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COLORFUL GUARD IN YULEE



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The Yulee High School Hornets color guard gathers Wednesday for summer band camp at the music room. Proudly displaying their colorful silks are, first row from left, Natalie Watt, Jessica Flynn, Kamre Rothwell and Savannah DeMasi; second row, Samantha Peavey, Katie Dampier, Suzie Lamb, Bridgett Cook and Vanna Adams; and last row, Katie Pelfrey, Kala Truman and Chelsea Ward.

Union rips fire chief

RYAN SMITH
News Leader

The president of the Nassau County firefighters union has leveled allegations of endangerment and abusive conduct at Fire Chief Chuck Cooper.

In a July 17 letter to County Coordinator Ed Sealover, Nassau County Fire Rescue Professionals Local 3101 President Matthew Waggoner alleged that Cooper's actions at a number of structure fires have caused concern for firefighters' safety. Waggoner also charged Cooper with "a consistent pattern of abusive language used toward subordinate employees."



Cooper

Sealover is investigating the allegations. Cooper has denied them.

Waggoner alleged that Cooper's

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No bid for tennis job by coach

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News Leader

The city has received two bids for the job that has belonged to tennis coach Lanny Kalpin for the last four years. Kalpin was not one of the bidders.

Kalpin was informed earlier this month that the city, rather than renewing his contract, would put his job out for bid. Several dozen of Kalpin's supporters protested publicly against the city's surprising and sudden move that could mean the end of the popular coach's lessons at Central Park.

Kalpin, who said the job was put out to bid after he asked for city health insurance, declined to comment further.

However, City Manager Michael Czymbor said at a July 21 city commission meeting that he was "disappointed, shocked and surprised" that Kalpin did not submit a bid proposal for the tennis job.

Kalpin, who has been the city's tennis coach since 2005, signed his latest contract in December 2008 to use the city's Central Park tennis courts for lessons and tournaments. The contract states that Kalpin was to pay the city 20 percent of the gross revenue. Kalpin said the city's share amounted to about \$15,000 a year.

There is no expiration date or time limit on Kalpin's 2008 contract. According to Kalpin, users of his tennis program pay the city directly, and the city then gives Kalpin 80 percent of the proceeds.

According to City Clerk Mary Mercer, Kalpin's contract was put out to bid because his venture generates at least \$15,000 a year. The other two city

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2 companies bid for right to operate city's marina

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News Leader

Two companies have submitted bids to the city in response to a request for proposals for management of the city marina.

Vinings Marine Group of Atlanta and Westrec Marinas, based in Encino, Calif., each submitted proposals.

Those proposals are being evaluated by a city-appointed marina/lease RFQ (request for qualifications) committee that comprises City Manager Michael Czymbor, Marina Director Coleman Langshaw, Finance Director Patti Clifford, Dave Lott of the Waterfronts Florida Partnership Committee and Bill Flynn of Friends of the Library. Purchasing Director Deni Murray also attends the meetings, but is not on the committee.

Westrec's proposal estimates the city's yearly revenues during its first



Langshaw

year of marina management could be more than \$800,000 after Westrec's expenses. That number provides for a 6 percent management fee from dockage, lease income and fuel sales, plus 50 percent of retail revenue that will go to Westrec. The company also estimates \$1.2 million in dockage fees and nearly \$50,000 in mooring revenues will come in the first year.

Westrec also estimates marina revenues will increase every year, and that the city's share of revenues will be more than \$1 million by the fifth year.

Westrec's management plan includes dividing available dockage space into three categories: month-

MARINA Continued on 3A

County OKs impact fees for roads

RYAN SMITH
News Leader

The Nassau County Commission has approved the use of \$2.8 million in impact fees for road improvements throughout the county. The proposed improvement projects, for the most part, involve adding turn lanes. Roads up for improvement include 14th Street, US 301, Lem Turner Road and Chester Road.

Impact fees, which are charged to builders for new construction, are used to fund local projects such as roads and parks. However, Florida statute requires the fees be spent only on new growth — a nebulous definition that has made justifying fee expenditures difficult in the past. Nassau County currently has about \$10 million in unspent impact fees. However, county ordinance stipulates that the fees must be used within six years or else refunded upon request.

The county historically has had trouble finding projects that qualified for impact fee funding. At the county commission's July 13 meeting, however, County Attorney David Hallman praised Interim Engineering Services Director Jonathan Page for pushing fee proposals through since taking over after the resignation of county engineer Douglas Seaman in February.

"Jonathan and (administrative assistant) Denise (Swan) have done a fantastic job," Hallman said. "They've taken a project that's languished for five or six years and, in the short time Jonathan's been the interim engineering services director, totally turned it around."

"I've been pushing for this since I've been elected," commission Chair Barry Holloway said. "... There's a big elephant sitting in the room called impact fees, and we're finally starting to take a bite out of the issue."

Clerk of Court John Crawford said he was happy to see viable impact fee projects finally in the works. "The

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Police seek man in sexual battery, knife assault on teenaged girl

MICHAEL PARNELL
News Leader

Fernandina Beach Police were searching Thursday night for a man that sexually assaulted a teenaged girl and cut her with a knife in her townhome off Sadler Road.

Police Chief Jim Hurley said the attack occurred Thursday afternoon after the girl had been jogging in her neighborhood.

Home alone, she was confronted by the intruder there, he said. She was sexually assaulted and cut during the battery, he said.

It was believed the girl suffered minor knife wounds, but she was still being treated at Shands Jacksonville Thursday afternoon.

The assailant was described as a "very skinny" white male, age 40-50 with "a scruffy reddish-brown and gray beard and nearly shoulder-length hair. He was last seen wearing a dirty yellow polo shirt and khaki shorts to the knees," Hurley said in a press statement about 5 p.m.

The assailant was described as a "very skinny" white male, age 40-50 with "a scruffy reddish-brown and gray beard and nearly shoulder-length hair."

Police used a Jacksonville Sheriff's Office tracking dog to seek the man. They chased one man partly fitting the description in Egans Creek Greenway and stopped him for questioning, but no arrests had been made Thursday afternoon.

Fernandina Beach Police detectives are asking the public for help in their attempt to identify the suspect. If anyone observed a suspicious person or vehicles on Thursday afternoon in the Sadler Road area or north of there along Egans Creek Greenway, they should contact police at 277-7342.



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 2009 Nests: 79 2008 Nests: 805
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LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS AGO

State Rep. T.H. "Tommy" Askins said 1959 was "the greatest fruit-bearing session in the annals of Florida's legislative history."
July 30, 1959

25 YEARS AGO

Local members of United Paperworkers International

began voting on a contract proposal to end a nine-week strike at ITT Rayonier.
August 1, 1984

10 YEARS AGO

Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris wrote a letter asking the Nassau County Commission not to approve a site plan for a Wal-Mart Supercenter on Amelia Island.
August 2, 1999

Today's Weather
Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 7/31	Sat 8/1	Sun 8/2	Mon 8/3	Tue 8/4
89/76	90/76	90/76	89/76	89/76
Variable clouds with scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly in the aft.	A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	A few thunderstorms possible.	A few thunderstorms possible.
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Florida At A Glance



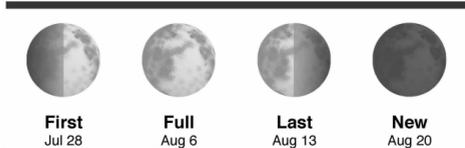
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Clearwater	91	77	t-storm	Ocala	90	74	t-storm
Crestview	88	70	t-storm	Orlando	92	76	t-storm
Daytona Beach	89	75	t-storm	Panama City	89	77	t-storm
Fort Lauderdale	93	81	pt sunny	Pensacola	86	77	t-storm
Fort Myers	95	75	t-storm	Plant City	93	74	t-storm
Gainesville	89	74	t-storm	Pompano Beach	92	79	pt sunny
Hollywood	92	79	pt sunny	Port Charlotte	94	75	t-storm
Jacksonville	90	78	t-storm	Saint Augustine	87	75	t-storm
Key West	91	84	pt sunny	Saint Petersburg	90	81	t-storm
Lady Lake	89	74	t-storm	Sarasota	93	77	t-storm
Lake City	88	74	t-storm	Tallahassee	87	73	t-storm
Madison	90	74	t-storm	Tampa	91	77	t-storm
Melbourne	90	76	t-storm	Titusville	91	75	t-storm
Miami	92	80	pt sunny	Venice	93	77	t-storm
N Smyrna Beach	89	76	t-storm	W Palm Beach	92	78	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	79	61	mst sunny
Boston	81	67	t-storm	New York	81	68	t-storm
Chicago	79	61	sunny	Phoenix	105	81	sunny
Dallas	85	74	t-storm	San Francisco	73	55	pt sunny
Denver	81	53	t-storm	Seattle	86	63	mst sunny
Houston	93	78	t-storm	St. Louis	83	66	sunny
Los Angeles	79	63	pt sunny	Washington, DC	87	70	t-storm
Miami	92	80	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 7/31	Sat 8/1	Sun 8/2	Mon 8/3	Tue 8/4
10	11	11	11	11
Very High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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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Start calculating now for retirement

JASON ALDERMAN
For the News-Leader



When the stock market and housing prices were soaring not so long ago, many baby boomers figured they could retire early and live comfortably on their profits. Today that situation has reversed: Many folks are now postponing their retirement or even being forced to reenter the workforce, either to supplement diminished savings or because they underestimated how expensive retirement would be.

In fact, according to the Department of Labor, the number of people over 55 still working has increased by more than 800,000 since the recession began, despite rising overall unemployment.

If you are wondering about the right time to retire, here are a few considerations:

- How much will you need? Financial planners often suggest people may need 70 to 90 percent of pre-retirement income to maintain their current lifestyle, but individual circumstances make it hard to generalize. For example, some folks downsize their housing or retire to less expensive areas and therefore may need less. Others can anticipate high medical bills or other heightened expenses.

Crunch the numbers. Start estimating your retirement needs by using online interactive calculators, including:

- Social Security's Retirement Estimator now automatically enters your own earnings information from its records to estimate your projected Social Security benefits under different scenarios, such as age at retirement, future earnings projections, etc. (www.ssa.gov/estimator). They also have a more detailed calculator you can download to make more precise estimates.

- Check whether your 401(k) plan administrator's website has a calculator to estimate how much you will accumulate under various contribution and investment scenarios. If not, use the 401(k) calculator at www.bankrate.com under the "Retirement" tab. They also provide calculators to estimate the impact of retirement plan contributions on your current take-home pay, minimum IRA distributions, and much more.

- AARP offers a calculator designed to help determine your current financial status and what you'll need to save to meet your retirement needs (see www.aarp.org/money/financial_planning under "Tools").

- Another good resource for retirement planning information is Visa Inc.'s free personal financial management site, Practical Money Skills for Life, which features several games and calculators to

estimate retirement needs (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/retirement).

- Consult a professional. After you've explored various retirement scenarios, it might make sense to invest in a few sessions with a financial planner to help you work out a specific investment and savings game plan. Ask around for referrals, or visit www.plannersearch.org to begin your search.

- Drawing Social Security while working. If you begin drawing reduced benefits between age 62 and your full retirement age (65 for those born before 1938 and gradually increasing thereafter) while still working, your benefit could be significantly reduced, depending on your total income. However, those reductions aren't truly lost since your benefit will be recalculated at full retirement age. Read "How Work Affects Your Benefits" at www.ssa.gov for more details.

Also remember that Social Security benefits may be taxable on federal income taxes, depending on your income level. Publication 915 at www.irs.gov has full details.

Don't wait until the last minute to plan your retirement date: Start crunching the numbers now so you'll have plenty of options if the economy should change course again.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. Sign up for his free monthly e-Newsletter at www.practicalmoneyskills.com/newsletter.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Health talk rescheduled

A "Federal Healthcare Reform Conversation" hosted by State Rep. Janet Adkins, the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc. and Florida CHAIN, in cooperation with Florida Community College at Jacksonville, has been rescheduled to Aug. 27 from 6-8 p.m. at the Betty P. Cook Nassau Center in the "Red" Bean Technical Career Center, Room T126, 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Yulee. The public is invited to attend the healthcare conversation.

For information, contact Amanda Young at 491-3664.

Book signing

Ben Walker will hold a book signing for his new novel, *Winds of the South*, at Books Plus, 107 Centre St., Fernandina Beach, on Aug. 1 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sundays on Sundays

Fifi's Fine Resale of Amelia Island is holding a canned food drive for the Barnabas food pantry each Sunday in August. Bring in a canned good and receive an ice cream sundae treat for free. Fifi's, 1853 S. Eighth St., will be open noon-4 p.m. each Sunday in August. Call 277-4430. Visit www.myspace.com/fifis_amelia and www.twitter.com/ResaleRocks.

Visually impaired meet

The Nassau Council of Visually Impaired and Blind will meet Aug. 3 from 1-3 p.m. at the Council on Aging Senior Center, 1367 South

18th St. Guest speaker Michael Koulouvaris, low vision product specialist, will present and demonstrate desktop magnifiers and digital book player recorders and other low vision equipment. A representative from Pipeline Surf Shop will demonstrate and sell Fitover Sunglasses.

For information, call Frances Bartelt at 261-0701, ext. 102. Need a ride? Call Cheryl at 277-8070.

Quit smoking

Quit Smoking Now!, brought to you by the Nassau County Health Department and AHEC, is a six-week class designed to help you beat the addiction to tobacco. Classes begin Aug. 3 from noon-1:30 p.m. in the conference room at Baptist Medical Center Nassau, 1250 South 18th St. For more information or to register call Jennifer Emmons, 548-1867, or e-mail jennifer_emmons@doh.state.fl.us.

Yappy Hour

The next Yappy Hour, a pet-friendly happy hour, will be held Aug. 5 from 6-8 p.m. at the Falcon's Nest at Amelia Island Plantation. Donations are accepted for RAIN at all Yappy Hours. Individuals also can purchase tickets for the RAIN Train for \$10 each. Each ticket pays for the transportation of one "at risk" animal in our area to a larger shelter in Florida where it has a much better chance of being adopted quickly. More than 100 animals have been transported to date and all have been adopted out within one week. For more information about Yappy Hour, call Bark Avenue at 261-2275.

Playground board expanding

The First Coast Freedom project is expanding its board and accepting applicants with an interest in having a universally accessible playground in the city of Fernandina Beach.

It is the organization's dream to have a place to play in Northeast Florida for people of all abilities and ages. The park design takes local history, art and nature into consideration. The project has been granted use of land by the city of Fernandina next to Atlantic

Avenue Recreation Center, and designs have been produced by a landscape architect with experience designing accessible playgrounds. Supporters are in the fundraising stages of this project.

Anyone is encouraged to apply - the only qualification is that you must share the dream to have a place to play for people of all abilities. Contact Aaron Morgan at 335-7253 or aaronmorgan4@gmail.com.

Medicare help

The Medicare supplemental policy reform bill that comes into effect Oct. 1 has a huge impact on the disabled who have Medicare Part A and B. Before they could not get a supplemental policy if there were under age 65.

A supplemental policy pays for all the co-pays and deductibles that Medicare does not cover.

Guaranteed Issued Policy means that the individual has six months from the time they get their Medicare A and B to join a Supplemental Policy and they will not be charged higher policy rates or denied a pol-

icy due to their past health or current health problems.

House Bill 675-Medicare Supplement reform is effective Oct. 1.

The bill revises Florida Statute 627.6741 to require an open enrollment period for individuals that become eligible for Medicare Part A and B due to disability, including end stage renal disease (ESRD).

If you need assistance understanding and selecting a Supplemental/Medicap Policy contact your local University of Florida Extension Agent Meg McAlpine at 548-1116.

OBITUARIES

William W. "Bill" Miller

Mr. William W. "Bill" Miller, age 52, of Callahan, passed away after a courageous battle on Wednesday morning, July 29, 2009 at the McGraw Center for Caring in Jacksonville.

Born in Jacksonville, he had been a lifelong resident of Jacksonville before moving to Callahan in 1990. A graduate of Florida Junior College of Jacksonville, Mr. Miller followed in his father's footsteps as a career Police Officer for the City of Jacksonville. He started working with the Department of Corrections, eventually becoming a Patrol Officer in the Springfield/Downtown District and eventually working as an Evidence Technician before retiring from the Personnel Department. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Jacksonville Consolidated Lodge 5-30 and the First Baptist Church of Callahan.

He leaves behind, his wife of 12 years, Michele Higginbotham Miller, Callahan, FL, two

sons, William Wade Miller, II, Callahan, FL, Christopher Wade Miller, Jacksonville, FL, his father, Ripley J. Miller, Jacksonville, FL, his mother, Joann Ridenour, Jacksonville, a brother, Ralph Ridenour (Christina), Jacksonville, FL, a sister, Linda Acosta (Rick), Carmel, IN, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, from the Burgess Chapel with Reverend Bobby Richardson, and Chaplain Clarence Jarrell, officiating.

Mr. Miller will be laid to rest in Bosque Bello Cemetery with Police Honors.

Guests and friends are invited to visit from 5:00-7:00 pm tonight at the funeral home.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Community Hospice, 4715 Worrall Way, Jacksonville, FL 32224.

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

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Gerald Derrell Shedd Sr.

Gerald Derrell Shedd, Sr., 60, passed away suddenly on Thursday July 30, 2009.

He was born February 14, 1949 in Duluth, GA and has lived in Jacksonville most of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include 3 sons, Derrell Shedd, Jr., Glenn Casey & Tony Shedd; 2 daughters, Andrea Gonyeau & Angie Townsend; 2 brothers; 3 sisters; 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday August 1, 2009 at 1 pm in the chapel of Cedar Bay Funeral Home, 405 New Berlin Road, with Pastor Perry Fruscella officiating. Interment will follow in New Berlin Cemetery.

The family will receive friends beginning at 11 am until the hour of service at the funeral home, 714-1110.

Cedar Bay Funeral Home Jacksonville

Anthony Duane Simmons

Mr. Anthony Duane Simmons, age 41, beloved son, brother, friend, Christian and servant in our community of Fernandina Beach, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2009 at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, after a long and courageous battle.

