A struggle to regulate signs on A1A

MARY MAGUIRE
News Leader

Signs are like magic, what’s to come when cars.

“If we get an older car and we want to go away, we get signs,” said Pat Clark, owner of Pat Clark Ford in Yulee. “And whining, how uncertainly goes.”

Clark, who spoke to the Nassau County Planning & Zoning Board at a public hearing July 15 about proposed changes to the sign ordinance, was invited to bring his business to the forefront of the issue and then told them to rise under the plunge of the facts and also agree with what to do.

They agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Some members want to remove restrictions.

“Everybody talks about less and lower government and here we are putting out more and more government,” said board member Jimmy Rogighiotto. “I don’t want to put these people out of business.”

Some members want to control the clutter.

“What brought this to light was the vast amount of abuse on A1A. We let people abuse putting up banners and signs. Come on, the lady standing out there with the mechanical arm! The whole idea was to maintain the orderly district,” said board member local resident Bruce Johnson.

“Nobody wants to put anybody out of business.”

The orderly district is the shopping corridor from 105 to about the Shave Bridge. For months the board has been grappling with this issue.

He presented the 2 1/2-page ordinance to the Nassau County Planning & Zoning Board at its meeting July 15.

New law for mobile vending vehicle (that’s a food truck)

MARY MAGUIRE
News Leader

Don’t call them food trucks.

In Nassau County we’re calling them mobile food vending vehicles.

“Those that sounder paint,” said Growth Management Director Peter King. “But I couldn’t just call it a food truck.”

The plan includes information on permitting, signage, vehicle types and more. The board is scheduled to review a new program for vendors to add local in Fountains Point, the county’s local beach park on the southwest of Amelia Island. King said the new ordinance for mobile food vending vehicles would include sales at trucks, mobile carts or carts.

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“I didn’t see a lot ofBergeron from the executive director of the Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach/Yulee Chamber of Commerce.

Food Court continued on 24.
Shriners Hospitals continue the mission

For the News Leader

The specialized pediatric health care system provides expert care for orthopedic and burns conditions, including cleft lip and palate, regardless of the ability to pay.

Service line and Medical Center is one of the most comprehensive, coordinated health care systems in the world. Regardless of the ability to pay, Shriners Hospitals for Children can help improve care for children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

For more information, visit www.shrinershospitals.org.
This Burger King sign on Eighth Street has violated county law by changing its message more than once a day.

Let’s keep this simple: I’m not perfect... Spinning, Protecting Private Property Rights, and No New Debt.

ElderSource seeks volunteers

ElderSource, a nonprofit organization that works to empower elders, adults with disabilities and their caregivers, is seeking volunteer members to its Advisory Council. The council meets the third Thursday of every other month in Tanger Outlets, Nassau County.

Duties for an Advisory Council member are to report on the needs of elderly and emerging seniors in respective county; review and comment on the agency’s Area Plan; study legislatures issues and other information on the needs of the elderly; and educate the public about the needs and the contributions of the elderly.

Our Advisory Council members are important in advising ElderSource and other concerned groups and agencies about ways to help those who are elderly or emerging seniors in Nassau County.

If you know me, then you know me. If you already know me, then you know me.

I’m not always right. I’m not perfect. (Just please don’t tell my wife).

You can ask my Children if you don’t know me.

Let’s keep it simple: I’m not perfect...
Records of varying types and become recorded, un- dated or broken. With that in mind, let’s review the public record here in Nassau County on certain matters. And try to get the record straight.

Even some has been applied to these issues to make available your financial

The purpose of this Notice of Public Hearing is to gather public

To put them on record, the commissioners adding a tax increase are Danny Leeper, Junior Brotman and Pat Edwards (in order of their consideration). So when you see a $500 or $520 or $530 increase in your next tax bill, you can credit them. There is an absence of a $100 budget. So I refer to the comments that the only way to bal- ance the budget is with a substantial tax increase – the first in years.

Others have countered that notion. Several alternative- plans could balance the budget using the substantial tax increase (and other decreases). These options have been requested ignored.

Commissioner Barry Holland voted against a tax increase in the 3-2 vote, even though he previously debated in a bill. The other dis- senter, Steve Kelby, has pro- moted a table plan that provides a tax increase, as has the budget.

The commission has not really known County – the comptroller of county funds – are upcoming on the pro-

In Nassau County, the Sheriff’s Department is a new building or, AIA has outlined its usage.

