haven't competed on a world tour event for over a year now.

"You're not exactly sure where you stand with the world and what your ability is in the judges' eyes. For them to award me the highest heat totals of the day and of the event against the best guys in the world makes me feel pretty good."

Poynter took down a Starboard teammate en route to the New York win.

"We go way back," Poynter said. "We've traveled all over the world together. He's not only a teammate but a good friend.

"But it is competition, and we're out there to win. Zane is one of the most energetic, aggressive standup paddleboard surfers in the world. He can take one-foot waves and just absolutely obliterate them. Using that energy, he can do some really aggressive turns and really exciting maneuvers.

"Myself, I kind of have a contrast of style from that. I'm a little bit smoother and maybe more methodical with my movements. Not so sporadic.

"I was putting my usual game against his, along with the strategy of how you compete in the heat, picking the best waves. They kind of rewarded my surfing over his."

When he's not competing or honing his skills, Poynter is helping with the research and development of new boards.

"With Starboard, I work with them heavily on R&D,

981-7703 or President Robby Allen at aincyouthlacrosse@gmail.com or (843) 263-0761.

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.

Call Commodore Tom Maguire at (703) 298-1714.

Oktoberfest benefit

Local farm Congaree and Penn's new Farm Cider Garden debuts Oct. 6 with an Oktoberfest celebration to benefit the Jaguars Foundation.

The day of German festivities features beers brewed by both German and local breweries, including Hofbrau, Aardwolf Brewing Company, Intuition Ale Works, Veterans United and Congaree and Penn's own Farm Cider. Locally-sourced fare includes sausage, schnitzel, chicken and pretzels.

Jaguars mascot Jaxon de Ville will be on site to judge the best dressed Lederhosen contest and live music will feature the Junco Royals and The Wetlands Stringband.

Oktoberfest is from 3-9 p.m. Oct. 6. Tickets are \$60 for adults, \$30 for kids aged 4-12 and may be purchased at www.904tix.com/events/oktoberfest-congaree. Price includes two German beers, food and a beer stein.

Congaree and Penn will host a Bauernhof Dinner at 6:30 p.m. today. Tickets are \$125 per person. Attendees must be 21 years old or older. Purchase non-refundable tickets for the dinner at www.congareeandpenn.com/oktoberfesttickets/bauernhof-dinner.

The Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation is committed to support programs benefiting economically and socially disadvantaged youth, families and other NFL and team charitable initiatives. Visit www.jaguars.com/community/Congaree and Penn.

Congaree and Penn is located at 11830 Old Kings Road in Jacksonville.

Adult tai chi

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

working on their pro boards to their recreational board, and I have quite a hand in the design element in it" he said. "They're based in Bangkok, but every year, I'll spend a month between Bangkok and Bali. I'll work on board in Bangkok, and then take them to test in Bali for a few days.

"It's cool they have that faith in me. They give me the right to approve or disapprove a board or to modify a board to go into production. Then, they produce and sell thousands of them. It's kind of a humbling thing, and it's pretty cool."

Poynter is also an advocate for the sport he is passionate about, enticing people to get standup paddleboarding a try.

"We have meet-ups on Saturdays at Scott Road," he said. "Come out. We have boards you can rent."

Poynter also teamed up with Amelia Island Paddlesurfing to offer lesson and tours through local waterways.

"You can explore the island in a way you never have before," he said. "We want to make it where people are self-sustaining in their own paddling experience."

Poynter also travels to Mexico to help conduct educational retreats.

"We coach them in a five-day, intense program, beginners to advanced and everyone in between," he said. "It's really fun. The idea is we create an environment where people can push themselves."

And, Poynter is pushing himself this season.

"There's nothing like coming off a win to motivate you more," he said. "I'm at a good place right now. I want to train that much harder."

SAILING ON ST. MARYS



In light winds and hot temperatures, the Amelia Island Sailing Club held its fifth race of the 2018 season on Saturday. The early afternoon race provided the six competitors with a challenge to complete the course around navigation buoys in the St. Marys River. With just those light winds providing the power to get around the marks and the building currents, it was fairly slow going along the nominally five-and-a-half-mile race course. The three boats that took first, second and third place get off to a close start, left. *Misty*, center, skippered by Wilby Whitt, came in first after completing the course in a little over two hours. *Misty* was followed by *Wayward Wind*, foreground, skippered by Larry Murphy, second; and *Athore*, left, skippered by Tom McKenna, third. The club holds informal races monthly throughout most of the year, sponsors various other boating and social activities and meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Kraft Athletic Club on Buccaneer Trail. Contact Commodore Tom Maguire at (703) 298-1714 for information.

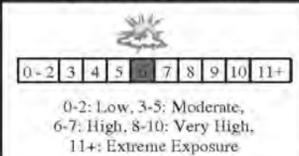
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The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Sunny	Scattered T-storms
87 / 74	86 / 75	84 / 77	85 / 75	83 / 77	81 / 71	84 / 74

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

What is the name of the cloud from which a tornado descends?

ANSWER: Wall cloud.

