



# Man arrested in Fernandina standoff now charged in \$7 million gasoline scam

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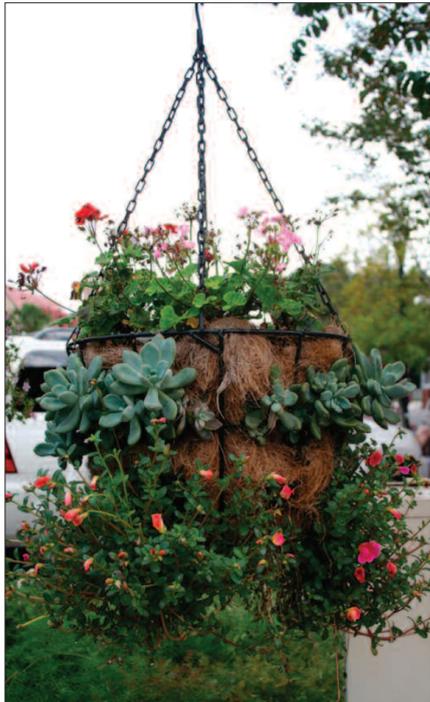
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Examples of stationary and hanging baskets available for purchase through the "Flowering Fernandina" beautification program in collaboration with the city and downtown business association.

## 'Flowering Fernandina' Beautification program enlivens downtown

ANGELA DAUGHTRY  
*News Leader*

As if there isn't enough flora in downtown Fernandina Beach, Eileen Shannon Moore has a new program so residents can purchase hanging or stationary flower baskets to complement the numerous shade trees, shrubbery and flower beds of Centre Street.

The program, called "Flowering Fernandina," was created in collaboration with the city of Fernandina Beach and is also sponsored by the Historic Fernandina Business Association.

Moore, who owns Eileen's Art & Antiques on the east end of Centre Street, says she got the idea for a hanging basket program after seeing them in several different cities. She admired them in Fairhope, Ala., and along the docks of the Danube River in the Baltic area of Europe. She also saw them while attending a wedding in Hilton Head, S.C., and in Barrington, R.I., where her daughter now lives.

"I thought how nice it would be to do something like that in Fernandina," Moore said. After talking to several people about it, she decided a volunteer "beautification" program would be ideal for Fernandina Beach. She also found local residents who were willing to put their time and commitment into getting the program started.

Moore found the most serviceable hanging baskets to be from the Kinsman Company, based in Oregon and Pennsylvania. The cocoa-fiber baskets are 16 inches in diameter and have openings in the sides for trailing vines or other types of plants.

She and her committee have already started about a dozen of the baskets, which hang on both sides of the street on the blocks near her store. One of those baskets is already sponsored by Rescuing Animals in Nassau, a local non-profit animal welfare group.

Moore also met with basket expert Pamela Crawford in Atlanta, who gave her some creative ideas for the baskets.

"She had fabulous baskets at her house, using vegetables, corn and herbs," said Moore.

Individuals or groups can sponsor a basket that hangs from a lamp-post, or a free-standing basket on a column, for \$125 a year. The fee covers the cost of the basket, hanging equipment and a drip water system, but the individual must buy the plants and maintain them.

For \$250 a year Flowering Fernandina will buy, plant and maintain a basket.

A third way to get involved is for residents to "adopt" a designated flower bed on Centre Street at no charge, and cover the costs themselves of planting and maintaining the garden.

Moore said she has several individual sponsors ready to go.

There are many spaces available for the baskets, Moore said, from the railroad tracks on Front Street to the traffic light on South Eighth Street. She said she hopes to get 50 sponsors

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## Pay raises for city, county

Many employees in private businesses locally have gone without pay raises this year because of the poor economy. City and county workers have continued to receive pay hikes this year, however, and many will keep getting them based on proposed city and county budgets.

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*News Leader*

Fernandina Beach Commissioners have directed there be no pay raises for city employees this coming year, but more than a third of city workers are still eligible for pay hikes under current contracts.

And the city employee pension fund - which relies on investments and employee contributions - will need \$800,000 more to meet obligations because of the economic recession, according to City Manager Michael Czymbor.

If the new budget passes with an amendment that calls for no cost of living or merit pay raises, 88 union employees would still get pay hikes, according to city Human Resources Director Robin Marley.

According to Marley, the city's United Brotherhood of Carpenters employees - which includes blue-collar and white-collar employees in departments throughout city government - are in the last year of their contract.

Those employees will get a 3 percent cost of living raise Oct. 1, and may also be eligible for merit raises of 2-4 percent, Marley said - but they will not get a pay increase in the 2010-11 budget year.

Mayor Susan Steger said the city asked the UBC to renegotiate pay rates, but the union declined.

Both fire and police union contracts are up at the end of September, and negotiators have tentatively

Nassau County employees will be getting more in their paychecks in the coming fiscal year. In addition to their yearly step increases - automatic 2.5 percent pay increases based upon satisfactory job performance - county workers will likely see "cost of living adjustments" increasing their pay between 1 and 2.5 percent.

The Nassau County Commission voted last month to grant non-union employees a 1 percent cost of living adjustment. Members of the Nassau County firefighters union also were granted a COLA raise for the first time since 2003 - at a higher percentage than non-union county employees.

"When they signed this new contract, it gave them a 2.5 percent COLA effective Feb. 1 of 2009," said budget analyst Shanea Jones.

The contract stipulates that firefighter wages will continue to rise in the two years with additional COLA increases, said County Coordinator Ed Sealover.

"They're getting 2.5 percent for next year and 2.5 percent for the year after that," he said.

"We've been fortunate that we haven't been in the same state as a lot of the other counties in the state and across the nation, with massive shortfalls in revenues and cutbacks in salaries and benefits," Sealover said. "... I guess the board felt if they could hold the line on the tax rate, it was

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### Public budget hearings

- The first of two public hearings on Nassau County's 2009-10 budget is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee.
- The first of two public hearings on the city of Fernandina Beach's 2009-10 budget is set for 5:05 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall, 204 Ash St. The hearings will determine annual expenses and the final property tax rate and fees for the coming fiscal year.

## Dogs cost county \$60K; ex-owner will pay \$1K

JASON YURGARTIS  
*News Leader*

A Callahan man accused of multiple counts of animal cruelty and using animals for fighting, both felonies, was ordered to pay \$1,000 restitution to Nassau County Animal Services - which has incurred nearly \$60,000 to house and care for the 28 dogs seized from his home last year.

Michael Brown, 45, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges Sept. 3. He will serve a year of probation, complete 150 hours of community service at a church, forfeit ownership of all dogs and will be barred from owning dogs for five years.

Brown pleaded no contest to five counts of a lesser offense of confinement of animals without sufficient food, water or exercise, and adjudication was withheld. He must pay \$1,000 in restitution to Nassau County Animal Services and \$750 to a charity for animals along

with various court costs.

A total of 28 dogs were taken from Brown's property after his arrest in December 2008. Some of them were puppies and, according to court records, were euthanized due to contracting the parvovirus. The 23 remaining dogs - one German shepherd and the rest pit bulls - have been held at the county animal shelter in Yulee since they were confiscated.

New Director of Nassau County Animal Services Deborah Biggs said Thursday the dogs have cost nearly \$60,000 to house and care for at the shelter since Brown's arrest and might be rehabilitated.

"We have not received notification from the court yet that these dogs have been released to us but I am working on that release," Biggs said. "Our intention is to contact some of the pit bull rescue groups in Florida and possibly south Georgia to see if they can work with these animals to adopt them out into new families."

Brown's lawyer, Reginald Luster of Luster and Davis PA in Jacksonville, said Wednesday he was happy with

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## 'Baby Allie' faces challenges

HEATHER A. PERRY  
*News Leader*



Christina Schmidt feeds the first bottle to her baby, Allison, who was born five weeks prematurely with Hypo Plastic Left Heart Syndrome.

Married eight years, Shane and Christina Schmidt were anxiously awaiting the birth of their first child. Like all new parents, they were eager to see their baby so they made an appointment for one of the new 4-D images that would give them an up-close view of their baby-to-be. It was after this procedure they realized there was serious trouble ahead.

Trained as a diagnostic sonographer, Kerii LaBombarbe at Sneak Peek Studios in Jacksonville was aware as soon as she saw the baby's heart that it had not developed properly. Her previous work doing high-risk sonograms at Regional Obstetric Consultants gave her insight into the urgency of the situation, but legal issues prevented her from telling the parents directly.

"My heart sank when I saw Baby Allie's heart," said LaBombarbe.

"I knew immediately something was wrong. I showed them different parts of the heart (outflow tracts and different views) to get a better grasp on what the anomaly was."

"When Christina and her family left that day, I was not able to disclose any information on what I had

### How to help

A trust fund in Allison Taylor Schmidt's name has been set up at Bank of America on Eighth Street. An account also has been set up with the Florida/Georgia Blood Alliance for individuals to donate blood in Allie's name to account #3912. To see pictures of baby Allison and read her blog, visit [allison-taylor.multiply.com](http://allison-taylor.multiply.com).

found. I can show someone a heart and all of its anatomy, but it is not within my professional limits to say if that heart is normal or abnormal."

"I knew without proper care after her delivery, this would be fatal. At the same moment I was feeling so sad, I was truly thankful they chose me to come to and get their 4-D ultrasound," said LaBombarbe.

Desperate to help the couple, she contacted Christina's obstetrician, Dr. Jesse Greenblum. Explaining who she was, her training, previous employer and what she had found, LaBombarbe continued to follow up until she was certain the Schmidts

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SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON  
 2009 Nests: 89 Hatchlings: 4984  
 2 nests lost due to storms  
 Please turn off or redirect lights shining directly on the beach. For a detailed count see [www.ameliainlandseaturtlewatch.com](http://www.ameliainlandseaturtlewatch.com).

LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS AGO

Total enrollment at Nassau County public schools was 4,359 students, an increase of 265 over the previous year.

September 10, 1959

25 YEARS AGO

Two hundred residents opposed to widening South

Fletcher Avenue attended a state Department of Transportation hearing.

September 12, 1984

10 YEARS AGO

Jury selection day was changed from Monday to Friday to better accommodate judges and potential jurors.

September 8, 1999

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 9/11	Sat 9/12	Sun 9/13	Mon 9/14	Tue 9/15
85/73	84/73	85/74	84/74	85/73
Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 7:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 7:35 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 7:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 7:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 7:31 PM

Florida At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Clearwater	86	74	t-storm	Ocala	88	70	t-storm
Crestview	87	69	t-storm	Orlando	87	74	t-storm
Daytona Beach	85	73	t-storm	Panama City	89	73	t-storm
Fort Lauderdale	87	76	t-storm	Pensacola	85	75	t-storm
Fort Myers	86	74	t-storm	Plant City	89	73	t-storm
Gainesville	88	71	t-storm	Pompano Beach	88	76	t-storm
Hollywood	88	77	t-storm	Port Charlotte	89	73	t-storm
Jacksonville	87	75	t-storm	Saint Augustine	84	74	t-storm
Key West	88	83	t-storm	Saint Petersburg	86	77	t-storm
Lady Lake	88	72	t-storm	Sarasota	88	74	t-storm
Lake City	87	71	t-storm	Tallahassee	89	73	t-storm
Madison	89	71	t-storm	Tampa	89	75	t-storm
Melbourne	86	74	t-storm	Titusville	87	73	t-storm
Miami	88	78	t-storm	Venice	87	74	t-storm
N Smyrna Beach	86	74	t-storm	W Palm Beach	89	76	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	65	t-storm	Minneapolis	80	62	t-storm
Boston	64	58	rain	New York	65	62	rain
Chicago	78	56	sunny	Phoenix	100	78	t-storm
Dallas	87	71	t-storm	San Francisco	87	61	sunny
Denver	74	51	pt sunny	Seattle	83	59	mst sunny
Houston	85	72	t-storm	St. Louis	84	64	sunny
Los Angeles	85	65	mst sunny	Washington, DC	70	62	t-storm
Miami	88	78	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 9/11	Sat 9/12	Sun 9/13	Mon 9/14	Tue 9/15
8	6	6	6	8
Very High	High	High	High	Very High

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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Freedom Walk tonight

The First Fernandina Beach Freedom Walk, which marks the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and pays tribute to citizens who perished during that defining day in U.S. history, will be held at 5:30 p.m. tonight from the gazebo in Central Park. Congregate at the gazebo from 5-5:30 p.m. The Freedom Walk will commence at 5:30 p.m., traveling west along the sidewalks of Atlantic Avenue and Centre Street, ending at the veteran's monument at the foot of Centre Street.

A short patriotic program will begin at 6 p.m., with brief comments by Fernandina Beach Mayor Susan Steger, State Rep. Janet Adkins, Police Chief Jim Hurley and Fire Chief Dan Hanes, along with other guests and entertainment.

This event is coordinated on behalf of the city of Fernandina Beach by Susan Parry and Sandy Price. For information contact Parry at 261-0701, ext. 117 or Price at 206-0756.

Flags will be distributed to the first 500 participants. The Freedom Walk is free and will be held rain or shine.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Parks and reading

To help promote the gift of reading, the Florida Park Service will offer free day-use entry passes to state parks today through Sept. 13 with the presentation of a library card, library book or the donation of a new or gently used family friendly book. For information visit www.floridastateparks.org.

Gun course

Gary W. Belson Associates, Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at Gander Mountain in the River City Marketplace off US 17 south at 6 p.m. tonight and a basic with defensive tactics course at 7:45 a.m. Sept. 12. For information call Belson at 491-8358 or 476-2037 or e-mail gbelson@bell-south.net. Visit www.BelsonGroup.com.

Pet adoptions

If you are looking for a pet to adopt this weekend, visit Cats Angels at the Petsmart "Second Chance for Love" annual fall adoption event. Cats and kittens (and a few dogs) will be available at all surrounding Petsmart locations.

Pink Ribbon Ladies

The Pink Ribbon Ladies will meet Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. in the conference room at the Baptist Medical Center Nassau. The speaker will be Chris Alzauer of Gerri's Corner. Contact Joyce Karsko at 261-2976 or Isobel Lyle at 321-2057.

Visually impaired meet

ILAB (Independent Living for Adult Blind) will be featured at the next meeting of the Nassau Council of the Visually Impaired & Blind on Sept. 14 from 1-3 p.m. at the Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St., Fernandina Beach. Call Cheryl at 277-8070 if you need a ride.

FOR THE RECORD

State law places a 3 percent cap on increases in the assessed value of real property. Final property tax is determined by the millage rate, which is set by local taxing authorities. A front page story Sept. 4 contained incorrect information.

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

Katherine McRae Yarborough Huguley

Katherine McRae Yarborough Huguley passed away on September 4, 2009 at the age of 81 from complications related to Alzheimer's. Katherine is preceded in death by her parents, Milton G. Yarborough and Mary Covington Yarborough, and her sister Mary Yarborough Moorman. She is survived by three sons, Arthur Whitfield (Whit) Huguley IV of New Orleans, Martin Creighton Huguley of Tenafly, NJ, and James (Jay) Sinclair Huguley of Los Angeles, two daughters in-law, Maureen and Suzanne, and five grandchildren, Whitfield, William, Helena, Parker and Geordie. She also leaves behind a brother-in-law, Walter Coker Moorman of Fayetteville, NC, four nephews and nieces, Walter Jr., Mary Holmes, Frank Moorman, and Marian Morgan and their families.

Katherine grew up in Fayetteville, North Carolina where she attended Fayetteville High School prior to attending Greensboro College. She returned to Fayetteville after school and was employed at The Fayetteville Observer. She married Arthur W. Huguley, III in 1957. After time spent in Boston and New Orleans, she raised her family in Tenafly, New Jersey. She was an active member of the Junior League, Garden Club, Englewood Field Club and Knickerbocker Country Club. She was a parishioner at Church of Atonement Episcopal church.

Katherine retired to Amelia Island, Florida in 2000 in a home on the beach where she enjoyed the views and the water of the Atlantic Ocean, like she did so many times over the years with friends and family in Long Beach, North Carolina.

The family would like to give special recognition and appreciation to the very caring staff at Osprey Village on Amelia Island that showed so much compassion and gave Katherine great care during her final years.

A private service will be performed on Amelia Island. A memorial service will also be held in Fayetteville, NC at a later date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers or other recognition, please make a gift to Cumberland Community Foundation, PO Box 2345, Fayetteville, NC 28302 or to a charity of your choosing in Katherine's name.

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

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Carl Thomas Likes

Carl Thomas Likes, 76, of Charleston, SC entered into eternal rest September 8, 2009 at Hospice of Mount Pleasant, SC surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Ringos Mills, Kentucky he was the son of the late Thomas and India Likes.

He was the beloved husband of Virginia Likes, devoted father of Melanie (Anthony) Pappas, step-father of Dale (Kathy) Medlin of Riverside, OH, and loving brother to Ruth (Bob) Williams of Munster, IN. He will be greatly missed by numerous aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his dear sisters Jemima Owens and Anna Webb and his brothers Kenneth and James Likes.

Mr. Likes was a Naval Veteran with service in Korea and Vietnam. After retirement he worked as an electrician at Westvaco in Charleston, SC for several years before becoming a commercial fisherman. Soon he moved to Fernandina Beach, FL. A long time resident, he resumed his electrical work at Kings Bay Naval Base and Container Corporation. He also took great pride in his employment as the Nassau County Veterans Service Officer.

Throughout the years he served in many organizations.

OBITUARIES

He was a member of the Fleet Reserve and of American Legion Post 316 in Jax, FL, and Past Commander of Post 54 in Fernandina Beach, FL. A lifetime member and Past Commander of VFW Post 4351 in Fernandina Beach, FL, he achieved Distinguished All American District 6 Commander 2000-2001. He was a Past Master of Amelia Lodge #47 of Fernandina Beach, FL, and a Shriner in the Fernandina Beach and Jax Morocco Shrine Clubs of Florida. He also joined the York and Scottish Rites of Freemasonry.

After an extended illness, he and his wife returned to Charleston, SC to be closer to his family, and he was confident in his faith having been raised as a Methodist.

Services will be held Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 1 pm at J. Henry Stuhr Funeral Home, 3360 Glenn McConnell, Charleston, SC 29414. Burial with full military honors will follow at Live Oak Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 11-1pm.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials made to the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation at 200 S. Park Road, Suite 100, Hollywood, FL 33021 - phone 1-800-321-3437 or email www.diabetesresearch.org.

