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BEACH WEATHER



JOHN LLOYD (PRIVATEPAPARAZZI@MAC.COM)/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER



Yes, it was a good week for holiday visitors to Amelia Island - beach weather all week. Nice temperatures and clear skies brought out beachgoers for all sorts of activities. It was picture-postcard perfect.



Sewer plant expansion due

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News Leader

If approved by city commissioners Tuesday, the city will have some major improvements to its wastewater treatment plant and, according to Utilities Director John Mandrick, sewer rates will not increase.

A purchase for aerators, clarifier and submerged turbine mixers for about \$300,000 was approved at a

Dec. 16 meeting, but the construction of a special tank for \$1.5 million was postponed because that purchase needed a 14-day advance notice to the public. Projected cost for the entire wastewater expansion project, which may be done by the end of 2009, is about \$2.6 million.

Mandrick said sewer rates will not go up for the sizable project because money has already been collected from impact fees since the 1990s,

when the present plant was built. Mandrick also said that the city will save over \$9 million because much of the work will be done by city utility workers instead of being contracted out.

Mandrick said after the meeting that the expansion project will double the size of the plant, increasing its capacity by 1.5 million gallons. It

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Taxable sales off millions

Effect called slight on city, county governments

RYAN SMITH
News Leader

Taxable sales in Nassau County were off nearly \$22 million in September and October compared to last year, according to figures from the Florida Department of Revenue. However, the fall-off has not significantly affected the county's revenue stream, according to Administrative Services Director Ted Selby.

According to city of Fernandina Beach Finance Director Patti Clifford, there has been an across-the-board decrease in sales tax revenue that has affected the city's budget projections for fiscal year 2008-9.

Those revenues go into the city's general fund, but the city "will be mak-

ing it up in other places," she said.

The total decrease in the city's projected revenues is \$227,010, said Clifford, including a decline in the small county surtax, which is one cent of the sales tax. The city's share of the county gas tax, which was budgeted at \$336,000, has decreased to a projected \$183,273.

Selby said the 1-cent sales tax revenue collected by the county dropped in September and October - but not as precipitously as total taxable revenue. Taxable revenue in September fell from \$67.9 million a year earlier to \$57.7 million, about 15 percent, and from about \$64 million to \$52.6 million, about 18 percent, between October

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County to seek \$280M from feds

RYAN SMITH
News Leader

Nassau County has requested nearly \$280 million in federal funding for infrastructure projects. County officials hope to take advantage of President-elect Barack Obama's plan to invest billions in public works projects.

At the direction of the Nassau County Commission, County Coordinator Ed Sealover identified more than 20 projects that were "shovel-ready" - one of the key criteria for receiving federal funds. Another, Sealover told the commission Dec. 22,

is that proposed projects get dollars into the community. "One of the criteria here is jobs: would it put people to work?" he said.

Sealover said the largest part of the county's funding request is aimed at road improvement. "Right now we're looking at about \$250 million in roads and bridges," he said Tuesday. "The largest of that is \$233 million related to A1A."

Another sizable chunk of the county's funding request is directed to the sheriff's office. Should the request be approved, \$23.1 million would be spent

COUNTY Continued on 3A

'It's going to be tricky for them because they've got some competing interests there.'

ED SEALOVER
 NASSAU COUNTY COORDINATOR



Changes to county planning board

RYAN SMITH
News Leader

The Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board will have two new members and two reappointments when new terms begin this month. The Nassau County Commission made the one new appointment and two reappointments last month.

Commissioner Danny Leeper reappointed developer Dennis Jasinsky as the District 1 at-large member. Jasinsky, president of Southern Plantations of Florida, LLC, has served since April. Jasinsky was a midterm replacement for former board member Richard Cinquina, who left due to professional obligations.

"(Jasinsky) has indicated to me that he's willing to continue to serve," Leeper said.

Commissioner Mike Boyle asked to make his appointment for District 2 after the first of the year. The district is

currently represented by architectural designer Marjorie Weibe-Reed of Fernandina Beach, who has served on the Planning and Zoning Board since 2006.

Boyle did not ask for Weibe-Reed's term to be extended until a replacement is found. "I just think we need to see some new faces," he said.

Commissioner Stacy Johnson reappointed bed-and-breakfast owner Jeanne Scott as the District 3 at-large member. Scott has served on the board since 2003.

Commissioner Walter Boatright appointed Yulee hardware dealer Walter Scott Murray at the District 5 at-large member. "I've known him since 1964 or '65, and I can attest to the kind of character he has," Boatright said.

Murray will replace Patsy Quail of Callahan, who has served on the Planning and Zoning Board since February.

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LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS AGO

Approximately 30,000 pounds of scrap metal was collected to start making cannons to supplement Fort Clinch's one-cannon arsenal.

25 YEARS AGO

More than 20 candidates

applied to replace Grady Courtney as city manager.

10 YEARS AGO

The city commission narrowed its list of city manager applicants to five.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Fri 1/2	Sat 1/3	Sun 1/4	Mon 1/5	Tue 1/6
72/51 Few showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	68/52 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.	74/54 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	74/55 Few showers. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	75/52 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 5:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 5:38 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 5:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 5:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 5:40 PM

Florida At A Glance



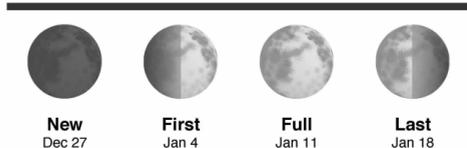
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Clearwater	75	57	cloudy	Ocala	76	51	cloudy
Crestview	72	48	rain	Orlando	75	54	cloudy
Daytona Beach	75	54	rain	Panama City	71	54	rain
Fort Lauderdale	78	65	pt sunny	Pensacola	69	52	rain
Fort Myers	77	58	pt sunny	Plant City	77	53	cloudy
Gainesville	75	51	rain	Pompano Beach	77	61	pt sunny
Hollywood	77	61	pt sunny	Port Charlotte	77	56	pt sunny
Jacksonville	73	55	rain	Saint Augustine	72	53	rain
Key West	74	67	pt sunny	Saint Petersburg	71	60	cloudy
Lady Lake	75	52	cloudy	Sarasota	75	56	cloudy
Lake City	73	51	rain	Tallahassee	73	50	rain
Madison	74	54	rain	Tampa	75	57	cloudy
Melbourne	74	55	rain	Titusville	74	54	rain
Miami	75	63	pt sunny	Venice	76	57	pt sunny
N Smyrna Beach	73	54	rain	W Palm Beach	76	60	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	47	36	rain	Minneapolis	12	8	cloudy
Boston	35	22	snow	New York	36	27	snow
Chicago	28	16	pt sunny	Phoenix	67	44	sunny
Dallas	62	49	pt sunny	San Francisco	56	43	rain
Denver	54	32	pt sunny	Seattle	41	34	rain
Houston	74	57	cloudy	St. Louis	46	27	pt sunny
Los Angeles	68	47	mst sunny	Washington, DC	39	28	mixed
Miami	75	63	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 1/2	Sat 1/3	Sun 1/4	Mon 1/5	Tue 1/6
3	4	3	3	3
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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7 ways to help your overweight teen

For the News-Leader

On paper, the statistics are shocking enough: the obesity rate for teens has tripled over the past 25 years and with this increase in average weight, type 2 diabetes, once unknown in young people, is now diagnosed in 45 percent of all new cases involving children or teens.

Medical experts fear that high blood pressure and heart disease could become increasingly prevalent among young adults, making this generation of teens the first to have potentially poorer health and shorter life spans than their parents.

Seeing a young person you love struggle with overweight or obesity in the sensitive pre-teen or teen years is painful, frustrating and alarming - from watching them deal with cruel remarks to seeing them on the sidelines in sports or social events or knowing that they face significant health risks even in young adulthood. Maybe you've nagged or dropped hints or taken your child for medical help or sent him or her to weight loss camps - all to no avail.

Doctor Kathy McCoy,



author of *The Teenage Body Book*, explains how you can help your teen

lose weight and feel better!

1. Put the emphasis on good health, not weight, and make it a goal for the whole family. Teens hate being singled out and criticized. Approaching this from a "YOU need to lose weight!" point of view will guarantee a battle of the wills. Instead, ask for your teen's help in making an action plan to promote better family eating and exercise habits.

2. Have real family meals at least once a day and encourage your teen to eat what the family eats. Frantic family schedules have equaled fast food or processed, prepared food dinners - and expanding waistlines! With real, home-cooked meals, you can better control calories, fats, sugars, sodium and other nutritional issues.

3. Look at and discuss all of your less than ideal eating behaviors. Maybe your teen craves junk food when she's bored and watching TV.

Maybe you dive into high calorie comfort food when you're angry or frustrated. Pay attention to the difference between physical and emotional hunger. Discuss all this with your family - and come up with ways to comfort or reward yourselves that have nothing to do with food.

4. Make it convenient for everyone in the family to eat breakfast. Advance planning can help: fresh fruit and yogurt in the fridge, whole grain bread and cereals in the pantry, and encouraging all to get up and get going early enough in the morning to grab a bite. Those who don't eat breakfast tend to overeat during the rest of the day, especially in the evening.

5. Get your family moving! Trying to motivate an overweight teen to go to the gym can be frustrating and non-productive. Schedule exercise into your family routine: a family walk or bike ride after dinner doesn't have to cut into homework or leisure time too dramatically - and the exercise is good for everyone.

6. Become smart, skeptical consumers: There are no weight loss miracles. Help your teen to avoid quick fixes. The weight didn't come on

overnight and it can't be lost - for good - overnight. The goal should be health improvement with a slow, steady weight loss of no more than two pounds a week. The loss can add up to more than 100 pounds in a year - and weight lost slowly as one changes one's eating and exercise habits is likely to stay off.

7. Make a vow - together - to enjoy a full and healthy life now. You don't have to wait until you or your teen is slim to do this. With good health as your top family priority, you can feel better starting today. Good nutrition, regular exercise and the feeling that "we're all in this together" can make a positive difference for everyone in your family!

Award-winning writer and author of *The Teenage Body Book*, Dr. Kathy McCoy is a teen psychology and health expert who has appeared as a guest on such programs as *The Today Show* and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. Winner of the American Library Association's Best Book for Young Adults Award, *The Teenage Body Book* contains everything teenagers and their parents need to know about nutrition, health, fitness, emotions, and sexuality.

OBITUARIES

Jeanne Cooper

Mrs. Jeanne Cooper, age 78, beloved wife of the late Richard Lee "Dick" Cooper, of Amelia Island Plantation, passed away on Monday morning, Dec. 29, 2008 at Osprey Village on Amelia Island.

Born in Lancaster, Ohio, to the late Ernest and Eva Gatten Brown, she has been a resident of Amelia Island since 1974.

In 1946 she met her future husband, Dick Cooper, whom she married on April 29, 1950. After being married for 58 years, Mr. Cooper passed away on Dec. 7 of this year. An unassuming lady, full of class and dignity, Mrs. Cooper was the epitome of "the woman beside the man." She was the support and shoulder that her husband needed throughout his career that allowed him to accomplish many business and personal goals. The three-week period following his death was the only time that they had been apart; now they are reunited.

Her quick wit and great sense of humor earned her the name "The Queen" by her Angel Watch caregivers. A woman that loved unconditionally, she had the natural ability to make a friend, be a friend and make everyone feel special. Mrs. Cooper shared in her husband's charitable and philanthropic endeavors as well as being very involved with "Shoes for Kids" and "Meals on Wheels." She was an avid player of "Mah Jongg" and was a member of the Amelia Island Plantation Ladies Association.

She leaves behind, their son, Rick Cooper and his wife, Suzanne, Cleveland, Ohio, their daughter, Diane Cooper Miller and her husband, Craig, Amelia Island Plantation, her sister, Martha Leach and her husband, Bob, Lancaster, Ohio/Palm Coast, a brother-in-law, Gary Cooper and his wife, Ruth, Columbus, Ohio, four grandchildren, Jessica Sloan and her husband, Bob, Pittsburgh, Pa., Benjamin Cooper, Cleveland, Ohio, Shane Murton and his wife, Nicole, Jacksonville, and Zachary



Cooper, Bloomington, Ind., three great-grandchildren, Madison Sloan, Robbie Sloan and Jackson Murton, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at a place she loved, Amelia Island Plantation's Walker's Landing, with Chaplain Jim Tippins officiating.

Mrs. Cooper will be laid to rest on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009 beside her husband in Lakewood Park Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Micah's Place, P.O. Box 16287, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035.

Please share her life story at www.oxleyheard.com.

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Margaret Mary "Peg" Murphy

Margaret Mary "Peg" Murphy passed into spirit on Dec. 21, 2008 at Osprey Village Assisted Living. She passed very peacefully and calmly with her son and daughter-in-law by her side at her final breath.

She was born on July 22, 1930, in Honolulu, Hawaii, daughter of Mary and Capt. William Gerry, USN. After a Navy childhood, she graduated from New Rochelle College with a Psychology Degree.

She met and married her husband, Donald, in 1952, living in Little Falls, N.J., and Cocoa Beach, and Rutherford and Montgomery, N.J., and for her last four years Amelia Island.

She raised four children whom she loved dearly, through all the challenges of the '60s and '70s. She was a cat lover who raised and showed many Burmese cats around the country. Her "honeybunches" will be missed by all of us. She was a member of St. Michael's Church. Her happy, friendly spirit will be missed by her family and friends.

Her husband of 52 years, Donald Murphy Sr., passed away Dec. 28, 2006.



She is survived by her sons, Don of Amelia Island, Bill of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Island, and Paul; daughter Kate of Princeton, N.J.; and grandsons, Todd LaRosa, Kyle and Christopher Murphy; brother, Matt Gorry of Laguna Beach, Calif.; and sister Dorothy of Kona, Hawaii.

A memorial will be held sometime in the future. The family has requested that donations be made to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, 96084 Victoria's Place, Yulee, FL 32097, (904) 225-0411.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to Don Murphy at domehealingcenter@comcast.net or to Dome Healing Center, 5024 First Coast Highway, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. They will be forwarded to all family members.

Daniel Osborn Jr.

Daniel Osborn Jr., 80, died after four months' illness in Greensboro, N.C. He was a longtime resident of Fernandina Beach and Jacksonville. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Osborn; sons, Rick, David, Daniel Jay and Mark Osborn; daughters, Becky Thomas and Teresa Bertone; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Daniel retired as plant manager of ACD in Fernandina Beach. After retiring, he served the Duval Sheriff's Department as a bailiff for five years in the courthouse on Southside Boulevard, Jacksonville. He was an active member of the #38 Disabled American Veterans.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Jessie Osborn, daughter Denise Lynn Osborn, granddaughter Misty Dawn Osborn and a brother, Jack Osborn.

A memorial service will be held at Bethel Temple Assembly of God, 8380 Devote St., Jacksonville, at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009.

McClure Funeral Service, Graham, N.C.



WEEKLY UPDATE

Help quitting

One of the most broken New Year's Resolutions is the resolve to quit tobacco. If this is in your list of things to do in the New Year, Nassau County Health Department Tobacco Cessation Counselor Jennifer Emmons can help you.

All over Nassau County people have been quitting with Emmons' help. The QUITLINE (877-U-CAN-NOW) and their free nicotine replacement therapy (patches, lozenges and gum) and cessation groups greatly increase your chances of quitting.

When a person tries to quit tobacco alone, their success rate is only about 5 percent. Using nicotine replacement therapy and having group support increases this number to 30 percent on the first try.

You do not have to be tobacco free to join a group.

