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FERNANDINA BEACH

Tringali building permits officially repealed by BOA

BY MARISA DEMAR
News-Leader

The City of Fernandina Beach's Board of Adjustment (BOA) unanimously voted to repeal the building permits issued for the Tringali property at their meeting last Wednesday.

Former BOA member Taina Christner, filed an appeal after 12 permits were issued last July for four triplex units to be built on the parcels of land on Third and Fourth streets.

The BOA officially ruled the issuance of the permits to be "erroneous" and in direct violation of the cities Land Development Code (LDC) and the Florida Building Code in a 5-0 vote.

City Attorney Teresa Prince sat beside City Manager Sarah Campbell and building official Jimmy Parr to defend their actions in the process of approving the permits.

"My evaluation is that Mr. Parr acted properly based on the requirements of the Florida Building Code, and that the appeal of his actions should be denied by this body," Prince said as the meeting started.

Christner contested this argument based on Parr's position as building official giving

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8-FLAGS CAR SHOW

Hot wheels around town



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Karen Kieffer from the 8-Flags Car Show Committee presents the People's Choice Award to James Beck for his 1963 International Harvester Scout on Sunday in Fernandina Beach. See more on page C1.

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YHS, FBHS slated for athletic improvements

BY NICK BLANK
News-Leader

Athletic structures at Fernandina Beach and Yulee high schools are due for an upgrade.

The Nassau County School Board unanimously approved replacing the Fernandina Beach High home-side football bleachers for an amount not to exceed $2,451,015 at its Oct. 9 board meeting.

Facilities Director Trey Robertson noted the challenge of construction near Fernandina Beach high's field, where the track, bleachers and concession stand are tightly packed.

A new field and track for FBHS would cost $2.4 million, Robertson said, and the district also wanted a new concession stand. Funds would involve a combination of millage and capital improvement dollars, Robertson said.

He also said the track and field wouldn't be touched until soccer season is over. Robertson added that the concession stand construction could run into football season, and the school would have to adjust temporarily.

"You can do the bleachers separately, but if you touch anything else, it's all going to have to happen at one time," Robertson said.

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Despite healthy staffing, schools seeking hires

BY NICK BLANK
News-Leader

More than two months into the school year, the Nassau County School District still has positions to fill.

The district has approximately 1,700 employees. Every worker starts with Human Resources, which has seven specialists, whether they're in an educational, administrative or noninstructional capacity.

The district onboarded 144 staff members for the 2025-26 school year, Human Resources Director Rhonda Devereaux said.

A West Nassau High graduate, Devereaux is in her first year in the position after a 26-year career in the district as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and director of elementary education. She's moved to the role after Human Resources Director Scott Hodges died in March.

The number of vacancies this school year have been stable, Devereaux said. At press time, there were four teaching positions open and six noninstructional roles open.

She said there are a plethora of reasons why people come and go. It can be retirement, personal leave, or an employee moving away. The district does get hit by military spouses getting reassigned.

There are positions that are hard to fill due to the credentials required, Devereaux added. Teaching career and technical education requires knowledge and working experience of a field. Exceptional Student Education has been one of the tougher areas to fill. She said ESE, which currently has two open positions, takes unique skillset and "really caring heart."

"They're really difficult to fill," Devereaux said.

The district also has an open application for four substitute positions: teachers, food workers, custodians and paraprofessionals. There are also six noninstructional roles available. The district has 18 assistant coaching positions open.

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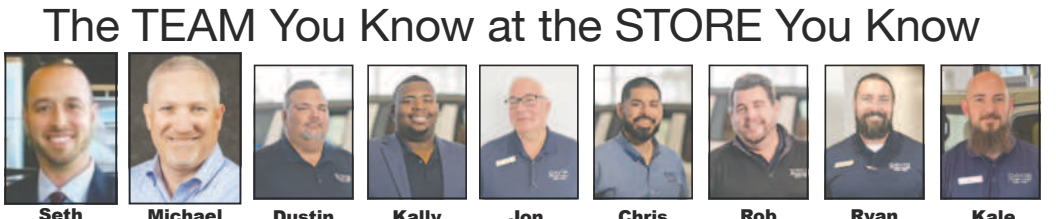

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Oct. 23, 1975

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FBHS Foundation awards $18K worth of grants

News-Leader

Fernandina Beach High School (FBHS) Foundation awarded more than $18,000 in Program Grants to FBHS teachers to enhance classrooms and enrich student learning. The grants were presented during a faculty meeting on Sept. 24.

These awards are part of the Foundation's annual commitment to provide funding for direct classroom support. Teachers submitted proposals for specific tools, technology and resources that go beyond the scope of public funding — and the results span nearly every department.

This year's grants funded items such as:

- 90 scientific calculators for math students
- Interactive language learning tools including Yabla and Conjuguemos subscriptions for hundreds of students in Spanish and ESOL programs
- Psychology lab materials and DISC personality assessments for engaging classroom exploration
- Band music books to strengthen performance instruction for 70 students
- Printing costs for the Pirate Post, the school's student newspaper
- Weight training equipment for PE and athletics
- Baby Alive dolls and supplies for hands-on parenting courses



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Fernandina Beach High School Foundation gave more than $18K in program grants to teachers during a September faculty meeting.

Altogether, these grants will benefit thousands of students across subject areas, while giving teachers resources to make learning more interactive, relevant and impactful.

In addition to Program Grants, the Foundation also funds facility upgrades and contributes to the school's Endowment, which is on track to provide lasting support in perpetuity.

To continue this important work, the Foundation will host its popular Trivia Night fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Woman's Club.

Fair enough in northeast Florida



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ALICIA HEAD
The 2025 Northeast Florida Fair seen from above. The Northeast Florida Fair was held at the Northeast Florida Fairgrounds in Callahan from Oct. 9-19.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY LINDSEY SOUTHWELL
Children on a ride at the 2025 Northeast Florida Fair in Callahan.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY LYNDSAY ENGELKING
Aubrey and Emerson Engelking on a ride at the 2025 Northeast Florida Fair in Callahan.

ARRESTS

The News-Leader compiled this report from records at the Nassau County Clerk of the Circuit Court. Arrest indicates suspicion of a crime, not guilt. To report information about a crime, contact the Fernandina Beach Police Department at 277-7342 or the Nassau County Sheriffs Office at 225-5174. The "We Tip" program, 1-800-78Crime, also allows clears to leave anonymous tips.

■ Michael Douglas Hall, 42, 555 Stockton St., Jacksonville, Oct. 10, use of a computer service to seduce, solicit, or lure a child, use of a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony, in-state electronic transfer of information harmful to minors.

■ Frankie Gene Hayes, 69, 85814 Haddock Road, Yulee, Oct. 13, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, aggravated assault with deadly weapon enhancement.

■ Megan Lynn Mondanaro, 41, 1271 S. Fourth St., Fernandina Beach, Oct. 13, burglary of occupied dwelling unarmed.

■ Vernon Elijah Richo, 18, 4190 Silver Glen, Hahira, Ga., Oct. 13, lewd or lascivious battery on a victim age 12 to 16, traveling to meet a minor, over 18 years of age causing a victim under 18 contact with bodily fluid.

■ Bobby Cecil Davies, Jr., 36, 54047 Jerra Road, Callahan, Oct. 14, possession of weapon or ammo by a convicted felon, possession of drug paraphernalia with residue, possession of methamphetamine.

■ Derrick Antoine Williams, 40, 77414 Lumber Creek Blvd., Yulee, Oct. 15, two counts of kidnapping, domestic battery with strangulation, depriving 911 communications, aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony.

■ Johnnie Mae Williams, 64, 77414 Lumber Creek Blvd., Yulee, Oct. 15, kidnapping, domestic battery with strangulation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Judge weighs medical marijuana licenses

News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — A months-long hearing kicked off Monday in a fierce licensure battle over a rare opportunity to join the state's medical-marijuana industry.

The hearing, slated to run through mid-February, comes nearly a year after Florida health regulators announced their intent to award medical-marijuana licenses to 22 of dozens of applicants who vied for the licenses.

Legal and administrative wrangling began almost immediately after the November 2024 announcement, leaving 13 of the rejected applicants to participate in the hearing before Administrative Law Judge Mary Li Creasy that began Monday.

The Florida Department of Health, along with nearly all of the companies selected for licensure, also are part of the complex administrative procedure involving hundreds of exhibits and days of witness and expert testimony.

Court upholds briefing for execution

The Florida Supreme Court on Friday denied a request by newly appointed attorneys for a Death Row inmate slated to be executed next month seeking more time as they race against court-imposed deadlines for briefing in final appeals.

Gov. Ron DeSantis on Oct. 10 signed a death warrant to execute Bryan Frederick Jennings, 66, on Nov. 13. Jennings was convicted of kidnapping 6-year-old Rebecca Kunash from her bedroom in 1979 and raping and murdering her in Brevard County.

According to documents filed with the court on Friday, Jennings was unrepresented by a lawyer at the time DeSantis ordered the execution.

Gas prices reach 2-year low

An average gallon of gas in Florida reached a nearly two-year low over the weekend, according to the AAA auto club. Florida's average gallon of gas was at $2.90 on Sunday, which was 2 cents less than a week earlier and the lowest for the state since the pump average of $2.86 on Dec. 18, 2023.

"Robust global oil supplies and the seasonal dip in gasoline demand have helped push pump prices to their lowest level in almost two years," AAA spokesman Mark Jenkins said in a press release on Monday.

After months of wild fluctuations, the average per-gallon price in Florida also moved at a relatively steady pace over the past week.

Florida offers test site for flying cabs

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis and state Transportation Secretary Jared Perdue hope to land the next generation of air transport companies at a testing facility in Central Florida.

Perdue for years has championed advanced air mobility, which would involve establishing "vertiports" in urban areas that could serve as hubs for short aerial commutes by battery-powered aircraft that have characteristics of airplanes and helicopters.

DeSantis recently saying he was "mildly excited" about the effort to reduce congestion along the I-4 corridor, Florida will first try to attract the growing technology to Polk County.

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City Scoop

Our firefighters are out in their pink tees for breast cancer awareness month! Have you ordered yours, yet?

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All proceeds go to our fund at the Nassau County Health Department for women in Nassau/COFB who need time-sensitive breast cancer screenings or treatment.



‘No Kings’ protest held downtown Saturday

Hundreds attend demonstration at Eighth and Lime streets

BY ASHLEY CHANDLER
News-Leader



PHOTOS BY ASHLEY CHANDLER/NEWS-LEADER

Cars pass a ‘No Kings Day’ demonstration held Saturday at Eighth and Lime streets in downtown Fernandina Beach.





“No Kings” demonstrators lined both sides of a city block of Eighth Street on Saturday in Fernandina Beach.

The local demonstration was held on “No Kings Day,” a day recognized by private groups and individuals nationwide. Those who recognize it share one thing in common: They believe President Donald Trump looks to turn the American republic into a dictatorship.

The reaction to the demonstration got mixed reviews among those passing by. As the demonstrators shouted their sentiments, drivers passed through the busy intersection at Eighth and Lime streets, honking, waving American Flags or giving obscene gestures.

Donna Lewis, spokesperson for United Nassau, the group that organized the protest, said overall, the reaction seemed positive.

She estimated there were about 400 people lining both sides of eighth street throughout the majority of the two-hour demonstration.

“‘No Kings Day’ is sponsored by a whole bunch of progressive groups trying to save our democracy from this craziness that’s going on in Washington,” Lewis said midway through the demonstration.

She said all kinds of people showed up for the demonstration, including kids and veterans.

“The signs represent a lot of the anti-fascism sentiments, there’s some gay pride flags, some veterans, some women’s issues. So, it’s one big unified movement and everyone has their own reason for being here,” Lewis said. “Some of the signs are, ‘We are here so we can tell our children we were here.’”

Some demonstrators wore inflatable suits and others covered their faces with bandanas or masks. Many demonstrators held up homemade signs.

Lewis made a point to say nobody was being paid to be there. “We had a sign-making party and people actually donated money,” Lewis said.

Also present at the protest were many American Flags.

“We handed out flags and bubbles and buttons,” Lewis said.

Overall, the demonstration was peaceful. The Fernandina Beach Police Department confirmed Tuesday there were no issues at the protest Saturday.

Unified Nassau Florida follows the lead of a nationwide 501(c)(4) organization called Indivisible Project. The nationwide group is rooted in progressive values with a direct purpose. “Together we fight to defeat the rightwing takeover of American government and build an inclusive democracy,” the nationwide group has said.

Indivisible was founded in response to Trump’s election,



his first one in 2016.

Indivisible calls itself a “grassroots movement of thousands of local Indivisible groups with a mission to elect progressive leaders, rebuild our democracy and defeat the Trump agenda.”

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Last week’s fair brought back fond memories of the time Dave took our entire company and their families. The kids learned fast that “Daddy Dave” was the one with the tickets for all the rides. We have always enjoyed Halloween and want you to enjoy this time of year too. NO ghost or goblins to mess with your plumbing!

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▼ OUR OPINION

Take Stock in Children could make the No. 1 district even better

Take Stock in Children of Nassau County is a worthy nonprofit with a new director focused on the tasks at hand.

It's commendable that the program — which was established almost three decades ago — helps students in 7th, 8th and 9th grade who are financially disadvantaged; the private and public sector both fund Take Stock.

Alexis Holton, a local resident for upward of a decade, recently took the reins as Take Stock's director. She has been a mentor, in addition to her considerable 15 years of nonprofit expertise that included City Year Jacksonville.

We wish her the best in maintaining and bolstering the independent nonprofit throughout this school year and beyond. The program has almost 200 mentors and provides scholarships for over 150 students; those who apply need to maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and undergo an interview process.

Perhaps best of all, all of its received donations stay within Nassau County.

Our school district is already ranked No. 1 in all of Florida, and Holton's program figures to take it to another level. As she told the News-Leader, "We're a supplemental support to what already is an amazing county."

What's more, the organization has added two years of dorm scholarships.

Take Stock in Children's mission, according to its website, is "to break the cycle of poverty for low-income academically qualified students by providing opportunities for a post-secondary education."

That's a thoughtful, significant and noble cause — one Holton referred to as life-changing.

We encourage you to support Take Stock in Children in some capacity, whether donating money or applying as a mentor. Let's literally take stock in a program that deserves it.

For more details, visit tsicnassau.org.

▼ TODAY IN HISTORY



Cuban missile crisis

On this day in 1962, President John F. Kennedy alerted Americans to the Cuban missile crisis, declaring a naval blockade to prevent further missile shipments to the island country 90 miles (145 km) off the coast of the U.S.

2010: WikiLeaks, a website founded by Julian Assange that functioned as a clearinghouse for classified or otherwise privileged information, released thousands of U.S. documents relating to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

2008: Chandrayaan-1, India's first lunar space probe, was launched, and it later found water in the Moon's atmosphere.

1964: French philosopher and writer Jean-Paul Sartre was announced the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature; however, he became the first person to decline the award.

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Memories of playing Putt-Putt as national contest gets rolling



Todd L. Frantz
Publisher

Growing up, I was never a particularly good athlete as a kid. I was a pretty decent baseball player. I had a good batting eye and was a strong enough fielder to play shortstop in my little league years – skills that carried over to my softball days in later years.

When it came to football, I was too small to make much impact and entirely too short to be effective at competitive basketball. Not fast enough for track or patient and focused enough to be a strong golfer.

But I wasn't completely incompetent when it came to other types of sports. I tended to gravitate toward sporting games and activities like bowling, ping pong, billiards and Putt-Putt, among others.

This was mostly due to my dad, Jerry, who tended to be a jack of most sports and — while maybe not a master of — was pretty good at many of these activities. An avid bowler, dad was carried around a 190 average in his bowling league days. He also placed first in a couple of regional amateur ping pong tournaments, and even played pool on several occasions with professional pool player Steve Mizerak (famous for staring in a series of Miller Lite commercials in the late 1970s) on several occasions. Not too shabby.

I was never as good at any of these sports as my dad. Oh sure, I got lucky and beat a game or two at bowling or pool if I got on a hot streak, but it was rare. He was extremely competitive and was never the type to "let you win" to build confidence.

If you beat him, you earned it. Fair and square.

The only one of these sports that I ever became better at than my dad was putt-putt – which didn't happen until my teens. Putt-putt was a favorite casual pastime with my dad, and any trip or vacation we took almost always involved at least a round or two. Over the years, we faced off many times, whether on a standardized course or crazy, gadget-filled themed course filled with unorthodox obstacles.

In the early years, he easily beat me but as I got older, I developed a natural knack for putting and started beating him on a fairly consistent basis – something he was never pleased about but graciously accepted. Not exactly Jack versus Arnie or Tiger versus Phil, but it was a fun father-son rivalry.