J. Henry Stuhr Funeral Home  
 Charleston, S.C.

Doris June Shelpman

Doris June Shelpman, 64, of Yulee, Florida lost her battle with ovarian cancer on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at the Community Hospice of N.E. Fla.- Acosta-Rua Center for Caring in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Shelpman was born on June 11, 1945 to the late Goldie Stinson Williams Boggs and Milford Williams. A native of Portsmouth, Ohio she attended grade school and later high school, graduating from Portsmouth High School as a member of the class of 1963. During her career she worked in many capacities and held several titles in the banking industry over the years, first at Portsmouth Bank in Ohio for eight years before moving to Florida in 1988. She then worked for the Wachovia Corp. in Florida for twenty years, where she served as a loan officer and bank manager until her retirement in December 2007. She married her beloved husband Joe S. Shelpman on June 6, 1964. Following her retirement she volunteered for the American Cancer Society in Nassau County, spending time assisting cancer patients taking chemotherapy in the offices of Dr. Luck and Dr. Joyce, which she was tirelessly dedicated to having received 103 chemo treatments herself over her long fifteen year battle.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her son Todd Shelpman, brother, Ronald J. Williams, in-laws, Clell and Lucille Williams and sister-in-law, Roselie Shelpman. Survivors include her husband, Joe S. Shelpman, son, Carson (Kim) Shelpman, brother, Gene (Billie) Williams, sister, Peggy (Donald) Yuenger, brother-in-law, Scott (Erma) Shelpman, and granddaughter, McKenzie Rae Gib.

Funeral services will be held at the chapel of Scott Funeral Home in Portsmouth, Ohio at a later date. She will be laid to rest in a private interment service the columbarium of Memorial Burial Gardens in Wheelersburg, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Nassau County Branch, 2850 Isabella Blvd., Suite 20, Jacksonville, Fla. 32250 or to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 1600 S. 8th St., Fernandina Beach, Fla., 32034. Please share her life story at www.oxleyheard.com.

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Roy Lee Smith

Roy Lee Smith, 67, of Hilliard, passed away Tuesday, September 8 at his residence following a lengthy illness. He was a United States Army Veteran. He retired from the City of Fernandina Road Department. He was the son of the late John and Mollie Smith. He was preceded in death by his brothers: Westley Smith, William Smith, and Gene Smith.

He is survived by 3 Children: Sherryl (Kenny, Sr.) Smith Sims, Ronald Anthony (Diane) Smith, and Bethany (Tracy) Smith Woods; 3 Sisters: Jenny Smith Crews, Nellie Smith Anderson, Pat Smith; 2 Brothers: Nat Smith, Dewayne Smith (Karen); 2 Sisters-In-Law: Catherine Smith and Marcelle Smith; 11 Grandchildren: Diana, Kenny, Jr., Jacquelin, Audrey, Raymond, Christina, Roy James, Christopher, Shawn, Eric and Nicole; and 3 Great Grandchildren: Trenton Haddock, Scott, and Kyleigh.

The family received friends Thursday, September 10 at Shepard Funeral Home from 6-8 PM. Graveside funeral services will be held today, Friday September 11 at 11:00 AM at Buford Grove Cemetery in Hilliard, Florida.

Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest book at www.shepardfh.com.  
 Shepard Funeral Home  
 Folkston, Ga.

Margaret McCandlish Williams

Margaret McCandlish Williams passed away peacefully at her home in Fernandina Beach, FL, on Sunday, September 6, 2009.

Margaret was born in Marion, SC, on January 18, 1923 to Margaret Elise Smith and Howard Stringfellow McCandlish. She graduated from Winthrop College in Rock Hill, SC, and did graduate work at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Charles Addison Williams, her sister Mary Montague McCandlish, and her brother Howard Shield McCandlish.

She is survived by her sister, Ann M. Carroll, her daughter, Elise Meriwether Williams, her sons, Charles Addison Williams, Jr. and Howard McCandlish Williams, her daughters-in-law, Rachel Carlson Williams and Kimberly Cason Williams, and her grandchildren: Megan, Kayli, Ryan, Clark, and Bryce Williams.

Margaret was a loving wife and mother who taught business at Salisbury Business College in Salisbury, NC, and Mitchell Community College in Statesville, NC. She was a devout Christian and a longtime member of Trinity Episcopal Church, where she was an active member of the choir; in Statesville, NC. She also attended Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Fernandina Beach, FL.

Margaret was an enthusiastic bridge player, loved to travel, enjoyed nature and birds, and was actively involved in a number of charitable causes. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

There will be a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 1830 Lake Park Drive, Fernandina Beach.

This will be followed by a reception for friends and family at the Williams residence in Fernandina Beach.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 1830 Lake Park Drive, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034, or to ChildFund International (formerly Christian Children's Fund).

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International Coastal Cleanup

Keep Nassau Beautiful, Inc. in partnership with The Ocean Conservancy will host the 2009 International Coastal Cleanup Sept. 19 at 9 a.m.

The International Coastal Cleanup is the largest, one-day, volunteer effort in the world,

organized to clean up the marine environment. Last year more than 450,000 people in 105 countries collected over 7.5 million pounds of trash from more than 16,000 miles of shoreline.

Keep Nassau Beautiful, Inc. is recruiting volunteers to make

this another successful cleanup event.

Main Beach, Fort Clinch, Peters Point and now Scott's Landing will be the registration locations. Trash travels and the agencies are encouraging participation through neighborhood, river and street cleanups.

Following the cleanup, volunteers will be treated to lunch at Peters Point, sponsored by Budget Busters BBQ.

For information call Keep Nassau Beautiful, 261-0165 or 1-800-977-0162.

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# County to pay severance to 7

RYAN SMITH  
News-Leader

The Nassau County Commission voted 3-2 Monday to approve severance packages for seven Building Department employees facing layoffs.

The commission approved an estimated \$100,000 in severance payouts – an increase from County Coordinator Ed Sealover's original estimate of \$72,000 – with Commissioners Danny Leeper and Walter Boatright dissenting because they disagreed with the increase.

The reduction in force will save the Building Department around \$500,000, according to a June 12 memo Sealover sent to

the commission.

According to Sealover, the layoffs will be based on seniority, with least senior employees being let go first. The severance packages will include 15-20 days' salary as well as unused vacation and sick leave. Individual severance packages range from around \$6,000 to more than \$24,000.

"What they are entitled to in the personnel policies and procedures in a layoff is their unused vacation leave and their unused sick leave," Sealover said after the meeting. "We made the decision that in addition to that, we would come up with a severance package."

The amounts of the individ-

ual packages vary widely because of differences in pay rates and the amount of unused leave.

"In one of the instances, one of the folks had over \$11,000 in unused sick leave," Sealover said.

The Building Department's staff of 35 is being cut by 19 through the reduction in force, but Sealover said not all the cut employees faced layoffs.

"We were pretty much cutting the workforce in half, and it was cutting the deficit significantly. Some of the folks, in accordance with the reduction-in-force policy, were transferred into other departments."

Others have retired or

resigned, Sealover added.

The layoffs come after a tough year for the Building Department, which was already operating at a \$1.5-million deficit at its midyear budget review in May. The department, which raises its own budget through building permit fees, saw a drastic reduction in revenue as construction has slowed. The situation was exacerbated by an unsuccessful attempt last year by the commission to stimulate construction by halving permit fees.

The commission voted in June to keep the reduced fees in place and move the department toward the black through budget and staffing cuts.

## FLOWERS

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by Thanksgiving.

The city also is sponsoring a Memorial Bench Program in conjunction with Flowering Fernandina.

Residents can sponsor a bench in memory of a loved one for \$500-900 at various locations, including the downtown pocket parks, Centre Street, Atlantic Avenue at Egans Creek and the city's waterfront park.

According to city Recreation Director Nan Voit, staff is not sure about how they will set up the drip lines, but are in the process of testing one basket. Voit said if additional tubing is needed for watering, that will be included in the program fee. Any additional city water use, she said, would be minimal for the new baskets and flower beds.

Voit said she did not know what would happen to the program if the city watering system did not work out. "It's kind of an

experimental project," Voit said. "They've been hand-watering (the baskets) so far. ... Hopefully it will work. The baskets are nice-looking."

Once sponsors start taking over care of the baskets, Moore said, she hopes to organize the program into seven "block captains" to oversee the plants on each block, with about four people under them to help with maintenance.

"This is something people can just do, to take pride in where they live," said Moore.

"It's a back door way of advertising. ... When the city looks pretty, people will want to come down and look at it."

Interested parties can join the Flowering Fernandina group at Eileen's Art & Antiques at 702 Centre St. on Saturday mornings in September from 10 a.m. to noon for more information on the flower basket program. For more information on the memorial bench program, call 277-7505.

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## ALLIE

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had an appointment with a high-risk group.

Foreknowledge of impending problems enabled the Fernandina Beach parents to be in the right place at the right time when Allie was born five weeks prematurely on July 31 at Wolfson Children's Hospital.

Weighing in at only four pounds, 11 ounces, Allie was born with Hypo Plastic Left Heart Syndrome, which means her heart's left side – including the aorta, aortic valve, left ventricle and mitral valve – is underdeveloped. Why this condition occurs is not known.

In need of a pediatric cardiologist who specialized in premature hearts, Allison was transported in a special neonatal incubator via ambulance to Shands Children's Hospital in Gainesville where Dr. Mark Bleiweis performed the first of three scheduled open-heart surgeries on Aug. 12.

Called the Norwood procedure, it is a reconstructive heart surgery designed to help the right side of the heart compensate for the deficiencies of the left.

Nicknamed "Allie-gator" by her dedicated surgical team and nursing staff at Shands Hospital at University of Florida

in Gainesville, Allison is doing well now.

Although she is breathing on her own and continuing to improve daily, it may be three weeks to a month before she's ready to go home.

First she must learn to take a bottle, which is not an easy task for this tiny girl, as the family learned when feeding Allie for the first time.

"Allie's heart is always running a marathon," said grandmother Teresa Companion.

"Because of this, she burns more calories than she takes in while she's feeding. The nurses told us, 'We know you want to feed her but sometimes she has to go back to receiving her nourishment intravenously.'"

When the Schmidts finally do bring Allie home, they won't be carrying just diaper bags and bottles of Christina's frozen breast milk. Various pieces of equipment will also be set up in

the nursery to enable her parents to monitor her at all times.

After her maternity leave from her position at Bank of America on Eighth Street in Fernandina Beach runs out, Christina will have to take an extended leave of absence. Dad Shane is employed with the Association for Retarded Citizens in Jacksonville.

Ultimately, there will be a loss of income for this family because Allie will require constant care for the rest of her life. She'll need two more surgeries – one between four and 12 months and another between 18 months and three years of age. Eventually, she will require a heart transplant.

Aunt Liza Nipper said the

family has opened up a trust fund at Bank of America in Allison's name to assist with the mounting medical costs that will continue to roll in throughout her lifetime.

"We are asking the community for donations to help Allison and her family so they can concentrate on getting baby Allison home where she belongs."

Parents Shane and Christina are currently staying at the Residence Inn in Gainesville to be close to their infant daughter.

"Now that Allie is born, she will have many challenges," said LaBombarbe. "I'm just grateful she is still here and able to meet them."

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agreed to forego pay raises in the coming year, Marley said. She said pay raises for fire and police would go up 2-4 percent each year in the last two years of the new contract if economic conditions permit.

Fire and police employees recognized the city's dilemma, Marley said. "All of us are in this together. Everybody has to sacrifice this year," she said.

There are 48 former general employees who receive city pensions at an average of \$1,359 a month, according to Marley, and 30 former fire/police department employees who receive an average of \$2,470 a month.

Marley said city general employees are obliged to put 6.5 percent of their paycheck toward the pension fund, while fire and police departments contribute 7.7 percent. Temporary employees such as summer lifeguards, who are

part of the fire department, do not contribute to the pension fund or receive cost of living raises. The city also has a voluntary 401K program, but does not match employee contributions. Marley said the number of 401K participants is very small.

Because of the pension shortfall, the city's share in pension contributions has gone from 11.2 to 20.9 percent for police and fire employees, and from 8.2 to 13 percent for general employees.

Czybor said the city has been in negotiations with the pension board in the hope that the city's sizable increase in pension contributions can be reduced or stabilized. Czybor said the total pension fund contains "several million dollars." Marley also said the fire/police and general employee pension boards will be coming together to talk about ways to "mitigate the risk of drastic fluctuations."

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## COUNTY

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appropriate to do something for the employees."

Sheriff Tommy Seagraves said he has requested a similar COLA increase for his employees. "We put in a COLA increase of around 2.5 to 3 percent," he said. "We look at what the county's doing and try to follow on the same basis. But that's all we put in extra. Everything else is basically the same as it's been for the last two years."

The proposed increases won't be final until the commission approves the 2009-10 budget later this month.

Non-union county employees and members of Northeast Florida Employees Local 630, which includes employees of the county's Road and Bridge and Building Maintenance departments, have not been guaranteed COLA raises for 2010 and 2011.

Both union and non-union county employees receive yearly step increases of 2.5

percent in addition to possible cost-of-living raises, Sealover said.

"We have three different pay plans, and all of them have different numbers of steps," he said. "... Everybody gets topped out at some point in time, and when they're topped out the only adjustment they would get is if there is a cost of living increase."

However, Sealover said most employees do not top out on step increases until they have worked for the county 13 or 14 years. "If you stayed in the same job over that 13 or 14 years, not counting COLAs, your salary would probably increase by about 41 percent over that 13 or 14 years," he said.

Sealover said the COLA allowances will help employees who have hit the limit on their step increases. "One of the problems in the county is that we have an aging workforce, and a lot of our employees have been topped out," he said.

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**DOGS** *Continued from 1A*  
the outcome.

"I am pleased that the State Attorney's Office entered into the plea of no contest whereas they dismissed the dog fighting charges of my client," he said. "It was most important from our position that the State Attorney's Office dismissed the felony counts because there was no animal cruelty."

Luster said in June that the charges were baseless and that on several occasions Brown was at work when his dogs broke loose and began to fight with each other over two female dogs that were in heat.

Brown was arrested Dec. 10, 2008, at his 55052 Zwielf Road home. Nassau County Sheriff's deputies and animal control officers said they discovered 28 malnourished and injured dogs and puppies on his property, dog-fighting equipment and numerous "medications used for treatment of the wounds the animals sustained from fighting."

Authorities reported "large, framed pieces of wood marked for ease of assembly that appeared to be a 'fight box,' a 'rape rack' that is commonly used to secure a female dog for breeding purposes and numerous ... medications used for treatment of the wounds the animals sustained from fighting,"

according to a written statement at the time by Nassau County Sheriff Tommy Seagraves.

The Nassau County State Attorney's Office filed amended information in June, charging Brown with a total of 32 counts of animal cruelty, three of fighting and baiting animals and one count of possessing equipment for baiting and fighting.

Assistant State Attorney Wesley White, director of the Nassau County State Attorney's Office, said for the most part, the prosecution was successful.

"We achieved most of the goals we wanted to secure through prosecution and we were satisfied with the judge's order," White said. "We're not as happy as we could be, but were satisfied because it was a hard case to prove. We want to be sure no more animals are put in harm's way."

Luster said in June veterinarian Dr. James Hicks of Fernandina Beach also "examined the dogs and stated that some of the dogs had scars which were the result of fighting, but he could not testify that they resulted from organized, illegal dog fighting."

"On several occasions the dogs broke away and were fighting and he had to leave his work and take them to the vet," Luster said.

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# New county animal control director

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Nassau County Animal Services has a new director. Deborah Biggs was hired by County Coordinator Ed Sealover to take the reins of the beleaguered department, and started on the job Tuesday. Sealover introduced Biggs to the county commissioners at their Wednesday meeting.

Sealover said after the meeting that Biggs, hired at an annual salary of \$64,000, would make a good addition to the county staff.

"We did a fairly extensive

search. We did a search in Florida, we did a search in Georgia, we did a search through the National Animal Control Association and we did a search through the National Association of Counties," he said. "We had somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 folks apply for the job, and I interviewed six or seven."

Sealover said he was impressed by Biggs' resume.

"She's been at it for 27 or 28 years in Texas and California and the Midwest, so she had very good credentials," he said. "She had that background of not only working for animal

control, but also working for some of the non-profits like the Humane Society and the (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

"She's going to be a working director, not someone who's going to sit behind a desk and bark out orders," Sealover added. "She was asked the question, 'Have you ever cleaned out cages?' And her answer was, 'Oh yeah, and I can do it again.'"

The animal control department has been beset by problems for years. In April of 2008, the sheriff's office took over the operation from the county.

At that time, the department was tainted by charges of poor recordkeeping, bad management and high staff turnover. In October 2007, then animal control director Brenda Rothwell was dismissed after allegations of mismanagement. Rothwell continued to serve as the county's code enforcement director.

Problems continued as the department went through several directors. The sheriff returned control of the department to the county in June after removing interim director Mimi Vitale.

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# 5 charged in \$7 million gasoline scam

*News-Leader*

An armed man who held police at bay in his Fernandina Beach home earlier this year has been indicted in a multi-million-dollar fuel fraud and bribery conspiracy scheme in Camden County, Ga.

Britt Clinton Moore was one of five people charged in a 17-count indictment alleging fraudulent fuel sales at Cisco's Travel

Plaza in St. Marys, Ga., a popular stop for Nassau County residents seeking cheaper gasoline in low-tax Georgia.

Joseph D. Newman, acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced the indictment Thursday returned by a federal grand jury sitting in Savannah, Ga.

Others indicted are Fairley Leslie Cisco of St. Marys, Ga., Robert Michael Clark of Folkston, Ga., Regina Dianne Cheung Pierce of Folkston, Ga., and Winston Eric Cisco of White Oak, Ga. Each is charged with federal conspiracy and mail and wire fraud. Fairley Cisco is also charged with criminal trademark infringement.

The indictment arose out of a joint federal and state investigation conducted by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Kingsland, Ga., Police Department and federal

Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations Division.

According to the indictment, Cisco operated three gasoline stations in Camden County just off I-95 near the Georgia-Florida border from the mid-1990s until their sale in late 2006. The indictment alleges that the defendants conspired to mis-calibrate the unleaded and diesel pumps at the Cisco stations to deliver less fuel than customers believed they were purchasing; to substitute regular unleaded gasoline for premium and mid-grade gasoline; to bribe inspectors with the Georgia Department of Agriculture in charge of inspecting fuel pumps; to substitute and sell non-BP unleaded gasoline at the Cisco station which displayed BP registered trademarks; and to make false statements to federal law enforcement officers investi-

gating the alleged criminal activities.

The indictment alleges that in 2005 and 2006 alone, customers of the Cisco stations were defrauded out of at least \$7 million.

Warrants remain outstanding for the arrests of Fairley Cisco and Winston Eric Cisco.

Moore, 41, was accused in April of holding police at bay while he was alone and armed in his home on High Rigger Court. He was charged with attempted murder of a police officer, shooting deadly missiles and aggravated battery.

Police were initially called when a woman ran from Moore's home bleeding and yelling for help. At one point, police said Moore came out of the home and fired at officers, who returned fire. Moore then went back inside the house, ultimately surrendering after a 14-hour standoff.