As a matter of fact, most people are continuing to smoke or use spit tobacco when they join the group. Setting a quit date and working up to that date is part of the cessation program.

For information about classes that are forming, call Emmons at 548-1867.

Gun course

Gary Belson Associates Inc. will hold a "Basic with Defensive Tactics" gun course on Jan. 3 at the Range and Educational Training Center in Nassau County. For information, contact Belson at 491-8358, 476-2037 or e-mail gbelson@bellsouth.net. Visit www.BelsonGroup.com.

Teen Court

Nassau County Teen Court will be held Jan. 6 and 20 at the Nassau County Judicial Annex, 76347

Veterans Way in Yulee. Sessions begin at 6 p.m.

Students ages 11-18 are invited to participate. Those wishing to be on the volunteer jury or act as attorneys, court clerks and bailiffs can sign up through their school guidance offices or by attending court and signing up then. To participate as an attorney, see coordinator Charles Griffin, who assigns the positions. Volunteers need to arrive between 5:30 and 6 p.m.

For information call Griffin at 548-4600.

Census jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring workers to help with the 2010 Census in Nassau County. Tests for various positions will be held at WorkSource at 96042 Lofton Square (WinnDixie shopping center) in Yulee on Jan. 7, 14 and 21 at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Jan. 28 at 9:30 a.m. only.

For additional information call 866-861-2010 or visit www.census.gov.

Diabetes classes

The Nassau County Health Department is offering a

series of four, two-hour diabetes self-management education classes on Thursdays Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 6-8 p.m. at the Yulee Full-Service School, 86207 Felmor Road. Registration fee is \$20 and \$10 for Nassau County School District employees. Please plan on attending all four classes.

For questions or to register contact Jen Nicholson, RD, LD/N, Healthy Communities Healthy People program coordinator, at 548-1853.

Dropout summit

The Florida Department of Education encourages all stakeholders to register for and attend its statewide Dropout Prevention Summit on Jan. 12-13 at the Bellevue Biltmore Resort & Spa, 25 Bellevue Blvd., Clearwater.

The summit will bring governmental leaders, business owners, child advocates, school administrators, community-based organizations, students and parents together to develop workable solutions and action plans that will reduce the nation's high school dropout rate and better prepare students for college, work and life.

The summit is open to everyone.

For information, and to register visit www.dropout-prevention.org/conferen/conferen.htm#2009_Effective_Strategies.

FOR THE RECORD

Fishing for sea trout is off-limits in February. Information in the On the Water column on page 14A Dec. 26 was incorrect. The News-Leader strives for

accuracy. We will promptly correct all factual errors. Please notify the editor of errors at mparnell@fbnewsleader.com or call (904) 261-3696.

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POLITICS IN BRIEF

Global warming documentary

"Transforming Energy," a new one-hour documentary that begins where Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" left off, will be presented at the Nassau Sierra Club's Jan. 7 general meeting for members and the general public.



The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging on 19th Street in Fernandina Beach. "Transforming Energy is the first film that looks at alternative energy from the perspective of people working now to solve the problems of global warming and high-priced oil. "Transforming Energy" explores the difficulties and challenges of the world and work of activists and academics, engineers and entrepreneurs, including student engineers building and designing their own solar cars.

For further information about the meeting or film, contact Bob Weintraub at 491-6817.

Transportation issues

Transportation that moves people and goods safely and economically, while efficiently maintaining a high quality of life in Northeast Florida will be the topic for the Jan. 14 meeting of the Amelia Island Association.

Denise Bunnewith, executive director of the North East Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), formerly the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization, will be the speaker.

The meeting will be held

at the Fernandina Beach Police Station Community Room on Lime Street. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Federal law requires every urbanized area with a population of 50,000 or more to have a TPO and under Florida statutes TPO's are responsible for planning and development for transportation related air, noise and water quality issues.

AIA's goals are to encourage effective and efficient government, and to protect and improve the quality of life for Nassau County communities, both on and off the island.

For more information visit www.ameliainlandassociation.com.

Sierra Club coffee

Recently elected Nassau County Commissioner Stacy Johnson will participate in the Jan. 15 "Commissioners & Conservation Coffee" sponsored by the Nassau Sierra Club. It will be held from 9-10 a.m. at the Kofé Haus on Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach.



Johnson

This series of events with county and city officials is designed to provide an opportunity for the public to discuss environmental and conservation issues and open a continuing dialogue between the public and elected officials on concerns about preserving the natural beauty of Nassau County, conserving open space, obtaining funding to protect sensitive land and other issues.

For further information about the program, contact Bob Weintraub at 491-6817.

The Floridan Aquifer

The Floridan Aquifer is one of the highest-producing aquifers in the world. It is found throughout Florida and extends into the southern portions of Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

It is comprised of limestone and dolomite, which thicken from about 250 feet in Georgia to about 3,000 feet in south Florida. The upper Floridan aquifer is the principal source of water supply in most of North and Central Florida.

The Floridan aquifer is the source of many springs in Florida, and issues up to three billion gallons of water a day. There has been no major decline in water volume.

Source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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should take care of the city's needs, he said, well past the year 2040, and will have the capacity to take on 5,000 new homes.

Mandrick also noted that Nassau County and the island have fewer water problems than cities to the south because they can reap the ben-

efits of the Floridan Aquifer. Local water also has a 98-percent removal rate of contaminants, he said.

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Wish list

Proposed county infrastructure projects for federal funding

ROADS/BRIDGES

- Resurface 30 roads: \$6.6 million
- Widen/resurface County Road 108: \$2.8 million
- Widen Miner Road: \$0.4 million
- Widen Blackrock Road: \$0.8 million
- Extend/improve Radio Avenue: \$1.8 million
- Construct William Burgess Blvd. extension: \$2.7 million
- Design/build four segments of State Road A1A: \$233 million
- Make major repairs to 36 county bridges and box culverts: \$1.6 million

WATER/WASTE WATER TREATMENT

- Install dewatering system: \$0.6 million
- Complete improvements to Nassau Utilities water plant: \$0.5 million
- Upgrade lift station: \$60,000

COUNTY BUILDINGS

- Repairs to detention center: \$0.4 million
- Repairs to existing Sheriff's Administrative Building: \$0.3 million
- Construct new Sheriff's Administrative Building, 911 offices, vehicle maintenance facility and fueling station: \$23.1 million
- Remodel four fire stations: \$0.4 million
- Rebuild Fire Station 60: \$1.6 million
- Demolish 14th Street Annex and make site improvements for Council on Aging facility: \$0.5 million
- Improve energy efficiency in several facilities: \$0.3 million

RECREATION

- Make improvements to three boat ramps, including Americans with Disabilities Act compliance: \$0.5 million
- Construct soccer concessions facility and other improvements to Yulee Sports Complex: \$0.3 million

HOUSING

- Rehabilitate six houses: \$0.37 million

MASS TRANSIT

- Purchase two 14-passenger vans for on-demand and fixed-route transit system managed by Council on Aging: \$0.14 million

OTHER

- Restore Thomas Creek: \$1 million

Estimated total: \$279.77 million
(Source: Nassau County Coordinator's Office)

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New car's electric, but will it zap the bugs?

RYAN SMITH
News-Leader

The Amelia Island Mosquito Control District recently purchased an electric vehicle for use while inspecting and treating storm drains.

The vehicle, known as a GEM car after manufacturer Global Electric Motors, was purchased to save taxpayers some money, said Mosquito Control District Operations Manager M. Bruce Hyers. "We're trying to save gas a little bit - kind of going green, if you will," he said. "... Every little bit helps, and that's what we're all striving for." The car cost the district \$10,000, and was purchased through a Florida Sheriff's Association bidding process.

The car will be used to perform mosquito control functions on Amelia Island, Little Piney Island and in the Marsh Lakes area - places normally reached with a gasoline-powered pick-up truck. "It'll go about 35 miles on a charge. They'll use it for mosquito surveillance and mosquito control," Hyers said. "We'll be using it in the (Egans Creek) Greenway. Our full-sized truck makes ruts, and there are some people who don't like that."

Hyers said the new GEM



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Amelia Island Mosquito Control District employees Derek Thornton and Ken Hicks show off the organization's new GEM car. The electric vehicle will be used for mosquito control and surveillance activities that would normally require the use of a gasoline-powered truck.

'We're kind of going green, if you will.'

**M. BRUCE HYERS, OPERATIONS MANAGER
AMELIA ISLAND MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT**

car might not be the last electric vehicle the Mosquito Control District purchases. "We're look-

ing at purchasing another one at the end of the fiscal year with leftover funds - and maybe put a spray machine on the back of this one to spray adult mosquitoes with," he said. "It won't totally replace a given (pick-up), but in day-to-day operations we can leave the trucks here and use that little GEM car. As we use it, we should be able to find more need for it. We just got it, and we're trying to get the feel of it - what it can and can't do."

So far, Hyers said, the car seems to be working out well. "The employees love it, and the commissioners are happy with it, so it's a good thing," he said.

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CHASE ENDS IN CRASH



AMANDA BISHOP/COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

A Callahan man suffered minor injuries after a high-speed chase ended in a crash Monday. The driver, William Joseph Fussell Jr., allegedly littered while traveling on US 1 and a Nassau County sheriff's deputy attempted to stop him at 5:21 p.m. Monday. Fussell led patrol units on a chase from US 1 to Fifth Avenue to Lem Turner Road at speeds of 60-80 mph before Fussell crashed into trees at the corner of Dornbush Road after losing control of the vehicle. Deputies were unable to retrieve a dog traveling with him. Fussell was charged with aggravated battery on law enforcement, resisting an officer without violence, attempting to flee and elude law enforcement and possession of hallucinogens with intent to sell or deliver.

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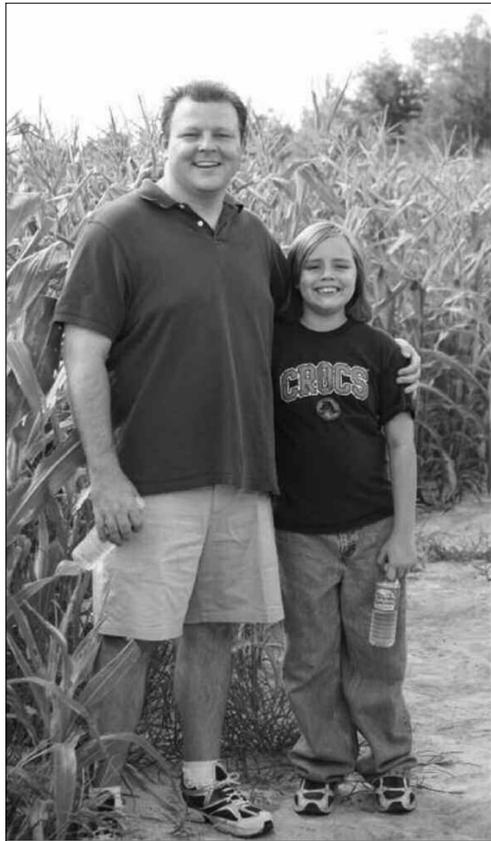
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"He is very smart and creative," said Jake Posey of his "Little," Brannon Dalton. "He received one of the top scores in his grade on the math FCAT."

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

Jake Posey started hearing about Big Brothers/Big Sisters when he was in college but never had the opportunity to become involved until a few years ago when he worked for a market research firm.

"As I read the comments from the surveys about how rewarding being a Big was and how much impact the Bigs had on the Littles' lives, I got hooked," said Posey.

After contacting the program and going through training, Posey was paired with Brannon Dalton.

"Jake puts his heart into everything he does," said Big Brothers/Big Sisters Area Director Erica Foster.

"Brannon knows that he can always count on Jake to be there when he needs him; ready to listen, or just to make him smile."

Posey has been volunteering with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Nassau County for a year and a half now. He says he does it because he gets to be a kid again.

"I really look forward to the weekends when (Brannon) and I hang out. It doesn't matter if we go fishing, play in the park or even look for shark teeth - we always have fun."

It's not all play for the brotherly team. Posey and Dalton have volunteered with Builders Care and Memorial United Methodist Church.

'He can always count on Jake to be there when he needs him.'

ERICA FOSTER
BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

The two also plan to do beach cleanups and walk dogs for the animal shelter.

"The match is now regularly completing a community service project and Brannon has really learned to enjoy them. Jake not only gives back to the children of our community, but the match is now giving back to the entire community," said Foster.

Originally from Pinckneyville, Ill., Posey shares his home with wife, Amy, and baby daughter Caroline. Four-footed members of the Posey clan are two beagles, Casey and Ollie.

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HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

Shalinda Smith is very glad Christina Payne found her niche at the Fed-Ex Kinko's on Sadler Road.

"Christina is very good in all aspects and I really enjoy working with her," said Smith, adding that Payne has a very positive attitude and provides outstanding customer service.

The reader who nominated Payne for this column agrees, saying that Payne was "very cheerful and accommodating and a pleasant person to work with. She went above and beyond to make me happy."

Payne says she was just doing her job. "Giving good customer service comes naturally to me," said Payne. "I enjoy seeing people smile."

Born and raised in Tallahassee, Payne attended the University of Florida where she received undergraduate degrees in park management and hospitality management before moving to Nassau County in May 2004.

She shares her Fernandina Beach home with husband, John. The couple has four rescue dogs - Darla, Tesse, Checkers and

Thumbelina. FedEx Kinko's is located at 1470 Sadler Road. Call 277-4037.



HEATHER A. PERRY

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BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL Oyster Bay Home, incredible landscaped setting on lake, 3BR/2BA split BR design, 10' ceilings, granite and newer appliances in kitchen, new HVAC, Anderson French doors, and MORE! Gated community, option to join yacht club. \$409,000 #45898

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Health, wellness profitable for business

LORI HOERL
For the News-Leader

With increasing health care costs and skyrocketing insurance premiums, businesses are served in reevaluating the importance of preventive and wellness-focused programs in building a profitable future.

There are obvious costs to businesses when employees are out sick such as sick time pay for employees who are not actually "working," loss of productivity and the possible need of replacement or "temp" workers in critical positions.

However, the larger and more profoundly expensive component of a less than healthy workforce is seen in the long-term expenses incurred by companies who receive "group" health insurance quotes based on factors such as the average cost of services provided to that group in terms of prescriptions, doctor's appointments, emergency room visits and surgical care.

Insurance companies base their premiums related to group health coverage on what they foresee as the overall or "average" risk that they will have to pay out in medical services based on age, sex and overall demographics of a particular company or group being quoted. With each renewal period there comes another review of

Health and Wellness Expo

A Health and Wellness Expo, "A Celebration of the Holistic Community," is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Journey Church on Sadler Road.

For more information on the program and tickets, contact Lori Hoerl, director of events and programs, Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce, at 261-3248 or via e-mail at lhoerl@aifby.com.

these same factors. Having sick or chronically ill employees doesn't pay.

In August the *New York Times* published a telling article on the significant number of Americans (notably young and middle-aged Americans) who have chronic diseases or disabilities. It stated that "nearly 100 million Americans have chronic diseases or disabilities, and caring for them accounts for three-fourths of the nation's health spending." These include, among others, conditions such as heart disease, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, ulcers, AIDS, birth defects, schizophrenia and depression.

Say 'Yes!' more in 2009

CHRISTINE-ANNE PLATEL
For the News-Leader



Platel

There is a new movie with Jim Carrey called "Yes Man". It's based on the year-long adventures of a bored British radio producer and comedian called Danny Wallace. A chance meeting with a stranger who advised him to "say yes more" turned Danny's life around.

