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Nassau County has among highest turnouts in Florida in early voting

TRACY MCCORMICK-DISHMAN
News-Leader

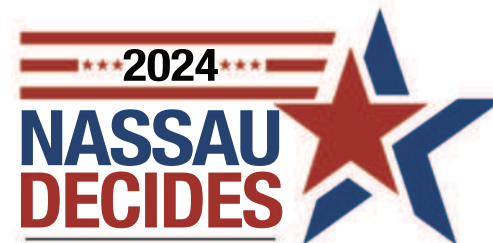
With Election Day approaching on Nov. 5, Florida voters are showing strong early participation, particularly in Northeast Florida, where Nassau County is a leader with nearly 55% voter turnout.

"I am thrilled to see Nassau County voters turn out to vote," said Supervisor

of Elections Janet Adkins in a statement to the News-Leader. "Nearly 15,000 voters cast their ballot during our first three days of early voting. We now have 55% voter turnout, one of the highest turnout rates in Florida. I encourage voters to use our Vote Nassau FL voter app to check the wait times at our early voting locations. During early voting, you can vote at any location – which may be more convenient than your assigned polling location on Election Day. I am grateful for our wonderful staff and election workers, who are working tirelessly to serve voters."

The News-Leader will provide comprehensive live coverage on Nov. 5 of both local and national election results on its website, www.fbnewsleader.com, and across its social media networks.

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AMELIA ISLAND

Beacon Shines Again

Staff report



The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has announced the beacon in the Amelia Light has officially been restored and is now active as an aid to navigation.

Located at the northern end of Amelia Island, the Amelia Island Light is the oldest existing lighthouse in Florida. The light was nonfunctional for 18 months because of mechanical failure.

Located inland on a hill overlooking Egans Creek, the light marks the St. Marys entrance, the inlet leading to St. Marys River, Cumberland Sound and the harbor of Fernandina Beach. The white light flashes every 10 seconds, which turns red from 344 degrees to 360 degrees when covering the shoal water in the vicinity of Nassau Sound. The lighthouse is listed as number 565 in the United States Coast Guard light list.

The tower for the light, formerly on Cumberland Island, BEACON Continued on 3A

FERNANDINA BEACH

No Ethanol Fernandina withdraws; no administrative hearing for bioethanol plant air permit

JULIA ROBERTS
News-Leader

No Ethanol Fernandina has been "out-lawyered" by Rayonier Advanced Materials and has withdrawn its petition for an administrative hearing, but the group's leader says he still feels hopeful that integrity will ensure the bioethanol plant will not be built.

No Ethanol Fernandina (NEF) is a citizens group created to fight plans by Rayonier Advanced Materials (RYAM) to build a PLANT Continued on 5A

SCHOOL BOARD

Nassau School Board unanimously approves staff contracts

TRACY MCCORMICK-DISHMAN
News-Leader

The Nassau County School Board unanimously approved new contracts for educational support personnel and teachers at the regular meeting Oct. 24, though discussions revealed concerns about pay equity and transparency in the negotiation process during a meeting marked by both celebration and controversy.

Marian Phillips, president of the Nassau Educational Support Personnel Association (NESPA), announced support for their SCHOOL Continued on 5A

BOCC set to make moves on Municipal Service Taxing Units

ASHLEY CHANDLER
News-Leader

On Monday, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners received a presentation on Nassau County's Municipal Service Taxing Units (MSTU) and Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU).

The presentation was given by Deputy County Attorney Abigail Jorandby on what the county can do with the MSBUs and MSTUs and proposed ordinance revisions for future actions the board could take.

Jorandby explained MSTUs are actually a tax based on the value of the properties in the boundary of the MSTU and a MSBU is a service charge or assessment.

Both MSTUs and MSBUs can be established in a

specific area to fund services residents in that area agree they need.

Jorandby gave the following examples of such services: Fire protection, law enforcement, beach erosion control, recreation services and facilities, water, alternative water supplies, streets, sidewalks, street lighting, garbage and trash collection and disposal, waste and sewage collection and disposal, drainage, transportation, indigent health care services, mental health care services and other essential facilities.

Currently the county has active units and inactive units. The active units consist of two MSTUs and two MSBUs. The active MSTUs provide funding for county planning, fire control, building and zoning, animal control and sheriff's department, and Amelia Island Beach

Renourishment. The active MSBUs fund South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization and Amelia Concourse for road improvements.

The inactive units consist of an MSTU for the South Amelia Island Renourishment Facilities and two MSBUs for Pirates Woods road improvements and landfill services.

"Our proposal is to abolish the inactive units and, in doing so, we'll be able to restructure the code to codify general procedure for the establishment of MSBUs and in addition ratify and affirm the active units that previously were not in our code," Jorandby said.

She said step one is to bring back to the board on Nov. 18 two ordinances and one resolution. The ordinances BOCC Continued on 4A

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Paid by Joyce Tuten for Fernandina Beach City Commission, Seat 1

LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS

A proposed dog control ordinance which would set up a leash law in the unincorporated areas of Nassau County is considered by the Nassau County Commission.

Nov. 7, 1974

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WEEKLY UPDATE

To submit items for the Weekly Update calendar, email editor2@fbnewsleader.com.

Nov. 1-9 Blue Fire Theatre musical

Blue Fire Theatre presents "Seussical the Musical" on Nov. 1, 2, 3, 8, and 9 at Wildlight Elementary School. This delightful production brings together beloved characters from Dr. Seuss's stories, offering an engaging and whimsical experience for audiences of all ages. In addition, a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Nassau Education Foundation, and a food drive will be held for Gracie's Kitchen in Yulee. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit BlueFireTheatre.org

Nov. 2-3 2024 Right Whale Festival

The 2024 Right Whale Festival will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Main Beach in Fernandina Beach. The Right Whale Festival celebrates the annual return of endangered North Atlantic right whales to our warm coastal waters. The festival highlights efforts to protect the whales from extinction, as well as ocean-themed activities and exhibits that emphasize education and environmentally responsible adventures and products. Free admission, great kids activities.

Nov. 2 Les DeMerle Birthday Bash Jazz Party

Join the Dynamic Les DeMerle Band featuring Bonnie Eisele at Story & Song, 1430 Park Avenue, Fernandina Beach, as they celebrate Les's birthday on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 5-7 p.m. with a swingin' jazz party show. Special guest, Jazz vibraphonist, Bill Cain, formerly with Doc Severinsen and Ray Charles. Tickets are \$35 per person and include a champagne toast. Purchase tickets by calling 904-601-2118 or online at https://storyandson-garts.org/store-2/Les-DeMerle-Birthday-Bash-Jazz-Party-*Sat-Nov-2-5-pm-p701832770

Nov. 6-9 FOL Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library Fall book sale will be held Nov. 6-9 at the Peck Center Gym, 510 S. Tenth St., Fernandina Beach. The book sale is open to Friends of the Library members only for a preview sale on Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 4-7 p.m. The book sale is open to the public on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds from the book sale support the Fernandina Beach library.

Nov. 7 Celebration of service

The West Nassau High School Air Force JROTC and American Legion Post 401 invite all veterans and their families to a celebration of service Nov. 7 from 6-9 p.m. in the WNHS cafeteria. Dinner will be served. Sign in at the door and pick up a raffle ticket for prizes. The annual event brings 300-plus attendees and all are encouraged to attend and enjoy the evening. The school is located at 1 Warrior Drive, Callahan.

Nov. 8 AIMH 21st Annual Golf Tournament

The Amelia Island Museum of History Golf Tournament is played on one of the select courses in the area. The tournament includes a pre-party at the Amelia Island Museum of History, lunch, a raffle and prizes. And all proceeds benefit the on-going operations of the AIMH.

Nov. 9 Book launch with RW Herman

Join the Fernandina Beach library as they celebrate the release of RW Herman's eagerly awaited third novel, "Because Mom Asked: The Power of a Cup Half Full" on Nov. 1, at 1 p.m. This event marks the final segment of his award-winning trilogy. Herman, lives in Fernandina Beach, but is originally from Minnesota, and his life journey has been nothing short of inspiring. From receiving a draft notice while attending the University of Minnesota, to serving over three decades with honor in the U.S. Navy, his experiences have deeply influenced his writing. Known for the award-winning novels "The Unopened Letter" and "Against the Current in the Silent Service," Herman has enthralled readers with his storytelling.

Nov. 9 Veterans Day 5K

Cross The Line Foundation Veterans Day 5K will be the Saturday before Veterans Day on Nov. 9. The run is held in downtown Fernandina, starting at the Veterans Memorial on the corner of Front Street and Center Street. It is a 5K run out and back to the Egans Park on Atlantic Avenue. The run time starts

at 8 a.m. Register for \$35 at RunSignUp.com search Cross the Line Foundation.

Nov. 9 November American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54 dinner

The November Decadence dinner will be held on Nov. 9, from 5-7 p.m., entertainment starts at 7 p.m. A decadent menu includes your choice of old fashioned pot roast with mushroom onion gravy or roast chicken served with mashed potatoes and brown butter, maple glazed carrots, roll and butter, and cherry cobbler dessert. \$18 or 2 for \$35.

Nov. 9 Community yard sale

On Saturday, Nov. 9, American Legion Post 54 will host a community yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We invite the community to not just stop by and shop, but to bring their treasures to sell. Spaces are available for \$20 each. Please contact Walter Brandt at rhj2004@gmail.com

Nov. 9 Best of the Nest car show

Hornet Cheer Club, Inc. is presenting their annual Best of the Nest car show at Yulee High school Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will support the Yulee High School cheer program. This annual event supports the cheer program with competition and uniform costs.

Nov. 10 N. 14th Street Baptist Church homecoming

Join N. 14th Street Baptist Church, 519 N. 14th Street, Fernandina Beach, as they celebrate their 80th Homecoming on Nov. 10, at 10:45 a.m. Special music by Angie Page McCellan and Michael Stokes. Special message by Rev. Kelly Kemp.

Nov. 11 Veterans Day parade

On Monday, Nov. 11, American Legion Post 54 will once again host the Veterans Day parade through the Historic District of Fernandina Beach to commemorate the service of all our military who have served to keep our nation safe. The Parade will be along the normal parade route with line-up beginning at 10 a.m. at Central Park and parade beginning promptly at 11 a.m. If you or your group wish to participate in the parade, please contact Pat Perkins at prkn_spj@yahoo.com

Nov. 14 Friends of the Library Literary Book Club meeting

The Friends of the Library Literary Book Club will meet on Nov. 14, to discuss "One Summer in Savannah" by Terah Shelton Harris. The club meets at 7 p.m. in the parlor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Atlantic Avenue and North Eighth Street. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month and are free and open to the public.

Nov. 14-16 Amelia Island Quilt Guild

On Nov. 14, Amelia Island Quilt Guild will hold its November meeting at the Lions Club, 851023 17 mile in Yulee. Doors open at 6 p.m. Over 35 quilts created for the "Panelicious" quilt challenge will be on display and the winner announced. If you can't make it Thursday, the "Fall into Quilts" exhibit will continue at the Lions Club Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Nov. 14-15 One Touch linens sales

The Baptist Medical Center Nassau One Touch Linens sale is one of the most popular fundraisers the auxiliary holds. This trunk sale features quality linens including unique pillows, super soft sheet sets, blankets, comforters, soft throws, and more. The sale will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14 and Friday, Nov. 15, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Baptist Medical Center Nassau, 1250 S. 18th Street in the Amelia Conference Center. All proceeds benefit the Baptist Medical Center Nassau and the Auxiliary Scholarship program.