# Police seek armed robber

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*News-Leader*

Authorities have an arrest warrant and are on the hunt for an armed robbery suspect who struck a Yulee restaurant Sept. 4.

Detectives with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office are looking for Terrance Lamont McWilson, 21, of Yulee, who allegedly brandished a gun and made off with approximately

\$1,000 at the Dairy Queen at 462540 SR 200 Sept. 4, according to a press release the sheriff's office issued Wednesday.

According to the press release, McWilson allegedly entered through the restaurant's back door and told an employee to give him all the money in the register. Another employee heard her coworker scream and saw a man with a gun in his hands and a dark shirt covering his face exit

through the back door, authorities said.

Detectives reportedly identified McWilson based on statements from witnesses who saw him shortly after the robbery in a nearby shed wearing clothing that met the suspect's description.

Anyone with information regarding McWilson's whereabouts is asked to contact the Nassau County Sheriff's Office at 225-0331.

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# Voices of Diversity' talk race relations

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Fernandina Beach is a postcard-pretty town that, on the surface, does not seem to have many racial problems. But what is happening, if anything, behind that pristine façade?

And how often do people of different ethnic backgrounds actually sit down and talk about their differences? Where, for that matter, could one go to discuss race issues in a safe and confidential environment?

For those who are interested, there is a time and place where people can meet for open discussions on race relations.

The Voices of Diversity in Nassau County is looking for participants of all races and ethnic groups to join a six-week study circle to discuss racial issues. The program is sponsored jointly by the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and groups will meet weekly in two-hour sessions from Oct. 1 through Nov. 11.

The ultimate goal of the program is to come up with a com-

munity action project, which all participants will discuss and decide on at a final meeting on Nov. 14.

Susan Silverio, who helped put the program together in 2001, said participants are broken up into at least three "study circles" with eight to 12 people in each group. Using a study guide and two impartial facilitators, groups are free to let the conversation go where it may, and all discussions are completely confidential.

The pilot project came about in 2001 through a city Community Relations Board that has since been disbanded. Silverio says Stephanie Guskusky, who was on the board, contacted her to help with start-up of the group because Silverio had been involved in study groups in Delaware in the late 1990's. Guskusky also brought in members of the Jacksonville Human Resources Council to train six facilitators.

Silverio said there are three key elements that make the study groups different from other community efforts. One is that participants get to know

## Study circles

There will be an informational meeting on the study circles dealing with racism and race relations from 3-5 p.m. Saturday at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The public is invited.

Groups will meet weekly from Oct. 1 to Nov. 11, with a final all-group meeting on Nov. 14. Participants have a choice to meet Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon, or Thursdays 7-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Susan Silverio at 583-6272 or e-mail sharon.vod@gmail.com. Registration forms can be picked up at the chamber of commerce depot, Fernandina and Yulee branch libraries, Amelia Island Coffee & Ice Cream downtown, and Espresso's at Gateway to Amelia. For information on the nationwide program, visit www.everyday-democracy.org.

people they wouldn't meet in an everyday situation. The second is that the conversation is guided to address a certain topic, but is not directed. And the third difference is that a community project comes out of the study group through a common effort by all participants.

Last year's study circle resulted in an Oceans of Fun Reading Camp held at St. Peter's this past June for third-graders.

Neil Frink, who also has been involved in the study cir-

cles since the beginning, will again be a participant in the upcoming group. Frink said that, in the beginning, the 2002 pilot project came to a halt because there was not enough community support, and there was difficulty getting enough African-American or Hispanic participants.

The first group of study circles was finally formed in 2007

with the help of former fire chief Danny Leeper, First Assembly of God Pastor Ed Shick, former mayor Charles Albert and community activist Willie Mae Ashley. The Revs. George Young of St. Peter's and Jeremiah Robinson of New Zion were also instrumental, and Pastor Carlos Serrano of La Tierra Prometida church got involved in 2008.

"People just didn't know what it was," says Frink of the early study circle effort. "You get in a group and don't want to talk about it." Frink says he found the group invaluable because "it puts you in a great comfort zone," with the added bonus of "absolute confidentiality."

Silverio said study circles based on study guides by Everyday Democracy have been formed in cities and towns of all sizes throughout the country. The study guide for racial diversity helps build trust between participants before

they talk about controversial issues. Group activities also help people understand firsthand how life differs in the United States for other ethnic groups.

"The people who experienced it enjoyed it," said Frink. "It opens up a lot of people who wouldn't have opened up. ... It brings up things people may not be comfortable with anywhere else."

Frink and Silverio said it was very important to have the groups as diverse as possible - but having balanced participation is one of the biggest challenges. However, one of the best things to come out of the study circles, they said, is some lasting friendships.

Former participants still hold pot-luck dinners every few months to keep those social connections going.

"It's a way of connecting in the community that's pretty darn special," Silverio said.

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## POLITICS IN BRIEF

### '9-12 rally'

The Patriots of Nassau County are hosting a 9-12 Rally for all the fed-up taxpayers that can't make the long trip to Washington, DC.

The Freedom, Liberty and Tea Party movements are converging on Washington D.C., on Saturday for a March on Washington to show how upset they are with runaway government spending.

There will be a 9-12 Rally at Woody's Bar-B-Q, 474323 SR 200, on Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. The event will feature live coverage of the march on Washington. For information contact Douglas Newberry at 261-5289 or douglasnewberry@yahoo.com.

### GOP meeting

The executive committee of the Republican Party of

Nassau County is scheduled to hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday. Guest Speaker will be Larry Boatwright, volunteer coordinator for the Nassau County's

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# OPINION

VIEWPOINT/PHILLIP SCANLAN/AMELIA ISLAND ASSOCIATION

## Bicycle trail network vital to community

During a period of economic downturn we need to take advantage of opportunities to add value to our community in ways that will attract new homebuyers and tourists in order to help save jobs and help generate property and sales tax revenues. We have seen a significant decline in home sales and tourism, which to reverse will require Nassau County and Amelia Island to offer competitive advantages over hundreds of other coastal communities.

Trails for walking, running and biking add value to a community, and with federal, state, county, city and community support we now have the opportunity to create a great trail network here on Amelia Island.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails lists the following seven reasons why trails are important and create value for a community.

1. Prospective 55-plus homebuyers consider trails to be the most important amenity when choosing a place to live. (National Association of Homebuilders)
2. Studies indicate that closer proximity to greenways and conservation corridors increases property values. (National Recreation and Parks Association)
3. The most requested item by visitors to



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Florida's Official Welcome Centers is information about where is a good place to bicycle safely. (Visit Florida)

4. The number of Americans who ride bicycles is greater than all those who ski, golf and play tennis combined. (National Sporting Goods Association)

5. 52 percent of Americans would like to bike more and 46 percent would like to work if designated trails were available. (America Bikes; Trails and Greenways Clearing House; Bicycling/Moving America Forward, 2008)

6. An estimated \$76.6 billion could be saved on annual health care costs if Americans were more active. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Bicycling/Moving America Forward, 2008)

7. Biking four miles roundtrip to work instead of driving keeps 51 pounds of carbon monoxide out of the air each year. (Smart Trips; Bicycling/Moving America Forward, 2008)

The Amelia Island Trail project team is working to provide safe paths that support and encourage modes of transportation such as

### Public meetings

There are two upcoming meetings for those who are interested in bicycle trail plans:

Oct. 20: Fernandina Beach City Commission meeting to discuss possible city support for several Amelia Island Trail specific plan proposals (at City Hall, 204 Ash St., starting at 6 p.m.)

Oct. 14: Amelia Island Association public forum to share information on the trail plans and to obtain public input on them (at Fernandina Beach Police Department community room, 7-8:30 p.m.)

The current plan for trails, path maps and project team membership can be found at [www.ameliainlandassociation.com](http://www.ameliainlandassociation.com).

walking, running, casual bicycling (wide wheel) and club bicycling (narrow wheel) to:

- Connect people with parks and recreation facilities on Amelia Island.
- Connect Jacksonville trails and St. Marys, Ga., trails as part of the East Coast Greenway (Maine to Key West system of trails).

- Encourage healthy outdoor exercise.
- Provide safe paths to schools.
- Reduce traffic and parking problems.
- Increase tourism in the county.

New paths are coming. The AIT project team, which includes 38 members, was happy to be informed by the Florida Department of Transportation in late July that FDOT has agreed to add bike lanes along the 10.5-mile

section of A1A between the south tip of Amelia Island and Atlantic Avenue at Main Beach when they repave it late next year. This will significantly improve safety and offer a safe and scenic ocean view route that many bicyclists desire. This is in addition to the recently approved \$2.5 million in federal funding for trail construction by FDOT for the island's first off-road 12-foot-wide paved paths beginning in 2014.

The city of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County Commissioners have each recently passed a general resolution supporting Amelia Island Trail plans.

Amelia Island is an ideal location for trail development. It has great weather. A high percentage of the county population (35 percent) lives on a small percentage of its land mass (4 percent). It is flat.

It has ocean and river views, parks and greenways to ride or walk through, and scenic canopy-tree roads. It has an established tourist industry. It has Fort Clinch State Park with 6.2 miles of trails. It has the Cumberland Sound Ferry available for a scenic connection to St. Marys, Ga., on the north and its trail system. It has a fishing/pedestrian bridge available for connection to the state parks on the south where several miles of off-road trails will be built in the next two years. However, Amelia Island needs a safe network of paths to connect north and south in order to have a great trail system for all - new homebuyers, tourists, residents and students going to school.

Phillip Scanlan is a director of the Amelia Island Association and chair of its Amelia Island Trail project team.

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VIEWPOINT/CARL MEAUX/AMELIA ISLAND

## Men's club is not just for newcomers

The Men's Newcomers Club of Amelia Island and Nassau County serves present residents as well as newcomers. All men, whether new to the area or longtime Nassau County residents, are welcome to join.

The purpose of the club is to help build a better community by making men feel welcome, providing them a means to become acquainted with other men within the county and by offering interesting and educational activities, such as informative speakers at luncheons, tours of key businesses/facilities and interest groups.

Members become better acquainted through the social time provided prior to regular meetings and by joining interest groups. Interest groups include bridge, tennis, kayaking, poker, pinocle, technology, Habit for Humanity and Jacksonville Suns baseball. New interest groups are formed as members become involved in other activities. In addition, the Men's Newcomers Club, with assistance from the Newcomers Club of Amelia Island (women's club), holds a Spring Fling social, dinner and dance each April.

Members' interests and educational needs are satisfied through the quality of speakers made available and planned tours. Some of the past speakers and their subjects were: Steve Nicklas - community issues as they

relate to financial issues; Peter Scalco - Florida State Parks Service; Becky Jordi - general landscaping, including defining plants, shrubs and trees for the Northeast Florida area; Maarten van de Guchte - overview of Cummer Museum; and Randall Bohman - Drug Enforcement Administration mission and drug issues in Florida and Nassau County. State Rep. Janet Adkins will be the speaker for the upcoming Sept. 17 meeting. She will talk about the current state of the Florida economy and give an overview of the 2009 legislative session.

Some of the past tours taken were Naval Submarine Base, King Bay; Sally Corp.; White Oaks Conservation Center; Hilliard Air Traffic Control Center; Rayonier; Atlantic Marine; Jaxport; and the Budweiser plant.

The club meets regularly for lunch and fellowship on the third Thursday of the month, starting in September and ending in May. Please check the News-Leader regularly for the announcement of the meetings including the speakers.

All men are invited to come and join us at our monthly meetings and consider becoming a member. Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Men's Newcomers Club website at [www.mensnewcomersclub.org](http://www.mensnewcomersclub.org).

Carl Meaux is president of the Men's Newcomers Club.

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VIEWPOINT/DOUG SAYRE/FERNANDINA BEACH

# Youth sports fees have to go

I am writing again to express my concern over the fees that our city manager is proposing to levy against youth sports in our city. I feel that the proposals are unwarranted and that the idea of such fees be dropped entirely. Now, I am not naive and I do understand that our city is experiencing difficult financial times. However, I do not think the answer is to try and squeeze money from youth sport programs.

In a recent article in the *News-Leader* Mr. Czymbor is quoted as saying it was "staggering" to see the amount that the city was subsidizing our organizations. First, let's take a look at that statement. The city in no way subsidizes youth soccer. I cannot speak for the other youth sport organizations but I am sure they are operated much the same. We have no employees; all those involved in youth soccer are volunteers.

The extent of support that we receive from the city is limited to mowing, general field upkeep and the limited electricity we use for our small utility building and restrooms. The employees that he must be referring to are those who work for the parks and recreation department.

Please do not think that we do not appreciate all that the city and its employees do for our organization. Nor are we blind to the costs involved in maintaining these complexes (although I question the validity of the amounts suggested). If it were not for the generous use

of the fields we would have no place for our youth to play sports. I say our youth, because they are our youth! They are yours, mine, our neighbors; even if we have no children they are ours.

That's because we as adults in this community have a responsibility to our youth. We have a responsibility to mentor, guide and to help develop them emotionally, academically and physically. It was stated that the city only got back about \$2,000 from "these groups." I believe that the return on the investment of providing facilities for youth sports groups is much richer than that.

Youth sports help produce respectful, healthy, well-adjusted young men and women who are the future of our community. I am sure that there is likely some study by some group of academics somewhere that could spout the return on investment from not having generations of abandoned, misdirected youth wandering our cities getting into untold trouble. However, we already know this to be a universal truth.

There is more to this story as well. Generations of Fernandina residents have played on these fields, and their parents, who also played on those fields, have never been asked to shoulder the burden of field upkeep. That is because the community long ago realized the importance of these facilities. Youth sports is one of the things that help keep this

city glued together. It is a place where regardless of our social or economic status we and our children can come together and share an afternoon or evening together.

I'm not sure that Mr. Czymbor even realizes that our organizations are non-profits and that 100 percent of our "revenues" go back into the program. To suggest that we "share" revenue makes no sense. There are no residual revenues to be shared! Many folks probably don't realize that we have some players that are sponsored by our programs because their families are not able to afford the cost of registration. If we had to dole money out for mowing, these players would likely no longer be afforded the opportunity to play.

I know that times are tough for our city. They are tough for lots of people. It's during these times when folks are out of work and they can't necessarily afford to spend extra money on typical forms of entertainment that our city recreation facilities are so important. Youth sports and the excellent facilities they're played on should be the one thing that people can count on. Even if Mom or Dad are out of work kids can make their way to the football, baseball or soccer fields.

If you ask me, we do need to continue to provide these facilities but asking youth sports to pay is not the answer. I may be alone in my opinion but I would venture a guess that I am probably not.

EDITORIAL

## Speak up now about county, city budgets

We spend most of our words in this column on efficiency, urging our local governments to do a better job with taxpayer money — your money. We rail against waste, question expenditures, wonder about the logic of various taxes and fees, lampoon the idiocies sometimes perpetrated by our so-called public servants and generally try to make a pest of ourselves in local government circles.

All of this is designed to bring public pressure to bear on our local governments so that, ultimately, the wisest decisions are made. Or at least the dumb decisions are made in full view of the paying customers.

Our citizenry, like that of other conservative burghs across America, has been reeling of late over issues such as federal taxation, health care reform, a burgeoning U.S. budget deficit, the faltering economy and how to pay for the cures to all that ails us.

It is time now for concerned citizens to press their concerns in the places where they can make the most difference — City Hall and the county commission chambers.

Your city and county governments are raising taxes and fees while offering reduced services. The proposed city budget, for example, includes the cost of new parking meters (\$120,000) and estimated parking revenues (\$300,000) even though there has been loud public opposition to charging for parking.

New budgets that go into effect Oct. 1 will be noticeably diminished from those that have gone before, and these are just the harbingers — next year's budgets may well be worse, much worse.

We believe both city and county governments should cut more spending now to keep tax rates lower and fees smaller. We are not opposed to user fees for government services, but we lament the attitude that government should first look for new revenues rather than restrain costs. And we are especially perturbed when government budgets more often preserve the dominions of bureaucrats than meet the legitimate needs of the public they serve.

If you agree — or if you don't — now is your chance to make your voice heard.

The county commission will hold a public hearing on its 2009-10 budget at 7 p.m. Monday at the James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee.

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Please speak up.

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### Liquor store

Is it not an eyesore for the citizens and visitors of Fernandina Beach/Amelia Island to see a liquor building when approaching the scenic, majestic views of the Shave Bridge? Please tell us who is responsible for this smear on our community? What city or county commissioners allowed for this?

Let us remember to vote them all out of office. There are so many new vacant buildings around town that could have been used for a liquor store. To shame that beautiful landscape is a disgrace. Not to mention the types of drivers who will be pulling out their vehicles onto A1A traffic!

**Felicia Jerome  
Fernandina Beach**

### Dock fee disgust

So let me be sure I have this straight ("City increases fees," Sept. 4). A teen from Europe sails across the Atlantic in a 20-foot sailboat and stops first in Fernandina Beach. That teenager ties up to our marina, gets a shower from our marine visitor's center and purchases a chart of the Intracoastal Waterway. For the hour that youth's boat is tied up to one of the pilings of the marina, that youth is expected to pay 40 cents per foot, or \$8, more than minimum wage per hour. That is outrageous, inhospitable and disgusting!

More and more I'm seeing that our community is becoming a place of cutthroats and thieves — greedy, grasping, covetous old sinners like Scrooge! What kind of slimeballs have we elected as so-called city fathers?

As an Independent, I didn't vote for these people, but I have to go to church with those of you who did, and I am ashamed of you too! I am grieved that the almighty dollar has become an object of worship in this community.

Word will get around soon enough amongst boaters and others to not stop in Fernandina Beach. It's a financial trap! Shame!

**J. Charles Cripps  
Fernandina Beach**

### Leave our kids alone

How dare our president address schoolchildren asking them to "work hard, pay attention in school and complete assignments." To tell kids that "every single one of you has something you're good at" and "you have a responsibility to yourself to discover what that is."

Who does he think he is, a parent?

**Robert Howat  
Fernandina Beach**

### Wise up, now

Bribes, scams, rigged bids and favoritism are all forms of corruption faced by every nation on earth. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, we are tied for 18th position with Japan and Belgium. It is a serious problem with all nations.

It can only be controlled by honest leadership in government. We are supposed to be a nation of the people, by the people and for the people, but we are more a nation of the crooks, by the crooks and for the crooks.

We must change this and we can do it if we will smarten up at the ballot box.

The crooks are spending much, much money to elect those who will do their dirty work for them, so when you go to vote and you see this name on the ballot that you have seen over and over again on TV, and you feel like you know them, don't, please don't vote for them. Vote for someone else.

If you do this in every race, we can beat the corruption that is cost-



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ing us so much and we are getting so little.