Putt-Putt is also an activity I have passed along to my daughter, Isabella. We've played in Washington state, Lake Tahoe, Houston, San Antonio, Iowa, Ohio, Utah, Kansas and Missouri just to name some places. Most recently, we played (for the record, she won) this summer when she last visited Fernandina Beach. It might not be the rivalry my dad and I once had, but we always have a lot of fun.

This week, Putt-Putt will take center-stage with a huge national spotlight on Fernandina Beach as Main Beach Putt-Putt hosts the 2025 Professional Putters Association's National Championship on Oct. 23-24.

This will be the third time that Main Beach Putt-Putt and Fernandina Beach have played host to this national championship event since 1959. The week started with the Senior Championship on Oct. 20, followed by the Hall of Fame Championship on Tuesday. The Doubles Championship takes place today with the crowning two-day National Championship being held Thursday and Friday to camp off the Championship Week.

Ninety competitors from across the United States are expected to participate in the weeklong event that promises some top-notch tournament action from a variety of professional players from all over the country. The course will be closed to the public during tournament competition, but the general public is welcome to watch the action from the fence line at Main Beach Park.

The entire tournament should make for some exciting Putt-Putt competition, and I, for one, plan on stopping by to check out some of the action. While I am not even in the same universe to the talent that will be on display, I am sure it will be a great time watching the best of the best compete.

Sending out a huge congratulations and best wishes to all of the participants competing in the tournament this week. Welcome to Amelia Island. Enjoy your stay and best of luck in your putting.

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A treasured day with the Daughters of the Revolution



Huzzah or a Faux Pas

Caleb Bryan

In 1999, I was filled with unexpected joy when I proudly received the Citizenship Scholarship Award from the Daughters of the Revolution (DAR). Out of the several scholarships that I received my senior year, this one was the most treasured.

It was a surprise, and the only way to obtain it was to be nominated by faculty. Last Wednesday, the Amelia Island DAR bestowed upon me another honor by allowing me to address them as their guest speaker.

From the very beginning of the DAR meeting, I was humbled by the ladies' love of country, their genuine Patriotism and their overwhelming hospitality.

The DAR meeting allowed me to escape a social media feed full of political division and vile rhetoric aimed at tearing down fellow Americans who disagree on the issues of the day, and transplanted me into a gathering of harmonious ladies who read scripture together, partook in their revolutionary heritage together, prayed together and sang our beloved "Star Spangled Banner" together.

Following the opening rituals and readings, I had the distinct pleasure to speak to the ladies on one of my favorite women of the American Revolution, Deborah Sampson, who cross-dressed as a man for nearly two years and served in the Massachusetts 4th Regiment. Following the talk on Deborah Sampson, the ladies took care of business. They shared their various community projects that were either ongoing or currently in preparation, and I was in awe of the charity and service contributed by these amazing women.

While I was listening to their announcements and reports of their projects, the ongoing "Spirit of '76" became so relevant as these women of the DAR — like their predecessors — put service over self, community over convenience, and principles over preference.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to attend the DAR. I appreciate how this community of women continuously celebrates their patriotic heritage and selflessly gives back to both the community and the nation. Despite its imperfections, our country stands as a testament to the enduring power of ordinary citizens who

BRYAN Continued on 5A

Fresh coffee fuels my days, one cup at a time



Marisa DeMar

Reporter

In dreaming of my perfect morning, coffee is always at the forefront of my mental images.

To me, it's more than just a drink — it's a ritual, serving as a reminder every morning to slow down and be present before the chaos of the day overtakes my mind.

I lie awake at night excited for the prospect of my next morning coffee and fall asleep to the calming lull that is the idea of this sacred time.

The dream is always the same, a colorfully painted mug warms my hands, its contents filled to the brim with a rich, black coffee as the sunlight pours through the window and makes the steam dance off of the top.

I breathe in the nutty scent of freshly ground beans and the faint aroma of cinnamon-infused pastries baking somewhere nearby.

As a self-proclaimed coffee connoisseur, when I look for a coffee shop, the ambiance means almost as much as the drink to the overall experience.

I want a warmly lit room decorated to emulate a slightly rustic, well-loved home.

In trying Kismet Coffee on Amelia Island, this dream became a tangible reality.

From the outside, the store had the welcoming charm of a mom-and-pop diner. Hidden deep in the picturesque south end of the island, it is surrounded by thick oak trees with Spanish moss draping loosely from each branch. Its location being off the beaten path makes it less crowded than most other coffee shops in the area.

Upon walking through the door, I made a beeline to the counter to get my daily caffeine fix. I looked over the range of fall items before settling on my usual black coffee and chit-chatted with the sweet barista.

As she prepared the drink, my eyes scanned the room. The wood-filled interior gave Kismet a cozy cabin type of feel. There were patterned couches with fall-themed pillows, picture frames of pets and colorful art placed generously throughout the walls. It immediately gave off the feeling of being at grandma's house for breakfast on a Sunday.

The freshly brewed coffee's earthy and full flavor was complemented well by the smooth after-taste. I often find more coffee shops are serving old, reheated coffee, which leaves a bitter taste on the tongue. This was certainly not the case at Kismet.

The company sources their coffee from Nuanz, a coffee roaster in Yulee that has been in business for over 40 years.

Co-owner Jasmine Serrano told me sourcing locally is a guiding principle of Kismet coffee. That gives them even more points in my book as someone who is a huge advocate for supporting small businesses.

To complement the coffee, Kismet offers an assortment of freshly baked muffins, croissants and sourdough toast sourced from the restaurant Pogo, which is only a few yards down the street. Any food items not from Pogo are prepared in house, including their pesto sauce, pickled red onions and all of the coffee syrups.

Kismet additionally supports other businesses on Amelia Island by selling locally made art, jewelry, candles and more on their retail table.

As the world becomes increasingly modernized and corporate filled, originality and comfort in the food industry feels like a lost art. I highly recommend going into Kismet coffee for its authentic homey feeling and some great-tasting coffee.

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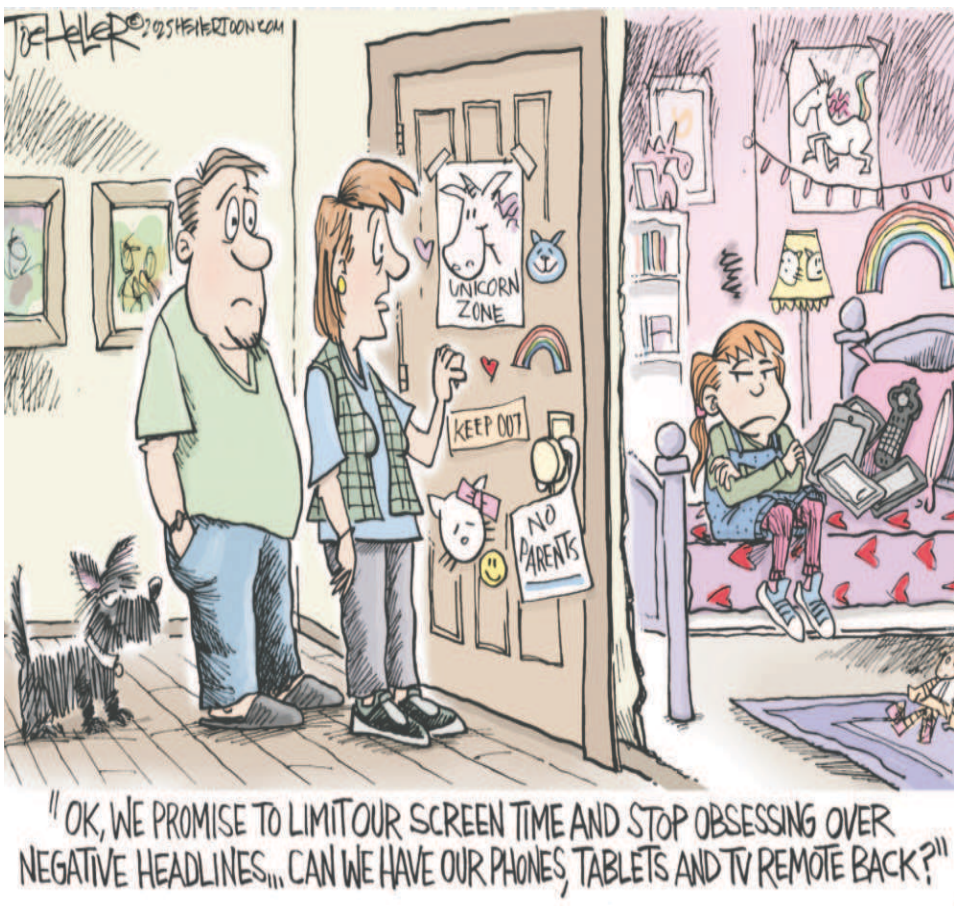

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skillfully balance investing in the future while honoring its past.

In an American society that sometimes resembles tribalism, the DAR demonstrates that generations can come together when they share a common heritage and history — one that is not simply inherited but actively nurtured through giving more than it takes.

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Emails from friends leave much to be desired



Sean of the South

Lately, I'm receiving more negative emails than ever before. I don't know what's in the drinking water, but something has shifted.

I need guidance on how to respond to these angry emailers. So, I turn to my dog, Marigold. Marigold is the most non-judgmental soul I know.

I read emails aloud to her, then base my responses on her reactions.

"You're a [bleeping] coward," one emailer writes. "By not taking a political stance you have, in effect, taken a stance. Innocents are dying because of you."

Marigold licked herself.

"I'm done reading you," another writes, "you talk too much about politics."

I turned to Marigold for an answer. She was now licking her private parts.

"There is only one way to heaven, Sean…" wrote the angry emailer. "You waste your talent for Satan. If you don't ask Jesus into your heart and make a public profession of faith, I'm sorry, but you are a fraud."

I looked to Marigold once again. Marigold was now emitting smells, some powerful enough to knock a buzzard off a honey wagon.

Another emailer: "I can't stand your drivel … Every time I see one of your stories I delete it, but my dad keeps sending them to me… I'm about to block you for good."

Marigold sighed. And as I stroked my dog's head, I heard another soft noise discharged from her backside.

"Why haven't your written about Charlie Kirk? You are a liar and a fake!!!!!!!!!"

Nine exclamation points.

Marigold put her head into my lap.

"I'm sorry, Sean, but I just expected more from you."

Marigold was falling asleep. She was lightly snoring.

Another email: "You talk way too often about spiritual things you don't understand. I thought you were supposed to be a humor writer."

And the next emailer: "Sean, I keep wishing you'd tell less jokes and talk more about spiritual things…"

Marigold was now dreaming. At least that's what it seemed like, because she was releasing light whimpers and her body was spasming like she was chasing an imaginary squirrel.

"I thought you were different, Sean."

"You let me down."

"You're not who I thought you were."

"You are seriously misguided."

I read through another dozen emails before Marigold awoke. She peeled herself off the sofa, lazily, then let out a major stretch. She yawned bigly.

Then, Marigold began wagging her tail. Hers is a full-body wag. Marigold cannot merely wag a tail, she must wag her entire butt.

Marigold is blind, but she was staring at me, which meant she needed to relieve her bladder. We do this by going outside together where she can sniff each individual blade of grass before finally peeing in the same location she has peed upon for the last 4,108,296 consecutive mornings.

"Just give me one more minute," I said to Marigold. Then, I read another email.

Marigold pawed me. It was urgent now.

"Almost finished," I said. Then, I read another email.

Marigold began yelping.

Finally, I understood what my dog was trying to tell me. So, I closed the laptop. And I got a life.

Sean Dietrich is a columnist, humorist, multi-instrumentalist and stand-up storyteller known for his commentary on life in the American South.

What's in a name and dessert? A spoonful of honey…

Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
— Proverbs 16:24 KJV



Jamie Denty

Growing up, I had a dog, golden in color, that I named Honey.

Part cocker spaniel, she had a black litter brother whose owner named his pet, Chocolate Snowball. That owner eventually shortened the dog's name to Snowball, which caused strangers to raise eyebrows whenever they asked the dog's name.

No one questioned why Honey was called Honey. She looked like her name and was every bit as sweet. However, my dad cautioned me about always taking her outside on a leash. He said, "I will not stand in the middle of the street calling, "Honey! Honey! Come here!"

Honey liked her home; she never roamed. Like all pets, she created numerous situations, which became favorite tales to tell about her.

Our favorite was how her sharp hearing could pick up the ice cream truck music long before we humans could hear the ringing. As soon as Honey heard the song, she started pacing at the door. We knew what that meant.

My mother would give me three dimes to buy icy treats, for her, grandmother and me. Then she gave me a nickel to buy a cup of vanilla ice cream for Honey. We all enjoyed our summer afternoon treats, but none more than Honey. And while these days, experts advise not feeding dogs ice cream, the occasional treat those long years ago never seemed to hurt her.

Those memories have been prompted recently by a multitude of magazine articles once again praising the benefits of honey, nature's original sweetener. According to the National Honey Board, honey bees visit millions of blossoms in their lifetimes, making pollination of plants possible and collecting nectar to bring back to the hive.

Bees make more honey than their colony needs, and for years beekeepers have collected the excess and bottled it. As proof, an 8,000-year-old cave painting in Spain depicts honey harvesting. For centuries, it has been used for both food and medicine by many cultures.

According to a *Taste of Home* article by Kelsey Dimberg, ancient Egyptians buried jars of honey inside tombs of royalty. When the tombs were uncovered 3,000 years later, the excavated honey was still edible. For the most part, honey does not go bad. However, it can crystalize, which changes color and texture. Yet it's still safe to eat.

However, if honey is exposed to moisture, it can ferment and spoil, thus becoming smelly sour and moldy, definitely unappetizing.

Honey has long been used for medicinal purposes. According to a Woman's Day article and the Mayo Clinic, honey may help ease a nagging cough. Both sources issue a caution against giving any infant under a-year old even a taste of the sweet stuff. It can can cause a poisoning called infant botulism.

The most practical use of honey is for eating, preferably not as Winnie the Pooh does by sticking his paw in the jar. But it is good on biscuits or toast.

I use it most often to coat a ham shank or butt before baking. Dimberg suggests using honey in salad dressings, as a coating for baking or grilling chicken or salmon and of course, making desserts sweet.

One of our family's favorite desserts using honey is one that our daughter-in-law makes. She found it in a *Southern Living* cookbook.

Baked Pears a la mode

2 (16 oz) cans pear halves, drained
1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup butter or margarine melted
1 cup crumbled almond or coconut macaroons or amaretti cookies
Vanilla ice cream
Arrange pears in an 11x7 x1-1/2 inch baking dish. Set aside.
Combine honey and butter; pour over pears.
Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.
Sprinkle cookie crumbs over pears; bake 10 additional minutes.
Serve warm with ice cream.
(Serves 6)

Substitute 6 fresh pears, peeled, cored and quartered lengthwise for canned. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until tender. Remove from oven, sprinkle with cookie crumbs and bake 10 additional minutes.

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Community Calendar

Today - Dec. 31
A Fine Art Sale
Island Art Association with Luna Fine Art Gallery present A Fine Art Sale through the end of the year. It takes place in the Courtyard by Marriott at Amelia Island, 2700 Atlantic Ave. All proceeds fund IAA programs. Visit lunafineart.org.

Oct. 23, 30
Church seminar
Christ Presbyterian Church is hosting a free community seminar on "How To Better Understand The Bible" on Thursdays Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The seminar is presented by Dr. Tom Hawkes PhD, Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church and will be held at 5028 First Coast Hwy in the Canopy Way Building.
Oct. 16: Four Essential Principles for Interpreting the Bible 1; Oct. 23: Four Essential Principles for Interpreting the Bible 2; Oct. 30: How to Read the Various Genre of Scripture
For directions or questions, email Tom@christpresfb.com

Oct. 24-26
Amelia Musical Playhouse
Amelia Musical Playhouse presents Neil Simon's The Sunshine Boys, directed by Bill Ivins. The showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24-25 and 2:30 p.m. Oct. 26. Tickets are $25 for adults, $15 for students.

Oct. 24-26
2025 FBHS Class of 1975 50th reunion
Multiple events planned throughout the weekend with main event Saturday evening at city golf course clubhouse. Visit "FBHS 1975" Facebook group for event list, costs and registration. Non-members can click "Join" on group page. Information: mindywms57@gmail.com.

Oct. 25
Together fundraiser concert
Sonofarious presents a Together concert for America's youth at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 at Trinity United Methodist Church.