Nov. 16 Trolley tours

As part of the city of Fernandina Beach bicentennial celebrations, Amelia Tree Conservancy is hosting two trolley tours on Nov. 16, highlighting Heritage Trees and Canopy Roads. Attendees will learn about Amelia Island's unique maritime canopy, designated canopy roads, and historic Gerbing Gardens. Tours are available at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more details and to purchase tickets online, visit ameliatreeconservancy.org.

Dec. 5-7 AIMH Holiday Home Tour

Locals, people from across northern Florida, and tour groups from afar flock to Fernandina Beach the first weekend in

December for the Amelia Island Museum of History annual Holiday Home Tour. This event is the museum's largest fundraiser, but also provides the opening of the glorious holiday season on Amelia Island. The architecture, décor, and decorations will put you right into the holiday mood, and also support a very good cause.

Dec. 7 America's Youth Christmas Party

The America's Youth Christmas Party will be held in Central Park, Fernandina Beach, on Dec. 7 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors and food trucks will be available during this free family-friendly event, along with bounce houses, craft booths, and Santa. Children need to be present to receive a gift from Santa. If you are interested in being a part of the event as a vendor, visit www.AmericaYouth.org to download a vendor application. Email John Gilbert for details, john@americayouth.org

IAA art show

The Island Art Association's Nouveau Art show "Keep it Cool" will be on display until the end of November at the IAA Gallery, 18 North Second St., Fernandina Beach. The December and January show is themed "Whimsical Visions."

"Ask the Mayor" monthly town hall

An informal question and answer with Mayor Bradley Bean beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Nassau County Council on Aging, 1901 Island Walk Way in Fernandina Beach, on the second Friday of every month.

Attention Marines and FMF Corpsmen

The local Detachment 1017 Marine Corps League meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 54 on Third Street in Fernandina Beach.

Monthly meeting of Nassau Democratic Party

The Nassau County Democratic Party meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome but pre-registration is required. Register at www.nassaudems.org. Yulee Lions Club social meeting and Bingo The Yulee Lions Club hosts a social meeting with guest speakers and a potluck dinner the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. The club is located at 851023 Highway 17 in Yulee. Every Sunday at 2 p.m., with the exception of a few holidays, the Yulee Lions Club also hosts bingo. All proceeds from Sunday bingo helps fund charitable giving. For more information, visit YuleeLionsClub.org.

StoryTime with Ms. Dearsha

Kids ages 3-6 will get hooked on books when they come to StoryTime with Ms. Dearsha every Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. They'll listen to a story, then do a craft activity. All are welcome to this free activity at Story & Song Bookstore Bistro, 1430 Park Ave. in Fernandina Beach.

NAMI Neighborhood Book Club

The NAMI Neighborhood Book Club meets on the second Monday of the month from 11 a.m. to noon at Story & Song Bookstore, 1430 Park Ave. in Fernandina Beach. For information, visit www.NamiNassauFlorida.org or email Nancy.bell@naminassauforida.org.

NAMI Nassau County support groups

NAMI Nassau County offers free support groups for those with mental health challenges and for the family and friends of those with such challenges. Friends and family support groups are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Alachua Club, 32 N. Third St. in Fernandina Beach, and the first Wednesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Hilliard Public Library, 15821 C.R. 108. Peer support groups (for those with mental health challenges) are held every Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Nassau County Council on Aging, 1901 Island Walk Way in Fernandina Beach. For more information, email contact@naminassauforida.org, visit www.naminassauforida.org or call the help line at 904-277-1886.

Amelia Island Duplicate Bridge Club

The Amelia Island Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Nassau County Council on Aging, 1901 Island Walk Way on Amelia Island, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays every week

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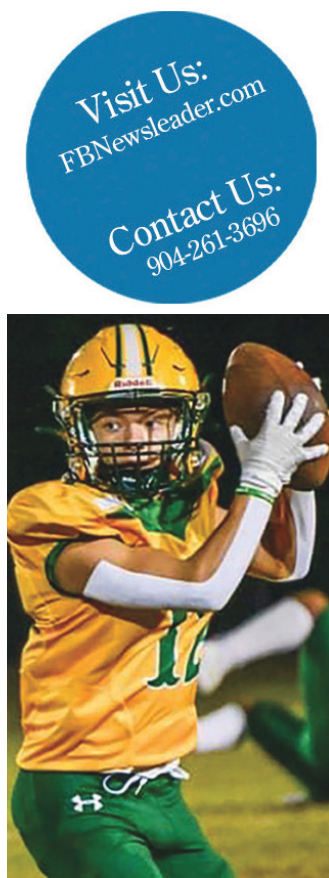
was relocated and rebuilt on Amelia Island in 1838. The new light was originally equipped with 14 lamps each with a 14-inch reflector when first lit in 1839. The reflector size was increased to 15 inches by 1848. This arrangement was replaced by a third-order Barbier Benard Fresnel lens in 1903, which is still used to this day.

The ownership of the lighthouse tower and grounds was transferred from the USCG to the city of Fernandina Beach in 2001. However, the Coast Guard retained ownership and responsibility for the function of the beacon. The USCG Auxiliary District 7 14-1, stationed at the lighthouse grounds, maintains the beacon with a group of trained lighthouse volunteers.

District 7 is the largest of the 16 Coast Guard Districts nationwide with more than 4,000 dedicated volunteers. The auxiliary is dedicated to support the active-duty Coast Guard in all its missions except for direct law enforcement.

The Amelia Light is not open to the public, except on Saturdays,

when just the grounds are open. For more information, visit <https://www.ameliainland.com/partners/ameliainland-lighthouse/>.



We'll be there, so you can be there, too.

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 Friday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 PM

Scan the QR codes to register for each event.

There is no charge to attend, however registration is required.

Workshop and Conversation
 Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 A.M. to Noon

"It's not naive to think you can change the world. It's naive to think you could possibly be in the world and not change it."
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This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

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Dear Fernandina Beach Voter,

Elections have consequences and this year's City Commission election is likely to impact us for decades. I am asking for your support and your vote on November 5th. I am running because I believe I have the proven leadership, experience, objectivity and the vision to move our City forward.

My family came here generations ago. I have spent the last 16 years volunteering my time, energy and professional expertise to benefit our City and its people. I am running because we need a City Commission that is responsive to the people of Fernandina Beach and not to any organization that puts profits ahead of the safety or quality of life of our citizens.

I have the experience, knowledge and leadership needed to move our City forward.

I promise to be fair, honest, ethical and free of conflicts of interest in every action, decision and vote that I make. My decisions are based on facts and data, not political pressure or self-interest and I will always put the welfare of our citizens first.

Additionally, I am supporting Joyce Tuten for Seat 1, Tim Poynter for Seat 3 and James Antun for our next Mayor.

Joyce brings the analytical skills to research complex issues, along with the team building skills to find collaborative solutions. She believes that we need to protect the character of our neighborhoods and to make decisions for residents and business owners instead of developers.

Tim Poynter invests both financially and with time and energy in the future of our community. He has served on the Commission twice and brings valuable knowledge and leadership to steer us in a direction that protects and enhances all that we love about our island.

James is a current City Commissioner who makes decisions based on facts. Like me, he listens to everyone and is willing to look at every side of an issue before making a decision. He is also a local business owner. In both of these roles, he works and votes to make Fernandina Beach a strong and resilient city.

Let's stop voting for partisan politics and start voting for our home.

Thank you,

Genece Minshew

Genece Minshew
 Candidate for Seat 2
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Ashley Orié named 2024 Peer Hero of The Year

For the News-Leader

Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare proudly announces that Ashley Orié, Lead Peer Specialist for the Medicated Assisted Recovery (MAR) Program, has been named the 2024 Peer Hero of The Year by the Peer Support Coalition of Florida.

The Peer Hero of The Year Award is one of the highest honors given by the Peer Support Coalition of Florida. Each year, the Coalition recognizes a peer specialist who has gone above and beyond in their efforts to advocate for recovery, reduce stigma, and offer peer-led support.

For many, overcoming



Orié

substance use disorders is not just a medical challenge, but also an emotional and social journey. Peer specialists like Ashley, who have experienced recovery

themselves, bring a unique and empathetic perspective to the table, building trust and providing much-needed emotional support. This award celebrates her ability to connect with individuals on a personal level and guide them through their recovery process with compassion and understanding.

STARTING POINT Behavioral Healthcare

Healing Begins Here

“Being recognized for my strength, after emerging from such a low point in my life is an empowering and enriching experience,” said Ashley Orié. “This award is more than a personal achievement; it reflects the collective efforts of the entire team at Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare. Together, we are building a resilient recovery community, one person at a time. I want to acknowledge and celebrate

all those I’ve encountered who remain unwavering in their commitment to change their lives. Recovery is possible.”

For the past three years, the Peer Hero of the Year has been a Starting Point team member. With professionals like Orié leading the charge, the organization continues to break down barriers and reduce the stigma surrounding addiction and mental health issues.

For more information on Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare and its programs, visit www.spbh.org.

Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare provides mental health and substance use treatment services to children, teens and adults in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. The nonprofit agency serves more than 3,000 individuals each year and has been serving the region for more than 30 years. Starting Point is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). For more information, please visit www.spbh.org.

Board digs into college athlete pay

News Service of Florida

State university-system leaders are trying to quickly educate themselves about how a tentative legal settlement involving compensation for athletes, including some no longer in school, might change college sports in Florida. The system’s Board of Governors on Wednesday directed members of its Budget and Finance Committee to learn about the recent



settlement dealing, in part, with compensating athletes for use of their names, images and likenesses, an issue known as NIL. “Let’s do it quickly

so that we can be responsive,” board Chairman Brian Lamb said. California-based U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken this month ordered a timeline on a \$2.78 billion settlement that would allow athletes to be paid directly by their schools and establish a system for revenue-sharing. The settlement also would allow athletes who played at the Division I level since at least 2016 to recoup potential money

from NIL deals they had been barred in the past from entering. A final hearing on the settlement is set for April. Peter Collins, chairman of the Florida State University Board of Trustees, said the settlement should “put some guardrails around NIL” that are not present now. “Every athletic director, every president, every board chair, wants this, and it will change the way NIL is done,” Collins said. “Athletes

will be able to continue to get paid for their name, image and likeness. But the collectives that have been formed, and they’re largely funded by boosters that are distributing the NIL payments today, there will be a third party out there that will be clearinghouses for NIL deals.” Tim Jones, the university system’s senior vice chancellor and CFO, said some schools outside of Florida have already started to address the

pending changes. Board of Governors member Jose Oliva warned that “a large part of that compensation will end up coming” from taxpayers. “Not every school in our system ... is FSU. Not every school is UF (the University of Florida),” said Oliva, a former Florida House speaker. “What starts to happen when they can’t compete?” Lamb said the use of tax dollars isn’t being considered as an option, but he’s heard it discussed.

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Dave’s background includes 20 years of experience in customer service, working for Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Washington, D.C. and as the Director of Hospitality at Chick-fil-A. In addition to his work experience, Dave also completed his degree from The Expositors Seminary. We already see the benefit of having Dave in this new position as he focuses on customer interaction and satisfaction. When asked about working for Domestic Design Roofing, he states, “Getting the opportunity to work with a caring company and coworkers who love their job makes this a no-brainer for me.” We are proud to say that our company has built a reputation for excellence, integrity, and top-notch service in Fernandina and the surrounding areas. It is our commitment to these values that sets us apart.

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would abolish the South Amelia Island Renourishment Facilities MSTU and abolish the landfill services MSBU. The resolution would abolish Pirates Woods for the road improvements MSBU.

If approvals are made in November, on Dec. 9, the board will hold the final hearing to rename and update provision of the current Nassau County Services MSTU; to codify the county’s procedures for the establishment of MSBUs; and to ratify and affirm the Amelia Concourse MSBU.

