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9/11 Remembrance Ceremony set

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Man sought after attack on woman

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Authorities are searching for an Interlachen man they say attacked a woman and started a fire at a home.

During the evening of Sept. 2, deputies said Jordan Green, 33, set fire to a room in the house and battered a woman.

According to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office social media post, the



victim told deputies Green came to an Interlachen residence to start an argument and then he struck her in the head. The victim fled from Green, gather-

ing her children and locking herself in a

bedroom. According

Green

to deputies, the victim said she smelled smoke and left the bedroom, but found a room in another part of the house on fire.

Deputies said the victim took her children and ran to a neighbor's home and Green left the home. The victim also said Green entered the residence

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Dairy Queen co-owner **Barbara Smothers dies**

Palatka Daily News

File photo

A giant American flag flies from a Palatka ladder truck prior to last year's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Putnam County Government Complex.

Event will mark

By SARAH CAVACINI Palatka Daily News

arrive by 9:45 a.m. at the Putnam also want people to feel safe," Flateau County Government Complex, 2509 Crill Ave. Residents need to take their seats

Barbara Smothers, co-owner of the Dairy Queen in Palatka for 25 years with her husband, has died.

Dairy Queen manager Brittany Green said Smothers died Monday following a brief illness. She was 73, according to Green.

Smothers and her husband, Howard, became owners of the Dairy Queen at 822 St. Johns Ave. in 1996. The business is an icon in downtown Palatka, opening in 1952.

"Miss Barb really left her mark in the community," said Green, who has worked at the business for 12 years. "She loved going to schools and reading to students and left her mark with the roundup she did with eyeglasses for the Lions Club.

"She was a very patient woman and she will definitely be missed."

The Palatka Dairy Queen opened in 1952 and was owned by Roger and Opal Shotwell.

Friday's edition of the Palatka Daily News will include more about Smothers.

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20th anniversary

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Residents are invited to attend the Putnam County 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday but are encouraged to do what is best for their safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those planning to attend should

Organizer and county Fire and EMS Battalion Chief Paul Flateau said officials plan to stream the ceremony on the Putnam County Fire Rescue Local 3529 Facebook page for residents who cannot attend in per-

"We want people to come, but we

no later than 9:53 a.m. because American Legion Honor Guards will enter three minutes later. A moment of silence will follow at 9:59 a.m. marking when the first World Trade Center tower fell on Sept. 11, 2001.

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School district seeking to expand career, technical education options

NICK BLANK/Palatka Daily News

Superintendent Rick Surrency discusses the school district's building and construction technology, flanked by Director of Career and **Technical Education** Renee Hough and district board Chairwoman Holly Pickens.



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The Putnam County School District is hoping to push building and construction fields into its classrooms as it seeks to expand career and technical education for students next school year.

The district is seeking \$500,000 from the state Legislature for a Building Construction Technologies

pathway at Interlachen Junior-Senior High School and potentially Palatka Junior-Senior High School for the 2022-2023 school year. The fields addressed will be carpentry, masonry, HVAC, plumbing and electrical.

The Frank V. Oliver Foundation also bestowed the district \$100,000 toward the effort.

District officials plan to partner

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"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.'

- Henry Ford (1863 - 1947) was an American industrialist, business magnate, and founder of the Ford Motor Company, and chief developer of the assembly line technique of mass production.



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The community is invited to come and meet the Rev. George Cruz-Martinez, newly called rostered pastor, at Hope Lutheran Church, 273 County Road 309 in Satsuma 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Cruz-Martinez has been in the ministry for 42 years and has pastored churches in Florida, New Jersey and his native New York. He and his wife, Beverly Rivera, have also served as missionaries for a few years in Honduras, Central America. Pictured from left are Judy Reall, church council president; Marilyn Cooper, council secretary; and the pastor and his wife. Pastor Cruz-Martinez will be installed at Hope Lutheran Church 2 p.m. Oct. 3. The church is also offering a free, quality clothes giveaway the same day. Due to COVID-19, the church requests face masks be worn.

Announcements

PUTNAM COUNTY COVID-19 vaccination, testing sites announced

The Florida Department of Health in Putnam County is offering free coronavirus vaccinations with no appointment necessary. Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available.

COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY -Putnam County Health Department, 2801 Kennedy St. in Palatka, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

COVID-19 TESTING SITE

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS -The Florida Department of Health is offering drive-thru COVID-19 testing with no appointment needed 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the county's teacher training center, 1101

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Husson Ave. in Palatka.

EAST PALATKA **Rockin 4 Rhett fundraiser** is Saturday at fairgrounds

Friends and family are planning a fundraiser Saturday for Rhett Kehoe and his family of the Johnson area. The 3-year-old was diagnosed with high risk B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia with hyperdiploidy on Jan. 7. The Rockin 4 Rhett event is 4–11 p.m. at the Putnam County Fairgrounds on Yelvington Road in East Palatka. Gates open at 4 p.m. and all proceeds go to the Kehoe family to help with their son's medical expenses as well as the family's living expenses.

Highlights include 50/50 drawing, silent auctions, a beer tent, food trucks and live music. Entry at the gate is \$10 and a bottomless beer cup can be purchased for \$20. Bands include John Nickoloff & The Rear View Mirror, Dean Man's Hand, Southern Gentlemen Band and Backwater. Emcee for the event is Lewis Stokes.

Prizes for drawings have been donated by area businesses and individuals and

include a guitar, half-day chartered fishing trip, Garmin Drive Track GPS, coolers, custom cornhole boards, Yeti buckets filled with goodies and gift cards. There is also a special prize in the silent auction that includes a two-day hunting trip with 7C's Ranch valued at \$5,000. Tickets for the drawings are \$5 each or five for \$20. Prize donations are still being accepted. For details or to donate, call Nicki Auth at 546-4150. Organizers are also looking for corporate sponsors.

INTERLACHEN Community Flea Market is Saturday at Post

American Legion Post 293 in Interlachen is hosting a Community Flea Market 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the post, 145 S. County Road 315 in Interlachen. The bloodmobile will be onhand along with a car wash sponsored by the Boy Scouts.

Other highlights include a bake sale and hot dogs, chips and sodas available for lunch.

For details, text Cindy Lester at 916-6462. The public is invited.

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 9, the 252nd day of 2021. There are 113 days left in the year.

TODAY IN PUTNAM

In 1898, 131 Palatkans appealed to Palatka to repeal the bicycle ordinance requiring bicyclists to provide themselves with lanterns.

In 1910, D.M. Kirby, Palatka postmaster, asked patrons to erect conveniently accessible boxes, or cut suitable slots in their doors, to give faster and better delivery service.

In 1913, the Board of Trade voiced opposition to the erection of hitching posts on the courthouse square.

In 1921, faced with an acute financial problem, the Palatka City Council decided to give delinquent taxpayers five days' notice for payment of back taxes before publishing their names, then allowing five days more before levying property to be sold. The bank had agreed to help the city by accepting city warrants.

In 1943, 1st Lt. Chas. L. Ginn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Ginn of Palatka, received the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious service in aerial flight on numerous operational missions over enemy occupied territory.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY

On Sept. 9, 1850, California became the 31st state of the union.

ON THIS DATE

In 1776, the second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."

In 1893, Frances Cleveland, wife of President Grover Cleveland, gave birth to a daughter, Esther, in the White House. It was the first (and, to date, only) time a president's child was born in the executive mansion.

In 1956, Elvis Presley made the first of three appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Topol is 86. Singer Inez Foxx is 79. Singer Dee Dee Sharp is 76. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Joe Theismann is 72. Rock musician John McFee (The Doobie Brothers) is 71. Actor Tom Wopat is 70. Actor Angela Cartwright is 69. Actor Hugh Grant is 61. Actor Constance Marie is 56. Actor David Bennent is 55. Actor Adam Sandler is 55. Model Rachel Hunter is 52. Actor Michelle Williams is 41. Actor Julie Gonzalo is 40.

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PLANNING AHEAD

TODAY

Crescent City Commission meeting, 6 p.m., Crescent City Hall.

■ Palatka City Commission, special-called workshop concerning American Rescue Plan funding, 4 p.m., City Hall.

Palatka City Commission meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall.

SATURDAY

■ 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, 9:45 a.m., Putnam County Government Complex.

MONDAY

■ Putnam County Board of Commissioners, special called meeting, 11 a.m., Putnam County Government Complex.

TUESDAY

■ Interlachen Town Council meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall.

■ Pomona Park Town Council meeting, 6 p.m., Town Hall.

Putnam County Board of Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m.; workshop, 2 p.m., Putnam County Government Complex.

■ Welaka Town Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall **ROAD WORK UPDATE**

CITY OF PALATKA

■ 14th Street and 15th Street from Crill Avenue to St. Johns Avenue are limited to local resident traffic only due to roadwork.

PUTNAM COUNTY

■ South Providence Church Road from Bardin Road to North Providence Church Road is closed until further notice. Only local traffic will be permitted.

STATE PROJECTS

■ Baden Powell Avenue at State Road 20. Road closure at State Road 20 through late September for reconstruction work related to the State Road 20 widening project. Detour via Chesser Monroe Road and East Washington Avenue.

■ State Road 20 from Southeast 65th Lane to Gordon Chapel Road. Daytime lane closures weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for work related to the widening project.

As part of the Dunns Creek roadway widening project, temporary median closures along U.S. 17 at Hoot Owl Road, Islander Road and San Mateo Road/Magnolia Trail have been extended through mid-September for paving.

Pomona Park Town Council adopts budget

Ву AL Ккомвасн Special to the Palatka Daily News

POMONA PARK — In a public hearing spanning less than 15 minutes, the town council adopted its \$1.5 million, 2021-2022 budget Wednesday on first reading.

"For anyone who's been here for a number of years, this has been quite a process," Mayor Joe Svingala said, citing the previous weeks of negotiations and planning. "I'm thrilled with what's going on here."

Svingala praised Town Clerk Andrea Almeida, who's been employed by the town only a few months, and Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer Kelly Krupski for their hard work in pulling the numbers together.

The town adopted an ad valorem tax rate of 5.0493 mills, the rollback rate, based on a taxable value of \$36,852,351. Last



Pomona Park Town Hall

year's rate was 5.2974 mills. A rollback rate is a tax rate that is calculated to generate the same income as the previous year's rate.

The 2021-2022 Pomona Park budget amounts to \$1,598,015.

The second and final public hearing and budget vote is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday,

Sept. 21. The council is to meet for its regular monthly session at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Both meetings will be at the town hall council chambers and will be available via teleconferencing.

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Tourism agency: Variant a 'bump' in recovery

By JIM TURNER News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE – Florida travel-industry leaders expect the surge in COVID-19 cases linked to the delta variant to increasing tourism numbers.

The marketing agency estimated travel into Florida, driven by tourists from other states, was 223.4 percent higher in the second quarter of 2021 than during the same three-month this is just a temporary bump in the road," Pewitt Yancey said. "Once you start to look out to a more medium length time horizon, people seem to believe that either the situation will pass, or they will travel anyway, even if it

BACK WITH PALATKA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Brian Keith, left, was sworn in Wednesday at the Palatka Police Department as an auxiliary officer. He started his career with the agency in 1982 and retired as a lieutenant in 2003, before a stint with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office from 2011-2021. At right is Palatka Police Department Chief Jason Shaw.

Police plan to reinstall US Capitol fence

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Law enforcement officials concerned by the prospect for violence at a rally in the nation's capital next week are planning to reinstall protective fencing that surrounded the U.S. Capitol for months after the Jan. 6 insurrection there, according to a person familiar with the discussions.

Though no specific measures have been announced, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi hinted during her weekly press conference Wednesday at extra safety precautions for the Sept. 18 rally by saying: "We intend to have the integrity of the Capitol be intact." Briefings for lawmakers, including congressional leaders, are expected in coming days.

A security plan that is being finalized calls for a fenced perimeter on the streets immediately surrounding the Capitol building and the Supreme Court, though not around the congressional office buildings nearby, said the person, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity ahead of an official announcement.

The Capitol Police formally requested the fence to the board that oversees it, and it is likely to be approved, according to a House Democratic aide who spoke on condition of anonymity to talk about private discussions.

Police continue to track intelligence indicating far-right extremist groups like the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers are planning to attend next week's rally, which is designed to demand "justice" for the hundreds of people who have been charged in connection with January's insurrection. Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio, however, has said he doesn't expect his membership to attend.

On Wednesday, meanwhile, the FBI released new information in hopes of catching the person suspected of leaving behind two pipe bombs on Capitol Hill the night before the riot, one of the enduring, unsolved mysteries of that chaotic week.

The potential presence of the extremist groups at next week's event is concerning because, while members and associates of Oath Keepers and Proud Boys make up just a fraction of the nearly 600 people who have been charged so far in the riot, they are facing some of the most serious charges brought.

Those charges include allegations that they conspired to block the certification of Biden's victory. Several Oath Keepers have pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges and are cooperating with investigators in the case against their fellow extremists, who authorities say came to Washington ready for violence and willing to do whatever it took to stop the certification of the Electoral College vote.

The fence had been a stark symbol of the fear many in the Capitol felt after the mob pushed its way past overwhelmed police officers, broke through windows and doors and ransacked the Capitol as Congress was voting to certify Joe Biden's electoral win.

Today's Lesson: The Newspaper

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 Improves reading skills

cause only a brief slowdown in the state's tourism rebound, as they seek more federal money to lure families and winter visitors.

Meeting Wednesday at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, the Visit Florida Board of Directors approved plans for the state's tourism-marketing arm to apply for a \$14.8 million federal grant to help the state try to attract travelers from other parts of the U.S. That money is tied to \$3 billion in grants made available in July through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

"These funds are not yet received. Actually, we haven't even applied for them yet," Visit Florida President Dana Young told board members. "We feel confident, because this money has already been allocated, that we will receive them."

The goal is to maintain the pace of recovery that the leisure and hospitality industry has seen this year after COVID-19 caused massive economic damage in 2020, when the state ended 10 years of steadily

Pet of the Day

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period in 2020. Young prefers to focus on domestic travel from April 1 through June 30. Those numbers were 6∞ higher than in the same period of 2019, the final year of growth.