New in Florida, a new public safety complex in Pinellas County to be	new headquarters, with a price tag of $3.2 million. The costs are being covered by a “Penny for Pasco” refer-endum (meaning this deci- 

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For instance, in Loudoun County, Va., a new sheriff’s department is equipped for $6.7 million.

In Berkeley County, W.Va., a new Sheriff’s Department is equipped for $2.1 million. These are certainly vital services (along with rescue). However, for a small, slowly growing county like Nassau, these costs as well as those in other departments should be scrutinized within the budgeting process.

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Three Musketeers’ on duty

HEATHER A. PERRY
News Leader

Abby Bayacal, Rachel Sheppard and Lauren Kilburn are known as ‘The Three Musketeers’ around Baptist Medical Center Nassau. Barred and Sheppard have known each other since pre-kindergarten and attended St. Michael Academy together. Lauren rounded out the trio in fourth grade.

Sheppard’s volunteer hours are spent in the main lobby answering phones or escorting visitors and patients to various locations in the hospital. Occasionally, she’s called upon to provide help in unusual situations, like the time a woman accidentally locked her keys in her car. She gets a kick out of some of the older patients, saying, “I love the way they talk. They remind me of my great-grandmother.”

Industry interest in pharmacy naturally, with a mom who works at Baptist Medical Center Nassau. She spends her volunteer hours in patient care, giving out water, picking up food trays, cleaning wheelchairs, escorting patients to the lab and stocking supplies.

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As Volunteens, the rising seniors in Fernandina Beach High School are responsible, hard-working young ladies. They are good at their assigned duties.

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POLITICS IN BRIEF

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A cost of living salary in-crease for Nassau County Supervisor of Elections office employees is expected to be discussed at the Sept. 3 meeting held earlier this month.

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Contact Carla Vassar at (904) 280-5556 or cvs@nassauflpa.com for more information.

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NASSAU COUNTY – YULEE, FLORIDA

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UNCLAIMED MONIES PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2013

Bill Leeper Nassau County Sheriff
*Seán Ryan*

**News-Leader**

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Not the Least

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Here in North Florida we have a few species of terns that nest in the beaches and on the coast of Amelia Island. These diminutive shorebirds are found in a number of places in the U.S. but here in Florida they are officially “Endangered.” And that’s worth strong efforts to ensure their protection.

The difficult thing about protecting them, though, is the location they choose to lay their eggs and raise their chicks. Right on the beach in front of our homes – what are we supposed to do? These are not the stork-billed heron or the wood stork, or theosHERO. Hopefully you have decided to return year after year to ensure their protection. Though that’s worth strong efforts to do.

The least terns, at least of them, are the most vulnerable of all the shorebirds. They are listed as ‘Endangered’ because of migration options, the nearness to human populations and the coastal development and visitors alike enjoy this area. With Patti Rendo picking me up on the project’s ATV and we set off to survey the birds.

The difficult thing about the least terns is that they are and why their eggs are well camouflaged, below. The newborn are equally difficult to find, below right.

Two adult least terns with their two nearly inseparable chicks, above right, and an adult with a chick, left. Least tern eggs are well camouflaged, below. The newborn are equally difficult to find, below right.

Debbie Poteet-Downs has her fourth book, titled “Sea Birds of the Southeast,” coming out this fall. She and her husband, Dan, live in Fernandina Beach. Dog leash laws are not measures of Fernandina Beach. But there are two colonies in this area. Both colonies have been carefully roped off and posted with signs warning people to avoid disturbing the birds. But here in Florida they are officially “threatened.” And sadly, some people want the best that these closest access the beach has been incovinoculated. But happily, most residents and visitors recognize the importance of the tern species and honor the terns’ right to be here.

In this report company of people like Patti Rendo have been careful enough to keep the tern nests, eggs and chicks safe and avoid damage. The terns are and why their eggs are well camouflaged, below. The newborn are equally difficult to find, below right.

I recently had the chance to get a close-up look at these least terns in conservation efforts. Last Friday I parked my car in Harbor Park and waited for the sun rise. And shortly thereafter right on schedule, Patti Rendo picked me up on the project’s ATV and we set off to survey the birds.