Chairman of the board, Commissioner John Martin, also brought up a discussion of a potential MSBU for trash and debris pickup in the unincorporated areas of the county.

“I believe that is something we’re going to discuss at our next Winter Strategic Planning Session,” Martin said. “Not to scare everybody, it’s not like we’re going to impose this on you, but if you live in the unincorporated areas, it’s going to be a discussion.”

The process requires someone bringing forward a proposal with a precise geographic boundary and passage of an ordinance by the board.

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More than 6.2 million Floridians have already cast their ballots through early voting or mail-in options – approaching half of the state’s 14 million registered voters, according to the Thursday morning report from the Florida Division of Elections. Republicans have shown stronger early voting numbers with 1.9 million ballots cast compared to Democrats’ one million. Additionally, more than 730,000 No Party Affiliation voters and 88,000 “other” party voters have participated.

This level of early participation aligns with recent trends – in 2020, nearly 80% of Florida voters cast their ballots before Election Day, according to the Florida Division of Elections.

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bioethanol plant inside its Fernandina Beach campus. RYAM applied to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection last November for an air permit for the facility, which the FDEP granted.

NEF was the face of opposition to the plant, citing concerns regarding damage to the environment as well as potential for disaster. The group held town hall meetings attended by hundreds of people opposed to the plant. At the last meeting about the plans, several people spoke in support of RYAM and the proposed plant.

NEF requested an administrative hearing to contest the issuance of the draft air permit. The hearing was scheduled for Nov. 18 through Nov. 20.

Tom Budd heads NEF and sent a letter to other members of the group explaining that, while he believes the fight to stop the bioethanol plant will continue, he cannot be held potentially liable for the legal fees involved. He said RYAM's legal team "bludgeoned" him and threatened him "with sanctions to pay their attorney's fees if we do not withdraw."

Budd said he had talked to several attorneys about the situation, and while some of them said they believe the case has merit, the attorney hired by NEF, Ralf Brookes, advised him against taking the case further.

"... our attorney was 'worried' that they could win on the sanction's issues, and he would be liable for 1/2 of the award, which he estimated at upward of \$300,000. He was not willing to continue in the fight at the Administrative Hearing level," Budd's letter said.

However, he said believes the attorney, who was hired before Budd joined NEF, was overwhelmed and did not adequately represent NEF.

"From the beginning, we were frustrated by missed deadlines, inability to obtain substantive data thru interrogatories and other situations where we felt



Tom Budd

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'unrepresented' through the various components of the case to date," Budd's letter said. "Frankly, I strongly feel his advice to withdraw had much more to do with his inadequate representation than it did the merits of our case."

Budd told the News-Leader it is important to note that the issue is not that NEF's petition and cause does not have merit, but that the "behemoth" that is RYAM has threatened him personally, as he is the petitioner. He said he tried to retain another attorney, but could not do so.

"It became clear to me that we could not go forward with a reasonable expectation of winning and protecting my family from financial ruin without a competent, experienced attorney representing me," Budd's letter said. "Thus, the decision to withdraw."

While the administrative hearing has been canceled and so that battle lost, Budd said he hopes the war against the proposed plant will still prevail.

"It is vitally important that no one

views this disappointing news as a RYAM win," his letter said. "I believe the blowback will severely compromise their prospects in circumventing the Comp Plan and LDC, particularly if we play it right. As you have heard me say at both of the Peck Center town halls, this fight is not over with the administrative hearing."

The city of Fernandina Beach's Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan prohibits chemical manufacturing within city limits; the application submitted by RYAM to FDEP for the air permit says the plant would be a chemical processing facility. RYAM has since said the production of bioethanol at its facility would not be a chemical process, but a fermentation one, and likened the bioethanol plant to a brewery, distillery or bakery.

The decision of whether the plant will be issued a building permit by the city ultimately lays in the hands of the city manager. The city has been operating for more than a year with several interim

city managers, but a new city manager, Sarah Campbell, is slated to begin her tenure Dec. 2.

Budd told the News-Leader he hopes Campbell will make what he believes to be the right decision.

"I hope her integrity will guide her and she will not be forced into (allowing a building permit to be issued for the plant)," Budd said. He said the opposition is "energized" and that he believes the issue will ultimately be decided by the legal system; he believes RYAM will challenge a denial of a building permit, and the opposition will challenge a permit that would be issued.

"There is much more to this story, some of which I am restrained by confidentiality of the process and Florida code that favors the big guys over citizens," Budd's letter said. "Our strategy moving forward should be to launch a new and robust campaign to help our city make the right decision when that time comes. I predict it will come soon. We will meet after the election and discuss options for moving forward. Stay in the fight! The real fight was always going to be in the city and with the response to a building permit application. So go vote accordingly!"

Ryan Houck, spokesperson for RYAM, said the the petition was without merit, and so Budd withdrew.

"Mr. Budd's permit challenge was based on inaccurate information and lacked factual support. RYAM's letter to him brought to Mr. Budd's attention that he may have been following guidance from certain advisors without realizing he was pursuing a frivolous lawsuit," Houck told the News-Leader. "RYAM will continue to educate and inform our neighbors about this exciting project, which promotes the community's economic and environmental goals, adheres to strict regulatory standards, and helps support over 300 local jobs."

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contract ratification.

"A total of 637 ballots were sent out to all members of our bargaining unit. We had 548 yes and five nos," Phillips reported.

The new NESPA contract includes several significant improvements: "The automatic steps we acquired last year, the millage funds, the 50 cents an hour we acquired this year, Veterans Day off for 12-month employees, professionals being paid to come in a day before school year begins," Phillips detailed. She emphasized that "our non-instructional (staff) who work tirelessly to educate our future deserve a living wage, and the respect as the professionals that we are."

Phillips acknowledged the team effort behind the negotiations, thanking several key participants including "Angela Callahan, our FEA service unit director, Stephanie Jesse, our vice president, Phyllis Alderman, our secretary treasurer, Richard Lucas, our executive board chair," among others. She also expressed gratitude to district officials, including "Dr. Burns, attorney Damon Kitchen, Scott Hodges, Kerry Burgess Watkins, Brad Underhill and Jeffrey Bunch for working collaboratively with us to secure this contract."

However, community member Richard Lamken raised concerns about pay disparities between support staff and teachers.

"The employees who work the shortest amount of time are going to see a 10%

increase and the employees who work the longest amount of time will see 58.3% increase," Lamken said.

Drawing from his experience with "40 negotiations in school systems," he questioned whether teachers would "still get 2,000, 2,500 while some of the NESPA members are going to get 7,400?"

Lamken also criticized the transparency of the process, noting "there's no information, as usual, provided to members of the public ... how are we supposed to respond to what you are going to consider and vote on if nothing's been communicated?"

In response to these concerns, Phillips defended the negotiation process, saying, "Anything that NESPA negotiates is public. We have a public meeting every time we negotiate ... Nothing is done in secret. We don't have secret meetings."

She explained the rationale behind the varying increases, noting that "the ones who work the most hours, they're here every day ... they're here 12 months. So that's how we came to that rationale and there wasn't a single person that complained about it."

Chris Pagel, president of the Nassau Teachers Association (NTA), reported similarly strong support for their contract.

"We had a 70% turnout on the button ... and it came out to a 98% yes and a 2% no." The NTA ratification was held from Oct. 16-18, with Pagel noting they "decided to go with three days" due to various scheduling considerations.

The board also approved extending

the same salary benefits and millage awards to district support staff who aren't represented by NESPA. All three measures passed with unanimous 5-0 votes, reflecting broad support for the agreements despite the concerns raised about pay equity and transparency.

Board member Shannon Hogue added a personal note of appreciation, saying,

"My mother worked in the cafeteria when I was in elementary school, and I remember her coming home exhausted because the pots that she would have to lift, full of hot water and sometimes coming home with burns. Just know that you are seen, you are appreciated."

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An elegant way to save

In the big push to automotive electrification something quite important was left out: consumer demand. Suddenly it seems that nearly everyone who wanted a pure electric vehicle already had one and other prospective buyers have been put off with the higher price and relatively short driving range. A few states and our federal government have insisted that we'll all drive EVs soon because they'll mandate that lack of choice, but then again, we can always vote those rascals out.

While the general car buying population hasn't yet embraced plugging in, there is a recent affection for hybrid vehicles. If the word hybrid instantly recalls Prius, that's because Toyota certainly popularized the concept of combining electrical propulsion in combination with a gasoline engine for fuel efficiency. And it's still a winning integration that's benefited from two decades of improvement. The original Prius was a compact sedan that delivered 41 MPG combined fuel economy with 114 HP and 484-miles of range. Our new Hyundai Sonata is listed in the full-size category with 47 MPG, 192 HP and the ability to cruise 673-miles down the highway. You'll probably want to add a stop or two if you drive that



Douglas

distance. To keep comparisons fair, Toyota's new Camry Hybrid and Honda's Accord both pretty much match our Sonata's fuel economy and add a tiny bit more power, but in my evaluation Hyundai's six-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters adds a sporting plus. In every case, all three hybrid offerings throw in a host of luxury options to create window stickers in the mid to high \$30-grand range. That's a robust amount, but less than the \$51-grand you'd pay for Hyundai's pure electric IONIQ 6 sedan that would have you looking for a plug in 291 miles.

Our Hyundai Sonata Hybrid Limited is a contemporary, stylish sedan that doesn't shout its virtue. In fact, the hybrid attribute is simply announced on a diminutive plaque on the right side of the trunk lid. In all other styling features, our metallic white Sonata incorporated contrasting black finishes to present a two-tone sporting demeanor.

Inside the spacious cabin, the operator can hardly miss the two-foot wide high-resolution screen that sweeps across



Hyundai's Sonata exudes curb appeal.

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the dash and was perched on a blond faux-wood panel. Two prominent round instrument displays present vehicle speed and other data then switch to rear camera displays when the turn signals are used. The right portion of the panel provides infotainment and mapping while speed and other driving functions are also displayed on the windshield through a heads-up projection. It's nicely driver-focused and if you don't pay attention, there are lots of safety warnings that will pitch in.

The Sonata's surround view cameras and parking sensors allow a Remote Smart Parking Assist to self-park the car in a tight space. One day I'll summon the cour-

age to try this scheme on my side of our two-car garage. The worst that could happen would be to race into our HVAC and water heater system so perhaps I'll stay in control. But feel free to try it at your home.

Driving is nicely smooth and quiet with hardly any indication of whether gas or electricity are moving things briskly along. Music or news events are delivered in Bose hi-fidelity and seating is first class. And the best surprise is how little you need to visit filling stations. The Camry and Accord hybrids mentioned above are both competent rivals.

Brian Douglas has driven everything with wheels during

his career in automotive technical, marketing and journalism professions. If you have a question or story to share, he can be reached at brian@autoeditor.com

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November 16 – 3-5 p.m.

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Brown Bag Lunch: Fernandina's early role in women's suffrage

For the News-Leader

On Wednesday, Nov. 6, at noon, join the Amelia Island Museum of History for a presentation with Kathleen O'Dea titled, "Pioneers of Equality: Seeds of Women's Suffrage in Fernandina."