The state attracted 31.7 million domestic and international visitors during the second quarter of 2021, an overall 2.2∞ below where the state was in 2019.

Concerns have been raised as Florida is a hot spot for COVID-19 because of the highly contagious delta variant of the coronavirus. Since the second half of July, Florida has recorded more than 10,000 new COVID-19 cases a day.

Jacob Pewitt Yancey, Visit Florida's director of consumer insights and analytics, said recent surveys have shown only a slight indication of people altering travel plans made for the next six months.

"Yes, people are concerned about the delta variant. Yes, that is having an impact in the short term on people's travel plans. But people in general, travelers seem to be very confident that Not everyone agrees.

The American Hotel & Lodging Association, continuing to push Congress for assistance for the industry, issued the results of a survey on Tuesday that said U.S. leisure travelers are scaling back travel plans as COVID-19 cases increase nationally.

"With COVID-19 cases rising and travel concerns mounting as we enter the fall and winter months, the hotel industry is at a pivotal point," association President and CEO Chip Rogers said in a prepared statement. "Unless Congress acts, pandemic-related travel reductions will continue to threaten the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of hotel workers."

Visit Florida spent \$19.2 million on its "rebound" campaign, while waiting for the reopening of international markets.

Part of the upcoming marketing includes \$1.25 million for digital ads aimed at international markets and \$3 million for advertising campaigns in Canada and Latin America.



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OTHER VIEWS Afghanistan war has reshaped US, the world

I s America safer after its 20-year war on terrorism in Afghanistan has resulted in the Taliban's victory? The answer, like the war itself, is muddled. The lack of resolution should cause considerable discomfort to Americans who lived through the trauma of 9/11 and cheered the U.S. military's quick routing of al-Qaeda and its Taliban hosts in 2001. After the World Trade Center's collapse, Americans had every right to believe President George W. Bush's declaration from atop the wreckage that the United States would make the terrorists pay.

Instead, radical Islamist terrorism has metastasized beyond all recognition. Extremist groups seem to be trying to one-up each other, as if they're in competition to see who can be more devout, more oppressive or even more horrific in their zeal to impose their will on others. Hezbollah in Lebanon tried to exceed the outrages of their Palestinian mentors by using kidnappings and, in 1983, the suicide bombings of the U.S. Embassy and Marines barracks in Beirut. Al-Qaeda and Taliban members found ways to exceed the outrages of Hezbollah. Islamic State founders have tried to go even further while exploiting power vacuums in Iraq and Syria to create a radical Islamic caliphate.

As Americans now know from watching the Taliban's resurgence, sending a terrorist group into remission isn't the same as annihilating it. Even though the Taliban is now in control in Afghanistan, it lacks aerial surveillance and eavesdropping capabilities, meaning its leaders probably have no idea what new atrocities might be hatching in the remote areas where other radical groups, such as Islamic State-Khorasan, are encamped. Al-Qaeda remains active as well. And all are vying internationally for new recruits. The United States has learned the hard way since 9/11 to dramatically tighten its defenses and deploy more nimbly on foreign turf to hunt down enemy fighters. In sharp contrast to the current debate over the freedoms of Americans opposed to masks and vaccines, Americans have gladly ceded all kinds of freedoms to advance the anti-terrorism cause. There's rarely a peep of protest over partially disrobing at airports or submitting to searches at government buildings, concerts and sporting events.



Hunt for the near-perfect September Saturday

n a Jack Frost night – somewhere back in the 1950s – I was sitting on a log, around a hunting-camp fire. Uncles Joe and Billy had let me tag along. There I learned that the best part of the hunt came after the hunt. I didn't know what camaraderie was. But I knew that as I listened, my sides were hurting – in a good way – from laughing.

One of the men interrupted a rare pause in the banter with a pronouncement. He lasered a stream of Bull O' the Woods chewing tobacco that made the amber coals hiss. Using the back of his hand to wipe the brown stain from his lips, he looked at me and said, "If you hunt with your boys when they are young, you won't have to hunt for them when they get older."

His name has long since been a mystery, but not his logic. Years before I became a father, I knew our children would get introduced to the woods and waters at the earliest opportunities. And when grandchildren started arriving, we launched into making those kinds of memories, again.

Alan, our older son, once said, "Dad, you never have any fun." I countered, "Oh, but I do. I don't have to pull a trigger or pull in a fish to have fun. Helping you, Emily and Eric have fun is an absolute thrill." And they know I am going to take too many pictures, so that we can savor the memo-



The NeSmith Boys – young and old – enjoy being together, especially hunting and fishing. Seated, from left, are grandsons William, Bayard and Fenn, along with Bayard's Boykin Spaniel, Best. Standing, from left, are Alan, Grandpa and Eric. Grandsons Wyatt, Hayes, Henry and Smith Wilson, along with their dad Tom, could not be with us at this year's opening-day dove shoot.



watch. Bang! Bang! Two doves dropped. No advice needed. How much more fun can a grandpa have than watching that? But if you care anything about college football - especially the Georgia Bulldogs - you knew the game in Charlotte could be the icing on Saturday's cake. The Dawgs were aiming to declaw the Clemson Tigers. Indeed, the game turned out to be a nail-biter. But we chewed boiled peanuts instead. Standing in a hot shower, just before midnight, I thought about what the oldtimer had said so many years ago in Baker County's backwoods. I am grateful that Alan, Eric and son-in-law Tom endorse the tobacco-spitter's hunting philosophy, too.

As a result, Americans are far safer – and smarter – than they were in 2001. But they also are more Islamophobic than before, with hate crimes against people perceived to be Muslims having risen significantly since 2001.

Hate and discrimination serve as potent recruiting tools for radical groups abroad. So do the spectacles of America's rushed retreats from Afghanistan and Syria, along with the abandonment of those who worked with U.S. forces.

So the answer is yes, conditions are safer today at home. But the 9/11 attacks and their aftermath have given rise to a bigger, bolder, more radical Islamist threat abroad. The world out there today is a far more dangerous place.

– Boston Herald

ries over and over.

Labor Day weekend was one of those occasions. Dove season opened. Long before the sun poked its head over the magnolias at the gate, I was lighting the blue flame under a 10-gallon pot of green Hardy Farm peanuts from Hawkinsville. With plenty of heat and a tad too much Morton salt, the peanuts would be ready when the dove hunters came from the field.

And that's when the fun kicked into overdrive. Boys of all ages – and some girls and ladies – start telling what did and what didn't happen during the sunrise

shoot. Facts should never ruin a good hunting or fishing story. The bigger the yarn, the better the laughter.

I stood back, listened and smiled. Grandsons, brothers and a cousin jabbered, punctuating their stories with animated gestures. The only disappointment was that Emily and her husband, Tom, and their four boys,

Palatka should offer more support for city-owned cultural institutions

It is budget time and Palatka is threatening to cut support of cultural institutions housed in city property. At the best of times, staying afloat is difficult for these groups. Kicking them during the pandemic economy is short-sighted and destructive.

Palatka is most fortunate to have beautiful and useful historic buildings, run by dedicated volunteers. These are treasures that money can't buy.

Instead of cutting modest arts spending in

DINKNESMITH

Wyatt, Hayes, Henry and Smith, could not be with us and take part in the camaraderie.

For the late-afternoon return to the dove field, I joined 10-year-old Fenn at a round hay-bale blind. He was patient as I preached the same safety sermons that his dad, Alan, and Uncle Eric had heard. Rather than give shooting tips, I decided to wait and

PUBLIC FORUM

a down economy, local government must consider the necessity of supporting arts and culture to the fullest extent. Cultural institutions are not a quality of life frivolity, they are important economic drivers. The arts mean business.

According to a 2020 survey by the National Endowment for the Arts, monies spent supporting US cultural institutions earn a 3% return, topping current interest rates. In 2019, the arts contributed over three billion dollars to the national economy.

Palatka owns historically significant buildings like the Bronson-Mulholland House and the Larimer Arts Center. The city's expenses are maintenance and in some cases, operaWhat a near-perfect September Saturday. Oh, yeah. Georgia won, 10-3.

Turning out the light, I was ready to hunt, again.

This time for my pillow.

Dink NeSmith is co-owner of Community Newspapers Inc., which owns the Palatka Daily News. He can be reached at dnesmith@cninewspapers.com.

tional. Management is volunteer and at no cost to the city. What a bargain!

Were these institutions sold, the process would be long term and difficult, the rewards minute. Community bonds would be shattered, resident enrichment opportunity slender, history lost.

A sensible city government regards supporting the arts as money well spent, an investment that provides continuing returns.

Instead of trying to shake pennies out of cultural institutions, it would be refreshing to see city officials on their knees, giving thanks and generous support.

Lynn Roberson Palatka

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Putnam County School District Executive Director of Federal Programs Melissa Coleman, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Laura France, Superintendent Rick Surrency, Charles Smith and Joyce Oliver of the Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Foundation and district Director of Career and Technical Education Renee Hough stand outside of district headquarters. The foundation bestowed the district \$100,000 toward expanding career and technical education for students.

Options

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with the National Center for Construction Education and Research for curriculum and training.

Director of Career and Technical Education Renee Hough, who has been in the position since 2013, said the goal is linking up with community partners. The district appropriation request had letters of support from local businesses and the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce.

"They're having a hard time finding people to work," Hough said. "Our partners have really stepped up and are really interested in it."

Hough said the district has applied for other grants through the state Department of Education. She said district students can receive industry certifications for fields such as welding, advanced manufacturing or automotive manufacturing among others.

"If we do get the appropriation, we can purchase the equipment for our building and construction workshop," Hough said. "Hopefully, we can do something at all three (junior-senior high schools)." At Tuesday's district board meeting, Superintendent Rick Surrency said the con-

struction fields are a major need in the county despite the start-up costs of the academy. He called the initiative exciting and thanked the Frank V. Oliver Foundation for their gift.

"We anticipate a lot of new construction. We're building new schools and are going to need that workforce," Surrency said. "Our community has really cried out for that."

Frank Oliver, the late philanthropist whose foundation has given millions to various causes, was a selfless giver, board member David Buckles said.

"He was such a neat guy because he would sponsor kids to college who never knew," Buckles said.

Armstrong Roofing President and co-owner Les Sims and co-owner Gina Sims, in a statement, said industry leaders are concerned about how the county will train students to fill construction jobs. They called for an adequate and prepared workforce.

"It is our hope that this academy will train the students in our county to become a model workforce in the future capable of serving the needs of our county's citizens," Armstrong Roofing's letter said.

Putnam County Chamber of Commerce President Dana Jones said not every student goes to a four-year university and Putnam County needed to have vocational offerings.

She said supplying the labor for construction fields is a challenge and the county can get a step ahead with a homegrown talent pool.

"We support (the district) for the future of the workforce in the county," Jones said. "It's a great opportunity to help students be ready for a good paying career and to have people in our own labor pool at home."

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Texas man gets execution delay over pastor request

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A Texas death row inmate won a reprieve Wednesday evening from execution for killing a convenience store worker during a 2004 robbery that garnered \$1.25 after claiming the state was violating his religious freedom by not letting his pastor lay hands on him at the time of his lethal injection. The U.S. Supreme Court blocked John Henry Ramirez's execution about three hours after he could have been executed. He is condemned for fatally stabbing 46-year-old Pablo Castro, who worked at a Corpus Christi convenience store. Ramirez was in a small holding cell a few feet from the Texas death chamber at the Huntsville Unit prison when he was told of the reprieve by Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark. "He was quiet when I let him know," Clark said. "He shook his head and said: 'Thank you very much. God bless you."" In its brief order, the court directed its clerk to establish a briefing schedule so Ramirez's case could be argued in October or November. Prosecutors say Ramirez stabbed Castro 29 times during a series of robberies in which the inmate and two women sought money following a three-day drug binge. Ramirez fled to Mexico but was arrested 3¹/₂ years later.

yer, had argued the Texas Department of Criminal Justice was violating the death row inmate's First Amendment rights to practice his religion by

Robert E. Lee statue comes down in former **Confederate capital**

down," he said.

last summer.

The 21-foot bronze sculp-

ture was installed in 1890 atop

a granite pedestal about twice that tall. The sculpture was

perched in the middle of a

state-owned traffic circle, and

it stood among four other

massive Confederate statues

that were removed by the city

strapped harnesses around Lee and his horse lifted his arms in

the air and counted, "Three,

two, one!" to jubilant shouts

from the crowd as the crane pre-

streets? Our streets!" and sang,

"Hey, hey, hey, goodbye."

Some chanted "Whose

Once the statue was on the

ground, the crew used a power

saw to cut it in two along the

general's waist, so that it could

be hauled under highway over-

passes to an undisclosed state-

owned facility until a decision

The job was overseen by Team Henry Enterprises, led

by Devon Henry, a Black exec-

utive who faced death threats

after his company's role in

removing Richmond's other

Confederate statues was made

public last year. He said the Lee

statue posed their most com-

Within hours, the pieces

were gone. They were hauled

away on a flatbed truck to

cheers from the remaining

crowd and claps of thunder from a midday storm. The

pedestal is to remain for now,

although workers are expected

to remove a time capsule from

a heavy police presence, with streets closed for blocks

around the area, but no arrests

were reported, and no counter

The work proceeded under

plex challenge.

the structure.

protesters emerged.

is made about its future.

pared to wrest the statue away.

A construction worker who

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. - A statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee that towered over Richmond for generations was taken down, cut into pieces and hauled away Wednesday, as the former capital of the Confederacy erased the last of the Civil War figures that once defined its most prominent thoroughfare.

Hundreds of onlookers erupted in cheers and song as the 21-foot-tall bronze figure was lifted off a pedestal and lowered to the ground. The removal marked a major victory for civil rights activists, whose previous calls to dismantle the statues had been steadfastly rebuked by city and state officials alike.

"It's very difficult to imagine, certainly, even two years ago that the statues on Monument Avenue would actually be removed," said Ana Edwards, a community activist and founding member of the Virginia Defenders for Freedom Justice & Equality. "It's representative of the fact that we're sort of peeling back the layers of injustice that Black people and people of color have experienced when governed by white supremacist policies for so long."

Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam ordered the statue's removal last summer amid the nationwide protest movement that erupted after the murder of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis. But litigation tied up his plans until the state Supreme Court cleared the way last week.

Northam, who watched the work, called it "hopefully a new day, a new era in Virginia." "Any remnant like this that

glorifies the lost cause of the Civil War, it needs to come

Attack

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with lighter fluid in his hands. The State Fire Marshal's Office was assigned to the

prolific offender and convicted felon, meaning he is on the agency's radar when crimes occur near his residence.

"We've received a couple calls about him in the Interlachen area," Waters-Merritt said.

Anyone with information as to the location of Green is



File photo

Palatka Fire Department fireman Mike Vogel rings a bell during last year's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony commemorating emergency workers who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks.

9/11

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"We as a community don't want the rest of the community to forget," Flateau said.

Firefighter and emergency medical technician Jason Black will perform a radio remembrance call. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office will conduct a 21 Gun Salute, and Board of County Commissioners Chairman Larry Harvey will read a 9/11 remembrance address.

In previous years, Flateau said officials held an evening church service locally but canceled it this year because of the virus.

Flateau remembers being off duty 20 years ago when he had only been working as a county paramedic and firefighter for a few years. He was sleeping at home when his wife woke him up to tell him a plane crashed into one World Trade Center tower.

They watched the news as another plane hit a second tower. Flateau said the attacks scared him, and he couldn't imagine what the firefighters who responded were going through.

"I don't want people to forget," he said. "... It changed our world forever."

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Seth Kretzer, Ramirez's law-

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denying his request to have his pastor touch him and vocalize prayers when he was executed. He called the ban on vocal prayer a spiritual "gag order."

"It is hostile toward religion, denying religious exercise at the precise moment it is most needed: when someone is transitioning from this life to the next," Kretzer said in court documents.

Lower appeals courts had rejected Ramirez's argument.

The request by Ramirez, 37, is the latest clash between death row inmates and prison officials in Texas and other states over the presence of spiritual advisers in the death chamber.

In recent years, the Supreme Court has granted stays halting several executions in Texas and Alabama over the presence of clergy or spiritual advisers in the death chamber.

arson investigation and will determine if additional charges will be filed.

Green was on probation at the time of the attack, the sheriff's office said. In May, he was charged with felony battery of a person 65 years or older and Green received an order of no contact, according to court records. He was released July 12.

Sheriff's office spokeswoman Allison Waters-Merritt said Green was seen walking on foot in the Interlachen area. She said Green is considered a asked to contact CrimeStoppers of Northeast Florida at 1-888-277-8477. Tips are anonymous and are eligible for a reward if leading to an arrest.

"We would encourage anyone to contact us so we can make the arrest, let the judicial process work and give the victim some peace of mind," Waters-Merritt said.

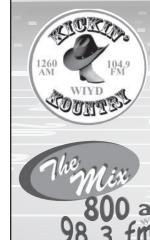
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James "Jim" Bays

James "Jim" Bays, age 74 of Palatka, passed away Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at his home after a long illness.

He was a native of Ashland, Ky., and had lived in



Kmart Stores as a regional Garden Shop manager in the Orlando area

and upon moving to Palatka he went to work at the Palatka Kmart store for a few years. He also worked part-time at Publix until his second retirement. He was the quiet, sweet face of Publix for many years. Jim was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and loved photography, gardening and jogging/walking the Ravines.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Frances Pruitt Bays of Palatka, who he adored and supported in her various talents as a painter and shop owner. He is also survived by several family members, including his nephews and their families along, with many cherished friends.

The family would like to thank Haven Hospice. Also a big thank you to Jim's "at home" care companions: Shawn, Kim, Angela, Melody, and J'on. Also, special thanks to Dr. Solomon and his nurse, Vicky. Jim considered them all family.

No services are planned at this time.

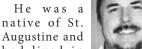
Memories and condolences may be expressed to the family at Jim's Book of Memories page at www.johnsonoverturffunerals.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka.

Jason Lieland Black

Jason Lieland Black, age 47, of Palatka, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, at Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center fol-

lowing an extended illness. He was a



Columbus, Neb., to Herman and Annastacia Blahak, John graduated from Scotus Central Catholic High

School in Columbus, where he played football, baseball and ran track. John served

honorably in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and three

the Vietnam War, retiring as a Sr. Master Sergeant following 26 years of dedicated service to his

Following his time in the service, John returned to Putnam County in 1979 and began a 13-year career with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. He later served as chief of Police with the town of Welaka. An avid Nebraska Cornhuskers and Florida Gators fan, John enjoyed watching sports and had a passion for fishing as well.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Andrew Quinton Blahak; and four siblings, Laverne Blahak, Rose Frerichs, Joe Blahak and Dave Blahak.

John is survived by his wife of 63 years, Shirley Blahak of East Palatka; his four children, Cynthia Boughner (Bryan) of Cooperstown, Pa., Thomas Blahak of Keystone Heights, Cheryl Blahak of Palatka and Creighton Blahak (Toni Lee) of St. Augustine; a brother, Herman Blahak Jr. (Angela) of Abilene, Texas; a sister, Teena Rawhouser of Columbus, Neb.; five grandchildren, Renee Stephens (Dan), Thomas Boughner, Shariston Snyder, Renita Comer and Rachel Ruark (Justin); and five great-grandchildren, Kanoa Stephens, Kanani Stephens, Kayleigh Snyder, Noah Edge and Quinton Blahak.

Graveside services celebrating John's life will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 2021, at Oak Hill East Cemetery with Pastor Ron Smith officiating. The U.S. Air Force will also conduct full military honors. No public visitation is scheduled.

All attending the services are requested to wear a facial covering when not practicing social distancing.

Flowers are gratefully accepted or memorial donations may be sent to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306.

Memories and condolences

Elder Denny Dotson officiating.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Community Hospice and Palliative Care, 200 Health Park Blvd., St. Augustine, FL 32086. Friends may sign the online register at www.themastersfuneralhomes.com.

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.

Edna M. Mason

Edna M. Mason, 84, of Crescent City, Fla., passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021, at her home.

She was born on Dec. 4, 1936, to the late Albert and Cora

Lawton. At an early age, she o i n e d Greenwood Chapel in Greenwood, Fla. When she

and her mother moved back to

Crescent City, she joined Union Bethel under the late Pastor B.F. Haile. She was a strong servant wherever she was needed for 11 straight years. She served as the chairwoman of homecoming events and always had a strong Christian mind to serve the Lord. After completing school and graduating in 1954, she attended White Beauty School in Marianna, Fla.

In the year of 1958, she met and married Mr. Leo Lewis Jr. and to this union was born a daughter, Mrs. Lovata Lewis Slaughter, who was the sunshine of her life. Mrs. Mason worked in various jobs from fieldwork to mail carrier. She retired from Putnam County Transportation Department after she got ill. She always loved to cook and among her hobbies she enjoyed fishing and playing cards. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her two brothers, Mr. Louis Brooks and Mr. Claxton Bowels; and sister, Mrs. Josie Edwards.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her loving devoted daughter, Lovata Lewis Slaughter and husband, Prince, of Crescent City, Fla.; four grandchildren, Kimbre Johnson, Kayla Addison and husband, Fred, Bryan and Deryl Johnson; four great-grandchildren, Quatreviev Francis, La'Khya Addison, Talia Hankins, Tyra Hankins, and one great-great-grandchild, Amiyah; a loving and devoted cousin, Jamica Passmore and husband, Kenny; loving nephew, Vincent Whitaker; two loving friends, Shirley Dudley, Jewel Kelly; and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. Mrs. Mason's life will be celebrated on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, 2 p.m. at Watts Funeral Home and Cremation Center In San Mateo, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Rodeheaver Boys Ranch, 380 Boys Ranch Road, Palatka, FL 32177.

Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka.

Ann M. Perkins

Ann M. Perkins, age 73, of Palatka, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, at Kindred Hospital in Green Cove

Springs after an extended illness. She was a native of Gainesville and

had lived most of her life in Palatka. She

had worked for several years as a school bus driver and was of the Baptist faith. She enjoyed playing cards, camping and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Betty Jones; a husband, J.D. Perkins; a son, Alvin Perkins; and a brother, Wayne Jones.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Teresa Wyatt; sister, Sheila Harrison; and a brother, Danny Jones; along with four grandchildren, Dustine Wyatt, Taylor Wyatt, Hunter Perkins and Cayden Bullock.

Funeral services will be held 6 p.m. Friday, Sept.10, at the Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka with the Rev. A.O. Johns officiating. Private burial will take place at Etoniah Cemetery in Bardin.

Friends may call Friday from 5:30 - 6 p.m. at the Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka.

Memories and condolences may be expressed to the family at www.JohnsonOverturffunerals.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka.

Patricia Ann Pierce

Patricia Ann Pierce, age 77, of Palatka, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021, at Putnam Community Medical Center.

She was a native of Long Island, N.Y., and had lived in Palatka since 1981. Patricia was a member of the First Presbyterian

Church in Palatka and was a

wife of nine years, Tiffany Richardson of East Palatka; his mother and stepfather, Tamara Long (John) of Greenville, S.C.; his father and stepmother, Brad Richardson (Gail) of Palatka; a daughter, Taylor Richardson and a son, Braxton Richardson, both of East Palatka; a brother, Andy Richardson (Alexis) of Piedmont, S.C., three stepbrothers, Joshua Long, Matthew Long (Grace) and Johnathyn Long, all of Greenville, S.C.; a half-brother, Michael Richardson (Taylor) of Ocala; a stepsister, Ashley Topliffe of Palatka; grandparents, Bobby and Nyta Richardson of Palatka; and numerous aunts, uncles

Memorial services celebrat-

ing Brandon's life will be at 6

p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, at

Johnson-Överturf Chapel in

Palatka with Brother Ricky

Bybee officiating. The family

will receive friends Friday from

5 p.m. until the time of services

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at Brandon's Book of Memories

page at www.johnsonoverturf-

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Billy Ray Watson, 81, of

Hollister, passed away Friday,

Aug. 27, 2021, at Putnam

was formerly employed by

Central States in Palatka where

he worked as a machine opera-

tor. He later worked as a welder

at Offshore Shipbuilding in

Palatka and at Sun State Marine

He was a Christian and drove

a Sunday school bus for several

years. He also served for six

vears in the Florida National

Guard. He enjoyed fishing,

bowling, NASCAR and foot-

ball. He also prided himself as a

skilled "shade tree" mechanic. He was an amazing husband,

father, grandfather, father-in-

law and was a caring brother.

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Associated Press

HOUMA, La. — The death toll in Louisiana from Hurricane Ida rose to 26 Wednesday, after health officials reported 11 additional deaths in New Orleans, mostly older people who perished from the heat. The announcement was grim news amid signs the city was returning to normal with almost fully restored power and a lifted nighttime curfew.

While New Orleans was generally rebounding from the storm, hundreds of thousands of people outside the city remained without electricity and some of the hardest-hit areas still had no water. Across southeastern Louisiana, 250,000 students were unable to return to classrooms 10 days after Ida roared ashore with 150 mph winds.

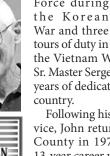
The latest deaths attributed to Ida happened between Aug. 30 and Monday, but were just confirmed as storm-related by the Orleans Parish coroner, the Louisiana Department of Health said in a statement. Nine of the New Orleans deaths - of people ages 64 to 79 - came from "excessive heat during an extended power outage," while the two others were from carbon monoxide poisoning, the department said.

More than a million people were left without power, including the entire city of New Orleans, when Ida struck on Aug. 29. The state's largest power company, Entergy, said it expected to have electricity in the city restored to 90% by Wednesday evening.

Meanwhile, the New Orleans Police Department and Mayor LaToya Cantrell lifted an 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew they had imposed two days after the hurricane hit.

Across New Orleans and southeastern Louisiana, families are still waiting to hear when their children can return to school, as districts assessed hurricane damage. Prior to Ida, schools around Louisiana had been open despite widespread cases of COVID-19, although under a statewide mask mandate for all indoor locations.

"We need to get those kids back with us as soon as we possibly can," said Superintendent of Education Cade Brumley.



had lived in Palatka most of his life. Jason was a member of Francis

Baptist Church and had worked as an automobile mechanic with Beck Family Auto. He had also worked with Gautney's in Palatka, as well as a carpet installer. He had attended MMI (Motorcycle Mechanics Institute) in Orlando and in his leisure enjoyed fishing, wake boarding, shooting pool and riding his motorcycle.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rick Black.

Jason is survived by his companion, Melissa Treadwell of Orlando; father and stepmother, George H. Black and Laura Black of Palatka; mother and stepfather, Trudie "TJ" Ducker and Dave Ducker of Sylva, N.C.; a son, Dawson Black and wife, Brandi, of Jacksonville, N.C.; three stepchildren, Micholas Dunnigan of Franklin, N.C., Whitney Rogers of St. Augustine and Michaela Harris of Palatka; two stepsisters, Sara Ducker and Jennifer Ducker, both of Orlando; stepbrother, Patrick Ducker and wife, Heather, of Sylva, N.C.; three step-grandchildren; an aunt; two cousins; a niece, Nikki Cech and husband, Timothy; and a nephew, Steven Bane.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at Oak Hill East Cemetery with Pastors Willie B. McKinnon III, and Jeremy Rea officiating. No visitation is scheduled.

Memories and condolences may be expressed to the family at www.JohnsonOverturffunerals.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka.

John Blahak

John Kenneth Blahak, 86, of East Palatka, passed from this life on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021, at Oak View Rehab Center in Orange Park following an extended illness. Born in

may be expressed to the family at John's Book of Memories page at www.johnsonoverturffunerals.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka.

Madaline Burns

Madaline Burns, 98, of Palatka, passed away Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, at Community Hospice and Palliative Care in

following a brief illness. She was born

in Elliott, Ill., where she grew up and graduated from high school. She had been a longtime



resident of Palatka, coming from Miami.

Mrs. Burns was a retired nurse and had worked for various hospitals and also for Eastern Airline, bringing medically fragile babies to the U.S. for adoption. She had a kiln and enjoyed casting and painting ceramics. She also enjoyed knitting, raising chickens, flower gardening and painting, as she was very artistically talented.