**W.H. Burney  
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### More dirt

Have you ever heard of planning or earning your money? This lack of communication figures out to roughly \$140,000 additional for taxpayers to consume ("County buys dirt in an emergency," Sept. 4).

It sounds like the commissioners are really upset over such an oversight. And how convenient to pass the blame onto some more shameful spending on consultants who apparently have very little regard for tax money to utilize their services. It is one thing to retain services and another to make use of those services. This is totally irresponsible of the elected officials to let happen.

Perhaps they are willing to give up some pay to help fund this outrageous debt. More dirt for Nassau County taxpayers.

I personally will remind taxpayers when the next tax hike is proposed who the very responsible and loyal commissioners are. This is very disturbing.

**Paul Brungard  
Amelia Island**

### More about fishing

I wrote awhile back about how it can be hard for most women fishing with their mate, and it just comes down to men think that boats are better than women! These are five things that they think:

1. You can use tie-downs on your boat.
2. Boats don't mind if you board other boats.
3. Boats don't care if you drink while you're on them.
4. A boat will let you drop anchor wherever you want.
5. Boats don't expect you to call the day after you use them.

So all you ladies don't feel alone, they are just men.

**Teri Williams  
Fernandina Beach**

### Time is running out

Five or six months ago I sent you a prediction concerning the rush to a world government system that would be in the making, along with a fast approaching world bank system and one world government.

These systems will be in line with Bible prophecy and will begin posturing for a world church system. It is happening so fast that it is

hard to believe, yet we see the change almost overnight.

The world is clamoring for God to be pushed out and Christianity done away with. God will agree to this and remove His church and it's witnesses from the Earth until He returns at the end of the seven-year tribulation period upon this Earth.

I believe the next thing to look for is a move to negotiate world concern for war over a period of three to four months. We can then expect a drastic war to unfold. Diplomacy will be thrown to the wind.

The scene will see "The Rapture of the Church" take place prior to a drastic war taking place.

America as you have known it will dissolve and this one-world church, bank and government. This system will usher in the anti-christ. He is alive today and will appear on the scene soon.

Prior to this, Jesus will come for His church.

The tribulation time will begin and last for seven years prior to Jesus' return to set up His kingdom here on this Earth, and He will bring His saints with Him.

He will rule and reign for a thousand years on a perfect Earth.

Do you want to know what happens after that?

Do you know Lord Jesus as your Savior?

You have been praying for His return every time you have recited the Lord's Prayer, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven."

My friends, time is running out. Jesus is at the door of your heart. He knocks and wants to come in. Will you open your heart and invite Him in?

If you are in Christ, you shall rule and reign with Him for a thousand years until God the Father comes to have the White Throne Judgment.

He that hath an ear, let Him hear.  
**George Osbourne  
Amelia Island**

### Spitting in the wind

A wise friend once told me "trying to fight ignorance is like spitting in the wind," so I'll be spitting in the wind writing this letter in response to the letter "Obama is really scary" (Sept. 4), part two of the original saga "Obama is scary." I'm hoping next month we will be treated to more comedy in the third installment "Obama is really, really scary; and the sky is falling too", by our friend the writer Mr. Chicken Little.

I too am a veteran who also had top-secret clearance, as you say you did, but unlike you I have respect for our Commander in Chief, President Barack Obama. I served my county and respect my leaders, although I may not agree with some of them, especially the warmongering of the previous administration. But from the hateful words you use, I suspect you have new leaders: Rush and Glenn.

So you listen to a little hate radio and the filthy words spewed by your leader Rush, and you watch a little hate TV with your leader Glenn Beck, and you are so programmed that you immediately have to write a letter in which you spout out the same thing you just heard Beck say on your television, words like "czars" and "communists" and "Castro" and "Hitler," and you don't even bother to think an original thought in your head. Must write letter to paper, that's what Rush and Glenn want me to do, must say scary words like communist and czar.

And thus we get a continuation of your first comedic effort from back in August, and you once again insult the president of the United States trying to scare people, just like Glenn and Rush want you to do. You have been programmed, sir, by your leaders Rush and Glenn. Who's the communist now, Mr. Czar of Nassauville?

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## St. Peter's announces community concert series

For the News-Leader

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interesting, enjoyable, and varied programming.

In order to sustain the series, a freewill offering will be taken at some concerts, and tickets sold for others.

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to Canada to pursue a Ph.D. in theology and a career as a professor in theology. While serving as a pastoral theologian and chaplain in Toronto, she began using the harp with hospitalized patients, and is now a full-time harpist, teacher, researcher and concert-lecturer in vibration medicine and therapeutic harp.

Tickets for the concert are available at the church office for \$15. Call

261-4293 to reserve. If not sold out, tickets will be sold at the door.

The next Community Concert is scheduled for Oct. 18 featuring Beth Newdome on violin, a favorite performer at the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, and Peter Wright, a member of the Jacksonville Symphony, on clarinet.

Another date to put on your calendar is Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

when guitarist Tim Thompson and his fiddle-playing son, Myles, will be performing again as they did in 2007. Their Christmas plus program is a sure-to-please event that is not to be missed.

It is St. Peter's hope that the community will join it on a regular basis as it presents a variety of music programs throughout the year.

## 'ASSISTED LIVING WEEK'

Mayor Susan Steger reads a proclamation naming Sept. 13-19 as "Assisted Living Week 2009 - Traditions of the Heart" that was presented to Ruth Holland, a resident of Savannah Grand Assisted Living, Tammi Holland, executive director, and Renee Stoffel, marketing and sales coordinator, during a city commission meeting Sept. 1.

ANGELA DAUGHTRY  
NEWS-LEADER

## HOME &amp; GARDEN BRIEFS

## Farmers market

Now that summer is over, several vendors of the Fernandina Farmers Market will be returning.

Golden Acres Ranch, the family-run ranch with pasture-raised lamb and goat, will return to its third Saturday of the month beginning Sept. 19. This is USDA certified meat with an array of cuts of both lamb and goat available. Be sure to ask for a sample.

Dee Talty of Olde Hearth Bakery will also return Sept. 19 with artisan breads including country French loaf, semolina bread, whole-grain farm-style bread, stone ground wheat bread, rye, potato and chive, ciabatta and more. Pastries include Danish, plain, chocolate and almond croissants, and a selection of muffins and scones.

Gabriela's Tamales will return the first and third Saturdays of the month beginning Oct. 3. This Saturday, Sweet Grass Dairy will be at the market.

The Fernandina Farmers 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](http://www.fernandinafarmersmarket.com).

## Egans Creek walk

Join Our Greenway Sept. 12 at 8 a.m. for a birding walk on the Greenway. Expect to see a variety of wading and song birds as well as birds of prey. Go to [www.ourgreenway.org](http://www.ourgreenway.org) to download a Greenway specific bird list.

Bring binoculars, water, sun protection, bug juice, walking shoes and optionally field guides and spotting scopes.

Meet in the parking lot



Lily Barg, granddaughter of Diane Barg, enjoys one of the smoothies available at the Fernandina Farmers Market.

behind the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, 2500 Atlantic Ave. Call 277-7350 or visit [www.ourgreenway.org](http://www.ourgreenway.org).

## Plant clinic

On Sept. 14 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Becky Jordi, Nassau County Horticulture Extension agent, will conduct a plant clinic at the Yulee Extension Office (A1A and Pages Dairy Road).

All county residents are invited to bring plant samples showing problems in their landscapes.

Solutions offered for correction. This service is free. Call 548-1116.

## Wildflowers class

On Sept. 16, Master Gardener Claudie Speed will conduct a Landscape Matters class on wildflowers. The session will take place at the UF/IFAS Nassau County Demonstration Garden at the James S. Page Governmental Complex in Yulee.

In case of inclement weather, the session will be held in the EOC conference room at the complex. The class is free. Visit <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticult>

## Habitat workshops

Nassau Habitat for Humanity will hold workshops for prospective buyers and accept applications to buy Habitat homes built on Amelia Island.

Applicants must attend a Nassau Habitat Family Selection Workshop to learn about Habitat's program. Workshops will be held in the reception area of the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach, on Sept. 26 at 2 p.m., Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 3 at 2 p.m.

For information call 277-0600 or visit [NassauHabitat.org](http://NassauHabitat.org).

## Landscape workshop

On Sept. 29 the Extension Service will offer a Limited Certification Workshop for Commercial Landscape Maintenance. Register by Sept. 18 by e-mailing Rebecca Jordi at [rjordi@ufl.edu](mailto:rjordi@ufl.edu), or call 548-1116. The workshop will be held at the FCCJ Betty Cook Campus. Sessions are 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

A partial session is offered for recertification from 8:45 a.m.-1:30 pm. Full day cost is \$50 and includes 2 textbooks, notebook, handouts and lunch; the half-day session costs \$25 and includes handouts, refreshments and lunch.

Make checks to Nassau County Extension and mail to: Nassau County Extension, 543350 US 1, Callahan, FL 32011.

## Kayak trip

The Nassau Sierra Club chapter will host a sunset full moon rise kayak/canoe trip Oct. 3 from 3-8:30 p.m. at the Okefenokee swamp.

This trip is open to the public. Cost is \$35 and includes kayak/canoe rental. Eric Titcomb, a qualified Sierra Club Outings leader, will lead the trip.

Contact Titcomb at 277-4187.

## Largest oak contest

Manzie & Drake Land Surveying is holding a "Largest Live Oak Tree" in Nassau County contest through Oct. 31.

Entries are encouraged from all over Nassau County. The winner will receive a plaque with a photo, latitude and longitude, size and location.

Call Manzie & Drake Land Surveying at 491-5700, 888-832-7730 or e-mail [mike-manzie@gmail.com](mailto:mike-manzie@gmail.com).

## Cookie tour

On Nov. 21 kick off your holiday season by touring seven island bed and breakfast inns, enjoying each inn's signature cookie, warm hospitality and holiday decorations.

The Amelia Island Bed and Breakfast Association will donate a portion of ticket and cookbook sales to Friends of the Library to help promote literacy and the programs of the Fernandina Beach library.

Tickets are available now at the Fernandina library, Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau Depot on Centre Street, the Friends of the Library book sale Oct. 8-9, and at each inn: Addison On Amelia, Ash Street Inn, Elizabeth Pointe Lodge, Fairbanks House, Florida House Inn, Hoyt House and Williams House.

Tickets are \$15; or \$20 after Nov. 1. Tickets are available online at [www.ameliainlandinns.com](http://www.ameliainlandinns.com). Visit the website or contact the inns for information.

## Bible study classes

## 20s &amp; 30s Bible Study

Grace Community Church invites those under 40 years old to a special Bible study for those in their 20s and 30s. The small group meets weekly in Yulee. Contact Pastor Dave Bradsher at 491-0363 or [www.gracenassau.com](http://www.gracenassau.com). Sign up online at [www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=119614596646](http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=119614596646).

## Community study

Community Bible Study is an interdenominational organization for all backgrounds and levels of Bible knowledge. Weekly classes begin in September. For information contact the appropriate class coordinator: Wednesday morning women and children (infant and home schooled): Kathleen Minor 225-8125; Monday evening men: Tony Taylor, 321-0785; Monday evening women: Linda Bell, 261-0569; Monday evening teens: Jeanne Scott, 491-9849; Monday evening E-teen (middle school): Bobbie Burch, 261-2533.

## 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 Mondays from 7-8:30

p.m. at Amelia Baptist Church, 961167 Buccaneer. The study begins Sept. 14. Call Michal Polese at 548-9971 or Linda Bell at 261-0569. Visit [www.community-biblestudy.org](http://www.community-biblestudy.org) and [www.ameliainlandevcs.org](http://www.ameliainlandevcs.org).

## Teen CBS

Teen CBS is an interdenominational Bible study for local high school students. Study the awesome book of Isaiah, enjoy delicious dinner and great fellowship on Monday nights starting Sept. 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Anchor (First Presbyterian Church), corner of Sixth and Centre streets. Call Carolyn Gleason at 491-5437 or Jeanne Scott at 491-9849.

## Beth Moore study

Amelia Plantation Chapel will begin an 11-week Beth Moore women's Bible study - Jesus The One And Only - starting Sept. 22 at 10 a.m.

This is an in-depth study of the life of Jesus based on the book of Luke. Workbook is \$15. Call 277-4414 or e-mail [sandyshawaifl@bellsouth.net](mailto:sandyshawaifl@bellsouth.net).

## Amelia Island study

The Amelia Island Small Group of Grace Community Church meets Tuesday evenings on the south end of the island for Bible study. Call 491-0363.

## WEDDING ENGAGEMENT

## Walstead-Brice

Brittnee Walstead and David Brice Jr., both of Yulee, will be married at 4 p.m. Sept. 26, 2009, at Main Beach in Fernandina Beach with John Cook officiating.

The reception will be held in Yulee. E-mail Brittnee at [blackwidowraven17@yahoo.com](mailto:blackwidowraven17@yahoo.com) for further information on the reception.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Larine Walstead of East Leroy, Mich., and Danny and Tina Camacaro of Villa Rica, Ga.

The groom-elect is the son of Mike Brice of Wallace, N.C., and George and Karen Perry of Yulee.

## BIRTH

Mike and Amy Wagner of Fernandina Beach announce the birth of a daughter, Gabrielle Lauren Wagner, born at 1:20 p.m. Aug. 28, 2009, at Baptist Medical Center-Nassau. The baby weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and measured 21.5 inches in length.

Paternal grandparents are Tom and Sue Wagner of Heyworth, Ill. Maternal grandparents are Gary and Emily Grable of Fernandina Beach. Great-grandmother is Donna Schoenle of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Great-grandmother is Jean Connelley of Mount Pulaski, Ill.

## CAMPUS NOTES

Angela M. Nobles, a 2007 graduate of Fernandina Beach High School and a junior at the University of Florida, has been accepted into the University of Florida's College of Nursing.

For acceptance, a student must have completed and earned a minimum grade point average of 3.3 in prerequisite classes with an overall minimum GPA of 3.5. University of Florida accepted 128 students for the graduating class of 2011.



Nobles

Upon completion of this program, Nobles will receive a bachelor of science degree in nursing. At UF, 97 percent of graduates pass the NCLEX, registered nurse licensure exam, 75 percent of all students who complete the nursing program continue their studies to receive their Ph.D. Nobles is the daughter of Charles E. and Pamela Nobles of Fernandina Beach.

Kaitlan Mountain Clower of Fernandina Beach has been accepted into The Florida School of Traditional Midwifery. She is one of the 18 women who have been chosen from across the nation to make up the graduating class of 2012.

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# RELIGION

## Karate, mirrors and staring at yourself can be dangerous

My toe was broken and lying completely sideways. Apart from the time I shattered both of my ankles, I had never felt such pain. My sister Karen, who saw the whole thing, but didn't realize I had broken my toe, was rolling with laughter as I hopped around on one foot and finally landed on the couch. I'm sure from where she was standing, the whole thing was quite funny. I don't know why, but as a kid I was always fascinated with martial arts. From judo techniques, to various forms of karate, I had checked out every book the library had. Actually, according to the diagrams in those books, I was doing everything right the day I broke my toe.



**PULPIT NOTES**

Pastor Rob Goyette

beside the mirror where I was practicing my moves. Little did I know that as I watched myself in the mir-

The problem was my surroundings; or, should I say, my lack of paying attention to them.

If you could have seen the size of the 1960's combination TV, radio, record player that my toe connected with, you would understand. Its solid wood frame, designed to look like a piece of furniture, filled the wall

ror, I had lost touch with all the other stuff in the room. To this day, I live with the results.

What is it about being so focused on ourselves that always gets us in trouble? From Adam and Eve in the garden, to all our modern world's problems, to me, it's all the same. Any time we lose perspective of the bigger picture, and our place in it, we are set up for some real difficulties.

The principle applies to so many areas. Whether we are talking about marital relationships, how our country relates to other countries, or how churches in a community interact with each other, I think we need to be careful. The bottom line is this, staring at yourself too much can be

dangerous. We need to take into account all the other stuff in the room.

Like me with my toe, if I had been a little less absorbed with how good I thought I was doing, and a little more aware of the weighty things standing just inches away, I could have avoided a lot of pain.

So what's the point? Is it wrong to pay attention to your own stuff? Of course not. Is it wrong to study and practice what you have learned? No, if it's ethically and morally sound. The caution is this: Don't fall into the trap that says, "It's all about you." The attention you'll get may not be the kind you were hoping for. Philippians 2:4-9 has this to say:

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name."

Robert L. Goyette is pastor of Living Waters World Outreach Center. rgoy@livingwatersoutreach.org

### RELIGION NOTES

#### Worship and lunch

Join Salvation Army Hope House each Tuesday at noon for its Weekly Worship Service and Fellowship Lunch. Anne Key, a gifted Bible study teacher and powerful woman of God, will share the Gospel message from a Hebraic perspective Sept. 15. Call 321-0435 or stop by the Hope House, 410 South Date St.

#### Membership seminars

Grace Community Church is offering a second and third quarterly membership seminar for those interested in joining the church. The second seminar is Sept. 8 (session one) and Sept. 15 (session two). The third seminar is Sept. 19 (session one) and Sept. 26 (session two). Each session begins at 6 p.m. in the Meadowfield subdivision in Yulee. Contact Pastor Dave Bradsher at pastor@gracenasau.com, 491-0363 or http://gracenasau.com.

#### Jewish services

The Jewish Community of Amelia Island is holding High Holy Day services Sept. 19 for Rosh Hashanah and Sept. 28 for Yom Kippur, led by Rabbi Israel Barzak of Jacksonville in the Social Hall of Amelia Park's Holy Trinity Anglican Church 1830 Lake Park Drive, Fernandina Beach. Services begin promptly at 10 a.m. For Rosh Hashanah, the service will last about 1 1/2 hours, followed by a potluck dairy kiddush. The Yom Kippur service will last about 2 hours, with Kol Nidre being observed during the service. Cost is \$25 per person per service. Make checks to Lala Clark and mail to 39 Beach Wood Road, Amelia Island, FL 32034 no later than Sept. 12. Call Carolyn Greene at 310-6298 or e-mail carolyn647@hotmail.com concerning foods to bring.

#### Jazz service

Jazz up your Sunday morning and your spirit at a creative worship service featuring a jazz ensemble at New Vision Congregational Church Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. The service will feature the music of Pegge Ealum, flute; Ernie Ealum, bass; Darren Ronan, drums; and Jane Lindberg, piano. Members will explore the rhythm of their faith with the theme Improvisation: Music Rising up out of Mystery. A jazz service will be held the second Sunday of each month.

New Vision worships each Sunday at 10 a.m. at 96074 Chester Road in Yulee. Visit www.NewVisionCongregationalChurch.org or contact the Rev. Mary Kendrick Moore at 238-1822.