In 1920 women finally won the right to vote with the passage of the

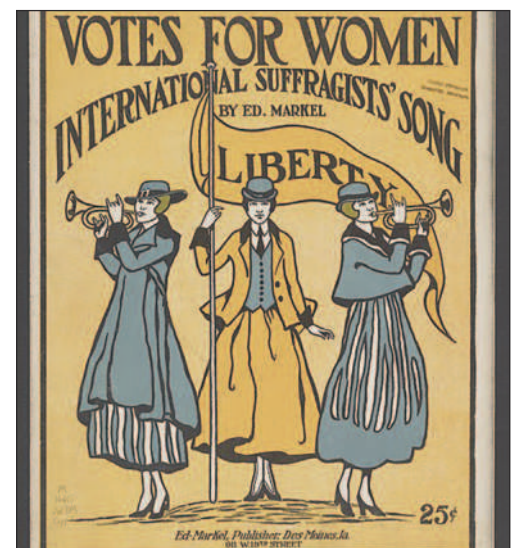
Nineteenth Amendment. It was a long and difficult road that spanned eight decades. Women's Suffrage grew out of the efforts to abolish slavery. During that fight, women abolitionists realized the need for equality of all Americans, no matter their gender or race. This realization drove them to persist in the face of many challenges. One of the most difficult challenges came from the

Southern states who resisted equality for both Blacks and women.

At November's Brown Bag Lunch, docent Kathleen O'Dea will look at Fernandina's unique history that contributed to a different perspective toward women's equality for a post-Civil War Southern town. As the first to hold integrated elections in the South, Fernandina played its part in the early roots of the Suffrage movement.

Attendance is free, and attendants may bring their lunch. Seating is limited on a first come, first served basis. This program is wheelchair accessible.

For more information, contact Isabelle at Isabelle@AmeliaMuseum.org or at 904-261-7378.



Votes for Women International Suffragists' Song by Ed Markel 1916

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Elizabeth Cady Stanton organized the Seneca Falls Convention, the first women's rights convention.

OPINION

Medicare Minute: Medicare and continuing to work after 65



Sullivan

Deciding to start Medicare is an important decision to consider when you turn 65 and continue to work. If you continue to work after turning 65 you may have a few options before applying for Medicare. Under certain circumstances, applying for Medicare would be optional while you continue to have employer coverage and not incur penalties.

If you are covered by an employer insurance plan with at least 20 employees, those plans must comply with Medicare guidelines and are

known as being Medicare credible coverage. You can apply for Part A for additional hospital coverage or apply later. Once you lose your employer coverage or choose to give up that coverage, you will have a Special Enrollment Period to apply for Medicare without a penalty within 60 days after losing coverage or choosing to no longer use employer coverage.

If you work for an employer

who with less than 20 employees, you will most likely need to apply for Medicare. These insurance plans are not required by law to be Medicare credible. Check with your employer's benefits specialist to see if you need to apply for Medicare. It is also important to understand how Medicare interacts with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) if you have one. Once you enroll in any part of Medicare, you can no longer contribute to an HSA. However, you can still use the funds already in your HSA for qualified medical expenses,

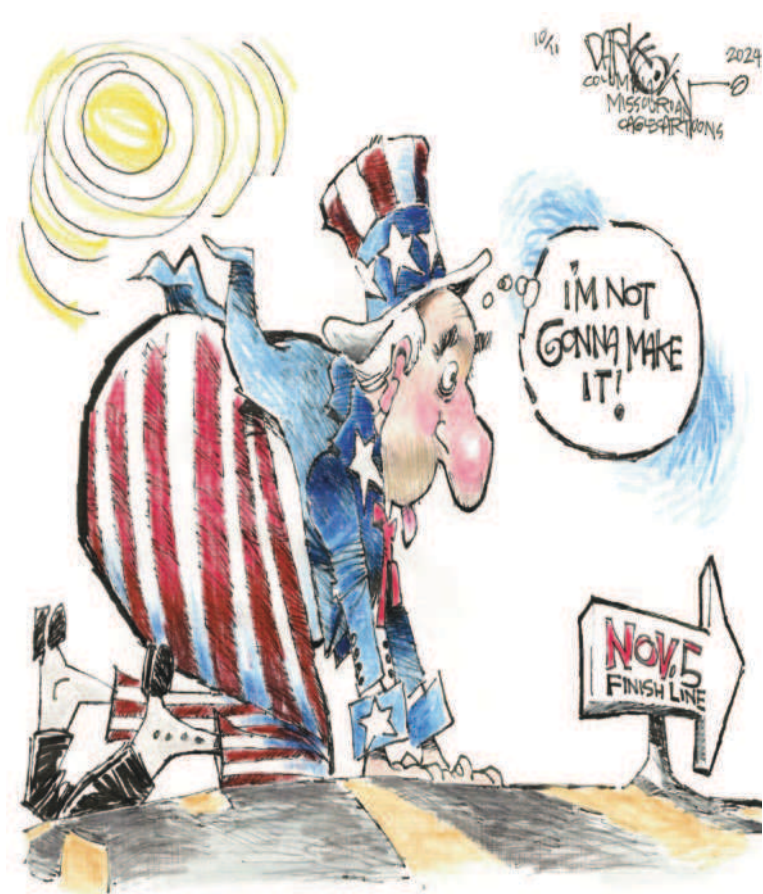
including Medicare premiums. Individuals who do not have health insurance through their employer will need to apply for Medicare and are not eligible to use the health insurance plans on the ACA Marketplace.

When considering your options while working, it's advisable to compare the costs and benefits of your employer's insurance plan with those of Medicare. Factors such as premiums, copays or coinsurance, maximum out-of-pocket expenses, and covered services should be considered.

Remember, making informed

decisions about your health care coverage can have significant implications for your financial and physical well-being. Stay proactive, seek advice when needed, and ensure you understand all your options to maintain the best possible health coverage as you transition into this new stage of life.

To learn more, or any questions you may have about Medicare, feel free to contact John Sullivan of Amelia Insurance Company at 904-261-3606 or ameliainsurance.com



Oh, look – a squirrel!

I must have been the despair of my parents and teachers.

By the time I reached junior high, it was apparent that while I was a bright child, my grades were somewhat dimmer. It was soon determined I was easily distracted, but in my later years, I came to view this condition as merely a failure to focus.

I was adept at carrying on at least two conversations at the same time, and I could dredge up obscure details about any number of things, except, of course, my studies. While normal people absorbed three hours of study for a test, I retained only a fraction of the information while my mind meandered to a wide variety of unrelated subjects.

Despite the ministrations of a variety of advisers and supervisors, I graduated from high school with grades good enough to send me off to an excellent college. Two colleges and five years later, I had my baccalaureate. It was in English literature, not the zoology degree I had planned it to be, nor was it in mathematics for which my parents had secretly wished.

Much too late to save us all a lot of angst, I discovered my tragic academic flaw was, and remains, that I am usually thinking of three things at once. While I studied for a test the next day, I monitored the squirrels playing in the tree outside my dorm window, planned what to wear on my Saturday night date and daydreamed about that cute boy I met yesterday. Needless to say, I could regurgitate only a fraction of what I thought I was studying.

By the time I hit the workforce, I had diagnosed myself with merely having been dealt a bad memory. I carried a small, spiral notebook everywhere I went, and I jotted notes on assignments from the boss, conversations I had with coworkers (in person and on the telephone), as well as any professional reading matter I perused. My responsibilities and workload grew larger as the years went by, and so did my notebook. I now called it my "brain book," and it went everywhere. When I had scribbled all over every page of this three-ring notebook, I carefully archived the pages I had to remove.

I didn't realize how dependent I was on that notebook until I retired and didn't need it any more. There were no bosses, no assignments, no deadlines, no projects, no important conversations I was expected to recall and act upon without prompting. I gently shelved that notebook, still



CITY SIDEBAR

Cara Curtin

crammed with the busyness of my last weeks at work.

I felt adrift for a while with nothing to write down, nothing to make a note about. Now I make lists. Grocery lists. Project lists. Christmas and birthday gift lists, and I am the queen of sticky notes. I reserve these bright, eye-catching squares of paper for important, short-term issues. Take the plastic bags to Publix. Tell Gladys what I have forgotten to tell her the last three times we talked. Buy stamps,

although I think the checkers at Publix recognize my sticky notes and automatically reach for the stamp drawer.

I have always laughed when people told me a sign of old age is when you begin to forget things. Well, hey, Sugar, I been forgettin' things since I was in junior high! It's hard to tell if I'm losing it when I never had it in the first place.

I am sure I am not the only child who was easily distracted from her studies by all of the wonderful other things going on. Surely parents and the educational system are a little more perceptive these days. I like to think they quickly detect a failure to focus and teach that student how to remove Saturday night plans and playful squirrels from his or her mind during study time.

It's too late for me, I'm afraid. While I was writing this, I also planned tonight's menu, remembered to write a couple of thank you notes, and scribbled a sticky to pick up the dry cleaning.

Perhaps I have done my good deed for the day. I hope someone reading this has had the Eureka Bulb light off in the last couple of minutes and has resolved to teach a struggling student or two to concentrate on the job at hand. A focused mind is a wonderfu – oh, look – a squirrel!

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Addressing safety concerns with proposed ethanol plant

Kudos to Fernandina Beach city staff for organizing the Oct. 24 town hall regarding the proposed ethanol plant. This opportunity to evaluate different viewpoints is a good pathway for advancing the discussion and more informed decision making on important issues facing our community.

The RYAM presentation included slides indicating that public safety concerns were negligible and assertions that their retained experts would not put their careers at risk if this was not the case. Missing from the RYAM presentation were the assumptions and scenarios leading to their conclusions. It is incumbent on RYAM to release the assumptions, scenarios and all of the material which their safety experts considered. As was pointed out at the town hall meeting, the best designed systems can and do fail in real life (e.g. the Titanic, Space Shuttle Challenger and Columbia disasters). RYAM has given the impression that an explosion or accident will be confined to the chamber where ethanol is manufactured, their property or a small area very close by. Real world events, human error and unforeseen factors have defeated the best laid technical plans. The Fernandina Beach community must be provided with a wide ranging independent safety evaluation exploring a number of assumptions

and threats. This includes release of toxic gases, potential damage to marine and plant life, weather events that trigger or complicate explosions or leaks, the risk of fire beyond RYAM property, storage tank leaks/fires and accidents during ethanol transportation.

Wise people take calculated risks based on a careful evaluation of solid data, multiple scenarios and consideration of other options. Placing an ethanol plant adjacent to a residential neighborhood and historic downtown that is our largest economic engine, right by our waterways and on a barrier island frequently subject to major weather events seems to be too great of a risk to justify 50 jobs and greater profits for RYAM.

RYAM is welcome to continue to operate its existing facilities that are generating significant revenue. It is unreasonable for RYAM to expect the Fernandina Beach community to accept a few glossy slides and PR spins to dispel legitimate, well-founded public safety concerns that are substantiated by historical examples. The issue comes down to the old real estate maxim ... location, location, location. The proposed site for the ethanol plant entails too many safety risks and RYAM has failed to make a well documented case to the contrary.

**Richard Deem
Fernandina Beach**

Who is responsible for the wetlands?

I was not able to make it to the county commissioners meeting Monday, Oct 14, but by the article in the paper about the latest section to be developed, I would have had a few questions. The original first meetings of the development showed this latest section as being single family homes only. So now I read it will now have nine, four story buildings, retail space and office space. What happened to the single family homes? At the time of the original meeting, I asked who would monitor the wetlands that were not supposed to be built on, never really got an answer. So my question is, who really does check on these developers to make sure the wetlands that are supposed to be left untouched are being left alone? There is a huge part from section A to section B of Nassau Crossing that should be left untouched, so will it? With the development, they put in culverts under the roadways, but do not look at where the rain water will flow, thus Harts road now floods near William Burgess. They have started taking down trees in Parcel B and there is still water in the ditch on Harts Road from the last rains. Who is responsible for that part of construction of areas? The county is after the all mighty dollar of building up, but not all of the issues are being addressed at the beginning and until people start asking questions then they need to address them.