Oct. 25
Trunk or Treat
The American Legion Auxiliary's annual "Trunk or Treat!" Is set for Saturday, Oct. 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at American Legion Post 54 at 626 S. 3rd St., Fernandina Beach. Hot dogs, candy, a bounce house, water slide, games and prizes.

Oct. 25
Walk for Water
The annual Walk for Water to raise awareness and funds for clean drinking water around the world, begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Central Park in Fernandina Beach. The walks is 3 miles.
To register: walkforwater.rallybound.org/2025-amelia-island-walk-for-water

Oct. 25
Author talk and signing
The Book Loft on Centre Street in downtown Fernandina Beach will host author Madeline Martin from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 25. The Secret Book Society will be available for purchase at the event.
RSVP required; call 904-261-8991 or email info@thebookloftamelia.com.

Oct. 25
AIGA Inshore Classic
The Amelia Island Guides Association Inshore Classic is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25. It will be hosted by Old Town Bait and Tackle located at 1620 N. 14th St., Fernandina Beach. Half the tournament's net proceeds are pledged to benefit our local American Legion Post 54. Entry forms can be picked up at local bait and tackle stores or by visiting www.AmeliaIslandGuidesAssociation.com

Oct. 25
Nassau Community Band
The Nassau Community Band will perform on Saturday, October 25, at 6:15 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church. This free concert will be held in the Parish Hall on N 4th Street and will feature marches, show tunes, and Halloween-themed music."

Oct. 26
Ex-hostage's story
In October 2023, Judith Raanan and her daughter, Natalie, were kidnapped by Hamas terrorists while visiting family in Israel. After two weeks, they became the first hostages to be released. Raanan will share her extraordinary story on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m. at the Courtyard Amelia Island Hotel. Tickets: ChabadAmeliaIsland.com/Judith or 305-984-3277.

Amelia Community Theatre
Amelia Community Theatre will hold auditions for Ken Ludwig's "Lend Me a Soprano" at 10 a.m. on Oct. 25 and 1:30 pm on October 26 at 209 Cedar Street. This comedy is directed by Janet Hild with performances in February. Character descriptions and audition scenes are on the theatre website at AmeliaCommunityTheatre.org/auditions. For more information, call (904) 261-6749.

Oct. 28
Amelia Island Writers
The group presents Negotiating Book Contracts with Jan Yager, Ph.D. from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Story & Song Center for Culture and Arts, 1430 Park Ave., Fernandina Beach
Join acclaimed author Yager as she shares insights on what writers should know before signing a book contract. She has over 67 books published and translations in 36 languages, and has run her own press, Hannacroix Creek Books, for 29 years. Come early to network and connect with fellow writers.

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

Oct. 31
Fernandina Beach Pride
Mocama Beer Company hosts the 2nd annual Frightfully Fabulous Halloween Party presented by Fernandina Beach Pride on Oct. 31 from 7 to 11 p.m. Embrace the spirit of Halloween with a costume contest and competition for the best carved Jack o' lantern. There will be dancing, candy, and food and beverages available for purchase. All are welcome to revel in the festive atmosphere. Proceeds benefit the FBP Scholarship Fund. Tickets are $20 and children under 12 free. Secure tickets on the Events page of www. FernandinaBeachPride.com

Nov. 1
Zen on the Greenway
The City of Fernandina Beach and Keep Nassau Beautiful will host a walking meditation on the Greenway with simple mindfulness and stress management skills Saturday, Nov 1, 9 to 10 a.m., weather permitting (cancel for heavy rain or thunder). Guided by Maria Murphy/Lurane Worth. Registrants will receive meeting site and additional information. Register at: keepnassaubeautiful.org/volunteer-events/

Nov. 1-2
Amelia Island Opera
The six main events of its fifth season, titled Postcards from the Stage. This season will include returning favorites and exciting collaborations with Amelia Community Theatre, Amelia Plantation Chapel, and the Story & Song Concert Series.
Night at the Opera – Viennese Masked Ball at the theatre.
Performance dates: Nov. 1 – 6:30 pm (hors d'oeuvres), 7:30 p.m. (concert); Nov. 2 – 4 pm (hors d'oeuvres), 5 p.m. (concert)
Tickets are available now at ameliaislandopera.org. Tickets are $75, with a $1 ticketing fee.
For more information or ticket inquiries, contact Amelia Island Opera at (904) 556-7342 or via email at info@ameliaislandopera.org.

Nov. 4
Birthday/Jazz party
The Les DeMerle Birthday Bash Jazz Party is slated from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture on Park Avenue, Fernandina Beach.
The event includes Les DeMerle Jazztet with vocalist Bonnie Eisele, keyboardist Doug Matthews, Paul Tafoya on trumpet and Ajax McDonnell on sax. Tickets are $35.

Nov. 5-8
Book Sale
The Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library's Fall Book Sale open to the public starting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Peck Center Gym, 510 S. 10th St. Coffee table books, large-print editions, a selection of books for kids and young adults, CDs, DVDs, LPs, puzzles and games. There is a members-only preview sale from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5. Non-members may join at the door.

Nov. 5
Amelia Tree Conservancy
Join Amelia Tree Conservancy for our Annual Meeting at Story & Song Bookstore, 1430 Park Ave., Fernandina Beach, at 6 p.m. on Nov. 5. There will be guest speakers discussing tree ordinances. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Please RSVP to AmeliaTreeConservancy.org.

Nov. 5 & Nov. 28–Dec. 24
Red Kettle Kickoff & Holiday Bell Ringing
Kick off the Red Kettle season on Nov. 5, 4-6 p.m., at The Salvation Army Hope House (410 S. 9th St., Fernandina Beach) with refreshments and information about local services. Then help ring the bell between Nov. 28 through Dec. 24 at area Publix, Walmart and other stores to support neighbors in need. Sign up at RegisterToRing.com or call 904-321-0435.

Nov. 5-6
Luxury Travel Showcase
The Wallace Pierson Luxury Travel Showcase and Boys and Girls Clubs of Nassau County Fundraiser entails two events: Nov. 5 at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club and Nov. 6 at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island; tickets $20 in advance or $25 at the door.
For more information or to register, call 904 261 5914 or go to wallacepierson.com/2025-test-drive-the-world-luxury-travel-show/

Nov. 7
Trivia charity
FBHS Foundation will host its annual Trivia Night fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) at the Fernandina Beach Woman's Club. Teams of up to eight players compete while enjoying food, drinks, raffles and community fun. Proceeds from the event will directly support teacher grants, facility improvements and the Foundation's endowment. The event is open to the public. Tickets and details available at https://fbhsfoundation.org/events/.
(Table of 8 plus, 8 drinks tickets = $250, Table of 4 plus 4 drink tickets = $150)

Nov. 7
Blue Fire Theatre
Presents SpongeBob the Musical — Nov. 7–15 at the Yulee Lions Club
Get ready for a splash of fun and adventure as Blue Fire Theatre proudly presents SpongeBob the Musical, running Nov. 7–15 at the Yulee Lions Club. In this lively stage production, the citizens of Bikini Bottom face their greatest challenge yet, the mighty Mt. Humongous Volcano threatens to erupt and destroy their underwater home! It's up to SpongeBob and his friends to save the day in a heartwarming story filled with humor, music, and plenty of optimism. With bubbly songs, and unforgettable characters, SpongeBob the Musical is an experience the whole family will enjoy. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Nassau Education Foundation and during the run of the show Blue Fire will be collecting non-perishable food and pet food items for Gracie's Kitchen in Yulee. For info and tickets visit BlueFireTheatre.org.

Nov. 8
Taste of Amelia
Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach presents Taste of Amelia: A Culinary Crawl from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. Check in at the Shipyard at the Palace saloon. Tickets are $60 in advance; $70 the day of the event.

OBITUARIES

Pamela Moore DeFiore

Pamela Moore DeFiore was born 9-4-51 in Charleston, West Virginia. Pam grew up in Hamilton, Ohio and graduated from Ross High School.



Pam moved to Florida in 1973 and became a Registered Nurse. She worked the night shift at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa for nearly two decades. Pam was in a bowling league for many years in Tampa and had an impressive left-handed strike.

Pam was blessed with life-long best friends: Sheila Bailey and Sue Lawrence of Hamilton, Ohio and Marilyn Green of Tampa, Florida. They shared many laughs and good times together!

Pam loved Hall & Oates, James Patterson books, rescue dogs and horror movies. She loved her Pepsi & popcorn!

Pam was preceded in death by the love of her life Jackie Douglas Rice, her mother Violet May Dietrich and her ex-husband Rod DeFiore.

Pam leaves her strong spirit to her beloved family: Tara Moore Ocepek (Mark) of Fernandina Beach, Florida; Greg Moore of Tampa, Florida; Grandchildren Abby Ocepek Singleton (Alex), Bryce Ocepek, Jack Ocepek all of Fernandina Beach, Florida; Barry Moore, Brandi DeFiore and Eileen Lewis; and Great Grandchildren Blakely and Scarlett Singleton.

Please consider a donation to Gateway Rehabilitation for making a positive impact on Pam's life. More info: www.gwjax.com

Pam will be laid to rest at Bethel Methodist Church in Folkston, Georgia at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 18, 2025.

Reverend Dr. Franklin Roosevelt Graves, Sr.

Reverend Dr. Franklin Roosevelt Graves, Sr., 78 years old of Baltimore, MD passed away on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at his home in Yulee, FL.

Born on February 15, 1947 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Roosevelt



Graves and Emma (Jackson) Graves. He grew up in Turner's Station of Baltimore Maryland and graduated from Sollers Point Junior/Senior High School in 1965. He married Cynthia Lynn Carrington in 1969. He graduated from Morgan State with a Associate Degree, from University of Maryland with a Bachelor's Degree, from Nova University with Masters Degree and from Century University with a Doctorate Degree in Criminal Justice and Public Administration.

He had worked in law enforcement first for the Baltimore Police Department and then for U.S. Treasury Department in various federal departments and agencies.

The couple were married for 55 years and had two children where they raised them to lead successful lives and pursue their goals.

He is remembered for being a loving father that was generous, witty and dedicated to his family, work and passions. He was well accomplished in sports such as basketball, tennis and golf. He was an accomplished musician and artist. He was also a Hall of Fame Master of martial arts.

He finished his life journey answering the call to be a Baptist Pastor in St.Simons Island, GA. leading domestic and international ministries.

He is predeceased by his parents and three sisters (Rosabell Lewis, Betty Jordan and Rev. Barbara McFarland). He leaves behind his wife and two children: Franklin Graves Jr.(Anderlyn) and Tina Edwards (Lonnie), 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He also leaves two siblings: Rev. Johnnie Graves (Dorothy) and Ida Owens (John).

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Oxley Heard Funeral Home in Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

Home-going services will be on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 11:00am at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 2700 Demere Rd. St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

He will be laid to rest at Green Pines Cemetery in Yulee, FL.

Donations may be made to American Cancer Society.

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

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Janice Marie O'Connor

Janice Marie O'Connor, 75, of Fernandina Beach F.L. passed away on Friday, October 17, 2025 at the Mayo Clinic surrounded by her loving family.



Janice was born on July 4, 1950 in Jersey City, N.J. The eldest of six children of Rosemary Nicholson and William Tarrant, Janice embraced the role of caregiver from an early age. Taking care of others was central to who she was and it was a role she maintained all her life. Her care giving began with her siblings, which then extended to her daughters, her students and the grandchildren she adored.

Janice excelled as a student starting at St. Paul's Catholic school followed by Ramsey High School, earning degrees from Georgian Court University and Mount Saint Mary College. Janice worked as a Special Education teacher at Monroe-Woodbury school district in New York for 25 years. Countless students benefitted from her grace, kindness, patience and compassion as she taught them how to read.

She married her soulmate Kevin in 1982. Wed for 43 years, they embodied the theory that opposites attract. She was a kind, patient, stylish girl from Ramsey, N.J., always with her nails perfectly painted and beautifully dressed. He's proud to be a sports obsessed, simple man from the Bronx. They built a wonderful life together, starting in Highland Mills, N.Y. raising Tara and later Meghan before creating a dream retirement for themselves in Manasquan, N.J. and Amelia Island, FL. Together they embraced a life of adventure, traveling the world until the very end.

She was happiest with her family. The memories of summers in Surfside With her sisters, time on the beach in Manasquan with Robert and Mackenzie, and swimming with Jack and Maddie, will be forever etched in our minds.

Janice was eternally grateful for the blessings in her life and often said, "We are so lucky." Our loss is profound but her legacy will live on in the countless lives she so positively impacted.

She is survived by her husband, Kevin O'Connor of Fernandina Beach, FL.; her daughters, Tara and husband Robert Devlin of Wall Township, N.J.; Meghan and husband Brian Daigle of Larkspur, C.A.; her four grandchildren, Robert Devlin (17), Mackenzie Devlin (16), Madeleine Daigle (5) and Jack Daigle (2); two sisters, two brothers and many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. Janice was predeceased by her parents and brother, Sean Tarrant.

A memorial service will be held Friday, October 24th at 10:00am at the Oxley-Heard Funeral Home, 1305 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made in her honor to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

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

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him the final say of approval for all city building permits.

"The Florida Building Code makes the building official responsible for ensuring compliance not only with the FBC itself but with all local laws and ordinances," Christner said.

"Ignorance of the law does not mean it is OK."

Prince refuted her claim in stating that it was actually the planning staff's responsibility — specifically former Planning and Conservation Director Kelly Gibson to approve the permit.

Additionally, the board questioned Campbell about her lack of action in discontinuing the permits after acknowledging they were non-compliant with the cities' LDC.

Campbell believed that it was appropriate to "let the appeal process play out."

Following the meeting, Christner told the News-Leader that she wished Campbell would have revoked the permits earlier, due to legal fees and time associated with the lengthy appeal process.

At Wednesday's meeting, Christner restated her case by explicitly outlining the legal violation carried out in approving the building permits.

"In July 2025, the city's building official issued new building permits administratively for multi-family construction on the same combined lots with no BOA hearing and no notice to neighbors," Christner said.

"That is why I'm here, to ask the board to enforce the law and uphold the court ruling and restore due process for the community."

Building on the Tringali property has been a debate topic throughout the city since the original plan to build the triplexes was legally halted by the 4th Circuit Court in 2023, after it was ruled by the judge that permits could not be issued without an official BOA meeting.

Prince contested by saying she does not believe the court ruling to be applicable to the current situation, based on the original case specifically pertaining to platting land without a variance.

Despite Prince's argument, the BOA voted to revoke the 12 permits that would enable the triplexes to be built on the Tringali Property.

Christner was "very satisfied" following the board's decision.

"I'm just so happy the board of adjustment did the right thing and corrected an error from the city," she said.

The News-Leader reached out to the property owner's lawyer who was present at Wednesday's BOA meeting, though it is unclear if they will be taking legal action against the city due to the faulty permits.

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Part of the Tringali property on 124 3rd Street in Fernandina Beach, where the triplexes were to be built prior to the BOA ruling.

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"Those come pretty regularly depending on the season of whatever sport it is," Devereaux said.

The district has a recruitment fair every April at Wildlight Elementary. Advertised months in advance, applicants talk to school and district staff and try usually schedule interviews that day. Devereaux compared it to a buffet.

"We draw applicants from all over within the state and externally from other parts of different states. They come meet our principals. We typically have all our vacancies by then," Devereaux said. "We hire a good deal of applicants from that fair alone."

There is a mentor program district-wide and it offers training and professional development. The millage approved by voters mostly went to teachers salaries in an attempt to remain competitive with nearby districts. Teachers start off at $50,200 in Nassau County, Devereaux said.

During and immediately post-COVID, districts across the state struggled to find staff.

This year has been one of the lowest years for vacancies, and the district has seen a healthy amount of applicants, she said.

"We've had really good pools of applicants to choose from this year," Devereaux said.

More information is available at applitrack.com/nassau/onlineapp/.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Nassau County District has approved a new baseball concession stand for Yulee High.



ASHLEY CHANDLER/NEWS-LEADER

Nassau County School Board members unanimously approved replacing the Fernandina Beach High home-side football bleachers earlier this month.

ATHLETICS

Continued from 1A



"(At) the end of the football season, we'll demolish the bleachers and then at the end of track, we'll order everything … once track season ends in May, we'll start putting together those bleachers."

Yulee High School will be getting a new baseball concession stand. The board then unanimously approved a deal not to exceed $1,142,907 for the facility.

Yulee High baseball hasn't had a concession stand in more than 20 years, according to the district.

"It's finally happening," Superintendent Kathy Burns said.

Robertson and Middle Schools & School Services Director George Raysor told the News-Leader that when the millage was approved by voters in 2022, the district met with its athletic directors to find the greatest needs.