In her younger days, she enjoyed yodeling and playing the guitar. She was also The Louisiane's cover girl in 1948. She cherished her children and was dedicated to their upbringing.

Preceding her in death were 10 brothers and sisters.

Surviving are her husband, Harry Burns; and his eight children; two daughters and sonsin-law, Scarlet and William Harriss, and Colleen and Denny Dotson; two sons and daughters-in-law, Eric and Susan Calkins, and Dr. Mark and Linda Calkins; a sister, Gwendollyn Lopinsky; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Her graveside funeral will be

10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Palatka Memorial Gardens with

Watts Funeral Home and Cremation Center is in charge of the arrangements.

Michael E. Orand

Michael Eugene Orand, 57, of Palatka, passed away Friday Sept. 3, 2021, at Putnam Community Medical Center

following a brief illness. Born in Fairfield, Texas, he lived in Palatka for seven years after moving r o m f

Jacksonville.

Michael originated the concept of 1st Coast Recycling Inc. in 2006 with the idea of serving the community and as a way to create jobs for Putnam County. He was currently serving as vice president of the company. Anyone who knew Michael would say that he left a mark on their life.

He was an avid hunter, and was a member of several hunting clubs, including Putnam County Hunting Club, White Hill Hunting Club, and Shadowlawn South Hunting Club in Clay County, where he served as a board member. Michael loved helping others and was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Billye K. Orand.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Dawn Orand of Palatka; a son, J.T. Orand of Haughton, La.; a daughter, Miranda Orand of Nashville, Tenn.; his father, James Orand of Bardin; a cousin, Stephen Grounds and his wife, Jamie, and an aunt, Joan Grounds.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

homemaker. She loved music and playing Yahtzee and Bingo.

She is preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Hanson; and a brother, Jimmy Newell.

Patricia is survived by her son, David Cozine; three daughters, Karen Oneill, Chervl Kelly, and Anna Hurst; 26 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at Johnson-Overturf Chapel in Palatka with the Rev. Cliff Lyda officiating.

Due to concerns with the Corona Virus, all attending services are asked to wear a facial covering when inside and when not social distancing.

Memories and condolences may be expressed to the family at Patricia's Book of Memories page at www.johnsonoverturffunerals.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka.

Brandon Richardson

Brandon Gene Richardson, 37, of East Palatka, passed from

this life on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, at Kendall Regional Medical Center in Miami following a brief illness. Born in St

Augustine,

Brandon was a lifelong resident of Putnam County and a 2002 graduate of Palatka High School. He had worked as a mechanic at Seminole Electric since 2015. Prior to transitioning to Seminole, he worked in the water department with the City of Palatka. Brandon loved spending time with his kids and his family. In his leisure time, Brandon enjoyed fishing, hunting, baseball and was an avid Florida State Seminole fan.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Steve and Carolyn McPeak.

Brandon is survived by his

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arilla Watson; a son, Steve Watson; a sister, Betty Watson; a stepdaughter, Wanda Wilkinson; and a stepson, Morris Farrer.

Surviving are two sons, Ricky Watson (Becki) of Hollister and Lance Watson (Erica) of Palatka; two stepdaughters, Glenda Lane and Jeannie Weerts, both of Salt Springs; two brothers, Bobby Watson of Palatka, and Curtis Watson (Susan) of San Mateo; one grandson, Devon Watson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at Masters Funeral Home in Palatka with Pastor Dominick Marano officiating. The family will receive friends one hour before the service. Private burial will be in Oak Hill West Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the New Testament Church of God, 137 S.R. 20, Palatka, FL 32177.

Messages of encouragement or sympathy may be expressed in his online guestbook at www. themastersfuneralhomes.com.

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.

Death Notice

Robbin L. Ball

Robbin Lanay Ball, 56, of Palatka, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at her residence following a brief illness.

Arrangements will be announced by Masters Funeral Home of Palatka.

Obituaries and death notices publish Tuesday through Saturday. Deadline is 5 p.m. the day before publication. For details, email tmurphy@palatkadailynews.com for cost and specifics.

In New Orleans, School Superintendent Henderson Lewis Jr. said damage to schools appeared to be mostly minimal, but power needs to be restored to all buildings, and teachers, staff and families need to return to the city to get schools up and running.

"Now more than ever, our children stand to benefit from the comfort that structured and routine daily schooling can bring," Lewis said in a statement Wednesday. "So, let's all come together to reopen our schools quickly and safely."

Lewis said he expects classes for some will resume as early as next week and that all students will be back a week after that.

No school reopening estimates have been provided for the five parishes that were hardest hit by Hurricane Ida and which are home to about 320,000 people: Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. James, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist. In those parishes, 96% of utility customers were still without power Wednesday.

Bucket trucks and heavy power equipment were ubiquitous, but the task facing linemen remained daunting. Downed power poles and slack or snapped lines were still evident on long stretches of U.S. Highway 90 in St. Charles Parish. Heavy equipment trucks could be seen ferrying new poles to the area.

Farther south, in the Terrebonne Parish city of Houma, trucks with linemen were on every street, and as the day progressed there were signs of progress: Street lights started flickering on, although sporadically, on busy Grand Caillou road by early afternoon.

Statewide, about 342,000 homes and businesses remained without power Wednesday, according to the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

Access to fuel also remained difficult, with the website GasBuddy.com reporting about 48% of gas stations in Baton Rouge had no gasoline.





MARK LONG

SEC beefs up schedules, avoids playing cupcakes

GAINESVILLE

he Southeastern Conference is moving away from early season cupcakes. It's been years in the making and probably long overdue. The powerhouse league still has a few teams lagging in the scheduling department, seemingly not quite ready to go all in for competitive reasons. But beefing up schedules is clearly on the horizon for everyone, especially once the SEC adds Oklahoma and Texas.

"You can't just open the gates and give people a 12-inch piece of wood to sit on anymore," Florida athletic director Scott Stricklin said. Stricklin called the shift in philosophy "market driven," pointing to fans, players and television partners wanting better matchups on a weekly basis.

It's hardly unique to the SEC, especially since strength of schedule plays a role in determining which teams make the College Football Playoff. And with the CFP planning eyeing expansion, there's even more reason for some of the nation's top programs - those expecting to vie for coveted playoff spots - to add more challenging games.

While fans may have gotten spoiled watching last season's all-SEC slate of games because of COVID-19 concerns, it would be hard to complain about much of the league's 2021 schedules.

Top-ranked Alabama thumped Miami. No. 2 Georgia edged Clemson. Mississippi routed Louisville. LSU lost at UCLA. And that was just Week 1.

This weekend's slate includes Pittsburgh-Tennessee, Colorado-Texas A&M, Texas-Arkansas and North Carolina State-Mississippi State.

And then Auburn plays at Penn State and Vanderbilt host Stanford in Week 3, followed by Missouri at Boston College.

"It means a lot for confidence," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. "Confidence can help. Can overconfidence hurt? Yes, but there's a line there. The experience of the environment is what I value. Win, lose, or draw, the experience of that environment was going to make us better, and that is what I gain from it.

"Does it give some of the players more confidence? Yes, it gives them more confidence. It does, but it better not give them overconfidence because humility is one week away."

Alabama and LSU have led the league's push to strengthen schedules. The Crimson Tide have opened each of the last 10 seasons with a Power Five opponent – and won them all. The Tigers, meanwhile, have scheduled similarly for nine straight years. The rest of the league is catching up. "One of the harder things to do is to judge what the future of college football is going to be," said Florida coach Dan Mullen, who is entering his 17th year in the SEC. "If you look and say, 'OK, six years ago, we're going to have a playoff and this is how they're going to judge it and evaluate the playoff. It's hard to judge that in the future, that far.

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PREP ROUNDUP Raiders' Vasquez tops Rams' Price to win D&B race

IHS' Jacobsen captures girls race

Palatka Daily News

The boys cross country race at Florida Deaf & Blind School Wednesday in St. Augustine came down to who wanted it more.

In the end, one of Crescent City Junior-Senior High's newcomers wanted that first-place finish bad enough. Anthony Vasquez came across the finish line ahead of Interlachen's Tyler Pierce by one second to win the 3.1-mile race.

Vasquez won in 19:47. His teammate, Jesus Cruz, was third in 20:02. Other boys finishers were Interlachen's Adam Olalde in fifth place in 22:00 and Crescent City's trio of Esequiel Vences in sixth (23:27), Carlos Gonzalez in seventh (24:23)

and Adrian Soliz in 10th (35:07). Winning the girls' race was Interlachen's Erin Jacobsen, who

came across in 27:10, well ahead of Crescent City's Zuri Villanueva, who was second in 28:01. Interlachen teammate Susanna Dezelan was third in 28:43, followed by a group of Crescent City runners -

Isabella Torres (30:06), Alma Arias

(30:22), Jessica Luna (30:39), Valeria Garcia (31:11), Alizey Solis (31:14) and Mayte Cortez (31:17) - who finished fourth through ninth, respectively.

Interlachen's Graci McDonald was 10th in 31:40, then another group of

Hitting Paydirt

Raiders - Arasoli Solis (32:31), Paisley Flannery (32:31), Kayleen Vasquez (36:00), Jennifer Alvarado (36:00) and Jaime Torres (48:07) ended up 11th through 15th, respectively.

VOLLEYBALL

■ Interlachen swept visiting St. Augustine Florida D&B, 25-12, 25-20, 25-22.

Leading the Rams was Brianna Webber with 18 service points, four of those aces, and two kills. Payton Alexander chipped in eight service points, all of which were aces, and two kills, Samantha Gaylord and Dixie Smith each contributed three kills and Kelli Sellers delivered four dinks and 10 assists.

"Our serving was good, but we had no offense and we still can't receive serve," Interlachen coach Tonya

Troiano. "Not having Alyssa (Matthews), who is one of our better defensive players and who we rely on a lot, hurts us a lot, especially in our service returns. We will work (today) on fixing basic stuff and also serve returns, but overall I am pleased with the win."

The Rams (4-5) host nemesis Pierson Taylor (2-1) at 6 p.m., Monday.

GIRLS GOLF

With Addy Vogt shooting a 1-over par 38, Orange Park St. Johns Country Day defeated Palatka, 220-235, at the Palatka Muncipal Golf Club.

The Panthers (0-2) saw Samantha Clark lead the way with a 51, a fourshot improvement over the 55 she shot in a match Tuesday against Menendez at St. Johns County Golf Course.

Panthers see shot at first win of season

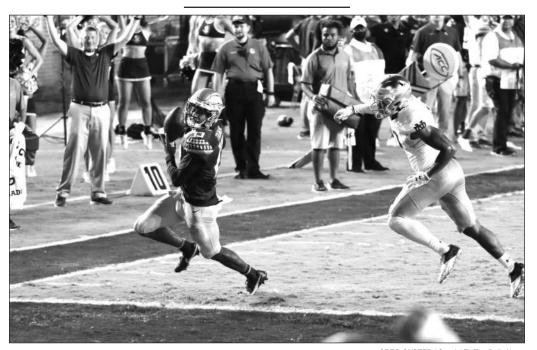
PREP FOOTBALL

Weeki Wachee has been outscored, 76-3, in first two losses of the year

> By Corey Davis Palatka Daily News cdavis@palatkadailynews.com

The date October 30, 2020 may not a ring a bell, but it is clearly in the minds of nearly every Palatka Junior-Senior High football player and coach right now.

That's the last time the Panthers won a game, a 20-15 road victory at Middleburg. The three-game losing streak that has followed since then could likely come to an end Friday night. Weeki Wachee (0-2) comes onto Bennett-Cooper Field at Veterans Memorial Stadium Friday on the heels of being shut out, 37-0, at home last Friday by Spring Hill Springstead and has been out-



GREG OYSTER / Special To The Daily News Florida State starting guarterback Jordan Travis outraces a Notre Dame defender to score a touchdown during Sunday night's overtime thriller in Tallahassee.



"And scheduling is tough. As you call people, there are a lot of people who are booked out way into the future. And then you get into the issue of how is the SEC schedule going to work four and five and six years ago from now? I know what our position is right now as a league."

Four SEC teams - Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and South Carolina - have permanent, non-conference rivalry games against the Atlantic Coast Conference that they insist make scheduling a bit more difficult. The Gators play Florida State. The Bulldogs play Georgia Tech. The Wildcats play Louisville. And the Gamecocks play Clemson.

When those SEC teams are on the road every other year, they have one fewer home game that affects the bottom line. "Our strength of schedule is kind of built in," Stricklin said. "You want to have six, preferably seven home games a year. And when you start doing home-andhomes or start giving away neutral-site games, that eats into how many home games you're going to have.

"Knowing the value of the home game to our campus and to the city, I don't know that we want to be there. We might end up being there one day, but we've not taken that approach."

Adding Oklahoma and Texas should change everything. The SEC is expected to revamp its scheduling model once the Big 12 juggernauts arrive, whether it's in 2025 as currently planned or sooner, in hopes of everyone playing each other more often.

"Scheduling is just a challenging deal and we're going to continue to work at it," Stricklin said. "We do want to look for opportunities where we can make it more interesting for our fanbase."

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Congrats to Everyone

Even in tough 41-38 OT loss to Notre Dame, FSU showed missing passion

unday night in Tallahassee was an unexpected game.

Yes, the outcome was a 41-38 Notre Dame win in overtime. Yes, weaknesses were exposed. It certainly wasn't pretty when Irish tight end Michael Mayer took a couple of passes and romped into the end zone just over two minutes off the clock. FSU quarterback Jordan Travis had three interceptions.

But you know what? This was the best game on the opening weekend of college football.

Better yet for Florida State, there is hope. No runaway win for a highly ranked Notre Dame squad. For the second time in modern Seminole history, a two-quarterback system may emerge. Transfer players made a difference – you don't have to look any further than Irish starting quarterback Jack Coan, who left Wisconsin. FSU's transfer squad collectively provided stability, leadership, key plays and encouragement to a squad that has been down and below out since Jimbo Fisher's departure.

Most press - deservedly so - was directed at McKenzie Milton, who returned to the field after three years rehabbing a horrific leg injury in the



last game for UCF in 2018.