**Vivian Sankey
Yulee**



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Remodeling after damage is not your typical remodel

JEANETTE GASKILL
For the News-Leader



Gaskill

Home renovation from a flood takes time and money, especially if the damage is extensive. It's very important to know that the building is structurally safe before you choose to remodel the house. Since flooding can damage the foundation of the building and the floor, it is ideal to get a contractor who can assess whether or not a remodel can take place or not. So, what do you do if flood wreaks havoc in your home? These are several home renovation tips for flood-prone areas to consider.

After cleaning the house with disinfectants, the next thing you need to do is to dry out the house. Before the contractor can work in your house, everything has to be secure for additional damages caused by walls or floors. In days that are hot, be sure that you keep doors and the windows open for ventilation. If you decide to use fans and heaters, it's best to control the heat to avoid the wood walls and flooring from warping and splitting.

If you do not have a large home, you can probably finish cleaning the mess up yourself. Using a junk hauler is a great way to get the mess removed quickly. Northeast Florida Junk Removal (nefjunkeremoval.com) has a great team who not only does removal but also has demo crew specifically for these types of renovations and damage clean up. Once you've trashed the damaged furniture, appliances, doors, and walls, you can start cleaning out the mold buildup from the flood. You can use biocides that are simple to purchase to keep everything clean and disinfected

inside the house.

Although contractors specialize in remodeling and home construction, you have to understand that not everybody is qualified to remodel a home, due to damage from flood and other natural disasters. It's very important to have

someone with experience in controlling mold issues since mold buildups are also caused by floods in buildings. If it has become a significant concern, selecting an industrial hygienist that will offer the effective procedures of mold removal is vital.

Before the project begins, document your house first. This way, you will know what damages were made so that you can avoid additional charges when the contractor began working in your home. Repairs include this and painting can't be done without testing the moisture levels first. The best way to do this is the use of a flooring hygrometer.

Some of the things that you have to do before a contract is signed by you to enlist the services of a contractor include knowing fees and how payment will be handled — do they have a weekly or monthly payment program? You might need the help of other service providers that a contractor might not be able to supply since your house is composed of ventilation and electrical circuits. A licensed electrician will know whether you will need to place receptacles, service panels, lighting fixtures, and electrical connectors. You could also contact a licensed HVAC professional that execute repairs especially in regards to mold issues and will assess



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the damage. Other concerns include getting copies of MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) if the contractor will utilize chemicals for mold control, insurance policies, and general liability certificates.

The natural tendency when remodeling is to replace exactly what you had previously. Be forward thinking and explore new and innovative products out on the market that can save you money the next time your home might have damage. A great example of this is EnduraFlood, water proof drywall (www.enduraflood.com). Using this sheetrock replacement on the bottom half of your walls can save you pain, time and money should you potentially have a flood a second time.

You need to bear in mind that remodeling a house that is flooded takes money and time. Make sure you know everything in the contract, including

the terms and conditions. Floods are undoubtedly among the top disasters that cause many problems, such as missing properties and wrecked houses. By following these home renovation tips for flood-prone areas, hopefully, you can avoid the headache of a lengthy cleanup and greater strain on your wallet, if it happens to you.

Jeanette Gaskill is the lead designer for Coastal Cottage of Amelia, where she has worked for the past six years. She loves being able to work hand in hand with her customers to design the spaces they dream of. Gaskill knows that interior design is very personal so she considers it an honor to be invited into her customer's homes. As part of the process, she takes time to get to know her customer's personality and tastes which is always reflected in the final result - she can make magic.

Game day: Fernandina and Wildlight markets open Saturday

The Fernandina Beach Market Place and the Wildlight Market Place, will both be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Saturday is one of the most popular "Game day" weekends in NE Florida, and you will find plenty of items - at both markets - to make your weekend one to remember!



Judie Mackie

The Fernandina Beach market is on North Seventh Street in historic downtown, while Wildlight's market is located at 123 Tinker Street in Yulee, Florida, behind the Tasty's Burger shopping plaza near I-95. Both markets are conveniently located for you to spend some time in the fresh fall air, getting in your daily steps, and enjoying fellowship with your neighbors.

The farmers market is open every Saturday, year 'round, and offers over 40 tents of locally sourced foods and natural products like soy candles and body care. You will find seasonal produce, wild-caught shrimp, microgreens, jams and jellies, pickles, freshly baked breads and more. St. Mary's Bee Ranch from Hilliard offers their new hot honey, and popular flavors like orange blossom and wildflower. Professional beekeepers, the entire family participates in managing the bee colonies. They must inspect the hives to make sure the hive stays healthy and well fed. When it is time to harvest the honey, it takes great care to move the bees, uncup the honey cells, and collect the honey without getting stung. Stop by their booth to learn more; Ben, Amanda, or their son Levi are always at the market and they love to talk about their bees. They often have honeycomb and bee pollen at their booth, too.

You will also find hot sauces, salsas, guacamole, and fresh coffee by the bag with Bunna Cafe



or by the cup from Sweet Thangs. There will be plants galore from Robert and Everblooming Gardens as well as the plants from Seven Trees Nursery brought by Ina and her granddaughter, Chyna. Look for elderberry syrup, spreads, dips, teas, and sweet treats from Indy Delites, too. This week's featured bicentennial product is the pecan. After suffering damage from the past two storms, Kevin is back at the market with a variety of flavored pecans, fresh ground, halved, and whole pecans, and pecan oil, too. As we prepare for the huge Dining Down Centre event in celebration of our city's two hundredth birthday, each week we focus on an item you would find at a market in our coastal community in 1825 that you can still find today at our local farmers market. Pecans have been a key ingredient in the diets of mankind long before the French or Spanish arrived. Pecans are nutritious, portable, and high in protein and healthy fats. The pecan of 1825, however, would be different from the pecans of today as a major revolution in propagation and cultivation occurred around the time of the American Industrial Revolution, when grafting the best of the species led to higher quality and yield of the nut.

Fernandina's Booth With a Cause will be the Nassau Humane Society. Stop by to learn more about their dedication to find loving homes for every pet in their care. Staff and volunteers offer the



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Pecans are featured this week and the role they have played for mankind, as well as their role in 1825 Fernandina and whether you would find them in a market then or now.

dogs and cats positive, enriching experiences and you are invited to stop by and meet their adoptable dogs, as well as learn more about how to support their mission. Students from the Royal Amelia Dance Academy will perform at 10:30 reflecting all of the fun, joy, happiness, and especially the positive outlook participating in the physical arts can bring. Live music is brought to you by Driftwood Acoustic, a father and son duo with an engaging saxophone accompaniment.

Wildlight Market Place is a farmers and arts market with delicious food booths, a food truck, and talented vendors displaying their arts and crafts. Enjoy cookies, fruits and vegetables, beef, pork, dips, breads, pastries and more. You will also find apparel, jewelry, candles, home decor, soaps, lotions, wood working, leather goods, pottery and more. Open on the first and third Saturday of each month, this week Wildlight's entertainment is the fabulous duo, Classic Rewind, playing all of your favorite covers of yesterday and today.

Both markets are always looking for unique businesses and musicians interested in joining the market family of vendors. For more information, both markets can be found online and on social media.

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Ready, set, shop and save at the book sale

Calling all bookworms. Find incredible deals and the perfect fit at the Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library (FB FOL) Book Sale. What better present to give to yourself or a loved one than the joy and enrichment that reading provides? The FB FOL book sale has your gift giving needs covered if you visit their upcoming semiannual book sale that is taking place Nov. 6-9. Support literacy and find amazing reads for all ages at the sale.



AT THE LIBRARY

Julie Cannavino

The book sale is the major fundraiser for the FB FOL. The proceeds from the book sale help support initiatives and programming at the Fernandina Beach branch library. These proceeds help expand our children's and adult programming offerings as well as providing the necessary financial support for our summer reading programs whose purpose is to promote literacy as well as foster a lifelong love of reading. In addition, the FB FOL donations have helped with capital items including the expansion of the Fernandina Branch Library and the creation of our new Common Ground outside seating area.

If you have never attended the book sale, you are in for a treat. There are thousands of items for sale. They offer hardback, trade and paperback fiction and nonfiction for adults, young adults, and children. At the sale you can find books in many genres including mysteries, romance, history, arts, hobbies, biographies, memoirs, poetry, gardening, decorating, and many more.

In addition to the typically book categories, go on the hunt to unearth hidden treasures like first editions and vintage books.

The sale kicks off Wednesday, Nov. 6 with a FB FOL member-only early preview sale from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Not a FOL member? You can join at the door and get the first chance at all the wonderful offerings. For more information about joining the FB FOL, visit their website, www.fernandinafol.org/membership.

The book sale opens to the public Thursday, Nov. 7 and Friday, Nov. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Your last chance to shop is Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale is held at the Peck Center Gym, 510 S. 10th Street.

Many thanks go out to army of volunteers that help make this book sale happen. We would also like to personally thank those of you who visit the book sale and help support literacy programs and library initiatives by doing so. It takes a village, and we appreciate our Nassau County village. Your purchases make a difference.

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LOCAL MATTERS

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beginning at 1 p.m. The games are American Contract Bridge League sanctioned. All players are welcome. Contact Ben Dickens, club manager, at bboinquiry@gmail.com.

Callahan Lions Club hosts monthly meetings

The Callahan Lions Club hosts a monthly social meeting at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. The club meets at 543514 U.S. Highway 1 in Callahan. The club is a group of volunteers who provide free eye exams, eye-glasses and hearing aids for those who qualify. For information, contact 904-613-8595 or info@callahanlions.org.

Substance abuse support group meets

A new parent support group, Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL), meets every Thursday at Northeast Florida Baptist Association, 851035 U.S. Highway 17 in Yulee. The group meets weekly for education about adult children dealing with substance addiction and peer-to-peer support. Participants must be 18 or older. For information, contact Latashia Davis at 904-703-7847 or visit palgroup.org.

Roadkill Bingo - American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54 Roadkill Bingo is every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Legion canteen, 626 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach. It's a fun variation of bingo with the prizes being meat products. Each card is \$5 for 16 rounds of play. Bring a nonperish-

able food item for The Salvation Army Hope House and get a free card. Food is also available for a donation. For more information, contact the American Legion at 904-261-7900.

Parenting support group

Parenting Support Group with Nassau County and Healthy Start every third Friday at 1 p.m. at 1620 Nectarine St. in Fernandina Beach and every first Friday at 1 p.m. at 45401 N. Mickler St. in Callahan. Meetings are open and free to anyone. Topics include stress management, self-care as parents, nutrition for picky eaters, family yoga, art classes and more. Call 904-557-9129 or email Jamesha.Moment@flhealth.gov.

Introduction to Newcomers held monthly at the library

The Newcomers Club of Amelia Island is a local ladies social club whose purpose is to extend a friendly hand to all women who currently reside in Nassau County. It offers many social and service activities in the community and an opportunity for developing new friendships. It holds a monthly introduction and welcome meeting every month. Visit newcomersamelia.org for information on dates, how to register and attend.

Do you or someone you know need help paying home cooling bills?

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps keep families safe and healthy in their homes through initiatives that assist with energy cost. LIHEAP provides

federally funded assistance to reduce the costs associated with home energy bills and energy crisis. Low-income residents may be eligible to receive a one-time home energy payment toward their electric bill or crisis payments to restore or prevent disconnection of electric service. Eligibility is based on income and family size. Visit www.nfcaa.net to learn how the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. can help or call the 24-hour appointment line at 904-362-8052.

National Alliance for Mental Health Support Group

NAMI Nassau County offers a free in-person support group for peers and those with mental health challenges. It is held every Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Nassau County Council on Aging, 1901 Island Walk Way in Fernandina Beach. Anyone 18 years or old is welcome. Meetings are structured, confidential, inclusive and led by trained facilitators. For more information, email contact@naminas-saufflorida.org or call our Help Line at 904-277-1886.