#### 'Pilgrim's Progress'

Amelia Plantation Chapel Pastor Ted Schroder will lead a study of John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress* beginning Sept. 13 at 10:30 a.m. for several weeks.

The story of a Christian whose pilgrimage takes him through the Slough of Despond, Vanity Fair and the Delectable Mountains is full of danger and adventure. Together with his trusty companions, Faithful and Hopeful, he encounters many enemies before arriving at the Celestial City. Bunyan's own experience of religious persecution informs his story, but its qualities of psychology, realism and the beauty and simplicity of his prose give the book universal appeal.

To sign up and purchase a book (\$9), call 277-4114.

#### Community concerts

Community Concerts at St. Peter's will be presented throughout the year featuring a variety of artists and styles. The goal of the program,

under the direction of Emma Bledsoe, is to present at least four to eight programs every year. In order to sustain the series, a freewill offering will be taken at some concerts, and tickets sold for others.

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Tickets are \$15 and available at the church office. Call 261-4293 to reserve. If not sold out, tickets will be sold at the door.

#### Divorce care

DivorceCare is a 13-week support group and seminar for people who are experiencing separation and divorce. Each session features videotapes with nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics and an opportunity for group discussion. This is a nondenominational group. A new group starts Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Amelia Baptist Church, 961167 Buccaneer Trail. Call Dave Parker at the church, 261-9527.

#### Free dental care

Sept. 21-23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. the Northeast Florida Baptist Association will make appointments on a first come, first served basis at The First Baptist Church of Callahan, 45090 Green Ave. The Mobile Dental Unit of the Florida Baptist Convention will be at the church Sept. 28-Oct. 3 to perform basic dental work (fillings and extractions).

Call the Northeast Florida Baptist Association at 225-5941 or the church at (904) 879-2172. No appointments can be made on the phone; you must appear in person. There is no charge for this service.

#### Workshop

Impact Your World Church and Pastor Calvin Russell Thompson invites everyone to attend a free educational workshop Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. in the Full Service School, 86207 Felmor Road, Yulee, focusing on wills, deeds, estates and trusts. Attorney Clyde Davis is the speaker. A love offering will be received.

#### Study circles

Facing Racism in a Diverse Nation Study Circles will behold Oct. 1-Nov. 14 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. A diverse group of people, led by impartial facilitators, will meet each week to discuss issues of importance to all. This is open to anyone and free of charge. Contact Sharon Stanley at 583-6272 or e-mail sharon.vod@gmail.com.

#### 'Reclaiming Paul'

Amelia Plantation Chapel will begin a 12-week DVD-based study on the life of the Apostle Paul Oct. 4, at 8 a.m. Following Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire, this study explores fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenges to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today. No book to buy, no lessons to complete - just enjoy the video and the discussions. Contact Gayle Gower, 277-3748, or gbgower@yahoo.com.

#### Reading group

Amelia Plantation Chapel's "Faithful Readers" is an informal reading group focusing on works of

contemporary fiction and biography aimed at seeing literature through the eyes of a Christian worldview. The next selection is *Living With Wisdom: A Life of Thomas Merton*, by Jim Forest. The discussion will be Oct. 7 at 3 p.m. in the Meeting Room at Amelia Plantation Chapel. A documentary film on the life of Thomas Merton will be shown. Contact Gayle Gower, 277-3748, gbgower@yahoo.com.

#### Women's retreat

"Sabbath Gifts," a women's retreat with author and retreat leader Mary Bea Sullivan, will be held Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Treat yourself to a day of renewal with Sullivan and explore how the gifts of the Sabbath offer: Permission to rest and renew; reconnection with the sacred strength and refuge; restoration for the soul; creative, joy-filled time; and energy to approach life with a fresh perspective. Sullivan is author of *Dancing Naked Under the Moon: Uncovering the Wisdom Within*.

Fee is \$75 and includes materials, lunch and snacks. Scholarship available. E-mail mary@marybeasullivan.com or call (205) 329-4862.

#### Playgroup

MOM.ME meets every Wednesday from 9:30-11 a.m. in Noah's Place, First Presbyterian's nursery and preschool 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.

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# AROUND SCHOOL

## CLASS NOTES

### SAC meeting

The regular School Advisory Council meeting at Southside Elementary School will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the library Sept. 14. Parents and community are invited to attend.

### FBMS open house

Fernandina Beach Middle School will hold an open house beginning at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 in the auditorium. For information call 491-7938.

### Children's art

The Island Art Association children's art programs for September include Mommy & Me (pre-k) on Sept. 14 from 10-11 a.m., taught by Amber McHugh, and Children's Art on Sept. 26, 10-11 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., taught by Diane Hamburg.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Call 261-7020 to register.

### Time for Tots

The Nassau County Public Library Time for Tots kicks off with a visit from Smokey Bear as he celebrates his 65th birthday on Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Hilliard library and 11:30 a.m. at the Callahan library; Sept. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fernandina branch; and Sept. 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Yulee.

### NACDAC meeting

Members of the community interested in the prevention and elimination of underage drinking and other drug use within Nassau County are invited to attend the Nassau Alcohol, Crime and Drug Abatement Coalition (NACDAC) meeting Sept. 15 at 4 p.m.

NACDAC is a non-profit coalition created to support and encourage drug-free lifestyles for the youth of Nassau County. It meets the third Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. at the County Building, 86026 Pages Dairy Road, Yulee. For information visit [www.nacdac.org](http://www.nacdac.org) or call Jean Bardes at 753-2551.

### Dance classes

The Ballroom Youth Academy will begin the fall semester of free ballroom dance classes Sept. 17 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center auditorium for students in grades 1-12. Classes will meet every Thursday with a year-end recital at the holiday classic ballroom dance competition Dec. 19 at the Hyatt hotel in downtown Jacksonville. Registration fee is \$10; classes are free. Contact Felix Solis at (904) 707-6762.

### Scout round-ups

Boys ages 6-10 or in first through fifth grade

can sign up for Scouting in Nassau County. If you cannot make the initial sign-up you still can join at any time through the North Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Visit [www.nfscouting.org](http://www.nfscouting.org) or call 1-800-232-0845. Local round-up dates include Southside Elementary Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. and Hilliard Elementary Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

### Teen B.L.A.S.T.

A Teen B.L.A.S.T. meeting will be held Sept. 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach branch library. Do you like to plan events? Hang out with other teens? Get involved in your community? Come check it out. Teen B.L.A.S.T. meets the first and third Thursday of each month.

The library also is seeking teens interested in volunteering to help plan the annual Haunted House event, slated for Oct. 23-31.

For more information contact Youth Librarian Michelle Forde at 548-4858 or e-mail [mforde@nassaucountyfl.com](mailto:mforde@nassaucountyfl.com). The Fernandina branch is located at 25 N. Fourth St.

### Y Kids Triathlon

On Sept. 20 McArthur Family YMCA will host its first Y Kids Triathlon, an event to promote a healthy and fun lifestyle where everyone leaves a winner - maybe even a hero.

Cost is \$15 per participant and includes a shirt and a medal. Activities start at 7 a.m. Kids ages 5-12 will swim, bike and run. Distances will be determined by age. A pancake breakfast/pool party will follow and is \$5 per family. Proceeds benefit the YMCA Strong Kids campaign. For information call 261-1080 or e-mail Karina Grego at [kgreg@firstcoastymca.org](mailto:kgreg@firstcoastymca.org).

### Supplies giveaway

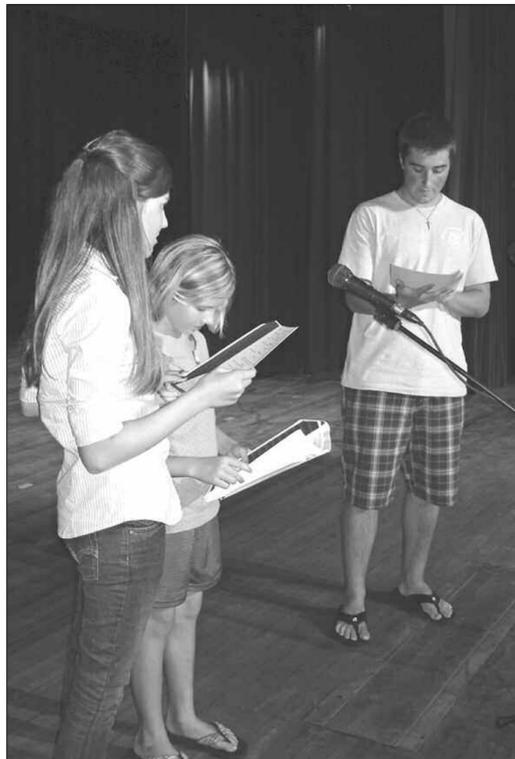
Nassau County teachers and paraprofessionals are invited to a free supplies giveaway from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at ARC/Nassau, 86051 Hamilton St., off US 17 north in Yulee. For information call Rhonda Barcus at 225-9355. You may fill three bags with supplies for your classroom. Bring your own or ARC can supply the bags (no rolling bags please).

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### Mentor training

Training for those interested in becoming mentors in Take Stock in Children of Nassau County will be held Sept. 22, 1-4 p.m., in room T-126 at the Florida State College Betty P. Cook Nassau Center, 76346 William Burgess Blvd. in Yulee. The training class is sponsored by Take Stock in Children and is free. Call Jody Mackle at 548-4464 to reserve a seat.

## 'ANNIE' AUDITIONS



Seventy-five students ages 9-18 and from all parts of Nassau County came to Fernandina Beach Middle School to audition for "Annie." An impressive and talented group of local school children sang and read for the coveted roles from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Twenty-seven young ladies tried out for Annie alone. Organizers were able to cast all of the students that could commit to all of the rehearsals.

The cast began rehearsing Aug. 31 and is looking forward to five rigorous and fun-filled weeks of singing, dancing, acting and set construction. "Annie" evening performances will be held Oct. 8-10 and a Sunday matinee will be held Oct. 11.

Plan to support local child actors and Communities in Schools. Tickets go on sale Monday at the Fernandina Beach Middle School office. All seats are \$10. All proceeds go to Communities in Schools of Nassau County.

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Applications will be accepted (visit [cga.edu](http://cga.edu)) through Feb. 1, 2010. Applications received by Nov. 1 will be replied to by Dec. 24.

The academy will accept applications from highly qualified high school juniors as well, from Jan. 1-April 1, 2010, online at [uscga.edu/aim](http://uscga.edu/aim) to compete for selection for next summer's AIM (Academy Introduction Mission) programs - three one-week orientation programs to be held in July 2010 at the Academy's New London, Conn., campus. While not a prerequisite, successful AIM experience can enhance a high school senior applicant's competitiveness for an Academy scholarship.

There are several Academy Admissions Office partners in the area, among them Bill Long (904) 321-0203, [longclwmf@bellsouth.net](mailto:longclwmf@bellsouth.net); Dennis Murray (904) 549-0392, [murrayden@bellsouth.net](mailto:murrayden@bellsouth.net); and Bill Bocchino (904) 287-3873, [wbochino@sttconstgroup.com](mailto:wbochino@sttconstgroup.com).

# Pulpit swap trades Presbyterians abroad

RYAN SMITH  
News-Leader



Siegling

After waiting for some time and receiving no responses, I sent the same e-mail to the minister members whose last names began with the letters 'B' and 'C'. I realize that this was not the most scientific process; however, the second round of e-mails yielded several responses, not least of which came from the Rev.

Scott Burton.

"Scott and I corresponded via e-mail for some time after that and together discerned that we were ecclesiastically and personally compatible and that our gifts for ministry complimented one another nicely," Siegling added. "We proceeded to work out the logistics of the exchange, sought approval from our local governing bodies, began educating our respective churches about the nature of a pulpit exchange, and ultimately enjoyed a thoroughly wonderful exchange."

Burton said this exchange is turning out well, too.

"This has been an excellent trip," Burton said. "Amelia Island is just a wonderful place to be. The congregation has been just overwhelming in their welcome. And one thing I'm

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**THE REV. SCOTT BURTON  
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looking forward to is conducting my first wedding in the U.S. That's what it's all about – learning about different aspects of ministry in different places."

Although this wasn't Burton's first trip to the United States, he said there were still adjustments to be made.

"What always surprises me and catches me off guard is the style of worship in the USA as opposed to the Church of Scotland," he said. "It seems to be much more traditional here."

Although he enjoyed the traditional ministry, Burton said there is one Southern tradition he hasn't had much success with.

"I've been desperately trying to form a liking for iced tea, and I'm just failing in that," he said.

On the whole, though, Burton said the pulpit exchange has helped him grow as a minister.

"It's a benefit for myself in terms of learning how other Presbyterian churches operate in other parts of the world," he said. "It's a benefit for my family. It's a benefit for the other pastor. And my prayer and hope is that it's a benefit for this congregation."

Siegling agreed. "A pulpit exchange can be aptly described as an exchange of grace," he wrote. "Scott brings to our church family a love for Christ's church, the gift of dynamic preaching, and, of course, a precious family, which consists of his wife, Jill, and their daughters Elidh and Sara. I have no doubt that Scott and I will continue to grow personally and professionally from this experience, and I pray that the congregations we serve, albeit briefly, would glean from us something of our faith as well as our understanding of how the church in another part of the world exists as the church."

"I feel as if I'm going back having learned a great deal about the spirit of generosity," Burton said. "So many people from the congregation have had us out to lunch, had us out to dinner. The congregation has just been incredibly generous."

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## No 'equalizer' needed for Turtle Trot winner Beechy

ED HARDEE  
For the News-Leader

Since the fastest men generally finish ahead of the fastest women in road races, some events now give women a head start — called an "equalizer" — to provide a more exciting finish. In this year's Turtle Trot 5K, Tiffany Beechy didn't need an equalizer.

Beechy, 32, of Yulee outpaced the guys Saturday morning in the 3.1-mile run, finishing in 18:16.

Another North Florida elite runner also provided excitement in the 10K as Jeremy Zuber, 28, of Jacksonville logged a course-record time of 34:15.

Britta Fortson, 36, of Jacksonville repeated as 10K women's winner in 40:55, breaking the women's course record she set last year.

The ninth running of the Turtle Trot was the largest yet with 237 recorded finishers in the 5K and 197 in the 6.2-miler. The event is presented each Labor Day weekend by the Nassau County running club, Amelia Island Runners.

Race results are posted on the club's website, [www.AmeliaIslandRunners.com](http://www.AmeliaIslandRunners.com).

"This is my comeback to training and racing," said Beechy, who moved here from one of the nation's top running locales, Eugene, Ore.

After winning several races in that area, including the 2007 Eugene Mile Challenge in 4:57.88, she took two years off the racing circuit to settle into her new home and job. She's an English professor at the University of North Florida, specializing in medieval literature.

Yulee provides a home that's not far from the water, as her husband wanted, and also plenty of space for her training partners — the couple's border collies.

"With two herding dogs at home, I have no problem with motivation," she laughed.

Recently Beechy jumped back into the racing scene, placing among the top three women's finishers in two Jacksonville area runs. "After a two-year hiatus, I think I have some unfinished business. I'd like to see what I can do in the 5K," she said.

The Turtle Trot starting time was moved ahead this year by a half hour to 7:30 a.m. to help give runners a break from the summer heat. "It was warm, but not oppressively so," Beechy said. "I liked that it was uphill on the way out and downhill on the way back. On the way back you need the help."

Winning the men's 5K overall was 35-year-old high school teacher Christopher Armoreda of Macclenny in 18:55. He had praise for the Yulee Middle School symphonic band, which performed the National Anthem and motivational music.

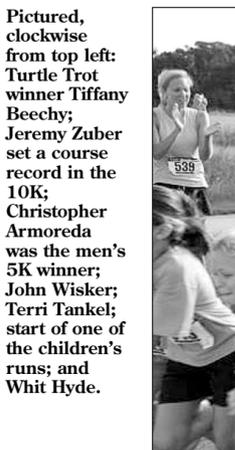
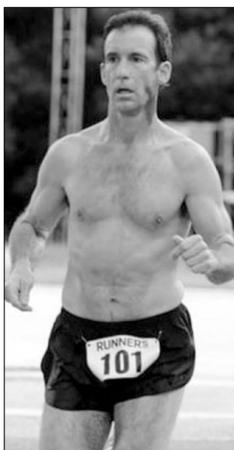
"That was very inspiring, to see them come out and do an awesome rendition of the National Anthem and the Rocky theme song. Very motivating," he said. "It was almost like being at a football game."

Zuber, the men's 10K winner, is also a fairly recent arrival to North Florida. In the U.S. Virgin Islands, he won the St. John 8 Tuff Miles race six times



Deborah Dunham of Fernandina Beach finishes Saturday's Turtle Trot, left. The start of the 5K and 10K races Saturday, right. More photos, 14A.

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Pictured, clockwise from top left: Turtle Trot winner Tiffany Beechy; Jeremy Zuber set a course record in the 10K; Christopher Armoreda was the men's 5K winner; John Wisker; Terri Tankel; start of one of the children's runs; and Whit Hyde.

in a row. He also finished fifth in the Vancouver Marathon last May in 2:36:55.

"I had a little trouble with my hip after that. My goal is to keep improving," he said.

Starting his new job as guest services manager at One Ocean in Atlantic Beach, "training had to take a back seat, but I'm settled now, I love my job, I love Jacksonville. One of the things that encouraged me to move here is, they have a great race schedule. Running stores, the Gate River Run, marathons

— it seems like a great running town."

10K women's winner Fortson said she enjoys the Turtle Trot's 10K course, running through shady Fort Clinch State Park for the second half of the race. "It's a beautiful race course," she said. "It was hot. A lot of people were saying 'It's early,' but it ended up working out."

Fortson's racing resume includes a win in the 2009 Guana River 50K Trail Run, setting the female course record in

4:53:50. She said she's currently training for a marathon and used the Turtle Trot's 10K distance as a tempo training run.

In the masters' category, for runners age 40 and older, the overall 5K winners were Bill Dunn, 51, of Orange Park in 19:00 and Barbara Gowdy, 40, of Jacksonville in 21:51. 10K winners were John Wisker, 43, of Palatka in 38:53 and Deborah Dunham, 42, of Fernandina Beach in 48:44.

Winners in the grandmasters' category, age 50 and older,

in the 5K were Bill Beaumont, 52, of Yulee in 19:39 and Cathy Campbell, 54, of Baxley, Ga., in 26:11. 10K leaders were Whit Hyde, 52, of Jacksonville in 43:54 and Terri Tankel, 51, of Dunedin in 52:08.

Saturday's event also featured a 1.5-mile non-competitive walk and untimed fun runs for children. First across the line in the half-mile run were two six-year-olds, Jacob Faltemier — who also won his age group in the 5K race — and Aspen Boler.