I first heard about Danny and his book *Yes Man* on an NPR radio interview a few years ago. Now there's a movie about his life!

I've been saying "Yes!" to a lot of new and exciting adventures in the last couple of years, and I'm planning on continuing.

How about you?

How would your life change if you said "Yes!" more? Here are 10 questions to help you get ready to say "Yes!" more in your life.

1. What kinds of experiences do you need to say "Yes!" to so that your life starts shifting in positive ways? Make a list. Against each item write down a feeling that you believe you could enjoy if you said "Yes!" to that experience: happy, exhilarated, ecstatic, good, joyful, peaceful, etc.

2. How would you continue feeling if you didn't say "Yes!"

more? Against each item in your list write down the feelings you would have if you didn't say "Yes!" to that experience: sad, disgusted, ashamed, numb, anxious, guilty, disappointed, angry, depressed, etc.

3. Now look at your list more closely, and pick 3 items that you feel you can change pretty quickly. Write a big green Yes! near those items. Are you really ready to make these changes?

4. So you're ready with an action plan for change. Great! What is your action plan? Write down the steps you need to take, and the time frame in which you will complete each one.

5. It would help to have a team of people supporting you in saying "Yes!" more. Who are your team members? Make a list.

6. What kinds of help do you need to manifest a particular Yes! goal? Make a detailed task-oriented list.

7. Which team member can best help you manifest a specific Yes! goal? Match their strengths with your needs, and

then write their name on your list in big green letters near each goal.

8. Just in case the person of your choice is not able to assist you, do you have a back-up person for each item you need help with? Write down the name of the back-up person near the goal.

9. You're almost ready. Exciting, isn't it? Is there any situation or person that you need to say a resounding "No!" to in order to have the time and energy to enjoy the experiences you want to say "Yes!" to? Make a second list of what and who they are, and write a big red No! against each and every item.

10. Saying a big "No!" every day to the items on your second list will help you create space in your life for all the wonderful things you want and need to say "Yes!" to. Are you ready to say "Yes!" more? Look at your first list again and put your first item into action now!

Christine-Anne Platel is a life and relationship coach who also does voice movement therapy. She will teach a six-week class, "Saying Yes! More in 2009," beginning Jan. 21. She will teach a free class at noon Jan. 14 at Jack and Diane's café. RSVP by Jan. 14 at 491-8676 and visit www.consciousconnections.com.

Tai chi, 'moving meditation,' good for mind and body

CRYSTAL KENDALL
For the News-Leader

If you are looking to do a physical activity that marries something good for body, mind and spirit, then look no further; tai chi is your answer.

Pronounced "tie chee," it is a mind-body practice that originated in China as a martial art. A person doing tai chi moves their body slowly and gently while breathing deeply and meditating. Tai chi is sometimes called "moving meditation."

Many practitioners believe that tai chi helps the life force flow throughout the body to regulate a person's spiritual, emotional, mental and physical health. In the United States, Tai chi for improved health purposes is a recognized part of complementary and alternative medicine.

What is tai chi? Tai chi chuan developed in China in the 12th century A.D. as a martial art, or a practice for fighting or self-defense, usually without weapons. Over time, people began to use tai chi for health purposes as well. Many different styles of tai chi, and variations of each style, developed. While accounts of Tai chi's history often differ, the most consistently important figure is a Taoist monk named Chang San-Feng.

Chang is said to have observed five animals – tiger, dragon, leopard, snake and crane – and to have concluded that the snake and the crane, through their movements,



Sandy Morelli teaches tai chi, a mind-body practice that originated in China. SUBMITTED

were the ones most able to overcome strong, unyielding opponents.

Chang developed an initial set of exercises that imitated the movements of animals. He also brought flexibility and suppleness in place of strength to the martial arts, as well as some key philosophical concepts.

A person practicing tai chi moves their body in a slow, relaxed, and graceful series of movements. The movements make up what are called forms (or routines). Some movements are named for animals or birds, such as "White Crane spreads its wings." The simplest style of tai chi uses 13 movements; more complex styles can have dozens.

In tai chi, each movement flows into the next. The entire body is always in motion, with

the movements performed gently and at uniform speed. It is considered important to keep the body upright, especially the upper body – many tai chi practitioners use the image of a string that goes from the top of the head into the heavens – and to let the body's weight sink to the soles of the feet.

In addition to movement, two other important elements in tai chi are breathing and meditation. In tai chi practice, it is considered important to concentrate, put aside distracting thoughts and breathe in a deep, relaxed and focused manner.

The most recognized benefits include:

- Tai chi is a low-impact form of exercise.
- It is a weight-bearing exercise that can have health benefits – for example, to the bones.

- It is an aerobic exercise.
- Improved physical condition, muscle strength, coordination and flexibility.

- Better balance and a lower risk for falls, especially in elderly people.

- Easing pain and stiffness – for example, from arthritis.

If you are considering tai chi, learning from a teacher, compared to learning it from videos or books, allows a student to find out whether they are performing the movements correctly and safely.

Club 14 Fitness offers tai chi classes weekly at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information on tai chi, contact Sandy Morelli at (904) 206-4414.

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But there's no place like home

Fewer Americans are relocating these days, which has its upside.

The Pew Research Center has released a new survey report: "American Mobility: Who Moves? Who Stays Put? Where's Home?" The report spotted an interesting trend: Only 13 percent of the population changed residences in 2006 and 2007, the lowest figure since the 1940s.

America has long been a mobile country. The survey finds that 63 percent of Americans have relocated at least once in their lives. Part of the reason for our incredible success, our current recession woes notwithstanding, is that many Americans have been willing to go where the opportunities are.

But here's a number that is equally telling: Nearly 4 in 10 Americans have never left the place in which they were born. Folks who stay put have done so for one reason: to be near family and the close connections within their communities.

Which leads us to the most interesting finding of the survey: More than 1 in 5 U.S.-born Americans say the place where they currently live is not, "in their heart," the place they really consider home.

I understand this sentiment well. I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, land of colorful characters and common sense. I had no idea how connected I was to the place until I spent nearly eight years in northern Virginia beginning in 1998.

At first, I loved my new town. Townhouses, office buildings and strip malls popped up like



HUMOR ME

Tom Purcell

One Mother's Day when I returned to Pittsburgh for a visit, a hurricane-like burst touched down just blocks from my parents' house. Large trees were toppled in a 10-block area, blocking several roads.

Within minutes, people in their Sunday best were getting soaked by the rain as they directed traffic, helped clear the roadways and kept others from getting near the downed power lines.

This would never happen in the Washington area.

Which makes me wonder: Is it because we have gotten further away from our roots and our hometowns that we've become less friendly and civil — less concerned for our fellow man?

As we've moved to large, generic suburbs, have we become more generic ourselves and

wildflowers there. Thousands of people moved in from every part of America and the world to take advantage of the growing economy. I befriended interesting people from all over.

But something was missing. I'd noticed, for instance, a simple difference. When walking down a sidewalk, folks didn't often make eye contact. People kept to themselves. This isn't how it is in Pittsburgh — and many other towns across the Midwest.

less like the colorful characters common in places such as Pittsburgh? And as so many of us no longer live in our "heart home," have we begun to become more insular and self-centered?

It would appear to be so. It is the settled neighborhoods of Pittsburgh that have kept people connected. And it is the economic prosperity that has led millions to move to large, transient metros in which we spend hours sitting in traffic alone in our cars.

I am one of the lucky ones, though. I was able to move back to Pittsburgh and reconnect with many wonderful people. I live in an old, settled neighborhood and walk to coffee shops and pubs. I am on a first-name basis with my postal carrier, the UPS guy, my mechanic and dozens of other really wonderful people.

As the Pew researchers note, baby boomers are less likely to relocate now that they're getting older. The recession, too, means fewer opportunities, which means fewer Americans will relocate.

Though a less mobile America will have its downsides, there is one upside at least: Staying put will strengthen family and community ties, and more folks will get to live in their "heart home."

And there is no finer place to be when a nasty storm passes through or your car breaks down.

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"Santa's Helpers," from left, JoAnne Helenbrook, Shelia Muir, Butch Mankovich, Layla Shehata, Jill Smith, Amy Petroy and, front, Caroline Carr were among those who wrapped and filled stockings for Joy to the Children. Below, "wrap day" was a flurry of activity Dec. 20.

Joy to the Children

Many thanks to all of the people who helped make this year's Joy to the Children celebration possible. From those who shopped to those who wrapped and to the many who dedicated their Christmas morning to helping at the event. The day would never be the same without our wonderful volunteers.

Yacht Linens graciously provided 180 stockings this year for Joy's Christmas Day celebration, all made by hand.

Volunteers and donations are needed year round. For more information on how you can help spread the Joy call 491-6146. Thank you!

Antoinette D'Amico
Joy to the Children



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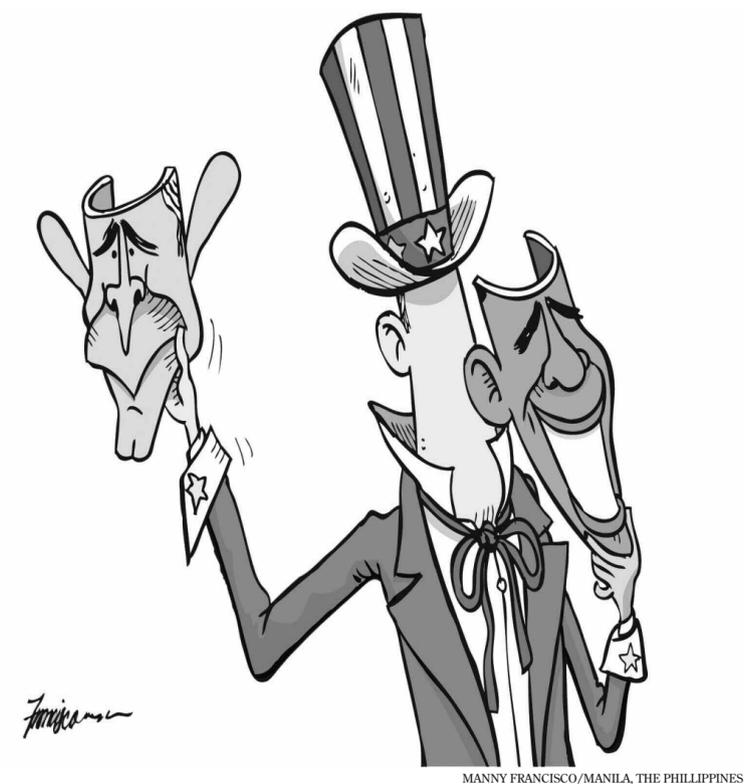
Why not give him a chance?

Some people are criticizing local attorney/lobbyist Arthur Jacobs because the city of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County are paying him to do what he does better than most anyone I know: use his political contacts to achieve his objective. I don't know him that well, but I do know that he has a reputation for getting results, a reputation developed over years of getting to know the right people to get things done. Whether you like our system of lobbyists or not, it is legal and it is our system.

Before criticizing anyone that you have employed to do a job, I think you should give them a chance. So I'm going to watch with interest and observe Mr. Jacobs at work, or at least determine his effectiveness. He told us that he thought he could get the grant money we need to upgrade the appearance of the downtown post office (if he gets the U.S. Postal Service to give us the building) and perhaps enough grant money to purchase the old Baptist Church as a cultural arts center for the city and other needed funding for Nassau county, possibly including a new library in Fernandina.

Furthermore, he thinks the he can obtain the grant money necessary to fund the magnificent waterfront park area at our downtown riverfront and marina. If these federal grants are obtained, we can do what we need here without an increase in taxes!

We're talking about millions of dollars in federal grant monies for three of our city's major projects and other county funding necessary for a fee that actually becomes quite reasonable in light of all these federal grants. Why not just give



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Mr. Jacobs a chance to do what he does and see what happens? His fee plus expenses for millions of dollars in federal grant monies? Sounds like a good deal to me!

Jim Ewing
Fernandina Beach

Foreclosures

Don't turn the page and ignore it. This is real and it's happening in Nassau County, perhaps in your own back yard.

I watched the national

evening news report that highlighted the complete and utter failure of a major government program started in 2007 to slow down or reduce foreclosures on people's homes. After generally describing the failure of the program, one of the primary lenders who volunteered confirmed that out of 400 cases, their success rate was zero — 0 — for 400 families who now have no home.

Why bring it up? I have three friends/customers who are turning in their keys to the bank

in the next two weeks. Why? They have thick files with letters, payment slips and records of phone calls seeking help. As we talked, it was impossible not to feel their pain, humiliation and sense of hopelessness.

Why do we keep hearing about billions of dollars being given to banks and big money companies and turn around and see that it is not getting through to the people who need and deserve it most?

Paul A. Barnes
Fernandina Beach

Do you feel it's out of control?

If you have not been able to break away from your interest in the news, then I am certain you are riding the ups and downs of the geopolitical world we are now living in. There was a time when only my real estate clients were actually experiencing the turmoil. Now everyone is feeling it; if not literally, at least emotionally.

No matter how hard we try, it is difficult to escape the constant buzz of predictions of Armageddon. Let's get one thing straight: nobody really knows what is going on out there. It is far too complex for anyone to really understand.

So here's a suggestion — stop trying to figure it out. Stop trying to guess; focus on what you know and what you can control. Human beings, whether in groups or as individuals, only need three things to stay grounded and centered:

1. A sense of significance
Surround yourself with people that have your best interest at heart. Do not tolerate those that will attempt to drag you down with excessive criticism or complaints.
2. A sense of belonging



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3. An improved state of being

During these times, be sure to do something to improve your state of being in some small, incremental way. It may be as simple as exercise, eating healthier, etc. It doesn't take much to give yourself the impression that you are back in control of something.

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Dinner, praise service held in Callahan

On Nov. 25 in First Baptist Church, Callahan, a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner was served. Worship followed in the main auditorium. Their praise service is one of the most meaningful experiences of the year. Others were invited to join them as they worshipped and fellowshiped and praised the Lord.

At noon on Thanksgiving Day, they served dinner for migrant laborers who live in Callahan. Several have attended their services over the past few Sundays and professed Christ as their savior. They were hoping to serve 75-100 people in the Family Life Center.

First Baptist Callahan's "Saints Alive" Christmas party was held at the Holiday Inn at Commonwealth on Dec. 4.

Singles ministry by Douglas Hodges, Room C202, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; parenting class "The Talk" for parents of kids birth to 13 years old, Sundays at 5 p.m., Room A113; Reach Kidz Choir Sundays at 5 p.m., educational building.

The annual Toyland Concert has been a special time for eight years at First Baptist Church in Fernandina Beach and they collect toys for the Marines Toys for Tots program. Admission was a new unwrapped toy. This is a fun evening that touches the lives of so many.

Ruth Cox Circle met at the home of Joyce Watson Dec. 11.

The Outreach will resume visitation



HILDA'S HEAR-ABOUTS

Hilda Higginbotham

Interfaith Dinner Network: "For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matt. 25:35)

By the time this newsletter is received, First Presbyterian will have served over 100 homeless or needy people at the Interfaith Dinner Network and 32 volunteers will have participated from our church. This community ministry has been very successful in the short time that it has been in existence and has served close to 500 dinners. The ministry is continually adding churches and presently there are eight committed churches, and three that are pending.

We continue to ask for volunteers to help with the dinners as this is an ongoing ministry and our church has committed to the whole year. We thank all of you who have already signed up and we

look forward to calling on you for help. If you cannot physically help but would like to make a monetary donation, that would also be helpful. The Presbyterian Women have committed cookbook funds to the IDN and, as stated last month, 25 percent of Two Cents a meal was donated. If you feel that you can help out, contact Bill Erickson, Gail Niedernhofer, Eunice Kurtz or Marilyn Showalter.