Weather History

Oct. 5, 1638 - The journal of John Winthrop recorded that a mighty tempest struck eastern New England. This second severe hurricane in three years blew down many trees in mile long tracks.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	9:19-11:19	9:46-11:46	Tue	12:23-2:23	12:48-2:48
Sat	10:14-12:14	10:40-12:40	Wed	1:13-3:13	1:38-3:38
Sun	---	11:07-1:07	Thu	2:03-4:03	2:28-4:28
Mon	11:33-1:33	11:58-1:58			

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Fri	7:21 a.m.	7:06 p.m.	3:24 a.m.	5:07 p.m.	Full 10/24
Sat	7:22 a.m.	7:04 p.m.	4:31 a.m.	5:50 p.m.	
Sun	7:23 a.m.	7:03 p.m.	5:37 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	Last 10/31
Mon	7:23 a.m.	7:02 p.m.	6:42 a.m.	7:08 p.m.	
Tue	7:24 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	7:45 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	
Wed	7:24 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	8:47 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	
Thu	7:25 a.m.	6:59 p.m.	9:48 a.m.	9:03 p.m.	

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
9/26	92	72	84/71	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
9/27	91	74	84/71	0.00"	9/26	32	9/30	30
9/28	93	75	83/71	0.00"	9/27	32	10/1	31
9/29	90	72	83/70	0.00"	9/28	34	10/2	31
9/30	87	73	83/70	0.00"	9/29	31		
10/1	85	78	83/70	0.00"				
10/2	85	77	82/69	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	High	Low	Date	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	5:55 am	11:51 am	6:29 pm	None	Fri	5:19 am	11:48 am	5:53 pm	None
Sat	6:57 am	12:30 am	7:27 pm	12:52 pm	Sat	6:21 am	12:27 am	6:51 pm	12:49 pm
Sun	7:55 am	1:25 am	8:20 pm	1:50 pm	Sun	7:19 am	1:22 am	7:44 pm	1:47 pm
Mon	8:48 am	2:16 am	9:11 pm	2:44 pm	Mon	8:12 am	2:13 am	8:35 pm	2:41 pm
Tue	9:39 am	3:05 am	9:59 pm	3:35 pm	Tue	9:03 am	3:02 am	9:23 pm	3:32 pm
Wed	10:28 am	3:50 am	10:46 pm	4:24 pm	Wed	9:52 am	3:47 am	10:10 pm	4:21 pm
Thu	11:15 am	4:34 am	11:31 pm	5:11 pm	Thu	10:39 am	4:31 am	10:55 pm	5:08 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Lunar Confusion

The phase sequence of the moon, 29.5 days, is very different from the 27.3 days that it takes for the moon to revolve around our planet. If the two periods are added and divided by two, the result is 28.4 days, or 28 days if rounded to the closest whole number. The tradition of combining these two intervals into 28 days may be universally used by teachers because that is the most common first answer given by my Moravian astronomy students. My conclusion for teaching young children about lunar cycles would be to ignore the 27.3-day period of the moon's revolution around the Earth and concentrate on the 29.5-day period of lunar phases. My reasoning is simple. The 27.3-day lunar cycle is difficult to observe and is a challenging observation for a novice or a child to make, especially since the moon is bright and "hides" most of the stars surrounding it. On the other hand, the 29.5-day phase period of the moon is easy to observe as we witness Luna proceeding through a day and night cycle. The phase period of 29.5 days is directly related to our establishment of the month (from the Old English "monath," "mona" for moon). Also, the phases of the moon create the main "beat" for calculating when lunar and solar eclipses occur. The moon must be new, in between the Earth and the sun, and crossing the Earth's orbital plane for Luna's shadow to fall upon Earth's surface to create a solar eclipse, where Sol (the sun) is being hidden - eclipsed - by the moon. Likewise, the moon must be full, opposite the sun and Earth, and crossing Earth's orbital path for it to intersect the Earth's shadow for a lunar eclipse to happen. Here, the moon is hiding - eclipsed - in the shadow of the Earth. All of these easily visible phenomena - phases of the moon, all lunar and solar eclipses, as well as many religious events are governed by the 29.5-day phase cycle of the moon, not the orbital period of the moon around the Earth. So, I say up with the 29.5-day lunar period for kids and save the 27.3-day orbital period for science-orientated high schoolers and college students taking astronomy courses. www.astronomy.org



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CONTEST NO. 3



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The Eastern Surfing Association's First Coast District held its third contest of the season Saturday at Peters Point with two- to three-foot, glassy, fun waves. Numerous surfers of all ages showed up to compete, while others came to volunteer during the five-hour contest. Colby Harris, left, placed first in the U18 age division. Dylan Jenkins, center, wowed the crowd all day long with his surfing, competing in three back-to-back final heats and taking the win in both open men's and U16. Mikaela Nichols, 10, right, swept the girls U12, U14 and boogie board divisions. The youngest competitor of the day, Kai Nichols, 5, won the push-in division. Aiden Flynn, 9, won the boys U12 and U14 divisions. Ivy Bradley was first in girls U16. Cole Poteat took the win in the finals heat of menehune longboard.