Finishing first in the girls' one-mile were Mary Crean — also a 5K age group winner — and Lexi Dunn. First in the boys' mile were Nicholas Podvia, Austin Majewski and Sean Mooney.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch, sea turtle patrols inside Fort Clinch State Park and Amelia Island Runners youth running programs. The club's next event will be the Reindeer Run 5K/10K, walk and kids' runs on Dec. 12.

## Pole vaulting considered 'most dangerous' sport

A college pole vaulter died earlier this week after missing the landing pad during practice at the University of California-San Diego. Leon Roach, 19, landed head first on concrete during a training jump Saturday. Roach immediately became unresponsive and was later pronounced brain dead at the hospital. A similar tragedy occurred just over a year ago near Seattle, Wash., when a high school athlete was critically injured. Ryan Moberg, 18, died after sustaining head and neck injuries when he missed the mat and landed on the ground during an indoor practice at DeSales Catholic High School.

It is just these types of injuries that previously led the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research at the University of North Carolina to label the pole vault the most dangerous sporting event. Reviewing statistics from 1983 to 2000, there were thousands of injuries, but most shocking was the fact there was an average of one



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injuries from a fall suffered while his father videotaped him competing for Wichita (Kan.) Southeast High School.

With these revelations, many are calling for rule changes mandating that helmets be worn during practice and competition. Some vaulters voluntarily wear them. Interestingly, Kevin Dare's father, Ed, had urged

him to wear a helmet, but he told his father that it simply "wasn't cool." After landing on his head, Dare was taken by EMT personnel to the Hennepin County Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. Doctors there did suggest that a helmet would have saved his life.

Since his son's death, Ed Dare has been campaigning for helmets to become mandatory for all scholastic vaulters. Legislation is pending in some states to do exactly that, but there is resistance from some who say a specific vaulting helmet doesn't exist or there is no proof helmets won't cause new problems.

The pole vault is most dangerous due to the heights that are reached and the level of skill and difficulty that is involved to pull it off. Heights cleared commonly reach 15 feet for high school boys and the world's top women, while 19 feet is reached for the world's elite men. Often when a vault goes awry, the vaulter falls backward, completely out of

control, and is unable to protect himself. In addition to head injuries, it is also very common to see fractures of the arms and legs as the vaulter hits the ground.

After Dare's death, one of the country's leading vaulters, Michigan State's Paul Terek said, "It's always in the back of your mind that you can get hurt pole vaulting. But you bury it, even though 100 out of 100 pole vaulters have had some kind of accident in their careers. You just try to bury it ... but it's been unearthed now."

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](http://www.gsmithmd.com).

## HOME WIN



BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

Savannah Young blocks a hit for the Fernandina Beach High School volleyball team Tuesday in the home opener. The FBHS Lady Pirates beat Baker County.





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Black drum are on the flats during a flood tide and migrating to the deep sides of boat docks, creek mouths and oysterbars during low tides. Sight fishing on the flood tide is becoming popular for small drum with flies, like the black "Clouser" pictured, left. Sea trout action is beginning to pick up with cooling water temperatures. Bob Goldman, right, caught this nice sea trout with a live shrimp.

# Jetty rocks holding flounder, black drum and reds

**W**eekend fishermen will find a low morning tide arriving at 8:46 a.m. Saturday. Weather permitting, the river side of the St. Marys south jetty rocks has been holding flounder, black drum and redfish.

Fish up close to the submerged jetty rocks with live shrimp under a float rig or with fresh dead shrimp right on the bottom. A one-ounce lead head jig rigged with a Berkley Gulp "new penny" shrimp is an excellent choice when targeting flounder, sea trout and redfish.

Bull reds are holding at both the north and south jetties in deep holes located at the very end of the jetty



**ON THE WATER**  
TERRY LACOSS

rocks. Fish dead on the bottom with cut baits or, for excellent sport, deep jig with a four-ounce bucktail jig in the white or chartreuse color patterns. Tip the jig with a strip of cut bait or fresh squid and hang on.

Redfish action is excellent during the flood tides. Redfish measuring up to 30 inches are prowling the flood-

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A flood tide Saturday arrives at 2:41 p.m. at the entrance of the Amelia River. Best lures for tailing redfish include dark-colored tube lures rigged with a Mustad 4/0 wide gap worm hook, 1/4-ounce Gold Johnson Spoon or a 1/8-ounce lead head jig rigged with a Berkley Gulp shrimp in the "new penny" color pattern.

Fly fishermen often select dark-colored crab patterns or the popular Clouser Minnow fly in the dark color pattern as well.

Offshore fishing this weekend should produce impressive catches of grouper, red snapper and the occasional cobia. Fish dead on the bottom with live cigar minnows, fin-

ger mullet or menhaden. FA, Schultz's Fish Market and FC fish havens continue to produce outstanding catches of reef game fish.

Surf fishermen should do well this weekend while fishing on the bottom with ultra-fresh shrimp. One of the best areas to target a wide variety of surf game fish includes the small rock jetties located at the south end of Amelia Island and the pipeline in the middle of Amelia Island at the lighthouse access.

Excellent surf fishing should come as well at the ocean side of the St. Marys south jetty rocks.

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association is holding a surf fishing tournament at the Fort Clinch State

Park fishing pier from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. This is an interclub fishing club tournament; guests are welcome but are not eligible for awards.

This would be an excellent time to sign up as a NSFA club member and enjoy many of the club's fun activities. For information, call Joe Wise at 321-4118.

*The News-Leader encourages local anglers to submit photographs of their catches. E-mail photos to bjonas@fnewsleader.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.*

## OUTDOOR BRIEFS

### Boating course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary at Amelia Island will be conducting a special weekend boating course for three consecutive Saturdays, starting Oct. 31, followed by Nov. 7 and 14.

Take advantage of this first-time offering that will take the normal six-week boating course and allow you to complete it in just three Saturdays. Classes are held at the Amelia Island Lighthouse from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Saturday.

This course is excellent for both the beginning boater, who needs to understand the fundamentals of boating, and for the experienced boater, who may be in need of a refresher. The basics of boat handling, weather, navigation, electronics, use of radios and rules of the waterways are some of the subjects that will be covered. This class satisfies state boater education requirements.

The enrollment fee is \$35 and textbook materials will be provided.

For information or to register, contact Steve Filkoff at 491-8629 or e-mail him at scarf@bellsouth.net. For information on boating safety classes, visit Flotilla 14-1 website, <http://cgaux7-14-1.org>.

### New boat club opening

A new boat club is coming to Amelia Island, allowing the use of several boats without the hassle of owning. The type of boats will range from offshore fishing boats, open bow deck boats and cuddly cabins for overnight cruising. There will be access to other clubs in the area, including the Jacksonville Beach area, where boaters have use of several yachts. Call Paul Elden at (904) 245-9808 for information.

### Coast Guard Auxiliary

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary needs volunteers. It is composed of uniformed non-military volunteers who assist the Coast Guard in all of its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement. These men and women can be found on the nation's waterways, in the air, in classrooms and on the dock.

Training opportunities (most of which are free) include boat crew and coxswain (small boat operator) vessel examiner, boating safety class instructor, public affairs, marine visitor, communications and many others. Applicants must be a U.S. citi-

zen, at least 17 years old and pass a basic background check. There are no upper age limits or height/weight standards (although for boat crew, you must perform certain tasks) and there are no minimum service hours.

Flotilla 14-01 meets at the Amelia Island Lighthouse facility once a month. You will also see the patrol boats assisting other boaters on local Georgia and Florida waters. This is an opportunity to serve your country, learn many new skills, make new friends and work with your neighbors to make boating safer for all families.

For information, visit <http://cgaux7-14-1.org/> or call 277-6608.

### Bassmasters meet

Nassau Bassmasters, associated with the BASS National Federation and the Florida BASS Federation, meets the third Thursday in Yulee. Membership is open to anyone at least 16 years old. Call Bob Schlag at (912) 729-2282 or Billy Kittrell at 225-0267.

### Hunt Nassau WMA

If you are looking for a place to hunt this fall, you still have a chance to get a recreational use permit for the Nassau Wildlife Management Area in Nassau County during the upcoming hunting season. Nassau WMA is 13,892 acres near Callahan. Users must have a Nassau recreational use permit to hunt on this area. Nassau WMA is a still-hunt area only, but hunters may use bird dogs during the migratory bird and waterfowl hunting seasons.

For those willing to pay \$385 to hunt the area, Nassau WMA provides hunting opportunities during eight months of the year. Archery is from Sept. 26 through Oct. 25; muzzleloading gun season runs from Oct. 31 through Nov. 8; general gun season is from Nov. 14 through Jan. 10, 2010; small game is from Jan. 11 through March 7, 2010; spring turkey season runs from March 20 through April 25, 2010; and trapping can be done from Jan. 11 through March 1, 2010.

To apply for a recreational use permit to hunt on Nassau WMA, go to MyFWC.com.

Recreational use permits do not apply to other recreational use program areas. Once permits are issued, they can be renewed annually for two additional years, essentially making them a three-year permit. Permit renewals are mailed May 1. Eligible

applicants have until May 31 to renew their recreational use permits for the next season. Permits not renewed by May 31 will be forfeited and they will be made available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Permits are issued individually on a first-come, first-served basis in June. Submit an application at [www.wildlife-license.com](http://www.wildlife-license.com) or take a completed worksheet to a tax collector's office or any license agent. Worksheets are available online at MyFWC.com, at FWC regional offices and tax collectors' offices in counties surrounding a specific WMA.

### NSFA meets

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Ten Acres Kraft Athletic Club. Membership is open to the public. Call 261-9481 or visit [www.fishnsfa.com](http://www.fishnsfa.com).

### Billfish Tournament

The Monique Burr Foundation for Children is hosting the 21st annual El Pescado Billfish Tournament Oct. 1-3 at Camachee Cove Marina in St. Augustine. All proceeds benefit the foundation and its mission to provide child abuse education and prevention to children throughout Northeast Florida.

In conjunction with the tournament, a Fish-N-Chips Marina Casino event is Oct. 3 and will include Texas Hold 'Em, Black Jack, Roulette and slots as well as a unique shopping opportunity at the "Ladies Tackle Box."

Captain's dinner is Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Camachee Cove Marina. Boats depart at 5 a.m. Oct. 2 and Oct. 3, from Camachee Cove Marina and the first lines will be cast at 8:30 a.m. Awards ceremony is Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Camachee Cove Marina, 3070 Harbor Drive.

Early entry fee for the tournament is \$1,950 per boat. More than \$100,000 in cash prizes is expected to be awarded based on the number of boats participating in the tournament. A limited number of 200 tickets for the Fish-N-Chips Marina Casino event will be sold separately at \$75 each. Ticket price includes cocktails, dinner, gambling and chips.

For information, contact Lynn Layton at [layton@moniqueburrfoundation.org](mailto:layton@moniqueburrfoundation.org) or call (904) 642-0210 or visit [www.elpescadobillfish.com](http://www.elpescadobillfish.com).

## TURTLE TROT



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The Yulee Middle School symphonic band, under the direction of Andy Shepard, performs before Saturday's Turtle Trot, below. Above, from left, are run participants Barbara Gowdy, Bill Dunn and Britta Fortson.



## RECREATION ROUNDUP

The city of Fernandina Beach Recreation Department ([city website www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us)) offers the following programs and activities:

- Open basketball is Mondays and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Peck Gym, based on availability.
- Adult volleyball is from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at Peck Gym. Cost is \$1 per day for city residents (\$3 non-city).
- Peck Gym weight room is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Cost is \$3 a day or \$25 a month for city residents (\$30 non-city). Personal training is available. Fee is \$30 per session, \$75 per week (three sessions) or \$200 a month (two sessions per week for four weeks).
- Fitness classes at Peck Gym are Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. Each class is a full body workout with resistance bands, light dumbbells and more. All fitness levels are welcome. Cost is \$3 a class;

payment on site. Call Jay at 277-7364 or e-mail [jroberson@fbfl.org](mailto:jroberson@fbfl.org).

- Water fitness instructor certification course, offered by Aquatic Alliance International, will be held at the Atlantic Center pool Oct. 26-28 from 8 a.m. to noon. Course fee is \$180. Visit [www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us).
- Atlantic Center pool public swim hours through Oct. 4 are from from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends. Admission is \$3. Pool passes are available.
- MLK Center pool public swim hours through Oct. 4 are from 3:30-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends. Admission is \$3.
- Aqua 1 water aerobics is from 10-10:55 a.m. weekdays at the Atlantic Center pool. Deep water aerobics (aqua fitness belts required) is Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11-11:55 a.m. Cost is \$50 per month (city residents) and \$55 (non-city residents) for one class per day; \$60 (city residents) and \$70 (non-city residents) for two classes; or \$5 for one class or \$10 for two.

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## Collage first in series of workshops

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Local artists Sandra Baker-Hinton and Mikolea Longacre have formed the Amelia Island Artists Workshop to bring quality artists to the area for creative and educational workshops that appeal to a wide variety of interests.

Launching the endeavor is a "Figurative Collage Workshop" Oct. 9-11 with Elizabeth St. Hilaire Nelson of Orlando, known for incorporating ephemera, hand-made, painted and stained papers into figurative "pure" collages (no paint on top), said Baker-Hinton.

The artist will hold the workshop along with being the Featured Artist at Amelia SanJon Gallery's Fall Show, to open on Saturday, Oct. 10, said Baker-Hinton, gallery owner.

"This will be a cool, creative, collage workshop that will change the way you think about this age-old art form," said Baker Hinton.

Born and raised in New England, St. Hilaire Nelson earned a Bachelor of Fine Art from Syracuse University in New York and is a member of the Florida Chapter of the Women's Caucus for Art and the National Collage Society.

St. Hilaire Nelson draws her inspiration from potential collage material she comes across in her day-to-day life, including old books, tea bags and even the kids' homework. She calls her works



SUBMITTED PHOTOS  
Works by Elizabeth St. Hilaire.

"paper paintings," evolving her technique through years of application and experimentation.

"Come out and spray, spatter, splash and stamp your own hand painted collage papers. Then have fun using these hand painted papers like paint as you create a

painterly figurative collage, or 'paper painting.' Any level or artist will find this workshop enjoyable and informative," said Baker-Hinton.

She said five months of more workshops with a variety of artists have already been scheduled for

### Registration

"Figurative Collage Workshop" will be held Oct. 9-11 at the Hampton Inn at Second and Ash streets in downtown Fernandina Beach. Reserve your space by calling Amelia SanJon Gallery at 491-8040 or go to [www.ameliaislandartistsworkshop.com](http://www.ameliaislandartistsworkshop.com) for complete information, pricing and registration forms. Space is limited.

2010 and even January 2011.

"We are trying for a wide variety of interests from oils, mixed media, acrylic, collage, watercolor and photography at this time. Not only a variety in media but a mix in styles and techniques - something for everyone."

Visit [www.ameliaislandartistsworkshop.com](http://www.ameliaislandartistsworkshop.com) for complete information, pricing, application forms and to see who else will be coming as the instructor commitments are finalized.

The Amelia Island Artists Workshop is located at the Amelia San Jon Gallery, 218-A Ash St., Fernandina Beach. Longacre is the executive director. Call 491-8040.

For samples of St. Hilaire Nelson's unique collage work, visit her website, [www.nelsoncreative.com/gallery](http://www.nelsoncreative.com/gallery), or visit her blog, <http://elizabethsthilairnelson.blogspot.com>.

## Renowned genealogist to speak

For the News-Leader

Popular genealogist, author and lecturer John Colletta has poured through ships' manifests, naturalization records and newspapers, and spent countless hours in courthouses searching for ancestors in his journey of self-discovery.

Colletta explains that "as you learn who they are, you discover more about who you are" and he considers all the time he's spent in this journey not only



Colletta

enlightening, but also fun. Armed with a grandfather's story of the murder of his great-great grandfather in Mississippi, Colletta has spent 30 years researching his family history, and along the way, he learned the truth in that story. In his latest book, *Only a Few*

*Bones*, Colletta has reconstructed the details of life on the Mississippi Delta and the events that led to the tragedy of his ancestor's death.

Colletta brings his expertise in genealogical research and his passion for writing family history to Amelia Island on Thursday, Oct. 1 from 7-9:20 p.m. at the Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road, at the Chapel Fellowship Hall.

The public is invited to this free program, sponsored by the Amelia Island Genealogical Society and the Amelia Plantation Chapel. He will present two topics: "Breaking Through Brick Walls: Use Your Head" (techniques for overcoming your most difficult genealogical research problems) and "How To Prepare for Successful Research In European Records."

To attend pre-register by sending your name, phone number, and e-mail address to AIGS, PO Box 6005, Fernandina Beach, 32035 or by e-mailing the same to [aigswebmaster@comcast.net](mailto:aigswebmaster@comcast.net).

Colletta will also be the keynote speaker for a 10-session workshop in Developing Genealogical and Memoir-Writing Skills sponsored by the Amelia Plantation Chapel. His keynote presentation, "Turning Biographical Facts Into Real-life Events: How to Guild Historical Context," is scheduled also for Oct. 1, 2-4:20 p.m. at the Amelia Plantation Chapel. Pre-registration for this event and the full workshop is also required. Call the chapel office at 277-4414 by Sept. 17.

Colletta is based in Washington, D.C., where he conducts workshops for the National Archives and teaches courses for the Smithsonian Institution and Georgetown University. His TV and radio credits include NBC's "Today" show, CNN, the PBS series *Ancestors*, National Public Radio and *Voice of America - Europe*. In addition to *Only A Few Bones*, he has authored two genealogical manuals: *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record* and *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans*.

## Italian feast for Barnabas

Barnabas Center will host an Italian feast fundraising event to support the Crisis Center, Samaritan Medical Clinic and Barnabas Dental Clinic on Sept. 26.

A wine and beverage social will begin that evening at 5:30 p.m., followed by an Italian feast of wood-grilled pork ribs, pasta dishes, salad station and Italian desserts. There will be entertainment by a strolling Italian-style singer accompanied by a violinist. The chef is William Castleberry.

A raffle will be held for a wine refrigerator filled with wine. Tickets are \$5 or \$20 and may be purchased at the same e-mail address. Raffle proceeds benefit the medical clinic.

Dinner tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at New To You, 930 South 14th St.

Tables of eight may be reserved at [barnabascenter@comcast.net](mailto:barnabascenter@comcast.net).

The event will be held on the closed street in front of 120 N. Sixth St., a block full of historic homes. In the event of rain, it will move to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave.

For information contact Stephanie Navarro at 261-7000, ext. 104.

## Final concert for quartet

### Festival gets grant support

For the News-Leader

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival will host the last-ever performance of the world-renowned Guarneri String Quartet on Oct. 27. The Guarneri, which will retire following this performance after a career of 45 years, ranks among the most revered string ensembles in the world.