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The Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth 14U Allstars dominated the state tournament in Tallahassee, shutting out Mandarin 2-0 Thursday and Tallahassee 9-0 in a no-hitter Friday to earn a berth in the championship game. Rain delays pushed the title game to Sunday morning. The Fernandina Beach Pirates faced Mandarin once again in the double-elimination tourney and gave up a lone run in an 11-1 rout of the Red Hawks to win its semifinal. Fernandina Beach will represent Florida in the southeast regional tournament next week in Newton, N.C. State winners from as far north as Virginia, west as Alabama and south as the Bahamas will compete for a spot in the World Series in Ocala. The team is fundraising for the trip to North Carolina. Checks written to BBBL 14U in the memo, may be dropped off at Doss Weeks or 8 Flags Insurance Agency. For information, contact Scott Moore at 556-3142. Tripp Brown, Hogan Alvarez, Brian Morris and Tripp Landtroop celebrate after Sunday’s win, left. Shave, right, knocked in Brown for the winning run.

Tripp Vonnoh on the mound for the Pirates, left. He went the distance Thursday and Sunday. With their hardware, right, the team includes, kneeling, Beau Fleming and Brian Morris; back row, coaches Bo Alvarez and Scott Rivenbark, Davis Brown, Jacob Janzen, Ryan Edwards, Chris Moore, Tripp Vonnoh, Hogan Alvarez, Scotty Rivenbark, Kyle Richardson, Price Moore, Tripp Brown, coach John Vonnoh, Tripp Landtroop and manager Jon Shave.

Brian Morris slides safely into homeplate, above. Right top, catcher Jacob Janzen reaches first. Right bottom, manager Jon Shave gives a hug to players Kyle Richardson and Price Moore. Moore, below, safe at second. Tripp Landtroop, Scotty Rivenbark, left, and Brown with a double takedown relay, far left. Beau Fleming and Hogan Alvarez, left. More photos, 3B.
**OUTDOORS**

**Tournament kingfish events**

And long-mocked matched events have taken place this week's 34th Annual Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament and the 12th Annual Greater Fernandina Beach Kingfish and Fishing Boat Open tournament. And as usual, all boats were on the water, and the fish are biting. The two weekend-long events brought in a record amount of fish, with over 1,000 pounds of fish caught.

**2023 Greater Fernandina Beach Kingfish Tournament**

Players will be able to fish for the coveted grand prizes, which include cash, trophies, and other exclusive items for the big kingfish of the week. The tournament runs through July 27th.

**13th Annual Fishing Boat Open Tournament**

The 13th Annual Fishing Boat Open Tournament will be held Aug. 1-2. Visit www.fishingboatopen.com for more information.

**TIDE REPORT**

The following tide predictions are for Amelia River, Fernandina Beach. No corrections are necessary.

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**Fernandina Beach Fishing Report**

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The Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth 13U Allstars won state and head to North Carolina next week for the southeast regional tournament in Newton. The Fernandina Beach Pirates beat Mandarin 11-1 Sunday morning in the title game in Tallahassee. Top row from left: Coach Scott Blankenship celebrates with Tripp Brown after he scored the game-winning single. South River Blast coach and former Redshirt Ricky Richardson. Bottom row from left: Prince Moore heads to third base; Ryan Edmund attempts to dodge the catcher at home plate; and Landropf keeps an eye on the pitcher as he loads at first base.

Golf at Camp on Mt.
Olin Amelia Island Plantation hosts both a junior Golf Academy summer series with six weekly sessions available for children ages 6-17, who will have the opportunity to work with professional coaches to improve their golf skills. Sessions are July 26-Aug. 1, Aug. 1-Aug. 15 and Aug. 26-Sept. 2. Call 285-2293 or visit www.oisinamarina.com. 

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Dulcimer group forms

HEATHER A. PERRY
News Leader

Carolyn Welsch gets a great deal of pleasure from playing the dulcimer.

"I was playing about six years ago and I decided to move around with and decided finally I enjoyed it." Welsch joined a small group of others who began getting together in January to play dulcimers and share music.

"We have a very small group and are always looking for more people," said Linda Buehler.

With just six members now, Buehler and they’d like to expand the group so they could go and play at nursing homes or assisted living centers.

If you sing the group plays, Buck 67, Church (by 5F Fly Area), "Ain't No Sunshine," and "I'll Fly Away." The group meets the second Saturday of each month at New Vision Congregational Church, 9072 Center Road, Yulee.