Each of the county's four high schools have new weight rooms. Yulee received a rubberized track. The district then replaced West Nassau High's field for approximately $1,328,0700, unveiling it in September. That project was paid for exclusively with millage money.

Raysor said there are two years left to use the voter-approved one mill, which will net the district $19,401,736 this school year, though approximately 9% is slated for athletics. About 70% is employee compensation, 12% is for safety, health and prevention, and 9% is set aside for the arts.

Raysor said the one mill is critical to the district's athletic infrastructure improvements of older facilities and keeping athletes.

"Without that, we'll be here 10 years from now just talking about things we need as a district," he said.

Robertson said the projects across the district are site-specific and usually if you touch one item, others are impacted.

"If you touch (FBHS') track and make it regulation, you also touch the concession stand, the visitor side bleachers, because the track is actually not big enough," Robertson said. "West Nassau's track is literally 15 feet from a building, so you can't expand that to make it eight lanes. You can rubberize it and we have."

Robertson said the district is trying to get everything it can out of its buildings, but at some point, its students deserve what previous students have had. Improved facilities will show visitors Nassau is the No. 1 school district in the state, he said.

"Our children deserve what we had when we were younger. A newer building, a better facility, something that we can take pride in as a community when we show up to a game where we feel, 'Yes, this is Yulee or this is Hilliard,'" Robertson said.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Hornet volleyball earns district title

BY MARISA DEMAR
News-Leader

In a 3-1 victory against Paxon School for Advanced Studies, the Hornets varsity volleyball team claimed the well-earned title of district champions for the 2025-2026 season. In the match on Oct. 16, libero Mylie Breutzmann and utility player Kamryn Baston were key in keeping the team defensively steady and composed.

Head coach Dorri Chin sang the praises of the entire team and their ongoing fight throughout the season.

"The girls played with incredible energy and confidence, and it really showed on the court," she said. "Their communication and chemistry have grown so much this season, and it was rewarding to see all their hard work come together when it mattered most."

Following their win, the girls were hungry for more and already setting their sights on the regional title, according to their coach.

The Hornets will take on Bay High School tonight in hopes of maintaining their seven-game winning streak.

Chin told the News-Leader how the girls are preparing for the upcoming game.

"We are tightening up the little details and making sure we continue to bring the same energy and execution every time we step on the court," she said.



SUBMITTED BY DORRI CHIN
The Hornets varsity volleyball team holds their trophy after beating Paxon and earning the district champion title on Oct. 16.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK NINE

Pirates fall away at Clay High

BY NICK BLANK
News-Leader

The Fernandina Beach Pirates (5-4) lost an agonizingly close contest in Green Cove Springs to the Clay High Blue Devils 35-34 on Friday night.

The Pirates' Aydin Poe, Beckham Rohe and Ethan Watts had strong receiving performances, led by quarterback Ian Miller's outing (17 of 26 for 260 yards and three touchdowns). Rohe also threw a 33-yard touchdown to Poe in the first quarter.

Clay High (3-6) rushed for 300 yards between quarterback Landon Martin and running back Nehemiah Bailey.

The game started with four parachuters landing on the field and pyrotechnics for homecoming. In a wooded area of rural Clay County, the home fans were on the Pirates from the beginning, though to start they didn't have much to cheer about.

Miller found Watts from 8 yards on the Pirates' first drive, then came Poe's touchdown. The Pirates converted one of three 2-point conversions on the night.

Martin scored from a yard out as the running game got going, though Pirates' running back D'ante Simms pulled off an 8-yard touchdown run that put the Pirates up 19-7. Martin hit receiver Daylen Brown on a looping deep ball inside the 10-yard line. Flags pushed the Blue Devils back, but Martin found Brown again for a 24-yard touchdown.

Special teams played a major part in the game. Fernandina had a punt blocked and missed a 50-yard field goal at the end of the first half. Clay kicked multiple onside kicks, which the Pirates recovered.

To start the second half, the Blue Devils stuck to Martin and Bailey, and Martin scored from the goal line, with Clay taking its first lead at 21-19. The Pirates answered with Poe's 38-yard over-the-shoulder catch over good coverage.

Martin again scored from a yard out early in the 4th quarter, reasserting the Blue Devils' slight lead.

After recovering an onside kick, the Pirates drove down the field with less than 10 minutes left. Miller found Rohe in the back corner of the endzone from 7 yards out, which gave the Pirates a 34-28 lead after a 2-point conversion.

Late in the 4th quarter, Martin hit receiver Brown inside and he eluded tacklers for an 18-yard touch-

Pirates Continued on 2B



NICK BLANK/NEWS-LEADER
Fernandina Beach High School's Beckham Rohe in Friday's game against Clay High School.

Hornets stumble on road for 1st loss

BY JIM LUKSIC
News-Leader

Yulee's varsity team saw their unbeaten season come crashing down in a 42-14 defeat at the hands of Flagler Palm Coast.

The Hornets fell to 7-1 overall, as the host Bulldogs rolled to a 21-0 lead at halftime and lifted their season mark to 3-5.

Yulee Head Coach Kyle Dougherty didn't make excuses afterward.

"I didn't get us prepared for their unbalanced looks. And I didn't have enough answers to adjust in-game to get some stops," he said.

"We did have some missed assignments, but those naturally happen in games."

The Hornets fell short despite dominating the time of possession and having 25 more offensive snaps than Flagler.

"This was a good wake up call for all of us. We are

HORNETS Continued on 2B



PHOTO BY ASHLEY CHANDLER/NEWS-LEADER
Yulee Head Coach Kyle Dougherty gives direction to the Hornets in a home game earlier this season.

Putt-Putt National Championship rolls in Fernandina this week

For the News-Leader



MARISA DEMAR/NEWS-LEADER
Competitors putt Monday at Main Beach Putt-Putt. Main Beach Putt-Putt is hosting the 2025 Professional Putters Association's National Championship for the third time since opening in 1959. *More photos from Monday on Page 4B.*

Main Beach Putt-Putt is hosting the 2025 Professional Putters Association's National Championship on Thursday and Friday.

The Professional Putters Association (proputters.org) has been around since the 1950s, and the Main Beach Putt-Putt is hosting the National Championship for the third time since opening in 1959.

National Championship week began Monday with the Senior Championship, followed by the Hall of Fame Championship on Tuesday, Doubles Championship on Wednesday, and two-day National Championship on Thursday and Friday to close out the week.

All championships are four rounds and start at 10 a.m., except Friday times which start at 9 a.m. with the presentation to occur immediately following the last round on Friday.

The event is expected to host over 90 participants from all over the U.S. and many arrived here in Fernandina Beach a few days ago. Both of the 18 holes courses will be closed to the public during tournament rounds, however, the clubhouse will be open all day every day for merchandise sales and, of course, Kona Ice, Hershey's Ice Cream, Nathan's Hot Dogs and other snacks and beverages. The public is welcome to watch any of the tournaments around the fence line from Main Beach Park.

For further details and information, contact Tom Miller at 404-664-1766.

SPORTS SHORTS

Email items to editor2@fbnewsleader.com or call 904-261-3696.

Petanque club

The Amelia Island Petanque Club holds pickup games at its Central Park courts at 9 a.m. on Saturdays and most weekday afternoons.

The club has extra boules for those who want to learn this game of skill, precision and a touch of strategy. Join the friendly competition. Email AmeliaPetanque@gmail.com.

Play pickleball

Scheduled play at the pickleball courts at Central Park in Fernandina Beach is posted at the courts and online. Attendees should wear court shoes and athletic attire. Loaner paddles and balls are provided.

Visit www.fbfl.us/972/Pickleball, Fernandina Beach Pickleball Pirates on Facebook or email fbpbpirates@gmail.com for information.

Men's Senior Softball League

This is the third year for the Amelia Island Senior Softball League games played at the Ybor Alvarez fields at 9 a.m. Sundays. New players are welcome and the league is open to men 50 years and up. The games are played after warm-up and batting practice that starts at 8:30 a.m.

Cost is $25 for the fall season. Balls, bats, bases, and a pitching screen to protect pitchers are supplied. Players need to bring their own fielders glove, and plastic spiked shoes like those used for soccer are highly encouraged. Senior rules for slow pitch softball are in effect with courtesy runners available for those needing a pinch runner on the bases. Anyone interested in joining the league should contact the League Manager/Player Howard Fishbein at 443-812-5710.

Sailing club meets

The Amelia Island Sailing Club is a social club with a boating interest that welcomes members who own/owned sail or power boats or don't own a boat at all who are looking for opportunities to get out on the water and enjoy boating fellowship.

The AISC meets the first Tuesday of the month (except July, November and December) at the Kraft Athletic "Kit Kat" Club off Buccaneer Trail. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by potluck dinner, meeting with upcoming events/news and guest speakers.

Guests are welcome. Club activities throughout the year include social activities, excursions on the water and/or land to explore our beautiful resources and aquatic life, monthly sailboat racing and assisting with local conservation and environmental efforts. Visit www.ameliaislandsailingclub.wildapricot.org.

Organized rides

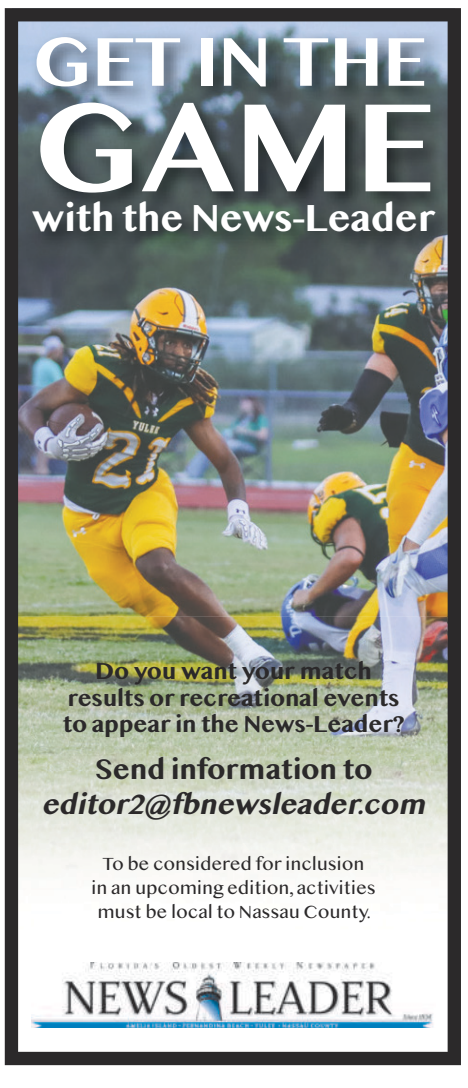
The North Florida Bicycle Club offers several organized bicycle rides each week at various times and locations on Amelia Island and in Nassau County.

Cyclists of all abilities are welcome. Helmets and a bicycle in good working condition are required. Cyclists typically split into groups, depending on pace and skill level. Lunch is optional. Call 678-613-2074 or visit www.ameliaislandcycling.com, www.ameliaislandtrail.org or www.nfbc.us.

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.



JAGS REPORT



PHOTO COURTESY OF JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Jacksonville quarterback Trevor Lawrence looks for a receiver on Sunday in London.

Rams blow out Jaguars in London

News-Leader

Los Angeles Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford threw five touchdowns as the Jacksonville Jaguars suffered a miserable 35-7 defeat in London.

It was a decisive hammering across the pond that will leave the Jaguars (4-3) reeling. The Jaguars didn't score until early in the 4th quarter when they were down 28-0. The Jaguars are now 6-6 all-time in London and will hope to use a bye week to recover.

The Rams (5-2) scored a touchdown on each of their four redzone trips. In the 1st quarter, Stafford set the pace in Wembley Stadium with a pair of touchdowns to Konata Mumpfield and Davante Adams, from 5 and 2 yards, respectively.

GAME OVERVIEW

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After Cam Little missed a field goal in the second quarter, Stafford found Adams from a yard out on the ensuing drive. A block in the back ruled out a 60-yard Parker Washington punt return touchdown. The Jaguars then drove 58 yards but turned the ball over on downs.

Terrance Ferguson caught a 31-yard pass from Stafford early in the fourth quarter. The Jaguars then had their one silver lining: two-way player Travis Hunter scoring his first career touchdown from 34 yards out. The Rams didn't relent and Adams scored his third touchdown at the goal-line.

The Jaguars' offense stuttered for the second straight week. Hunter caught eight balls for 101 yards and the running game only mustered 94 yards between four runners. Lawrence had a rough start, but he completed 23 of 48 passes for 296 yards and a touchdown. He was sacked seven times.

The Jaguars were missing linebacker Devin Lloyd, though the Rams' receiver Puka Nacua also missed the contest.

Despite the rout, the Jaguars outgained the Rams, 358 yards to 271 yards. Neither team turned the ball over.

Following a bye week, the Jaguars face the Las Vegas Raiders (2-5) on Sunday, Nov. 2.

PIRATES *From 1B*

down. There were back-to-back flags on the Pirates before the game-winning extra point, but the Blue Devils eventually made it.

As the Fernandina High sought a game-winning drive with three minutes remaining, a late fumble near midfield sealed their fate.

Head Coach Blake Willis said the Pirates have struggled to handle the run the past few games.

"They ran with the quarterback a lot, so they had an extra blocker in there," Willis said. "It provides a challenge for the defense."

The Pirates face Jacksonville's Impact Christian Academy (5-3) at home on Friday for the Pirates' final regular-season game. Willis said he wanted to end the season strong.

"It's a super important game for us if we want to try and get a winning season out of this. The kids still want to do that and practice hard next week," Willis said. "It's a big game for us."

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Aydin Poe on a tackle against Clay High School. Dante Simms carries the ball against Clay High School.

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ASHLEY CHANDLER/NEWS-LEADER

Yulee High School senior quarterback Jackson Visconti looks for a pass on Oct. 10.

HORNETS *From 1B*

not yet where we want to be, and there is a clear path to the things that we need to get fixed," Dougherty said.

After a lackluster 1st quarter wherein the Bulldogs led 7-0, they pulled away with a pair of TD tosses from La'darius Simmons to Logan Jacobelli. They would soon add another touchdown pass, then carried a Yulee fumble 40 yards to the house for an overwhelming 35-0 lead.

The teams exchanged rushing scores, making it 42-7, before Yulee added a last-minute TD toss to seal the deal.

Hornets senior quarterback Jackson Visconti accounted for both touchdowns — rushing for one, then connecting with sophomore Xavier Hayes to cap the scoring.

It doesn't figure to get much easier for the Hornets, who must hit the road again to face the undefeated Raines Vikings on Friday night.

Dougherty explained that he was excited and looking forward to the challenge.

"Myself and my coaching staff will have our team more prepared to compete," asserted Dougherty, whose team has scored a total of 223 points while allowing 81, said he considers their next game aa a measuring stick.

He views the Raines showdown as a "test of where we are in comparison to one of the better teams in the entire country. Raines is a group that can play with the best in the nation."

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GOLF NEWS

Pirate golf looks to district tournament in Fernandina



Fernandina Beach High School golfer Colson Hale.



Fernandina Beach High School golfer Sam Chenoweth.



Fernandina Beach High School golfer Brady Steffen.



Fernandina Beach golfer Raleigh Simmons.

News-Leader

The Fernandina Beach Boys Golf team has won more than 90% of their matches so far this season. The Pirates were 10-1, heading into their matchup against Hilliard Middle Senior High School on Tuesday.

On Sept. 30, the boys traveled to Blue Cypress Golf Club where they played Bishop Kenny. The Pirates won with an even par round as a team of 144 to BK's 158.

Head Coach Christina Steffen reported the teams co-medalists: Colson Hale and Brady Steffen. Hale and Steffen both shot 1 under 35.

Other scores: Hudson Dye 37; Wood Young 37; Sam Chenoweth 38; and Jake Chenoweth 40.

On Oct. 8, the Pirates hosted Fletcher at Amelia River. Fernandina Beach won with a team score of 1 over par 145 to Fletcher's 148.

Colson Hale was medalist for the match shooting a 2 under 34.

Other scores: Jake Chenoweth 1 under 35; Brady Steffen 37; Hudson Dye and Sam Chenoweth both with 39's; and Wood Young with a 42.

On Oct.9, the Pirates hosted Yulee at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. FBHS won the match shooting a 151 to Yulee's 180.

Colson Hale was medalist with a 1 under par 34. Other scores: Brady Steffen shot even par 35; Jake Chenoweth 41; Douglas Stacy 41; Hudson Dye 43; and Jacob Kovalcik 53.

On Oct. 16, the boys also won their match with a 143 to bring the Pirates to 10-1. West Nassau shot 169.