A native and lifelong resident of Fernandina Beach, he

was a graduate of Fernandina Beach High School where he was a member of the Brass Section of the Pirates Marching Band. He had worked for approximately 10 years at Winn Dixie on 8th Street in Fernandina and at the Yulee Store near Murray's Grille. He will be most remembered for his Krispy Kreme Donut sales to many local businesses over the past 15 years.

An avid Football fan, he was a passionate follower of the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Florida State Seminoles. Mr. Simmons had followed his father's ministry for many years in Instrumental, Audio/Visual and Media department.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ann Simmons.

He leaves behind, his father and mom, Eddie and Char-

maine Simmons, Yulee, FL, four brothers, Eddie Lamar, Yulee, FL, Kevin James Simmons, Miami, FL, Travis Latrelle Simmons, Greenville, SC, Larry Michael Yulee, Tallahassee, FL, four sisters, Shawn Shuman (Arthur), Yulee, FL, Tracy Webb, Yulee, FL, Sharon Simmons, Yulee, FL, Christina Furlow, Jacksonville, FL and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at the First Assembly of God, 302 South 14th Street, Fernandina Beach with Pastor Charles Buck of Kingsland, Georgia, officiating.

The cortege will assemble and depart from 86220 Pinewood Drive, Yulee, Florida.

Mr. Simmons will be laid to rest beside his mother in O'Neil Cemetery.

Guests and friends are invited to visit from 5:00 - 7:00 pm tonight, Friday, August 7, 2009 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in his memory to VyStar Credit Union, P.O. Box 45085, Jacksonville, FL 32232-5085; to account number SU-0702782840, payable to Charmaine Simmons, c/o Anthony Simmons.

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

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FIRE *Continued from 1A*

actions at a house fire on Amelia Island last month endangered the lives of firefighters inside the structure.

"While these firefighting crews were inside, Chief Cooper, as incident commander, made the tactical decision to move two fire trucks. In order to move an apparatus, the pump must be completely shut off," Waggoner wrote. "This action directly resulted in removing the only water source from the crews inside the burning building. These firefighters were without water for an extended amount of time. The potential for five firefighters to die at this point was astronomically high."

Cooper denied that his decision endangered the firefighters.

"Firefighting is a very dangerous occupation, and I think we all know that," he said Wednesday. "I don't think that one single command I gave would have put anyone's life into any more danger than it was already in. In fact, the commands I gave were to alleviate danger."

Waggoner also alleged that Cooper violated the union's collective bargaining agreement by not providing meals and fluid replacement during the blaze.

"The crews were on this scene for approximately six hours," he wrote. "If not for the gracious actions of the community, rehab would not have been provided. The lack of rehabilitation on scene may directly result in heat stress."

Waggoner claimed that as a result of the failure to provide fluid replacement, two firefighters were treated at the scene for heat-related illness and one was sent to the emergency room for heat-related illness and smoke inhalation.

"Water was there with what was on the fire engines," Cooper responded. "At that point, there was a local merchant that provided water at the scene - an abundance of water. That asset was being taken care of by a good-hearted local merchant. There were no complaints on the fire ground. There was more than adequate drinking water available."

He also took issue with Waggoner's estimate of the time crews were on the scene.

"I believe the call came out at 6 p.m., and most of the units were back in the station by 11. That still doesn't add up to six hours."

Waggoner also accused Cooper of sending text messages to duty captains while driving to emergency scenes, which he called a "serious safety issue." Cooper admitted that he had sent such messages in the past, but had discontinued the practice and ordered the rest of the department to do the same.

In fact, in a June 16 memorandum Cooper expressly forbade the use of cell phones for either talking or texting while operating firefighting apparatus or vehicles.

"I think it's an agenda-driven letter," he said. "We had already taken a proactive stance on that."

Cooper wouldn't comment on Waggoner's accusations of verbal abuse, one of which dates back to November 2007. In that instance, Waggoner wrote, Cooper ordered a firefighting crew to enter a burning building after a roof collapse had already injured one firefighter.

"The lieutenant of that crew was belittled by the chief for voicing his concerns about a secondary collapse and the endangerment of his crew," he wrote.

Waggoner claimed that Cooper consistently used abusive language toward subordinates, including "the screaming of obscenities."

Sealover said he was con-

ducting an investigation into the matter. "I started it (Tuesday) in the meeting I had with (union representatives) to go over some of the issues they had raised," he said Wednesday. "One of the issues they had raised was the most recent fire on the island. I will get both the video and audio tapes of the incident."

Sealover said he felt the union should have been more proactive about their concerns prior to contacting him.

"I asked them if there was a safety committee meeting after (the fire last month), and they said there was not. I asked them, frankly, why not?" he said. He posed the same question "when they were bringing up the event in 2007: 'Why was this not brought forward then?'"

Cooper said he looked forward to addressing the union's concerns. "I can only hope (the union's) agenda is that we look forward to increasing every opportunity we have to bring more safety to the firefighters," he said. "I'm the chief - no matter what, I'm responsible. I have a great understanding of that."

"... There are decisions made on the fire ground that are made in seconds - others can armchair quarterback it and say how they would have done it for a lifetime," he added. "But at no time in my life have I ever put firefighters' lives at risk, and I think my record shows that they have the best of everything to protect their lives so they can go home to their families."

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Possible projects

The following projects are under consideration for impact fee funding:

- 14th Street at Lime Street: Right-turn lanes.
- 14th Street at Simmons Road: Left-turn lanes.
- US 301 at Ford Road: Right-turn lanes.
- Lem Turner Road at Spring Lake Drive: Left- and right-turn lanes.
- Chester Road: Widening, northbound left-turn lane onto Pages Dairy Road, eastbound right-turn lane off Pages Dairy Road onto Chester Road, reconstruct right-turn lanes at Heron Isles Parkway and Starfish Drive.

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process is working the way it's supposed to work," he said. "... This is a very fast turnaround compared to what we've seen. There's never an excuse for not spending impact fees that were collected legally. I'm pleased with the cooperation level we've had from the county."

Commissioner Stacy Johnson agreed. "I'm just thrilled we're finally spending them," she said. "They've been sitting in the bank for years, and it's time we spent them. Jonathan stepped it up, and he really made it happen. ... I'm glad that people are going to start seeing progress in the county."

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TENNIS *Continued from 1A*

recreation contracts, for karate and computer lessons, will not be put out to bid because they generate less than that, Mercer said.

All other city recreation activities, such as swimming lessons, are taught by city employees, according to Parks and Recreation Director Nan

Voit. Tom R. Gibson and Berke Tennis, both of Fernandina Beach, have submitted bids for the tennis job.

Those bids were to be evaluated Tuesday, after which the results will go before the city commission for final approval. According to the city's written request for proposals, the new contract is to start Sept. 1.

MARINA

Continued from 1A

Vinings Marine Group proposes a base rent to the city of \$280,000 the first year, which is to increase to \$487,000 by the fifth year. That amount includes fuel sales and gross revenue, plus 10 percent for capital improvements for dredging, painting and other improvements that would go to the company.

Vinings' plan to increase revenues also involves attracting more fishermen during the slow months and new marketing ploys for the charter fleet. The company also says it will offer annual contracts for boaters, so there will be more of a balance between local and transient boaters.

Vinings did not give an estimate of total yearly revenues the proposed plan would bring in.

Community involvement is another aspect of Vinings' plan, and would include annual "marina day celebrations," boating safety classes and a benefit regatta.

Vinings Marina Group was organized in 2007 and manages 7,000 East Coast slips and 15 marinas in Alabama, Virginia, New York, Kansas, Georgia, Maryland, Iowa, North Carolina and Michigan. Operations management staff

would include a general manager, an operations manager, a maintenance manager, a chief mechanic and administrative assistant, plus store clerks and dockhands.

Westrec was founded in 1987 and operates over \$300 million in salt- and freshwater marina facilities in California, Arizona, Nevada, Georgia and Illinois.

Seven of Westrec's marinas are located in Florida. They also operate ancillary facilities such as restaurants, bars, banquet facilities, hotels, ship's stores, waterfront office space, fuel docks, launch ramps and boat rentals.

In its proposal, Westrec also outlines staffing for the marina, which would include a marina manager, a dockmaster, an office manager, an accountant, plus several retail/fuel dock clerks/dockhands and a few security guards.

City commissioners agreed in January to seek qualifications from private firms to operate the city's downtown marina.

According to City Clerk Mary Mercer, the RFQ committee will be interviewing the two bidders today, and will bring their recommendation to the city commission at the end of August.

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Mayport ferry gets \$3 million

Community Newspapers

A total of \$3 million in federal stimulus funding will go to upgrade the Mayport Ferry.

"All the money will go to the modernization of our ramps," said Nancy Rubin, communications director for the Jacksonville Port Authority. "Our ramp system had worked fine for many years, but it was starting to cost quite a bit to upkeep it."

The \$3 million worth of stimulus funding is part of \$60 million awarded to the Federal Highway Administration for its Ferry Boat Discretionary Program.

"The boats are in good shape and ready to serve the people who depend on them," Rubin said.

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Pedestrian killed in Jacksonville

A 60-year-old Fernandina Beach man was struck and killed early Thursday morning while walking along Main Street in Jacksonville, the Florida Highway Patrol said.

Gerald Derrell Shedd, Sr., was pronounced dead at 2:16 a.m. after being struck by a southbound vehicle on Main Street, which is US 17.

Shedd's address was listed as Fernandina Beach, though he had lived in Jacksonville most of his life.

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'Alter Nassauville' - spay, neuter cats

SIÂN PERRY
News-Leader

Two ambitious projects aim to put an end to pet overpopulation in Nassau County once and for all - and it couldn't be easier, or cheaper, for residents to participate.

"Alter Nassauville" - a program to spay or neuter every cat in Nassauville by the end of 2009 - was launched last month by Cats Angels and First Coast No More Homeless Pets, which this spring opened a state-of-the-art clinic and shelter on Jacksonville's north side.

The Nassau Humane Society also has teamed up with the Jacksonville non-profit to offer low-cost spaying and neutering to pet owners.

The agencies note that shelters and rescue organizations cannot simply adopt their way out of pet overpopulation, which is why more than three million cats and dogs are euthanized each year nationwide (visit www.hsus.org and click on the Pets link to read about "Issues Affecting our Pets").

The cost of not altering your pet is enormous, said Wills Shores, a Cats Angels volunteer, especially when you consider that one unsprayed female cat and her offspring can reproduce 420,000 cats in seven years and one unsprayed female dog and her offspring, 67,000 puppies in six years.

As Nassau County has witnessed, the majority of these

Lemonade stand

Local teens will host a lemonade stand outside of PETCO in Yulee on Saturday to benefit "Alter Nassauville," a program by Cats Angels Inc., SPCA to spay and neuter every cat in Nassauville at no or low cost. For information, contact Cats Angels at 321-2267.

animals end up at the local shelter, with never enough funds, space or adoptable homes to accommodate them. According to First Coast No More Homeless Pets, of the 71 unwanted cats and dogs that enter local shelters each day, 53 are euthanized.

Cats Angels was formed in 2001 to help deal with the problem, launching an aggressive trap and release program to spay or neuter feral cats and return them to their caregivers. To date, it has treated 8,300 felines and found homes for another 4,345.

In the course of their work, the non-profit's volunteers noticed many of the cats they rescue from the county shelter as well as from the street are from Nassauville, so they decided to target that area, said volunteer Becky Delp.

"I know there are many other streets that are overrun with unwanted cats - Nassauville just seemed like a good



PHOTO COURTESY OF CATS ANGELS

These kittens were rescued as part of Cats Angels "Alter Nassauville" campaign, which seeks to stop cat overpopulation through a targeted free and reduced-cost spay/neuter program.

place to start," added Delp.

"We will set the traps and pick up the cats," she said. All the resident has to do is call, though Delp said "it would be nice if the people would like to drive them to No More Homeless Pets to be spayed and neutered, or to the Cats Angels Thrift Store and Adoption Center (at 709 S. Eighth St.). Any assistance is appreciated."

Cats Angels will cover the full cost if the pet owner is financially unable, said Delp, though contributions are always welcome - "even \$5 or \$10 a

month."

At the Nassau Humane Society, 671 Airport Road in Fernandina Beach, residents can take advantage of low-cost spaying and neutering, thanks again to a program with No More Homeless Pets, whose mission is to eliminate the killing of dogs and cats through its free and low-cost programs.

Dog spays are \$50 and neuters are \$40, regardless of size, and cat spay or neuters are \$30. The cost also includes rabies vaccinations, said Janet Kourie, president of the Nassau

You can help

Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA and First Coast No More Homeless Pets need the support of the community to reach their goal of altering every cat in Nassauville by taking simple steps such as:

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- Contribute to the cost of a spay or neuter for the pet of a neighbor who needs financial assistance;
- Hold a fundraiser, such as a neighborhood garage sale (or, for children, a lemonade stand) to raise money to spay or neuter a Nassauville cat. Also place your spare change in one of the Cats Angels donation jars at stores and restaurants throughout the county.

Contact Cats Angels at 321-2267 or First Coast No More Homeless Pets at (904) 425-0005. Visit www.catsangels.com to share the progress of the "Alter Nassauville" program.

Learn more about First Coast No More Homeless Pets at www.fcnmhp.org or call 866-580-SPAY (7729).

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No federal COPS grants for local law agencies - yet

JASON YURGARTIS
News-Leader

Three Northeast Florida law enforcement agencies were awarded grant money Tuesday to put more officers on the street from the U.S. Justice Department's Community Oriented Police Services. But

despite applying, both the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and the Fernandina Beach Police Department have yet to be awarded funding through the COPS program.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office was awarded \$9.2 million through COPS - enough to hire 50 new officers. Palatka

received \$170,694 and Green Cove Springs got \$160,271, which will pay for one new officer per agency. Applications were submitted for Clay and St. Johns counties, but both jurisdictions were denied.

Nassau County Sheriff Tommy Seagraves said his agency was denied, but did

receive \$368,917 through another Justice Department grant that will be used to beef up policing on the West Side.

Fernandina Beach Police Chief Jim Hurley said he was hopeful his department would be awarded funding for an additional officer in the next wave of grant announcements, which

he anticipates in October.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed," Hurley said. "We did get a notification that (not being included in this round of) award announcements does not mean we've been denied."

If it is awarded, the COPS grant could be the first accepted by the city of Fernandina Beach since 1998, and one of only four awarded to the jurisdiction since the program's inception in 1994, according to Department of Justice statistics.

Hurley said the funding would pay for an officer that would serve the entire county, splitting time evenly between the Fernandina Beach Police Department and the State Attorney's Office, with whom the application was jointly submitted, in an investigative role. The grant would pay for the first three years of the newly-created position.

"Our application is innovative, creative and serves our agency, the State Attorney's Office and the county," Hurley said. "And it allows for a 50/50

split of manpower to a State Attorney investigative team that lost more than half their staff."

Seagraves said the grant staff at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office applied for the grant, like most law enforcement agencies in the state, but did not get funding. He said no reasons were given for the denial, but much needed resources will be supplied where extra protection is needed - the West Side - by another grant.

"We got grant funding for four positions from the Department of Justice which will be utilized on the West Side - in Hilliard and Callahan," Seagraves said. "The positions will be funded by the grant for two-and-a-half years and the funding will be available Oct. 1."

The Nassau County Commission approved acceptance of \$368,917 in funds Monday from the 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program, which will be used to create the four officer positions.

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Self-esteem – do you have enough? Or too much?

Self-esteem – do you have enough? Do you have too much? Let's look at a definition of self-esteem. "A person's sense of worth or value." That's simple enough, but it involves and affects so many things about how we function day to day, it's worth a closer look.

The health of one's self-esteem includes not only the way they see themselves, but also trust in themselves and others, autonomy and independence and the ability to be



MIND YOU

Linda Gamble

those lines, it really is true: you can't love someone else until you love yourself. And that love for yourself must be healthy. It's easy to fall prey to false sources of self-esteem; addictive relationships, materialism, overachievement; but these things do not lead to the qualities listed above that make a person's self-esteem strong. In fact they inhibit the development of a genuine positive regard for ourselves and others.

Let's look at how self-esteem develops. Traditional psychological theory holds that it develops from birth through childhood in various stages. Our earliest lessons as a newborn have to do with learning to trust or mistrust our care giving environment, and it continues through the school ages where we learn autonomy and initiative. In other words, if our needs for food and shelter, contact and safety are met as an infant, we go on to grow and explore the world of childhood with curiosity and courage, learning that we can do things. This goes on until about age 11 or 12, assuming we have not experienced any abuse or other trauma that will derail our development. But then an odd thing happens.

When we enter adolescence, our self-esteem crashes and goes into hiding for many teens. Because of other developmental events, we become extremely vulnerable to media, peers and the cultural ideas of what is important. This is a time when many bad decisions are made out of wanting to "fit in" and not be seen as different. Most teens experience a fragile sense of self-esteem even when achieving well in school, sports, work and peer relationships.

You can't love someone else until you love yourself.

When we survive that era of development, we move into young adulthood, which is typically a time of defining ourselves and our futures. It is now when we may notice most acutely the health of our self-esteem.

If we have not successfully learned those lessons in infancy and childhood, that the world is a place we can be safe and successful in, we will likely enter into unhealthy relationships, fail at our education or employment and struggle to feel "happy" which can lead to mood disorders, substance abuse and worse. In contrast, sometimes a false sense of overly inflated self-esteem is the result; creating self-centered individuals who have as many, if not more difficulties.

So what can we do to promote healthy self-esteem? As adults, we obviously can't go back to infancy. But we can revisit the lessons there. We can put ourselves in situations where we will learn trust, where we can risk being independent, and where we can take more initiative. We can explore areas of ourselves that need nurturing whether it is hobbies, spirituality or physical health. We can surround ourselves with others who have healthy self-esteem and learn from them. And we can reach out to our dreams, goals and aspirations, holding them in a place of esteem as important elements of our identities. A therapist can help design the path toward these steps.