Upcoming events at First Baptist Church, Callahan: Jan. 3, Upward games begin; Jan. 11, SOS banquet; Jan. 29-30, Beast Feast.

The annual seniors Christmas luncheon of First Baptist Church, Fernandina Beach, was enjoyed Dec. 11. Larry Williams leads this group with his lovely wife Jewel by his side, assisting. The menu was catered by KP's.

The Hazel Allen Circle met Dec. 9. They enjoyed a covered dish lunch after their meeting.

"Marriage Matters" is coming Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. This ministry targets all married couples. No matter your age or length of marriage, even if you are engaged to be married, check it out. Brian and Michelle Reaves will facilitate at the First Baptist Church, 1600 S. Eighth St.

May Our great Heavenly Father continue to watch over us and keep us in His loving care.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fournier

The Fourniers have seven grandchildren.

BIRTHS

Mathew and Jessica Meskimen of Fernandina Beach announce the birth of a son, Lincoln Daniel, born at 3:35 p.m. at St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville. The baby weighed 9 pounds and measured 20 inches in length.

Paternal grandparents are Kenneth and Lori Barnes of Punta Gorda and Daniel and Kathy Meskimen of Peoria, Ill. Maternal grandparents are Elaine Shower and Douglas Shower, both of Winter Park.

Great-grandparent is Sandy Meskimen of Columbia, Mo.

■ Terrance and Charde

Baker of Fernandina Beach announce the birth of a daughter, Lyric Zenobia Baker, born at 12:27 p.m. Dec. 26, 2008, at Baptist Medical Center Nassau. The baby weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches in length.

She joins sister Tatyana Baker, 5, and brother Tekhi Baker, 1.

Paternal grandparents are Aldo and Ella Brown of Yulee and Rose Baker of Fernandina Beach. Maternal grandparents are Stephanie Guidry of Oakland, Calif., and George Johnson Jr. of Honolulu, Hawaii.

CAMPUS NOTES

Zachary M. Jones of Yulee received his bachelor of science degree in finance on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, from the Warrington College of Business Administration. The commencement ceremony took place at the O'Connell Center on the cam-



Jones

pus of the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Jones is currently enrolled in the master of science program and due to receive his masters degree in the spring of 2009.

Jones is a 2005 honors graduate of Fernandina Beach High School. He is the son of Joyce A. Jones and Ronald D. Jones of Yulee and grandson of Isabella Chatman of Yulee and Thelma Jones of Jacksonville.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Nassau Detachment of the Marine Corps League veterans' organization meets at 7:05 p.m. the first Wednesday at The Kraft Athletic Club-Ten Acres, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach. Call Gail Davis at 491-8106.

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Ten Acres Kraft Athletic Club. Social is at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday and features a guest speaker. Membership is open to the public. For information call 261-9481 or visit www.fishns-fa.com.

The Newcomers Club of Amelia Island is open to all women who reside in Nassau County (no matter how long you have lived here). For information, visit newcomersclubofameliainsland.com or call 277-4898.

Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach meets at noon each Wednesday at the Best Western Inn, 2707 Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach. Call Dr. Jennifer Towles at 261-7153.

Rotary Club of Amelia Island meets each Friday at 7:30 a.m. at the Best Western Inn, 2707 Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach. Call Stan Fishburn at 277-5287.

Senior Meet and Greet social club meets at 11:30 a.m. the second Wednesday at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, Fernandina Beach. Call 277-7350.

Sons of the American Legion meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the log cabin at Atlantic Avenue and South 11th Street. For information contact Rick Dobbs at 491-1598 or (904) 742-5298.

Spinners of fiber and fleece, we're looking for you. Join to get a spinning group together once a month. Call Mary Pat in Fernandina at 321-2653 or Barbara in Camden County at (912) 729-2282.

U.S. SUBVETS Kings Bay Base/Trident Chapter meets at 6 p.m. the third Wednesday the first two months of each quarter and holds a social-dinner event the third Saturday of the last month of the quarter. Wednesday meetings are at the St. Marys Submarine Museum, 102 St. Marys St. West, St. Marys, Ga. Saturday location varies. Call (912) 882-ASUB, e-mail submus@tds.net or visit www.stmaryssub-museum.com.

■ U.S. Coast Guard

Auxiliary Flotilla 14-1 meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday at Amelia Island Lighthouse cottage on Lighthouse Circle. Call Tom Basore at 321-0645 or visit website at www.cgau7-14-1.org.

The Vietnam Veterans of Nassau County meet on the first Monday at 7 p.m. The meetings are held at the County Building on Pages Dairy Road next to the fire-house in Yulee. All Vietnam Veterans who served in-country are welcome to join. Come out and meet your buddies. Welcome home! For information contact Lee Kaywork at 225-8419 or elkay-work@hotmail.com.

Yulee Optimist Club meets at noon every Tuesday at J.D.'s Chop House in Yulee. Call Kathy Williams at 225-0000.

AARP lobbies for senior citizen benefits at the national, statewide and local level and is a social group with service to others in mind. It meets 9:30 a.m. to noon the second Monday at the Community Room at the Fernandina Beach Police Department, 1525 Lime St. Call John Megna at 277-2143.

ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge game is Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Nassau County Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St, just south of the hospital parking lot. Partners can be provided. For more information, call 261-8681.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Society is looking for licensed ham radio operators. All citizens interested in amateur (ham) radio are invited to monthly meetings from 7:30-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center in Yulee. Anyone interested in any aspect of amateur radio involving emergency preparedness in Nassau County should contact Richard Freeman, ARES emergency coordinator, Nassau, at 753-2612.

Amelia Island Chess Club meets from 2-5 p.m. the first and third Saturday at Café Karibo, 27 N. Third St., Fernandina Beach. Call Dan Doulet at 261-0070.

Amelia Island Genealogical Society for anyone interested in tracing ancestry meets the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Community Room at the Fernandina Beach Police station on Lime Street. Call Gloria Toomey at 491-3275.

HELPERS

The Nassau County Health Department seeks volunteer physicians, dentists, nurses and other licensed health professionals to provide limited but vital primary and specialty care to uninsured and underserved Florida residents.

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Haven Hospice is North Florida's expert in end-of-life and palliative care and is one of eight 2007 Circle of Life Award honorees nationwide to be recognized as leaders in improving the care of patients near the end of life or with life-threatening conditions. Haven Hospice has also been recognized as a Florida Pacesetter for its leadership in promoting living wills.

Haven Hospice offers many opportunities for volunteering, including patient care, administrative work, special events, fundraising, pastoral care, massage therapy, bereavement services, speakers' bureau and community outreach.

Visit www.havenhospice.org or call Sandra Francis at (904) 733-9818

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society and supported by product donations from various cosmetic companies, Look Good, Feel Better is a program designed for female cancer patients going through chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy. Group sessions help patients restore their appearance and self-image through a makeover and style tips from professionally trained beauticians. Interested patients should call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-9954 to register.

Medals4Mettle.org, a non-profit, is collecting half-marathon, marathon and triathlon medals to donate to people battling illnesses in our local area. If you have a medal that you would like to donate to a courageous child or adult, you can place it in the collection box at T&A Sports, Red Otter Outfitters or any

1st Place Sports store. For further information on donating medals or helping in other ways, contact Rose Bennett at 491-3758.

Micah's Place is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and the only certified domestic violence center serving Nassau County. It provides emergency shelter, outreach, prevention programs and community education. Visit www.micahsplace.org.

Call the 24-hour crisis hotline at 1-800-500-1119, and emergency shelter at 225-9979. For information or to make donations, call 491-6364, ext. 2, or e-mail micahsplace_dd@bellsouth.net. Victims and survivors of domestic violence will now have a support group in Fernandina Beach starting September 4, every Thursday at 6pm. Support groups continue to be offered every Monday at 7pm in Yulee. For location information, please call Micah's Place at 879-6270. For outreach or support groups call 879-6270. Volunteers call 491-6364, ext. 2.

East Nassau County Military AP-3 Honor Guard provides military honors on the death of a serviceman. Eligible recipients include military members on active duty or in the selected reserve, former military members who served on active duty and department under conditions other than dishonorable, former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable, former military members discharged from the Selected Reserve due to a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, and members of the Commissioned Officer Corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as members of a Uniformed Service.

To prove eligibility documentation, such as the DD Form 214 discharge certificate, is required. For information contact Commander/Coordinator Ted Davis at 225-9212.

A project to fabricate metal parts used in the manufacture of three-

wheeled, hand-cranked carts is ongoing at a workshop sponsored by Memorial United Methodist Church.

The vehicles, called Personal Energy Transportation or PETs, are assembled at Penney Farms and shipped throughout the world to victims of polio, land mines and other injuries. Opportunities exist for those interested in cutting, grinding, drilling and welding metal parts, delivering parts and procuring materials. Call Jack at 261-5691 or James at 261-5863.

The Amelia Island group of Narcotics Anonymous is for anyone needing help dealing with drugs. It meets at 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; 6 p.m. Friday; and 7 p.m. Monday at First Assembly of God Church, 302 South 14th St. Call 1-800-576-4357.

National Alliance on Mental Illness-Nassau meets on third Thursday at 7 p.m. in the conference room at the McArthur Family YMCA off Citrona Drive. The Consumer Support Group meets weekly on Fridays at 11 a.m. at the Council On Aging across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau.

Family support meetings are held the fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 204 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Call 277-1886.

The Overeaters Anonymous 12-step program meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at First Baptist Church or 1 p.m. Thursdays at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. For information, directions, carpool or ride or help starting more OA meetings, contact Sheila at 261-7467 or Ilona at 261-9361.

Judy Schiffman, director of Panic Relief, Inc., offers a program for anyone suffering from panic, anxiety and agoraphobia to cope with these disorders. Learn how attitudes and current thoughts affect panic and anxiety. Programs are held locally. Call PRI at (732) 940-9658.

The Pink Ribbon Ladies, a breast cancer support group, meets the second Monday at 6 p.m. in Dining Room 2, next to the cafeteria at Baptist Medical Center Nassau.

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THE POWER OF WORDS

In ancient times, there seemed to be an intimate connection between words and things, or between names and the persons or things being named. For example, in the Genesis account of creation, God creates by mere divine utterance. He says, "Let there be light," and there is light. Likewise, when God gives Adam the honor of naming the animals, he is allowing Adam to establish their identity once and for all. Or consider the story in the 27th chapter of Genesis where thinking that Jacob is in fact Esau, Isaac mistakenly gives Esau's firstborn birthright to Jacob. And, even when Isaac realizes the mistake, and sees that he has been tricked, he cannot simply undo what he has said. The utterance of the blessing is the blessing, in the same way that God's divine utterance created the world. Continuing in the New Testament, we see this strong connection between words and things. In the prologue to the Gospel of John, we are told that "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1.1) In modern times although we have somehow lost this vital connection to our language, we all know that words are double-edged swords which can heal as well as they can hurt, offering both comfort and solace, as well as pain.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword.
-R.S.V. Hebrews 4:12

RELIGION

Horses, what's fair, and running with God

"Whoa," I said as the horse began pulling me down the road. "Whoa," I yelled louder, but nothing seemed to matter. As I ran alongside him, hoping he wouldn't shift into a full gallop, it didn't take long to figure out that I was no longer in control. Actually, if you want to know the truth, I was in trouble. To make matters even worse, the whole thing was happening right in the neighborhood where I was living, in plain sight for all to see.

It all started many years ago while living with some friends who happen to have a horse named Bonfire.



PULPIT NOTES

Pastor Rob Goyette

Though my friends' property was fenced in, every now and then Bonfire, God bless his feisty soul, would manage to escape and make his way down the street. Thankfully, he was never hard to find, being that he had one thing and one thing only on his mind, to go visit a female

horse that lived a few blocks away.

Well, anyway, on that particular day I had volunteered to go get him, being that there was no one around qualified to do it. The truth is, I had no business doing it myself seeing I had no experience handling horses either. But, a lack of being qualified had never stopped me from trying new things before, and this time was no different. "Besides, what's the big deal," I had thought. "Walking a horse down the street can't be all that hard." Little did I know what I was in for.

Now I don't know about you, but God seems to drop

His thoughts into my heart at the most unusual of times. Such was the case on that particular day. As I was running down the road for all to see, holding on to a horse that I was supposed to be in front of, God's words to Jeremiah the prophet came to me. "If you have raced with men on foot, and they have wearied you, how will you compete with horses? And if in a safe land you are so trusting, what will you do when the Jordan River swells?" Jer.12:5

Suddenly I got it. You see, the context of these words to Jeremiah is that of him questioning God's judgment in allowing evil people to pros-

per while, in the meantime, he was having to go through the wringer. It just didn't seem fair. In essence, God was telling him, if you can't handle this, what are you going to do if things get even harder?

Now for me that day the message was clear. I know, it seems like a lot of trouble for God to go through just to talk to me, but sometimes I'm a little dull of hearing. Like Jeremiah, I too had been feeling as if certain things in my life just weren't fair. Yet, in reality, what seemed unfair to me was all a part of God teaching me to trust Him, while at the same time He

was preparing me to succeed at a much greater level. Romans 8:28 says it like this: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

So, if by chance, your world seems a bit out of control, and you feel like you are being pulled down life's road in a way that's just not fair, take heart. It's very likely that God is teaching you to trust Him so you can succeed at a whole new level.

Robert L. Goyette is pastor of Living Waters World Outreach Center.

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RELIGION NOTES

Women's workshop

Living Waters World Outreach Center invites women of all ages to a "Deborah Awake!" workshop on Jan. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon at Living Waters. This workshop is designed to encourage and equip women to rise to their calling as a modern-day "Deborah!" Bring a sandwich and soup will be provided for fellowship afterwards. RSVP to Kathy at 321-2117 by today.

Plantation Chapel music

Musician Jerry Borshard Jr. will perform the 2nd and 3rd movements of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto #2, Opus 18, as prelude and postlude at the Amelia Plantation Chapel's 9 a.m. service on Jan. 11. He offers the music in honor of his parents, well-know local artist Mary Borshard and the late musician Jerry Borshard Sr.

As part of his BA in music from Drew University, Borshard Jr. studied for a year at the Northwest German Music Academy in Detmold, Germany, and later spent three years in graduate studies at the School of Music at North Texas State University.

MLK events

The MLK Breakfast will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Jan. 17 at 8 a.m. For information, contact Courtney Tyson-Shelby at 491-3419.

The MLK Commemorative Service will be held on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at New Zion Mission-

Race and poverty programs

St. Peter's Episcopal Church launches two new community programs beginning Sunday.

"Black AND White: Our Lives Interwoven," is the follow-up to community Study Circles to create dialogue between whites and people of color. As a result of this experience, St. Peter's is planning educational classes to discuss slavery, sometimes called the black holocaust, and its consequences. Today, its effects are felt by both black and white. All are invited.

Find out about the things that never made the history books. Enjoy lively discussion and stunning film clips, including "Unchained Memories" (slave monologues performed by parish actors), and "Traces of the Trade," a documentary about the largest slave trading family in U.S. history. The series will continue after Easter with the focus on famous and local heroes and

will conclude with Desmond Tutu's model for truth and reconciliation.

The sessions will be held at 10:10 a.m. Sundays, January through May.