All he did last weekend was finish two drives for two touchdowns to help tie the Irish

Since you could hear the crowd cringe when Milton was tackled or forced to run out of the pocket, it's a pretty good bet Travis will get more playing time. It's not a bad thing - Travis did more running around than the running backs, and the offensive line might get better, but not stronger this season. Coaches must teach the sophomore that throwing a ball away means landing it 10 rows up in the stands.

These guys genuinely support each other, perhaps because in protecting Milton the team has developed a different competitive chemistry.

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run some spread too," Palatka first-year coach Patrick Turner said. "Defensively, they run a 4-3 and they are a tough team?

The Hornets have struggled tremendously to score points in their single-wing attack so far, which bodes well for the Panthers' defensive front seven.

"Our goal is to expose them (Weeki Wachee)," Turner said. "Eustis was very athletic and had a lot of good athletes ... against Weeki Wachee we are going to spread it out and take advantage of their coverages. We expect seven guys in the box and we will have to get the ball around the perimeter, which will help open up our offense, especially opening up our running game."

Having faced a spread passing offense in week one against Land O'Lakes and a running attack in Springstead last week, the Hornets were exposed both ways defensively, which Turner said he looks to take full advantage of.

"Our goal last week was to run for 250 and we ran for 289, although we know they will load the box and we will have to throw it a bit more," Turner said. "Land O'Lakes' quarterback was a good thrower, while Springstead was more of a run-oriented team. They were 8-3 last year. We will make it a point to run the ball also, despite them loading the box and we will have to work the perimeter and take advantage of spacing."

Which is good news for quarterback Jamarrie McKinnon, tailbacks Leetrez Smtih and Ty'ran Bush and receivers

Super Bowl champs set to open NFL campaign

Brady

Buccaneers ready to face Cowboys in tonight's matchup

By Fred Goodall Associated Press

TAMPA - Lofty, maybe even gargantuan, expectations don't faze Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The reigning Super Bowl champions open the 2021 NFL season against the Dallas Cowboys tonight, confident they have everything it takes - at least on paper - to become the first team to win back-to-back titles since Brady led the 2003 and 2004 New England Patriots to consecutive crowns.

No one knows what it's like to have a target on your back every week more than Brady, a seven-time Super Bowl winner who turned 44 during training camp - a few

days after reminding teammates the first order of business is leaving last season behind.



The Bucs return all 22 starters from a top 10 offense and defense, however Brady and coach Bruce Arians stress talent alone doesn't guarantee continued success. "In one way, you're not really defend-

ing it much, it's kind of in the books. They can't take away what we've done. It's really just a whole other year and experience," Brady said.

"We have a lot of continuity. We have a

lot of things to build on and a lot more experience together," Brady added. "That's really all you

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two games. "They run a similar offense like Palatka did last year with the single-wing, (and) they will

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icing his own field goal kicker.

In overtime, Ryan Fitzgerald, who had

already kicked a 50-yarder was lined up when

Norvell questioned the officials' ruling on

where the ball was spotted. In other circum-

stances, it would be comical as they marched

the ball back to the original scrimmage line back to where it had been placed, and then

He missed the 43-yarder. Notre Dame

Let's just say congrats to everyone, but

coaches and players have some maturing to

Kerry Dunning covers Florida State for the Palatka Daily

back to the line of scrimmage again.

All in overtime and the Irish won.

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Thursday's Games

Dallas at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m. Sunday's Games

Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Carolina, 1 p.m.

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Wednesday's Games

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Tuesday's Games Connecticut 83, Dallas 56

Seattle 105, Washington 71

Las Vegas 102, Minnesota 81

Connecticut at Los Angeles, 10:30

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TODAY ON TELEVISION

CALENDAR

Schools, leagues and recreation departments are subject to change without notice

THURSDAY, September 9 HIGH SCHOOL Volleyball Gainesville Countryside Christian vs Peniel Baptist at SJR State, 6 p.m. Hawthorne at Palatka, 6 p.m. Pierson Taylor at Crescent City, 7 p.m

FRIDAY, September 10 HIGH SCHOOL Football Weeki Wachee at Palatka, 7 p.m Crescent City at Interlachen, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE Volleyball South Florida St. at SJRS, 1 p.m

TIDES

Palatka City Dock High Low 5:44A,6:12P 12:34A,12:53P

Today Sept. 10 6:30A,7:01P 1:23A,1:37P Sept.11 7:19A, 7:52P 2:16A, 2:25P

St. Augustine Beach High Low 10:57A,11:16P 4:44A,5:12P Today Sept. 10 11:46A,------ 5:28A,6:03P Sept. 11 12:03A,12:37P 6:15A, 6:58P

PREP GOLF GIRLS

At Palatka Municipal Golf Club Orange Park SJ Country Day 220, Palatka 235 St. Johns Country Day: Vogt 38, Pizzi 57, Morton 61, Garrison 64 Palatka (0-2): Clark 51, Giddens 61, Wilhite 61, Carnes 62,

BASEBALL

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Toronto	76	62	.551	11		
Baltimore	45	93	.326	42		
Central Division	1					
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Chicago	80	58	.580	_		
Cleveland	68	69	.496	11½		
Detroit	66	75	.468	15½		
Kansas City	62	77	.446	18½		
Minnesota	62	77	.446	18½		
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Houston	81	58		-		
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PALATKA DAILY NEWS PIGSKIN PREDICTIONS

	Mark Blumenthal Sports Editor	Corey Davis Sports Writer	Darron Bush Press Room	Kerry Dunning Correspondent	Wayne Smith Guest
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Oregon at Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State
NFL					
Jaguars at Texans	Jaguars	Texans	Texans	Jaguars	Texans
Cowboys at Buccaneers	Buccaneers	Buccaneers	Buccaneers	Buccaneers	Buccaneers
Dolphins at Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Steelers at Bills	Bills	Bills	Steelers	Bills	Bills
Last week	8-2	7-3	6-4	5-5	7-3
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Wayne Smith is the Daily News' editor. Last week's guest selector was legendary Palatka High fotball coach and athletic director Jim McCool. Guests' total is a combined figure.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL Jeter, Walker reach Hall after year wait

By John Kekis Associated Press

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. - Derek Jeter was simply Derek Jeter on his special day – smooth as silk.

On a Wednesday afternoon that turned cloudy with the temperature in the 70s and a few sprinkles in the air and adoring fans chanting his name, the former New York Yankees star shortstop and captain was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame after a long wait necessitated by the pandemic.

Greeted by raucous cheers in a crowd estimated at 20,000 that included NBA luminaries Michael Jordan and Patrick Ewing, several of his former teammates, and Hall of Fame Yankees manager Joe Torre on the stage behind him, Jeter took his turn after fellow inductees from the class of 2020 Ted Simmons, Larry Walker and the late Marvin Miller were honored. Jeter was touched by the moment and acknowledged how different the ceremony seemed in the wake of the recent deaths of 10 Hall of Famers.

"I'm so honored to be inducted with you guys and linked to you forever," he said. "The Hall of Fame is special because of those who are in it. We've lost way too many Hall of Famers over the last 20 months. These are all Hall of Famers who would have or could have been here, so for that reason it's not the same."

What was the same was the adoration displayed by the fans, who always marveled at his consistency.

"I had one goal in my career, and that was to win more than everyone else, and we did that, which brings me to the Yankee fans," Jeter said as the fans erupted again. "Without question, you helped me get here today as much as any individual I've mentioned."

He gave much of the credit to his parents, who were in the audience with Jeter's wife, Hannah, and their two young daughters.

"Mom, you taught me any dream is attainable as long as you work harder than everyone else. You drilled that in my head over and over and over and you led me to believe it," Jeter said. "You told me never to make excuses, you wouldn't allow me to use the word can't. Dad, you've been the voice of reason. You taught me to be patient, to listen and think before I speak. You've always been there for advice and to this day you're the first person I go to. I know when I retired you said you played every game with me and I know you recall from time to time telling me, 'You keep building that resume' Look where it's gotten us today.

The ceremony was delayed a year because of the coronavirus pandemic and it didn't matter much to Walker, the second Canadian elected to the Hall of Fame.

SPORTS BRIEFS

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

No. 1 SJR State sweeps Webber JV

The new No. 1 team in the state junior college Division II poll had little trouble living up to that bill Wednesday night.

St. Johns River State College took down Webber International's junior varsity team, 25-23, 25-16, 25-17, at Tuten Gymnasium to improve to 6-1 on the year and make it four straight victories.

Kendall Hatchett delivered seven kills, Juliann Lindsey handed out 21 assists and Tara English recorded five digs and two service aces for the Vikings, who will host South Florida State in a Sun-Lakes Conference match Friday night.

RECREATIONAL SPORTS

Putnam Lanes hosts two-day tourney

The Putnam Lanes Bowling Alley will host a twoday Strike Against Children Cancer Bowling Tournaments Saturday and Sunday sponsored by The Bowlers Hut Pro Shop.

On Saturday, there is a \$110 entry fee with optional \$5 brackets to enter the Singles Scratch Tournament, which starts at 10:30 a.m., with a \$2,000 first cash prize.

On Sunday, the entry fee is \$120 per team (\$60 each bowler) to enter the Baker Doubles-Handicap Tournament starting at 10:30 a.m., with a \$1,000 first cash prize.

Ten dollars from each entry fee will buys toys for Children's Cancer Unit at Shands Hospital. For the last eight years this tournament has raised over \$15,000. For more information contact Mike Preston at (352) 538-3133.

NFL

Lawrence named one of 7 Jags captains

JACKSONVILLE - Rookie guarterback and No. 1 overall pick Trevor Lawrence was voted one of Jacksonville's seven team captains for the season.

Coach Urban Meyer unveiled the list during a team meeting Wednesday by showing a 3-minute video featuring friends and family members breaking the news to the newly crowned captains. Meyer then presented each player with a teal jersey that had a C sewn on the front.

"It was great," Lawrence said. "It's a really cool feeling, especially as a younger guy just having that support from my teammates. Being named a starter and now a captain, nothing changes. Same expectation and now it's time to go out there and win some games.

"But I'm really excited. It's definitely an honor. It's a cool moment for me to be named a captain with those other guys, just a bunch of great guys in the locker room. We had a ton of guys that got votes but definitely really cool."

The Jaguars open the season at Houston on Sunday. Linebacker Myles Jack, pass rusher Josh Allen, cornerback Shaquill Griffin, safety Rayshawn Jenkins, receiver Marvin Jones and center Brandon Linder are the team's other captains. Linder became the franchise's first five-time captain.

Jack was the top vote-getter, Meyer said, adding that Lawrence was third.

- Staff, wire reports

but went to Texas A&M when Fisher left, only to leave College Station and return to Tallahassee.

Defensively, FSU is light years ahead of some disappointing seasons. Georgia transfer Jermaine Johnson had 1.5 sacks, 2.5 tackles for loss, and seven tackles overall.

While head coach Mike Norvell deserves all the credit for this team's turnaround, there were some costly moments squarely on his shoulders. By the way, he's standing by his decision.

Trailing by 11, FSU tried to get a first down from its own 33 on a fourth-and-2 play.

It failed. It wasn't so much the play, though it felt forced as much as the play that was called. More importantly, Norvell ended up

there."

News the field and spoke to his team added. "I think that's about a bunch of guys that are really

about the opportunity to face a seemingly ageless Brady and the defending champs in the season opener for the entire NFL.

'We talked about ... just how fortunate we are to be part of it on whatever level, most importantly the players," McCarthy said.

'There's definitely a youthfulness that has to exist to be successful, and I think (Brady's) a good example if there ever was one that has played the game, or any sport, of the way you need to go about it," McCarthy said. "He exudes with that every time he lines up. Very consistent. I think it's a big part of his continued success."

Panthers

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Lane Sheffield, Jamal Bryant, Roderris Passmore and Kamari Betts. McKinnon exploited Eustis' defense with designed quarterback draws, while Smith and Bush pounded the ball for a combined

172 yards on 19 carries and two touchdowns.

Starting a program from scratch hasn't been an easy thing for Weeki Wachee. Since opening, the Hornets haven't had a winning season and are currently 24-66 coming into the game Friday.

The Hornets are led by offensive linemen Nick Murray (6-1, 260), Riley Henchey (6-4, 280) and Justin Boyle (5-10, 240), a two-way lineman along with middle linebacker Joseph Chavis, the reigning Gulf Coast Eight Conference Defensive Player of the Year after accumulating 80 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, four sacks, three forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and two interceptions in just six games.

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6-10 finish in which they played

most of the season without quar-

terback Dak Prescott.

in training camp.

The Cowboys are coming off a

Prescott returns Thursday night

for the first time since suffering

the severe ankle injury that ended

his year last October. He didn't

play in the preseason, either, after

straining his right shoulder early

is excited to get Prescott back on

Cowboys coach Mike McCarthy

Defensively, Jason Purcell, Majiyah Brown, Derrick Washington, who all made big

plays, and Passmore, who had an 82-yard interception return for a touchdown last week, will all be counted on for the Panthers.

One thing that will have to certainly change this week is protecting the ball on offense, which gave Eustis great field position and cost the Panthers points as well.

"We will have to put our defense in better positions," Turner said.

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the position that we're in. I'd just

like us to go out and take advan-

season working with a bevy of play-

makers that includes receivers Mike

Evans, Chris Godwin and Antonio

Brown, tight ends Rob Gronkowski,

Cameron Brate and O.J. Howard,

the Bucs think they can be even

The defense returns intact, too,

more potent on offense.

With Brady entering his second

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There are other highlights, including the fact that the Seminoles came back from an 18-point deficit late in the third quarter to have a chance to win. This wasn't a squad that got sloppy. FSU methodically worked its way back into a chance to win - no flukes provided by Notre Dame.

Notre Dame averaged 2.6 yards per carry (adjusted for sack yardage) at the same time Jashaun Corbin ran 89 yards to tie the score at 7-7 in the first quarter. He's worth a story to himself having originally signed with FSU,

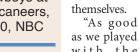
> with linebackers Devin White, Lavonte David, Jason Pierre-Paul and Shaquil Barrett leading the way and a youthful group of cornerbacks and

safeties looking to make names for 8:20, NBC

with the same group of guys, I'd love to see where we can get this year," Brady said.