FBWGA thinks pink, celebrates breast cancer awareness

The Fernandina Beach Women's Golf Association held its play day to recognize breast cancer awareness on Tuesday. All players were encouraged to wear pink to show support for this great cause. The FBWGA has members who are breast cancer survivors or whose lives have been touched in some way by the disease.

The game was Pink Ball. Each team was given a pink ball to use during the round with the members alternating its use. The team able to combine a low score and use the pink ball the most in their scores was declared the winner.

Finishing in first place with a combined net score of 127 was the team of Sue Simpson, Terri Wright, Carol Anderson and Sue Raskin.

In second place with a score of 128 was the team of Donna Dandurand, Nancy Meadows, Michelle Vessy and Jean DesBarres.

In third place with a score of 129 was the team of Vicki Galpin, Debbie Engers, Betsy Montgomery and Jean Taylor.

GOLF NEWS

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 information on Boys & Girls Clubs programs, visit www.bgcnsau.com.

Mini golf tourney

The Nassau County Chamber of Commerce will



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Members of the Fernandina Beach Women's Golf Association show their support for breast cancer awareness.

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.

For information on the event, visit www.nassaucountyflchamber.com or call 261-3248.

Nassau County Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based association of Nassau County businesses, professional

leaders and individuals working together to provide leadership which will aggressively promote and defend responsible economic growth, employment opportunities, government and excellence in education and quality of life.

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SPOTLIGHT On Nassau Gardens

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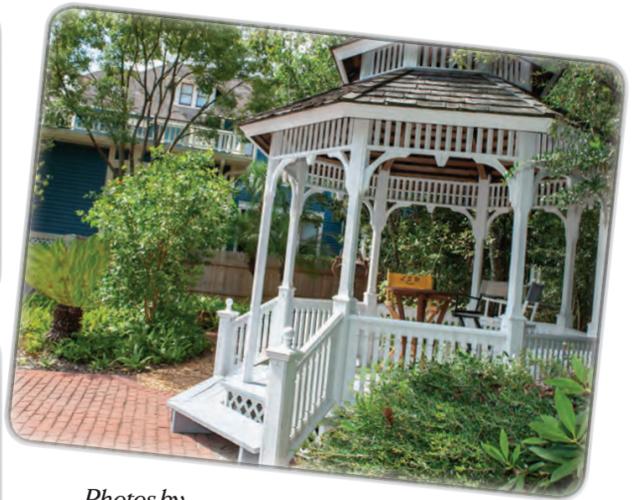
Tracey and Ricky Escalante moved into the Hoyt House Bed & Breakfast in 2016. Working in the garden has been a labor of love. They also enjoy downtown Fernandina Beach and are happy to be on Atlantic Avenue. They painted the house inside and out and made it beautiful for guests. The Hoyt and Mizell families lived there from 1905 until 1979. It became a B&B in 1993. Tracey and Ricky are the fourth owners. The lovely home and the gardens have a Victorian-era design, and the English Garden is filled with flowers.

Everyone who goes there loves the front porch. Tracey painted the swing and she relaxes there every day. The liriopie plants along the pathway are lovely. The old roses had to be replaced because of last winter's storm, but the new ones are doing very well.

On the east side of the home is a fence surrounding a lovely garden area and a delightful swimming pool. There are three citrus trees: lemon, tangerine and grapefruit. The hyacinth, pink crape myrtle, bottle brush, vine with pink flowers and yellow jasmine are all blooming. The hammock is surrounded by several healthy sago palms and there is an attractive small porch on the north side of the garden.

Tracey and Ricky are doing well with their B&B and always enjoy working in their wonderful garden!

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



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ON & OFF THE ISLAND

SOUNDS ON CENTRE

The classic R&B and funk band STR8UP will headline the final Sounds on Centre concert tonight. The free community concert will be held on Centre Street between Front and Second streets between 6 and 8 p.m.



STR8UP is one of Jacksonville's top R&B dance bands and plays covers of hits by artists like Aretha Franklin, Dianna Ross, Donna Summers, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Barry White, Lady Gaga, Beyonce, Fergie and more.

BACK TO THE FARM

Traders Hill Farm and Conner's A-Maize-Ing Acres will host a Back to the Farm 2018 event Saturday, Oct. 6.

The day will include hayrides, pony rides, greenhouse tours, a corn maze, music, K's Creamery, SJ Brewing Company and more. Traders Hill will be open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is free to visit. The farm is located at 30771 Foghorn Lane in Hilliard. For more information, visit tradershillfarm.com. Conner's will be open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission prices are available at connerscornmaze.com.

The attraction is located at 19856 C.R. 121 in Hilliard.

'SHINE & DINE'

Eight Flags Jeep Club is sponsoring part two of its "Shine & Dine" event at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6. Come enjoy an evening out with your family and fellow Jeep owners at the VFW Post under the Shave Bridge. Dinner including a pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, chips and a drink will be available for \$7. The event will feature a 50/50 raffle, Jeep bowling, cornhole competition and trophies awarded for Dirtiest Jeep, Cleanest Jeep, Best LED Display and People's Choice. All proceeds will benefit the VFW and its charities. There's no charge to attend this event, which is open to all Jeep owners. For more information, visit eightflagsjeep.com.