"Just Neighbors" is a series about poverty in America. Walk in the shoes of a low-income neighbor with moving videos, lively discussion and interactive exercises. Topics discussed will include low wages, affordable housing, racial equity and children's issues. Why are working families living in poverty? What does your faith tell you about neighbors in need? What could we be doing about it?

Bring your concerns and your voice to the discussion. Sessions are from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, January through May at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Atlantic Avenue and Centre Street, in Room 201-2. Contact Kristina Smith at 261-4293, ext 15, or ksmith@stpetersparish.org for information.

ary Baptist Church, 10 South 10th St. For information, contact the Rev. James Arthur at 261-7854.

Musical celebration

The I Can Academy will celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with the musical "I Have A Dream: Songs for Peace and Harmony," by John Jacobson, Rollo Dilworth, Moses Hogan and Emily Crocker. The communi-

ty-wide production is open to all children in grades pre-K to sixth grade. The public performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at the First Assembly of God, 302 South 14th St.

Rehearsals convene at 4:30 p.m. at O'Neal Memorial Baptist Church, 474257 SR 200 East, on Mondays and Fridays until the performance. For information, call 277-2606 or 277-2704.

LABOR OF LOVE



A few of the many people who worked on making Chrismons in the sanctuary of Memorial United Methodist Church are, from left, Frances Gowen, Winette Odom, Judy Burk, Cecelia Smeaton, Sandi Anderson, Judi Brown, Florence Partin and Catherine Eleazer.

A project was begun in late summer to repair and restore Chrismons that were made about 30 years ago and to make new ones. Chrismons are Christian symbols, handmade into ornaments of gold, white and silver.

There were weekly work times and many took materials home to work on them as a family. It was a church-wide project involving all ages. The results were 245 new ornaments that will leave a legacy for future generations.

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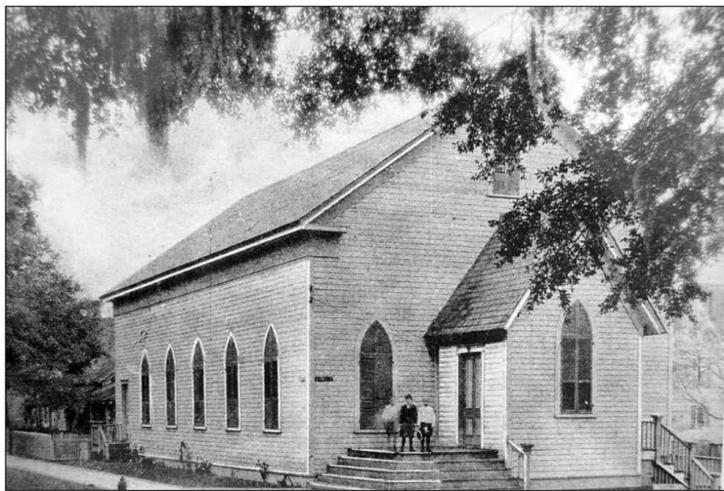
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First Baptist Church – yesterday and today



Another church was built in 1888 after a fire destroyed the original building in 1887, top. Center, a rendering, drawn from memory, of the original church, built in 1860. Right, R.S Lukenbill allowed the congregation to use his home for services after the church burned in 1887, and encouraged members to build a new church. He later died in a yellow fever epidemic, and his was the first funeral held in the partially completed new church building.



A church rooted in growth and transition

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News Leader

Like other historic churches in downtown Fernandina Beach, First Baptist Church has a history that began about 150 years ago. And like many other churches, its story is one of dedicated members, close families, a succession of pastors and ultimately of transition.

That transition has included the eventual replacement of church buildings that have at times brimmed over with a devoted congregation. But that does not mean the old structures, along with their many memories, will be forgotten.

The recent move to the vast new structure on Eighth Street is a cause for celebration for today's church members, but they no doubt cherish their own fond memories of the old sanctuary built in 1925.

The very first Baptist church in Florida, some believe, was established near Callahan in 1821, the same year Florida became a territory. Named Pigeon Creek Baptist Church, it was organized by Isom Peacock and Fleming Bates, who is listed as first pastor. The church consisted of a one-room wooden building with no glass windows.

The church minutes of July 20, 1822 state that a black man owned by a white man named Lopers came forward for membership, indicating that the congregations was "integrated" at that time.

First Baptist Church of Fernandina began its history in September 1859, when the Florida Railroad Company gave land to several churches to encourage them to move to Fernandina Beach. Lot No. 1 of Block 20 on the corner of Calhoun and Fourth Streets was deeded to First Baptist Church. Records are not clear, but it is believed that a congregation may have already been in existence, or was formed shortly after.

A drawing made from memory of the church at that time depicts it as a simple one-story, wood-frame structure with a portico and a bell tower. It sat far back on the property and faced the Catholic Convent.

The Rev. J.K. Mendenhall came down from Camden, S.C., to establish a church

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J.Y. PURVIS IN HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTS
FROM 1888 TO 1938

there, but his work was apparently interrupted by the Civil War. During that time, many residents of Fernandina Beach left the city for refuge inland, and were probably not active in the church.

Attorney for the railroad was G.W. Call, who became a state senator from Nassau County and secretary/treasurer of the Florida Railroad. He is reported to have represented the church at the Florida Baptist Convention in Monticello in November 1860. Call joined the Confederate army soon after, but before he left he bequeathed the house and lot occupied by Pastor Mendenhall as parsonage to the church. Call was killed in 1862 in the Battle of Seven Pines.

Call also directed that \$300 per year be paid to the church after his death. Because records were destroyed in a church fire, it is not known if Call's wishes were carried out.

By 1866, most citizens had returned to Fernandina Beach and in 1867 the church was listed in the minutes of the Santa Fe River Baptist Association. Its pastor was Elder J.H. Tompkins. Records show that the church had 15 members.

During the 1870s, there were no regular church services held, and the church may have been supported by Northern churches

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'My goal as pastor is to be open seven days a week, to meet the needs of the community.'

THE REV. JEFF OVERTON, PASTOR OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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A rendering of the new First Baptist Church on Eighth Street by contractors Elkins Construction.

First Baptist celebrates manifestation of a dream

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News Leader

Nobody who's driving north up Eighth Street toward downtown these days could possibly miss the impressive First Baptist Church building at the back of a large lot. The towering red brick construction project broke ground in 2006 and is the manifestation of a dream that was born in the mid 1990s.

The Rev. Jeff Overton, pastor of First Baptist Church, says the church voted unanimously to make the move four years ago, as the congregation had outgrown the sanctuary on Fifth Street. Parking had also become a problem on Sunday morning, with worshippers competing for parking spaces with both the Presbyterian and Catholic churches.

The new facility, built by Elkins Construction in Jacksonville, has a resort-like ambiance, and at 75,000 square feet has more than enough room to serve the usual number of Sunday worshippers of about 500. There are also 288 parking spaces.

An imposing brick structure that measures 124 feet from the ground to the top of the cross, the new church sits on a 15-acre lot two blocks south of Lime Street. The lot was bought in different-sized parcels after the congregation decided to make the move to a larger church.

It was a tough decision for some longtime members to leave the old sanctuary and its complementary buildings in downtown Fernandina Beach, says Overton.

Peggy Dennard, who has been attending First Baptist for 65 years, says leaving the church tugged at her heartstrings, but that she was looking forward to a new beginning. Most of the important events of her life, she said, happened at the old church, including the baptisms of family members, her own wedding and her daughter's wedding.

While the church was still under construction last summer, she said she had not been in the new sanctuary for some time and hadn't seen the finishing touches. "But I know that most people's reaction is 'Wow,'" she said.

The soaring space of the new church's main sanctuary definitely has the "wow" factor, with a 32-foot ceiling, seating for 982, sophisticated lighting and a 130-seat choir loft. A conveniently located second-floor music suite that holds 200 people opens directly to the loft.

The building has spacious educational areas for both children and adults, and will continue to offer the community its "Jack and Jill" preschool program for 3- to 4-year-olds at a nominal cost.

Another area on the second floor serves as a wireless Internet café and college-style



ANGELA DAUGHTRY/NEWS-LEADER
The Rev. Jeff Overton outside the new First Baptist Church on Eighth Street while construction was nearing completion in July 2008.



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A second-story walking track wraps around the basketball court in the new church, above. The auditorium, below.



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as a mission. A silver communion service was given to the church by the Sabbath School of First Baptist Church of New Jersey, with the date 1874 inscribed. Some believe the gift came from Union soldiers who came back to live in Fernandina after the war.

The Rev. William F. Wood, the first Southern Baptist missionary to Cuba, preached at the church in the 1880s. He first came to Fernandina in 1870, living here for a time, and then went on to First Baptist Church of Key West in 1879. He traveled to Cuba in 1885, but returned to Fernandina several times, preaching for both black and white congregations. He died in Fernandina after returning from Cuba in 1890.

Sadly, the little church burned down in 1887, along with most of the church's records. The silver communion service is the only thing that survived in perfect condition. Members believe that one of the ladies of the church must have taken it home to polish it, sparing it from being burned.

After the fire, the property was reportedly sold to David Hammond for \$500.

Discouraged by the fire, members at first made no effort to rebuild the church. They met for services at 117 N. Sixth St., the home of R.S. Lukenbill, who was also allowing his house to be used as a school.

Lukenbill, from Kansas City, Mo., was also with the Florida Railroad Company. He took the lead and encouraged members to build a new church.

The church was officially incorporated in March 1888, and the Rev. W.M. Davis, from Lake City, served as pastor. He apparently attended the Florida Baptist Convention in Deland in January 1888.

A contract to build the church was given to J.G. Freeman. The corner of Fifth and Alachua streets was purchased from Patrick and Lizzie Kelly in April 1888 for \$800. The church consisted then of 40 members.

"With glad hearts, we watched the building go up," wrote J.Y. Purvis in History of the Baptists from 1888 to 1938. "All went well until it began to be rumored that yellow fever, that most terrible of scourges that ... had laid its death-dealing hand upon the town, was again a much-dreaded visitor."

A three-month quarantine was put on the town, and anyone who had not managed to leave was obliged to stay until the yellow fever ran its course.

Lukenbill was infected by yellow fever and died; his funeral was the first held in the partially completed church. The Rev. Wier Dowell, pastor of the Methodist church and the only preacher to stay during the epidemic, conducted the service. Lukenbill's son E.D. took over, serving as clerk and leading the completion of the building.

"For weeks we lived in the town, cut off from the outside world," wrote Purvis. "No boats came or went, and no trains except those bringing supplies. All stores were closed. After the terrible disease had spent itself and there seemed no further danger to neighboring cities, and after extensive fumigation, the

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quarantine was lifted and once more we were a free people. How delighted we were to hear the shrieks of engines, the noise and bustle of renewed life and activity."

A Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was organized at this time. Society members paid for the church's first musical instruments by making and selling crazy quilts, which sold for \$5 apiece.

"The Aid Society was veritably the backbone of the church," writes Purvis. "It was in the days of crazy quilts. The town was full of them ... we sewed every Monday in the month until the last and that was missionary day."

The first known Sunday school superintendent was J.G. Freeman, who served in 1890-91.

In 1890, a Baptist Young People's Union was organized by Fred Wood as first president. The church at that time joined the St. Marys River Baptist Association, with E.D. Lukenbill as clerk. The Rev. W. G. Patterson was pastor then, with 40 church members.

Church records show a membership of 67 people in 1893.

In 1900, the church became a member of the Jacksonville Baptist Association until the Northeast Florida Baptist Association was organized in 1938.

In 1904, exactly 100 years from the beginning of the new church campaign in 2004, there were 119 members, and the church's debt was paid off.

In 1902, a lot behind the church was purchased from W.W. and Ida Mae Leavitt for \$750. Another lot was bought in 1906 from the estate of J.A. Johnson for \$300.

The present brick sanctuary at Fifth and Alachua streets was built in 1925, replacing the wooden structure. At that time there were 267 church members. The Rev. Theodore Judson Herring, pastor from 1925-32, helped in the design and construction of the building that is used for services today. The stained-glass windows were dedicated to prominent and beloved church members.

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An educational building was constructed in 1952, which was attached to the main sanctuary. A Jack and Jill kindergarten was developed in 1956, and had 56 students.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Above, the First Baptist Sunday school class, circa 1940s, at Gerbing Restaurant, front row: Cleo Galphin, Myrtice Jones, Marie Franks Barber, unknown, Melva Lotspiech, Amanda McFarland, Pearl Peterson, Jenny Haddock, Dot Walters, Onna Keen, Eleanor Owens, Betty Jones.

Back row: Geneva Tomlinson, Ellen Souza, Velma Franklin, Lou Skipper, Elizabeth Knight, Hazel Allen, Ruth Thomas, Dena Arnold, Hilda Valero, Sybil Maples, Eloise Markham, Alice Hewitt, Ruth Joyce-Posey, Carrie Brannan, Eula Gavner-Holland, Pearl Daughtery, Alene White, Bessie Lee-Durden, Mrs. Ira Klarer, Mrs. Ash Kelly, Lillian Bounds, Sallie Haddock, Aliene Lotspiech, Melba Shiver.



The kindergarten is still going today.

More property was bought in 1958, and a three-story education building followed in 1962. It was dedicated in 1963. Membership passed the 1,000 mark in 1966, with a total of 1,011 members.

The current pastor, the Rev. Jeff Overton, says that as long as the old church facilities remain for sale, they will still be in use by a group called Celebrate Recovery and will also be available for weddings and other events.

The city of Fernandina Beach has been considering the purchase of the old church facilities for use as a library, performance hall or public meeting space.

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Right, girls gather on the steps of the church. The congregation gathers for a photo in 1967, below.



Above, a silver communion service was given to the church by the Sabbath School of the First Baptist Church of New Jersey, with the date 1874 inscribed. Some believe the gift came from Union soldiers who came back to live in Fernandina after the war.

Left, the Sunbeams in December 1961, front row: Unknown, unknown, Jamie White, Pam Kittrell. Second row: Julie Lee, Cindy Justice, Cynthia Parker, Rita Alvarez, Shirley Thornton. Third row: Jimmy Fussell, Windle Higginbotham. Back row: John Cooper, Tim McKee, Gerald Buford, unknown.

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coffee house for young people.

The church building also boasts sports facilities including a full-size gym with basketball court and second-story walking track. The gym space can be set up to feed up to 450 people and can also accommodate different sizes of groups.

A Christian-based basketball program will be available at about \$65 per season, as well as other programs for senior adults. Overton said the wraparound walking track should be popular with women, and is located close to the women's lavatory and shower facilities. A children's playground will be constructed in an area outside the building.

Julie Branch, a longtime member, says she is looking forward to using the new facilities, although she admits to being sentimentally attached to the old church because her children were baptized there.

The new church, she said, "is going to be a great thing" because parking, especially for older church members, has been so difficult downtown. The new church will also have a place for everyone to sit, as well as space to accommodate visitors.

In spite of the expanded facilities in almost every area, Sunday school classes, said Branch, will be moving into smaller classrooms. But that will be made up, she added, by the many multipurpose rooms and gym facilities. Branch said she is especially looking forward to using the walking track.

"It's really wonderful, it really is beautiful," said Branch of the new church. "God has blessed our church so much."

A space has been set aside as a historical room, which, says Overton, will hold some precious mementos from the old building. Some of the stained-glass windows will be stored there as well as the pulpit, some furniture items, some original pews and a 19th-century silver communion service from the very first congregation.

Another historic item, the Bible that once belonged to

I know that most people's reaction is 'Wow.'