"Again, all of it is earned. There's nothing given. It's not about a bunch of hype or a bunch of buildup. We have to go do it," Brady

TONIGHT Cowboys at Buccaneers,





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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLOR-IDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERI-ODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS

BARRED. The date of first publication of this no-tice is September 09, 2021.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Tance E. Roberts

Tance E. Roberts Florida Bar Number: 947636 Matanzas Law Firm, P.A. 200 Malaga Street, Ste 9 St. Augustine, FL 32084 Telephone: (904) 826-1772 Fax: (904) 826-0173 E-Mail: troberts@matanzas.law efile@matanzas.law

Personal Representative: Belinda M. Beasley 164 Ranchette Trail Palatka, Florida 32177

Legal No.: 00084239 09/09/21, 09/16/21

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2021-000445CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN SIBERT, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BARBARA ANN SIBERT, deceased, whose date of death was July 23, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Putnam County, Florida, Case No-2021-000445CP, the address of which is 127 Tanner Rd. Florahome, FL 32140. The names and addresses of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SER-VICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM THEM

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or de-mands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERI-ODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER TIME DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of publication of this notice is Sept. 9, 2021.

Attorney of Personal Representative: FRANKLIN D. FIELDS, ESQ. Fla. Bar #0723691 Law Office of Franklin D. Fields 311 State Road 26 Melrose, FL 32666 Telephone: (352) 475-1176

Personal Representative: Samuel Moore 612 Hilton Ave Ashland, KY 4111

Legal No. 00084268 09/09/21, 09/16/21

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEV-ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 2021-000060-CA-53 DIVISION:

AMERICAN FINANCIAL RESOURCES, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JU-DICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2021-196-CA

ROCKY ROAD REALTY, INC., a Florida profit corporation, Plaintiff, V.

PEDRO OCASIO, Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: PEDRO OCASIO, and any un-known spouses, devisees, grantees, assigns, lienors, creditors, trustees or any other or against PEDRO OCASIO.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Putnam County, Florida.

LOT 93, BLOCK 5, INTERLACHEN LAKE ESTATES, UNIT NO. 8, AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 4, PAGES 118-A AND 118-B OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PUBLIC COUNTY, FLORIDA

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your writ-ten defenses, if any, to wit on CRAIG Z. SHERAR, the Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 147 Pine Tree Road, East Palatka, FL 32131, Tel. (386) 312-0707, on or before SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 (date), and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiffs attorney or im-mediately thereafter; otherwise a de-fault will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on AUGUST 16, 2021. MATT REYNOLDS As Clerk of the Court

(SEAL)

By/s Lee Veronica Reyes As Deputy Clerk

Legal No. 00083791 08/19, 08/26, 09/02, 09/09/21

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JU-DICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No.: 2021-453-CP Division: 53

IN RE: ESTATE OF SYLVESTER COMER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of SYLVESTER COMER, deceased, File Number 2021-453-CP, by the Circuit Court for PUT-NAM County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 410 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida 32177; that the decedent's date of death was July 6, 2020; that the total value of the es-tate is \$6,375.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name Address

MALINDA W. COMER 314 Bardin Road Palatka, FL 32177

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTI-FIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the de-cedent other than those for whom procedent other than those for whom pro-vision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER AP-PLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is September 09, 2021.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:

/s/ George A. Young GEORGE A. YOUNG Attorney for MALINDA W. COMER Florida Bar Number: 0051728 Holmes & Young, P.A. 222 N. 3rd Street Palatka, Florida 32177 Telephone: (386) 328-1111 Fax: (386) 328-3003 E-Mail: Deadinge@bclossed



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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 21-CP-363 Division 54

IN RE: ESTATE OF CLYDE WAYNE WILLIS (aka Clyde W. Willis), Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Clyde Wayne Willis (aka Clyde W. Wil-lis) deceased, whose date of death was November 30, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Putnam County, Flor-ida, Probate Division, the address of which is 410 Saint Johns Ave, Palatka, FL 32177. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, CHARLES C. SHEPARD AKKA CHARLES C. SHEPH-ARD SR., DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, CHARLES C. SHEPARD A/KIA CHARLES C. SHEPH-ARD, SR., DECEASED

Last Known Address: Unknown

Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Putnam County, Florida:

LOTS 444 AND 445, RIVER PARK TRAILER COURT, UNIT 'D', AS PER MAP THEREOF RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 4, PAGE 203, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PUT-NAM COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT UNTO THE PARTIES OF SECOND PART, THEIR HEIRS AND ASSIGNS, TO USE THE BOAT RAMP AND PARKING SPACE LOCATED ON LOTS 15 THROUGH 19, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 1, RIVER PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO MAP BOOK 4, PAGE 39, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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has been filed against you and you are required to file written defenses with the clerk of court and to serve a copy within 30 days after the first publica-tion of the Notice of action, on Alber-telli Law, Plaintiffs attorney, whose ad-dress is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief de-manded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Palatka Daily News. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 30TH day of AUGUST 2021.

MATT REYNOLDS Clerk of the Circuit Court (SEAL)

By/s Lee Veronica Reyes Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Putnam County Board of County Commissioners will meet in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room located at 2509 Crill Avenue, Suite 100, Palatka.

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Laura Berardi Staff Assistant II to the Board of County Commissioners

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Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center in Palatka.

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3 Palatka business leaders help form Haven Hospice Foundation

Palatka Daily News

Three Palatka business leaders helped form a North Central Florida nonprofit foundation dedicated to working with Haven Hospice.

Danny Martinez, Putnam Community Medical Center trustee and president of the Rodeheaver Foundation, serves as chairman of Haven Hospice Foundation board of directors.

The foundation will focus on fundraising programs, grant applications, and "a full range of giving options."

"Having experienced Haven services, I know the importance of financially supporting a local legacy hospice," Martinez said in a statement. "Health care and hospice are on the cusp of significant change in the years ahead."

Vice President of Beck Automotive Group Wayne McClain was named the foundation's vicechair. And Norlene Roberts, who owns Roberts Ranch with her husband, Irving, serves as a board member. She also serves on Haven's Palatka Community Advisory Board.

"With the aging of America, Florida and North Central Florida, there is a greater need for Haven care and services, a greater opportunity for Haven to fulfill its mission and meet growing communitv need for hospice and palliative care for patients wherever they reside," McClain said.

Haven Hospice touts being the "oldest and only



locally governed hospice and palliative care provider" in North Central Florida. The organization helps patients and families in 18 different counties through services beyond hospice care,

such as grief support and seminars for caregivers. Locally, Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center in Palatka reopened March 2020 after closing for renovations in December 2019.

Facility improvements included wall, floor, room and paint job upgrades. Employees from Palatka Flooring helped work on the 18-patient center located at 6400 St. Johns Ave.

Additional Haven Hospice facilities are in Lake City, Gainesville and Orange Park.

As hospice care heads toward "value-based care," Martinez said that the foundation would continue to serve the community.

"As a result of these changes, Haven needs to be able to invest and evolve to adapt to these new reimbursement models all while continuing to meet the needs of a growing North Central Florida."

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Panhandle in path of Tropical Storm Mindy

Associated Press

MIAMI — A swath of the Florida Panhandle was under a tropical storm warning as Tropical Storm Mindy neared landfall Wednesday night.

Mindy could cause as much as 6 inches of rainfall across the Florida Panhandle and portions of southern Georgia and South Carolina through today, the National Hurricane Center said.

The tropical storm warning is in effect from Mexico Beach, Florida, to the Steinhatchee River to the east.

That area is about 300 miles east of southern Louisiana, where Hurricane Ida made landfall late last month.

The region is still recovering from the deadly and destructive Category 4 storm.

Mindy is the 13th-named storm of what has been another busy Atlantic hurricane

Judge: Florida can't enforce ban on school mask mandates

By Curt Anderson Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — A Florida judge ruled Wednesday that the state cannot enforce a ban on public schools mandating the use of masks to guard against the coronavirus, while an appeals court sorts out whether the ban is ultimately legal.

Leon County Circuit Judge John C. Cooper lifted an automatic stay of his decision last week that Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis and state education officials exceeded their authority by imposing the blanket ban through executive order and tagging defiant promask local school boards with financial penalties.

Cooper said the overwhelming evidence before him in a lawsuit by parents challenging the DeSantis ban is that wearing masks does provide some protection for children in crowded school settings, particularly those under 12 for whom no vaccine yet exists. The issue came to a head amid a recent surge in cases caused by the more contagious and deadly delta variant of the virus, which health statistics show has begun to wane.

"We're not in normal times. We are in a pandemic," Cooper said during a hearing held remotely. "We have a (coronavirus) variant that is more infectious and dangerous to children than the one we had last year."

Since DeSantis signed the mandatory mask ban order on July 30, 13 school boards representing more than half of Florida's 2.8 million students have adopted mask requirements with an opt-out only for medical reasons. State education officials have begun going after rebellious school board members' salaries as a form of punishment.

Jacob Oliva, public schools



News Service of Florida

A Leon County circuit judge again ruled against Gov. Ron DeSantis' attempt to prevent school mask mandates

chancellor at the state Department of Education, said in a notice last week to local superintendents that "enforcement must cease if the stay is lifted." That includes the effort to dock salaries of school board members or impose other financial penalties.

The case next goes before the 1st District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee. DeSantis said at an appearance Wednesday in Palm Harbor that he is confident the state will prevail. The matter could ultimately be decided by the Florida Supreme Court.

The core of the governor's argument is that the recently passed Parents Bill of Rights gives decision-making authority to parents on whether their children should wear a mask to school.

"What we've found is in the trial courts in Tallahassee, state and federal, we typically lose if there's a political component to it, but then in the appeals court we almost always win," the governor said.

Cooper seemed to go out of his way to point out that he has frequently ruled in favor of Florida governors in the past, including cases involving GOP Govs. Jeb Bush and Rick Scott. Cooper has been a Leon County circuit judge since he was first elected in 2002.

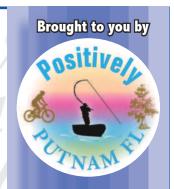
"If you look at my record, it's not somebody who runs all over the place, ruling against the governor," Cooper said. "This case has generated a lot of heat and a lot of light."

On the Parents Bill of Rights, Cooper said his previous order follows the law as passed earlier this year by the Legislature. The law, he said, reserves health and education decisions regarding children to parents unless a government entity such as a school board can show their broader action is reasonable and narrowly tailored to the issue at hand.

The DeSantis order impermissibly enforces only the first portion of that law, Cooper said. "You have to show you have authority to do what you're doing," the judge said. 'You cannot enforce part of that law but not all of it?

In a separate case, parents of special needs children have filed a federal lawsuit claiming the DeSantis mandatory school mask ban violates the Americans with Disabilities Act by placing their medically sensitive children in jeopardy.

A federal judge in Miami did not immediately rule after a hearing Wednesday.



Scattered flash, urban, and small-stream floods are possible.

The storm on Wednesday night was about 25 miles west-southwest of Apalachicola, Florida, and moving northeast at 21 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph forecasters said.

season.

According to a tweet from Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach, the average date for the 13-named storm from 1991-2020 was Oct. 24.

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At the foot of the bridge across from Musselwhite's in East Palatka



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Photograph By JIM BAILEY

Early morning at the Bronson Mulholland House.



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How to submit your photo for What I Love About Putnam

We encourage people to submit photos for this feature to show off the natural beauty of Putnam County. Emailed pictures should be saved as .jpeg at 200 DPI and sent to pdngraphics@ gmail.com. Please include caption information for the picture as well as information about the photographer. All pictures must have been taken in Putnam County. Prints can be mailed or taken to Palatka Daily News, 1825 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL 32177 and marked ATTN: What I Love About

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Arts Council of Greater Palatka's HIGH LIFE JAZZ SERIES CONTINUES

By TRISHA MURPHY Palatka Daily News tmurphy@palatkadailynews.com

hen Stephen Chandler Sr. got his musical start it was beating the drums at his church when he was just a little boy. Who knew he would go on to be inspired by his middle school band teacher, the late Abraham Alexander, to be motivated enough to follow music?

But he did.

"I don't have any major music education, it's just a natural gift from God to be able to pick up an instrument and learn it in a minimal time frame," said Chandler, who was born and raised in Putnam County, living here for 52 years.

Today, Chandler who lives in East Palatka, plays quite a few instruments. "I started playing piano/bass when I was about 18 and have been playing the saxophone for about 7 or 8 years," he said.

Chandler is the lead in his band called Stephen Chandler and Sleek that will perform during the Arts Council of Greater Palatka's third High Life Jazz Series Concerts 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Larimer Arts Center, 216 Reid St. in Palatka. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Seating will be in the lobby and gallery areas in an effort to allow for social distancing.

"We are looking forward to this show as it is Stephen Chandler's CD 'Love Destination' release show," said Denise Aiken, executive director of the Arts Council. "Those who know Stephen and Sleek know this show will be wonderful and those who have not been to one of their shows must come and hear what they have been missing."

Besides the concert, an art exhibit titled, "Drawing From Life" is on display for guests to see featuring the works of Michael Everett, art instructor at Palatka Junior-Senior High School. Everett's exhibit ends Saturday.

Chandler said his new CD showcases the passion of his heart through his music and all songs were written by him except the cover song. CDs will sell for \$15 at the concert.

"Love Destination I would say is directed to love and the process and journey it takes to achieve real love," he said.

According to Chandler, Sleeks name was chosen because it represents smoothness.

'That's our sound," he said. "It doesn't matter what style of song we play, it's going to come out smooth?

Band members include Edwin Givens, vocalist; James White, lead guitar; Godfrey Smith Sr., bass guitar; Willie Wright Jr., drums and center; and Chandler, piano and saxophone.

Chandler said he has several performers who come to mind as far as saxophone players who inspire him.

"Gerald Albright, Dave Koz, Boney James and Kirk See GIFT, Page 6B

Stephen Chandler and Sleek's D release is Love Destination Cl Saturday during concert at the Larimer Arts Center



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Area residents are invited to submit their favorite family or pet photos to publish in the Applause section as space permits. Email photos with names and details to tmurphy@palatkadailynews.com.