Team scores: Colson Hale 34; Brady Steffen 36; Jake Chenoweth 36; Hudson Dye 37; Lucas Lomond 44; Harrison Blackard 47.

The boys hosted Hilliard at Amelia River on Tuesday after the News-Leader's press deadline.

Lady Pirates golf

The Lady Pirates are 5-6.

Head Coach Steffen said "they have shot some season low scores as well lately."

On Oct. 6, the girls played Yulee at North Hampton to gain a win. The Lady Pirates shot a 181 to Yulee's 263.

Medalist for the match was Elle Reisner with a 40.

Other scores: Raleigh Simmons 45; Emma Genovese 47; Zoey Gamba 49; Carmen Green 67; and Kate Heymann 68.

On Oct. 7, the girls hosted Bolles on at Amelia River. The Pirates lost to Bolles shooting a 209 to Bolles's 153.

Medalist: Elle Reisner shot an even par 36.

Other scores: Zoey Gamba 56; Reese Talbert 56; Raleigh Simmons 61; McKayla Pollack 67.

On Oct 14, the girls hosted Bishop Kenny for another win on the season. The Pirates won the match with a season low 176 to Bishop Kenny's 196.

MedalistL Elle Reisner scored a 37.

Other scores: Zoey Gamba and Emma Genovese both scored 44's; Raleigh Simmons 51; Reese Talbert 60; and Savannah Minor 71.

On Oct. 15 the girls hosted West Nassau at Amelia River. The Lady Pirates snagged another win to give them a winning record on the season. West Nassau did not have a team score.

Medalist: Elle Reisner scored a 3 under par 33.

Other scores: Emma Genovese 46; Zoey Gamba 46; Raleigh Simmons 55; Carmen Green 56; and Andie Moeller 70.

Fernandina Beach will be hosting the District Tournament at Fernandina Beach Golf club on Oct. 27. The boys will tee off at 8 a.m. and the girls will tee off at 10 a.m.

The Pirates district consists of Fernandina Beach, Bishop Kenny, Paxon, Raines, Riverside, Stanton, Terry Parker, West Nassau and Yulee.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA STEFFEN

Pirate boys golfers after a match this season. From left: Lucas Lomond, Brady Steffen, Jake Chenoweth, Hudson Dye, Colson Hale, Wood Young.



Fernandina Beach High School golfer Zoey Gamba.



FBHS senior golfers after a match this season.



GOLF NEWS

Local lady golfers host By The Sea Invitational

For the News-Leader

The Golf Club Of Amelia Island Ladies' Golf Association held its annual 'BY THE SEA' Invitational on Oct. 16. Players from 23 golf and country clubs from Northeast Florida competed under beautiful blue skies. Teams of two played in a Best Ball Of Two format. Eight proximity contests also made it for a fun and competitive day.

After-golf festivities included a chicken and shrimp buffet lunch, tee gifts, door prizes, and an awards ceremony.

The Ladies' Golf Association wished a congratulations to the two top winning teams: Maxine Bland and Donna Pica for overall low gross, and Paula Holmes and Liz Boudreaux for overall low net.

A full list of winners by flight and proxy are:

Loggerheads Flight - 1st Place: Shauna Snyder, Beth Anderson. 2nd Place: Margaret Newton, Eileen McCourt.

Sandpipers Flight - 1st Place: Vickie Galpin, Dana Hess. 2nd Place: Cynthia Riley, Jen Bozman.

Dolphins Flight - 1st Place: Debra McDermott, Adrienne Whitman. 2nd Place: Pam Murdock, Amanda Pepsnik.

Stingrays Flight - 1st Place: Susan Harlow, Ann Rogers. 2nd Place: Cheryl Kuppler, Susan Frazier.

Seagulls Flight - 1st Place: Mary Ann Schroeder, Betsy Montgomery, 2nd Place: Angela Cook, Vicky Ryan.

Starfish Flight - 1st Place: Kara O'Rourke, Carol Curtis. 2nd Place: Susan Mowery, BJ Murphy.

Spoonbill Flight - 1st Place: Carolyn Rumph, Susan Kaye. 2nd Place: Rita Lais, Tracie Parsons.

Closest To the Pin:

Jessie Wellman-Doute (H5), Ann Rogers (H9), Vicky Ryan (H13), Barb Ulch (H14), Ann Gutter (H16).

Longest Drive: Vicky Ryan (H1), Katie Allen (H11).

Most Accurate Drive: Kathy Minx (H18).



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Paula Holmes and Liz Boudreaux.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Maxine Bland and Donna Pica.

PUTT-PUTT *From 1B*



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Competitors putt Monday at Main Beach Putt-Putt. Main Beach Putt-Putt is hosting the 2025 Professional Putters Association's National Championship for the third time since opening in 1959.







GOLF SHORTS

Amelia Island Golf Club Women's Championships

The Amelia Island Club's Women's Golf Championships were in late September. Mary Gallagher is the overall champion, Toni Nelson is the low net champion and Mary Eberle is the 9 hole champion.

Senior men welcome

The ACE group invites senior men looking for a fun golfing experience to join them Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday at 7:15 a.m. at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. Ask in the pro shop or find them at putting green.

Join 9 holers

Whether you are new to the game of golf, are looking to enjoy a casual nine holes with friends or are working to improve your game, the Fernandina Beach 9 Holers is for you.

Play is at 9:30 a.m. Mondays, and all skill levels are welcome. Benefits include a GHIN number, weekly play with fun ladies and quarterly Wine & Cheese party. Membership is $50 per year. Email fb9holers@gmail.com.

Calling lady golfers

The Fernandina Beach Women's Golf Association welcomes women of all levels. Play is 9 a.m. Tuesdays; register at 8:30 a.m. Membership is $45 per year. Email fbwga18@gmail.com.

Senior men Men's blitz

All golfers are invited to the Fernandina Beach Golf Club men's bi-weekly 18-hole blitz Wednesdays and Fridays. Shotgun start is 10 a.m. Cost is $20. Contact John Rudd at jrudd9404@gmail.com.





The future's bright for see and catch



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Kevin Hughes pitched a live shrimp barbed to a 1/8th-ounce led head jig up close to a shallow marsh during a falling tide for this Amelia Island redfish.

An important factor when having a successful day of fishing is being able to recognize where fish are actively feeding and, more importantly, where game fish are located in the water column and right on the surface as well.

First and foremost, always keep the sun on your back. It is extremely difficult to sight fish for a wide variety of game fish while looking directly into the sun. The best sight-fishing conditions come between 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is when the sun is the highest and offers optimum penetration into the shallow column.



OUTDOORS

Terry Lacoss

Without saying, premium sunglasses are a must. Side shields are also a must when keeping the sun's rays from shining directly on the backside of your sunglasses, causing a reflection back into your eyes. Amber, or copper-colored lens, help penetrate the surface of the water. Your sunglasses should also be polarized to remove the glare, or reflection from the surface of the water.

Finally, I would strongly recommend bringing along a good cleaning cloth and cleaning material to keep your sunglasses crystal-clear.

The highest point in your boat offers the best location for sight fishing. Installing a raised deck platform at the bow of your boat to help you in seeing shallow water redfish. In many cases, the angler poling from the poling platform will be able to see a school of fish holding close to the surface first, then attempts to point them out to the angler at the bow of the boat.

If you don't have a raised deck platform at the bow of your shallow water boat, a simple cooler placed at the bow will give you a higher watchtower. Some fishermen even carry along a six-foot folding ladder, where it is setup on the bow of the boat for sight fishing.

Obviously when the water is ultra clear, you will have a much better opportunity to see game fish holding just under the surface of the water. However, when the water is slightly stained, you will need to look harder when sight fishing. An excellent tip, is to keep your eyes moving. Scan the surface of the water slowly with your eyes, instead of looking at one spot. Moving eyes will see a lot more than eyes that are standing still.

When the water is heavily stained, you will need to look for different sight fishing all together may become extremely difficult.

A nervous water surface also indicates a large school of game fish is present. Here the surface of the water will actually shimmer, or simply looks like an earthquake is about to happen! In many cases the nervous surface is actually caused by game fish feeding slowly along the bottom and moving at a slow pace as well.

Redfish will also make several wakes on the surface while moving as a school of redfish. These wakes are easy to identify, as the wakes are very consistent and often moving in the same direction.

Another popular way to sight fish for redfish includes actually poling fast, or covering a lot of water in a hurry with your electric motor. Once you stumble on a school of game fish, or a single fish, the school of fish will hump up the water and swim a short distance away, then settle back down again.

You may also see several mud clouds popping up under the surface as well. These are more than likely gamefish that you have spooked by your approaching boat. Rays will also make mud clouds on the bottom, so be careful not to confuse the two, starboard side if you are pushing the pole on the portside of the boat. If you are pushing straight off from the transom, the boat will track in a straight line.



Michael Dotson sight fishing during an extremely low tide for shallow water Amelia Island redfish. His Mercury powered ranger shallow water boat draws less than 10 inches of water.

A tried-and-true method in locating game fish, holding right on and just under the surface of the water, is watching for birds diving into the water. Wading birds are also an excellent indication that a variety of game fish are close at hand.

Finally, baitfish holding on the surface is also an excellent indication that gamefish are nearby as well. Once you have arrived at your favorite fishing waters and there is a lack of baitfish, wading and diving birds, keep your motor running.

The Amelia Island Guides Association will hold its 9th Annual Inshore Classic on Oct. 24-25. The event will once again be held from Old Town Bait & Tackle, located on Egan's Creek. For more information, visit www.ameliaislandguidesassociation.com.

The Nassau Sports Fishing Association will present an OctoberFest social dinner beginning at 6:15 p.m. held at the Kraft Athletic Club. For more information and to become a member, go to www.nsfafish.net.



Flounder Pounder tournament organizer Chip Davis with his son Tyler during the tourney. Chip raised some $275,000 to benefit the cure for autism. Wyatt Haralambou weighed in the largest flounder weighing 3.23-pounds.

FERNANDINA BEACH TIDES

Tides, Sun & Moon: October 22-29, 2025

Wed. 10/22	Low	3:26A	-0.25'	Moonset	7:14P
	High	10:02A	6.22'	Sunrise	7:33A
	Low	4:04P	-0.08'	Sunset	6:46P
	High	10:10P	5.46'	Moonrise	8:34A
Thurs. 10/23	Low	3:59A	-0.14'	Moonset	7:49P
	High	10:38A	6.12'	Sunrise	7:34A
	Low	4:40P	0.11'	Sunset	6:45P
	High	10:46P	5.28'	Moonrise	9:31A
Fri. 10/24	Low	4:31A	0.00'	Moonset	8:30P
	High	11:14A	5.98'	Sunrise	7:34A
	Low	5:17P	0.34'	Sunset	6:44P
	High	11:23P	5.10'	Moonrise	10:28A
Sat. 10/25	Low	5:03A	0.18'	Moonset	9:17P
	High	11:51A	5.81'	Sunrise	7:35A
	Low	5:55P	0.59'	Sunset	6:43P
	High	--	--	Moonrise	11:25A
Sun. 10/26	Low	5:39A	0.36'	Moonset	10:09P
	High	12:02A	4.92'	Sunrise	7:36A
	Low	6:37P	0.82'	Sunset	6:42P
	High	12:31P	5.66'	Moonrise	12:18P
Mon. 10/27	Low	6:20A	0.54'	Moonset	11:06P
	High	12:45A	4.78'	Sunrise	7:37A
	Low	7:27P	0.97'	Sunset	6:41P
	High	1:14P	5.55'	Moonrise	1:07P
Tues. 10/28	Low	7:10A	0.69'	Moonset	--
	High	1:31A	4.70'	Sunrise	7:37A
	Low	8:23P	0.99'	Sunset	6:40P
	High	2:03P	5.49'	Moonrise	1:51P
Wed. 10/29	Low	8:12A	0.77'	Moonset	12:06A
	High	2:24A	4.71'	Sunrise	7:38A
	Low	9:20P	0.85'	Sunset	6:40P
	High	2:58P	5.49'	Moonrise	2:30P
				First Qtr.	12:22P

Tide calculations are for Amelia River, Fernandina Beach. No corrections are necessary.
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Chacato continuation

Amelia Island clothing and decor store revamps, reopens

BY MARISA DEMAR
News-Leader

The home decor and clothing store Chacato held a grand reopening on Wednesday after revamping their store on the south end of Amelia Island.

The fall-themed event was accompanied by local businesses such as Mocama, which distributed beer and snacks; Luxe Picnics by Les, who crafted mini charcuterie plates; and the Unbridled Bar, a mobile bar service based out of Jacksonville that supplied complementary alcoholic beverages to guests.

Crowds gathered on South Fletcher Avenue at sunset to drink, shop and listen to live soul music from Troubadour South.

Each element of the event reflected the eclectic luxury of Chacato's merchandise from the fresh baked goods and farmers market produce for sale to the three-tier dessert display and champagne served to guests in flutes.

The North Carolina born owner, Linda Hall, told the News-Leader about the updates to the store and aesthetic she carefully curated.



Store owner Linda Hall poses in front of her colorful table settings for sale at Chacato on Wednesday.

"I got so sick of the anemic oyster look, and I couldn't sit in a room with that as my focal point," Hall said.

"If it makes you happy, buy it. It will make your house so happy, and it will look just like you," she said while gesturing to the bright-orange Christmas trees scattered around the storeroom.

Chacato opened as an art and furniture store earlier this year but was reopened Wednesday due to its recent remodeling, which included clothing and a range of new items.



PHOTOS BY MARISA DEMAR/NEWS-LEADER

The Chacato store during its grand reopening on South Fletcher Avenue on Oct. 15.

"I just want it to be a happy place where people can shop for gifts and shop for themselves," Hall said.

She spoke on the significant difference between the north and south end of Amelia Island, and the way that the location plays into the products carried in her store.

"Downtown and the south end are so different — it's charming and fun if you want to buy novelty things, but there is no fine shopping," Hall said.

She sources her products from ethical and reliable sources around the U.S. and underrepresented countries throughout the world such as Ethiopia and El Salvador. The high-quality items from around the world add to the unique charm of Chacato's aesthetic.



The mini farmers market at the grand opening stocked with fresh produce, flowers and baked goods.

Hall believes that the store reflects her personality, which heavily influences her design style in all aspects of her life.

"I tell someone, 'Do you want to come to my house?' It looks like someone on acid did it," she laughed.

The new Chacato is open daily and located at 5381 South Fletcher Ave. in Fernandina Beach.



The Unbridled Bar serves drinks to guests at the Chacato grand opening.