Composed of violinists Arnold Steinhardt and John Dalley, violist Michael Tree and cellist Peter Wiley, the Guarneri has circled the globe countless times, playing in the world's most prestigious halls in North and South America, Mexico, Europe, Asia and Australia.

The Oct. 27 performance of the Guarneri String Quartet will feature works by Schubert and Beethoven. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at



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The revered Guarneri String Quartet features violinists Arnold Steinhardt and John Dalley, violist Michael Tree and cellist Peter Wiley.

Amelia Plantation Chapel.

Tickets are priced at \$60 and can be purchased online at [www.aicmf.com](http://www.aicmf.com) or by calling the festival office at 261-1779.

The music festival also has announced it has been awarded a matching grant of \$9,800 from the state Division of Cultural

Affairs and \$3,000 from Target.

The \$9,800 grant will support three performances as part of a "mini-festival" in February 2010: a concert on Feb. 4 at the University of North Florida's Fine Arts

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# OFF & ON THE ISLAND

### 'RESCUES AND RUNWAYS'

Maurice's at the Shoppes at Amelia Concourse, 463721 SR 200, Yulee, will hold an event to benefit Cats Angelis, Inc. SPCA at 11 a.m. Sept. 12 as part of its "Rescues and Runways" campaign in association with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. There will be a fashion show, pet adoptions, silent auction and pet supply collection in the Maurice's parking lot. One-hundred percent of proceeds will go to Cats Angelis, Inc., SPCA. For information visit [www.rescuesandrungways.com](http://www.rescuesandrungways.com).



The gallery/studios are located at 205 1/2 Centre St. in downtown Fernandina Beach. Regular hours are Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 583-4676 or see the website at [www.bluedoorartists.com](http://www.bluedoorartists.com).

The Island Art Association will feature works in its Nouveau Art juried show, Vibrant Colors, at the Artrageous Artwalk reception Sept. 12. Best of Show went to Nancy Kaschmitter, fiber wear. The Island Art Association is located at 18 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach. Call 261-7020.



### 'FIRST PANCAKE'

Nassau Women's Information Exchange presents "The First Pancake: a Recipe for Delectable Life Transitions" luncheon with Tory Wilcox on Sept. 17 at O'Kane's Irish Pub and Eatery, 318 Centre St., Fernandina Beach.



This program is free and open to the public. Call your library branch to make reservations. Box lunches by O'Kane's are \$12 may be ordered at any local branch library and prepaid by noon Sept. 14.

Make checks payable to Florida State College

at Jacksonville and submit to the Betty P. Cook Nassau Center or to any branch library. No refunds will be given. Call the Yulee branch library at 548-4467 or the Fernandina Beach branch at 277-7365.

### HEROES AMONG US

Come meet the pilots of the World War II, 9th Air Force 368th Fighter Group. The Amelia Island Museum of History is teaming up with the Amelia Island Book Festival, the Friends of the Library, the Veteran's History Project and the

Civil Air Patrol on Sept. 19 to host 16 brave pilots that remain from the 368th Fighter Group as they hold their annual reunion on Amelia Island.

From noon to 5 p.m. celebrate this reunion with WWII memorabilia, USO girls and a special appearance by retired Brig. General Dan Cherry, author of *My Enemy My Friend*. Bring your WWII stories and memorabilia, and see displays of WWII uniforms, weapons, and other artifacts.

This event is free and open to the public from noon-5 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach airport. For information, contact Alex at 261-7378, ext. 102.

Submit items to Sian Perry at [sperry@fbnewsleader.com](mailto:sperry@fbnewsleader.com)



### SATURDAY ART WALK

The Blue Door Artists will feature new paintings by Elizabeth Dion for the month of September. Dion's colorful contemporary works are inspired by the lush complexity of nature, especially the marshes and beach surrounding Amelia Island. Visit her and the other artists in their studios during the Artrageous Artwalk, Sept. 12 from 5-8:30 p.m.

# OUT AND ABOUT

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, Bruce Hamilton** will perform some of his original acoustic swing and swamp creations in a free concert **Sept. 12 from 8-10 p.m. at The Intercoastal Wine Company, 10 N. Second St.** Call 321-1300. Hamilton will be accompanied by Bill Sturm on upright bass. The duo will perform one of Hamilton's most requested original tunes, "Boggy Creek" which received Honorable Mention at the 2009 CMT/Nashville Songwriters Association International song contest.

The **4th Annual Shiny Badges Ball** will be held **Sept. 12 at the Golf Club of Amelia Island** with a "Legends of Hollywood" theme. The night will begin with a complimentary wine reception from 6-7 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Music will be by The Melanie DiLorenzo Trio. Guests are encouraged to dress as their favorite Hollywood star, or in their favorite Oscar winning attire. Prizes will be awarded to the "Best Dressed Stars."

Tickets are \$75 per person, or \$525 for a table of eight. Active or retired law enforcement and firefighters receive a discount. Tickets can be purchased in Fernandina Beach at Rowland's Upholstery Plus, 1120 S. Eighth St., Amelia Hotel at the Beach, 1997 S. Fletcher Avenue, or online at [www.shinybadgesball.com](http://www.shinybadgesball.com). For more information, contact Marty Scott at 753-4467 or Arlene Scott at 753-8774. Shiny Badges Ball Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54** will host its **monthly spaghetti night Sept. 12 from 5-7 p.m.** Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad and bread is a \$5 donation. To-go boxes available for non-members.

The American Legion in conjunction with the Sons of the American Legion and the

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54 is raffling a Toshiba laptop computer with a carry case and 1-year subscription to Norton Anti-Virus. Tickets are a \$1 donation. The drawing is Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. Contact Bonnie at [yquattre@com-cast.net](mailto:yquattre@com-cast.net).

Savannah Grand and the Amelia Island Jazz Festival will present **Jazz for Seniors, "The Senior Prom,"** a free concert and dance on **Sept. 13 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Savannah Grand.** "The Jazz Ambassadors" from the Amelia Arts Academy, directed by saxophonist Ken Wilburn, will perform swinging music for the event, which will be hosted by Jazz Festival Artistic Director Les DeMerle and his wife, Bonnie Eisele. Jazz for Seniors, an annual event, is open to all seniors over the age of 65, and Savannah Grand will provide refreshments.

Savannah Grand is located at 1900 Amelia Trace Court in Fernandina Beach. Contact Stoffel at 321-0898.

**Rollin' on the River, a scenic Sunday cruise to St. Mary's, Ga.,** sponsored by Amelia River Cruises to **benefit Meals on Wheels for Pets,** a partnership project between the Council on Aging Meals on Wheels program and Nassau Humane Society, will be held **Sept. 13.**

Tickets are \$25 round-trip and tax deductible. Ferry will depart the city marina at 10:30 a.m. and leave St. Marys at 1:45 p.m. Take a tram tour for \$2.50, or bring your bike to cycle through the historic downtown. The ferry is pet friendly.

Call Amelia River Cruises at 261-9972 or e-mail [info@ameliarivercruises.com](mailto:info@ameliarivercruises.com).

The **Second Annual Observance of Grandparents Day** will be held **Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. at the Peck Auditorium.** Scheduled events include "The Pinning" of grandparents, original poetry, special music and singing by local children.

The national and local observance is designed to recognize, encourage and promote the many volunteer contributions performed by grandparents in the positive influence of children.

Everyone is invited to attend. This event is sponsored by the Association for the Preservation of Black History. For more information, please contact 261-3845, 225-2428, 261-8034 or 261-3388.

**Savannah Grand of Amelia Island Assisted Living Residence,** 1900 Amelia Trace Court, Fernandina Beach, will hold an **open house Sept. 13 from 1-5 p.m.** For information call 321-0898.

The **Amelia Island Genealogical Society** will meet **Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.** at the Fernandina Beach Police Department community room on Lime Street. Guest speaker Lori Miranda will present a program titled **"Put 'Em in Their Place: Maps and Other Sources for Exploring Your Ancestors' Environment."**

Miranda has been a member of AIGS for several years and currently serves as AIGS board secretary. She has been researching her own genealogy for more than a decade.

The **Amelia Island Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution** will meet **Sept. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the Golf Club of Amelia.**

There will be a celebration of the chapter's 16th birthday with Honorary Regent Jean Mann recounting the chapter's history. Tresa Shaver, with South East Guide Dogs will introduce "Paws for Patriots," the State Regent's Project, with a guide dog demonstration.

Luncheon is \$15, check payable to AIDAR at the door. RSVP for the meeting by today to 491-4691 or [adnewman@bellsouth.net](mailto:adnewman@bellsouth.net).

**Amelia Plantation Chapel** is partnering with the **Amelia Island Genealogical Society** to present a **free 10-week workshop on developing genealogical and memoir writing skills.** The course is dedicated to the memory of Margery Freas and is supported by the Freas Family Foundation. The workshop will be held in the chapel's Fellowship Hall on Thursdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 24-Dec. 3. **Pre-registration is required by Sept. 17.** Call the chapel office at 277-4414.

The **Men's Newcomers Club of Amelia Island** will

meet **Sept. 17 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club at 11:30 a.m.** State Rep. Janet Adkins, who will speak about the current state of the Florida economy and give an overview of the 2009 legislative session. All men are invited. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Reservations, call Bob Keane at 277-4590. For further information visit [www.mensnewcomersclub.org](http://www.mensnewcomersclub.org).

The **Amelia Island Museum of History's** next **3rd Friday on 3rd Street** presentation, **Sept. 18 at 4 p.m.,** features a **short documentary on the Korean War,** often called the Forgotten War. After the film hear from the director, producer and a number of Korean War veterans who were involved in the making of the film.

As tensions rise on the Korean peninsula today, these men know the dangers of a potential conflict with Korea firsthand. Hear the tales of hardship and heroism from those who survived this conflict and meet some of America's true heroes. Contact Alex at 261-7378, ext. 102.

**"Shrimp & Grits: The Wild Georgia Shrimp Festival"** is **Sept. 18-20 at Jekyll Island, Ga.** The festival boasts amateur and professional cooking competitions, shrimp boat excursions, cooking demonstrations, races, entertainment and more. Contact the Jekyll Island Welcome Center at 1-877-4-JEKYLL, or visit [www.jekyllisland.com/shrimppandgrits](http://www.jekyllisland.com/shrimppandgrits).

The **Terpsichorean Dance Club's** next dance is **7-11 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Woman's Club, 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd.** The dance theme is "Football Time" — wear your favorite teams colors. Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be served. Guest fee is \$35 per couple. Music will be by Harry and Sally. BYOB and setups will be provided. Contact Margaret Zvoch at 261-9717.

The **second annual Texas BBQ** will be held by the **Nassau Sierra Club at Café Karibu, 27 N. Third St., Fernandina, on Sept. 20 from 5-9 p.m.** Cost is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple.

The event will feature barbecue from Lowell Hall's Island BBQ; country and western dance music by Southern Phried featuring Ray Odom and Michael Howerton; a Texas two-step dance lesson by Joan Bean, and beer and wine from Café Karibrew's brewpub will be available.

Deadline to buy tickets is Sept. 14 at Island BBQ, Sadler and South Fletcher; Bean School of Dance, 25 N. Third St.; Island Tobacco/Indigo Alley, 316 Centre St.; and Amelia Home Health Services on A1A across from Lowe's or by calling 277-0655.

Dogs and owners are invited to run, play, swim, and show off their skills on a Rally Obedience course together at **Dog Leg Productions** kennel in Nassauville. The next bi-annual **Dog Park Day** is **Sept. 26 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.** Lunch will be provided and local artist John Walsh will play acoustic and contempo-

rary music. Cost is \$20 donation per family, cash or check at the gate. All proceeds benefit the Project CHANCE Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to providing an assistance dog to children with autism in Northeast Florida. Visit [www.projectchance.com](http://www.projectchance.com).

The **Ballroom Youth Academy** will host the second annual **Miss Amelia Island Classic Pageant Sept. 26 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center** auditorium, for toddlers to 22 years old.

New this year is a mother-daughter competition. For information call Kristen Perrett at (904) 556-6044 or e-mail [missameliaislandclassic@hotmail.com](mailto:missameliaislandclassic@hotmail.com). The non-profit academy offers free ballroom dance classes to Nassau County students.

Join **Club 14 Fitness** for its second annual **Motorcycle Contest & Tattoo Contest** sponsored by Beyond Taboo Tattoo, joined by new sponsor the Doo Wop Diner, on **Sept. 26 from 5-9 p.m.** The event is a Relay for Life fundraiser.

There will be a DJ, cars from the Amelia Cruisers, food and refreshments, prizes, raffles and trophies and a bounce house and cotton candy for the kids! Call Kristen M. DeRoo at 206-4414 or visit [www.club14fitness.com](http://www.club14fitness.com).

The **12th Annual Greek Festival** is **Oct. 9-11 at the Special Events Field, Castillo Drive, St. Augustine.** Authentic Greek food and entertainment will be featured.

The Greek Islanders band will play live music all weekend and the Nisioties Greek Dance Troupe will perform authentic folk dances. Hours are Friday, 4 p.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for those 16 and under. Call (904) 829-0504 or visit [www.staugreekfest.com](http://www.staugreekfest.com).

**Nassau Humane Society** will host its **Pasta for Paws Annual Spaghetti Dinner Oct. 24, 4:30-7:30 p.m.** at the **Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.** Tickets are \$12. Dinner includes salad, spaghetti, bread, beverage and dessert. Additional desserts are \$2. Takeout available. There will be live entertainment and a huge silent auction. Tickets are on sale at Red Bones Dog Bakery, Bark Avenue and the NHS Dog Park. Call Guy Sasanfar at 206-4092 for information.

Experience a true slice of old Florida as **Amelia Island Museum of History** guides take you through four historical pubs and share the stories and legends these establishments have been a part of.

**Original Historic Pub Crawl tickets are \$25** and include: a guided walking tour through four taverns, a draft beer, glass of wine or soda at each of the stops on the tour and a myriad of colorful and interesting stories about the city and pub's history.

The tours take place Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105, or [thea@ameliamuseum.org](mailto:thea@ameliamuseum.org).

Enjoy "Trivia with Maggie" on Wednesdays at **7:30 p.m. at the Crab Trap** in downtown Fernandina Beach. Enjoy a special trivia menu, drink, win prizes and listen to music while you improve your memory and get smarter. Free and open to the public.

## FILM/THEATER

Norman Beim's comedy, **"Archie's Comeback,"** is the opening production of **Fernandina Little Theatre's** 18th season.

Believing that her husband Archie drowned, Lily has decided to remarry after seven lonely years — but suddenly, in pops Archie, freshly rescued from a desert island where he's been having a wonderful time!

Performances are tonight and Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m.; tickets are \$16 at The UPS Store in the Publix shopping center and at FLT, 1014 Beech St.

**Amelia Community Theatre** presents **"The Dixie Swim Club,"** directed by Barry Ralston and featuring Celeste Amos, Wendy Gilvey, Karen Harper, Linda McClane and Kay Stephens.

Five Southern women, who were once teammates on their college swim team,

reunite every summer for a weekend in August at a North Carolina beach cottage. They catch up, laugh, and meddle in each other's lives. These reunions continue for 33 years, proving that some friendships last forever!

**Performances are at 8 p.m. tonight and Sept. 12, Sept. 17-19 and 24-26, and at 2 p.m. Sept. 20.** Tickets are \$17 adults and \$10 students and available at Amelia Community Theatre, 209 Cedar St. Call 261-6749. Box office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and two hours before curtain.

**Amelia Community Theatre** will hold **auditions** for the classic Neil Simon comedy **"The Odd Couple"** at **4 p.m. Sept. 13 and 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at 209 Cedar St.**

Six men are needed to portray Felix, Oscar and their four poker buddies and should appear to be in their 40's to 50's. Two women are needed to play the Pigeon Sisters who are in their 30's. Sign up for a 10-minute audition time slot upon arrival, and then audition individually. The show is directed by Sinda Nichols and performances will be in February. Rehearsals begin in December.

For information or to check out a script, call the theater at 261-6749.

The **Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra** opens its 2009-10 season with **Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!"** Sept. 18-20 in the Jacoby Symphony Hall of the Times-Union Center for Performing Arts. Combining the **Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra with the cast of the Alhambra Theatre,** this musical tale of love, community and patriotic passion, which opened on Broadway in the same decade that the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra was founded 60 years ago, is brought to life on stage once again.

For tickets and information, call the box office at (904) 354-5547 or visit [jaxsymphony.org](http://jaxsymphony.org). Tickets are \$26, \$31, \$41, \$56, \$66.

**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.ameliainlandfilmfestival.org](http://www.ameliainlandfilmfestival.org) to download the application form.

Contact Tony McAdoo, president, or Che Cantrell, vice president, at (904) 335-1110 or 753-0987.

## ART/GALLERIES

The **First Coast Community Bank Show, "Visual Rhythms,"** features artwork by Island Art Association members Carol Beck, Rhonda Bristol, Theresa Daily and Sandra Pinneault. This show is open during banking hours.

Island Art Association member Suzi Sax and select-ed works by the late Sid Sax, in retrospect, will be on exhibit at the **Intercoastal Wine Company, 10 N. Second St.,** during September and October.

The show is titled, **"Bowl of Lemons,"** the art of Sid Sax and "the not-so-square-mind" of Suzi Sax.

The **Island Art Association children's art programs** for September include Mommy & Me (pre-k) on **Sept. 14 from 10-11 a.m.,** taught by Amber McHugh, and Children's Art on **Sept. 26, 10-11 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.,** taught by Diane Hamburg.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Call the gallery at 261-7020 to register.

Suzi Sax will teach a **stained and straight-line bevel glass class** on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. starting in early September.

This is a beginning course. Participants will design and make two hanging pieces to take home.

Call 321-1330 to reserve a spot. Cost is \$225 and includes glass and tools.