LeeQuisha Johnson recently came back to her hometown Palatka to celebrate her 41st birthday. The Gainesville resident had her picture taken outside the old Florida Furniture warehouse.





Grayson Bostick, 5, celebrating his birthday.



Jacob Felton received his Black Belt in karate.



Nathan Bass and mom, Crystal Collins, celebrate!

Clay Alan Wiggs, 8 months, likes getting a bath in the kitchen sink at his Granny and Pop's house.

Brailynn, 6, is ready for her first day of school.



Snickers, 1, doesn't mind sitting and posing for a photo.



Macy Gaskin is excited for her senior year at Palatka Junior-Senior High School.



Seven-month-old Mabel is all paws.



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SCRIPTURE T R U T H Ben-Hadad Attacks Samaria I King 20 Ben-Hadad, king of Aram gathered his army along with thirty-two kings with their armies and attacked Samaria. He sent messengers to King Ahab telling him that he was claiming Ahab's silver and gold and the best of his wives and children. Ahab agreed to Ben-Hadad's demand. The next day Ben-Hadad sent a message to Ahab telling him that he was also going to take from him all that he had that was of value. Ahab summoned all the elders of Israel and they told him not to submit to Ben-Hadad's demands. In response to Ahab's refusal to give up all of his wealth, Ben-Hadad threatened to totally destroy Israel, leaving nothing but dust. Ben-Hadad ordered an attack. Meanwhile a prophet told Ahab that the LORD said that He would give the vast army threatening Israel into Ahab's hands that day TAX F and then Ahab would know that God was the LORD.' " Ahab questioned the prophet asking 'But who will do this?" The prophet replied, "This is what the LORD says: 'The young officers of the provincial commanders will do it.' " Ahab asked who would start the battle. The prophet told Ahab that he, Ahab, would start the battle. Ahab summoned the 232 young officers and assembled the 7000 Israelites and at noon while Ben-Hadad and the 32 kings allied with him were in their tents getting drunk they attacked. The Arameans fled, with the Israelites in pursuit. Ben-Hadad escaped on horseback. Israel advanced and inflicted heavy losses on the Arameans. rt copyright ©2006 Rowlett Advertising Servi This devotional and directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services. ANGLICAN HARVEST BAPTIST TRINITY UNITED BAPTIST ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL CENTER 1001 SR 19, Palatka 146 S. CR 21. Johnso 1250 S. St. Rd. 19, Palatka 211 Madison St., Palatka 1100 S. 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For Thursday, September 9, 2021

Explore possibilities, and make adjustments that encourage you to use your attributes in new and exciting ways. Update your plans, and make alterations to the way you live and how you take care of yourself, your finances and your relationships with others. Take the time to recognize what's meaningful to you, and restructure your life to fulfill your dreams.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Let new energy into your life and pursue the people, places and things that bring you joy. Share your feelings with someone you

love. Don't fear change; move forward with confidence. LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

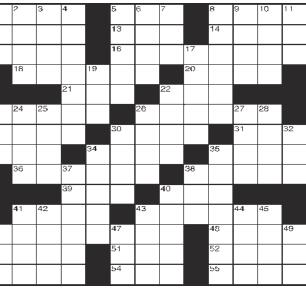
Aim to stabilize your life and your home environment, and dedicate more time to enjoying the company of those you love. Choose what makes you happy. Romance is favored.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Declutter your life, your home and your mind of stuff that belongs in the past. Learn from the lessons you've encountered, and strive for better days ahead.

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SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Participate in discussions that interest you or spark your imagination. A chance to help someone or something you believe in will lead to a revelation that will change how you move forward.

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(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Double-check whatever information comes your way before you pass it along. Expect someone to use emotional tactics to swing your opinion. Do the work yourself to avoid mistakes and disappointment.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make the most with what you've got. Your ingenuity and dedication will shine through and give you the platform you require to get your point across. Celebrate a victory with someone you love.

PISCES

(Feb. 20-March 20) Don't feel the need to interfere when it's best to make sure you have your life in order before you judge what someone else is doing. Nurture relationships instead of trying to change them.

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(March 21-April 19) You will be exhilarated by the people you meet and the prog-

ress you make. An opportunity to head in a creative direction will boost your need to explore new territory.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20) Get involved in something geared toward peace of mind, fitness and productivity. Restlessness will set in if you don't keep moving. Make decisions based on what you want, and you will excel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Spend time with someone who shares your beliefs, enjoys the same pastimes and makes you feel good about yourself. Networking functions will prove to be beneficial. Romance is featured.

CANCER

(June 21-July 22) Having a clear picture will help you decipher the best way to deal with problems that involve others. In the end, you are better off choosing what fits your lifestyle. Please yourself.

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(July 23-Aug. 22) If you get caught in someone's drama, you'll miss a chance to explore new possibilities. Personal gain, educational pursuits and finding your bliss are in your best interest.

ADVICE BY HARRIETTE COLE Man rejects father's qualities

Dear Harriette: There are a lot of things that I do not like about my dad. He can be very condescending and a bit of a chauvinist. I do not like the way that he speaks to my mother. She is kind and gentle, and my dad talks to her as if she's some type of indentured servant. I'm married now, and I find myself sometimes speaking to my wife in a similar manner. I don't mean to - and she checks me on it every single time. I'm glad that she does. How do I avoid becoming my father? I realize that it's probably something I'll have to actively work against in my marriage. — Dad Habits

Dear Dad Habits: It's time for you to get therapy. People commonly take on the behavioral characteristics of their parents as that is what they witnessed growing up. To break such ingrained patterns of behavior, you should get professional help. Talk to a therapist about your life, your observations of

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Let's start today with a tough question. Who wrote this? "Although I have been prevented by outward circumstances from observing a strictly vegetarian

diet, I have long been an adherent to the cause in principle. Besides agreeing with the aims

your father, your own behavior with your wife and your desires for yourself. Be as transparent as possible. The more you share, the easier it will be to come up with a plan of action that will help you to self-regulate your behavior. Enlist your wife's support in this. If she knows that you see your flaws and are prepared to tackle them, she may be able to support your journey.

Be mindful of casting blame on your father. That will help nobody. Instead, focus on yourself, and work to control your thoughts, words and deeds.

Dear Harriette: I've recently started designing shirts and selling them online. When my girlfriend doesn't like a design I've come up with, she'll laugh and make fun of me. Her criticism is never helpful and always just makes me feel small. Is this grounds to end our relationship? - Hurtful Words

Dear Hurtful Words: Invite your girlfriend to sit down and

BRIDGE

of vegetarianism for aesthetic and moral reasons, it is my view that a vegetarian manner of living by its purely physical effect on the human temperament would most beneficially influence the lot of mankind."

Now for a slightly easier bridge problem. South is in four spades. What should he do after West leads the club king?

In an echo of yesterday's column, yes, South could have opened two no-trump. His hand does contain 7 ace-king points (2 for an ace and 1 for a king). Kaplan and Rubens deem this hand worth 20.1 points — just enough. If South had opened two no-trump, he would have been in three no-trump and

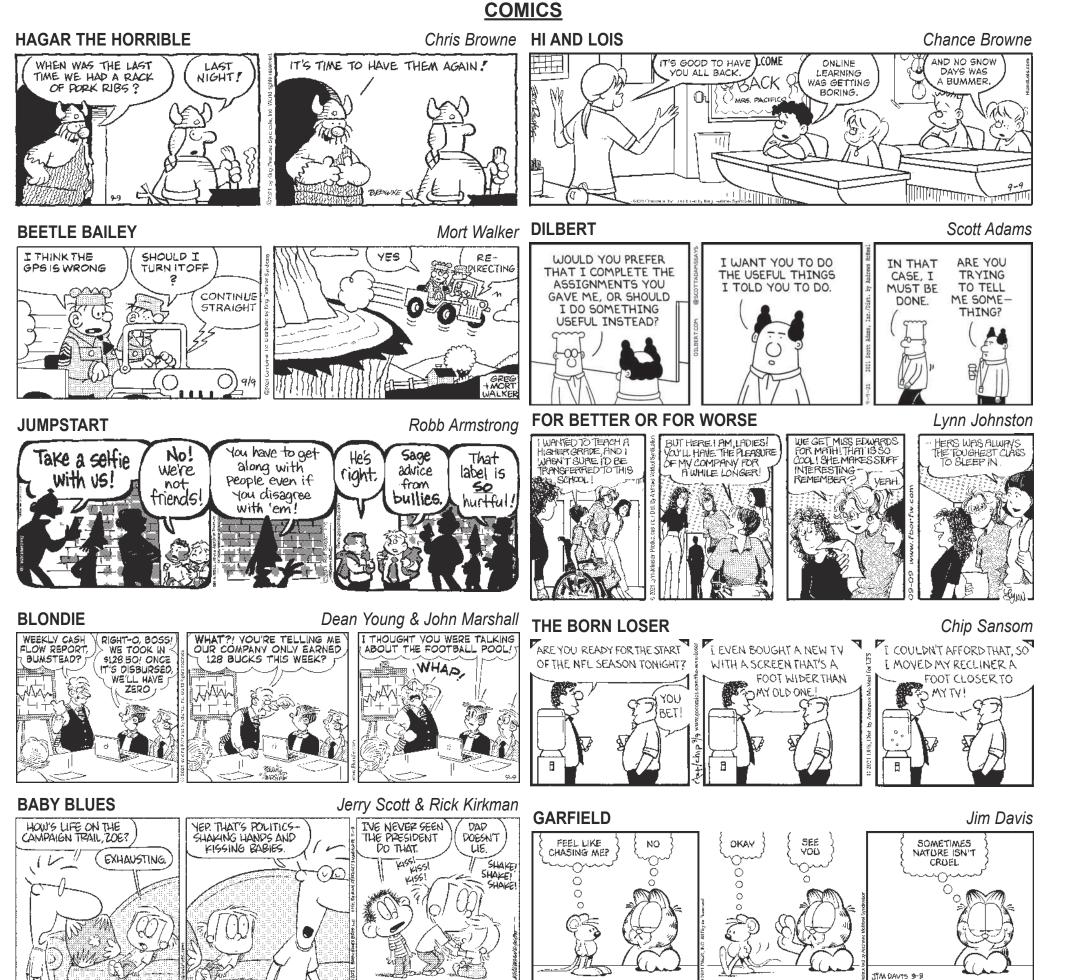
talk seriously with you. Remind her of how committed you are to your new business and ask her for her support. That doesn't mean you want her to be a yesperson, but tell her that it hurts your feelings when she behaves in a dismissive and mocking way about your work. Ask her to stop laughing at your designs. Instead, if she would like to offer constructive criticism, you are all ears.

Point out that you believe that she may have some insights that are worth considering, and you want to hear her, but it is impossible for you to know how to react when she makes fun of your work rather than offering any real evaluation. Tell her that you are willing to hear her criticism if she can begin to offer it in a thoughtful way. If not, ask her to keep her derision to herself

would have had to play the spade suit with the same care as our declarer in four spades.

South is certain to lose one trick in each minor suit, so he can afford only one trump loser. When the spade ace drops the queen from West, declarer must avoid the temptation to play for the doubleton queen-jack. Instead, he should continue with a low spade to dummy's 10. In a moment, when on the board with the diamond ace, South will play a spade to his eight, draw East's last trump and claim. His probability of success is nearly 82%.

The quote above was written in a letter in 1930 by Albert Einstein.





Church news deadline is noon Monday for publication on Thursday. Email announcements to tmurphy@palatkadailynews.com or drop off at the Palatka Daily News 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1825 St. Johns Ave., Palatka. Mark items "Church News" and include a contact person's name and phone number. Announcements should include the church name and address and events open to the public with dates and times.



■ Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2009 President St. in Palatka, is starting a new Awana Biblebased club for children ages 2 up to high school age. Meetings begin 6 p.m. Sept. 7 at the church. Highlights include Bible lessons, games and prizes. Area children are invited. For details, call Karen Cunningham at 352-272-8604.

Francis Baptist Church, 155 County Road 309C, Palatka, will begin its Awana Bible clubs for children ages 2 through fifth grade Sept. 22. The club meets 6:15-7:15 p.m. each Wednesday. The public is invited. For details, call 325-1717.

■ Southside Baptist Church, 2920 Browns Landing Road in Palatka, has Awana Bible-based club for children ages 3 through fifth grade. The program will run through the school year and starts Sept. 8 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

DAY OF PRAYER

The Central Putnam Ministerial Association has decided not to have an in-person gathering this year for Cry Out America Patriot's Day 9/11 prayer service.

Christian radio station 91.3 Hope FM is hosting a day of prayer on Saturday, 9/11 where prere-



sessions include "Is This Normal?," "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief & Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt & Anger."

For details, call Barrett Brenckman at 326–1177 or visit www.griefshare.org.

ANNIVERSARY

■ Mt. Tabor First Baptist Church, 4909 St. Johns Ave. in Palatka and 608 Randolph St. in Crescent City will celebrate the church's 152nd anniversary on Sept. 15.

Celebration times are 9 a.m. Sept. 12 at the Palatka campus and 3 p.m. at the Crescent City campus; 7 p.m. Sept. 14 in Crescent City; Founder's Day – Happy Birthday to Mt. Tabort, 7 p.m. Palatka campus; 9 a.m. Sept. 19 in Palatka and 3 p.m. in Crescent City.

Social distancing will be observed and masks are manda-tory.

CHURCH SERVICES

■ Cross Road Community Church, 117 Pinetree Road, East Palatka, will hold Bible study 9:30 a.m. for all ages. Worship service follows at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Children church starts at

11:30 a.m. Sunday night service is 5 p.m. Wednesday night service is 6 p.m. with youth meeting at 5:30 p.m. The Rev. Rick Torrence is pastor and the Rev. Karon Torrence is co-pastor.

■ Mt. Tabor First Baptist Church, 4909 St. Johns Ave., Palatka and 608 Randolph St., Crescent City offers worship services 9 a.m. Sunday in Palatka and noon Sunday in Crescent City.

The public is invited. Social distancing will be practiced and masks are mandatory.

New Creation Christian Center, 1210 N. 17th St., Palatka, offers online services 11 a.m. Sundays. Wednesday Bible services are at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to call 569-9138 for an online code to be part of the Wednesday service.