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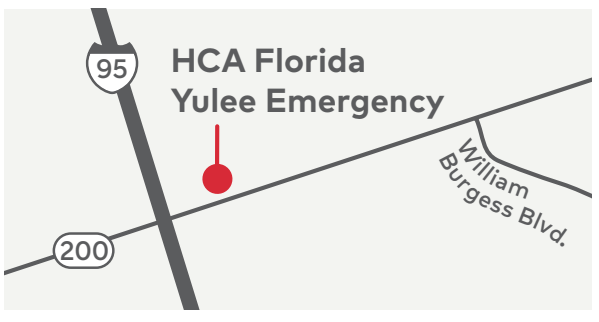

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 25CA000019AXYX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE ASSETS TRUST 2007-1 MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLIAM B. JOHNSON, JR. A/K/A WILLIAM B. JOHNSON A/K/A WILLIE B. JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM B. JOHNSON, JR. A/K/A WILLIAM B. JOHNSON A/K/A WILLIE B. JOHNSON,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the order of Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 1, 2025, and entered in Case No. 25CA000019AXYX of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for Nassau County, Florida, wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for American Home Mortgage Assets Trust 2007-1 Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-1, is Plaintiff and William B. Johnson, Jr. a/k/a William B. Johnson a/k/a Willie B. Johnson; Unknown Spouse of William B. Johnson, Jr. a/k/a William B. Johnson a/k/a Willie B. Johnson, are Defendants, the Office of the Clerk, Nassau County Clerk of the Court will sell via online auction at https://nassauclerk.realforeclose.com at 11:30 a.m. on the 20th day of November, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 72, SECTION ONE OF GEORGIA'S FERNANDINA BEACH SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 837 Ocean Avenue, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiffs mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 548-4600 (then press 0) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated: October 6th, 2025
Mitch L. Keiter
As Clerk of said Court
By:Marlain Murphy
As Deputy Clerk
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
3222 Commerce Place, Suite A
West Palm Beach, Florida, 33407
Telephone: (561) 713-1400
Email:
FLpleadings@mwc-law.com
FNL 2T 10-15-22-2025
#884342

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 25CA000150AXYX

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
KEVIN CHRISTOPHER ANASTASIO, ET AL.,
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:
Kevin Christopher Anastasio
Last Known Address:
87232 Kipling Dr,
Yulee, FL 32097
Current Residence:
UNKNOWN
TO:
Kevin Christopher Anastasio
Last Known Address:
3525 NW Princeton Ln,
Apt 204,
Silverdale, WA 98383
Current Residence:
UNKNOWN
TO: Unknown spouse of Kevin Christopher Anastasio
Last Known Address:
87232 Kipling Dr,
Yulee, FL 32097
Current Residence:
UNKNOWN
TO: Unknown spouse of Kevin Christopher Anastasio
Last Known Address:
3525 NW Princeton Ln,
Apt 204,
Silverdale, WA 98383
Current Residence:
UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 29, OF BELLS RIVER ESTATES, PHASE ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGES 90 THROUGH 92 INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on MILLER, GEORGE & SUGGS, PLLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 210 N. University Drive, Suite 900, Coral Springs, FL 33071, on or before October 20, 2025 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crtintrep@coj.net.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 12th day of September, 2025.
MITCH KEITER
As Clerk of Court
By: Raymie Gordon
As Deputy Clerk
FNL 4T 10-01-08-15-22-2025
#883085

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 25CA000192AXYX

SWBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
CLEAR LAKE ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; MICHAEL BISHOP IF LIVING, BUT IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF MICHAEL BISHOP, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS;
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL BISHOP
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MICHAEL BISHOP IF LIVING, BUT IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF MICHAEL BISHOP, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Nassau County, Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

ALL OF CLEAR LAKE ESTATES UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGES 346 THROUGH 355, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property address: 54157 Amblerwood Way, Callahan, FL 32011

You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Padgett Law Group, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED this the 25TH day of September, 2025.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Raymie Gordon
Deputy Clerk
FNL 4T 10-08-15-22-29-2025
#883664

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 25CA000197AXYX

AMERIS BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST ESTATE OF JULIE COPPER A/K/A JULIE KRISTINE COPPER, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, et al.,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST ESTATE OF JULIE COPPER A/K/A JULIE KRISTINE COPPER, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 50 OF EAST NASSAU - WILDLIGHT PHASE 1A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 203 THROUGH 213, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of you written defenses, if any, to it, on McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Jacqueline T. Levine, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 on or before October 21st, 2025, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demand in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 30th day of September, 2025.
MITCHELL KEITER
CLERK OF COURT OF NASSAU COUNTY
By Marlain Murphy
As Deputy Clerk
FNL 2T 10-15-22-2025
#884728

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **HUMBLE BEE CLEANING** located at P.O. BOX 327, in the County of Nassau, in the city of CALLAHAN, Florida, 32011 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Fernandina Beach, Florida, this 13th day of October, 2025.

Jessalyn Rodriguez
HUMBLE BEE SOLUTIONS LLC
FNL 1T 10-22-2025
#884921

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SETBACK WAIVER(S)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 37.02 of the Nassau County Land Development Code, the **Nassau County Amelia Island Tree Commission** will hold a public hearing on November 5, 2025, at 5:00 pm at the Commission Chambers, James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida 32097 to consider approval of setback waiver(s) on the below described parcel(s). The Nassau County Amelia Island Tree Commission may continue hearings on this matter.

Application(s) filed by:
River Green Estates, LLC, Owner(s)
Marc White, The Branch Manager, Inc., Agent(s)
Subject Parcel Location(s) and Parcel ID#(s):
SBW25-002 - 2509 Amelia Road Parcel #00-00-30-0620-0002-0020
SBW25-003 2501 Amelia Road Parcel #00-00-30-0620-0002-0010
SBW25-004 775 Old Amelia Avenue, Lot 6 Parcel #00-00-30-0620-0002-0060
SBW25-005 781 Old Amelia Avenue Parcel #00-00-30-0620-0002-0050
SBW25-006 787 Old Amelia Avenue Parcel #00-00-30-0620-0002-0040
Action Requested:
This is a request for approval of a reduction in the required building setbacks for a single family dwelling pursuant to Section 37.02 of the Nassau County Land Development Code as it relates to a holistic view of tree protection and protects existing trees on site.
This hearing will be conducted as a quasi-judicial hearing.

Copies of all supporting documentation related to this matter are available for inspection in the Planning Department, 96161 Nassau Place, Yulee, FL 32097. Comments may also be directed, in writing, to the Planning Department, via e-mail to planning@nassaucountyfl.com, or received by telephone at (904) 530-6320. All comments will become part of the record in this matter and subject to Florida's public records law.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO BE PRESENT AND BE HEARD. In accordance with Florida Statute 286.0105: If any person decides to appeal any decision made of this Board or Committee with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled meeting or hearing, the person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Managers Office at contact@nassaucountyfl.com, 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 1, Yulee, FL 32097, Phone No. 904-530-6010, not later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call the Florida Relay Service at 711 or toll free at 1-800-955-8771 (TTY).

LYNDA BELL, Chair
Nassau County Amelia Island Tree Commission
FNL 1T 10-22-2025
#885035

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **November 4, 2025**, at **6:00 P.M.** the Planning and Zoning Board of Nassau County will hold a public hearing at the Commission Chambers, James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida, 32097 to consider an application for a Variance, **V2025-004**. The Planning and Zoning Board may continue the hearing on this matter. The public is invited to attend the meeting concerning the following described property in Nassau County:

This application is filed by: Thomas and Michelle Miller, Owner(s)
Subject Property Location: Gregg Street (Lot 27), Fernandina Beach, FL
Parcel ID#
00-00-30-010C-0001-0270
Action Requested: V2025-004 is a request for a variance to increase maximum height of a single-family dwelling.
This hearing will be conducted as a quasi-judicial hearing.
All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard. Copies of all documentation concerning this variance request are available for inspection in the Planning Department, 96161 Nassau Place, Yulee, FL 32097. Comments may also be directed, in writing, to the Planning Department, via email to planning@nassaucountyfl.com, or received by telephone at (904) 530-6320. All comments will become part of the record in this matter and subject to Floridas Public Records law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.
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In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Managers Office at contact@nassaucountyfl.com, 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 1, Yulee, FL 32097, Phone No. 904-530-6010, not later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call the Florida Relay Service at 711 or toll free at 1-800-955-8771 (TTY).
NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
/s/ TYRONE BLUE
Its: Chair
FNL 1T 10-22-2025
#885227

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **November 4, 2025**, at **6:00 P.M.** the Planning and Zoning Board of Nassau County will hold a public hearing at the Commission Chambers, James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida, 32097 to consider an application for a Conditional Use, CU2025-013. The Planning and Zoning Board may continue the hearing on this matter. The public is invited to attend the meeting concerning the following described property in Nassau County:

This application is filed by: Forshee Investments, LLC, Owner(s) Michael Forshee, Agent
Subject Property Location: 850548 US Hwy 17
Parcel ID#
42-2N-27-4400-0002-000D
Action Requested:
CU2025-013 is a request for a conditional use permit pursuant to Land Development Code, Section 17.04 (D) for building trades contractors with outside storage yards and heavy construction equipment in the Commercial Intensive (CI) zoning district.
This hearing will be conducted as a quasi-judicial hearing.
All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard. Copies of all documentation concerning this Conditional Use are available for inspection in the Planning Department, 96161 Nassau Place, Yulee, FL 32097. Comments may also be directed, in writing, to the Planning Department, via email to planning@nassaucountyfl.com, or received by telephone at (904) 530-6320. All comments will become part of the record in this matter and subject to Floridas Public Records law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.
In accordance with Florida Statute 286.0105: "If any person decides to appeal any decision made of this Board or Committee with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled meeting or hearing, the person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Managers Office at contact@nassaucountyfl.com, 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 1, Yulee, FL 32097, Phone No. 904-530-6010, not later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call the Florida Relay Service at 711 or toll free at 1-800-955-8771 (TTY).
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
/s/ TYRONE BLUE
Its: Chair
FNL 1T 10-22-2025
#885238

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Association, Inc. will hold a Board Workshop on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 3:00p.m., at the Amelia Island Management Conference Room. This meeting will be held via ZOOM. To attend this meeting, please call (904) 277-5123 for the link to the meeting.
The public is invited to be present.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the Nassau County Managers Office at contact@nassaucountyfl.com, 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 1, Yulee, Florida 32097, Phone No.: (904) 530-6010 no later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call the Florida Relay Service at 711 or toll free at 1-800-955-8771 (TTY).
THE SOUTH AMELIA ISLAND SHORE STABILIZATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
TERRY COLE, President
FNL 2T 10-22-29-2025
#885279

NOTICE OF REZONING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**, on **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, at **6:00 PM** and the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** on **Monday, December 8, 2025**, at **5:00 PM**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, will each hold a public hearing to consider Application No. **R25-019** for the rezoning of the property described below. Both hearings will take place at the Commission Chambers, James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida 32097. The Planning and Zoning Board and/or the Board of County Commissioners may continue hearings on this matter.

This application is filed by: John Ferrell Burkett Rev Trust, Owner(s)
Subject Property Location: East Side of Gene Lasserre Blvd, North of SR200
Parcel ID# 37-2N-27-0000-0001-0170
Action Requested: R25-019 proposes to rezone approximately 9.83 acres from Industrial Warehouse (IW) to Transect 7.3 (T-7.3).
These hearings will be conducted as quasi-judicial hearings.
All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearings and be heard. Copies of all documentation concerning this Rezoning are available for inspection in the Planning Department, 96161 Nassau Place, Yulee, FL 32097. Comments may also be directed, in writing, to the Planning Department, via email to planning@nassaucountyfl.com, or received by telephone at (904) 530-6320. All comments will become part of the record in this matter and subject to Floridas Public Records law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.
In accordance with Florida Statute 286.0105: "If any person decides to appeal any decision made of this Board or Committee with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled meeting or hearing, the person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Managers Office at contact@nassaucountyfl.com, 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 1, Yulee, FL 32097, Phone No. 904-530-6010, not later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call the Florida Relay Service at 711 or toll free at 1-800-955-8771 (TTY).
TYRONE BLUE, Chair
Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board
A. M. HUPP HUPPMANN, Chair
Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
FNL 1T 10-22-2025
#885249

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to enforce a lien imposed on said property, under the Florida Self Storage Facility Act (Section 83.801-83.809) at public sale by competitive bidding on www.storagetreasures.com ending on November 14, 2025 at 10:00am for units located at: Compass Self Storage 2641 Bailey Rd, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 (Nassau County) (904-261-5700) The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to the items listed below. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of the sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Compass Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid. Sale is subject to adjournment. Contents on the below includes but is not limited to household goods
Unit(s)
2068 Lance Allen
FNL 2T 10-22-29-2025
#884502

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property (household goods, etc.) at public sale by competitive bidding on Friday the 31st day of October 2025 at 10:00 am on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Bridgeview Self Storage, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 Nassau County the following:
Evan Wiseman 4028
Zion Debeatham 2049
James Smith 1117
Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash only.
Dated 10/22/2025 and 10/29/2025.
FNL 2T 10-22-29-2025
#885502

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that The Nassau County School District, hereafter referred to as Owner, will receive sealed Bids from pre-qualified firms (Bidders) for the following:

Alterations to Building No. 3
Hilliard Middle-Senior High School
1 Flashes Avenue
Hilliard, Florida 32046
NCSD Project No. 98540-151

This project will be constructed under a single prime contract with all bids received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material, services, taxes and fees necessary to complete the project in strict accordance with the Bidding Documents.
Bids will be received at the following place, date and time:
PLACE: Facilities Office
Nassau County School District
86334 Goodbread Road
Yulee, Florida 32097
DATE:
Friday, November 7, 2025
TIME: 2:00 p.m. (Note: All times indicated herein are the local time at the project site.)
All bids received at such place, date and time will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after such time will be returned to the respective Bidder, unopened.
Bidding Documents may be examined by prospective Bidders, during normal business hours, at the office of the Project Architect.
Project Architect: R. Dean Scott, Architect, Inc.
126 West Adams Street, Suite 602
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

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The Yulee High School band performs in the rain at halftime of the Hornets vs. Pirates Battle of the Bridge football game. The performance featured music by The Beatles.

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Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained by Bidders on or after October 8, 2025 by contacting the Document Vendor indicated below:
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www.rdeanscott.com
Public Advertisement Dates: October 8, 2025, October 15, 2025, October 22, 2025.
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Nassau County School District thanks all Bidders for their interest in improving school facilities in Nassau County.
Date: October 1, 2025
By: Dr. Trey Robertson, Director of Facilities
Nassau County School District
FNL 3T 10-08-15-22-2025
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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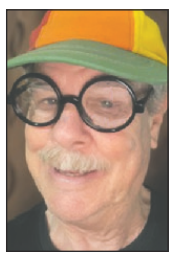
All about retirement

I field this question "Should I retire?" almost every time I sit outside in my Free Advice chair.

It may be due to the demographic makeup of my audience, about 25% of which is comprised of people over the age of 60. Some ask about retirement out of curiosity, as they cast ahead a few years into the future, hoping that I might offer them a rationale for taking the step early rather than waiting until they may be entitled to collect Social Security.



FREE ADVICE

George Vaill

Others, either at or approaching the official retirement age, are undecided, unsure as to whether they can afford or justify retiring now. Many ask at what age they should start taking Social Security.

As each of us has different financial dynamics at play, there's no one-size-fits-all answer. And since I am not an expert on such matters, I advise seeking professional investment advice.

As is my practice when a serious subject is broached, I ask numerous questions. My goal is to learn as much as possible about the person and their circumstances to understand the context from which their inquiry emanates. From that line of questioning, I hope to provide a constructive answer that reveals a truth often hidden from the questioner.

Usually, one or more of my questions alerts them to an essential aspect of their inquiry that they hadn't thoroughly considered. "Oh. I hadn't thought about that," is a common refrain.

Here, among others, are a few salient questions: How old are you? What, specifically, do you do for work? How long have you been doing that type of work? Do you enjoy your job? For how long have you been thinking about retirement? What is driving your thoughts about retirement? How many sources of income support your household? How many members of your household depend upon your paycheck?

Can you afford to retire now? How does your spouse/partner feel about your retiring now? What will you do to fill your days when you retire?

I'm heartened to learn that many who inquire about retiring say that they can afford to do so. At the same time, I am disheartened to know that many have no concrete plan for staying busy every day once they're no longer working. When I assert, "You have to have a meaningful reason to get out of bed every morning," the common retort is, "Yeah, I guess that's important."

That answer suggests that they've thought about the financial aspects of the issue but haven't given sufficient consideration to what retirement entails on a day-to-day basis. I encourage them not to take any steps toward retirement until they have a well-conceived plan of action, because retiring without a plan to stay engaged in life every day surely leads to an early demise.

To that end, I recommend a book by author David Corbett titled Portfolio Life: The New Path to Work, Purpose, and Passion After 50. Having spent a large part of his career helping Fortune 500 CEOs develop retirement plans – starting two years before the big day – David's book inspires a deeper understanding of the creative possibilities of this next stage of life. It provides valuable and practical advice for establishing a broad range of retirement activities, managing the process, and developing a retirement strategy that can be effectively implemented.

It's a half-day read and well worth the time. Please put it on your reading list.

On weekends, George offers free advice between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the pocket park on Centre Street, and he can be reached with comments or questions at gvaill@comcast.net.



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The vehicular spectacle in Fernandina Beach over the weekened was a hit. The 29th annual 8 Flags car show drew hundreds to Downtown Fernandina Beach.

8 Flags Car Show rolls on

News-Leader

The 29th annual 8 Flags Car Show hosted by Amelia Cruizers was held over the weekend.

2025 winners:

People's Choice Award:
James Beck - 1963 International Scout 80
Best in Show Award:
Richard Geiger - 1969 Chevy C-10

FORD COUNTRY
Best Hot Rod #11 1940 Ford Tudor Sedan
Best Truck #217 1976 Ford Bronco
Best Car #58 Ford Mustang Fastback

FOR MORE PHOTOS FROM THE CAR SHOW continue to pages 6 and 7C













For more automotive coverage, grab a copy of the Friday, Oct. 24 edition of the News-Leader

Has ex-cocaine addict earned a 2nd chance?



MENTAL FITNESS

Janice Clarkson

Q: I have been divorced for five years now. While attending a recent high school reunion, I reconnected with my high school sweetheart. We dated during high school, and after graduation, we went our separate ways. Now, he is interested in picking up where we left off. He shared horrible stories about his cocaine addiction and the drunken situations involved, including two DUIs. He says he has changed his life and no longer drinks or does drugs. Do I give him another chance?