OUT AND ABOUT

THIS WEEKEND

Hosted by Fernandina Beach Main Street, Peg Leg Pete's 40th Birthday Party will be held Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Welcome Center located at the foot of Centre Street beginning at 1 p.m. with the reading of a proclamation of Pirate Peg Leg Pete's birthday followed by actress and historian Thea Seagraves telling the story of Peg Leg Pete. There will be family-friendly vendors, a coloring contest, music, toy demonstrations, face painting, the Fernandina Pirates Club's popular parade float, and of course birthday cake. The Nassau Community Band will perform at 1:15 p.m. and again at 2:15 p.m., story telling by Jenna the Mermaid will be at 2 p.m., and members of the Pirate's Club will be holding Pirate School at 3 p.m. for the youngsters who want to learn how to become a pirate. Musician Lucas Merren will perform leading up to the official cutting of the birthday cake at 4 p.m. before the festivities come to a close with raffle drawings and the award presentation to announce the winner of the coloring contest as judged by pirates.

The Book Loft will host a launch party Saturday, Oct. 6, for local author J.R. Sharp and his latest book *Breaking with the Enemy* (Koehler Books). The novel, set in 1940's Italy, features the character Gino Cartelli, who has recovered from being wounded in Ethiopia and has been sent back to war by the Axis powers. He knows it is only a matter of time before he meets the same fate as his two brothers who died in battle. He decides that he must make other plans to secure his future. This author presentation, book signing and reception is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Sharp perfected his writing skills during his nearly 32 years of naval service by updating complex correspondence, writing and contributing to countless naval manuals and instructions. He is a retired Mustang Naval Officer (commander) who served and lived in Europe, Middle East, South America, and Caribbean. Sharp holds a Bachelor of Science from Southern Illinois University and an engineering degree from Florida State College in Jacksonville, Florida. The book launch party is open to the community and no registration required. For more information, visit thebookloftamelia.com.

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.

NEXT WEEK

What will your book group read and discuss in the coming months? Story & Song Bookstore Bistro will host a Book Group Night at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, with special guests from Penguin, Random House and HarperCollins to present fiction and non-fiction works recently published and to be released in early 2019. This event is free and open to all currently participating in a book group or interested in joining one. RSVP to donna@StoryAndSongBookstore.com or call 904-601-2118.

John Kato will present "Enhancing Stability and Mobility" at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, at Therapeutic Solutions of Amelia, located at 905 S. Eighth St. in Fernandina Beach. What can you do before, during and after your bodywork to get the most out of the time spent with your therapist? Combining soft tissue release techniques designed to balance your mobility and stability with yoga-inspired movements to re-educate your body and promote the newfound efficiencies in your structure. This is a free event; snacks and wine will be served.

Dr. Harry Duccilli, U.S. Army Air Corps, will be the speaker at the October luncheon meeting of the Nassau County, Florida chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). During World War II, First Lieutenant Harry Duccilli served as a 20-year-old aircraft commander flying B-17 bombers. He will discuss his experience flying more than 30 daylight missions over Germany during the war. The meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. A light lunch will be served for \$10. To attend, RSVP to Paul Booton at 491-1814 by 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7. The MOAA Nassau County, Florida chapter welcomes all active, retired and former officers and their spouses. For more information, visit ncflmoaa.org or come to the October meeting.

The Amelia Island Quilt Guild will hold its monthly meeting 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9. This month members and guests will view a mini-quilt show entitled, "Dyeing for Fabrics," a challenge based on a dyeing fabric workshop. In addition, the featured presentation will be "Making a Collage Quilt." This "in" topic in fiber arts will be presented by Laurie Malm, owner of Lollipops Quilt Shop, who will show the techniques of this truly fun and creative fiber

work of art. AIQG meetings are held at the Woman's Club, 201 Jean Lafitte Ave. For more information visit aiquilts.com.

The Northeast Florida Fair is set to kick off Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Callahan and continue through Sunday, Oct. 21. Since 1947, the fair has promoted agriculture in Nassau County and features livestock judging, baked good contests, a rodeo and a parade of champions. The fair also provides numerous musical acts, a talent show, the Young Farmer & Rancher Award, an egg decorating contest, Barnyard Olympics, vendor exhibits and tons of rides. A \$25 MegaPass for admission and the rides is available at neffair.org/mega-pass.

The Amelia Island Quilt Guild will host a workshop 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10. "Making a Collage Quilt: A whole-day workshop" will be led by Laurie Malm, owner of Lollipops Quilt Shop in Fernandina Beach, who will teach collage quilt methods, including creating landscapes. Amelia Island Quilt Guild members and guests will learn techniques using a quilt kit purchased at the shop or you may bring your own kit. Kits can be purchased at Lollipops Quilt Shop. The cost for the class is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Payment must be made by Oct. 8 to secure a space. Supply list and location will be provided upon completed registration. For questions and registrations contact lchemke@comcast.net.

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.