For those of us who are parents, we can try to stay aware of the differing developmental needs of our children at different ages in order to allow their self-esteem to flourish. There is a lot of information on the Internet and in book stores to help with this ongoing responsibility. Parents can find gender and age specific tips on how to increase their children's self-esteem and give them a leg up on a successful young adulthood. Fortunately or unfortunately, as parents we are profoundly influential in our child's self-esteem health.

Most importantly, we can begin to take care of ourselves. The first step is learning what behaviors we have that are self-defeating, and change them. Self-esteem will develop from there as we become more competent caretakers of ourselves.

Linda Gamble, LMHC, is a psychotherapist in private practice in Fernandina Beach. For more information visit www.floridacounselingmediation.com, or call (904) 206-1761.

FDOT asserts eminent domain power

RYAN SMITH
News-Leader

The Florida Department of Transportation is using its eminent domain powers to take possession of small sections of private property in order to install new traffic signals on Eighth Street. The \$1.8 million project is scheduled for 2009-10.

The Flash Foods store at 1982 S. Eighth St., along with Mut's Motors, 1815 S. Eighth St., have both been notified that FDOT will take small portions of their properties for the project.

"These are very small parcels for signalization projects. We call them corner

clips," said Ralph Maxon, attorney for FDOT's Eminent Domain Department. "It's a whole lot different than taking large acreage for a pond. Generally, plans are made and (engineers) determine whether a project can be built with existing right of way or if they need additional right of way."

In this case, however, FDOT's claim is going to court. The owners of both properties have been ordered to appear at the Nassau County Courthouse on Nov. 6.

Maxon said eminent domain cases go to court for a variety of reasons, although the specifics of each case are confidential until after the case

is settled.

"There's a group here at DOT in the Right-of-Way Department that goes out to negotiate with the property owners to buy the property, or else they take a permanent easement," Maxon said. "They make an offer and they negotiate with the owner or owners of the property in order to acquire it. Sometimes they're unable to consummate a deal for several reasons. A decision is made if it can't be negotiated for whatever reason, to put the acquisition project into suit."

"Under the eminent domain statutes, we seek a 'quick take' for the property," Maxon added. "That means once we establish a need for the prop-

erty and make a good-faith estimate of the value, the judge can grant us immediate possession of the property upon payment of that good faith amount into the court registry."

"That doesn't mean that that's all the owner gets. ... From that point on there would be further negotiations with the owner and his attorney, and they certainly have the right to get their own appraisal of the property. ... That generally results in a coming together on a price that's reasonable to both parties. If that doesn't happen – and that's a very small minority of cases – there could be a trial on the issue."

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JEFF PARKER/FLORIDA TODAY

VIEWPOINT/SHELLY ANDERSON/AMELIA ISLAND

Health insurance reform: Don't reinvent the wheel

Health insurance continues to be a burning issue at every level. Having been in the insurance business all my professional career and now focused on "senior planning," I am stunned by the overwhelming need for reform and the ramifications of the simplest of changes. No easy answers.

My business helps clients protect their families, themselves and their assets. We strive to find cost-effective ways of providing for long-term care, a guaranteed life income and health care coverage. A portion of my time is spent trying to find health care solutions for my clients. The challenges grow as insurance coverage is declined for pre-existing conditions. As an independent broker, my first concern is for my client. The best care for the least amount of expense with the best provider.

Most people in their middle years have some health history that may result in coverage exclusions or being totally declined by reputable insurance companies. The insurance companies simply cannot and will not cover an individual when they may have to pay out hundreds of thousands of dollars in claims. This has to change.



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Home and auto insurance are not nationalized and it works. It is not necessary to socialize medicine. To do so in our country would create nightmares.

Pre-existing conditions such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes need to be covered.

To do this insurance companies must be able to spread the risk over a broader population base to provide a bigger pool of insured people. This is Insurance 101. Like home insurance and car insurance, health insurance should not be a choice. In addition, we need to implement comprehensive medical liability reform.

Home and auto insurance are not nationalized and it works. It is not necessary to socialize medicine. To do so in our country would create nightmares. People would wait months for critical tests, surgery and medical care. It is not necessary to reinvent the wheel. Major health insurance companies have said that they will insure people with pre-existing conditions if all people have coverage.

There are 46 million uninsured people in America. Ten million are not U.S. citizens and another 18 million could afford health insurance but choose to go uninsured. If those people have a health crisis or accident, who pays? Our hospitals and doctors do.

And we do. Uninsured people who don't pay drive up costs. Yes, we do need to find a way to cover these people who have no options - inability to pay and critical health needs. This can be accomplished through Medicaid and low-income assistance.

What about the rest of the uninsured population? As proposed health reform is debated, the public has become more and more wary of the lack of option choices and increases in taxes.

Despite the trillions of dollars projected, there has been little information about actual premiums, prescription formularies and policy specifics.

Some states offer programs that attempt to address some of the most critical of health care needs. Recently, Florida has initiated its "Cover Florida" program, which is an inexpensive health care program providing guaranteed coverage. It is limited both in expense and coverage. It's a start.

We cannot walk away. It is not an option. None of us welcomes a house fire or an automobile accident but if the worst happens, we are covered by insurance.

I talk to clients every day. My heart goes out to those people who cannot qualify for any health insurance. Things have to change. We do not need another national experiment. We need reforms to our existing system.

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VIEWPOINT/JOE GERRITY/FERNANDINA BEACH

7 ways for city to save money

The News-Leader quoted our city manager as saying, "We can't keep doing business the way we've been doing it." Well Mr. Czymbor, it has finally happened. For the first time in over three years I finally agree with you. The only problem is we have been doing business your way for the last three budget years.

The budgets you presented the city commission have passed largely unchanged by votes of 4-1, 3-2 and 5-0. Despite signs of an economic slowdown, your budgets were full of new job positions and salary increases for existing employees and noticeably lacking any improvements to our infrastructure. As a matter of fact, your first budget was so lacking in street re-surfacing funds that three citizens publicly shamed the commission into adding another \$200,000 to that line item.

As I said three years ago the signs of a slowing economy were out there, even in our community. Real estate sales and new construction had slowed considerably. We had two condo projects that had stopped construction halfway from completion. Other approved projects never got started. Three years ago house values were already beginning to decline, and people in the construction trade were beginning to tighten their belts.

But not our city! We were like kids in candy store, spending every cent we could get our hands on, and more. Most city permit fees were tripled and now you want to charge for parking at Main Beach and in the downtown.

Someone told me the city manager invited the citizens to participate in the budget process this year. Taking up the invitation, I have the following suggestions for helping cope with the projected shortfalls.

1. Form a budget waste committee of employees to recommend areas of excessive spending. The members of this committee should be from the rank and file employees, not department heads. After all, when was the last time a department head appeared before a budget hearing and said his/her department was overfunded and overstaffed and they could do with less? It never happened during my six years on the commission. And committee members do not need to be picked by department heads either. Committee members need to be assured that there will be no repercussions from any suggestions they make.

2. During the 2007-8 budget hearings the commission set aside \$50,000 to begin the process of doing outside efficiency audits on each department, beginning with the police department. To my knowledge, the city manager never initiated that process. During my time at McDonald's the corporation sent a consultant into each restaurant for a two-day visit each year to critique restaurant operations. As a crew person I loved those visits, because I knew my bosses were going to get their hands slapped, at least a little bit. As a manager I did not like the audits one bit, but they were a part of the job. As a supervisor and later on as an



Gerrity

owner I came to appreciate those visits and the suggestions on how to better serve my customers, and at the same time increase efficiency in my restaurants.

And before people think I am picking on the police department there are sound and logical reasons to start with that department. First of all, the PD has by far the largest bud-

get of any department. The guy with the biggest piece of the pie gets the most attention. Second, most elected officials know very little about law enforcement, and that goes for city managers also. Both elected officials and city managers are reluctant to say no to the public safety, and as a result police departments become a bloated bureaucracy. I don't know if this is the case in Fernandina Beach, but we have a real live example in our own recent past. For years we were told that we needed eight new police cars each year. Finally in 2005 the commission said no, and since then we have averaged 3-4 new police vehicles each year. At over \$42,000 per vehicle that is quite a savings each year, and the police department seems to have no complaints or vehicle problems. With an audit, commissioners have an objective report in hand that can help guide them in making these decisions.

3. Use the 2005-6 city budget as a starting point. That is the last pre-Czymbor budget and it served the citizens well, with a few exceptions.

4. Review each and every department's staffing and programs. With the slowdown in building, now might be the time to contract with the county for building inspection services. Do we still need to run daycare services, or is that a carryover from the days that there were few private daycare centers in the city? Should we still be running scuba trips to the Keys? What programs have served their purpose and are no longer needed? These are just a few areas that should be addressed.

5. Reopen union contracts and eliminate cost-of-living adjustments and raises. It is not fair to deny administrative staff pay increases, but to give union employees raises. We need to be fair with everyone. No raise sure beats no job.

6. No city-owned "take home" vehicles should leave the island. This may be a little difficult with the police department, but other departments can comply. If someone lives off island and must drive back here to report for an emergency a few extra minutes to pick up a vehicle at the city public works yard won't make a difference, but the savings of mileage on city vehicles will be substantial, not to mention fuel savings.

7. Don't privatize the marina. Eliminate the director position of that fund and bump the airport director position back down to part-

Despite all the obvious signs over the last three years, the administration and the majority of city commissioners created a bureaucracy that was both unnecessary and unsustainable over the long haul.

time, as it was a couple years ago. These are both troubled enterprise funds and need a fresh approach. The director of facilities maintenance is retiring in December, so let's hire an engineer/manager to take his place and put the marina and airport as part of his department.

Get rid of the new trailer at the airport. For an ailing enterprise fund, the trailer and associated expenses are a waste of valuable resources. If I remember correctly, the last set of hangars we built had an office for city use. Paying the new director in part from the two enterprise funds will ease some of the strain on the general fund, as well as allowing more cash flow to both the airport and marina. Eliminating the city engineer position will also take pressure off the general fund.

I could go on with more cost-saving ideas, but I am running out of space. These suggestions include some difficult decisions, and I have true compassion for any employee affected by whatever budget decisions are made. Despite all the obvious signs over the last three years, the administration and the majority of city commissioners created a bureaucracy that was both unnecessary and unsustainable over the long haul. We have ignored many of our infrastructure needs, yet we always have money for more time off for our highest paid employees and to expand our workforce.

This economic crisis is not a one-year occurrence. We still have at least a year of declining property values before real estate prices (and the tax base) stabilize. Some economic experts think that Florida may take longer to recover because of the high number of foreclosures.

The prevalent problem solving approach at City Hall consists of three options. Raise fees, throw tax dollars at the problem and when they fail, privatize. We pay enough taxes and way too much in fees in our city. It is time for city government to find a new way to do business, and it is apparent that the vision, leadership and action will have to come from the city commission. Mr. Czymbor is correct, the city can't continue to do business the way we've been doing it. But it has been the way he has guided us for the last three years. Change isn't coming. It is here, and will be here for quite some time.

Joe Gerrity is a former city commissioner.

EDITORIAL

Bear down

The Florida Wildlife Service has chosen, wisely we think, to give wide berth to a black bear roaming Amelia Island. We recommend you do the same.

The bear has caused some damage to fences but has not become a major nuisance insofar as we know. He apparently feeds mostly at Fort Clinch State Park on fish, crabs and palm hearts, not backyard trashcans. Here is advice offered by the wildlife experts:

- If you see a bear, remain calm. Don't run away. Walk calmly toward a building or vehicle and get inside. If you have children or pets, bring them inside.
 - Encourage the bear to leave. Bang pots and pans or blow an air horn or whistle.
 - If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone. Remove people and dogs from the area. It usually will come down and leave after dark.
 - Keep barbecue grills clean. Birdfeeders and grills should be stored in a secure place. Garbage should be placed outside on morning of pickup. Don't leave pet dishes outside. Pick ripe fruit or vegetables.
- Soon enough, our friend will move on. Until he does, live and let live.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Goffinsville Park

I would just like to take a moment to thank everyone involved in the beautiful renovations made to Goffinsville Park in Nassauville ("County park now a reality," July 24). My family and I were able to visit and enjoy the park. What a great place to spend the day without spending a lot of money, especially with the state of our economy. Please remember not to litter, place debris in the cans, pick up after our pets, dispose of fishing line properly and always supervise our children, especially near the water.

KellyAnne Tucker
Fernandina Beach

What an asset

Goffinsville Park — what an asset for our community, city and county.

There were thrills galore at the opening celebration dedicating the park and facility I've been familiar with all my life ("County park now a reality," July 24).

The Goffin family always has been profitable to our economic way of life. I don't want to be redundant in my recollection of facts concerning the history of Goffinsville. My mother, father and grandmothers were the recipients of financial gains made possible by the exploits of Mr. Saul Goffin. My experience was childhood in nature due to the fact that Mr. Goffin did not have time for childhood play. He was very serious at all times. There were homes lined along Goffinsville Road leading to and from the area. Quite a few people are alive today because of Mr. Goffin's economic mind.

My mother walked from the Christopher Creek area with her babies in a little red wagon, helped by me pushing the wagon, which helped ease the burden of the load before and after work. Dad gathered oysters during the early days of the productions. The factory was always an asset because it provided financial relief to families due to inadequate means of transportation.

Today we can still be profited from the park due to the ecology of the area. Food can be obtained from the banks along the river through the sport of fishing at a very low cost. Children can enjoy the playgrounds along with the beautiful vegetation that accompanies it. The ecology of the park gives a person a place of solitude to observe God's handiwork of nature. The park is

dear to me because my grandfather, Prince Albert, established a small church called Prince Chapel A.M.E., inspired by Richard Allan and this plot of land (fenced-in area) donated by the Goffins.

I am grateful for Mr. Goffin and family for being so thoughtful toward the future of people of today. Let's continue to make this legacy profitable by enjoying the park, which has been given through the labors of forefathers. We must thank the Nassau County Commissioners and Parks and Recreation for such creativity of a job well done. We thank the Goffins, Ms. Doris Mellion and County Administration for such great work done.

Charles L. Albert, Jr.
Fernandina Beach

Greed

I have never seen anything like the greed on Amelia Island. When my husband and I moved here two years ago, we rented a house and paid only \$50 for our first electric bill. Now we rent an apartment and our last electric bill was \$214. This is the most we have ever paid for electricity and we are not alone.

We have friends on the island who are trying to get their electric bills down by turning off their air conditioners in the middle of summer and drying their clothes on clotheslines. Property taxes are sky high, grocery prices are outrageous and now we may even have to pay to park at Main Beach. Where will the greed end?

Those who wish to run the working people off the island may have a small problem when they finally achieve their goal. Who will care for their needs when all the service workers can no longer afford to live here? With gas prices so high, few will be able to commute. What will the island elite do then?

Kim Lehman
Fernandina Beach

Circle of Friends

How thrilled we all are at the Council on Aging for the heartwarming article Dickie Anderson wrote on the behalf of our Circle of Friends telephone reassurance project (July 22). Actually, our entire community can be thankful; because as our elderly citizens feel safe we will all sleep better!

Dickie Anderson is such an asset to your newspaper and to the community we share. We are all winners with her From the Porch article.

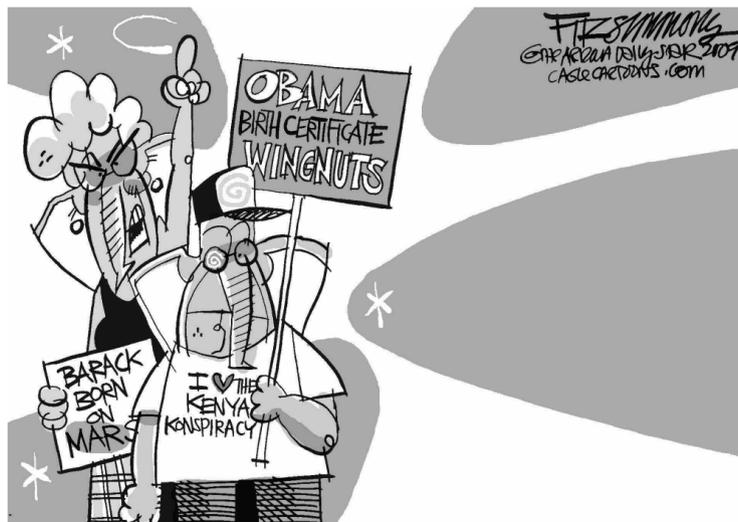
Jane Holzkamp
Council on Aging

Health insurance

I am writing concerning the letters (about proposed health insurance reforms) in last week's paper (July 24).

As I understand it, you will keep your own insurance and let the price keep going right on up? I'm all for it. They are so scared that the little person (the workingman) might get insurance and then they would have to foot the bill. That way everyone can get it and they can pay for it.

Think about the person that worked all his life — and his family has no insurance and he has no



DAVID FITZSIMMONS/ARIZONA DAILY STAR

job. There are two ways to go about it. One is leave it as is and go to the emergency room instead of the doctor when a person is sick since he has no insurance and no job and had cancer a few years back so he needs to be checked, or his wife and kids need to be checked if they have cancer, a broken leg or whatever. So the insurance that you want to keep will go up because the hospital has to go up on rates or either the taxpayer can foot the bill, but that is what some of you want. So that's what you get.

You also have the construction people who have been laid off since two years ago who are maybe 30 years old or younger with six kids. We can pay that one too. No one in the USA should go without insurance or food. They paid for it all the years they have worked. This is a fact. Or you can have the health department of nurses and doctors, who are the best any county or state could have, take care of them instead of doing their job, which is to keep us from getting diseases or our child from dying, because they had to treat a patient instead of doing their job keeping down diseases.

Or we can give the people the right to buy insurance at what they can afford. Wouldn't that be the right way to do it? So the taxpayer wouldn't have to foot the bill or the insurance companies would have to make up the difference. Isn't this the American way?

Is it your way? Either way, you are going to pay for it. Or you can let him buy it? For the first time you have a choice and I hope the people will stop and think about that.

Oh, by the way, when you went to the emergency room, it was full of sick people with colds, etc. You took your kid because he was really ill or had a broken bone and then wait your turn. Remember, you want it that way. You remember the flu! You didn't want the little man to buy

insurance for his family so he could have gone to the doctor instead. So pay the bill and not gripe, or let the man or single mom have the right to buy the insurance that they can afford. It's an easy choice.