A: It depends on what he did to get clean. Did he complete a rehab program? Does he attend 12-step meetings or other recovery alternatives, such as SMART Recovery or LifeRing Secular Recovery? These groups can help him socialize and realize he is not alone. Does he have a sponsor? Does he have friends who are clean and sober? Does he work? Does he live independently and can support himself? Does he take any medications used to treat an alcohol use disorder?

He no longer drinks or uses drugs, which is a good thing. The fact that you are asking suggests you have already decided to give him another chance — you are just seeking confirmation.

You did not mention how the relationship ended. Breakups can often lead people to turn to drugs and alcohol as a way to cope. Ask yourself, how do you really feel about him now? Do you have any feelings of fear, obligation or guilt?

Are you ready to support him through any slips or relapses in his addiction? People recovering from addiction often face setbacks along the way. A slip is a short, unplanned use of alcohol or drugs, while a relapse occurs when he completely abandons his recovery plan.

However, a relapse does not mean he will never have a fulfilling and lasting sober life. It can act as a warning that he needs additional treatment. He can prevent slips or relapses by understanding his triggers and being honest about his condition. Triggers are best described as powerful events that provoke strong responses. For many, a difficult event or threatening interaction can trigger a relapse.

Stress warnings related to drug use, such as people, places, things, moods, and contact with drugs, are the most common triggers for relapse. Sobriety will become the new normal by spending time together when alcohol and drugs are not involved.

If you decide to give him another chance, take it slowly. He might have changed if his actions have matched his words for many months. Consider attending helpful groups like Codependents Anonymous (CODA), Nar-Anon, or Al-Anon meetings for family and friends of those struggling with addiction to find comfort and community with others facing similar challenges.

Make a decision that is in your best interest. Do not confuse love with pity and avoid entering a relationship solely to rescue someone.

Janice J. Clarkson holds a doctorate in counseling psychology and is a licensed mental health therapist, certified addiction professional, and certified yoga pod instructor, teaching yoga at the Council on Aging. Got a question? Contact Janice at jjclarkson@earthlink.net



Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library

FALL BOOK SALE!

Friends of Library book sale begins on Nov. 5

For the News-Leader

Fall means crisper temps, pumpkin everything, less frizzy hair, football games and the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale!

It's the time of year book-aholics look forward to. As the temperatures drop and the days grow shorter, there's nothing better than curling up with a fleecy throw and a good read.

Whether you're a lifelong reader or just looking for an occasional escape, now is the perfect opportunity to fill your bookshelves and save lots of money on hot current titles as well as age-old favorites.

The sale takes place at Peck Center Gym, 510 S. 10th St. in Fernandina Beach on the following dates:

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 4–7 p.m.

Friends of the Library member-only presale. Non-members can join FOL at the door or on Fernandinafol.org.

Thursday, Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friends of the Library member-only presale. Non-members can join FOL at the door or on Fernandinafol.org.

The tables in the gym will be overflowing with over 10,000 books, puzzles, records, CDs and DVDs. And most are $3 or less!

They'll all be arranged by category so you can easily find what you're looking for.

Check out the huge selection of new and current fiction bestsellers, hard cover and paperback. Find some interesting non-fiction in biographies and military history that's subdivided by different wars.

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Kids, kids, kids! Yes, yes, yes! All divided by age categories.

Big, impressive coffee table books. Yes, only $3.

Find special items like home-school workbooks, teaching aids and reference material.

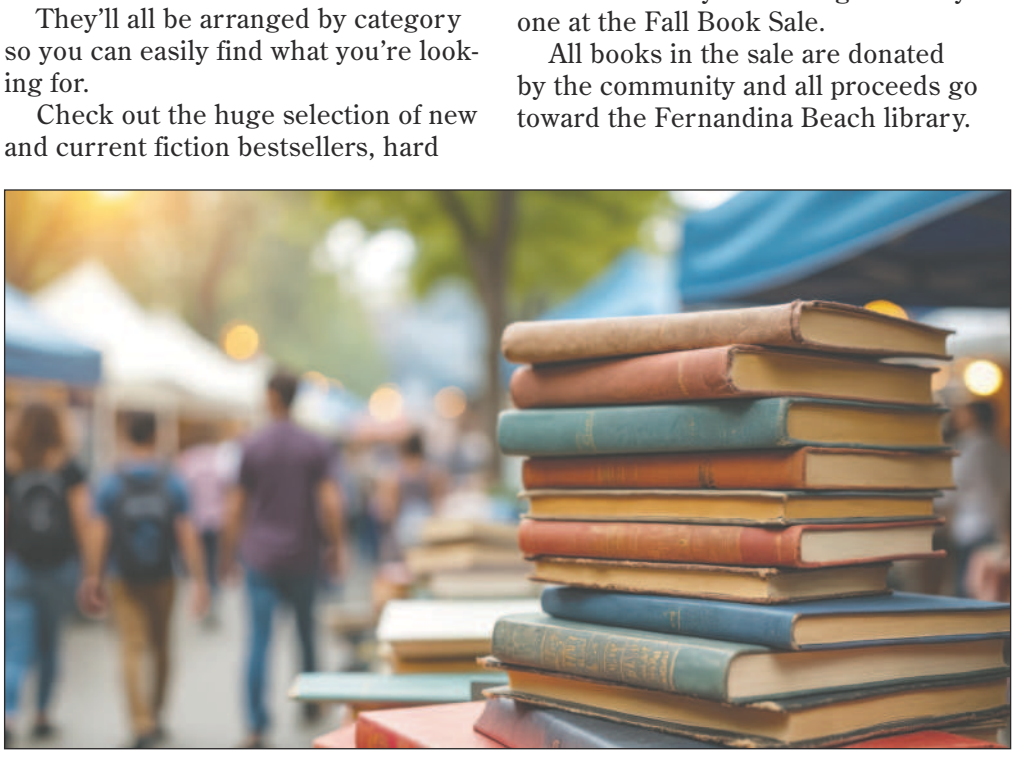
Join the treasure hunt for the always popular old and unusual books, some signed by the author.

Games, puzzles, CDs, DVDs and audio books always go fast…so be quick.

And, to help you get started on the holidays, this sale will feature a special selection of brand-new books for holiday gift-giving,

There is truly something for everyone at the Fall Book Sale.

All books in the sale are donated by the community and all proceeds go toward the Fernandina Beach library.



County Corner

5TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

NASSAU COUNTY'S BIGGEST HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL returns on Friday, October 24, 2025, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Yulee Sports Complex.

Hosted by Nassau County Parks and Recreation, this **FREE** community event will feature more than 60 businesses, County offices and community organizations distributing candy in our trick-or-treat alley. This event will also feature decorated jeeps from the Eight Flags Jeep Club, a kid's zone, hayrides, face painting, photo opportunities and more.

We are also excited to announce that this year's event will include a Spooky Silent Disco in the gym for kids ages 10 and up.

Food options include:
-Jax Taco Truck
-Atomic Wings
-Rafael's Italian Pizza
-'Sup Dawg
-Ruby's Waffle Bar and Creamery
-King of Pops
-Kona Ice
-BS Loaded Teas
-Sassy Sodas
-Yulee Athletic Association Concession Stand

Don't miss out on a frightfully fun night for the whole family– costumes encouraged, candy guaranteed, and memories waiting to be made!

A Public Service Announcment by the News-Leader

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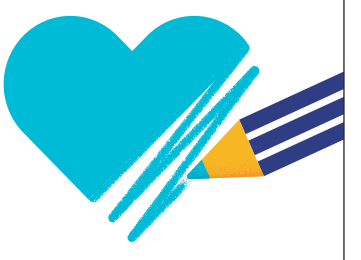

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NCFR joins Lowes for Saturday event

News-Leader

Members of Station 70 of Nassau County Fire Rescue teamed up with Lowes over the weekend for a family-friendly fire safety prevention event.

Participants received food and snacks, a pumpkin to take home and other goodies such as kids activities and safety information packets from American Red Cross and Nassau County Emergency Management.

The local event was in conjunction with a nationwide Lowes safety prevention event.



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Brian Barnhardt, safety captain for Lowes, shows off some of the handouts for participants.







Brian Barnhardt, safety captain for Lowes, talks with Nassau County Fire Rescue staff from Station 70 on Saturday at Lowes' fire safety prevention event.





NCFR longtime employees honored

For the News-Leader

At the Oct. 15 Board of County Commissioners meeting, the BOCC recognized several employees on employment milestones, all of which have a combined 125 years of service to Nassau County Fire Rescue (NCFR) and the residents of Nassau County: Engineer John Lain; Lieutenant David "Buddy" Lee; Captain Adam Salzburg; Captain Brian Sloan and Engineer Bradley Pierson.

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Engineer John Lain, middle, of Station 90 in Hilliard celebrated 25 years of service. Lain is a second-generation firefighter, following in the footsteps of his father, who served as a Captain with Jacksonville Fire Rescue. Lain also dedicated 21 years to serving his country in the United States Navy.



Lieutenant David "Buddy" Lee, middle, serves out of Station 20 and is celebrating 25 years of service with NCFR. Lee serves on the department's Apparatus Committee, where he oversees the design of vehicles purchased by NCFR, and has been instrumental in establishing the department's marine operations.



Captain Adam Salzburg, middle, celebrates 25 years of service. Adam serves at the new Station 70 on Old Nassauville Road, and was instrumental in overseeing the construction of that new facility Adam also plays an active role in training NCFR members in marine and water rescue operations.

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PETS

Animal Services

Nassau County Animal Services is responsible for animal care and control for Nassau County, almost 700 square miles. Our mission is to promote and protect public safety and animal care through sheltering, adoption programs, education and animal law enforcement. To see our available pets, and complete an online adoption application, follow us on Facebook and visit our website.

Meet Honeybun! Dog adoption fees sponsored.

Last month, Honeybun was heartbreakingly abandoned—just a note left behind.



But this resilient girl is ready for a fresh start. She's a 3-year-old, 72-pound bundle of personality who's looking for a forever home filled with love and care.

Could that be you? Come meet Honeybun and give her the second chance she truly deserves.

Meet Snorty! Dog adoption fees sponsored. This 2½-year-old pup weighs in at 56 pounds and is ready to find his forever home.



Snorty walks well on a leash and already knows his sit and stay commands — smart and polite!

He'd do best in a home without cats. Snorty has been with us since March, making him one of our long timers. Let's help him find a loving family before the holidays, so he can finally enjoy the warmth of a real home.

Nassau County Animal Services is teaming up with seven other area shelters for a Pet Adoption Festival at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville — happening Oct. 25 & 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Our facility will be closed on both days as we join forces to help hundreds of pets find loving homes. Adoption fees will be waived, so it's the perfect time to meet your new best friend.

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Humane Society

If you're looking for a dog, you won't find one cuter than Zephyr! This 1½-year-old pup loves playing with other dogs in our playgroups and has the sweetest, most expressive eyes.



He lived with a family but became stressed when a small child joined the home, so he's hoping for a calmer place to settle in. He was found as a puppy abandoned in a box at a boat ramp, so he's a true rescue dog, and now he's ready for his happy new beginning.

If you're looking for a dog to give you a lifetime of love, please come say hello to Zephyr!

Clarice is a beautiful one-year-old Domestic Shorthair mix with a soft brown-and-black coat and a gentle spirit. She's currently living the office life



with our financial controller while she learns that people can be pretty great. Although a bit shy right now, our staff and volunteers are helping her gain confidence each day. Clarice would love a quiet home where she can feel safe and loved — and in return, you'll get the joy of watching her blossom before your eyes. Please come meet this gorgeous young lady— she's pretty as a picture!

Nassau Humane Society Adoption Center now is open seven days a week, to make it even easier to meet your new best friend. We're at 639 Airport Road in Fernandina Beach. To get there, take the Amelia Island Parkway and turn onto Airport Road at the airport entrance sign. You'll see our sign for the Adoption Center and Dog Park a short distance beyond the airport terminal, on the right. Our new hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. Pet showings end a half-hour before closing. You can call us at (904) 321-1647, email us at info@nassauhumane.org and follow us on Facebook, where we also post pictures of lost pets who have come in as strays. Check out our adoptable pets anytime at nassauhumane.org. Please come see us — any day of the week.

Cats Angels

Hello, it is me again! My name is Lanna, a young adult tabby with mesmerizing emerald eyes. I was on top of the world, in what I thought was my forever home, but now I find myself back in the adoption room. Sadly, I was returned through no fault of my own. Cats Angels volunteers say I am a sweet girl. I love people and all the cats and kittens. With Halloween in just a few weeks, I would love to be treated to finding the perfect home. Please stop by and ask to see Lanna! P.S. I have my paws and whiskers crossed for good luck!



Cats Angels is a volunteer base organization since 2001 helping with low cost spay/neuter services and with TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return to Caregiver). We receive no local or federal government funding and operate solely on private donations, fund raising, grants and sales from our Thrift Store and your support is appreciated. If you want to know more about how to support or donate to Cats Angels, go to www.catsangels.org/ and click on How To Help, where you will find many ways to lend a hand.Recycle your aluminum and cat food cans at the bins in our parking lot at 709 S. 8th St. We graciously accept donations for cat care and resale items for our Thrift Store. Information about our Spay/Neuter, TNVR and Adoption Programs is on our website.

Cats Angels welcomes volunteers to help us care for the cats and as retail clerks in our Thrift Store. Our Volunteer Application is online. Thrift store hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

PET PROJECTS

Volunteers needed

If you're interested in volunteering and you care about animals, the Nassau Humane Society in Fernandina Beach needs you. NHS depends on volunteers to help with many shelter duties, including walking dogs, socializing cats, cleaning, maintenance, joining in adoption events, office jobs and more. Fosters also serve a vital role, giving animals a temporary loving home for a variety of reasons. NHS provides everything you need to foster a pet, from food and cat litter to medications and dog crates. Even if you'd rather not work with shelter animals directly, you can help by volunteering at the NHS Dog Park or Second Chance/Closet resale stores. Young adults between ages 12 and 15 must be accompanied by their legal guardian. For more information, please contact NHS at 904-321-1647, send an email to info@nassauhumane.org, or visit NassauHumane.org, where you can submit a volunteer application form online.

Retail stores need help

The Nassau Humane Society's resale shops, Second Chance and The Closet, always need volunteers and donors of gently used merchandise.

Make new friends and choose from helping in the front of the stores or behind the scenes. All profits from both stores benefit the Nassau Humane Society and its no-kill animal shelter on Airport Road in Fernandina Beach.

Second Chance is located at 1116 S. 14th Street and The Closet is located at 1002 S. 14th Street. For information, call 904-321-0022.

Donations needed

Bring gently used items to donate to Second Chance resale store, 1002 S. 14th Street, to benefit the Nassau Humane Society's programs. Free pickup is available by calling 904-321-0022.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVISE

5.90 - Administration of Medication
5.39 - Student Expulsion
5.02 - Attendance-Compulsory Attendance
2.51 - Safe and Secure Schools
2.54 - Automated External Defibrillators
3.03 - General Requirements for Employment
3.08 - Certification
3.09 - Employment of Non-Certificated Instructional Personnel
7.64 - Change Orders
5.16 - Foreign Exchange Students

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

7.21 - Trespass-Unauthorized Entry to School Bus
8.35 - Police Therapy Dogs

In compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 120, Florida Statute, a public hearing may be held if requested within twenty-one (21) days of this notice at the place, time, and date indicated below:

Place: Nassau County School Board
1201 Atlantic Ave.
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Time: 6:00 P. M.

Date: November 13, 2025

No significant economic impact is anticipated.

Copies of the Administrative Rules and amended policies are located in all schools, and the School Board office.







PUZZLES

CRYPTO FUN

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solve the code to discover words related to senior safety.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 17 = E)

A. 19 24 13 7 7 17 23 5
Clue: Slick

B. 19 1 15 11 17 23
Clue: Place to wash

C. 26 20 23 19
Clue: Handles

D. 17 5 17 19 13 12 1 25
Clue: Ability to see

Answers: A. slippery B. shower C. bars D. eyesight

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell
something pertaining to senior safety.

M M E O Y R

Answer: Memory

GUESS WHO?

I am a country singer born in South Carolina on November 20, 1977. I went to the Vanderbilt voice clinic to treat a lesion on my vocal cords. I performed at the Grand Ole Opry in 2001 and have had several top ten hits.