Members play all types of dulcimer music from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please bring some copies of your favorite music to share. Beginners welcome. For more information call 849-1616. }

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Flag retirement

The Amelia Island Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held a Flag Retirement Ceremony in June. Vice-Major Sarah Pelican, at left with Chapter Regent Marie Santry, read a proclamation from the city of Fernandina Beach declaring the week of June 9-15 Flag Week. Also pictured, from left, preparing the first flag to be retired, are Chapter Treasurer Roxie Kulczynski, Florida State Society DAR Curator Jane (Collette) Vaughan, Chapter 2nd Vice Regent Emma Leeper, and Organizing Chapter Regent Jean Mann. Pictured in the background are Audra Alexander, president of the Vaughan-Latham Society Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.); Chapter Chaplain Ruth Ellis, and Regent Marie Santry. For information about membership in the DAR, contact Marie at mcsantry@comcast.net. For information on the Vaughan-Latham Society C.A.R., contact Amy at amyjcsanta@hotmail.com.

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Rotary fellow

Recently, the Fernandina Beach Rotary Club welcomed speaker Collette Berlin, right, daughter of club Past President John Boylan, left, Collette gained a love of travel from family trips to Europe and as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Australia in 2005. Now a teacher at High Trapeze Outdoor Science School in Big Bear, Calif., she just returned from a seven-month excursion to South America. Collette shared photos and stories of her travels and said a highlight was the Galapagos Island of San Cristobal, where she helped eradicate invasive plant species and launched sea turtles.

At the conclusion her father surprised Collette with a Paul Harris Fellowship. John said he had raised the necessary $1,000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation in recognition of his daughter’s support of Rotary and her commitment to the Rotary ideal of spreading peace and goodwill during her travels.

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Wild Amelia Southerns Junior Naturalist and volunteer Hannah Phillips helps aspiring Junior Naturalist Chloe complete work on a lapbook at a recent Wild Amelia Junior Naturalist camp at the Book Loft, above right. The program was part of the Book Loft’s summer series, “Dare to Dream,” the Wild Amelia component being, “Make a Difference in Nature.” The participants made lapbooks, above left, and learned about sea turtles, crabs, scubbads and the tides. This camp featured the “Southerns” component of Wild Amelia’s Junior Naturalist program. A new component on “The Maritime Forest” is now available. A guided nature walk is set for Aug. 4 at 8 a.m. at Golfball Park in Nassauville. For information call 849-1616. For more information about the Junior Naturalist program and the many activities of Wild Amelia, an all-volunteer environmental nonprofit, visit wildamelia.com or Wild Amelia on Facebook.
Fall musical opportunity for kids at Amelia Baptist

Amelia Baptist Church is happy to announce that The Children's Chorale of Choruses Creations will present a show to the choir's directors and parents, who are a husband and wife team who recently moved here from New Orleans. They have worked with children's musical theater groups for over 10 years and have successfully presented shows for a variety of churches. Children in grades 1-5 will experience the beauty of music and the joy of performance through the musical "The Light in the Forest," which is a captivating retelling of an Old English song, beautiful ballet and a lit a fire they believe to be burning to the morning of Christmas and sharing the joy of music and the love of family with the audience. The show will coincide with the December season of ESAM's Youth Theatre at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 14 at Amelia Baptist Church. For more information call 867-8000 or visit www.amelia.org.

CATS ANGELS

Twinkle is a four-month-old Snowshoe Siamese with the sweetest disposition. She turns every object into a toy and you'll find her playing with all sorts of things. When you let her eyes when she was a kitten, Twinkle was scared and didn’t want to play. If you take a moment to chance apiece of your family or give her to an animal in need, you’ll give her a chance at a new home! Twinkle is a loving companion who needs someone to care for her. She would love to come live with you and your family and brighten your day every day. She’s a love bug and would be a perfect match for your family. If you are interested in adopting Twinkle, please contact Amelia County Animal Control at 772-8791 or email info@amelia.org.

NASSAU HUMAN SOCIETY

The Nassau County Library Advisory Council will be hosting a Thrift Store Resale Tour, Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at 277-6717. Contributors are always welcome. Please call First Coast No More Homeless Partners at (904) 251-2320. Visit www.catsangels.com and mail or take your item to the Nassau Humane Society! The Nassau Humane Society, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization that takes in all homeless and abandoned animals and provides them with love, care, and medical attention. The only fee is if your pet does not meet the Nassau Humane Society's or First Coast No More Homeless Partners' requirements. The Nassau Humane Society receives no government funding and depends on volunteer efforts and donations to provide food, shelter, and medical care. The Nassau Humane Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and all donations are tax deductible.