NCCOA offers support groups for caregivers

Nassau County Council on Aging offers a variety of support groups and other opportunities to help caregivers and their loved ones live life to the fullest. Resources are available for all stages of the caregiving journey. Offerings are held at the Fernandina Beach Senior Life Center, 1901 Island Walk Way, and are open to the community. Meetings include guest speakers and group discussion; there is no

charge to attend.

Caregiver Support Group

Reduce stress and improve quality of life through peer support, education and useful information. Free respite activity at The Club for loved ones during the meetings. Guest speakers are periodically featured. Respite activity is provided free of charge during the meetings for loved ones. Caregiver Support Group is held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, from 3:30-5 p.m.

Caregiver Stress-Buster Forum

Practice stress-reduction and problem-solving techniques to be a successful caregiver, help reduce anger, hostility and anxiety and improve quality of life. Guest speakers are periodically featured. Respite activity is provided for a nominal fee for Club members. Caregiver Stress-Buster Forum is offered the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 1:30-3 p.m.

Grieving with Hope Support Group

Losing a family member or close friend is one of the most traumatic life events we can experience. In this support group, participants share stories and discover tools for the grieving process when the caregiving journey ends. Qualified facilitators and guest speakers. Grieving with Hope is offered the second and fourth Monday of every month from 5:30-7 p.m. For more information, contact Jennifer Gundling at jgundling@nassaucountycoa.org or Emily Kunzelmann at ekunzelmann@nassaucountycoa.org or call NCCOA at 904-261-0701.

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Words express what we think, and say a lot about who we are

In the coarsening of our culture, including our political culture, we sometimes distort the purpose and power of words. It often sounds as though we've forgotten, or maybe just chosen to ignore the fact, that God cares about our speech — so much so that he tells us directly, "The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit" (Proverbs 15:4). More times and in more places, it feels like crushing the spirit is the point.

We ought to wrestle with the fact that the Bible says more about how we speak than about sex, theft, or murder. That doesn't mean that speech is more important, but when author and pastor Scott Sauls writes, "In Scripture, gossip and slander are confronted more fiercely by Jesus and Paul than adultery and stealing," we should give it some thought. Sauls urges his readers to "flee such 'word sins' by offering words of truth, encouragement, and praise in their place. Words that build up and don't tear down."

Theologian Sinclair



PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Richard Doster

power of words, and the way they connect us to God himself," Ferguson says, "we must take great care with them and use them for the life-giving purposes God intended."

We get a glimpse of that purpose in 2 Timothy 2:24-26, where Paul writes, "The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth ..."

It would be a joy-giving, spirit-lifting change, wouldn't it, if politicians, commentators, copywriters, and speechwriters

Ferguson helps build the case by pointing out that we bear the image of a speaking God. Our words, then — and the words of those we admire — are to reflect his character and wisdom. "Given the enormous

believed that "opponents must be gently instructed." Notice that Paul's not telling us to overlook their error; he's simply saying we're not to vilify or humiliate them.

We'll do better with that when we remember that we're sinful too, that we've been wrong a thousand times, and that there's a 100% chance we'll be wrong again. And again. And again. So, while we might occasionally have to confront misguided people and errant ideas, there's ample reason to be gentle, and most of all truthful.

A study of the ninth commandment, "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor" (Exodus 20:16), brings a wealth of perspective says Sam Logan, former president of Westminster Theological Seminary. Citing the Westminster Larger Catechism, Logan explains how the ninth commandment requires us to protect and encourage truth between people, and to protect the good name of our neighbor. We obey this commandment, the catechism says, when we "speak the

truth and only the truth from the heart, sincerely, freely, and clearly, in matters of judgment, justice, and in all other things." It goes on to explain, "We are to have a benevolent regard for our neighbors — loving and rejoicing in their good name." We're to defend their innocence, it says. We're to always be ready to hear a good opinion of our neighbors and be unwilling to receive a bad report about them.

Those are some of the things we're to do. There are also several things we're not to do. For example, we're not to distort the truth, especially as it relates to someone's good name. We're not to give false evidence, call false witnesses, or knowingly support an evil cause. We must not hide the truth. Nor are we to call evil good, and good evil. We are never to reward wickedness as though it was righteousness, nor are we to cause righteous acts to be punished as if they were wicked.

Throughout the Bible there's this overriding concern with the good name of others. According to Logan,

the English word name appears 798 times in the New International Version of the Bible. In both Hebrew and Greek, name almost always refers to one's reputation or character, Logan says. That explains why John Calvin began his commentary on the ninth commandment saying, "God here makes a provision for every man's character and good name, lest any should be undeservedly weighed down by [defamations] and false accusations."

Think about what it would mean if the Church in Fernandina Beach was determined to build up and not tear down? How would the character of life change if God's people deployed the power of words to reflect God's wisdom, and protect the good name of our neighbors?

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CHURCH NOTES

The Salvation Army

Salvation Army Hope House worship is at noon on Tuesday. "This week, we conclude our inspiring journey through 'The Life of Christ' by Giovanni Papini, as we dive into the final chapter, 'The Cloud.' Join us as we embrace the transformative power of Christ's teachings and consider how His story continues to shape and renew our lives," said a recent release.

Salvation Army Hope House donation drive is in need of men's sneakers, small men's pants/jeans, women's socks, hoodies, and men's and women's cool weather clothing. Food items needed include beans, cereal, canned soup (condensed and ready-to-eat), jelly, instant potatoes, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, toilet paper and canned pasta. Every donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated.

Drop off or mail your donations to our location at 410 South Ninth Street, Fernandina Beach, at the corner of Ninth and Date Streets. Our donation hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

Free food distribution event

Three local churches produce a free food distribution event for anyone needing food assistance. The Good News Fellowship food distribution event happens every third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon at New Life Baptist Church, located at 464069 State Road 200 in Yulee. Grace Church (PCA), New Life Baptist Church, and Redeemer Community Church cooperate to produce the monthly event. For more information, contact Grace Church at 904-491-0363 or office@gracenassau.com

Fear of man will cause us to make the wrong choices

Fear of being excluded will influence us to believe that we have taken a negative route, though we have done what we know to be right. Fear of masses of people will cause us to abandon our offspring.

Fear is detrimental to our ability to make sound choices. Fear clouds our spiritual vision to the point that we miss the very things we aspire to attain. Anything viewed through the eyes of fear



NOW AND THEN

Maybelle Kirkland

will always be a distorted picture.

With God as our heavenly eternal Father, we do not fear even when we are destitute or lost from the very one who God used to bring us into the world. God remains faithful. Therefore, remain faithful to

Him.

A human may be able to put us out of a facility, but no one can put us out of the kingdom when we choose to confess Jesus as the Christ. Never allow fear to cause us concern about belonging here on earth when eternity awaits the words that will seal our destiny. What are those life changing words? Jesus, you are the Christ, the Son of God, and you are my Lord.

FOOD PANTRIES

Many churches and other organizations across Nassau County offer food pantries to help residents who struggle with food insecurity.

Here is a list of resources. If your church or organization offers assistance and would like to be added to this list, email details to editor2@fbnewsleader.com.

FERNANDINA BEACH

- **Salvation Army Hope House**
410 S. Ninth St., 321-0435
Monday and Friday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Barnabas Center**
1303 Jasmine St., Suite 101
261-7000
Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-noon
- **Fernandina Beach Church of Christ**
1005 S. 14th St., 277-2517
- **First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach**
1600 S. Eighth St., 420-9555
Second Saturday, 4-5:30 p.m.
Home delivery of meals by appointment 24 hours in advance.

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- **Journey Church Food Ministry**
95707 Amelia Concourse, 261-8310
Tuesday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

- **Yulee Methodist Church**
86003 Christian Way, 225-5381
Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon
- **Yulee Baptist Church**
85971 Harts Road, 225-5128
Monday, 1-4 p.m.
- **Gracie's Kitchen**
6 Koen Lane, 412-977-0683
Monday-Tuesday,
Thursday-Friday, 5-6 p.m.

CALLAHAN

- **Callahan First Baptist Church**
45090 Green Ave., 879-2172
First Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon,
Third Thursday, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
In addition, pre-packaged dry meals can be picked up for families in conjunction with lunch giveaway at Callahan Elementary School.
- **First Baptist Church of Gray Gables**
54031 Church Road, 879-2986
Monday, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- **Callahan Methodist Church**
449648 U.S. 301, 879-3877
Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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- **Burford Grove Baptist Church**
553274 U.S. 1, 845-3656
Thursday, 6-8:45 a.m.



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Wayfaring Stranger

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."
Hebrews 11:1 NIV

If you've never heard the American folk song Wayfaring Stranger, you owe it to yourself to look it up. My favorite version is the one sung by Charlie Haden, but there are many beautiful versions. The song is very meaningful for anyone who is facing death or who has ever lost someone who they love. The first verse laments "I am a poor wayfaring stranger, wandering through this world of woe. And there's no sickness, toil, or danger in that bright world to which I go. I'm going home to see my father. I'm going there no more to roam. I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home." You can't hear this song and not be moved, for those we've lost we long to see again, and this is the great hope for



all of us, to see our families once more. Would any of us really want to go to heaven if we wouldn't see our families there? This song also reminds us of how many poor wayfaring strangers there are in the world today! And how many of them are kept from seeing loved ones because of borders and barriers set up by governments, who often seem to not consider the human cost of keeping families from seeing each other.
—Christopher Simon

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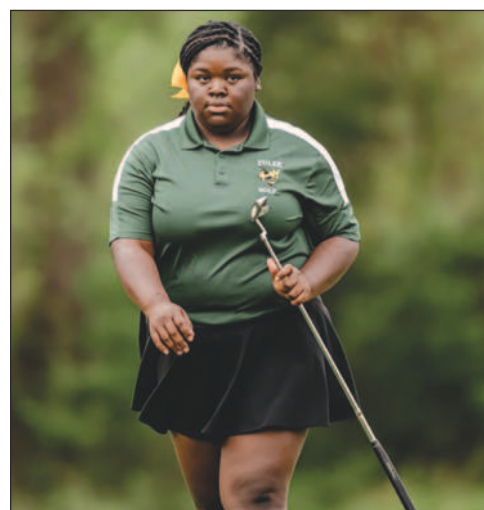
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Lady Pirates district runners-up



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The Fernandina Beach High School girls golf team hosted the district tournament Tuesday at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. Pictured are, clockwise from top left, FBHS's Zoey Gamba, Emma Geneovese and Sady Campbell, Yulee's Loraya Poindexter and Caroline Hilliard, and FBHS's Raleigh Simmons and Elle Reiser.

Region tourney set for Tuesday in Lake City

BETH JONES
News-Leader

The Lady Pirates are the District 3-2A runners-up. With 351 team points, the Fernandina Beach High School girls golf team finished behind Stanton (322) on Tuesday at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club.

FBHS senior Sady Campbell was the medalist. She shot a 70. Teammate sophomore Elle Reiser was third with a 76. Sophomore Emma Geneovese was 12th with a 103, junior Zoey Gamba was 11th with a 102, and junior Raleigh Simmons was 20th with a 123.

"I'm ecstatic for the girls," said Christina Steffen, head girls and boys golf coach at FBHS. "Same as boys season, interrupted with weather, hurricanes, course closures. They persevered and kept practicing."

"Sady with her three-under par score was amazing too and a great way to have her last high school district event."

Bishop Kenny finished

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FBHS cross country teams advance to regional

Both the girls and boys Fernandina Beach High School cross country teams ramped up to top speed over the past week by defending their Nassau County crowns and qualifying at the District 2-2A meets to region on Monday with the chance to advance to the state finals in mid-November in Tallahassee.