Remember, "If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich." (John F. Kennedy inaugural address, Jan. 20, 1961)

Linda C. Hicks Spencer
Hilliard

'Legal Crooks'

First, let me point out that the only reason you know what has happened is because of the reporting of the news media, bias or not ("Unbelievable," July 24). I personally dislike them. But they report. The Congress had no choice other than give "The Bad Guys" the power to go to war. Try to remember 9/11. As much as you hate the two "Idiots" who kept us safe and retaliated against a horrific attack, the media is why you are apparently amazed.

Well, wake up, the Congress is on your side. Had they been as radical as you are now we would have thanked them for 9/11. Now we have media coverage and you are apparently not realizing that your very liberal and far left politically controlled government does not understand that you are trying to run our country into the greatest depression ever. How long before the new messiah takes responsibility?

I would continue with the new controversies, but I trust "You" will learn this from the "Media." How weird. Wow, are you kidding me, how did you know all this negative information? I trust you will not read this.

Paul Brungard
Amelia Island

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WEDDING/ENGAGEMENT



Mr. Russo, Miss DeFee



Mr. and Mrs. Taylor

DeFee-Russo

Megan Charene DeFee of Yulee and Robert Douglas Russo of St. Augustine will be married at 2 p.m. Aug. 8, 2009, at the home of the bride with Dolton Robertson officiating. The reception follows.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Daniel and Kelly DeFee of Yulee. The groom-elect is the son of Douglas

and Margaret Russo of St. Augustine.

Taylor-Donohue

Nancy Donohue and Raymond Taylor Jr. of Crystal River were married at 6:30 p.m. June 27, 2009, at the Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach with the Rev. Paul Rizzi officiating. The reception followed the ceremony.

MILITARY NEWS

■ Air Force Airman Justin D. West graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military



West

discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Melanie West of Callahan. West is a 2007 graduate of West Nassau High School, Callahan.

BIRTH

■ James and Lindsay Crumney of Yulee announce the birth of a daughter, Kayce Leigh Crumney, born July 14, 2009, at Memorial Medical Center. The baby weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and measured 19 inches in length. She joins siblings Caidyn Ryan, 6, and Conner James, 3.

Paternal grandparents are

Claire and Harold Shepherd of Yulee and Alan Crumney of Fernandina Beach. Maternal grandparents are Conrad and Carol Hermann of Deer River, Minn.

Great-grandparents are Harriet Ross of St. Marys, Ga., Cliff and Cathy Crumney of Jesup, Ga., and Richard and Marie Middleton of Old Town.

HELPERS

• The Nassau Council of the Visually Impaired & Blind, a newly formed, tax-exempt organization, meets the first Monday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St., Fernandina Beach. For information, contact Marsha Riley at 583-1317 or e-mail ncvib@comcast.net.

• 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 for information.

• The Overeaters Anonymous 12-step program meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. For information, directions, a carpool/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.

• Miracle on Wheels makes available electric powered wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) and the permanently disabled of any age, if they qualify.

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Methodist volunteers in mission

John Cripps has presented a concept for a new community mission to provide food for those in need. He has offered his backyard to be cultivated as a vegetable garden for the produce to be donated to Barnabas Center.

Students of the United Methodist will help work the garden under the direction of experienced gardeners in our church, including Brad Hamilton and Laurie Russell. The plan is to prepare the garden area this summer for fall planting. We have also gleaned (pun intended) ideas from Meagan Burns, who developed St. Peter's community garden and who has been very helpful in our planting. Contact Andy Foote at the church office if you are interested.

Everyone is looking for ways to save money these days. Kate Smith and Janet Plumer of River Road Baptist Church near Hilliard have made a ministry of it. On July 18, they went to show the ladies of First Baptist Church, Callahan, who they have learned to buy hundreds of dollars of groceries for pennies on the dollar and used the savings to bless their families and others.

College/Career Ministry meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Chapel of Callahan First Baptist Church for adults, singles or married, who are interested in worshipping God passionately.

Congratulations to Amelia Baptist Church. They now have a director of family ministries, Dave Parker, and a permanent student minister, Nathan DeFalco.

What a great place of worship! I recently completed my ninth year as your minister of education and it has been a great nine years. You folks have embraced me and my family with love and encouragement. I thank you for the many opportunities you have given me to grow in my knowledge and faith. I came here as 54-year-old rookie and you have allowed me to make mistakes and yet you continue to love me. You have also provided additional blessings to my family.

You, through the West family, provided my son with a great wife and the Brunettis a new daughter. Through that, we know have four "grand kids" and they are a continual blessing. It doesn't get much greater than that!

As I sit back and consider all the things that God has allowed me to become through my association with this great group of people at Amelia Baptist Church, I can do nothing less than praise Him! Thank you, Willie and Lee Brunetti, education/outreach minister.

Allegiance Welcome Home Concert was enjoyed at Amelia Baptist Church July 5. Adult choir, ladies ensemble, men's ensemble, thank you for your faithfulness to rehearsals throughout the summer months. What a blessing you are! The beautiful patriotic music



HILDA'S HEAR-ABOUTS

Hilda Higginbotham

July 5 was also a blessing. The Amelia's Got Talent night was a success due to the many talents shared and parents and youth who served our delicious pancake supper.

In the past weeks, the elders of Springhill Baptist Church have been talking to and interviewing different prospects to fill the role of interim pastor; completed the plans started for Pastor Jackie and his family's good-bye party (we had a number of you share memories with them that evening); and simply carried on the oversight and direction of Springhill Baptist Church.

We are pleased to report that you gave generously to the pastor's home office project and they were very pleasantly surprised. Pastor Jackie is already playing with his new computer and we believe we have enough funds available to purchase the computer credenza and file cabinets that Kathy told us he needed. All of the above items will be installed in or delivered to their home. In addition, money was set aside as a gift to Kathy from Springhill.

On the search for an interim pastor, we have talked with many potential candidates and met with some as well. We are not ready yet to present to you a recommendation concerning someone to serve as interim pastor for your review and hopeful approval. Whenever we have a viable candidate as either the interim or the eventual full-time pastor, it will be our intent to present him first to our Grace group leaders and Sunday school teachers for their review and hopeful approval.

Then we will afford the congregation the opportunity, during a regular Sunday school hour, to ask questions and view the credentials of the candidate proffered to you as either the interim pastor or the man whom we feel is called by God to serve as our full-time pastor. Then, and only then, will he be formally presented to you as a candidate and, at the end of a morning service, we will ask for your vote of affirmation or denial.

In the interim, we beseech you to join us each Friday night for prayer as we seek God's will for our congregational family. Though the old sanctuary will be open from 6-8 p.m., you may join us for whatever length of time and, at any time during these hours, you have the opportunity that evening.

From the NorthEaster, Dr. David Drake, DOM: Make plans to attend Key Leader Workshop, First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach, Aug. 27 from 6-

8:45 p.m. Evangelism Strategies for the 21st century led by Will McRaney; prayer ministry: "Building Praying Churches" led by Rich Sheperd; stewardship: "Consider Your Ways" led by Ken Westbrook; music led by Terry Williams; discipleship: "Making Disciples Who Make Disciples" led by Bill Carmichael; ministry assistant/secretary: "Office Teamwork" led by Lynn Stone; deacon training: "How Deacons Help Manage Church Conflict" led by Roy Lee Saint; women's mission and ministries led by Cindy Goodwin.

Senior adult fall jubilee Sept. 28-30 in Gatlinburg, Tenn., for the Gray Gables Group is sold out. New dates: Sept. 30 through Oct. 2. Please contact Phyllis Holmes or L.L. Braddock for more information if you are interested in going.

Our deacons are here to glorify the Lord through faithful service. If you are in need of prayer or help, please do not hesitate to call your deacon — Tom Pornovets, chairman; Ken Jones, Terry Horton, Mark Wynn, Roland Benoit, Brad Braddock, Dana Webber, Bryan Hall, David McKendree, Billy Ray Jackson, Mike Cobb, L.L. Braddock. Pastor's cell phone is (904) 545-0501.

Returning to Memorial United Methodist Church for the third time in as many years, nationally known singer, storyteller and folk theologian Ed Kilbourne was the featured guest Sunday morning in worship and for three evenings July 19-21. Over the years, Ed has been recognized and acclaimed for his ability to use his gifts as a musician and communicator in concert and worship settings. He began his performing journey in folk groups while in high school and college.

Following his graduation from seminary, Ed set out on a professional career and has now made over 8,000 appearances during the last 40 years in every region of the United States. Ed has 23 recordings on the Fly-By-Night label, including the new release, "A World of Love."

"Christ Hath Made Me Free!" was Rev. Mark Tuso's sermon subject July 5 at First Baptist Church, Gray Gables. His scripture reading was Galatians 5:1.

Aug. 15 at 7 a.m. is the Awana Kick-Off Day Volunteer Breakfast and Prayer at Gray Gables Church Fellowship Hall.

Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is Awana registration, kick-off kids singing session, gospel message, lunch and field day. See Chris Reynolds for questions or more information.

Senior adults of First Baptist Church Fernandina Beach met at their church July 16 for their monthly program and lunch. Larry Williams does a great job as their chairman. His lovely wife, Jewel, is right by his side to assist him.

"May our Great Heavenly Father continue to watch over us and keep us in His Loving Care."

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

• Men's Newcomer Club of Amelia Island is a social organization that meets at 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of most months at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club clubhouse. Call Richard Rothrock at 491-6868 or Bob Keane at 277-4590.

• Military Officers Association of America service and social organization serving active duty and retired military officers meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of some months, other months for Sunday brunch at Ocean Breeze Conference Center at Mayport Naval Station. Call president Rob Judas at (904) 249-1475.

• The Modelers' Club for modelers interested in cars, planes, ships and trains meets from 7-9 p.m. the fourth Monday at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Call Hal Mather at 261-6420.

• Moms Group for Stay-at-home-Moms, moms offering moms support, meets with the kids at kid-friendly locations. Call Amy at 261-0554 or e-mail amarasco@bellsouth.net to receive a list of the next meet-ups.

• Nassau Challenger Bowling League for the physically and mentally challenged meets from 3-5 p.m. the sec-

ond Saturday at the bowling alley on US 17 in Yulee. Call Melinda Willaforde at 261-3136.

• Nassau County Boys & Girls Club after-school agenda offers programs for youths ages 6-17 at the Miller Club, one mile south of A1A on CR 107 (Old Nassauville Road). Hours are 2-8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Staff and volunteers provide homework help, computer classes, arts and crafts, music and drama, sports and games, teen programs, gardening, health and fitness, cooking and life skills classes. Call the office at 261-1075 after 2 p.m. weekdays for information and enrollment details.

• Nassau Civitan Club service organization meets at noon the second and fourth Thursdays at Slider's. Call Norma Norris at 491-9996 or Joyce Menz at 321-2526.

• Nassau County 4-H is open to youth ages 5-18 and adult volunteers excited to learn more about leadership, citizenship and life skills. For information on becoming a member or adult volunteer, contact the Nassau County Extension Service at (904) 879-1019 or visit Nassau.ifas.ufl.edu.

• Nassau County Group of the Sierra

Club is an environmental organization that meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday at the Council on Aging building, 1367 South 18th St., Fernandina Beach. Call Joan Altman at 277-2274.

• Nassau County Home Educators Support Group for home-schooling parents meets the third Thursday at 7 p.m. Call 225-9160 for location or visit geocities.com/nassaucountyhomeeducators.

• Nassau County Master Gardener volunteers are trained by County Horticultural Extension agents and are required to serve 75 volunteer hours year one of their accreditation and 35 volunteer hours and 10 advance training hours annually in all subsequent years to maintain their certification as Master Gardeners. For information on the Master Gardener program and application requirements, contact Becky Jordi, horticultural extension agent, at 548-1116 or rjordi@ufl.edu.

• Nassau County NAACP civil rights organization meets at 6 p.m. for the executive committee meeting and 7 p.m. for the branch meeting the second Monday at the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Call Courtney Tyson-Shelby at 491-3419.

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Dancing Lessons

A wise man once said that unusual travel suggestions are likened to dancing lessons from God. The point of this, I suppose, is that we might learn more about life by traveling to unusual places or by traveling in unusual ways. For instance, going to Australia instead of Disney World, or traveling by bus instead of by plane are more likely to be life-enhancing, consciousness-expanding experiences; in short, a dance lesson with God. Another lesson to be taken from this is that moving through life should be more like dancing than simply taking a walk, which means we should try to move gracefully and beautifully as well as joyfully. How should we dance through life? The simplest and most beautiful way to do this is through love. By opening our heart to love, and loving those around us, the world is transformed from a dark, cold and dreary place to one of light, warmth and joy.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
R.S.V. John 15:12

CAMPUS NOTES

■ Charles Maurice Booker III has been accepted by Hampden-Sydney College and will enroll with a dean's award in August 2009.

Booker is a graduate of Fernandina Beach High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron M. Booker of Fernandina Beach.

Hampden-Sydney College first enrolled students in 1775. A private men's college, it is known for its liberal arts curriculum, the honor code which stresses individual and collective responsibility, a focus on the needs of young men, and a nurturing environment.

YULEE STUDENTS FROM FBHS (1970-1975) REUNITE LABOR DAY

WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. MEAL SERVED AT NOON.

WHERE: CHEM CELL, CHEM CELL ROAD (A1A TO AMELIA ISLAND PKWY; 3RD RD ON R)

COST: \$20 PER PERSON; RESERVATIONS/PAYMENT BY SEPTEMBER 1ST AT FIRST COAST COMMUNITY BANK, YULEE, OR MAIL TO FCCB, ATTN: SUSAN MURRAY, P.O. BOX 1739, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32035. CHECK PAYABLE TO YULEE/FBHS CLASSES OF 1970-1975.

WHO: ALL 1970-1975 FBHS STUDENTS & 1958-1970 FACULTY/STAFF

ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT. DRESS: CASUAL. BRING SPOUSE/FRIEND. NO INVITATIONS ARE BEING MAILED.

Questions: e-mail yulee_fbhs.gettogether@yahoo.com or call Kathy Spivey, 225-9560 with questions.

RELIGION

Kids camp

Faith Christian Academy presents Kids Choice Camp 2009 from 7 a.m.-6p.m. through Aug. 12 at 96282 Brady Point Road, Fernandina Beach. Camp is for ages 3-12 years. Call 321-2137.

Donations needed

The Salvation Army Hope House, 410 South Date St., Fernandina Beach, is in need of the following types of donations:

- Personal hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, shaving cream, feminine products and toilet paper
- Canned foods not requiring cooking: non-condensed soups, pastas, beanie weenies, tuna, chicken, fruits, fruit juices and powdered milk
- Starchy foods: rice, instant mashed potatoes, pastas, cereals and breakfast bars.

For more information, call 321-0435.

Catholic class

St. Michael Catholic Church is sponsoring an inquiry class for those who wish to know more about the Roman Catholic faith and what Catholics believe. The program, called R.C.I.A., will start on Sept. 1 and continue each week through Easter 2010.

The sessions are open to those who have never been baptized, or have been baptized in another faith or to Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation. There is no cost and the first session will meet in the St. Michael Academy library at 6:45 p.m. on Sept. 1.

Call the church office at 261-3472 for more information or to register.

First Missionary show

"Behold the Bridegroom Cometh" will be presented by First Missionary Baptist Church, 20 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach, on Aug. 1 at 5 p.m. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

Garage sale

Rock Church of Northeast Florida will hold a garage sale on Aug. 1 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church, 850893 US 17 North, Yulee (next to Mead's Framery in the Crossroads Shopping Plaza).

Golf tournament

First Baptist Church is hosting a Golf Tournament/Clinic Aug. 1 featuring renowned golf pro Wally Armstrong, who will be guest speaker as well as offer a clinic before the tournament. While he has played professionally and taught golf since 1968, Armstrong's true passion is sharing his faith with others through the game of golf.

Cost is \$75 per person and includes dinner. Everyone is invited that evening as Armstrong shares stories about his career in golf and his faith journey in life. For more information or to sign up, call 261-3617 or contact Scott Womble at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club.

Friends & Family Day

Friendship Baptist Church in Yulee will celebrate Friends and Family Day on Aug. 2 at 4 p.m. Speaker will be Elder Eddie Lawrence. For more information call 225-5627.

Bible marathon

Living Waters World Outreach Center is hosting the seventh annual Genesis to Revelation Non-Stop-Around-The-Clock-Bible Reading beginning at 6 a.m. Aug. 3 and ending sometime late Thursday afternoon, Aug. 6. The Bible is read in 15-minute increments, and you can sign up in the church sanctuary or by calling the church office at 321-2117. All are welcome to read or just come and listen.

Worship and lunch

Join Salvation Army Hope House each Tuesday at noon for its Weekly Worship Service and Fellowship Lunch. On Aug. 4, case worker and evangelist Anita Richo will share the Gospel message. For more information, call 321-0435 or stop by the Hope House, 410 South Date St.

Faith at the Movies

Memorial United Methodist Church is hosting a film series titled Faith at the Movies. This is a brand new series designed to explore issues of faith through popular movies. There will be a simultaneous movie and program for children, as well as nursery. All are welcome. Movies start at 6:30 p.m. in Maxwell Hall. The final movie is "The

COVETED AWARD GIVEN

Linda Laine, right, was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Church (USA) during a Providence Presbyterian Church service. Jo Brumund presented the certificate and pin that are conferred upon an individual in recognition of significant, faithful service in some area of the church's work.

The pin and the certificate have the symbol of the butterfly. The butterfly represents newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation, Presbyterian Women. Laine was honored with this membership in recognition of her work in creating and nurturing the development of Presbyterian Women at Providence Presbyterian Church through the LAFF Circle, and her diligent work in the development of Providence's worship and music ministry. The Honorary Life Membership also recognizes her upcoming position as the incoming Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the St. Augustine Presbytery.



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at 548-9971 or Linda Bell at 261-0569. Visit www.communitybiblestudy.org and www.ameliainslandevcebs.org.

