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Baked goods and handmade decorative items were available for purchase at the annual bazaar put on by the First Presbyterian Church Women Oct. 30. Genie Bennet, right, looks at the sale ornaments on the Christmas tree. For more Holiday Happenings, see page 3B.

City to review charter - again

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

Fernandina Beach residents may be asked to vote on a new city charter in its entirety rather than by separate amendment questions in the upcoming April municipal election.

As the result of a workshop Tuesday, city commissioners are asking members of the former Charter Review Committee to meet with them to discuss how residents should vote on the new city charter.

So far, six questions about amendments to the charter have been put to voters in the last two city elections. But there are still several dozen changes that must be approved by referendum before the revised charter can be fully adopted by the city.

City Attorney Tammi Bach, who previously put together the ballot language for the charter, said she had chosen 11 ballot questions for commissioners to decide on before next April's election. Because there must be two public readings of the questions before the election, Bach said she hoped to have the language together before the end of January.

But former Charter Review Committee member Burton Bright said the charter, which the committee worked on for 11 months in 2006-7, was meant to be taken as a whole document.

Bright said extensive "word-smithing" went into creating the document, and that all the sections are interrelated. "If you change a piece, it

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Tuesday next week 3A

Gators vs. Bulldogs sets the bar

MICHAEL PARNELL
News-Leader

The Florida House Inn and Green Turtle Tavern renewed their rivalry last weekend, overshadowing a rather dull football game between the Florida Gators and Georgia Bulldogs.

Gators fans are loud, Bulldogs fans sometimes even louder, and the racket cost a Green Turtle bartender a ticket for a \$1,000 fine for violating the city noise ordinance.

According to a city police report, "The complaint was received from a William Miller, who claimed he was a guest staying at the Florida House Inn and declined to speak with an officer." The call was recorded at 1:02 a.m. Saturday, as fans warmed up for

the game later that day.

Richard Myers of Tybee Island, Ga., in a letter to the editor (see page 7A), wrote, "During my family's annual visit to beautiful Amelia Island for Georgia/Florida weekend, we left our hotel and went downtown for a late meal and some local color. The town was abuzz with many fellow Bulldogs enjoying the local nightlife."

He maintained, "There was no live music and an older crowd of well-behaved locals and visiting Bulldogs" at the Green Turtle.

A police officer, however, reported,

\$1,000 fine for noise violation.

"I could clearly hear loud talking and yelling coming from the outside porch area of Green Turtle by bar patrons ... I was standing over 100 feet away." The city ordinance proscribes noise outside a 25-foot limit.

Officer M.S. Mazuryk said "due to loud music inside the bar" the bartender was asked to come outside and talk. Informed of the complaint, bartender Jeffrey James Werder told police "in his opinion his patrons were not being loud and that the complaint was fictitious," according to the report.

During their conversation, "a bar patron yelled, 'The Florida House sucks!' at an extremely loud level," the officer wrote, but which of the 15 bar patrons could not be determined.

Werder then received a notice to appear in court with a fine of \$1,000 for a second violation (he previously received a written warning and \$250 fine for a noise violation).

The Bulldog letter writer dissented. "The only loud noise that occurred was when police antagonized the exiting patrons by treating us like cattle! I am sorry to say that next year my family and my money will visit Ponte Vedra Beach or St. Augustine for Georgia/Florida weekend," Myers

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HEADED OVER THERE



Pvt. Zachary Leadingham is congratulated by his father, Fernandina Beach Police Officer Ritchie Benton, after he graduated Oct. 30 in an indoctrination ceremony on the Fort Benning, Ga., parade field, right. Lt. Col. Montie Stewart of Fernandina Beach traveled with parents Ritchie and Shelly Benton to the ceremony to pin on the Blue Infantry Cord, which signifies Pvt. Leadingham as an infantryman, left. At 17, he was the youngest member of his class, graduating in the top 10 percent in both marksmanship and physical fitness. His assignment is the 10th Mountain Division headquartered at Fort Drum, N.Y., but it is currently under deployment orders to operations in Afghanistan. On Wednesday, the nation honors its veterans, 5A.



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SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON
2009 Nests: 89 Hatchlings: 7061

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LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS AGO

October 1959 set a new record on the Buccaneer Trail, with 21,865 vehicles paying tolls to use the scenic route.