After sweeping the top seven places at last week's county meet, the girls squad put together a season-best effort at Bishop Kenny High School to take fourth place overall out of 21 teams at district, and like last year, secured the title of top public school, finishing only behind the top three ranked teams in the state, Bishop Kenny, Bolles and Episcopal.

Led by junior Mikaela Nichols, the Pirates' top runner all year, in a season-best 20:09 5K effort, she was followed close behind by ever-improving freshman Jillian Loucks, with a new personal best of 20:34.

The best race of the day was run by junior Grace Scuderi, back from an early season injury, running yet another season-best in 21:45, slicing 21 seconds off her previous time.

Rounding out the Pirate scoring were senior Callie Nesbitt in 22:22 and junior



PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE NICHOLS/SPECIAL

Mikaela Nichols, left, and Grace Scuderi, center, compete in the district meet at Bishop Kenny on Monday. The Lady Pirates captured the county title on Oct. 23 at FBHS, right. Pictured are, front row from left, Callie Nesbitt, Jillian Loucks, Mikaela Nichols, Emma Barone; back row, Taylor Newman, Delilah Stephenson, Loretta Stephenson, Grace Scuderi, Juliana Ferus, Amelia Burbo and Keira Michalski.



PHOTO BY DAVE REINHART/SPECIAL

Emma Barone in 22:24.

"We've been using the visualization with the girls of being on an airplane flying through the clouds and, while not being able to see the runway, trusting they will get to their destination as their fitness improves, which hopefully means qualifying for the state meet for the third year in a row," said

head coach Dave Reinhart.

"It's hard for any athlete in any sport to postpone short-term reinforcement and keep working hard for a longer term goal in the future."

"Everyone wants instant success, but it just doesn't work that way. Our girls are a testament to having all grit and no quit."

On the boys side, first-

year head coach Bill Rule has continued the success of his predecessor, Bill Beaumont, as his boys won the county meet, with senior Keaton DeVaul defending his title. More importantly, the Pirates secured eighth place at district, nabbing the final qualifying team spot for regional, much like last year.

Freshman John Martin led the Pirates with a 18:29 effort, followed by sophomore Jack Janzow in 19:10, then in quick succession, DeVaul 19:15, freshman Austin Dimas in 19:53 and freshman Avery Hilliker crossing the finish line in 19:58.

Rule was "pleased with their effort" consider-

ing three of his top five runners are freshmen, but the loss of top runner, sophomore Parker Petit, sidelined by an injury last week hindered the team's chances at a higher qualifying finish. But Petit may see action next week.

The regional meet is Nov. 8 at Cecil Field in Jacksonville.

Pirates to swim in 2A region meet on Wednesday



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Pirate swimmers who will compete in the region meet on Wednesday, left. The Lady Pirates with the district runners-up trophy, right.

The Pirate swimmers competed in the district meet Wednesday at Planet Swim Tennis Club. The Lady Pirates were district runners-up, and several Fernandina Beach High School swimmers advanced to Wednesday's 2A regional meet.

Raleigh Revere broke her own 200-yard individual medley school record, and Hampton Walker broke his 100-yard freestyle school record, leading off the 400-yard free relay. Revere is the district champ in the 50-yard freestyle, and Walker is in the 50-yard freestyle. Neria Giedrys won the girls 50-yard freestyle.

Revere will compete Wednesday in the 200-yard medley relay, 200-yard individual medley, 500-yard freestyle and 400-yard freestyle relay. Giedrys will compete in the 200-yard medley relay, 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard breaststroke and 400-yard freestyle. Walker will swim in the 200-yard medley relay, 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly and 400-yard freestyle.

Also competing at region are Cora Foxwell-Jones (200 medley relay, 100 free, 100 back and 400 free relay), Annie McKenzie (200 medley relay, 50 free, 100 free and 400 free relay), Ryan Roettger

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SPORTS SHORTS

Amelia Island Open

The Amelia Island Open Nov. 16-17 is the largest pétanque event in the Americas, drawing participants from around the globe to compete for the open championship. Play is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Fernandina Beach marina. Admission is free.

Men's softball

The Amelia Island Senior Softball League, which was formed last spring, kicked off its new season on Oct. 13. Games are played at the Ybor Alvarez fields at 9 a.m. Sundays. The league is open to men 50 years old. Umpires and sponsors are needed.

One or two games are played following warm-ups and batting practice. Cost is \$35 and includes two T-shirts. Balls, batting screen for pitcher, bases and bats are supplied. Players need to bring their own glove. Also plastic spiked shoes like those used for soccer are highly encouraged.

Anyone interested should contact Howard Fishbein at 443-812-5710.

Gators vs. Bulls

The opening night of college basketball will feature a significant in-state rivalry clash when Florida and South Florida square off at the Jacksonville Sports Foundation Invitational on Nov. 4 at VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena. Visit arena.jaxevents.com.

Youth wrestling

The Fernandina Beach Wrestling Club youth program's (kindergarten through fifth grade) practices are scheduled to begin on Thursday, Nov. 14. All club members must be registered with the Amateur Athletic Union and possess an active AAU card (\$22 annually). Register at <https://aausports.org>.

Online Wrestling Club memberships can be made through the Facebook page at Fernandina Beach Wrestling Club. The club's membership fee is \$100 annually.

FBWC youth program's practices will be held two nights a week on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. beginning Nov. 14 at Fernandina Beach High School, Building 22 (the Pit).

From Beech Street, take South 19th Street into the back FBMS parking lot. Building 22 will be at the right and is next to the FBHS football field. Email Fbwrestlingclub@gmail.com for information.

No adult ping pong

The city of Fernandina Beach's adult ping pong program is suspended and will resume Nov. 19 because of the room at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center being a voting precinct. Contact the Recreation Department or Don Hughes at 904-415-0667 or visit Fernandina Beach Ping Pong on Facebook for updates.

Bowling for adults

Yulee Bowling hosts a Wednesday morning adult bowling league. This is a fun league, and all adult ages with any skill levels are encouraged to come out and sample the friendly, supportive group environment. Cost is \$9 per week and includes three games and shoe rental. Contact Yulee Bowling at 904-225-1077.

Gator Bowl game

The 80th annual TaxSlayer Gator Bowl will be played on Bill Gay Grounds at EverBank Stadium in Jacksonville on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. and will be televised nationally on ESPN.

The game will feature a team from the Southeastern Conference, including Oklahoma and Texas, as its home team. The SEC representative will face an opponent from the Atlantic Coast Conference, which will include California, SMU and Stanford in expansion.

Teams participating in the Gator Bowl game will be announced on Sunday, Dec. 8. Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster. Visit www.taxslayergatorbowl.com.

NSFA meetings

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association holds monthly meetings the second Wednesday and the monthly social get-together the fourth Wednesday of each month at Kraft Ten Acres, 961023 Buccaneer Trail in Fernandina Beach. Call 556-5531 or email info@nsfafish.net for information on the Nassau Sport Fishing Association.

Boules Club

The Amelia Island Boules Club holds pétanque pickup games on the pétanque courts at the Fernandina Beach marina at 9 a.m. on Saturdays and most weekday afternoons. The club always has extra boules for friends and guests who want to learn this game of skill, precision and a touch of strategy. Join the friendly competition. Email AmeliaPetanque@gmail.com.

BABE RUTH CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN



Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth celebrated Halloween over the weekend, and players and parents dressed for the occasion. Pictured are, top row from left, Aiden Wrobel; Covian Swan and Cyrus Harper; and Luke Worley; second row, Casey, Caitlin, Jaxson and Penny Lowe; Candace and Lucas Bonds; and Dustin Sloan; above from left, Hartwell, Croix, Colton, Caden, Abram and Gattlin; and Maxx Wade and Rhett and Beau Bennett; right, Autumn and Logan Pertkiewicz; and far right, Ezra Scott.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



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The Fernandina Beach High School girls golf team is the district runner-up. Pictured are from left, Raleigh Simmons, Zoey Gamba, Avery Bellew, Elle Reiser, coach Christina Steffen, Sady Campbell, Emma Genovese and Ellie Adams, top. Reiser, Campbell and second-place finisher Lily Chiang from Stanton, above left. Campbell with her coach, Christina Steffen, above right.

GOLF from page 12
third with 381 points, West Nassau was fourth with 492, Paxon fifth with 513, and Yulee finished in sixth with 561.

Yulee's Brooklyn Sawyer, a sophomore, finished in 23rd with a 131, junior Caroline Hilliard was 29th with a 140, senior Lilly Hilliker was 30th with a 142, and senior Loraya

Poindexter finished 31st with a 148.
The Lady Pirates advance to the region tournament and play Tuesday at the Quail Heights Country Club in Lake City.

SWIM from page 12

(200 medley relay, 100 free, 100 back and 400 free relay), Logan Cook (200 medley relay, 200 individual medley, 100 breast and 400 free relay), Sawyer Gerke (200 medley relay), Belen Conley (200 free, 500 free and

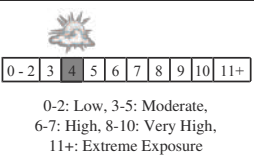
200 free relay), Zoe Fina (200 free relay, 500 free and 100 fly), Carsyn Massey (200 free relay, 200 free and 100 fly, alternate), Shelby Rothenberg (200 free relay, 100 free and 100 back) Hunter Thomas (400 free relay) and Chloe Herd (50 free and 100 free, alternate).

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
80 / 69	79 / 70	78 / 69	80 / 70	79 / 71	77 / 66	76 / 68

Local UV Index



Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Peak Times	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Fri	11:51-1:51	12:13-2:13	Tue	2:08-4:08
Sat	12:35-2:35	12:59-2:59	Wed	3:04-5:04
Sun	12:23-2:23	12:48-2:48	Thu	4:00-6:00
Mon	1:14-3:14	1:41-3:41		4:27-6:27

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Weather Trivia

What part of the United States gets the most hail?
Answer: "Hail Alley" is found in parts of Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:41 a.m.	6:37 p.m.	7:46 a.m.	6:34 p.m.
Sat	7:41 a.m.	6:36 p.m.	8:44 a.m.	7:09 p.m.
Sun	6:42 a.m.	5:35 p.m.	8:43 a.m.	6:49 p.m.
Mon	6:43 a.m.	5:35 p.m.	9:43 a.m.	7:37 p.m.
Tue	6:44 a.m.	5:34 p.m.	10:41 a.m.	8:31 p.m.
Wed	6:45 a.m.	5:33 p.m.	11:34 a.m.	9:32 p.m.
Thu	6:45 a.m.	5:32 p.m.	12:22 p.m.	10:36 p.m.