'RIPCORD' AT ACT



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. 11-13, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at 207 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach. Tickets – \$22 for adults and \$10 for students through college – are available by visiting AmeliaCommunityTheatre.org and by calling 261-6749. Season tickets packages are also available with five shows for \$100 and six shows for \$115.

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The Amelia Island Museum of History will host a 3rd on 3rd Street lecture titled "Recovering Manhattan Beach: Northeast Florida's Oldest Beach Resort for African-Americans" with Brittany Cohill of the Beaches Museum at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19. The memory of Northeast Florida's first African-American beach in the segregated South is eroding with time. With no visible evidence remaining of a once-vibrant coastal retreat, Cohill is using archival sources, oral histories, and a handful of the only known existing photographs to piece together its story. Learn how Gilded Age expansionism led to the creation of Manhattan Beach (located at present-day Hanna Park in Jacksonville), the role Manhattan Beach played in Jacksonville's African-American community in the early 20th century, and the factors that contributed to its demise. This program is free and open to the public. Seating is first-come, first-served. For more information contact Joshua at 261-7378, ext. 102, or joshua@ameliamuseum.org. Amelia Island Museum of History is located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

Where will you be on Oct. 19th? At Nassau County Council on Aging's Rock 'n Roll Gala of course! The big event is Friday, Oct. 19, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. Shimmy and shake to music from the '50s and '60s with Billy Buchanan & His Rock 'n Soul Revue! Dress in your fave fashions from the rock 'n roll period! Dine on a three-course dinner, and bid on sensational items during live and silent auctions! Cost is \$100 per person. All proceeds benefit Nassau County seniors. Buy tickets and check out sponsorships at nassaucountycouncilonaging.org. For more information, call 261-0701. Be there or be square!

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

Tours of the history museum, 1881 depot, turpentine artifact exhibit, and 1940s-era caboose will also be conducted. Inside the train depot museum the Historical Society will host a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit called "Crossroads: Change in Rural America." The national display will be augmented with local quilters showing their works inside the depot annex along with the Historical Society's 8x8 history-themed model train layout. Sponsors and volunteers are needed. For information visit www.wnhsfl.org or call festival co-chairs John Hendricks or Emily Baumgartner at 879-3406.

ONGOING

The Nassau Community Band has announced the start of the group's 15th season. The band's updated fall 2018 schedule includes the following dates:

- Oct. 13, Fernandina Beach airport terminal grand opening. The opening is scheduled for 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Oct. 27, St. Michael Catholic Church Annual Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 24, Fernandina Beach Christmas tree lighting
- Dec. 6, Savannah Grand Christmas concert
- Dec. 9, Dickens on Centre 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/ncbsite.

The latest Nouveau Art Show, themed "Patterns," will run through November at the Island Art Association Gallery. The judge was Mike Oyentearte, a retired art instructor, high school, community college and University of Florida adjunct with 45 years of experience painting in watercolor, mixed media and acrylic. A reception will be held 5-7 p.m. Oct. 13, when the show's winners will be introduced and receive their awards. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. 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. 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. 8, Nov. 8, and Dec. 6 and 20.

Ballroom On Amelia offers Two for Tuesday group classes with Rumba at 7 p.m. followed by Salsa 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. There will be no classes Oct. 11. 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.

More than 40 classes are available at the Nassau County Council on Aging's new location at 1901 Island Walkway in Fernandina Beach. Go to nassaucountycouncilonaging.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.

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

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. 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.

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Around SCHOOL

University of US begins its third year

The University of US kicked off its third year Monday, Sept. 24, with guest speaker Dr. John Baker discussing *The Federalist Papers*, according to a news release.

Participating Nassau County students meet each month during the school year to hear a variety of speakers discuss constitutional issues. At the end of the year, students take an exam and submit an essay to qualify for one of five \$5,000 scholarships.

A visiting professor at Georgetown Law School, Peking University School of Transnational Law and the University of Oxford, Baker is one of America's foremost experts on the U.S. Constitution and *The Federalist Papers*, the release states. He also is a Professor Emeritus of Law at the Louisiana State University Law School. In addition to his many publications, Baker has argued



Dr. John Baker was the first speaker in this year's University of US program, which teaches Nassau County students about the U.S. Constitution.

many cases in the federal courts, including two arguments before the Supreme Court.

The Federalist Papers were written as a prelude to the promotion and ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

"Some of (Baker's) most notable ideas presented were related to the thoughts of the Founding Fathers, especially James Madison and Alexander Hamilton, such as how citizenship and the separation of powers were unique to the world at that time and how the latter is so necessary to the maintaining of order and the success of our country," the release states.

Baker also explained "why the correct purpose of our government is to protect liberty" and the differences between various forms of government including a republic and a democracy. "One interesting point made by Dr. Baker was that the writer best associated with the Separation of Powers was the

French author Montesquieu. He also discussed the problem with Democracy in that liberty produces factions which then threaten liberty, which seems very relevant in today's world," the release says.

After the lecture, students completed a project that involved writing humorous tweets that various delegates to the Constitutional Convention might have penned and posted on Twitter.