Playgroup

MOM,ME meets every Wednesday from 9:30-11 a.m. in Noah's Place, First Presbyterian's nursery and pre-school classrooms. Everyone is welcome to participate in the mom and baby/toddler playgroup that has evolved into an interesting group of moms and children growing and nurturing, networking and socializing, sharing and caring with all who come. This group meets year round. This ministry is open to the public. No reservations are needed, just drop in. Park your stroller out front.

'Stuff the Bus'

The Salvation Army Hope House is accepting applications to help income qualifying families obtain school supplies for their children as part of its Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive. If you wish to volunteer to take applications or have questions, call 321-0435. Applications will be accepted on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-4 p.m., through July 31.

Food program

Yulee Baptist Weekday Ministry, 85967 Harts Road, is now participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Child Care Food Program. Meals will be available at no separate charge to eligible children enrolled in the ministry's day care program. Parents or guardians must complete an application. For information, call 225-9196.

Food ministries

Angel Food Ministries and Fernandina Beach Church of Christ are offering food relief for the community. For more information contact Thomas Kessel or Tom Gilday at 277-2517 or e-mail fbangelfood@gmail.com. The church is located at 1005 South 14th St. Visit www.cocfb.org and www.angelfoodministries.com.

The Bridge Family Worship Center in Yulee is offering Angel Food Ministries offering food. Open to anyone, this opportunity allows you to feed your family for a fraction of the normal cost. A family of four can eat for a week for only \$30. For information, visit www.thebridgeflorida.com or call 225-4860.

'U2charist' at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Episcopal church, 801 Atlantic Ave., will host U2charist and Potluck on Aug. 9, a celebration of the Eucharist that features the music of band U2 and a message about God's call to rally around the Millennium Development Goals.

Several people will share personal stories and experiences related to Millennium Development Goals service and action, including John and Alice Holliday, Mark Kaufman and Donna Paz and Brenda Commandeur.

The music in the service is replete with the message of global reconciliation, justice for the poor and the oppressed and the importance of caring for your neighbor. Led by global MDG ambassador, Bono, U2 is calling people worldwide to deeper faith and engagement with God's mission. The U2charist seeks to be an extension of this ministry.

Potluck and information begins at 5 p.m. and U2charist at 6 p.m. For information call the church at 261-4293.

Ultimate Gift" on Aug. 7.

Summer Bible study

On Aug. 14 Providence Presbyterian Church will host summer Bible studies, using sermons from renowned preachers Fred Craddock, Barbara Brown Taylor and Tom Long as the basis for conversation about the scripture. Call 432-8118 for information. Everyone's welcome. The church is located at 96537 Parliament Drive.

Summer reading

All are welcome to join the members and friends of Providence Presbyterian Church in reading and discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's newest book, *An Altar in the World*, on Aug. 19. Call 432-8118 for information or to order the book. The church is located at 96537

Parliament Drive, just off Old Nassauville Road.

'Ministry Fair'

First Presbyterian Church will host a Ministry Fair on Aug. 23 in Jim Thomas Hall from 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Booths representing the missions, ministries, studies, events and opportunities available at First Presbyterian will fill the hall. There will be games, door prizes, lots of food, an Ugly Tie Contest and fellowship. Nursery and preschool will be available.

Living Proof simulcast

On Aug. 28-29 Beth Moore is bringing Living Proof Live to her hometown of Green Bay, Wis. Thanks to simulcast satellite technology, she'll spend that weekend at

First Baptist Church, too. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the church. For information, call 261-3617.

'Rally Day'

Rally Day for children and youth will be Aug. 30 at First Presbyterian, beginning at 9:50 a.m. Nursery, toddlers, preschool and kindergarten will meet in the classrooms in Noah's Place. First and second graders will meet in the Power Lab and third through fifth graders will meet in the Kidmo theater. Middle school students will meet in the Skate Room in the Youth Center. Senior high youth will meet in Faith Cafe at 12:15 p.m. for lunch and Bible study.

Parents of all children, nursery through senior high, are invited to Breakfast & Conversation in Jim Thomas Hall at 10 a.m., hosted by the Christian Education Committee. Parents, call the church office to confirm your attendance no later than Aug. 27.

Women's study

The Amelia Island Women's Evening Community Bible Study invites you to join an in-depth, non-denominational study of the Book of Acts.

Meetings will be Monday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at Amelia Baptist Church, 961167 Buccaneer Trail across from Harris Teeter. The study begins Sept. 14 and continues through May 3.

For more information and to register, call Michal Polese

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<p>AMELIA PLANTATION CHAPEL An Interdenominational Community Church SUNDAY WORSHIP August 2, 2009 • 9:15 a.m. MESSAGE: "Prayer in the Spirit" MUSIC: "Here I am Lord" (Nursery Provided) ~ALL ARE WELCOME~ The Chapel is located behind The Spa & Shops at Amelia Island Plantation 36 Bowman Road (904) 277- 4414 www.ameliachapel.com</p>	<p>AMELIA PLANTATION CHAPEL An Interdenominational Community Church BLOG WITH US Share your opinions with Pastor Ted Schroder of Amelia Plantation Chapel. Access: ameliachapel.com Pastor's Corner, and then Ted's Blog. Faith-based subjects that make us all think!</p>	<p>St. Peter's Episcopal Church Welcomes You! Located at the corner of 8th & Atlantic Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 am & 10:00 am Wednesday Holy Eucharist 12:10 pm 904-261-4293 www.stpetersparish.org</p>	<p>BLACKROCK BAPTIST CHURCH 96362 Blackrock Rd., Yulee 261-6220 Senior Pastor: Rev. Michael S. Bowen Sunday Morning Worship Services 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am Friday 6:45 - 9:00 Awana Worship Service 10:30 (Childrens Church) Sunday p.m. Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. Nursery Provided www.blackrockbaptist.com</p>	<p>St. Michael Catholic Church Rev. Brian Eburn, Pastor MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil Mass - 4 pm & 5:30 pm Saturday 4 pm Mass at Yulee United Methodist Church Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 am & 12 Noon Daily Mass - 8:30 am Mon., Wed., Thurs & Fri. 6 pm - Tuesday Holy Day Masses Vigil 6:00 pm Holy Day 8:30 am Confessions: Saturday 3:15pm - 3:45 pm or by appt. Telephone Numbers: Parish Office: 904-261-3472; Fax 904-321-1901 Emergency Number: 904-277-6566, also call 904-277-0550 Founded 1872</p>	<p>CELEBRATION BAPTIST CHURCH Innovative Style, Contemporary Music, Casual Atmosphere Pastor Mike Kwiatkowski 85520 Miner Rd Yulee, FL 32097 Sunday Worship 10:30 Nursery Provided Small group bible study Sunday morn. @ 9:15am KidKreible Children Ministries Meeting @ 10:30am Sunday Youth "Body Shop" Wed. @ 6:30pm Connecting with Christ...Connecting with People. FOR MORE INFO: (904)225-0777</p>
<p>Springhill Baptist Church Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:45 am Wednesday AWANA 6:15 pm Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm 941017 Old Nassauville Road - County Rd-107 South Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 261-4741 www.springhillbaptistfb.org</p>	<p>YULEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Please join us for SUNDAY SERVICES: Church School 9:30AM Worship 11AM Wednesday Study 6:30PM A1A & Christian Way, Yulee 225-5381 • Rev. Mark Stiles</p>	<p>YULEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Please join us for SUNDAY SERVICES: Church School 9:30AM Worship 11AM Wednesday Study 6:30PM A1A & Christian Way, Yulee 225-5381 • Rev. Mark Stiles</p>	<p>"Discover the Difference" at Amelia Baptist Church Pastor: Dr. H. Neil Helton Sunday Worship Service - 10:30am Bible Study - 9am Nursery provided for all services Small group studies-Adults 6pm Wednesday - Prayer Service 6:30pm Preschool and Children Activities 961167 BUCCANEER TRAIL Corner of Buccaneer Tr. & Gerbing Road, Fernandina Bch. For More Information Call: 261-9527</p>	<p>FIVE POINTS BAPTIST CHURCH "MORE THAN A CHURCH, WE'RE FAMILY" Pastor : Dr. Alan Brown Sunday School 9:45A.M. Worship Service 10:55A.M. Discipleship Training 6:00P.M. Evening Worship 6:00P.M. Wednesday Fellowship Supper 6:00P.M. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00P.M. 736 Bonnieview Road (across from Sadler Rd.) 904-261-4615 (church office) EVERYONE WELCOME Nursery provided Spointsbaptistchurch.org</p>	<p>YULEE BAPTIST CHURCH Visitors Always Welcome! Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 8:15am and 11:00 am Sunday Evening 6:00 pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Wednesday Team Kid 6:15 pm Wednesday 1-79 Youth 6:30 pm Classes For All Age Groups Including Youth Nursery Provided For All Services www.Yuleebaptistchurch.com 85971 Harts Rd., West Yulee, FL 32097 904-225-5128 Fax 225-0809</p>
<p>the ANCHOR Contemporary Worship Sunday @ 11:00 515 Centre Street First Presbyterian</p>	<p>Holy Trinity Anglican Church In Amelia Park 1830 Lake Park Drive (across from the YMCA) Sunday worship times 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. (with music) 904-430-0274 www.holytrinityanglican.org</p>	<p>Holy Trinity Anglican Church In Amelia Park 1830 Lake Park Drive (across from the YMCA) Sunday worship times 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. (with music) 904-430-0274 www.holytrinityanglican.org</p>	<p>Living Waters world outreach Contemporary Worship SUN 9:30am WED 7:00pm Youth, Nursery & Children's Ministries 321-2117 Rob & Christie Goyette Senior Pastors On A1A 1 mile west of Amelia Island www.LivingWatersOutreach.org</p>	<p>FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 20 South Ninth Street 261-4907 Rev. Darien K. Bolden Sr., Pastor The Church in the Heart of the City With the Desire to be in the Hearts of All People Sunday New Members Class 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Noon-day Prayer Wednesday Mid-week Service 7-9 p.m. Ministries: Bus & Van, Couples, Singles, Youth</p>	<p>PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. Ray Ramsburg, Pastor --- Every Sunday --- Traditional Worship: 8AM & 11AM Praise Worship: 9:30AM Nursery provided at all services --- Vacation Bible School --- July 12 thru 17 2600 Atlantic Avenue • Fernandina Beach Across from Fort Clinch State Park 261-6306 www.poplcamelia.org</p>
<p>Providence Presbyterian Church YULEE, FLORIDA Everyone is welcome Rev. Robert Phelps 96537 Parliament Drive, Yulee (Corner Old Nassauville Rd.) Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. (904) 432-8118 www.providenceyulee.com providencyulee@comcast.net</p>	<p>AMELIA ISLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST Come Worship with us where the Bible is our only Authority. Church Services: 11am YMCA on Citrona / 225-5368 www.ameliainslandchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>BETH MOORE LIVING PROOF LIVE August 28-29 Tickets \$10 For 2-Day Event First Baptist Church 1600 S. 8th Street Fernandina Beach, FL 904-261-3617 www.FBFirst.net Rev. Jeff Overton, Sr Pastor</p>	<p>Memorial United Methodist Church Making disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, study, service & community 601 Centre Street 261-5769 Brett Opalinski, Pastor Hollie Tapley, Associate Pastor Traditional Family Worship 8:30am + 11:00am Contemporary Worship 9:45am in Maxwell Hall Youth Worship 9:45am in Youth Center Sunday School for all ages 9:45am + 11am Wednesday Midweek Supper (Aug-May) 5:15-6:30pm Middle School Youth (Wed.) 6:30pm Senior High Youth (Wed.) 6:30pm Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors The people of the United Methodist Church Music programs and small groups available Nursery services available for all services</p>	<p>Memorial United Methodist Church Making disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, study, service & community 601 Centre Street 261-5769 Brett Opalinski, Pastor Hollie Tapley, Associate Pastor Traditional Family Worship 8:30am + 11:00am Contemporary Worship 9:45am in Maxwell Hall Youth Worship 9:45am in Youth Center Sunday School for all ages 9:45am + 11am Wednesday Midweek Supper (Aug-May) 5:15-6:30pm Middle School Youth (Wed.) 6:30pm Senior High Youth (Wed.) 6:30pm Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors The people of the United Methodist Church Music programs and small groups available Nursery services available for all services</p>	<p>support your church</p>

HOMES

HOME AND GARDEN BRIEFS

Arts at market

The Fernandina Farmers Market Booth With A Cause program will host the Amelia Arts Academy Aug. 1.

As one of four certified Community Schools of the Arts in Florida, the Arts Academy has been offering education in the arts at affordable rates to all interested persons through individual instruction, group lessons, after-school art and dance workshops, creative arts programs for seniors and more since 1992.

At the market, the Arts Academy will give shoppers an opportunity to "See Themselves in the Arts!" with a free children's craft table and purchase personalized screen printed items. Shoppers can choose from several designs and watch as their shirts, flags and T-shirts are made right before their eyes!

Also on Aug. 1, Thompson All-Natural Pork will be at the market with its perfect for summer barbecuing ribs and various cuts of chops as well as bacons, sausages and tenderloins.

The market, open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Seventh and Centre streets, features farm fresh produce as well as a variety of organic products, specialty foods and plants. Call 491-4872 or visit www.fernandinafarmersmarket.com.

Florida sea turtles

Join a park ranger and learn about the lifecycle of

the sea turtle and the importance of these creatures on Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. at pavilion one on Little Talbot Island. No reservations are necessary. For information call (904) 251-2320.

Manatee talk

Manatees are slow-moving, non-aggressive, curious creatures and many love grazing in our shallow, warm summer waters. Learn what is fact and fiction about the manatee that is now more imperiled than ever. Jim Reid, a wildlife biologist with the Gainesville U.S. Geological Survey office, will share his experiences from more than 25 years working with manatees at the next Nassau County Sierra Club meeting Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St. The public is welcome.

Animal signs

Join a park ranger for a presentation and leisurely guided hike through different Florida ecosystems on a quest to characterize tracks left by an assortment of critters on Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free. For information call (904) 251-2320.

Bird club

The Nassau County Bird Club will hold a field trip to Huguenot Memorial Park on Aug. 15 and Sept. 5 at 8 a.m., rain or shine. Park entry is \$1 per car.

The park is located off Heckscher Drive about 8 miles south of the Nassau Sound bridge. Meet in the parking lot of the general store. Target birds include the Piping Plover, Oystercatcher, Whimbrel, Reddish Egret, gulls and terns. Bring your binoculars, field guide, bug juice, sunscreen, rain gear, sunglasses, layered clothing and water.

For information call Carol Wyatt at 262-9272 or e-mail carolinewy@aol.com.

Kayak/canoe trip

Nassau Sierra Club will host a guided kayak/canoe trip to Simpson Creek (Little Talbot Island) on Aug. 29. This trip is open to the public.

The three- to four-hour trip will depart the "Kayak Amelia" concession at Little Talbot State Park at 9 a.m. It will be about a five-mile paddle, with a stop for lunch on the sandbar or Bird Island.

Paddlers will experience maritime forests, desert-like dunes, undisturbed salt marsh and a variety of wildlife and native and migratory birds. Participants with their own boats can launch at Kayak Amelia; those without kayaks can rent either single (\$30) or tandem (\$45). Kayak Amelia will waive the launch fee and offer a 10 percent discount.

The paddle will be in calm water and is suitable for beginners. The trip will be led by Len Kreger, a certified Sierra Outings Leader; RSVP at L.Kreger@comcast.net or (904) 432-8389.

Butterfly pea good choice for area gardens

Q. I have this pretty vine in a wooded area behind my house. The flowers are purple and they are about an inch long. They look similar to a large pea flower. Do you have any idea what they might be? KR

A. The flowers you described are probably one of the butterfly pea vines in the genus *Centrosema* or



GARDEN TALK

Becky Jordi

Clitoria. This deciduous vine produces flowers from late spring through the summer. Butterfly pea grows in full sun to partial shade which attracts wildlife such as birds and butterflies. Just today, as I was identifying trees in one of our local parks, I saw a zebra longwing drawing nectar from its flower.

Butterfly pea prefers acid, sandy soils commonly found in this area. You can propagate it easily by collecting seeds. If you decide to plant it in your yard, it might be best to keep it away from sprinkler heads. Consider giving the butterfly pea plenty of room to grow or a trellis to climb. This plant can be found as far west as Illinois, north to New Jersey and south to the Virgin Islands.

Q. What can you tell me about pineapple guava? SD

A. Every year, Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) put out a list of top plants of the year. This year, *Feijoa sellowiana*, or pineapple guava, was on the list. Several others listed such as perennial peanut, autumn fern, firebush, silver saw palmetto, Summer Wave pansy, winged elm, and Walter's viburnum (compact) can be grown in this area.

Pineapple guava has gray-green evergreen leaves and it produces pretty, pink spring flowers. Pineapple guava tolerates most any type of soil condition providing it is well drained. It can be planted in full sun or partial shade although too much shade reduces the production of flowers and fruit. Pineapple guava is highly drought and salt spray tolerant. It can be propagated by seed or cut-



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The butterfly pea vine produces pretty, pink flowers.



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The pineapple guava is listed as one of the top plants for 2009.

loud noises from dinner time until it is dark? I do not really notice the noise during the day. DO

A. The insect is probably the cicada. Which one is it? Well, identifying it might be a little tough since there are almost 20 different species of cicada found in Florida.

I have tried capturing them for my insect collection but have had very little success thus far. Cicadas can be identified by their "song" and this website from the University of Florida might help you: www.entnemdept.ufl.edu/walker/buzz/c700f1.htm. I listened to the dusk singing cicada, *Tibicen auletes* (German), which might be the cicada you are hearing especially since it sings at dusk.

Some cicadas have long life cycle periods and emerge in 13- or 17-year intervals. These cyclical or periodical cicadas do not live in Florida; cicadas are produced here annually. Cicadas rarely cause any significant damage to vegetables or ornamental plants in Florida. Although their size, which can be over 2 1/2 inches long, makes them somewhat menacing, we need not be afraid of them as they do not sting or bite. Cicadas are an important part of the food chain in forest and home landscapes as they are a source of food for birds and small mammals.