Paran Baptist Church, 125 Paran Church Road in Grandin, has Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. followed by morning worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday each week.

Sunday evening worship is at 6 p.m. and Wednesday night prayer meeting is 6:30 p.m. The Rev. David Price is pastor. The public is invited.

■ Saint John Lutheran Church, 1262 S. State Road 19 in Palatka, will gather each Sunday 10 a.m. for worship with a service of word and sacrament. The public is invited.

■ Southside Baptist Church, 2920 Browns Landing Road in Palatka, has Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday followed by morning worship at 10:15 a.m. Evening worship is 6 p.m. Mid-week prayer service is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and includes a program at the same time for children and students. The public is invited.

We Remember

rom that day onward, life would never be the same again.

In the days after the disaster, life seemed to lose some of its luster. Many residents of the city spoke of a loss of innocence that would never return. The smoky haze, rising up from fires still not extinguished, made the sunsets more brilliant. But it also served as an aching reminder of all the people they had lost, in that one dreadful day.

It was the day the armies of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, burst through the gates of Jerusalem and ended the royal line of David and Solomon. Jehoiachin, the boy king, was soon packed off — along with his mother, all the members of the royal court and 10,000 captives — to Babylon. None of them would ever see Jerusalem again. The temple, that wonder of wise old Solomon's reign, was burned, as were many of the houses in the city. Nebuchadnezzar set up his own puppet king, and Babylonian administrators moved into every civil-service job of any importance.

For Israel — the chosen people whom the Lord had led through the wilderness — this was a stunning and humiliating defeat. But more than that, it represented a spiritual crisis, for it was true what they said, life would never be the same again.

"How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" the disheartened exiles would sing (Psalm 137:4).

But Jeremiah showed them how. Jeremiah, that grim prophet of doom who had been about the only one sharp enough to see what was really happening and to sound the alarm, abruptly changed his tune and began preaching comfort: "Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce ... But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the



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Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare" (Jeremiah 29:7).

We find our welfare not in nurturing hatred but in looking to the needs of one another.

This September finds us recognizing an anniversary. Some anniversaries are celebrations, not this one. The prophet Isaiah has words that are appropriate for this anniversary. They not only take us back to 2001, but they point us to the future and lay a challenge before us. "The Lord God helps me," says Isaiah; "therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame" (Isaiah 50:7). These words matched the attitude of our country in the days after 9/11. We turned to God for help, and we found that God helped us. We showed unity and resolve, setting our faces "like flint" on the challenges of national security and respect for our brothers and sisters.

The challenge before us, 20 years after 9/11, is to "stand up together" (v. 8). We need to face our challenges as united Christians alongside other people of faith in a truly United States of America. But how do we do this? How do we overcome our polarization and stand together again, as we did after Sept. 11, 2001? The quick answer is, with God's help and our willingness to stand together.

I will address this in my Sermon at the Village Church on Sunday as we remember those who lost their lives in the deadliest terror attack in recent history, strive to once again be truly united, and understand what our mission is in the world.

The Rev. Alan J. Liphart is the head pastor of The Village Church at World Golf Village. The church is a Mission partner of local radio station HopeFM. To find out more about The Village Church or to stream live services go to WGV.Church.

CHARITABLE GROUPS OFFER ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY

The following is a partial list of organizations that have free food pantries and food giveaways. To be added to the list, organizers can email Trisha Murphy at tmurphy@palatkadailynews.com.

CRESCENT CITY

■ South Putnam Christian Service Center, 219 N. Summit St. Crescent City. The food pantry is open 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Tuesdays. The center offers financial aid with utilities and prescriptions on an individual basis, as well as clothing vouchers. For details or to donate, call 698-1944.

■ South Putnam Church, 284 Union Ave. – free food giveaway drive-thru in conjunction with Feeding Northeast Florida, beginning 9 a.m. until food is gone the first Wednesday of each month. Open to all. The church's regular food pantry is 1 p.m. the third Monday of the month. Open to all. The church's clothes closet is open during food pantry days. For details or to make a donation, call 698-1054. 315 – 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays providing hot meals. Also provides nonperishable food and other items for those in need to pick up. Clothes, hats, jackets, blankets and gloves are also available. For details or to donate, call David Yonts at 972-1045.

■ First Baptist of Interlachen, 115 N. County Road 315 – food pantry is open 9 a.m.–noon Mondays through Thursdays for anyone in need. Individuals must bring a photo ID and can only get assistance every three months from the food pantry. For details or to make a donation, call 684-4573.

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■ Bread of Life, 320 N. Fifth St., behind Palatka Gas Authority. Offers free meals for homeless center also has a food closet open to everyone. The center is open 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For details or to make a donation, call 328-0984.

■ Epic-Cure Putnam and Feeding Northeast Florida hosts drive-thru food giveaways, 2–4 p.m. each Friday at its warehouse, 389 N. U.S. 17. Volunteers are needed and should arrive an hour prior to the giveaway. Open to anyone in need.

■ Heart Of Putnam Food Pantry, 521 S. 13th St., 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. For details or to make a donation, call 972-0875.

■ St. Monica's Catholic Church, 410 Oak St. – offering free food 9 a.m.-noon every Thursday. Volunteers welcome. For details or to make a dona

corded prayers will be aired Saturday throughout the day.

NEW PASTOR

The community is invited to come and meet the Rev. George Cruz-Martinez, newly called rostered pastor, at Hope Lutheran Church, 273 County Road 309 in Satsuma 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Saturday.

Cruz-Martinez has been in the ministry for 42 years and has pastored churches in Florida, New Jersey and his native New York. He and his wife, Beverly Rivera, have also served as missionaries for a few years in Honduras, Central America. Cruz-Martinez will be installed at Hope Lutheran Church 2 p.m. Oct. 3. The church is also offering a free, quality clothes giveaway the same day. Due to COVID-19, the church is requesting masks be worn.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Francis Baptist Church, 155 County Road 309C, Palatka, will host revival services Oct. 3–7. Services on Sunday begin at 10:30 a.m. and Monday through Thursday services are at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Speakers include Adam Greenway, pesident of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, David Mills, senior pastor, Beech Haven Baptist Church, Ted Traylor, senior pastor, Olive Baptist Church, Tommy Green, executive president of Florida Baptist Convention and Kevin Smith, executive president of Delaware/Maryland Baptist Convention.

The Rev. Jason Sharp is pastor. For details, call 325-1717.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Cross Road Community Church, 117 Pinetree Road, East Palatka, offers GriefShare featuring nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar

The church hosts a brotherhood breakfast 8 a.m. the second Saturday of each month.

The Rev. Jeff Foster is pastor. Visit www.crossroadcommunity.net or call 326-1177.

Embassy Church of God in Christ, Palatka, has live service meetings on Facebook and Zoom. The website is embassytv. net.

Services are 10 a.m. Sunday and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Superintendent is Willie C. Chambliss III and district missionary designate/shepheredes is Brenda Miller-Chambliss. For details, call 828–316–7408.

■ First Baptist Church, 501 Oak St. in Palatka, offers Sunday school for small groups at 9 a.m. for all ages followed by worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary. Services are also live-streamed on Facebook or YouTube.

Family supper is 5–6 p.m. Wednesday. Services for nursery to adults is from 6–7 p.m.

The Rev. Ron Smith is senior pastor. For details, call 328-1531.

First Baptist Church of San Mateo Sunday school is each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. followed by morning worship at 11 a.m. Evening worship on Sunday is 5 p.m. Wednesday Bible study is 6 p.m.

The church's food pantry and clothes closet is no longer open.

The church is at 160 Highway 100 East.

■ Francis Baptist Church, 155 County Road 309C, Palatka, has Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Children's church is available Sundays as well as a nursery.

The Rev. Jason Sharp is pastor. For details, call 325-1717.

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, 317 Daniels St., Hastings, will resume in-person worship service 11 a.m. Sunday.

Face masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

The Rev. Shaun Thomas is pastor. For details, call 328-0764 or visit info@southsidebc.org.

■ St. Marks Episcopal Church, 200 Main St. in Palatka, offers Rite I services at 8 a.m. and Rite II at 10:30 a.m. Services are also live-streamed on Facebook. Father Robert Marsh is the

priest-in-charge. For details, call 328-1474.

Welaka United Methodist

Church, 682 Third Ave, will hold worship service 11 a.m. Sundays.

DAY TO REMEMBER

Will and Brenda Chambliss of Embassy Church of God in Christ, Palatka, will host The National Day of Remembrance For Murder Victims noon Sept. 25 live on Facebook.

The event will be held in conjunction with the Ride to Rid Gun Violence Bike Rally. The rally is Sept. 25 at the Palatka city dock.

Registration fee is \$25. The 2.5-mile bike route will include the boat dock, Memorial Parkway, St. Johns Avenue and ends at the Embassy Church of God in Christ at the Big Homie Urban Life Center, 2800 Catherine St. in Palatka.

The launch ceremony begins 9:30 a.m. followed by the ride at 10 a.m.

Step by Step Women's Grief Ministry for murder and suicide victims' families meets 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month by Zoom.

Members of the ministry will participate in the Ride to Rid bike rally.

For details or for those needing help, call 828–316–7408.

INTERLACHEN

■ St. Vincent de Paul, 111 N. Francis St. – food pantry open 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays each week for West Putnam residents. Clothing is available 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Financial assistance is available. Screenings for assistance are by appointment from 10 a.m. –3 p.m. Fridays by calling 684– 2797. To make a donation, call the same number.

■ Interlachen Soup Kitchen Ministries, 155 N. County Road

and those in need 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Donations are welcome. Mail to Bread of Life, P.O. Box 1183, Palatka, FL 32178. For details or to make a donation, call 328-

0213.

Palatka Christian Service Center, 2600 Peters St. - Free clothes, blankets, gloves, jackets and other items to the homeless, as well as food items. Free clothes to those in need from Putnam County. The center also assists families who qualify with utility and rent payments. Appointments for assistance can be made by calling 328-0984. It also does recertification or offers help for those applying for food stamps. The center is a Social Security site where individuals can use computers with limited assistance. The For details or to make a donation, call 325-9777.

■ Mt. Carmel Community Resource Center, 400 E. Oak St., next door to Mt. Carmel Freewill Baptist Church – 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Fridays. Offers free food for anyone in need. For details or to make a donation, call 937-2447.

BARDIN

■ Putnam County Food Pantry, 101 Wilkinson Road on corner of Bardin Road across from Bud's Grocery. Food giveaway, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Open to everyone. For details or to make a donation, call 904-429-2268.

PUTNAM FIRST CANCER FUND HELPING LOCAL RESIDENTS IN NEED

Putnam First Cancer Fund was started in October 2014 and is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible.

The mission is to assist Putnam County residents suspected to have or diagnosed with cancer, who may need diagnostic testing or other services, other than treatment.

The organization relies on donations from individuals or business to facilitate educational, awareness and cancer screening programs for local residents.

Those needing assistance can stop by the Palatka Christian Service Center, 2600 Peters St. in Palatka, to apply for services and to confirm eligibility. For details, call 328–0984 or visit www. heartofputnam.com.

Eligibility requirements include individuals having no insurance, being under insured, medically needy, have a financial need or income level below 200% of federal poverty guidelines and be a resident of Putnam County.

Donations can be made to PFCF and mailed to 600 Zeagler Drive, Palatka, FL 32177.

Donations can be made in honor or memory of family or friends and should be mentioned in a note with the donation, including a phone number for the family so they can be notified of the donation.



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Whalum to name a few," he said.

A frequent at the Larimer Arts Center, Chandler said it is his favorite place to play.

"I like playing in Palatka because of the vibe and the appreciation of the fans and followers of myself and Sleek," he said. "Most of the band members are from Putnam County and St. Johns. Besides Palatka, we have played in surrounding cities including Palm Coast, Daytona. Nothing far, but that's my goal."

Aiken said the group has been performing for the Arts Council for a long time.

"We enjoy the energy from each and everyone of the members," she said. "Stephen has become a great friend of mine and has become a great friend of the Arts Council. He works hard to present the best show anywhere they perform. He holds his band in high regard and they are all just wonderfully talented. So no matter if Stephen is performing solo or with the band it is always a great show."

During Saturday's concert, Stephen Chandler and Sleek will also pay a special tribute to the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

"What I hope concert-goers take with them is a feeling of joy, excitement, a better outlook on life and a lot of love," Chandler said.

The Arts Council is the designated local arts agency for Putnam County and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit supported in part by the Putnam County Tourist Development Council, the city of Palatka and its programs. For details, email artsinputnam@aol.com.

Chandler describes his group's music as gospel, R&B and smooth jazz and admits he can't say he has a favorite song on the new CD.

"I would have to say all of them are my favorites because each has a unique story," he said. "I would say my signature would be love and romance."

Chandler said over the years he has developed the skill of songwriting. He admits his singing would be mostly background vocals. However, he has dabbled with lead vocals from time-totime.

"What I love about my music is the originality of it and the way it makes me feel when I'm playing it and being able to share my heart and creativity with others," he said. "I feel like my music takes me to a different plato of life."

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Then I'll live with You forever On a happy golden shore, Where sickness, pain, sighing or sorrow Will come never more.

> Joy Gallagher San Mateo

MY DESTINY

God, if I but live my life for me No thought of others, even Thee Where then does my future stand Here on this earth without a plan To chart my destiny?

I found that plan then studied well Applied those lessons then with love To be of service to our Lord To give to others all my care Both here at home and every where And in these short days before the end Contemplate my life again.

I think about the good old days And yes, the bad ones, too. I shared those times with those I love With laughter and with tears.

But never, Lord, did I give up Your grace did see us through. Now I look around to see The love surrounding me And realize This was My Destiny.

Margaret N.D. Campbell Palatka Dedicated to Homer Daniel DeLoach Sr. (brother), July 26, 1996

GOT POETRY?

Area poets are invited to submit their original pieces to publish in the *Palatka Daily News*. Poems should include a title and the writer's name, area of Putnam County they live and a phone number in case of questions. Poetry publishes as space permits and no particular order. Email poetry to tmurphy@palatkadailynews.com.







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