The release states, "Through this first class, the University of US students were able to listen and discuss with a U.S. Constitution expert and collaborate with others to develop a better understanding of the rationale behind the U.S. government's original foundation."

The next class will be held Monday, Oct. 22. Judge Adrian Sound will be the featured lecturer.



Students participated in an exercise in which they wrote humorous tweets from delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

Volunteers needed for FBHS band event

Fernandina Beach High School's band program will be hosting a marching performance assessment event through the Florida Band Masters Association on Saturday, Nov. 3, for approximately 17 Duval and Nassau high school marching bands at the high school.

FBHS is seeking volunteers from the community who can assist with parking, hospitality, concessions and helping the bands set up for their performances. High school students are welcome and will receive community volunteer hours.

Contact volunteer coordinator Jaime Conner at 678-939-7229 or mrsjbc34@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

AIBF short story contest themed 'An Unusual Friendship'

Nassau County middle and high school students have until 5 p.m. Dec. 19 to enter the Amelia Island Book Festival's short story writing contest. This year's theme is "An Unusual Friendship."

Prizes for the contest include the following:

- A cash award of \$250 for each middle school and high school first-place winner.
- A cash award of \$100 for each middle school and high school second-place winner.
- Three \$50 cash awards for winners across both middle and high school entrants for creativity, writing style and criteria as determined by the judges.

Special prizes for winners from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County.

Prizes will be announced and awarded during the AIBF Authors Expo on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, in the Fernandina Beach Middle School auditorium.

Winning entrants will meet a *New York Times* bestselling author during the Authors Expo and have an opportunity to be published.

The following are the contest rules published on the AIBF website:

- Stories must be between 500 and 1,000 and incorporate the contest theme of "An Unusual Friendship."
- Stories must be new, original works - not previously written or published.
- Submissions must be in 12 point Times New Roman and double-spaced. Each entry must include the author's name, email address, grade, school and story title on the first page.
- All entries must be sent as an attachment in Microsoft Word format and emailed to shortstorycontest@ameliaislandbookfestival.org. Students should keep a copy of submitted stories in case of technology issues.
- Entries that do not meet all criteria will not be judged, will not be eligible for awards and prizes and will not be considered for publication.



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The Amelia Island Book Festival short story writing contest is open to Nassau County middle and high school students.

Submission deadline for all entries is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Judges will be local literary experts and AIBF board members and leaders.

Contest judges will read each story and consider the following elements, along with creativity and writing style:

- The plot or events that occur;
- The characters;
- The setting or time and place;
- Incorporation of the contest theme - "An Unusual Friendship;"
- A beginning, middle and end to the story and the proper sequence of events; and
- Use of proper spelling, grammar and punctuation.

"Consider having a coach or mentor read your story and provide feedback. This can be a family member, teacher, media specialist or friend. Make sure you allow enough time for feedback. Then, incorporate the feedback before submitting your final work. Remember, it's important not to view their comments as criticism, but as advice to strengthen your story. And don't forget to have fun," the contest page on the AIBF website states.

For more information, send an email to shortstorycontest@ameliaislandbookfestival.org.



FBHS SENIORS HELP HOPE HOUSE

The Fernandina Beach High School Senior Men's Club arrived just before dinner at the Salvation Army Hope House one recent night, but they didn't come to eat. They came to give. Club President Hamilton Rainey, left, explained that the Senior Men's Club had collected a carload of non-perishable food during the school's recent Homecoming week. "We thank the Lord for young leaders like these who visited us, giving not only of their resources, time and talent, but also for encouraging their peers to remember and do something to help those whose lives are not as comfortable as theirs," Hope House Manager Mary Moore said. Pictured from left are club members Rainey, Christian VonMohr, and Liam Kiernan and club sponsor Mark Durr.

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RELIGION

Love your enemies and reveal God's purpose and power

I've been thinking about the passage from Matthew 5 where Jesus says, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."



PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Richard Doster

people. Where the scribes had taught the Jews to love their neighbors, meaning fellow Jews, Jesus lays out a new paradigm: "I say to you, love your enemies." Given the time, place, and circum-

stances, it's clear that the ability to obey him comes by the same power. Just as Jesus gave sight to the blind, he transforms the spirit of his people. And he does this, too, to reveal his power – not just over sickness, death, wind, and rain – but over selfishness, greed, envy, and anger. With this command – and by providing the strength to obey it – Jesus shows us a bigger and more enticing view of the kingdom to come.

Such love is magnetic because it reveals God's power, not our own. With this instruction, Jesus doesn't mean for us to try harder than the scribes and Pharisees so our righteousness will exceed their own (Matthew 5:20). Rather, he's telling us to see and understand and wallow in his redemptive grace. He wants us to know that we don't receive this grace because we obey; we have the power to obey because we've received grace.

That's how we obey this command. But why does it matter?

Nothing more dramatically reveals the heart of the gospel. That's made clear in Romans 5:8, which says, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Two verses later, Paul underscores the point, telling us again that it was, "while we were enemies [that] we were reconciled to God by the death of his son."