Rebecca Jordi, UF/IFAS Nassau County Horticultural Extension Agent, is a University of Florida faculty member. Extension locations are the satellite office at the County Building in Yulee and the main Extension Office in Callahan. The UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Garden is located at the James S. Page Governmental Complex and demonstrates best management practices for Northeast Florida. Mail questions to Garden Talk, c/o Rebecca Jordi, Nassau County Extension, 543350 US 1, Callahan, FL 32011. Visit <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu>. rjordi@ufl.edu

tings. Pineapple guava can be used as a hedge or allowed to form a tree reaching heights of 15 feet with an equal spread. Edible fruit is produced, which apparently tastes somewhat like pineapple, although I have not had the privilege of tasting it yet. A University of Florida publication by Dr. Ed Gilman and the Forestry Department can be found at: <http://hort.ufl.edu/trees/FEISELA.pdf>.

The following website contains FNGLA's listing the 2009 Plants of the Year: www.fngla.org/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=805. Perennial peanut can be seen at two of Nassau County's Extension demonstration gardens: Nassau County Extension Yulee satellite office and the Nassau County Courthouse in Fernandina Beach. The Walter's viburnum can be seen at the Nassau County Demonstration Garden located at the James S. Page Governmental Complex in Yulee along with dozens of other easy to grow plants for this area.

For more information on the demonstration sites please contact Rebecca Jordi at 548-1116 or e-mail at rjordi@ufl.edu.

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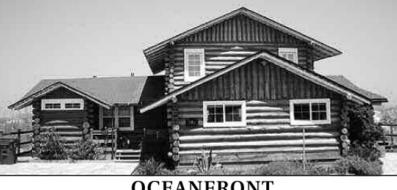
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Gardens bloom as economy struggles

Burlington, N.J. - A recent market research survey conducted by the National Gardening Association shows that 43 million Americans will be growing a garden this year as opposed to 36 million in 2008. "It's not surprising," says avid gardener and author of the book *Vegetable Gardening for the Average Person*, Michael Podlesny. "People are looking for ways to save money in this down economy, and growing your own food is a great way."

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, \$50 in seeds can produce over \$1,200 in produce.

Even first lady Michelle Obama has started a vegetable garden at the White House. With the help of school children, the first lady's garden will become the first since Eleanor Roosevelt's victory gardens to feed the families of troops.

Podlesny's book is available from his website, AveragePersonGardening.com.

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Tubers enjoy themselves as they drift down the Ichetucknee River at a relaxing pace. The river runs slowly, providing a calm, relaxing atmosphere to its visitors. Ichetucknee State Park attracts nearly 200,000 visitors each year for scuba diving, tubing, kayaking and canoeing.

Journey down Ichetucknee River

Columbia County, in north Florida, is home to three easily accessible rivers: the Suwannee River borders the county to the north, the Ichetucknee River and Springs is on the county's western border and the scenic Santa Fe River borders the county to the south.

Of the three, the Ichetucknee River, located in Ichetucknee State Park, attracts nearly 200,000 visitors each year who journey to the river to tube down its serene, but chilly length.

The river travels slowly through scenic, shaded hammocks that stand guard over the six

miles of wetlands and cypress trees until the Ichetucknee joins the equally beautiful Santa Fe River.

In 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior declared the head spring of the river, located near its north entrance, a National Landmark.

In addition to tubing the Ichetucknee, visitors can enjoy picnicking, snorkeling, canoeing, swimming, hiking and wildlife viewing. Picnic areas, equipped with tables and grills, are available throughout the park and a full-service concession offers food, refreshments and outdoor products from Memorial Day through

Labor Day.

October through March, scuba diving is available in the Blue Hole for cave-certified divers only.

The Ichetucknee is a year-round tourist attraction, and once summer's heat begins to dissipate into fall's cool prelude, it is the perfect season for visitors and local residents to become acquainted with the natural environment that frames the river.

There is plenty to see as the park comes alive with the first blush of autumn colors and fall's early moderate temperatures invite a peaceful walk in the park.

It's an ideal time of

year for a leisurely stroll along the park's nature trails and to get reacquainted with fresh air, leaves rustling in the treetops and, for the sharp-eyed, a chance to catch a glimpse of the furry and feathered residents of the park.

Whitetail deer, raccoons, wild turkeys, wood ducks and great blue herons can be seen from the river year-around.

Yet the view from a canoe or kayak as it slowly carries it occupants lazily downstream provides the viewer with a slowly changing panorama of the park that can only be appreciated from the water.

About Ichetucknee Springs State Park

■ **Address:** 12087 S.W. U.S. Highway 27, Fort White, Fl. 32038. (386) 497-4690.

■ **Hours:** 8 a.m. until sundown 365 days a year.

■ **Driving Directions:**

From the north, take I-75 south to exit 423. Take SR 47 south, turn on CR 238 and follow the park signs. From the south, take I-75 north to exit 399. Take US 441 north to the city of High Springs. Take US 27 north to Ft. White, stay on US 27 north approximately 4 miles to the South Park Entrance.

■ **Admission:** \$6 per vehicle. Limit two to eight people per vehicle. No river use. \$4 single occupant vehicle. \$2 pedestrians,

bicyclists, extra passengers, passengers in vehicle with holder of Annual Individual Entrance Pass.

■ **River Use Fees:** \$5 per person: canoeing. \$5 per person, tubing from north entrance during summer season (begins the Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day). Children 5 and under are free. \$5 per person, tubing from south entrance during summer season. Children 5 and under are free.

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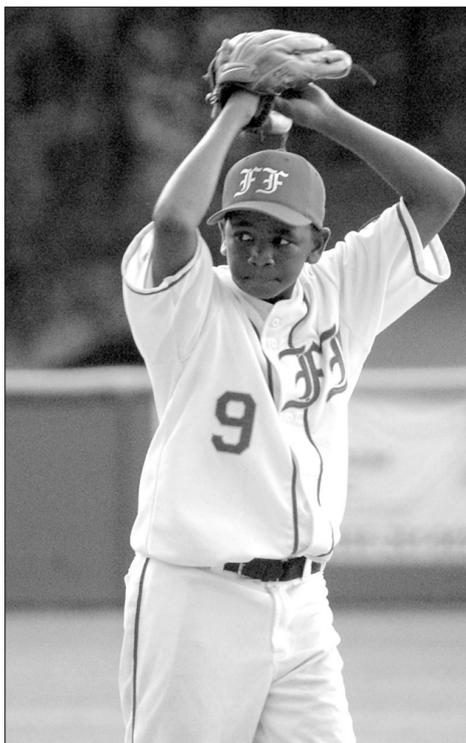
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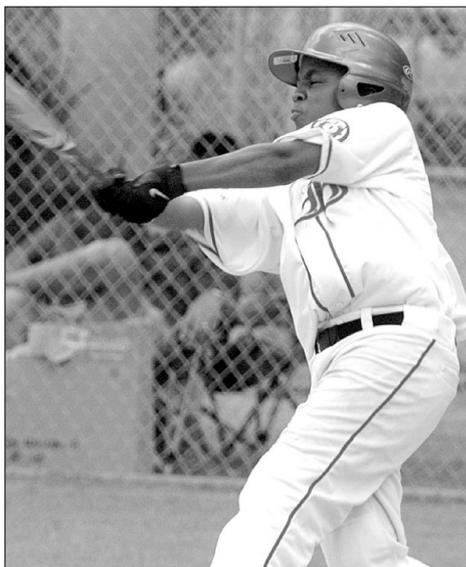
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SOUTHEAST REGIONAL TOURNEY



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER
Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth is hosting the 14-and-under Southeast Regional Allstar Tournament this week at Buccaneer Sports Complex and games got under way Thursday morning. Twelve teams are participating, including Fernandina Beach, which was scheduled to take on the defending champions of Greenville, N.C., Thursday before the rains came. Prior to the first pitch of that game, Longwood took on Bahamas, Nassau, in the first round of the tournament. Above, a Longwood pitcher fires from the pitcher's mound and, below, a Bahamas runner rounds third base. Right top, a Bahamas batter reacts to a strike. Right center, a Bahamas pitcher on the mound. Right bottom, another Bahamas batter takes a swing. Games continue through Wednesday. For information, visit www.leaguelineup/fernandina. Admission to games for ages 13 and up is \$20 for a week pass or \$5 a day.



▼ GOLF Tourney today and Saturday

The fifth annual ALS Amelia Island Golf Classic, held in memory of John Louis O'Day, will be held July 31 at Long Point Golf Club at the Amelia Island Plantation. Proceeds benefit the ALS Association, Florida chapter.

Registration is at 10:30 a.m. and shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m. Format is a four-person scramble. Buffet lunch is from 11 a.m. until the start of play.

Cocktail reception, awards, raffle and silent auction are from 5-7 p.m. Players receive a complimentary raffle ticket; winners must be present to claim prizes.

Entry fee is \$150 per player or \$600 per foursome. The reception only is \$75 per person.

Contests include hole-in-one, longest drive (men and women), closest to the pin (men and women), putting on putting green. Awards go to first through fifth net team and first and second gross team.

Often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is a progressive and usually fatal neuromuscular disease that robs the body of its ability to walk, speak, swallow and breathe.

For information, contact Mark O'Day at 553-0576 or odaym25@aol.com or visit www.ALSGolfAmelia.com.

Armstrong event

Fernandina Beach Golf Club is hosting a golf tournament and clinic featuring renowned golf pro Wally Armstrong.

Armstrong will be the guest speaker as well as offer a clinic before the tournament. While he has played professionally and taught golf since 1968, Armstrong's true passion is sharing his faith with others through the game of golf.

This event takes place Aug. 1. Cost is \$75 per person and includes dinner.

Everyone is invited as Armstrong shares about his career in golf and his faith journey in life. For information or to sign up, call the church office at 261-3617 or contact Scott Womble at the golf course at 277-7370.

Upcoming scrambles

Fernandina Beach Golf Club will host a scramble for the Fernandina Beach Men's Golf Association Aug. 8. The event is a backward tournament. Another scramble will be held Sept. 19.

The final two events of 2009 for the FBMGA are the October Four Ball Oct. 3-4 — a two-day, 36-hole, two-man team competition — and the Christmas Scramble — an 18-hole ABCD team competition with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start.

For information, call 277-7370.

Stringer suits continue; Riddell latest defendant

My son told me the other day that he doesn't like wearing a hat when he is at the beach because it makes him hot. This seems pretty obvious, doesn't it? If you wear something on your head, it is going to be hotter. By the way, my son is nine.

This brings me to Corey Stringer. As you may recall Stringer was the 27-year-old, 335-pound Minnesota Vikings All-Pro tackle who died during training camp in July 2001 due to heat stroke. Stringer's temperature reached 108.8 degrees when he collapsed on the field and died the next day.

Heat stroke is a life-threatening condition that can occur with exercise in the extreme temperatures. Body temperature of over 104 degrees can cause the body's internal thermometer to fail so heat is not disposed of adequately and the body cannot cool down in the usual way.

Kelci Stringer, the wife of Corey Stringer, filed a \$100 million lawsuit against the NFL, the Vikings and the team doctors, citing wrongful death. She has since settled with the NFL and the Vikings for an undisclosed amount of money. The NFL also agreed to support the creation of a heat illness prevention program for athletes of all ages. She has also



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GREGORY SMITH, M.D.

met manufacturer is legally responsible in Stringer's death. The judge concluded Riddell had a duty to warn Stringer his helmet could make him hotter when wearing it in warm conditions and, therefore, could potentially contribute to heatstroke.

Stringer played football for years. You mean, we are supposed to believe he didn't know wearing a helmet made you hotter? What player doesn't know wearing a helmet

settled with the physicians involved with the care of Viking players.

She is now suing the Riddell Corporation, the maker of the helmet Stringer was wearing that day, saying the company should have warned him his helmet could make him hotter and, thus, put him at increased risk for heat stroke and, therefore, contributed to his death.

Much to my surprise, a judge agrees that she has a legitimate claim. A U.S. district court judge in Ohio has called for a jury trial to determine whether the Riddell helmet

makes you hotter? They all know it. My nine-year-old son knows it.

The preliminary judge wrote it was "reasonably foreseeable that a user of Riddell's helmets and shoulder pads during extremely hot and humid conditions might suffer from a heat stroke and, thus, Riddell owed Stringer a duty to warn."

I have a really nice ski jacket. It is down-filled. Now, if I chose to wear it in July and went out and exercised, it could make me hot — I mean really hot to the point where my body temperature could climb to dangerous conditions. But should there be a warning label on my jacket for just such a thing? Does the jacket maker owe me a duty to warn?

The trial is set to take place in November and, regardless of the outcome, Stringer's spokesman James Gould believes this is already a landmark decision because it makes the connection between the equipment and heat stroke.

"The best way to uphold Stringer's legacy is to make sure what happened to Corey doesn't happen to any other football player, from the NFL all the way down to kids in Pop Warner," Gould said.

He went on to say "any manufacturer who sells football helmets and shoulder pads, and

any league, coach or equipment manager who uses such equipment without a heat stroke warning does so at his own peril."

I spoke with Jeffrey Reel, who teaches a sports law course as an adjunct professor at the Florida Coastal School of Law, for a legal opinion on this matter.

"When you're dealing with products liability, the plaintiff can claim that the manufacturer owed a duty to warn consumers about a potentially dangerous aspect of the product," Reel said. "Of course, you're going to have to convince a jury that a reasonable person would need such a warning and that not providing such a warning was one of the main factors that caused the injury, or death in this case. Those will be difficult arguments to make in the Stringer case."

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 your physician. Mail your questions to Gregory Smith, M.D., Sports Medicine, 1250 S. 18th St., Suite 204, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Call 261-8787 or visit www.gsmithmd.com.

SPORTS SHORTS

Sign up for soccer

Amelia Island Youth Soccer online registration is still open through Aug. 2. Visit www.aiysoccer.com.

Elm Street awards banquet

Elm Street Little League will hold its award banquet at 2 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center. For information, contact Wayne Peterson at 753-1663.

Round robin tennis tourney at AIP

To raise additional funds for the Interfaith Dinner Network, which benefits Hope House clients, Amelia Island Plantation will be sponsoring a round robin tennis tournament Aug. 8. The tournament is open to players of all levels, men and women, for \$30 per person, including lunch. The tournament will be divided into social and competitive players with a grand prize of a new Head tennis racquet plus a 20 percent discount for participants at Amelia Island Plantation's tennis pro shop.

Courts open for warm-up at 9 a.m. and play begins at 9:30 a.m. Lunch with overview of IDN is at noon. After lunch, courts open to all participants at no extra charge for additional play.

Call the Pro Shop 277-5145 to register. Payment may be made upon arrival with all profits donated directly to the IDN.

IDN is a non-profit organization as a part of the Homeless Coalition of Nassau County, which works with the ministerial association to offer dinners to the homeless and hungry and those in need of temporary help within the community. This pilot project involves 12 churches on Amelia Island with dinners prepared and served at the Salvation Army's Hope House at Ninth and Date streets. The teams have served more than 3,000 plates in 2009. They are expanding the program to include Yulee and Callahan.

Umpires recruited

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Back to School beach run

The second annual Back to School Beach Fun Run/Walk 5K (3.1 miles) or 2K (one mile) will be held Oct. 17 at Peters Point on A1A. The event starts at low tide, 4 p.m. Registration information will be available in August. The day includes music, food and awards. Begin training now. Students participate for free. Proceeds benefit Communities in Schools of Nassau County.

Baseball, softball lessons

Baseball and softball lessons are being offered by Coach Shelly Hall for ages five to high school. Call 583-0377 for information.

YMCA flag football

The McArthur Family YMCA teams up with the Jacksonville Jaguars and NFL Flag Football for its fall youth flag football program. Register through Aug. 8. Practices begin the week of Aug. 24. The season kicks off Sept. 5 and the last game will be held Oct. 24. All games will be played Saturday mornings. Games and practices will be held at the fields behind Kmart in Fernandina Beach.

The league is open to anyone ages 4-14 as of Aug. 1. Cost is \$50 for YMCA members and \$100 for non-members (financial assistance is available). All players receive a NFL Flag Football jersey and an end-of-the-season award. Call 261-1080 or visit <http://www.firstcoastymca.org/mcarthur-branch>.

YMCA fall volleyball

The McArthur Family YMCA is introducing a new fall volleyball league. Register through Aug. 8. Practices start the week of Aug. 24. The season runs Sept. 10 through Oct. 29. All games and practices will be held in the McArthur YMCA gymnasium with games on Thursday nights.

The league is open to anyone ages 8-14 as of Aug. 1. Cost is \$50 for YMCA members and \$100 for non-members (financial assistance is available). All players receive a volleyball jersey and an award at the end of the season. Call 261-1080 or visit <http://www.firstcoastymca.org/mcarthur-branch>.

YMCA tennis camp

The McArthur Family YMCA is teaming up with Amelia Island Plantation to hold a tennis skills camp this summer. The camp is available for kids ages 8-14. Cost is \$85 for members; \$100 for non-members. There will be two sessions in August, Aug. 10-14 and Aug. 17-21. The camp will be held at the Amelia Island Plantation tennis facility and will be led by the AIP tennis pros. For registration information, contact the YMCA at 261-1080 or e-mail tchris-tenson@firstcoastymca.org.

Soccer referee course offered

The following soccer clubs are hosting the Grade 8 (entry level) referee course. Visit <http://fsr-inc.com/Welcom.aspx> to register. Contact Mike Goodman, director of coaching of Amelia Island Youth Soccer, at aiydoc@aiysoccer.com with questions.

- First Coast Soccer Club from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 1, from 1-6 p.m. Aug. 2 (test day) at Kumon Math & Reading Center, 13947 Beach Blvd., Ste. 109, Jacksonville.

- Westside Soccer Club from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 8 and from 1-4:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at Venetia Terrace Baptist Church (by Westside Soccer fields), 5284 118 St., Jacksonville.

- Creeks Soccer Club from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 15 and from noon to 5 p.m. Aug. 16 (test day) at Veterans Park (Creeks Soccer complex), 1332 Veterans Parkway, Jacksonville.