**PEGGY DENNARD,
LONGTIME FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH MEMBER**

church member Sally Sapp, is buried in the pulpit of the new church. Sapp, who was the grandmother of current City Commissioner Ron Sapp, taught Sunday school and is fondly remembered as a great matriarch of the church.

Services will be televised and recorded from an ample television recording and production room. Church members will be able to buy copies of the worship service, said Overton, and the production team will also produce concerts for Christian groups.

Another large room that can hold 100 people is located close to a ladies' room and will be used as the "bridal room." Brides-to-be and their entourage will be able to use the generous area to prepare for their big day.

A full restaurant-sized kitchen will be available for special events, and Overton said the church might hire a full-time chef to oversee it.

There also are plans to build an additional fellowship hall, which will have accommodations to sit and feed 600 people.

Overton says he hopes the spacious facilities will be used by the entire community, and said he would love to be able to host high school graduations there.

"My goal as pastor is to be open seven days a week," he said, "to meet the needs of the community."

The new church received its certificate of occupancy in November. On Dec. 6, a parade was held from the old church downtown to the new church on Eighth Street.

It marked another era of new and exciting beginnings for First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach and its faithful followers.

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The Rev. Jeff Overton address the congregation during a celebration at the church before it officially opened.



The foyer of the new church is palatial. The new facility, built by Elkins Construction in Jacksonville, has a resort-like ambiance, and at 75,000 square feet has more than enough room to serve the usual number of Sunday worshippers of about 500. There are also 288 parking spaces. ANGELA DAUGHTRY/NEWS-LEADER

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Pirates get win No. 14, clinch tourney title

Fernandina travels to Ribault Tuesday

BETH JONES
News-Leader

The holidays were good for the Pirates. The hoopsters collected another tournament trophy Tuesday in the championship game of a Christmas tournament at Bishop Snyder High School, beating the host. The team is now 14-0.

"Most coaches' comments are we are hard to play against because of our defense," said Matt Schreiber, head basketball coach at Fernandina Beach High School. "Snyder's had challenges against pressure defenses. They have a young back court."

The Pirates beat Bishop Snyder 66-35 Tuesday, but midway through the third quarter, the host Cardinals had mustered just 14 points.

"This team realizes that defense is our strength," Schreiber said. "And the more they realize it, the more they take pride in it. It seems like we keep getting better at it."

"Terin Dallas is probably the best defensive player I've ever coached. I think the other players feed off of him on the defensive end."

Dallas was also the second leading scorer with 14 points. He had five rebounds, two assists and four steals.

Zach Rocheleau was the top scorer with 19 points, which included five three-pointers. He also had two rebounds, five assists and four steals.

"Zach shot the ball well and he puts a lot of pressure on the other team's guard also," Schreiber said.

Carlos Holcey chipped in nine points. He had four rebounds and three steals.

Chris Keffer and Patrick Garvin pulled down four boards apiece and James Russell led with six rebounds. Garvin, Russell and Jake Brogdon had three steals apiece. The Pirates had 23 steals in all for the game.

Tai Alford had three rebounds and as many assists and Brogdon had four assists and three steals.

"We get big leads and it allows everybody to play and get a lot of minutes so, for us, scoring averages aren't going to be as high as a team that has had closer games," Schreiber said.

Fernandina advanced to the championship game with Monday's 67-32 win over Creekside.

Holcey led the Pirates with 15 points to complement four rebounds, three assists and five steals. Garvin had 10 points, four rebounds and an assist. Keffer had eight points and two rebounds. Brogdon and Dallas had seven rebounds each. Alford, Rocheleau and Dallas had three steals apiece.

The Pirates are 5-0 in the district and face one of three remaining district foes Tuesday when they travel to Ribault.

"It's going to be a great test for us," Schreiber said. "It will give us a very good indication of where we are. Ribault has been the class of the district for 25 years. They're a typical Ribault team."

The Pirates close out 2008 with a 14-0 record, the team's best start since the 1965 season when FBHS went 15-0 before losing its first game.

"It's been fun because the players have such a good understanding of how we want to play and what we want to accomplish," Schreiber said. "You can tell they're genuinely happy for each other's successes and they've just been very mature for 16-18 year olds, particularly handling success because that's pretty hard to do."

"It has been a good break in that we won games and tournaments, but we're also pretty healthy right now. The players have had time to rest and spend time with their families. For high school basketball, January is the ultimate grind."

After Tuesday's matchup at Ribault, the Pirates close out the week with West Nassau (at



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The Fernandina Beach High School boys basketball team chalked up its 14th straight win Tuesday in the championship game of a holiday tournament at Bishop John J. Snyder High School in Jacksonville. Above, Pirate Carlos Holcey fights a Cardinal player for the ball. Left, Billy Hunt goes to the goal for FBHS. Below left, Tai Alford waits for the throw-in. Below right, Jake Brogdon guards a Bishop Snyder player. The Pirates head to Ribault Tuesday for a tough district matchup. They are 5-0 in district play so far.



Pirates Patrick Garvin and James Russell battle Bishop Snyder for a rebound, right. Left, the Pirates picked up their second tournament trophy Tuesday. The team includes, front, Terin Dallas; standing from left, Chris Keffer, Tai Alford, Billy Hunt, Stacey Lynch, Jake Brogdon, Garvin, Russell, Zach Rocheleau, Andrew Vrancic and Carlos Holcey.



home Jan. 9) and Bolles (away Jan. 10). Yulee gets a rematch Jan. 16. The Hornets host the Pirates at 7:30 p.m. that night.

• Yulee's Hornets pushed their record to 8-3 with a whopping of Esprit de Corps, 81-24,

Dec. 20 during a tournament at West Nassau. Demetrius Small paced the Hornets with 24 points but he was just one of five players in double figures. John Copeland had 13, Steven Greenaway scored 11 and Jarell Mitchell and

Kelvin Rainey chipped in 10 apiece.

Yulee plays this weekend in a tournament at Menendez High School. The Hornets take on St. Joseph's Academy at 5:30 p.m. today and face the host at 7 p.m. Saturday.

GOLF NEWS

Ladies golf results

The stellar warm weather spell helped draw a good turnout for the Fernandina Beach Women's Golf Association play day Tuesday. The contest for the day was two best balls for the foursome.

First place went to the team of Jayne Paige, Jean Taylor, Sue Simpson and Kathleen Walker with a net 127. Nancy Meadows, Marge Stoddart, Phyllis Lay and Lettie Laurent took second place with a net 130.

Tied for third place at net 134 was the team of Shirley McKain, Jeanette Cayoutte, Kathy Hilmer and Sue Lopiano and the team of Anna Keay, Maryanne Schroeder, Rene Pimsner and Emily Baker.

The Fernandina Beach Women's Golf Association always welcomes new members. The group is composed of both full-time residents to the area and those who spend part of their year here. Call Jayne Paige at the golf club at 277-7370.

Museum tourney

The seventh annual Amelia Island Museum of History Golf Tournament will be held Jan. 23 at the Golf Club of Amelia Island. Shotgun start is at noon.

There is a limited field. Entry fee is \$150 per player and includes cart and green fee, hole-in-one and other prizes, beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres at the awards presentation. There will be team and individ-

ual awards for men and ladies.

It is a handicap scramble, four-person captain's choice. Make a team or be paired. There will be an optional putting contest and Mulligans. For information, call 277-7378.

HJGT season opens

The Hurricane Junior Golf Tour will open the 2009 season Jan. 10-11 at the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club. The Johnson & Wales University Series at Ponte Vedra Inn and Club will be a 36-hole stroke play event for boys and girls ages 10-19.

Juniors will be competing in five separate divisions — boys 16-19, boys 13-15, boys 10-12, girls 15-19, and girls 10-14. This event along with all other HJGT events will be ranked by the National Junior Golf Scoreboard.

Juniors can look forward to an exciting weekend of events at the JWU Series at Ponte Vedra Inn and Club. The Tom Burnett Golf Academy is hosting a free 30-minute swing analysis session for tournament participants. Players can call the academy directly at (904) 285-6767 to set up a complimentary 30-minute swing evaluation during the tournament week.

There will also be a PGA Tour Club Makers Van at the event. Anyone who has questions or would like to check on a specific service should call Ian at (904) 868-3499. Visit www.hjgt.org or call (904) 379-2697 or e-mail info@hjgt.org.

Head trauma biggest Heely's concern

I am sure that by now, unless you have been living in a cave, you have seen kids gliding by on Heelys. Heelys are basically tennis shoes with a wheel built into the heel, which allows you to convert from walking to gliding simply by leaning back on your foot.

Both of my kids got a pair for Christmas and soon had mastered the technique. Watching the kids glide around, I was envious of how much fun Heelys looked and thought that they could even be helpful at work, being able to get from my office to surgery to the emergency room that much faster. However, one false move and I might go flying onto my face, so I decided otherwise.

Which then begs the question, "Just how dangerous are they?" Available since 2000, the shoes have taken off in popularity as of late. At present, with some 4.5 million Heelys sold overall, statistics of course show a rise in Heelys injuries. I have only seen one child in my office with a Heelys-related injury. He tumbled forward and got a hairline-type fracture of his wrist. I am certainly not seeing an epidemic of injuries.

Many malls and schools have banned Heelys due to safety concerns. Officials surmise that if we wouldn't let you come in on roller-skates, then of course we don't want you on Heelys. The biggest



SPORTS MEDICINE
GREGORY SMITH, M.D.

New production Heelys are being labeled with a sticker, a yellow label warning the wearer about potential injury. However, a look at the Heelys website also shows heelers crashing, jumping off railings and flying into pools, with no protective padding or helmets.

In 1994, a Singapore study examined injuries sustained by children using Heelys. From February to August 2004, a total of 37 patients with significant injuries sustained while "heeling" were identified. Upper limb injuries were by far the most common. None of the children used safety gear. The researchers concluded that "heeling" can lead to serious injuries despite their relatively low speed. However, a combined study

concern regarding injury is head trauma, such as a concussion. The advertisers of Heelys have said they see them as athletic gear, such as rollerblades, even though they are sold in regular shoe stores, and Heelys executive Charlie Beery says, "We strongly encourage all the kids to wear protective gear whenever they can."

between the U.S. Consumer Product and Safety Commission and the National Sporting Goods Association found that Heelys were relatively safe.

For example, the study found a much lower risk of Heelys injury, 33 per 100,000 participants, than for example basketball, which had an injury rate of 2,184 per 100,000 participants. Heelys also showed an injury rate that was only 2 percent of the injury rate of riding a bike.

So the take-home message is that Heelys are becoming more and more popular, and with that the injury rate will rise. This, of course, occurs anytime a new product hits the market, such as rollerblades, pogo sticks or scooters. Parents should be advised about the potential risk of injury, including possible serious head injury, and then decide for themselves what gear they will have their children wear.

This column is written to discuss issues regarding sports, medicine and safety. It is not intended to serve as a replacement for treatment by your regular doctor. It is only designed to offer guidelines on the prevention, recognition and care of injuries and illness. Specific concerns should be discussed with a physician. Mail questions to Gregory Smith, M.D., 1250 S. 18th St., Suite 204, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. For appointments, call 261-8787 or visit www.gsmithmd.com.

SPORTS SHORTS

Old Timers gear up

Practices for the annual Old Timers football game get under way at 6 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Ybor Alvarez fields on Bailey Road in Fernandina Beach. For information, contact president David Tate at 753-4804.

First Coast Fire tryouts

First Coast Fire girls fast pitch softball sign-ups will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 3 and 10 and tryouts are scheduled from 2-5 p.m. Jan. 11 and 18 at Yulee High School. For information, e-mail wdenter@bellsouth.net.

Soccer registration

Amelia Island Youth Soccer online registration is open for the spring season. Visit www.aiysoccer.org. Register in person from 9-11 a.m. Jan. 10 and 17 and from 5-7 p.m. Jan. 15 at the concession stand at the fields on Bailey Road.

New players must mail a copy of their birth certificate to 96270 High Pointe Drive, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Call Raquel at 753-0602.

Yulee Little League sign-ups

Yulee Little League registration is from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 3, 10, 17 and 24, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Jan. 26-29. Tryouts will be Jan. 30-31. Fee is \$75 per child; siblings are additional \$50 each. Birth certificate and proof of residency required.

Umpires clinic is from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 14 and 21. Manager/coaches meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5. Opening day is March 7.

Babe Ruth registration

Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth is holding registration for the spring season for baseball and softball. Register players online at www.league lineup/fernandina or at the ballpark. Fees are \$70 (\$75) if registered through Jan. 10; \$90 (\$95) if registered from Jan. 11-17; and \$105 (\$110) from Jan. 18 until teams are full.

Register in person from 5:30-7 p.m. Jan. 7 and 13 and from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 10 and 17. The ballpark is located at 1001 Beech St. in Fernandina Beach.

Pop Warner coaches

Fernandina Beach Pop Warner is accepting applications for all 2009 football and cheer head and assistant coaches. Contact Stacy Black at 310-6079. Leave a message.

Umpires needed

Baseball and softball umpires can join the River City Umpires Association. Call Terry Padgett at (904) 879-6442 or Aaron Knowles at (904) 962-7184. Visit www.rivercityumps.com for information.

Sailing Club meets

The Amelia Island Sailing Club meets the first Tuesday at the Kraft Athletic Club. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m.; the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Call Commodore Joe Blanchard at 277-4257 or visit www.ameliainslandsailing.org.

Fitness programs

• OutFIT outdoor fitness and conditioning program for men and women of all levels to get in better shape with whole body exercise regimens that develop upper and lower body strength, endurance, core strength, speed and agility includes daily workouts, nutritional guidance, fitness education. Classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:45 a.m. or 9 a.m. Visit www.PersonalBestSports.net or call 624-0027.

• Anytime Fitness, 463646 SR 200 Suite 4 in Yulee, offers step and sculpt, strength training and abs, body sculpt and step aerobics. Call 225-8400 or visit www.anytimefitness.com. FitKidz for ages 4-11 is also offered. Call 699-5408 or e-mail reedntoni@aol.com.

• Club 14 Fitness, 1114 South 14th St., offers nutritional counseling, personal training, group fitness and cycling, strength training and cardio, childcare, juice bar, tanning and saunas. Visit www.club14fitness.com.

• The McArthur Family YMCA, 1915 Citrona Drive, offers various fitness programs. Call 261-1080. Visit www.firstcoastymca.org. Programs are also offered in Yulee (call 225-2550) and Hilliard (call (904) 845-2733).

• Amelia Island Personal Fitness, Amelia Parkway Medical Plaza, 2416 Lynndale Road, Suite 100, is a personal training studio dedicated to promoting lifelong health and fitness through appropriate exercise and nutrition, focusing on preventing diabetes, cancer and heart disease and also working with clients who may have sustained injuries or have had joint replacements. Call 261-0698. The studio is open six days a week.

Yoga classes

• Y Yoga, 961687-201E Gateway Blvd., offers a stretch and strengthening class, pilates, yin, yoga core ball, yoga for longevity, beach yoga and basic yoga. Call 415-9642.

• Dome Healing Center, 5024 First Coast Hwy., offers Sivananda/Amrit style yoga for all levels and Amrit Yoga Nidra Meditation and Relaxation classes. Call 277-3663 or visit domehealingcenter.com.

• Kinderstudios, 528 S. Eighth St., offers yoga for adults. Call 321-2864.

• Anytime Fitness, 463646 SR 200 Suite 4 in Yulee. Call 225-8400 or visit www.anytimefitness.com.

• Personal Best Sports. Visit www.PersonalBestSports.net or call Deborah Dunham, (904) 624-0027.