The story of the gospel is the story of God loving his enemies. All the way back to Proverbs 24:17 we read, "Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles." Why? Because by loving our enemies, we reflect God's love, mercy, and grace. By loving our enemies as Christ loved us, we reveal the gospel and the power that lies behind it.

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I don't think these verses have much to do with what you and I think about U.S. senators and Supreme Court nominees. We don't know these people or interact with them; they aren't, then, our enemies. Still, having witnessed so much rancor and incivility, we might take time to ask ourselves a couple of questions: How are we to love the most unlovable people we know? And why does Jesus insist that we do it?

Our enemies are annoying. Many don't believe in God. They reject the Bible. Their political views seem wacky. Their morals are at odds with our own. And they don't much like us. How could we muster the strength to keep such company?

It helps to remember that Jesus, before he issued this command, had been traveling from town to town claiming that the kingdom of God had come; that it was – with his physical presence – concretely in their midst. There was persuasive evidence for the claim. He'd been teaching and preaching unlike anyone who had come before him. The crowds were amazed, and they wondered out loud how he could speak with such authority.

But there was more than words and oratory style. In Matthew 4 we see that the people "brought him all the sick, those afflicted, and he healed them." As a result, "great crowds followed him."

The physical world also responded to him in miraculous ways. He began his ministry by transforming water into wine. And shortly after he gave this command, he fed 5,000 people with two fish and five loaves of bread. He calmed the sea with a just few words. He commanded the lame to walk and restored sight to the blind and cast out demons.

And he did all this to show the crowds – and us – that he possessed the power to wondrously restore the whole of creation.

But he showed us something else. By these miracles, we also see the power to love unlovable people. And with his command, Jesus is telling us that something even more remarkable is about to be revealed: the spiritual transformation of his

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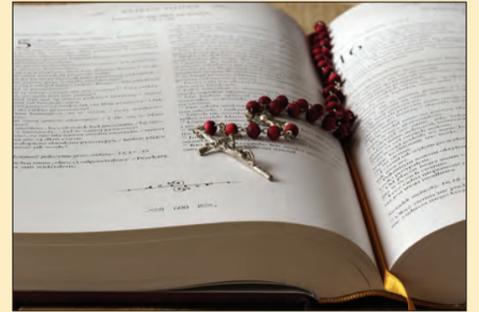
Applications are being taken through Oct. 26 for The Salvation Army's Senior Angel Tree Program. If you are or know a low-income senior citizen who is 60 years or older and could use a little help this Christmas, please call 321-0435 or come to the center for application criteria and to apply 10 a.m.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

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RELIGION NOTES

TAIZÉ SERVICE OCT. 29

For nine years, the St. Michael Taizé ensemble has provided a time for reflection and prayer. A small group of musicians and singers lead the participants in repetitive simple songs of prayer. God speaks to us through these prayers and helps us to calm our minds and open our souls. A short scripture reading, prayers of intercessions, and a period of silence enable us to leave the world behind and reflect on God's goodness. Taizé started in France during World War II to help persons displaced by the war and continues to this day with over 100,000 visitors annually coming together to pray in song and silence. As fall continues, you're invited to take a 35-minute break and come meet our Lord and feel the power of His love in communal song. The next Taizé service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at St. Michael Catholic Church at Fourth and Broome streets. Please come for the service and bring a friend. All are welcome.



Blessing of the Animals

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

- First, 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 representative of each kind to receive the blessing on behalf of the others. Please bring your pets leashed or crated to maintain order and safety for all.

- Then, 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.

Anniversary celebration

Members of Solid Rock Church of God by Faith will celebrate their pastor's anniversary at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at 86138 Palm Tree Drive in Yulee. The special speaker will be Elder Terrance Sapp of Thomas Chapel COGBF in Jacksonville. For more information and/or transportation, contact Erving Gilyard at 874-1947.

Hope House worship

Join us at noon Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Salvation Army Hope House as we read the word of God. The Salvation Army Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

Bahá'í of Nassau County

The regular multi-faith inspirational afternoon is on the second Sunday of each month. The next one will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at Springer Controls, located at 96072 Chester Road in Yulee. This will be an open, discussion/conference-style meeting. Bring your own ideas, thoughts, writings, book, etc. All are welcome for a casual couple of hours, hospitality, friends and fellowship. The current Bahá'í month is Might. The month of Will begins Sept. 27. For more information, call 566-5437 or 432-8845.

Franklinton meal

Franklinton Community Church of

Amelia Island will serve a meal at 4 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month in its Gabriel Means Fellowship Hall. The dinner is open to the public and all are welcome. The church is located at 1415 Lewis St. in American Beach. For more information call 277-2726 or 261-5354.

Looking to give?

Help restock our pantry shelves! The Salvation Army Hope House is working to replenish our emergency food supply. We need jelly, more jelly and canned fruit! Also, dried and canned legume beans, boxed helper type meals, instant potatoes, condensed soup and pasta sauce, individual bottled water, laundry detergent and toilet paper. Donations can be brought to The Salvation Army Hope House, 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach, between 10 a.m. and noon and 1 and 4 p.m.