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**PHOBIAS**

**ACROSS**

- Caterpillar in relation to butterfly
- Semicircular basin in a mountain
- Goes well with crafts
- Operatic solos
- Christian Chi- symbol
- Island resort in Lesser Antilles
- Filled with fog
- Old-fashioned "far"
- Twofold
- Phobia, fear of microbes
- Farm cultivator
- Theatrical trigger for action
- Cabbage
- You're usually warned when it's low
- A friend down under
- Adjective often used with "respect"
- Phobia, fear of heights
- Pinta or Santa Maria, e.g.
- Oil tanker
- The other white meat?
- One owned by a feudal lord
- Tear violently
- Alternate spelling of "inure"
- Chicago's Magnificent
- Inanimate object that can clean itself
- Incarcerate
- Afternoon religious service
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**DOWN**

- It's often sacrificed
- "Summertime" of Porgy and Bess, e.g.
- Reduced Instruction Set Computer
- Resembling a prophet
- Shelter from danger, often in relation to politics
- Phobia, fear of extreme cold
- British sci-fi doctor
- About four weeks
- Seed cover
- Character from ancient Germanic alphabet
- Type of ski lift
- Short version of popular Italian name
- Phobia, fear of bathing
- Dog restraint
- You owe who?
- Glass career stopper
- One who stares at traffic accident, e.g.
- "Autophobia is the fear of being this
- Guitar sound
- "Paranoids fear this group
- Spanish surrealist painter (1893-1983)
- Popeye's sweetie
- All the deadly sins?
- Shoulder pads in the 1980s, e.g.
- Southern stew staple
- Prince Charles enjoyed playing it
- Luciano Pavarotti or Jose Carreras, e.g.
- Phobia, fear of insects
- Equal to 10 liters
- Acts out
- Marked by smartness in dress and manners
- Enthusiastic approval
- Kind of cornbread, Southern
- One algae representative
- Holler
- Wildly, often preceded by "run"
- Organic pigment containing iron
- Back of the neck
- Verbal exam
- Breach between generations
- Norwegian "Take On Me" band

## SOLUTION 09.09

On the Up and Up

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Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009  
Sudoku Difficult  
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# Local clubs join pillowcase project to cheer sick children

For the News-Leader

The Amelia Island Quilt Guild and the Fernandina Beach Woman's Club have both come out in support of ConKerr Cancer - A Case for Smiles, according to Sylvia Hurst, Nassau County coordinator.

"We are absolutely thrilled that these two wonderful organizations are helping our program," said Hurst.

ConKerr Cancer provides bright, colorful, fun pillowcases to children hospitalized with cancer and other serious illnesses, and supporting it

will be one of many projects the Amelia Island Quilt Guild supports annually. The AIQ Guild is well known for its contributions to the area. For every Habitat for Humanity home built in Nassau County, AIQ Guild has presented the new owners with a quilt. At September's meeting, the guild will celebrate attaining their goal of 85 quilts made for the wounded warriors program known as Quilts of Valor.

Julie Robertson, president, announced that the Woman's Club has formed a ConKerr Cancer

Committee to function throughout the year, helping in many ways - sewing pillowcases; washing and packaging them for delivery, as well as obtaining fabric and donations for purchasing fabric.

"The Amelia Island Quilt Guild has scheduled two workshops to make pillowcases," said Cynthia Janney, AIQ President. Guild members will meet from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday and again from 6:30-9 p.m. on Tuesday. Woman's Club members will also join in these two workshops.

If you are not a member of either

of these organizations, and would like to participate, you will be most welcome.

"ConKerr Cancer's goal is 100 to 150 pillowcases a month for Wolfson Children's Hospital, and thanks to the help of these two great organizations, I am confident we will be able to accomplish this," said Hurst.

For more information on the workshops, contact Cynthia Janney at [Cynthia.janney@era.com](mailto:Cynthia.janney@era.com) For more information on ConKerr Cancer, e-mail Sylvia Hurst at [pillowcasesforsmiles@comcast.net](mailto:pillowcasesforsmiles@comcast.net) or call or text (904) 753-1395.

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**SYLVIA HURST, NASSAU COORDINATOR**

# Fashion show a fundraiser

For the News-Leader

Women in Nassau Helping Women in Need (WIN WIN) is sponsoring A Cup of Comfort Fashion Show and Tea Party to benefit Gerri's Corner on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 2-4 pm. The elegant Tea Party and Fashion Show will be held at Savannah Grand Assisted Living at 1900 Amelia Trace Court, off Sadler Road, in Fernandina Beach.

Tickets are \$30 in advance (\$35 at the door, if available) at these locations:

- Eighth Street: Fifi's Fine Resale
- Historic downtown: Gauzeway and Pineapple Patch
- Sadler Road: Patchington
- Harris Teeter shopping plaza: Elizabeth's
- Palmetto Walk Shopping Center: Heron's Swim & Sport

Come out and applaud the models for this event, as they are all local cancer survivors. Jessica Miller of Fifi's Fine Resale will emcee the fashion show, and clothing and accessories from Fifi's Fine Resale, Elizabeth Trading Company, Patchington, Heron's Swim

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& Sport and Pineapple Patch will be featured. Local make-up artists and hair stylists will help to make all of the women even more gorgeous, before they take the runway.

Also during the Tea Party and Fashion Show, door prizes will be raffled off. Donations are now being accepted for raffle items. Local businesses are encouraged to donate items or gift certificates promoting their business. Donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated to make this an exceptional event. To make a donation or assist with this event, contact Diane at 548-9750.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Gerri's Corner, Fernandina's one-of-a-kind cancer resource center. Gerri's Corner is named after Gerri Dadd, who lost her 15-year battle with breast cancer in November 2005. Gerri's Corner is headed by

her sister, Chris Alznauer, a Fernandina resident. It is staffed entirely by volunteers and is a non-profit resource center for Nassau County women, their families and friends, who are facing cancer. The Gerri Dadd Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization, and donations are tax deductible.

Gerri's Corner contains an extensive lending library that provides valuable information on various forms of cancer, from pre-treatment to ongoing problems, concerns and side effects. The center also provides wigs, headliners, sleep caps and hair pieces, free of charge.

In addition, women undergoing chemotherapy are given a gift bag that includes handmade comfort pillows, afghans, special bears, memo books and other items. The theme of Gerri's Corner is "sharing beauty and spreading hope."

Although the resource center has no religious affiliation, it is located in a room at Maxwell Hall, donated for this use by the Memorial United Methodist Church on North Sixth Street, Fernandina Beach. For information on Gerri's Corner, call 277-0099.

## MISSING: SANDY



SUBMITTED

Annie is looking for you. An "Annie The Musical" theatrical talent search will be held Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Fernandina Beach Middle School auditorium. Can your dog act? Does he/she look like Sandy? If so, come to the FBMS auditorium and show off your dog's talent. Your dog must have a current shots record, be a non-biter and be kid-friendly. Two trainers must be present at all performances. For information call Judy Tipton at FBMS at 491-7938.

Performances of "Annie" will be held Oct. 9-11. Tipton is the director, Mary Eagen, stage manager, Renee Thompson, executive producer, Jim Tipton, set design, and Jayme Tipton, choreographer. All proceeds from this production will benefit the Communities in Schools program in Nassau County.

## FINAL Continued from 1B

Center and two Amelia Island concerts Feb. 5-6.

The Feb. 5 performance will be a free community event. The mini-festival also is supported by the Amelia Island Tourist Development Council.

For the February mini-festival, Christopher Rex, artistic and general director, is planning to bring the Georgian Chamber Players, with guests Andres Diaz, cellist, and Hsin-Yun Huang, violist, to perform music by Boccherini, Dvorak and Strauss.

The Georgian Chamber Players include Rex, Amy Schwartz Moretti, Beth Newdome and Reid Harris.

The \$3,000 grant from Target will partially underwrite a free family concert during the festival's 2010 season in May.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Entering its ninth season, the festival is dedicated to bringing classical music at the highest level to the general public, schools and senior centers of Amelia Island and surrounding communities of Northeast Florida.

## LITERARY LEANINGS

### Authors wanted

The Amelia Island Book Festival announces a new addition to the upcoming 2010 festival, "The Local Authors Market Place," to be held on Feb. 13. Organizers are seeking local authors interested in being a part of the festival. Contact Maggie Carter-de Vries no later than Sept. 15 at Amelia Island Book Festival, P.O. Box 824, Amelia Island, FL 32035.

poems. Be prepared to read and discuss your work. For information, contact Cara at [www.wordsmythe@net-magic.net](mailto:www.wordsmythe@net-magic.net).



book signing for his novel, *Winds of the South*, at Books Plus, 107 Centre St., on Sept. 19 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Children's writers

The Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators will meet Sept. 19 from 1-3 p.m. at the Southeast Regional Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd,

Jacksonville, (904) 996-0325. Paul R. May will speak on Organizational Strategies for Novel Revision and Robyn Gioia will walk members through using Wikis. The group is free and open to the public. Contact Janet Walter at [igwalter@comcast.net](mailto:igwalter@comcast.net).

### Literacy fair

Florida State College at

Jacksonville will present its Seventh Annual Family Literacy Fair for residents of Duval and Nassau counties at the college's North Campus, 4501 Capper Road in Jacksonville on Sept. 19 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

The fair will feature interactive games and music, face painting, JSO equipment, Mr. Wizard, music, storytelling,

games, prizes and surprises. There will be live performances and demonstrations by an illusionist, a ventriloquist and book characters, as well as the opportunity to take a reading-level assessment.

A dental presentation and vision screening will be available. Lunch will be provided.

For more information call (904) 766-6553.

### Book signing

Ben Walker will hold a

### Book signing

American Beach author Annette Myers be at Books Plus, 107 Centre St., Sept. 12 from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Book signings will be for *The Shrinking Sands of an African American Beach* (written for the preservation of Florida's historic resources) and her new book, *The Big Sand Dune and the Beach Lady*, written for children to adults 100-plus. Contact the author at 261-4396 or visit [www.highpitchedhum.net](http://www.highpitchedhum.net).

### Florida Writers

The Florida Writers will meet at the Florida House Inn, 22 South Third St., at 6 p.m. Sept. 15. Local author of *Amelia's Secrets and Ghosts of Amelia & Other Tales*, Maggie Carter de Vries, will present a seminar on "The 10 Most Common Mistakes Writers Make" and "Word Train." This is a dinner meeting (dinner not required to attend). RSVP for dinner to Maggie at 321-6180.

### Writers and poets

The Nassau County Writers and Poets Society will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 19 at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport. All writers and poets in the county are invited; bring two double-spaced pages of your original prose or two to three of your

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### 102 Lost & Found

**SMALL BLACK KITTEN** - about 4.5 lbs lost from 21 N. 19th St., Fernandina Beach 9/1/09. If found please call (904)261-7729.

**LOST PINK WALLET** - at K-Mart shopping center. Please just drop in drop box in front of Post Office.

**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.

**MISSING SIAMESE CAT** - Female, front de-clawed, (special needs). Barnwell Rd. area. (904)491-8646

### 104 Personals

**CRIMINAL RECORD?** - Misdemeanor, felony? Have them expunged for \$99.95, 30 to 60 days including DUTS. Get a fresh start today. (800)521-4889 24/7 days. ANF

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**SINGLE FAMILY HOMES - ON ISLAND**

- **95069 Reserve Court** - 4BR/2BA Beautiful home with covered patio and well maintained lawn. Home has separate dining and fireplace in living room. \$1595
- **4701 Riggings Drive (Golf Side South)** - 3BR/2BA Located in prestigious gated community where amenities include a community swimming pool and easy access to the beach, Ritz Carlton and Golf Club of Amelia just across the street. \$1800
- **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
- **1933 Sycamore Lane** 3BR/2BA - This home is charming country living at its best located in Shady Point Plantation on three acres of land with beautiful trees all around. Sit back and relax warm evenings in the florida room or cozy up by the fireplace on the cold winter nights. Either way this one is a charmer. \$1500
- **2379 Captain Kidd Dr. (Pirates Bay)** - 3BR/2BA, new carpet, rear patio, 2-car garage, corner lot. Located near beach, shopping & schools. Includes lawn care. \$1250
- **2248 Pirates Bay Dr** - 4BR/2.5BA Large lot on cul-de-sac, located close to beach, schools and shopping. Master bedroom and bathroom located on first floor, 3 bedrooms and bath upstairs with loft area. Family room, formal dining room, kitchen with breakfast area. \$1695
- **422 S. Fifth St** - 3BR/2BA Charming 1940s cottage close to Historic District. Only 4 blocks from Centre Street. Completely remodeled inside and out with heart of pine floors, stainless steel appliances, recessed lighting, and crown molding. \$1200
- **829 Mary St** - 3BR/3BA including mother-in-law suite on first floor. Walk to the beach from this 3-story home on large corner lot. Approx. 2,300 sq.ft. living space and over 1340 sq.ft. of exterior decks on 3 sides of the house with ocean views. Open floor plan with vaulted ceilings. Fireplaces in living room and master bedroom. Two car garage. Water and lawn maintenance included. \$1800

**SINGLE FAMILY HOMES - OFF ISLAND**

- **84164 St. Paul Blvd** - 3BR/2BA home in Lofton Oaks. Features fireplace in living room, large kitchen, 2 car garage, and fenced backyard with utility shed. \$1100
- **95140 Hither Hills Way** - 3BR/2BA Great home on the #2 Green in the North Hampton Golf Community with club house/aquatic center, basketball/tennis court, outpost on Lofton Creek with canoe/kayak launch and pavilion. Washer/dryer, Cable television, High Speed Internet, Monitored Security System included. \$1400
- **96332 Abaco Island** - 3BR/2BA Beautiful home located in Nassau lakes just off the Island. Enjoy the evenings relaxing on the covered patio. Home has vaulted ceilings, granite counter tops, lake views, security system, two car garage and much more. \$1200
- **861516 Worthington Dr** - 3BR/2BA Home on large lot. Separate dining room. \$1150

**CONDO/TOWNHOME/APARTMENTS**

- **2633 Forest Ridge** - 2BR/1.5BA Community features include swimming pool, tennis court, and park. \$850
- **3165 Unit 12 South Fletcher (Ocean Dunes)** - 3BR/2.5 Condo with community pool at rear of condo. \$1100
- **95046 Springtide Lane** - 3BR/4BA. This is a beautiful town home located in a gated community off A1A off of the Intercoastal waterway. Rent includes water, garbage, sewer and lawn service. \$2,475
- **2850 South Fletcher** - 3BR/1BA beautiful ocean views upstairs. \$1100 Downstairs oceanfront 2 BR/1 BA w/bonus room, fenced front and rear yard. \$1395
- **31135 Paradise Commons #621 (Amelia Lakes)** - 2BR/2BA Upstairs unit in gated community. Wood burning fireplace in living room, walk-in closets, screened balcony overlooking pond. \$925
- **2700 Mizell 401B** - 3BR/2BA in Amelia Woods. Fully furnished unit overlooking community pool and tennis court. 3 month lease minimum. \$1100
- **2811 Atlantic Ave Unit 201 (Fernandina Cay)** - 3BR/3BA Beautiful, fully furnished with great ocean views. Private elevator entrance into tiled foyer. Nice upgrades throughout including crown molding, Corian countertops, recessed lighting, double oven in large kitchen and plenty of storage. Walk across the street to beach and Main Beach Park. \$1895

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**\$699,000 - Sandpiper Loop - MLS#49621**  
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**\$510,000 - Starboard Landing - MLS# 43365**  
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95425 Bermuda - 3004 sq. ft. 4BR/3BA home located in Amelia National. Sun room and screened patio. Upgraded kitchen overlooks huge family room. Single story with 3 car garage. Social amenities and lawn care included. Pets allowed. Off Island. \$1,995/mo

5209 Village Way - 1789 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA located in Ocean Village. Furnished or unfurnished. Community Pool with beach access and Summer Beach membership available for small fee. Lawn care. Pets allowed. On Island. \$1,950/mo

95118 Sandpiper - 1218 sq. ft. 2BR/2.5BA oceanfront condo with deck over looking ocean. Furnished or unfurnished. Utilities included. No Pets. On Island. \$1,895/mo

95208 Woodberry - 2258 sq. ft. 4BR/3.5BA located in Summer Beach. Tile throughout and large bonus room. Screened lanai. 2 car garage and community pool. Lawn care and W/D. Pets allowed. On Island. \$1,750/mo

1832 Ocean Village - 1944 sq. ft. 2BR/2.5BA home located in Ocean Village. Screened lanai and hot tub overlooking pond. Sitting area in master bedroom. Lawn care & W/D. Membership available for small fee. Pets allowed. On Island. \$1,650/mo

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330 S. 7th - 3BR/2BA Built in 1929 and completely renovated. Master suite upstairs, upgraded kitchen. Within walking distance of Centre Street. Pets allowed. On Island. \$1,450/mo

918 White - 1040 sq. ft. 2BR/3BA with loft. Hardwood floors, granite countertops, commercial kitchen. Wrap around porch with beautiful back yard. Pets allowed. W/D. On Island. \$1,400/mo

96113 Ridgewood - 2332 sq. ft. 4BR/3BA home located in Lofton Pointe. Bonus room with full bath up. fenced backyard and covered patio. Large master suite down. Pets allowed. Off Island. \$1,395/mo

95155 Bermuda - 3038 sq. ft. 5BR/4BA golf and lake front home located in Amelia National. Master down with bonus/media room. 3 car garage, use of social amenities. Pets allowed. Off Island. \$2,050/mo

96113 Ridgewood - 2332 sq. ft. 4BR/3BA home located in Lofton Pointe. Bonus room with full bath up. fenced backyard and covered patio. Large master suite down. Pets allowed. Off Island. \$1,395/mo

86059 Rensenburg - 1500 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA located in North Hampton. Large back yard. Internet included. Half off one month lease with 12 month lease. Pets allowed. Off Island. \$1,300/mo

86624 Cartesian Pointe - 1890 sq. ft. 3 BR/2 BA home with large fenced in backyard. Covered oversized patio with hot tub. Living room and family room. 2 car garage. Pets allowed. Off Island. \$1,295/mo

23626 Flora Parke - 1607 sq. ft. 4BR/2BA located in Flora Parke. Covered patio with preserve area in back. First month free rent with 12 month lease. W/D and Lawn care. Pets allowed. Off Island. \$1,250/mo

1548 Penbrook - 3BR/2BA home with sunroom and fenced in back yard. Centrally located. \$1,200/mo

76087 Long Pond Loop - 1590 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA home located in Cartesian Point with fenced backyard. Ceiling fans throughout. Covered lanai. Security and irrigation. Includes W/D. Pets allowed. Off Island. \$1,175/mo

823 N. Fletcher - 1960 sq. ft. 2BR/1BA furnished upstairs condo. Ocean view with sunroom. Half month free with 12 month renewal. Pets allowed. Water included. On Island. \$1,100/mo

86030 Palm Tree - 1700 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA all brick home sitting on over 2 acres. Screened porch on front and sun room in back. Pets allowed. Off Island. \$975/mo

5457 Leonard - 1332 sq. ft. 2BR/2BA home located in American Beach. Great outdoor area for cookouts and family gatherings. Oversized yard. Pets allowed. On Island. \$800/mo

918 White - 1040 sq. ft. 2BR/3BA with loft. Hardwood floors, granite countertops, commercial kitchen. Wrap around porch with beautiful back yard. Pets allowed. W/D. On Island. \$1,400/mo

86517 Callaway - 1000 sq ft 2BR/1BA house on large lot. Wood floors with updated kitchen. Pets allowed. Off Island. \$750/mo

939 N. Fletcher (Downstairs) - 2BR/1BA just steps from the beach. Pets allowed. On Island. \$650/mo

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