LITERARY LEANINGS

In the final presentation of The Book Lovers Luncheon, Thursday, August 3, at 11 a.m., graphic novelist David Mazzucchelli will discuss his work and answer questions from the group. Mazzucchelli is the author of the graphic novels "Superman: For All Seasons" and "Faster," and the Eisner Award-winning creator of "The Maxx." The lunch provided for all attendees is $12.50 per person. For information call 277-4590 or www.library.org.

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Special Events

Sound of Music
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For five dollars and available on-site at Amelia Theatre, 129 South 17th St., or online at www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org or call 261-5148. Ticket prices are $20 and student tickets are $10; purchase at ameliacommunitytheatre.org or at the AMP box office each week. Ticket proceeds support programs sponsored by the American Association of Retarded Citizens.

For information, call (904) 784-9077 or visit www.ameliaislandnavyexchange.com or email Lcybryn@sonic.net, or visit the Beef 'n Bourbon website at Beefnbourbon.com.

Mainstage theater at 207 Cedar St. Adult tickets are $20; purchase at ameliacommunitytheatre.org or call 261-5148. To achieve independence and full participation in community life for individuals with varying disabilities.

The public is invited to play in the Ocean Front Lawn of The Rendezvous in American Landing at 111 E. King Street, Fernandina Beach.

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“Cuckoo’s Nest” at The Amelia Island Playhouse, 129 South 17th St.

To enroll, email lcybryn@sonic.net or call Lcybryn at (910) 353-2016. The class is limited to 10 actors and is open to adults 18 and older with stage and classroom experience. Actors are to be 18 and over. It will run 1-2 months. Monologues and 1-minute auditions at 409 E. King St. at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.ameliaislandnavyexchange.com for more information.

Amelia Musical Playhouse, at 129 South 17th St., is hosting auditions for its summer musical “Once Upon This Island, Jr.” at Gator Lake Elementary School in Fernandina Beach. The auditions will be for dinner. If you are single and registered, RSVP to lcybryn@sonic.net. Please include your name, phone number, and time you wish to be seen.

Jazz series of the year on the Amelia Island Playhouse main stage theater at 207 Cedar St. St. Marys, Ga., Osborne St., St. Marys, Ga., 1000 First Street, Fernandina Beach.

For information or to register, email nikich.audra@gmail.com. Call for tickets at (910) 353-2016 or online at www.ameliaislandnavyexchange.com. To receive notification, email to attend or purchase tickets online at www.ameliaislandnavyexchange.com. Tickets will run at $40. For more information, visit www.goldcoastjazz.com.

The Just Friends Single Parent Organization will host its annual luncheon to benefit its mission to provide a family for single individuals in Nassau County. For information, call (904) 786-1920.

Lullabies is her 11th CD project, released June 2012. For more information, visit www.lilli-rose.com.

The Amelia Island Charities Golf Tournament will be held at the Sea Island Golf Club, 2800 Billiton Road. The tournament is being held June 1-13 at the Atlantic Beach Country Club, located at 111 E. King Street, Fernandina Beach. For further information contact Amelia Cottage, visit www.ameliaisland Cottage.com. Productions support programs sponsored by the American Legion.
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The club's outgoing president, Shannon Brown, provided a recap of the many local and international projects the club completed this year, including two successful fundraisers totaling $50,000 each for educational facilities. One of the projects was in Bolivia, as well as an Engineers Without Borders project in Turkey.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of special awards, recognizing the commitment and hard work of three club members. Yvonne Caudill was awarded the “Rotarian of the Year” in recognition of her long service to the club and work on numerous club projects. Pamela Crouser received the “Service Above Self” award for her exceptional work leading and directing the Engineering firm. Marlene Jordan received the “Rookie of the Year” award in honor of her willingness to jump into several projects in her first year as a club member.

The Fernandina Rotary Club meets every Wednesday from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Congregational Church, 4th Street South. For more information about the club, visit their website at www.fernandina rotaryclub.org.
We Want You...

To

Save a Life!

Be a Hero!

Donate Blood!

The Florida-Georgia Blood Alliance Mobile Unit will be located at Amelia Baptist Church on Wednesday, July 30 from noon until 3 p.m. Although an appointment is not necessary, those who wish to make one to donate blood may call 888-998-2243. Amelia Baptist Church is located at 961167 Buccaneer Trail, at the roundabout where Buccaneer Trail meets South Fletcher Avenue. ID required to donate.