- Jacksonville Soccer Club from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 22 and from 1-6 p.m. Aug. 23 (test night) at Chuck Rogers soccer park behind First Christian Church of Jacksonville, 11924 San Jose Road, Jacksonville.

Sports association

The Nassau County Sports Association meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the county building, Yulee. Call 261-1075 or 277-1609 for information.

Turtle Trot Sept. 5

An earlier start and some free extras are in store for participants in this year's Turtle Trot 5K/10K race and 1.5-mile walk on Labor Day weekend. The annual event will begin at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 5, a half hour earlier than last year.

After the race, runners can freshen up with a free shower at the Atlantic Recreation Center and spend the rest of the day on Amelia Island. Runners and walkers can present their race bib for free admission to Fort Clinch State Park for the remainder of the day. An awards ceremony with door prizes will follow the event with a grand prize of a four-day, three-night stay at the Amelia Island Plantation.

The race will again feature professional scoring from 1st Place Sports in Jacksonville, using an electronic chip-timing system. The 5K, 10K and 1.5-mile non-competitive walk will start and finish at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center with the last half of the 10K running through Fort Clinch State Park.

Half-mile and one-mile fun runs for children 10 and younger will begin at 9 a.m. In another change this year, the kids' runs will be free. The goal is to encourage young people to run and make the entire event more affordable for families, Hill said. Registration is required and youth finishers will receive a ribbon at the end of their run.

A popular feature is returning this year — original T-shirt artwork by Fernandina Beach artist and sea turtle volunteer Sandra Baker-Hinton. All pre-registered walkers and 5K/10K runners will receive a T-shirt with shirts available on race day while supplies last. Proceeds benefit the Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch and sea turtle patrols inside Fort Clinch State Park along with the running club's youth running programs.

Entry fees through Aug. 28 will be \$20 per person or \$15 for members of Amelia Island Runners. After Aug. 28 through race day, the fee will be \$25 for everyone. Entry forms and online registration are available at the club's website, www.AmeliaIslandRunners.com. Forms are also available at Club 14 Fitness, Red Otter Outfitters and other locations. Visit the AIR website or call 277-3676.

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.; meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Call Commodore Charlie Steinkamp at 261-5213 or visit www.ameliainslandsailing.org.

Challenger Bowling

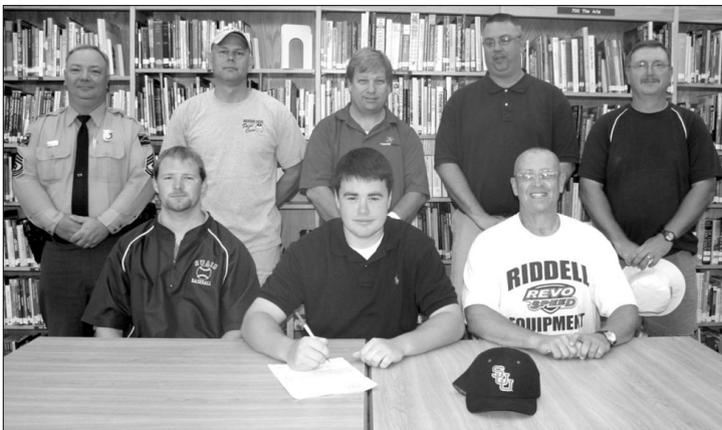
Nassau Challenger Bowling League for the physically and mentally challenged meets the second Saturday of the month from 3-5 p.m. at the Strikers Family Bowling Center in Yulee. Call Melinda Willaford at 261-3136.

FISHING COUSINS



Cousins Chad Schreck, above, and Vett Sanders, left, caught these fish July 21. Schreck caught a 24-pound king mackerel and Sanders landed a 12-pound king mackerel in the waters off Amelia Island. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

COLLEGE BOUND



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Recent Swain County High School graduate Nick Lancaster signed a scholarship to play baseball at the collegiate level for Southern Utah University after an astounding four-year career with the Maroon Devils in Bryson City, N.C., that included two conference championships and two all-conference recognitions. The hard-working first and third baseman is the son of Todd and Janene Lancaster and the grandson of Don and Gail Lancaster, who reside in Fernandina Beach. Taking part in the signing were Lancaster's coaches, who have helped him progress throughout the years, front row from left, SCHS baseball coach David Peterson, SCHS athletic director Frank Maennle, Chuck McMahan, Jim Hipp, Todd Lancaster, Kevin Allman and Perry Shuler. A special thanks goes to the Burbank family of Fernandina Beach for the excellent batting cages that contributed to his success.

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David Thompson of Atlanta, Ga., fished on Jim Wilson's "Gray Beard" sport fishing boat and boated this 34-pound king mackerel. The big king hit a live pogie fished on the top between St Marys channel markers one and two. Charlie Hooks was also fishing aboard the "Gray Beard."



SPECIAL PHOTOS

Steve Pickett's "4/0" kingfish team took home this brand new 15-foot Carolina Skiff, Mercury outboard and a Loadmaster boat trailer when Spencer Lesage reeled in his winning 37.4-pound king mackerel. Pictured, from left, standing, are Steve Pickett, William Lesage, Walker Palmer and Steve Pickett, Jr.; in the boat, from left, are Charlie Palmer, Spencer Lesage, Carter Pickett and Colby Lesage. Not pictured: Jimmy Pickett.

Drum at south jetty rocks

Capt. Danny Flynn reports a nice school of red drum holding at the tip of the St. Marys south jetty rocks during the incoming tide. Flynn has also been leading his charter clients to St. Marys jetty tarpon weighing to just over 100 pounds. Both red drum and tarpon are taking live pogies fished on the bottom with 30- to 50-pound class fishing tackle.

With a high tide arriving at 5:48 a.m., both tarpon and red bass fishermen will miss a morning rising tide. The last few hours of the falling tide historically produce both tarpon and red drum while anchoring on the river side at the tip of the St. Marys south jetties and also fishing right on the bottom with live pogies.

FA is still a good bet this weekend for a variety of pelagic species, including king mackerel, cobia, barracuda, grouper and red snapper. Some of the more successful sport fishing boats are anchoring over a rock ledge and fishing on the bottom with live cigar minnows, mullet or menhaden for grouper and red snapper. Live baits are also drifted off from the stern for king mackerel, cobia and the occasional sailfish or dolphin.

Large menhaden schools continue to hold just off the beaches at the north end of Cumberland Island and just off the beaches of Amelia Island from Main Beach to Amelia Island Plantation. The St. Marys sea buoy is a good bet for jigging up a livewell full of cigar



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Backwater fishermen will experience a perfect high falling tide while targeting redfish, sea trout and those hard fighting jack crevalle with topwater plugs. Some of the more productive topwater plugs include the Chug Bug, Devil's Horse, Skitter Walk and the Top Dog in mullet color patterns.

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 the office at 511 Ash St. in Fernandina Beach. Call Beth Jones at 261-3696 for information.

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'Learning Community' opens Saturday

JASON YURGARTIS
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Have you ever wanted to start your own business, make money selling collectibles on eBay or plan your own special events? Do you want to learn how to make homemade sushi, brush up on your digital photography skills or grow and cultivate plants in your own garden?

It might sound like a transcript of a late night infomercial, but if you answered yes to any of these questions, you need not order instructional DVDs, stock up on how-to books or travel to a university, because continuing education will soon be offered by the local community for the local community.

On Saturday, The Learning Community, located at the corner of Eighth and Gum streets, will open its doors. And it will offer more than 50 classes in fields ranging from business and cooking to art and fitness—all aimed at providing educational opportunities for adults that foster personal development, enhance a sense of community and encourage social interaction, according to TLC founder and president Nancy Rossiter.

With the help of a couple of investors, Rossiter is trying to keep things cost-effective and pass the savings on to interested members of the community.

"We're trying to bootstrap our way

Learn more

If you're interested in taking a class, want to look at a course catalog or have expertise you wish to share by teaching a class, visit The Learning Community website at tlnf.com or contact Nancy Rossiter at nancy@tlnf.com.



President and founder of The Learning Community Nancy Rossiter stands next to a sign that will hang outside the company's building on the corner of Eighth and Gum streets. The grand opening is Saturday.

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NEWS-LEADER

to keep our classes really affordable," she said. "They run from about \$50 for a single class to a little more expensive for the continuing classes that meet over a period of six weeks."

Classes offered as one-time meetings might later be adapted to more specific areas of interest or extended for more in-depth learning. Feedback from students is the primary way Rossiter will gauge the nature and scope of class offerings.

"The idea is if we offer a marketing class as a one shot deal and there's interest in a specific aspect of marketing like direct marketing, we can focus on that and offer it the next time the catalog comes out and we can get someone to teach that kind of class," she said.

And if the current offerings aren't a hit, Rossiter said the course catalog could also be adjusted as different classes are offered on a quarterly basis.

"At this point our art classes and our fitness classes are our most popular," she said. "We've had a lot of reg-

istrations coming basically from our website — they've been filling up pretty quickly along with some of the writing classes. So we may find that there just isn't a huge demand for the business classes and we can just switch focus."

But Rossiter said this adaptability wouldn't be possible without the support of the instructors, from whom she said she has received an overwhelmingly positive response.

"Maybe it's something about people that are successful want to give

back," Rossiter said. "But just about everyone I contacted, whether I knew them or it was a cold call, was interested. A lot of our instructors don't even want to get paid — tlnf.com we pay our instructors — but they're just like, 'Don't worry about it, we'd love to do it, it sounds like a lot of fun.' And that helps us out a lot with our bootstrapping."

Even her landlord, Phil Griffin, has been supportive, allowing them

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Gullah/Geechee Nation celebration

Festival Aug. 21-23

For the News-Leader

The official festival of the Gullah/Geechee Nation, the Gullah/Geechee Nation International Music & Movement Festival, will take people on a historic three-day journey to the Golden Isles Aug. 21-23.

This annual celebration, which includes events in Yulee, Nassauville and American Beach, highlights authentic presentations of Gullah/Geechee culture by natives of the Gullah/Geechee Nation.

A special ancestral tribute will be held at noon Aug. 21 in Savannah, Ga., at the African American statue on River Street and continue on the water as the attendees process over to Hutchinson Island, which is part of the unique Gullah/Geechee story. A Gullah/Geechee Tour of Savannah will follow.

On Aug. 22 in Brunswick, Ga., celebrate Gullah/Geechee Reunion Day in celebration of "Queen Quet Day" beginning at 9 a.m. with a historic Gullah/Geechee Tour of Brunswick, Jekyll and St. Simons islands. An ancestral tribute will be held at the site of the Wanderer Memorial.

The Wanderer was the last enslavement vessel documented as coming into the Georgia area of what is now the Gullah/Geechee Nation. Gullah/Geechee culture came about due to the hardships of one of the greatest crimes against humanity — chattel enslavement. Yet, from hardship came a rich African traditional culture that continues to exist in spite of the odds against it.

The true existence of the culture will be represented through the various artistic, musical and historic presentations that will take place at Howard Coffin Park in Brunswick, Ga., beginning at noon on Saturday.

The event will end at 6 p.m. to allow the attendees to

GULLAH Continued on 2B



Queen Quet

Enjoy night of jazz at the Palace

For the News-Leader

A swinging jazz concert will preview the 2009 Les DeMerle Amelia Island Jazz Festival on Aug. 20 from 7-9 p.m. at the Palace Saloon in Fernandina Beach.

The event, which will benefit the educational programs and concerts of the festival, will feature The Dynamic Les DeMerle Jazz All Stars, with vocalist Bonnie Eisele, along with a special guest, multi-instrumentalist Dr. Bill Prince.

A former player with, among others, Buddy Rich and Clark Terry, Prince is professor emeritus of music at the University of North Florida.

The Palace show has become a fun-filled festival tradition that showcases some of the musicians scheduled to play, along with the various styles of jazz to be performed, at this year's

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'HEAVENLY COMEDY'

"Forever Plaid," an Off-Broadway '50's musical, runs through Aug. 30 at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre, 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. You may remember such '50's singing groups as The High Lows, The Crew Cuts and The Four Freshmen. You probably won't remember The Four Plaids. As the story goes, they were run over by a busload of schoolgirls enroute to hear The Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show. Now, back from heaven, The Plaids have returned to perform the show they never got to do. For reservations and information call (904) 641-1212.

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Film festival accepting submissions for winter event

For the News-Leader

Amelia Island Film Festival will hold its second annual "Festival for Filmmakers" Feb. 25-28 in Fernandina Beach.

The AIFF is now accepting films in the categories of

Feature (longer than 40 minutes), Short (1 minute and shorter than 40 minutes), Animation, Documentary, Narrative Fiction, Other Than English, Northeast Florida & Southeast Georgia Special Interest, Action, Adventure,

Comedy, Drama, Educational, Horror, Musical, Romantic Comedy, Satire Social Issue and Sci-Fi. Do you have an Amelia Island home video? Organizers would love to see it. Visit www.ameliaisland-filmfestival.org to download

the application form.

Sponsors also are a crucial financial backbone for the festival. Visit www.ameliaisland-filmfestival.org to learn more, or contact Tony McAdoo or Che Cantrell at (904) 335-1110 or 753-0987.

OFF & ON THE ISLAND

BENEFIT SHOW

The first benefit show on Amelia Island for the Harvest of Hope Foundation will be held at Café Karibo, 27 North 3rd St., Aug. 1 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Café Karibo has agreed to donate half the profits from its pub beer and homemade sangria to



the Harvest of Hope Foundation. Established in 1997, the foundation provides emergency and educational financial aid to migrant farmworkers across the country.

Performing will be the Mike Bernos Trio of

Jacksonville. The three-member band will play acoustic selections from their upcoming album "With These Hands," which features two songs about migrant farmworkers.

PAW PRINTS SALE

Nassau Humane Society will hold its annual Paw Prints Book and Plant Sale on Friday, Aug. 7 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach airport. Please drop off your



unwanted books, CDs, DVDs, artwork or other items at the shelter located at 671 Airport Road. All donations are tax deductible.

Contact Gail 206-4092 or Sandra 321-2319 with questions.

LEMONADE STAND

Visit Petco in Yulee Aug. 1 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for the kickoff of Cats Angels' "Alter Nassauville" program and PETCO's "Operation Alteration" spay and neuter project.

Teens from Disney Friends for Change, a group dedicated to helping the environment, will sell lemonade to help raise funds for the programs.

Cats Angels will have cats and kittens, and even a few dogs, available for adoption, and will sell tickets for its Super Raffle.

The drawing is Aug. 15.

'NOUVEAU ART'

The Island Art Association's next Nouveau Art show, "Vibrant Colors," will run from Aug. 3-

Sept. 30.

An opening reception will be held Aug. 8 from 5-8 p.m. at the gallery, 18 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach. For information call 261-7020.

SHAKESPEARE AT ACT

Tickets are on sale at Amelia Community Theatre for a touring production of the energetic comedy, "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare. Abridged." Performances are at 8 p.m. Aug. 7 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 8 at the theater, 209 Cedar St. Adult tickets are \$15; student tickets are \$10.

The show is a mix of "pratfalls, puns, clunky female impersonations, clean-cut ribaldry and broad burlesque. The gung-ho vitality is impossible to resist," says the *New York Times*.

Call 261-6749 for tickets and information, or come by the box office between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Submit items to Siân Perry, sperry@fbnewsleader.com



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OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

Kinderstudios will hold registration from 3:30-6:30 p.m. today for ages 2 to adult in musical theater, classical ballet, hip hop, drama, ballet/tap/jazz combination classes and tumbling. Call 415-0954 or visit www.kinderstudios.com.

A **radio controlled model boat fun sail and exhibition** will be held **Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at Amelia Island Plantation**. All model boats are welcome, working or not, finished or not, except gas powered. Spectators, including supervised children, especially welcome.

Call Hal Mather at 261-6420 for details and to arrange for a pass at the security gate.

Ballroom dance lessons with Felix Solis start Aug. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Club 14 Fitness on 14th Street and meet each Tuesday in August. Cost is \$60 per couple/\$30 individuals for members and \$100 and \$50 respectively for non-members. Contact Kristen M. DeRoo at 206-4414 to reserve your spot.

"The Second Chances," a documentary television-like magazine show about those challenged by adversity, will be **screened at 6:45 p.m. Aug. 4 at Long Point Clubhouse**, 2 Long Point Drive, Amelia Island Plantation.

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served beginning at 6 p.m.

The short program features Fernandina Beach resident KCJ Szwedzinski, a former drug addict who with her mother BJ created Project Chance, which specializes in raising and training service dogs for children with autism. For information, call 261-6161 or visit thesecondchances.com.

The **Association for Retarded Citizens** will hold an **open house at 6 p.m. on Aug. 6** at ARC/Nassau, 86051 Hamilton St. in Yulee.

Tickets are on sale for **"Seven Days of Fine Dining,"** a drawing to win **seven dinner-for-two gift certificates** to local restaurants. A tax-deductible donation of \$50 enters you in the drawing, with proceeds benefiting the **TLC Pregnancy Center**, 410 S. Ninth St., dedicated to empowering women and men to make informed decisions about pregnancy and sexual integrity. Call the center at 321-2008 to make a donation and enter the drawing, which will be held **Aug. 7**. Only 100 tickets will be sold.

The **Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary** will host a **Fuzzy Bean Candle and Health Fair** from **7 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 14** in the conference room of the hospital, featuring unique candles and interesting health products. All visitors will be treated to a free mini-massage.

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Woodstock with **Woodstock at the Nassau Humane Society Dog Park** on **Aug. 15 from 5-10 p.m.** Enjoy mellow music by Hupp and Ray. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids and includes catfish and hotdogs, coleslaw, fries and dessert. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Best-dressed wins a prize. Bring your lawn chairs – but not your dogs – and be ready to party!

Tickets are available at the Nassau Humane Society Dog Park (across from the Fernandina Beach airport) and Redbones Dog Bakery on South Eighth Street in the Pelican Palms Plaza.

Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA will hold its annual **Walk and Candlelight Vigil** commemorating **International Homeless Animals Day** on **Aug. 15 at Central Park** on Atlantic Avenue in Fernandina Beach.