Answer: Josh Turner

SENIOR SAFETY WORD SEARCH

S	V	S	E	V	G	D	M	C	O	G	N	I	T	I	V	E	S	I	R
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E	E	S	T	H	O	M	E	S	A	F	E	T	Y	H	G	N	M	C	T

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

BALANCE
BATHROOM
CAREGIVERS
COGNITIVE
ELDER ABUSE
EMERGENCY
FALL PREVENTION
FIRES
GRAB BARS
HEARING AIDS
HOME SAFETY
HYPOTHERMIA
LIGHTING
MEDICATION
MOBILITY AIDS
NON-SLIP
PERSONAL ALARM
PREPAREDNESS
SAFE DRIVING
SCAMS
SECURITY SYSTEM
STAIRLIFT
VISION

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

SUDOKU SOL. 10.17

9	8	5	2	4	6	1	7	3
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PUZZLE SOL. 10.15

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ACROSS
1. Awestruck
5. Paid player
8. Precedes pedia
12. Oxen connector
13. Sonic sound
14. _____ Dondarrion, "Game of Thrones" Lord of Blackhaven
15. Bibliographical abbr. (2 words)
16. *2025 Pete Davidson horror flick, "The _____"
17. Wear away
18. *Movie director of "Knock at the Cabin" fame
20. Manage without help
21. Subway coin
22. Boar's mate
23. *Jordan Peele's directorial debut (2017, 2 words)
26. Richard Gere in 1980 movie, pl.
30. Bit of binary code
31. A way to steal gas
34. *"It's _____" (1974)
35. Estrogen producer
37. Have a bug
38. Glue on, e.g.
39. Comme ci, comme ça
40. Nice to look at
42. Opposite of WSW
43. Opposite of #40 Across
45. Cordwood units
47. The night before
48. Warm down-slope wind
50. Blood component
52. *Trip to Sweden gone wrong (2019)
56. Like certain radiant energy
57. Pakistani tongue
58. "Ill at _____"
59. Not together
60. Ooze
61. Bulgarian, e.g.
62. Like certain grape beverage
63. Get it wrong
64. Shakira's don't lie?

DOWN
1. Roll call answers
2. Visi_____ or Ostro_____
3. Thumbs-up
4. Italian frozen dessert
5. Southern England's coastal town
6. *_____ Polanski, director of "Rosemary's Baby"
7. *The story of Damien Thorn, with The (1976)
8. *Americans' attacker in London (1981)
9. Pump it!
10. Pirate Captain _____
11. Frozen H2O
13. Devotional worship, in Hinduism
14. Haze over
19. Timid
22. Envy, biblically-speaking
23. Duck follower
24. Diplomat on a mission
25. Badger or bug
26. Happy Gilmore's game
27. Forever prisoner
28. Sheep-like
29. Movie "Battle of the _____"
32. Pay as you earn, acr.
33. Step on it
36. *Mia Farrow in Roman Polanski's movie (1967)
38. Poetic although
40. Before of yore
41. Depletes (2 words)
44. Manifest
46. Catch in a net
48. Firearm shooter
49. More eccentric
50. Shoshonean people
51. Panache
52. Dante's Beatrice, e.g.
53. Mauritania's Eastern neighbor
54. Hurry up, acronym
55. RPMs
56. *James Wan's directorial debut (2004)

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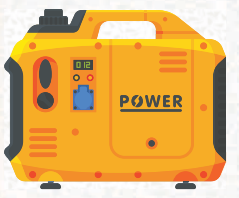

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 6:00 PM and the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 5:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard, will each hold a public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the 2030 Nassau County Comprehensive Plan as outlined below. All hearings will take place at the Commission Chambers, James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida 32097. The Planning and Zoning Board and/or the Board of County Commissioners may continue hearings on these matters.

CPA25-020:



ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-053

AN ORDINANCE OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) OF THE 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION OF APPROXIMATELY 2.24 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF US HIGHWAY 17 BETWEEN HAMILTON STREET AND KOEN LANE, FROM LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR) AND COMMERCIAL (COM) TO COMMERCIAL (COM); PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

CPA25-026:



ORDINANCE 2025-058

AN ORDINANCE OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) OF THE 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION OF APPROXIMATELY 9.83 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF GENE LASSERRE BLVD., FROM INDUSTRIAL (IND) TO TRANSECT 7.3 (T-7.3); PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearings and to be heard. Copies of the Ordinances and supporting documentation is available for inspection in the Planning Department, 96161 Nassau Place, Yulee, FL 32097. Comments may also be directed, in writing, to the Planning Department, via email to planning@nassaucountyfl.com, or received by telephone at (904) 530-6320. All comments will become a part of the record in this matter and subject to Florida's Public Records law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO BE PRESENT AND BE HEARD. IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, AGENCY OR COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING OR HEARING, HE/SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR THAT PURPOSE, MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Manager's Office at contact@nassaucountyfl.com, 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 1, Yulee, FL 32097, Phone No. 904-530-6010, not later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call the Florida Relay Service at 711 or toll free at 1-800-955-8771 (TTY).

TYRONE BLUE Chair
Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board

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Nassau County Board of County Commissioners

GRAND OPENING

THE WINERY AT TUSCAN ROSE VINEYARDS

Saturday, November 8th at 11:00 AM 45918 Bismark Road Callahan, FL 32011



Tucked away in rural Callahan, The Winery at Tuscan Rose Vineyards offers a retreat to relax, taste, and connect. Surrounded by muscadine vines and welcoming smiles, guests can enjoy local wines, wood-fired dishes, and a warm, inviting atmosphere you won't find anywhere else.

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RIGHT WHALE WEEK AND RIGHT WHALE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 25-November 2

Join the Amelia Island community as we "Celebrate the Return of the Right Whales!"

As right whales begin their journey to our coast, we are celebrating their return through educational events and activites to remind the community how we can all help to protect this endangered species! Look for right whale decals on galleries, shops, restaurants, and pubs to enjoy whale merchandise and specials.

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Sip and Shop
Shop for fun fall apparel and accessories while supporting the Right Whale Festival.
J. McLaughlin
4800 First Coast Highway, Ste 420
12:00pm-4:00pm

Friday, October 31, 2025

Lecture Luncheon
Join us as guest speaker, Dr. Michael J. Moore, from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, as he explores the critical question of who bears responsibility for saving right whales. Tickets are $25 and include a bag lunch; get your tickets online at: rightwhalefestival.com/activities-1
Courtyard Amelia Island
2700-1 Atlantic Ave
11:30am-1:30pm

Volunteers Needed:
We are looking for serious and dedicated volunteers to help make the Right Whale Festival a success! For more details, visit: rightwhalefestival.com/get-involved

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Beach Clean-up
Join Keep Nassau Beautiful in cleaning up the beaches and surrounding areas in preparation for the upcoming right whale calving season. Please register at: keepnassaubeautiful.org/volunteer-events/
Main Beach Park
9:00am

Right Whale Festival
Enjoy live music, food trucks, art and gifts, interactive exhibits, athletic events, and more, while learning about right whales.
Main Beach Park
32 N. Fletcher Ave.
10:00am-6:00pm

Skate Contest
Join the Friends of Fernandina Skatepark and Amelia Surf Co. for an epic skate contest where extreme sports meest ocean conservation. Register at: friendsoffernandinaskatepark.com
Fernandina Beach Skate Park
25 Tarpon Street
1:00pm-6:00pm

Movie in the Park
FREE screening of two documentaries: *IN THE WHALE* and *RIGHT TO SURVIVE*. Bring your lawn chair and join us for these fascinating films! Food and beverages will be available for purchase before the movies start.
Main Beach Park
32 N. Fletcher Ave.
7:00pm-9:00pm

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Tribute Bike Ride #livelikejessica
North Florida Bicycle Club will be hosting the 3rd annual tribute ride in memory of Jessica Koelsch Bibza (10x ironman and festival co-founder). This 35-mile ride is for experienced cyclists. Register at: rightwhalefestival.com/activities-1
Main Beach Park
32 N. Fletcher Ave.
9:00am

Yoga on the Beach
Join Deb Cunningham for a gentle island yoga flow with magnificent views of the ocean. Bring a large beach towel or mat. All levels welcome.
Main Beach
9:00am-10:00am

Right Whale Festival
Day two of festival fun! Don't miss visiting over 100 exhibits focused on marine conservation & ocean themed gifts!
Main Beach Park
32 N. Fletcher Ave.
10:00am-3:00pm

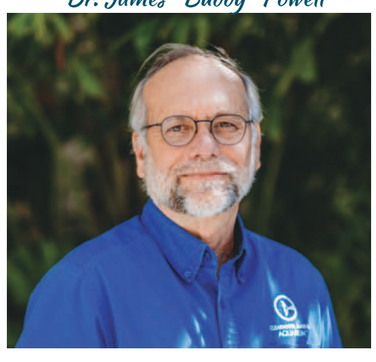
Dog Parade Tails for Whales!
Tails of the Trail, Nassau Humane Society, and Nassau County Animal Services will be hosting a dog parade; rescue and pet dogs will be guided around the festival grounds in marine themed costumes. Register at Redbones Dog Bakery (809 S 8th St.) or at: rightwhalefestival.com/activities-1
Cost: $15 includes dog treats and goodies
Main Beach Park
32 N. Fletcher Ave.
9:45am

River Cruise
Immerse yourself in the beauty of nature with right whale experts! Tickets are $75 and support the Right Whale Festival: ameliarivercruises.com
Amelia River Cruises
1 North Front Street
4:00pm-6:00pm

Monday, November 3, 2025

Right Whale Volunteer Training
Join Julie Albert with Blue World Research Institute to learn what you can do to help protect right whales, including how to spot and report right whales from shore.
Courtyard by Marriott Amelia Island
2700-1 Atlantic Avenue
6:00pm-8:00pm

The 2025 Right Whale Festival is Dedicated to the Memory of Dr. James "Buddy" Powell





RIGHT WHALE FESTIVAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 2	Sunday, November 3
10:00am The Islanders	10:30am Chillakaya
12:00pm The Honey Badgers	1:00pm Str8up
3:15pm Brian Ernst	

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UNTANGLING THE TRUTH ABOUT RIGHT WHALES.....

…. emphasizes the urgent need to address the complex misconceptions surrounding North Atlantic right whales. Much like the entanglements these whales face from fishing gear and marine debris, the issues surrounding their survival are layered with knots of science, policy, and public perception that must be carefully worked through. Join us **November 1–2 at Main Beach Park on Amelia Island** as we unravel the truth and debunk common myths surrounding right whale behavior, habitat, and conservation. With fewer than 370 right whales remaining, the festival is committed to sharing accurate information about these whales while spotlighting meaningful ways to protect them. As we celebrate the annual return of right whales to our coast, we'll shed light on the latest efforts to safeguard their future—while setting the record straight on common misconceptions. Below we've highlighted a few of these misconceptions but join us at the Right Whale Festival to dive deeper into the truth!

Whales are not important to the ocean's health or to our everyday lives.



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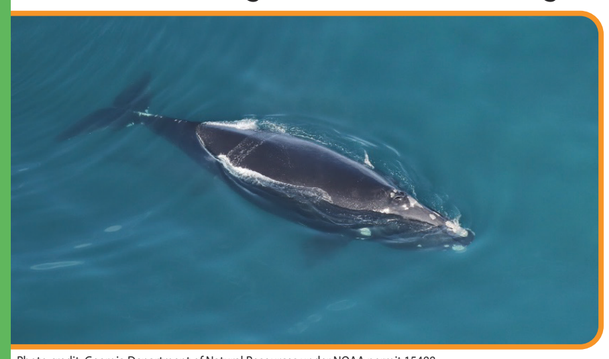
FALSE..... Whales play an important role in keeping the ocean healthy and helping regulate the climate. They recycle nutrients by releasing waste near the surface, which feeds tiny plants called phytoplankton that support the whole food chain. Whales also store carbon—a single large whale can store over 30 tons of carbon in its body during its lifetime! When the whale dies and sinks, it takes the CO_2 to the deep ocean, locking it away in deep-ocean sediments and deep-sea life for centuries. Their feeding and movements affect many other species, from the smallest plankton to large predators. When whale populations change, it can create ripple effects, called trophic cascades, that upset the balance of marine ecosystems.

North Atlantic right whales are among the most endangered large whales.



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TRUE..... The North Atlantic right whale is one of the world's most endangered large whales, showing no signs of recovery despite protection from whaling since the 1930s. Their populations were decimated by whalers, and today they still face serious threats. Fewer than 370 individuals remain, with vessel strikes and entanglement in fishing gear posing the greatest risks. Climate change is shifting the plankton they rely on for food, sometimes forcing whales into waters with fewer protections and potentially reducing nutrition and/or increasing energy expenditure associated with foraging in less familiar areas -either can contribute to lower reproductive rates. With so few whales left, even minor threats can have major impacts.

Right whales can swallow a human.

FALSE..... Despite their massive size, whales cannot swallow anything close to human-sized. A baleen whale's esophagus, for example, is usually no wider than a grapefruit. Even if a person ended up in a whale's mouth, the whale would almost certainly spit them out, as it physically cannot swallow something that large.



Movie in the Park: Join us on Saturday, November 1 at 7 PM (weather permitting) for a FREE outdoor screening of two compelling documentaries on the festival grounds. ***In the Whale*** tells the extraordinary true story of a man who survived being "swallowed" by a whale and what happened after his escape. We'll also feature ***Right to Survive,*** a short documentary created by a team of University of North Florida students and alumni. This inspiring film highlights the urgent fight to protect North Atlantic right whales.

For more information about right whales and how to help them, visit: rightwhalefestival.com

You can sometimes see right whales from shore.

TRUE..... North Atlantic right whales primarily inhabit coastal Atlantic waters, making them visible from shore at certain times of the year. From spring through fall, they feed and mate off the coasts of New England and Canada, then travel over 1,000 miles south to shallow waters off North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and northeastern Florida to give birth and nurse their calves from November through April. Right whales can be identified by their distinctive "V"-shaped blow and absence of a dorsal fin. For the safety of both you and the whales, always observe from shore or stay at least 500 yards away—it's the law. If you spot a right whale in the Southeast U.S., report it to 1-877-WHALE-HELP (1-877-942-5343).



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Northeast Florida's waters are home to only mother-calf right whale pairs.

FALSE..... Pregnant females migrate to the Southeast U.S. each winter to give birth and nurse their calves, taking advantage of the region's shallow, sheltered conditions that offer a safer environment for newborns. While mothers and calves are the primary focus during calving season, other right whales may also be present in the area. Adult males, juveniles, and non-pregnant females are occasionally found in these waters, as well as humpback, fin, or minke whales. The winter movements of many right whales remain largely unknown, though research indicates that some may remain off the Northeast U.S. year-round. This underscores how much remains to be learned about their behavior and migration.



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The Right Whale Festival is held in the heart of the right whale calving area.

TRUE..... The festival is held at Main Beach Park on Amelia Island, Florida, located within the calving grounds of the North Atlantic right whale. These warm, sheltered coastal waters—including areas off North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and northeast Florida—are the only known area where pregnant females give birth and nurse their young from November to April, making this location critical for the species' survival. Gathering here adds special meaning to the celebration, as we honor and learn about the whales in the very waters they depend on. The festival is an opportunity to celebrate, educate, and take action to protect these endangered whales.



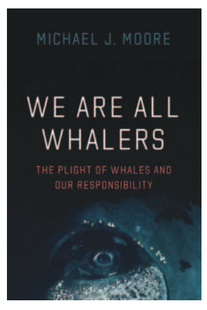
We all have the power to help protect right whales.

TRUE..... At the Right Whale Festival, attendees are reminded that every one of us has the power to make a difference. Through these simple actions, we can all play a role in protecting right whales:

- **Spread awareness:** Tell your friends and family why right whales need our help.
- **Keep the ocean clean:** Say no to single-use plastics that pollute the oceans and participate in beach clean-ups with Keep Nassau Beautiful.
- **Report sightings:** If you're lucky enough to see one, report right whale sightings to **1-877 WHALE HELP (1-877-942-5343)**.
- **Join the cause:** Volunteer or donate to organizations that work to protect right whales like the Right Whale Festival, Amelia Island Whale Ambassadors, or Blue World Research Institute.
- **Support smart fishing:** Learn about what kinds of fisheries threaten whales and choose responsibly. Ask for whale-sustainable seafood at the restaurants and grocery stores where you shop.

Small actions together add up to a big impact. By staying informed, speaking up, and making mindful choices, each of us can help ensure right whales survive and thrive.

Don't miss the opportunity to meet **Dr. Michael J. Moore** at the Right Whale Festival. A veterinary scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Dr. Moore has spent more than 30 years advancing our understanding of marine mammal health, with a special focus on the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale. He is also the author of ***We Are All Whalers***, a powerful call to action that reveals the hidden ways our daily lives impact whales, challenges us to recognize our shared responsibility in protecting them, and offers practical ways we can all help right whales. The book is available on Amazon and at the Right Whale festival.



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