College-age Bible study

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

Under the Silver Balloon

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

Prince of Peace Church services

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

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

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Welcome home to this darling light and bright open floor with spacious bedrooms! Kitchen is fully equipped, offers large bar for serving or eating. Brand new interior paint and carpet... move in ready for you! Great price in Yulee for this townhome with fenced yard, no monthly HOA fees! Convenient location just off SR 200 across from Yulee Post Office, close to US 17 & I-95, with convenient access to Jacksonville or Kings Bay, only 15 miles to Amelia Island. **\$168,000 MLS#81576**

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This spacious and bright 3 bedroom / 2.5 bath townhouse style condo is a block to the beach! What better place to call home? This can be your primary residence or make it your second home. Need some income when you aren't here? Perfect, because this small complex allows monthly rentals. Or, if you are looking for an investment property, then this is a perfect long term rental property. One car garage, freshly painted throughout, tile in the living room and dining room and wet areas, new carpet in the bedrooms and stairs. Large back deck has just been redone. HVAC replaced in May. Low monthly fees cover Building Insurance, common area landscaping and reserves. What are you waiting for? Island Life is waiting for you! **\$309,000 MLS#81731**

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Beautiful 2017 built home in the newer community, Wildlight! 2017 ROOF, 2017 AC & 2017 WATER HEATER!! This nicely maintained home features an open kitchen with center island, all 2017 APPLIANCES included, oversized formal dining room, spacious laundry room and beautiful flooring in all wet areas. The master suite has a large master bath with a shower/tub combo and HUGE walk-in closet!! You will enjoy the covered rear patio while overlooking the preserve view. Situated on almost a quarter acre, you will love the spacious yard size! The stunning community pool and playground are just a short distance away! Just minutes to the beach, 195, Jacksonville and Georgia, this 2017 home will not last long so schedule your viewing today! **\$205,000 MLS#81573**

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Country living at its' finest in this impeccably maintained, ALL BRICK home that sits on a beautiful 1 ACRE LOT! The interior boasts wood-like porcelain tile throughout, OPEN FLOOR DESIGN. The gourmet kitchen includes STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCES, granite countertops, travertine tile backsplash & an extended 10' island/breakfast bar! The oversized master suite features his/her walk-in closets & an exquisite master bath w/ a Drop-In garden tub, upgraded tile walk-in shower & his/her comfort height vanities! The exterior is sure to impress with an extended driveway, EXTENDED COURTYARD ENTRY GARAGE w/ workbench, rear fenced area, 14'x6' concrete BBQ pad and a beautiful screened lanai w/ tile flooring and ceiling fan! 50 AMP RV/generator outlet - BRING YOUR RV & BOAT AS THESE ARE ALLOWED! Only 8 miles to 195 & 'A' rated school district! **\$289,900 MLS#81796**

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A must see! Peace and quiet on the southern end of Amelia Island nestled beneath a canopy of magnificent live oaks. Architecturally designed by Jon Dodd and custom built by Hector Van Lanen in 2015. This 4 BR/3BA home has 12 ft. ceilings, single level, open floor plan that seamlessly flows from the kitchen to the living area. Sliding glass doors lead to a large covered back porch which extends the home and allows for inside/outside entertaining overlooking a secluded backyard. This tucked away location is just off the Amelia Island biking trail, where in minutes you can be at local shopping, restaurants, Ritz Carlton, Omni Resorts, and Montessori School. The house is located on a 3 home private road and enjoys no HOA fees and low county taxes. **\$599,000 MLS#81111**

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This picturesque setting is the perfect home for entertaining. As you step into this home you immediately notice the attention to detail. This 4BR/3.5BA home features 20'ceilings, plantation shutters, crown molding, gas fireplace, 2 car oversized garage with workshop, 45X40 screened lanai with a 30X14 pool overlooking private backyard. Close proximity to the beach, shopping and Jacksonville airport. **\$549,000 MLS#79782**

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Ocean front luxury furnished condo located on the south end of Amelia Island in the prestigious Residence. This spacious 3BR/2.5BA, first floor condo has spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean. Includes plantation shutters, built-in bookshelves throughout, large patio overlooking community pool and expansive views of the ocean. One car attached garage with interior access. Very convenient to Jacksonville and JIA. **\$699,000 MLS#79972**

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Beautiful home in the majestic Marsh Lakes neighborhood developed by the Amelia Island Plantation. This 4 or 5BR/4.5BA home is a must see. Situated on two private lots in the back of Marsh Lakes neighborhood with a beautifully landscaped yard which leads into a 3 car over-sized garage. Expansive open floor plan throughout the home with Plenty of room to enjoy! The private setting is perfect for enjoying a day at the pool or just admiring the natural greenbelt overlooking a 40 acre pond behind the home. The home also has a gourmet kitchen, granite counters, Thermador professional appliances, Sub-Zero refrigerator, custom cabinets throughout home, home office with abundant woodwork, butlers pantry w/ wine cooler and ice machine, large bonus room over garage, pool house with half bath, screened pool area, and Elevator in home to name a few of the fabulous amenities!! **\$944,900 MLS#80725**

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