The two-mile walk starts at 6:30 p.m. and is followed by a candlelight vigil. Contact Cats Angels at 321-2267, e-mail catsangels@bellsouth.net or

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MUSIC NOTES

Whitby Quinn

Robert Sanders and Michael J. Howerton will perform as Whitby Quinn on Aug. 1 from 7-10 p.m. at Indigo Alley, located at 316 Centre St.

As Whitby Quinn, the Fernandina Beach songwriters, Sanders (lead vocal/acoustic guitar) and Howerton (vocals/acoustic and electric guitar) combine their performance and songwriting talents in an acoustic eclectic sound that is reminiscent of America, Eagles and James Taylor.

Whitby Quinn's show comprises mainly original music with blend of familiar cover tunes. The duo's CD "She's Gone" will be available at a special show price.

Surflineup

The Surf Restaurant and Bar, 3199 S. Fletcher Ave., Reggie Lee 6-10 p.m. tonight and 1-5 p.m. Aug. 1; Gary Keniston 6-10 p.m. Aug. 1 and noon-4 p.m. Aug. 2; Reggie Lee 5-9 p.m. Aug. 2; Andy Haney 5-9 p.m. Aug. 3; Stevie "Fingers" 5-9 p.m. Aug. 4; and DJ Roc 5 p.m. till late Aug. 5. Call 261-5711.

Emery in concert

Post-hardcore band, Emery, will perform at the Murray Hill Theatre in Jacksonville on Aug. 4. Their newest album, "In Shallow Seas We Sail," released June 2, debuted at number 50 on Billboard's Top 200 chart. For more information visit www.emerymusic.com.

Sounds on Centre

The next "Sounds on

Centre" concert and street dance, hosted by the Historic Fernandina Business Association, is from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 7 with music by Face For Radio.

Bring your lawn chairs and dancing shoes. Snacks and beverages will be available and there will be drawings for prizes.

Gene Knaga

Gene Knaga plays from 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays at the Kofe Hous, 822 Sadler Road, with acoustic renditions of today's (and yesterday's) popular contemporary Christian songs. Call 277-7663.

Instant Groove

The Instant Groove plays from 8 p.m. to midnight each Thursday at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island.

Evolution

Evolution, with acoustic rock and ballads, plays every Friday and Saturday from 6-9 p.m. at Sandy Bottoms, 2910 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Call 310-6904.

DJ fun

Enjoy Karaoke at the 11th Frame Lounge in Yulee Bowling Center Saturdays 9 p.m.-close and at the Palace Saloon Sundays 10 p.m.-1 a.m. with DJ Lamar & DJ Rock Candy. Ladies Night Out (Party with Rock Candy) is at the 11th Frame Lounge in the Yulee Bowling Center on Tuesdays 8 p.m.-close.

For information, contact DJ Lamar at (904) 349-1405, djlamarmail@yahoo.com or myspace.com/djlamarspace.

visit the Thrift Store and Adoption Center at 709 S. Eighth St.

The International Society for Animal Rights, or ISAR, sponsored the first National Homeless Animals Day in 1992 by launching a crusade to enlighten society, elected officials and the media about the urgent need to spay and neuter companion animals in an effort to halt the killing of millions of unwanted dogs and cats each year in the nation's shelters. It has since grown into an international event. For more information, visit www.isaronline.org.

The **Intergalactic Bead & Jewelry Show** will be held from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 15-16 at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium**, 3800 Saint Johns Bluff Road S., Jacksonville. For information and a discount admission coupon visit www.beadshows.com. Admission is \$5 Saturday, \$4 Sunday and children 12 and under, free.

Tickets are on sale for **Cats Angels annual Super Raffle** to support its spay/neuter/education programs. **More than 50 prizes** are donated by area mer-

JAZZ

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event. Saxophonist David Sanborn will headline the 2009 festival, which will run from

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support evening activities in the area. On Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. the participants will depart Georgia together in a historic procession into Florida. Many Gullah/Geechees on the southern coast of Georgia used to cross into Florida for trade, worship and to connect with family. This will be the largest family reconnection as the group proceeds to Yulee,

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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, July 29, 2009
Sudoku Difficult
Puzzle #1520D

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chants, restaurants and individuals, including jewelry, artwork, a 3-night stay for two at Amelia Island Plantation, a one-night stay at Elizabeth Pointe Lodge, salon services, golf packages and more.

Tickets are \$1 each, \$5 for seven, \$10 for 15 or \$30 for 50 and available at the Thrift Store and Adoption Center, 709 S. Eighth St., and by mail to Cats Angels, P.O. Box 16072, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035. Include your name, phone number, number of tickets and check. Call 321-2267. **The drawing will be held Aug. 15.** You need not be present to win.

The next **WIN WIN meeting is Aug 17 at 6:30 p.m.**, hosted by Karen Lee of Heron's Swim & Sport and Judy Richardson of Divine Finds, 4924 First Coast Hwy., Amelia Island.

Women in Nassau helping Women in Need is a women's networking group established to benefit women dealing with cancer, through Gerrri's Corner.

Bring a \$35 check payable to WIN WIN, which includes dinner and a beverage. Get a \$5 discount if you bring a door prize to be raffled at the Fashion Show on Sept. 20. Donations are tax deductible. To RSVP contact Connie at 759-0745 or e-mail connie@winwinnassau.com. Visit winwinnassau.com.

Rescuing Animals in Nassau, or RAIN, will hold its **annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 4-8 p.m. Aug. 22** at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center in Fernandina Beach.

Tickets are \$10 and include spaghetti with sauce of choice, salad, bread, drink and dessert. There will also be a silent auction and entertainment.

Tickets go on sale starting Aug. 1 at Fernandina Beach Animal Clinic, Lofton Creek Animal Clinic, Nassau Veterinary Clinic, Bark Avenue Pet Boutique and Bucky's Best Friends Card and Gift. For information call RAIN at (904) 879-5861 or e-mail rainhumane@yahoo.com.

Ever wonder what Facebook, Twitter and blogging are? The Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St., is offering **"Facing Facebook,"** an introductory seminar on using today's online social networking tools,

at **5:30 p.m. on Aug. 27**. For more information, contact the museum at 261-7378.

A Labor Day get-together for 1970-75 FBHS students from Yulee will be held **Sept. 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Chem Cell**. Cost is \$20 per person. A meal will be served at noon. Reservations and payment must be made by Sept. 1 at First Coast Community Bank in Yulee or mailed to FCCB – Attn: Susan Murray, P.O. Box 1739, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035. Make checks payable to Yulee/FBHS Classes of 1970-1975.

E-mail Starr Davis at yulee_fbhs.gettogether@yahoo.com or call Kathy Gillis Spivey at 225-9560 with any questions. This is an alcohol-free event.

All 1970-75 FBHS students and faculty/staff are invited. No invitations are being mailed.

FILM/THEATER

Amelia Community Theatre presents **"Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks,"** directed by Toni D'Amico and starring Carey Dresser and Arlene Filkof.

Lilly Harrison, retired and living in a condo in Florida, hires Michael, a cynical dance instructor, to give her lessons in the privacy of her own home. If these two people can't settle their many differences, the first dance may be the last.

Remaining performances are at **8 p.m. tonight and Aug. 1**. Admission is \$16 adults and \$10 students. Amelia Community Theatre is located at 209 Cedar St. Call: 261-6749.

The **world premiere of the feature film "Chiaroscuro, Baby"** will be held at the **Florida Theatre Nov. 4**, black tie required. Tickets go on sale Aug. 7 at the Florida Theatre box office as well as Ticketmaster.

Christopher Bolla, Christianna L. White and Milan Alley star in the film, produced entirely in Jacksonville. The story follows an aspiring painter who compromises his ambition for his seductive girlfriend, only to be torn when his new muse reignites his passion.

See the trailer at www.youtube.com/killacozzy. Visit <http://www.chiaroscuroaby.com> for information about the premiere.

46368 State Road 2000, Suite 1, Yulee, 225-8840, online at www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com, or at the door if not sold out. From 6-7 p.m. before the show, Amelia Island Carriages will offer complimentary rides around the downtown area to all ticket holders.

All proceeds benefit the Amelia Island Jazz Festival, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation, and its newly established jazz scholarship program.

For information, call (904) 504-4772, visit www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com or e-mail info@ameliainlandjazzfestival.com.

Nassauville and Amelia Island to conclude with a tribute to MaYvnee "The Beach Lady" Betsch at historic American Beach.

The celebration will conclude with a traditional worship service at Little Mt. Olive, drumming, ancestral tributes and tributes through the spirituals. "The Beach Lady" is one of the sacred ancestors of the Gullah/Geechee Nation and was one of the first to be placed in the Gullah/Geechee Nation Hall of Fame. Additional Hall of Fame inductees will be announced on Saturday at the events in Brunswick, Ga.

The craft artisans are also natives of the area and people learn from them the tradi-

tions behind the crafts before purchasing the items.

Books, CDs, and Gullah/Geechee cuisine are also a part of the "Living Marketplace" that will be in Brunswick and American Beach.

Founders of the event, Queen Quet, Chiefest of the Gullah/Geechee Nation and Kwame Sha of All Mobile Productions (AMP) invite you to come out and share the culture of your community or reconnect with your culture if you are Gullah/Geechee.

For more details including group discounts call (843) 838-1171 or e-mail GullGeeCo@aol.com or AMPTurnItUp@aol.com.

TLC

Continued from 1B
to use a second building on the property, which will be outfitted with restaurant equipment for cooking classes at no extra cost in exchange for fixing it up. And Griffin's wife, a photographer, is going to teach a photography class.

Rossiter said though the startup of classes has been going smoothly, with an outpouring of interest from a variety of experts looking to share their skills with students, she has run into some minor issues with the city. After going through the steps to obtain a local business license, Rossiter was awaiting word to make it official and in the meantime hung up signs outside the buildings to advertise The Learning Community.

"We put up a sign Sunday afternoon and I get a call Monday, and they said they were ready to issue the business license, but said since

we put up signs, they couldn't issue it," she said. "Because we needed the license, we had to take the signs down in order to get it and pay \$103 for a sign permit – even though they were the exact same signs that had previously hung outside, just repainted."

Despite that slight setback, Rossiter said after months of planning, things are starting to come together.

"Our goals are to pay our bills first – as with most startups," she said. "We need to get through the first stage, which is the survival stage. Our investors are looking to maybe open a few other facilities in North Florida and the possibility of franchising has also come up. Our primary goal is to find out what people want as far as classes and offer those classes in an affordable and community setting, then just go from there."

jjurgartis@fnnewsleader.com

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To Place An Ad, Call (904) 261-3696. The Classified Ad Deadline for Wednesdays is 5:00 p.m. Monday and for Fridays is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

102 Lost & Found

LOST "TOM-TOM" - Big gray tabby cat, white toes, neutered, no collar. Lost on Barnwell Rd. in early June. (904)674-4163 or 261-6074.

FOUND 46 MEMORY CARD - w/photos taken March-May 2009. Contains movie of Okefenokee Swamp Park - lots of children/family photos. (902) 294-4778

LOST DOG - Male, part Collie/Shepherd. Name is "Shema". Please call (904)556-1291.

If You Have Lost Your Pet - please check the Nassau Humane Society facility located at 671 Airport Rd. next to the airport (904)321-1647 & the Nassau County Animal Shelter, 86078 License Rd. in Yulee next to the drivers license building (904)491-7440.

LOST BASSETT HOUND PUPPY - Male, 4 mos. old, black & tan, lost vicinity of Edwards Rd., Yulee. Call 225-8586 or 225-5516.

104 Personals

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EMPLOYMENT

201 Help Wanted

HAIRSTYLIST AND NAIL TECH NEEDED - Commission or booth rental. Call (904)321-2826 for interview.

EXPERIENCED MEDICAL FRONT OFFICE - Part-time. Busy dermatology practice. Fax resume to Summer (904)261-2166.

201 Help Wanted

APARTMENT SERVICE TECHNICIAN - We have an exciting career opportunity for a Service Technician at **Nassau Club in Fernandina Beach.** The ideal team member will have prior general maintenance and repair experience. Apply online today at www.concordrents.com. Excellent Benefits!

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Apply in person. No telephone calls please.

ADMINISTRATIVE/CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANT - needed ASAP! Olympic Steel has an immediate opening for an administrative / customer service job in Fernandina. Position Requirements: *Excellent computer, phone, and time management skills and ability to multi-task in a fast paced environment. Position Requirement *Bilingual-Spanish/English Interested candidates please fax/email resumes to 904-491-8688 olysteeltrading.jobs@olysteel.com. EOE m/f/d/v

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207 Business Opportunities

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MERCHANDISE

601 Garage Sales

PATIO SALE FOR CHARITY - 7/29 thru 8/5, 8am-7pm. 1636 Highland St., Fernandina. Porcelain dolls, yarn, clothing, lots more. Low prices!

601 Garage Sales

SAT. 8/1 - 96007 Hidden Marsh Ln., in Fiddlers Walk Subd. off Barnwell Rd. Household items, clothes, VHS tapes (.50) most items \$1.00. 8am until noon.

MOVING SALE - Everything must go. Lots of furniture, home decor, & kid's items. 18 N. 18th St. Sat. 8/1, 8am-7pm.

YARD SALE - 95350 Karen Walk. Fri. 7/31, Sat. 8/1, & Sun. 8/2, all day.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Sat. & Sun., 8am-4pm. 76237 Long Pond Loop (off William Burgess Rd. in Yulee - follow signs). Baby items, laptop, TV's, clothes, & more.

HUGE SALE - Sat. 8/1, 8am-7 87509 Creekside Dr., Yulee (off Roses Bluff). Furniture, fridge, youth baseball equip., PS2, (2)DS lite, gamecube & games for all, boys clothes sz 12-16, and too much more to mention!

EGANS BLUFF - Sat & Sun, 7am-3pm. MULTI-FAMILY. South side of Simmons, 1921 Lakeside Dr. North. See list on Craigslist - search "Fernandina"

YARD SALE - Sat., 8am-12pm. 877 Diane Dr., off S. 14th St. Women's & men's clothes 1-2-3X, some furniture, lamps, household misc., electric hand tools.

YARD SALE - Fri. 8/1, Sat. 8/2, & Sun. 8/3, 8am-7pm. Lots of good stuff. 85250 Theresa Rd., off of Miner Rd.

KID GOING TO COLLEGE? - Yard sale with bedding, lamps, flatware, lots of clothes including summer dresses, & much more. Sat. 8/1, 8:30am. 96074 Ridgewood Cir. (Lofton Point subd., across from North Hampton).

FLORA PARKE NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE - Saturday, Aug. 1st. 8AM-NOON.

MOVING SALE - 1440 Scott Rd behind the Healing Dome. Large furniture including: a couch, love seat, twin bed frame, 2 wood chests, 2 wood china cabinets, Bistro table with 4 bar stools, Antique library wood card file. Also have misc. home decor and antiques like: 2 area rugs, a toy wood rocker train, accent pillows and much more. Everything must Go! 8am-3pm Sat 8/1

GARAGE SALE - Flora Parke Subd., 31083 Grassy Parke Dr. Sat. 8/1, 8am-1pm. Electronics, piano, clothing, & much more.

601 Garage Sales

OTTER RUN HOMEOWNERS COMMUNITY YARD SALE Sat. 8/1, 8am-1pm.

YARD SALE - 1605 Highland St. Fri. 7/31 & Sat. 8/1. Furniture, housewares, toys, men's & children's clothes, electronics, books, much more.

YARD SALE - Sat. 8/1, 8am-7pm. Girls 9 yrs & under toys & clothes, boys 6 yrs & under toys & clothes. Home furnishings, yard stuff, 4160/96190 Rivermarsh Bend, off of Barnwell Rd. in Riverside subdivision.

GARAGE SALE - Sat. 8/1, 8am-1pm. 97340 Castle Ridge Dr. in Arnold Ridge Subdivision off Chester Rd. Tools, lawn mower, clothes, household items.

GARAGE SALE - Toys, furniture, lots more. 1636 Ocean Forest Dr. (Ocean Forest Subdivision). Sat. 8/1, 8am-7pm.

GARAGE SALE - Sat. 8/1 & Sun. 8/2, 8am-3pm. 95024 Greenberry Rd. SR107, right on Hendricks, right on Greenberry. Back to school sale.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS - 7/17 & 7/18; 7/24 & 7/25; 7/31 & 8/1. 8am - 7pm. Off AIA to Harts Rd W. to 86204 Hayley Pl., follow signs. Jerri's This-N-That Antiques and Collectibles + yard sale items. Shoes, clothes, dolls, furniture, fishing, books, China, vintage fashion jewelry. If the price isn't right, make a fair offer. Let's make a deal. Everyone welcome.

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603 Miscellaneous

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804 Amelia Island Homes

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814 West Nassau County

FSBO - 55030 Deer Run Rd. 1.02 ac., 3BR/2.5BA, fireplace, nice neighborhood, Callahan. \$333,000. (904)631-5822 after 5pm.

817 Other Areas

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- 95069 Reserve Court - 4BR/2BA Beautiful home with covered patio and well maintained lawn. Home has separate dining and fireplace in living room. \$1595
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- 2614 McGregor (Pirates Cove) - 3BR/2BA Home Walking distance to the ocean, hard wood floors, fenced rear yard and garage. \$1100
- 2806 Ocean Sound Drive 3BR/2BA - Nice home located in Ocean Sound subdivision. Fireplace in family room, screened in back patio and 2 Car garage. \$1450
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- 2633 Forest Ridge - 2BR/1.5BA Community features include swimming pool, tennis court, and park. \$850
- 988 Chad Street - 3BR/2BA conveniently located close to schools and shopping. \$1050
- 3165 Unit 12 South Fletcher - 3BR/2.5 Condo with community pool at rear of condo. \$1100
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FURNISHED - ON ISLAND

- 2483 First Ave Unit A - 2BR/2BA Duplex fully furnished. 1 block from the beach. \$750
- 2770 Mizell 102B- 2BR/2BA in Amelia Woods. Fully furnished unit with community pool and tennis court. One block from the beach. Avail Sept 1st. \$900

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