Weather History

Nov. 1, 1861 - A hurricane near Cape Hatteras, N.C. battered a Union fleet of ships that was attacking Carolina ports. The hurricane produced high tides and high winds in New York state and New England.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Date	High	Low	Date	High	Low
10/23	79	64	78/63	0.00"	10/23	21	10/27	23		
10/24	84	61	77/62	0.00"	10/24	22	10/28	20		
10/25	82	61	77/62	0.00"	10/25	21	10/29	23		
10/26	82	63	77/62	0.00"	10/26	22				
10/27	84	63	77/61	0.00"						
10/28	73	68	77/61	0.00"						
10/29	81	66	76/61	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	9:25 am	2:52 am	9:37 pm	3:32 pm	Fri	8:49 am	2:49 am	9:01 pm	3:29 pm
Sat	10:02 am	3:26 am	10:15 pm	4:10 pm	Sat	9:26 am	3:23 am	9:39 pm	4:07 pm
Sun	9:39 am	2:59 am	9:54 pm	3:47 pm	Sun	9:03 am	2:56 am	9:18 pm	3:44 pm
Mon	10:17 am	3:34 am	10:34 pm	4:25 pm	Mon	9:41 am	3:31 am	9:58 pm	4:22 pm
Tue	10:58 am	4:11 am	11:16 pm	5:07 pm	Tue	10:22 am	4:08 am	10:40 pm	5:04 pm
Wed	11:41 am	4:54 am	None	5:54 pm	Wed	11:05 am	4:51 am	11:26 pm	5:51 pm
Thu	12:02 am	5:44 am	12:30 pm	6:48 pm	Thu	11:54 am	5:41 am	None	6:45 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Night Moves

CAUTION: The Person near the side of the road may be packing a telescope and a camera, that is. During these last several weeks, photographing C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS), better known as Comet ATLAS (See last week's StarWatch 1470), has brought back some fond memories of going out to record the darkening twilight sky when an astronomical apparition occurred. I have been immersed in constructing a personal backyard observatory for the past five years, and time and energy don't always sync to allow me these opportunities. ATLAS, however, was different because it probably was the best comet to grace our local skies in the past several decades, and it was visible in the evening when I was still semiconscious after a day's work. I have a portable astrophotography setup that allows me to track an object along with the Earth's rotation (spin) so that the stars and objects I am attempting to capture remain stationary in the sky. I like to remain close to the ground, so I don't attract attention or lights from passing cars. It also makes my equipment a little more stable and dampens any chilling, uncomfortable breezes present. I had two favorite spots from where I usually imaged the heavens. The closest one to my home is only several blocks away, and it has now become a housing development as my locale has evolved into a bedroom community for Philadelphia and New York City, according to a recent NY Times article. An older woman would always call the cops when she detected my presence. She would peek from a side window, lifting a Venetian blind one rung, her eyes just visible, peering outward to ensure justice was being served. I'd wave occasionally, probably not my smartest move, and within a few minutes, a police car would come silently rolling up. The officer, always polite, would ask me the standard questions. After multiple occurrences, the questioning stopped, and I eventually got to know the individuals, not by name, but by voice since it was dark. The officers also began showing interest in the images I was snapping... Read more at www.astronomy.org

November NCCOA Classes, Fernandina Beach Senior Life Center

Nassau County Council on Aging (NCCOA) has all kinds of classes for Adults of all ages. To reserve your spot, visit <https://myactivecenter.com/#centers/USA>. FL.Fernandina-Beach.Nassau-County-Life-Center. You may book one week in advance. Memberships available for \$125/individual, \$195/two people in the same household or \$5 per class. Call 904-261-0701 for details.

Friday, Nov. 1
 8:30 a.m. – Zumba Gold – Weight Training and Toning
 9 a.m. – Chair Yoga with Tina
 9 a.m. – Cooking with April Blue Moseley
 9:30 a.m. – Canasta, Hand, Knee and Foot – Open Play & Instruction
 9:45 a.m. – Zumba Step Up
 10 a.m. – Aerobic Exercise
 11 a.m. – Pilates
 11 a.m. – Support Group: NAMI Mental Health
 11:30 a.m. – Total Body Workout
 12:30 p.m. – Bridge Open Play – All Levels
 12:30 p.m. – Mahjong – With Current Card
 1 p.m. – Posture and Balance
 2:30 p.m. – Painting

Monday, Nov. 4
 8:30 a.m. – Pelvic Floor & Core
 9 a.m. – Chair Yoga with Tina
 9 a.m. – Elvis Music with Lane – Free
 10 a.m. – Enerchi
 10 a.m. – Ukulele - Open Play
 10:30 a.m. - Beginning Ballet
 11 a.m. – Yogalates – American Beach
 11:30 a.m. – Standing Yoga
 11:45 a.m. – Floor Yoga Stretch
 12:45 p.m. – Tap Dancing
 1 p.m. – Pilates
 1:30 p.m. – Intermediate Conversational Spanish
 3 p.m. – Rummikub

Tuesday, Nov. 5
 8:15 a.m. – Standing Core
 8:30 a.m. – Resistance Training – Advanced
 9:30 a.m. – Floor Yoga Stretch
 10 a.m. – Crochet Circle – All Levels – Free
 10 a.m. – Stability
 Noon – Support Group: Hearing Loss
 1 p.m. – Line Dancing – Basic
 1 p.m. – Zumba Gold
 1 p.m. – Drawing from Observation
 2 p.m. – Line Dancing – Intermediate

Wednesday, Nov. 6
 8:30 a.m. – Advanced Stretch & Balance
 930 a.m. – Sing Along with Bruce – Free
 9:30 a.m. – Party Bridge – All Levels of Play
 9:45 a.m. – Weight Training and Toning
 10:30 a.m. – AI: The Memory Place

11 a.m. – Pilates
 11:30 a.m. – Enerchi
 1 p.m. – Cribbage – All Levels
 1 p.m. – Line Dancing – Basic
 1:30 p.m. – Basic Conversational Spanish
 2 p.m. – Line Dancing – Intermediate
 3:45 p.m. – String Ensemble – All Levels
 5:30 p.m. – Book Club: Reading Between the Lines

Thursday, Nov. 7
 8:15 a.m. – Advanced Chair Yoga Stretch
 8:30 a.m. – Mat and Core – Advanced
 9 a.m. – Armchair Travel – Free
 9:45 a.m. – Hoop and Holler
 10 a.m. – Tunes with 2 J's
 10:30 a.m. – Just Dance
 10:30 a.m. – Qigong Healing
 Noon – Dancing Queens
 1 p.m. – Casual Knitting – Beginners Welcome – Free
 1 p.m. – Italian Language & Culture
 1 p.m. – Tapping Meditation – Tapping Café
 1:30 p.m. – Zumba Gold
 2:30 p.m. – Lip Reading (Series)

Friday, Nov. 8
 8:30 a.m. – Zumba Gold – Weight Training and Toning
 9 a.m. – Chair Yoga with Tina
 9 a.m. – Hot Topic Discussions with Mayor Bradley Bean
 9:30 a.m. – Canasta, Hand, Knee and Foot – Open Play & Instruction
 9:45 a.m. – Zumba Step Up
 10 a.m. – Aerobic Exercise
 11 a.m. – Pilates
 11 a.m. – Support Group: NAMI Mental Health
 11:30 a.m. – Total Body Workout
 12:30 p.m. – Bridge Open Play – All Levels
 12:30 p.m. – Mahjong – With Current Card
 12:30 p.m. – Bridge Open Play – All Levels
 1 p.m. – Posture and Balance
 2:30 p.m. – Painting

Monday, Nov. 11
 Closed for Veterans Day

Tuesday, Nov. 12
 8:15 a.m. – Standing Core
 8:30 a.m. – Resistance Training – Advanced
 9 a.m. – Apple Macintosh class
 9:30 a.m. – Floor Yoga Stretch
 10 a.m. – Crochet Circle – All Levels – Free
 10 a.m. – Guitar Adventures with Joyce
 10 a.m. – Stability
 1 p.m. – Line Dancing – Basic
 1 p.m. – Zumba Gold
 2 p.m. – Line Dancing – Intermediate
 2 p.m. – Memory Café Support Group

3 p.m. – Critical Issues: Satellites & Weapons in Space

Wednesday, Nov. 13
 Veterans Day Salute, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibit hosted by the American Military Historical Society of Florida, Inc., features unique and rare artifacts from WWI, WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War. Display includes museum-quality vintage uniforms, equipment and home front items. Free and open to the public.
 8:30 a.m. – Advanced Stretch & Balance
 9 a.m. – Tighten and Tone
 9:30 a.m. – Apple Macintosh Class
 9:30 a.m. – Party Bridge
 9:45 a.m. – Weight Training and Toning
 10 a.m. – Aerobic Exercise
 11 a.m. – Pilates
 11:30 a.m. – Enerchi
 1p.m. – Cribbage
 1:30 p.m. – Caregiver Stressbusters Forum
 1:30 p.m. – Conversational Spanish
 2:30 p.m. – Support Group: Caregivers
 3:45 p.m. – String Ensemble

Thursday, Nov. 14
 8:15 a.m. – Advanced Chair Yoga Stretch
 8:30 a.m. – Mat and Core – Advanced
 9:45 a.m. – Hoop and Holler
 10:30 a.m. – Qigong Healing
 10:30 a.m. – Just Dance
 Noon – Dancing Queens
 1 p.m. – Casual Knitting – Beginners Welcome – Free
 1 p.m. – Italian Language and Culture
 1 p.m. – Tapping Meditation – Tapping Café
 1:30 p.m. – Zumba Gold

Friday, Nov. 15, 2024
 8:30 a.m. – Zumba Gold – Weight Training and Toning
 9 a.m. – Chair Yoga with Tina
 9:30 a.m. – Canasta, Hand, Knee and Foot – Open Play & Instruction
 9:45 a.m. – Zumba Step Up
 10 a.m. – Aerobic Exercise
 11 a.m. – Pilates
 11 a.m. – Support Group: NAMI Mental Health
 11:30 a.m. – A Lifetime Gift Presentation
 11:30 a.m. – Total Body Workout
 12:30 p.m. – Bridge Open Play – All Levels
 Noon – Mahjong – With Current Card
 1 p.m. – Posture and Balance
 2:30 p.m. – Painting

Monday, Nov. 18
 8:30 a.m. – Pelvic Floor & Core
 9 a.m. – Chair Yoga with Tina
 9 a.m. – Elvis Music with Lane – Free

10 a.m. – Enerchi
 10 a.m. – Ukulele - Open Play
 10:30 a.m. – Beginning Ballet
 11:30 a.m. – Standing Yoga
 11:45 a.m. – Floor Yoga Stretch
 12:45 p.m. – Tap Dancing
 1 p.m. – Pilates
 1:30 p.m. – Intermediate Conversational Spanish
 2 p.m. – Aerobic Drumming
 3 p.m. – Rummikub
 3:30 p.m. – The Successful Caregiver

Tuesday, Nov. 19
 8:15 a.m. – Standing Core (Resistance Training – All Levels)
 8:30 a.m. – Resistance Training – Advanced
 9 a.m. – Trivia with Nelson Insurance – Free
 9:30 a.m. – Floor Yoga Stretch
 10 a.m. – Crochet Circle – All Levels – Free
 10 a.m. – Stability
 1 p.m. – Line Dancing – Basic
 1 p.m. – Zumba Gold
 2 p.m. – Line Dancing – Intermediate
 3 p.m. – Zumba Gold – American Beach
 3 p.m. – Critical Issues: What is Behind the U.S. Life Expectancy Decline?

Wednesday, Nov. 20
 8:30 a.m. – Advanced Stretch & Balance
 9 a.m. – Sing Along with Bruce – FREE
 9 a.m. – Tighten and Tone
 9:30 a.m. – Party Bridge
 9:45 a.m. – Weight Training and Toning
 10 a.m. – Aerobic Exercise
 11 a.m. – Pilates
 11:30 a.m. – Community Hospice Event: Hope for the Holidays
 11:30 a.m. – Enerchi
 1 p.m. – Cribbage – ALL Levels
 1 p.m. – Line Dancing – Basic
 1:30 p.m. – Basic Conversational Spanish
 2 p.m. – Line Dancing – Intermediate
 3:45 p.m. – String Ensemble – All Levels

Thursday, Nov. 21
 8:15 a.m. – Advanced Chair Yoga Stretch
 8:30 a.m. – Mat and Core –Advanced
 9:45 a.m. – Hoop and Holler
 10 a.m. – Sign Language Series
 10:30 a.m. – Just Dance
 10:30 a.m. – Qigong Healing
 Noon – Dancing Queens
 1 p.m. – Italian Language & Culture
 1 p.m. – Casual Knitting – Beginners Welcome – Free
 1 p.m. – Tapping Meditation – Tapping Café
 1:30 p.m. – Zumba Gold

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