• Island Rejuvenations offers yoga and lunch at Nassau Health Foods, 833 T.J. Courson Road. Call 415-3036 or 277-3158.



TERRY LACOSS/SPECIAL

Bill Hines is pictured with a pair of black sea bass he landed while fishing with a double rig and fresh local squid.

Bottom anglers netting sea bass

Black sea bass fishing continues to highlight Amelia Island's offshore bottom fishing action. Capt. Allen Mills recently guided Dan McCranie's fishing party to 50 nice sea bass while fishing at HH fish haven. The fishing party also landed 10 keeper red snapper as well aboard the sports fishing boat "Wahoo II."

Capt. Benny Hendrix reports big redfish at FA fish haven, while grouper and sea bass are plentiful at FC and RL fish havens. Hendrix skippers the charter boat "Heavy Hitter."

Black sea bass fishing is excellent and should increase in activity as the cold water temperatures of winter arrive at offshore fish havens. Fresh local squid continues to be the bait of choice for sea bass weighing to three pounds. Sea bass weighing over the two-pound mark are referred to as "green heads."

Large "bull whiting" are running along the beaches of Amelia Island during the last few hours of the flood and the first few hours of the falling tide.

Some of the best surf fishing action is coming just south and north of the old pipeline. High tide Saturday arrives along the beaches at 12:11 p.m. with a low tide arriving late in the afternoon at 6:21 p.m.

Backwater fishing action this weekend should be excellent far up in area tidal rivers



ON THE WATER

TERRY LACOSS

with a low tide arriving at 11 a.m. in the saltwater reaches of Lofton and Boggy creeks. Look for a grab bag catch of redfish, sea trout, stripers and largemouth bass. Cast a 1/4-ounce lead head jig rigged with a rootbeer-colored curly plastic tail to the deep riverbanks and fished with a slow "hopping" retrieve.

Redfishing should be excellent during the first few hours of the flood tide while casting inline spinners over flooding oyster bars. During the flood tide, cast a safety pin type spinner or in-line spinner in the flooded marsh grass and hang on.

Sheepshead fishing should be excellent at the Shave Bridge during the incoming tide. Fish close to the bridge supports with fiddler crabs and a heavy weight to hold the bottom during the heavy flooding tide.

The News-Leader encourages local anglers to submit photographs of their catches. E-mail photos to bjones@newsleader.com, mail them to P.O. Box 766, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035 or drop them by 511 Ash St., Fernandina Beach. Call Beth Jones at 261-3696.

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<p>Westside/Northside Tuesday, January 6, 2009 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Holiday Inn I-295 & Commonwealth</p>	<p>Southside/Tinseltown Tuesday, January 6, 2009 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hilton Garden Inn 9745 Gate Parkway Dr. N</p>	<p>Fernandina Beach Wednesday, January 7, 2009 9:00 am – 11:00 am Hampton Inn & Suites 19 South Second Street</p>
<p>Mandarin Wednesday, January 7, 2009 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Ramada Inn 1-295 & San Jose Blvd</p>	<p>Orange Park Wednesday, January 7, 2009 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hilton Garden Inn I-295 & US 17</p>	<p>St. Augustine Thursday, January 8, 2009 10:00 am – Noon San Marco Theatre 28 San Marco Blvd.</p>

Refreshments will be served. Plenty of free parking. Please arrive early, seating may be limited.

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B SECTION

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Kotosoupa a tasty (and surprisingly easy) dish

The Greeks ... now, they know how to eat well. Traditional Mediterranean cultures apparently figured out long ago how to cultivate and put together the perfect ingredients. In Greece, they also happen to use some of my own favorites like spinach, feta cheese and lamb, as well as unusual items like eggplant.

I'll never forget the Greek restaurant we went to in Chicago the night before my brother's wedding to a girl who is 100 percent Greek. Owned by one of her relatives, it was crowded, noisy, chaotic and fantastic. My mind is fuzzy on exactly what we ate, but I remember fried cheese along with a lot of other appetizers, and an authentic Greek dinner.

Lemon chicken, or Kotosoupa, is a traditional Greek soup that is served in many Greek-owned pizza restaurants in New England. The menus often feature Greek salads with feta cheese and stuffed grape leaves, as well as the famous "gyro" pita sandwiches with fantastic cucumber dressing and spicy lamb.



BODACIOUS COOK

Angela Daughtry

One of our favorite places to go on a Saturday afternoon was Angie's Pizza (no relation) in Mystic, Conn., where I lived for several years (the town, not the restaurant - although I wouldn't have minded that too much). It was not a fancy place, but had a cozy tavern area with a boat-shaped bar, where you could sit and look out at the traffic making its way into downtown Mystic.

After being served this soup a few times, I decided to try and make it myself, and found it surprisingly quick and easy. The authentic Greek way to make it is with orzo pasta, but it's just as good with rice. It's a light and refreshing change from heavy stews, and your kids will love it.

I first had a Greek salad when I was living in Marietta, Ga., on my summer break from

college. I worked for less than a month in a Greek restaurant because the pay was practically nonexistent. But I took away a love of the salad and brought the concept home to my own WASP-y family. Even my father, an eminently picky eater, claimed to love it.

GREEK LEMON CHICKEN SOUP

- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 8 cups chicken broth
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 medium carrot, shredded
- 1 cup chopped cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup white rice or orzo pasta
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced, for garnish

In a large saucepan, combine chicken broth, lemon juice and pepper. Bring to a boil and add rice and carrot.

Reduce heat, cover and simmer 25 minutes until rice and carrots are tender. (If using orzo

pasta, make it separately and add it to each serving when soup is done. This will keep the pasta from overcooking, should you have any leftovers to warm up.)

Remove 1/2 cup soup and gradually whisk into egg yolks. Stir back into soup. Add chicken and heat through but do not let boil or eggs will curdle.

To serve, ladle into bowls and garnish with lemon slices.

GREEK SALAD

- The dressing
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 2-3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2-4 teaspoons dried oregano
- 3 teaspoons fresh minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- Fresh ground black pepper to taste

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Kingsley Celebration to explore African concept of 'sankofa'

For the News-Leader

Dr. Johnetta Betsch Cole, former president of Spelman and Bennett Colleges and descendant of Anna and Zephaniah Kingsley, will present the keynote speech at the 11th Annual Kingsley Heritage Celebration.

Scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m., the event also features a musical presentation by the Edward Waters College Choir, a historically black college in Jacksonville.

Cole's presentation is entitled "Sankofa: Looking Back to Go Forward." An anthropologist by training, Cole will use the concept of sankofa during her speech. Sankofa is a symbol of the Ga speaking people of Ghana, in West Africa. The word is tied to the idea that we need to know our past in order to move forward and understand who we are as a culture today.

Cole is also the sister of the late MaVneer Betsch, "Beach Lady," the environmentalist and activist who dedicated her life to educating people about the importance of black history and American Beach and was instrumental in preserving Nana, the giant sand dune there.

The Kingsley Heritage Celebration recognizes the



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rich culture that evolved amongst slave communities despite the severe oppression of slavery and celebrates the determination and strength of those men, women and children. These events also examine cultural aspects of modern American society that originated in the plantation period.

Kingsley Heritage Celebration events take place each Saturday in February. The events are sponsored by

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Xhabbo (Howard Lewis) will give a presentation and workshops on Feb. 7 at the Kingsley Heritage Celebration. His presentation follows the tradition of the griot, whose role in African cultures was to preserve history through oral presentations.

Located off Heckscher Drive/A1A, north of the St. Johns River ferry landing, Kingsley Plantation is open daily, at no charge, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, call (904) 251-3537, or go to www.nps.gov/timu.

Local musicians come together in Songwriters Circle

For the News-Leader

Local songwriters Robert H. Sanders and Bruce Hamilton join Northeast Florida music legend Larry Mangum in concert for a Songwriters Circle Saturday night at the European Street Café on Beach Boulevard in Jacksonville.

Sanders, a singer-songwriter and acoustic guitarist, is a Fernandina Beach native. His musical stylings and songwriting have varied over the years from satirical tunes (Loudon Wainwright) to Americana/country rock (America/Eagles) and a jazz/bossa nova/popish blend of James Taylor and Johnny Mathis and the kitchen sink.

His "three-finger" picking guitar style is an interesting combination of chord selection and percussive rhythm, which stems from his early days as a drummer. This finger-style guitar playing lends itself to creating his unique "acousticlectic" sound. Sanders' current project is the Americana/country rock duo/band Whitby Quinn. Listen to the CD "She's Gone" at www.whitbyquinn.com (cdbaby.com - itunes.com - amazon.com).

Bruce Hamilton, singer-songwriter and Vero Beach native, now resides in Northeast Florida. He is a versatile musician, playing guitar, mandolin and fiddle. His influences include Doc Watson, Tony Rice, Merle Haggard and George Jones.

As Hamilton explains his musical journey, "I got my first guitar at age 9. My mother ordered it from the Sears catalog and it cost \$19. After struggling to learn music by ear, I lost interest until my late teens, when I heard my first Doc Watson album. That is when I fell in love with acoustic music."

After 25 years playing in bluegrass bands, Hamilton has opted to change gears. These days he is focusing on songwriting and branding his own style. His musical diversity keeps the listener engaged as he sings one of his traditional country songs, then delivers a driving delta blues or upbeat swing number without missing a beat. Although Hamilton writes songs to accommodate his own musical taste, don't be surprised when some of his songs get recorded by a major label artist.

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OFF & ON THE ISLAND

FARMERS MARKET

Angela Greene of Vanity Bath and Body products has joined the Fernandina Farmers Market as a new vendor.

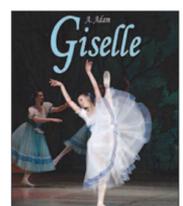
Vanity strives to offer all products that are rooted in nature and freshly handcrafted with the highest quality ingredients available while using the least harmful yet safest process available. Prepare to pamper yourself with Vanity's lotions and creams, hard and liquid soaps, body butters, bath salts, shampoo bars and more. These also make great gifts for your family and friends.

The Fernandina Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Seventh and Centre streets. Call 491-4872 or visit www.fernandina-farmersmarket.com.



CLASSIC BALLET

Giselle will be performed at The Times Union Center's Moran Theater at 8 p.m. Jan. 9 for one performance only. The tale of never-ending love - Giselle is without question the most romantic of all the classi-



cal ballets. Regarded as a masterpiece of traditional romantic ballet, Giselle is a favorite among dance aficionados and novices alike. First performed by the Paris Opera in 1841, ballet's most famous story about love and redemption from the great beyond has been enchanting audiences for more than 175 years. To order by phone call the FCCJ Artist Series Box Office at 1-888-860-BWAY or visit www.artistseries.fccj.org.

SUNDAY MUSICALE

The Amelia Arts Academy will present its next Sunday Musicale at 5 p.m. on Jan. 11 at the "Bird House" on Marsh Point Road on Amelia Island Plantation.

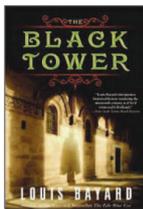
The concert will feature the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra's Concert Master Philip Pan, violin, and accompanist Bonita Wyck. Tickets are \$40, including refreshments. Call the academy for reservations at 277-1225 by Jan. 9.



ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

What was the fate of Louis-Charles, the lost son of Marie Antoinette and King Louis XVI? This is the premise of the One Book, One Community selection, *The Black Tower*, by Louis Bayard.

Professor Chris Twigg will moderate a discus-



sion with the author on Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Florida House Inn, 22 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach. The program is free. Appetizers, dinner and cash bar will be available. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations, call the library at 277-7365 or Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771.

GARDEN TALK

The Men's Newcomers Club of Amelia Island will hold its luncheon meeting at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 15. Speaker Becky Jordi, UF/IFAS, Nassau County Horticultural Extension agent, will talk about what plants, shrubs and trees are the best for Northeast Florida. Landscaping pointers will also be reviewed. Members are encouraged to bring in a problem plant for a diagnosis. All men are invited. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. For reservations, call Bob Keane at 277-4590.



Submit items to Siân Perry, sperry@fbnewsleader.com

OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Nassau County Bird Club will meet rain or shine on Jan. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Fort Clinch State Park fishing pier.

In order to have the best chance of seeing one of the target birds, the Purple Sandpiper, participants must go at high tide and falling tide. Other notable birds that may be sighted are the Red-breasted Merganser, two species of loons, Northern Gannets and Bonaparte Gulls.

There is a \$5 entry fee per car with a maximum of eight people. An annual individual state park pass is \$42.80 and a family pass is \$85. They are available at the entrance of state parks. Bring binoculars, field guide, bug juice, sunscreen, rain gear, sunglasses and water. Bring layers of clothing. The weather can be brutal on the pier in the winter.

For information call Carol Wyatt at 261-9272 or e-mail carolinewy@aol.com.

Join a park ranger on Jan. 3 at 11 a.m. for a discussion on the different types of shark teeth that can be found on the area's beaches. The program will take place at pavilion one on Little Talbot Island. No reservations are necessary and the program is free with regular park admission.

Call (904) 251-2320. Visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

The Nassau Humane Society Dog Park opens at 10 a.m. Jan. 5. (Dogs must be members to enter the park.) The park is located beside the NHS Shelter directly across the street from the Fernandina Beach airport. Call the shelter at 321-1647.

ARIAS Instrument Zoo is looking for volunteers to mentor fourth graders in Nassau County on handling and producing musical sounds on 30-plus different orchestral instruments.

ARIAS schedulers organize visits to schools in Fernandina Beach, Callahan, Yulee, Hilliard and Bryceville in January and February. Call Dee Stalcup at 277-9678 or Barbara Zacheis at 321-5639.

You do not need to know how to play an instrument, just a desire to help fourth graders become excited about musical instruments. There will be a workshop on Jan. 6 at 2 p.m. in the library

at Emma Love Hardee Elementary.

The Friends of the Library Literary Book Group meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Former literature professors Marilyn and Norman Wesley lead the discussions. The programs are free. New members are always welcome.

Upcoming discussions include Jan. 8, *Lolita* by Vladimir Nabokov.

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will conduct a beginner genealogy course for those interested in researching their family history. Four of the five sessions will be held at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon: Jan. 10, 17, 31 and Feb. 7. The fifth session will be held at the FCCJ Nassau County campus Computer Lab on a weeknight, 7-9 p.m. (date to be determined).

Topics include Census and Civil Vital Records; Church and Cemetery Records; Courthouse, Military, Immigration and Naturalization Records; effective use of libraries and archives; organizational techniques; and Internet research. The fee for the full course is \$30/person (includes one-year single AIGS membership) or \$45/couple (includes a one-year AIGS family membership). Register at any Nassau County library or call Marie at 321-3460.

Learn the "Secrets of the Salt Marsh" in a presentation at Fort George Island Cultural State Park on Jan. 11 at 1 p.m.

Join a park ranger and discover the importance of estuarine systems that surround the inshore sides of barrier islands like those of the Talbot Islands State Parks complex. This ranger-guided hike along the salt marsh will help point out why these areas are one of the most productive ecosystems on Earth, the many roles the salt marsh plays, the plant and animal life found in this natural community, and the impacts humans have on this system. This program will take place at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free. Call (904) 251-2320.

MUSIC LISTINGS

The Instant Groove Band plays every Thursday from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the lobby lounge at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Call (904) 556-6772 or e-mail TIGBand@aol.com.

Applebees, 2006 S. Eighth St., D.J. Roc and karaoke 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Mondays. Call 206-4300.

Beech Street Grill, 801 Beech St., John Springer on piano Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Call 277-3662.

Café Karibo, 27 N. Third St., live entertainment. Call 277-5269.

Canopy Moon: Late Night Courtyard Cafe, 105 S. Third St., live music 8-10 p.m. Fridays. Call 261-6622 or e-mail canopy-moon13@comcast.net.

Falcon's Nest, Amelia Island Plantation, DJ Fridays and Saturdays from 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Frisky Mermaid Bar & Grille, 22 South Third St., bluegrass night Mondays; songwriting contest Wednesdays 7 p.m.-midnight; blues and jazz Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m.-midnight; shag dancing and lessons 4-8 p.m. Sundays. Call 261-3300.

Green Turtle, 14 S. Third St. Live music. Call 321-2324.

Highway 17 Tavern, 850532 US 17 South, Yulee, free line dance lessons 6-7 p.m. and swing dance lessons 7-8 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday; karaoke with Phil 8 p.m. Tuesday; live music 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sunday. Call 225-9211.

O'Kane's Irish Pub and Eatery, 318

Centre St., live music Thursday through Saturday. Call 261-1000.

The Mill, 96032 Victoria's Place, Yulee, LaTino night Wednesday; live music Friday and Saturday. Call (904) 432-8136.

The Palace Saloon, 117 Centre St. Live entertainment. Call 491-3332.

Pompeo's Paradise Lounge, 302 Centre St., Karaoke Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Call 261-7490.

Rivers Edge, 915 South 14th St. Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays. Call 491-3849.

Sandy Bottoms, 2910 Atlantic Ave., high energy karaoke with DJ Lamar and his wife, Andrea, Fridays at 9 p.m.; Macy's live on Wednesdays. Call 310-6904.

Seabreeze Lounge and Sports Bar, 2702 Sadler Road, live music. Call 277-2300.

Slider's Seaside Grill, 1998 S. Fletcher Ave. Live entertainment. Call 277-6652.

Striker's Family Bowling Center, 850822 US 17 South in Yulee, karaoke with DJ Lamar and Rock Candy Saturday 9 p.m.-2 a.m.; Teen Night 8-11 p.m. Tuesday (no adults allowed) with cosmic bowling, music videos, karaoke and dancing for ages 11-17. Call 225-1077.

The Surf Restaurant and Bar, 3199 S. Fletcher Ave., live music weekends and weekdays. Call 261-5711.

Thyme World Cuisine, Gateway to Amelia complex, David Cole, pianist, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 261-3827.

Wicked Davey's Fancy Saloon, 232 N. Second St. Live music. Call 321-4224.

The Nassau Women's Information Exchange presents "Becoming Clutter Free: Conquering Your Paper Piles" as its next

Women's Information Exchange brown-bag luncheon event Jan. 15 from noon-1 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach City Hall commission chambers, 204 Ash St., Fernandina Beach.

The talk will feature Mary Cleland Pankiewicz, owner of Clutter-free & Organized and author of *You Can Be Clutter-free & Organized, Fast, Easy Organizing Solutions for Paper Piles and Your Office*. She grew up on Amelia Island and returns frequently to work and walk the beach.

This program is free and open to the public. Brown-baggers are welcome. Reservations are suggested by calling your library branch. Box lunches by Amelia Island Coffee & Ice Cream are \$10 and must be prepaid at any branch by noon Jan. 9. Make

checks payable to FCCJ. Call the Yulee branch library/FCCJ Nassau Center at 548-4467 or the Fernandina Beach branch at 277-7365.

Did you know that the Egans Creek Greenway is designated as a stop on the Great Florida Birding Trail? Join Our Greenway on Jan. 17 at 9 a.m. for a birding walk on the Greenway. You can expect to see a variety of wading and song birds as well as birds of prey. Go to the Our Greenway website at www.ourgreenway.org to download a Greenway specific bird list. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, water, sun protection, bug juice, comfortable walking shoes and optionally field guides and spotting scopes.

Meet in the parking lot at the entrance to the Greenway behind the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center at 2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. It is free and open to the public. Call 277-7350 or

visit Our Greenway at www.ourgreenway.org.

The Nassau County Writers and Poets Society welcomes you to the new writing year and invites you to join the first meeting of the new season. The society will meet at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 17 at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport.

All writers and poets in the county are invited; bring two double-spaced pages of your original prose or two to three of your poems. Be prepared to read and discuss your work. Contact Cara at www.wordsmagice@net-magic.net.

The MLK Breakfast will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Jan. 17 at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Courtney Tyson-Shelby at 491-3419.

The MLK Commemorative Service will be held on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at New Zion Missionary

light stories of African-American history and the history of Kingsley Plantation. He will also give a series of free workshops.

Noon: Drumming and storytelling performance 1 p.m. Percussion workshop 1:30 p.m. Movement workshop

2 p.m. Dramatic storytelling workshop 3 p.m. Performance for afternoon visitors

4 p.m. Percussion workshop • Saturday, Feb. 14 TBA • Saturday, Feb. 21

Keynote speaker Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole Musical performance by Edward Waters College Choir

Baptist Church, 10 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach. For more information, contact the Rev. James Arthur at 261-7854.

The I Can Academy will celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with the musical "I Have A Dream: Songs for Peace and Harmony," by John Jacobson, Rollo Dilworth, Moses Hogan and Emily Crocker. The community-wide production is open to all children in grades pre-K to sixth grade. The public performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at First Assembly of God, 302 South 14th St. in Fernandina Beach. Rehearsals convene at 4:30 p.m. at O'Neal Memorial Baptist Church, 474257 SR 200 East, on Mondays and Fridays until the performance. For information, call 277-2606 or 277-2704.

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will meet Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Police Department Community Room, 1525 Lime St. The topic will be "How Saving Important Artifacts Can Provide Genealogical Information," delivered by guest speaker Julia Reynolds Nowlin. It is free and open to the public. For information, call 321-3460.

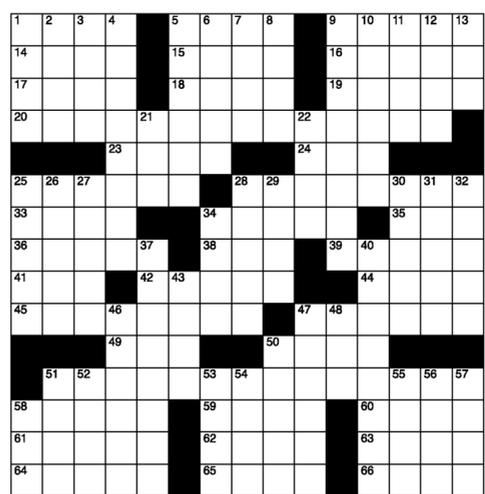
A three-day scrapbooking retreat hosted by local Creative Memories consultant Amy Jo Marasco will be held at Honey Creek Conference Center in Waverly, Ga., Jan. 30-Feb. 1. Cost of \$210 includes accommodations, meals, work space, attendance gift and assistance. Only four spaces are left and registration closes Jan. 12. Call 261-0554 or e-mail amarasco@bellsouth.net.

Steve Kaufman will conduct a three-day, all levels flat-picking guitar workshop Jan. 30-Feb. 1, hosted by The Florida House at 20-22 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach. Workshop price is \$200. Call 261-3300 or e-mail innkeepers@floridahouse-inn.com.

Chillyin' With the Animals of RAIN, the second annual membership meeting and dedication of the rescue group's dog kennels, cattery, and memorial gardens, will be held Jan. 31 from 2-5 p.m. at RAIN.

The board of directors will cook up their special chili recipes and all the fixings. RAIN will mail out directions and more details. Call (904) 879-5861 or e-mail rainhumane@yahoo.com.

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- One of a pair
- Females entering society
- Green regions of desert
- Gorse genus
- A way out
- Botswanan monetary units
- _____ne: tranquil
- Beget
- Wipe out recorded information
- Common spa garment
- _____bral: intellectual
- Auricle
- Something unusual
- Bungalows
- Nights prior
- The 18th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Pie _____mode
- Roman Demeter
- Imitate
- Scad genus
- Japanese airline
- Sea eagles
- European defense organization
- Curatives
- Conditions of balance
- Women's undergarment
- Water parsnip genus
- Calling number references
- Murdered in his bathtub
- Highly excited
- Profligate
- The upper crust
- Conc_____ : cement
- _____ Pound, poet
- Supplied with microphone
- A military dining room
- Distribute playing cards

CLUES DOWN

- Anything indispensable
- Away from wind
- _____ace: patio
- Training by multiple repetitions
- Catch sight of
- Expel from a country
- Kind of ballpoint pen
- _____son: fedora
- Performs surgery
- Roman goddess of the dawn
- Thick piece of something
- _____ into things
- Midway between south and southeast
- Thus far
- 8th Hebrew letter
- Go over
- Oats genus
- Past tense of rerun
- Cloaks
- Lyric poems
- Festivities
- Fill with high spirits
- Gulf of, in the Aegean
- Capital of Yemen
- In a way, oozed out
- Smitten
- Harvest
- Remove by erosion
- Encirclements
- Vessel for bathing
- Arrogant and annoying people
- _____ban: Afghan faction
- _____Erikson, psychologist
- Damage
- Double curve
- Thick messy substance
- Turkish river
- Secure against leakage
- 13th Hebrew letter

Solution For Dec. 31

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COLE Continued from 1B

the National Park Service, Florida Humanities Council and the Florida Public Archaeology Network. All events and workshops are family-friendly and free.

Event details

• Saturday, Feb. 7 Presentation and workshops by Xhabbo (Howard Lewis)

Known as Xhabbo, Lewis' presentation follows the tradition of the griot, whose role in African cultures was to preserve the history of the people through oral presentations. He will use this storytelling tradition to high-

SUDOKU

www.americanprofile.com Sudoku Medium Puzzle #1302MD

	1	2	3		4			
5		4			2			
6		3				7		
8			2	1			9	
	3		8		7		6	
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		7				2		8
			1			9		5
		9			8	6	3	

Fill in the squares so that each row, column and 3-by-3 box contain the numbers 1 through 9. Solution will appear in the Friday B-section.

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008
Sudoku Difficult
Puzzle #1302D

5	6	1	7	9	2	3	4	8
4	2	3	8	5	6	7	9	1
7	8	9	1	3	4	2	6	5
1	3	2	5	8	9	4	7	6
6	4	8	2	1	7	5	3	9
9	5	7	6	4	3	8	1	2
8	7	5	3	6	1	9	2	4
3	1	4	9	2	5	6	8	7
2	9	6	4	7	8	1	5	3

SONG Continued from 1B

Singer-songwriter Mangum has logged nearly 3,000 performances over the last four decades as a folk, rock, country and Americana artist. He has released four albums since 1980, with number five now in the works. His song, "Ain't It Great To Be Alive & Be In Florida," has been a feature at the Florida Folk Festival, as well as the "fight" song for the Florida Jaycees for two decades. Mangum co-wrote the Lee Greenwood single, "Who's That Knocking." Gary Buck, the late great country singer recorded two of Mangum's songs, "I Guess I Do" and "We're Going Out Dancing Tonight." A classic crowd favorite everywhere is his "Gramma's Purple Flowers."

GREEK Continued from 1B

Using a wire whisk, mix the olive oil with lemon juice, then add other dressing ingredients. Chill for a few hours to blend flavors.

The salad
1 large Romaine lettuce
2 tomatoes cut into wedges
1 cucumber (peeled, seeded and chopped)

Ticket information

The Songwriters Circle will be held Saturday at the European Street Café, 5500 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, from 8-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Visit www.pickersandsingers.com or contact Ray Lewis at (904) 725-3929.

Mangum excels at adapting his music to the situation and performs solo, duo and trio-up to a full Western swing band called The Cowboy Orchestra. His band was twice named "Best Country Band" in North Florida and South Georgia in the 1990s. Visit www.cdbaby.com/lar-mangum. (Also see at itunes.com and amazon.com.)

1 red onion, cut in thin slices
1 green bell pepper (seeded and cut into rings or sliced) (optional)
1/2 lb feta cheese, crumbled (or to taste)
1 cup kalamata olives
Place the salad ingredients in a large bowl, except for feta cheese. Pour the dressing over. Crumble a little feta over each serving.

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- 96398 Otter Run Dr. - 3BR/2BA Home has a fireplace in the living room, new carpet & paint. Two car garage. **\$1250**
- 86648 Cartesian Point - 3BR/2BA great home with rear fenced yard, in wall network, and garage. Rent includes pest control. **\$1300**
- 76407 Long Leaf Loop (Timber Creek) - 4BR/3 1/2BA Large home in new neighborhood with community pool, and clubhouse. **\$1495**
- 86550 Cartesian Point Drive (Cartesian Point) - 3BR/2BA Great home in very nice area. Close to Jax. **\$1200**
- 86016 Cherry Laurel (Hickory Village) - 3BR/2BA Home located just off I-95. Great room opens to a beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances. **\$1250.**

CONDO/TOWNHOME/APARTMENTS

- IN 4th Street Apt. C - 1BR/1BA Located in historic district. **\$650**

CONDO/TOWNHOME/APARTMENTS (cont.)

- 883-B Mary Street - 2BR/1.5BA Only 2 blocks from ocean, one car garage. **\$950**
- 1582 Park Lane - Granny flat with mini kitchen. **\$600**
- 1593 Park Ave. (Amelia Park) - 4BR/3.5BA Walking distance to the Y.M.C.A. and centrally located near shopping centers. **\$1800**
- 2999 1st Ave. B - 3BR/3.5BA. 2 car garage. Ocean views. Screened porch & short walk to beach. **\$1695**
- 2840-A S. Fletcher up and downstairs - 2BR/1BA, newly renovated with new appliances. Oceanfront. Great views. **\$1250**
- 966 Chad Street - 3BR/2BA very well kept townhome. Airy floor plan. **\$1100 Reduced to \$995**
- 4750 Westwind Court (Colony) - 2BR/2BA large two car garage. Unit includes fireplace, whirlpool tub, and jennaire grill in kitchen. Community pool and tennis courts. **\$900**
- 404A Mizell (Amelia Woods) - 2BR/2BA condo located one block from beach. Rent includes water, garbage, sewer and lawn service. **\$900**
- 95046 Springdale Lane - 3BR/4BA. This is a beautiful town home located in a gated community off A1A off of the Intercoastal waterway. Rent includes water, garbage, sewer and lawn service. **\$2475**
- 2700 Mizell 504-A - 3BR/2BA enjoy summer days in the community pool. Water, garage, sewer, lawn and pest control included. **\$995**
- 95096 5-B Barclay Place - 3BR/2BA Townhome located in gated community. Enjoy luxury living in this up-stairs unit with elevator in garage. **\$1450**
- 1854 Carnation (Amelia Park) - 2BR/2.5BA Beautiful maintained home located across from neighborhood park. Wood floors throughout lower level of home with carpet upstairs. Includes courtyard for relaxing evenings. **\$1400**

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- 6353 Fernandina Shores - 2BR/1 1/2 BA Great condo located on Tarpon Ave., furnished. **\$1050**
- 2734 South Fletcher 5BR/2BA looking for a wonderful get away for the winter then come take a look at this wonderful home on the ocean with 2 bedrooms upstairs and 3 bedrooms downstairs. Wood floors, modern bathrooms, casual furnishings, and windows everywhere. The upper level deck has stairs that take you right to the beach. Home is completely furnished and ready for your enjoyment. **\$2250**
- 2700 Mizell 401-B - 3BR/2BA Fully furnished. All appliances and cookware. Three bedrooms full of furniture. **\$1100**

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