November 5, 1959

25 YEARS AGO

Voters in Nassau County re-elected President Ronald

Reagan and Vice President George Bush in a landslide. November 7, 1984

10 YEARS AGO

An accident between two school buses in the loading zone sent 13 Callahan Intermediate students to the hospital. November 3, 1999

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 11/6	Sat 11/7	Sun 11/8	Mon 11/9	Tue 11/10
70/53 Generally sunny. High near 70F. Winds NE at 10 to 20 mph.	74/60 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 60s.	78/67 More clouds than sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 60s.	80/69 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	79/68 Scattered thunderstorms possible.
Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 5:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 5:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 5:33 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 5:32 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 5:32 PM

Florida At A Glance



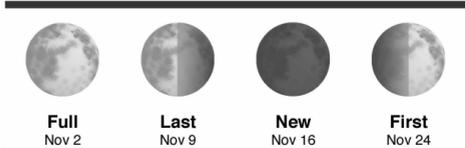
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Clearwater	78	58	pt sunny	Ocala	77	54	mst sunny
Crestview	73	43	mst sunny	Orlando	77	60	pt sunny
Daytona Beach	76	58	mst sunny	Panama City	75	51	mst sunny
Fort Lauderdale	80	71	pt sunny	Pensacola	74	52	mst sunny
Fort Myers	82	60	pt sunny	Plant City	81	59	pt sunny
Gainesville	75	51	mst sunny	Pompano Beach	81	70	pt sunny
Hollywood	81	70	pt sunny	Port Charlotte	81	59	pt sunny
Jacksonville	72	56	mst sunny	Saint Augustine	71	58	windy
Key West	81	74	rain	Saint Petersburg	78	63	windy
Lady Lake	76	55	mst sunny	Sarasota	82	60	pt sunny
Lake City	73	49	mst sunny	Tallahassee	74	46	sunny
Madison	73	47	sunny	Tampa	79	59	pt sunny
Melbourne	77	63	pt sunny	Titusville	77	61	pt sunny
Miami	79	73	pt sunny	Venice	81	61	pt sunny
N Smyrna Beach	76	60	pt sunny	W Palm Beach	79	69	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	39	sunny	Minneapolis	57	45	pt sunny
Boston	48	30	rain	New York	52	33	sunny
Chicago	56	48	pt sunny	Phoenix	84	60	pt sunny
Dallas	81	55	sunny	San Francisco	63	48	rain
Denver	73	42	pt sunny	Seattle	50	43	rain
Houston	79	57	sunny	St. Louis	65	50	sunny
Los Angeles	70	54	pt sunny	Washington, DC	51	37	sunny
Miami	79	73	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 11/6	Sat 11/7	Sun 11/8	Mon 11/9	Tue 11/10
5	5	5	3	3
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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

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Website offers flu answers

ROCHESTER, Minn. – “My body aches and my head is throbbing. Do I have the flu or is it just because I’m stressed or tired? Do I need a flu shot? Do I need the H1N1 vaccine, too?” Millions of Americans will be asking themselves these and more questions this fall and winter as news reports and health care providers continue to warn about seasonal influenza and novel H1N1 influenza, otherwise known as swine flu. The flu symptoms (www.mayoclinic.com/health/flu-symptoms/FU00013) self-assessment tool on MayoClinic.com helps you assess whether you or your loved ones have some form of flu, or just a cold. If you possibly or likely have the flu, you’ll also learn whether antiviral medication is an option. And you can check a concise list of high-risk groups who should seek medical attention for the flu. Influenza (www.mayoclinic.com/health/influenza/DS00081) is a viral infection that attacks the respiratory system, including the nose, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs. If you’re generally healthy and you catch influenza – commonly called the flu – you’re likely to feel rotten for a few days, but you probably won’t develop complications or need



hospital care. If you have a weakened immune system or chronic illness though, influenza can be fatal. Novel H1N1 flu, popularly known as swine flu (www.mayoclinic.com/health/swine-flu/DS01144), is a respiratory infection caused by an influenza virus first recognized in spring 2009. The new virus, which is officially called swine influenza A (H1N1), contains genetic material from human, swine and avian flu viruses. Unlike typical swine flu, H1N1 flu spreads quickly and easily. Based on the expertise of Mayo Clinic infectious disease and epidemiology scientists and physicians, and other specialists for specific populations such as children or pregnant women, MayoClinic.com provides continually updated and credible information regarding the seasonal flu and H1N1 flu vaccines and treatment recommendations. **About MayoClinic.com** Since 1904, millions of people from all walks of life have found answers at Mayo

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Food needed

The Salvation Army Hope House, 410 South Date St., is in urgent need of donations of non-perishable food to hand out to those in need, including:
• Canned foods not requiring cooking and with pop-top lids;
• Canned fruits, juice, vegetables, beans and meats (tuna, chicken, spam, beanie-weenies), soups and sauces;
• Rice, pasta, oats, grits, helper meals, instant mashed potatoes and powdered milk;
• Cereal, breakfast bars and peanut butter and jelly. Call 321-0435.

Collecting for kitties

Cats Angels’ volunteers will be accepting items and donations to help care for unwanted cats and kittens. Volunteers will be on hand at Winn Dixie in Yulee Nov. 7 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Cats Angels is in need of bleach, vinegar, laundry detergent, cat litter, canned and dry food and towels.

Quit smoking

Quit Smoking Now! brought to you by the Nassau County Health Department and AHEC, is a six-week class designed to help you beat the addiction to tobacco. Classes are on Monday’s Nov. 9-Dec. 14 from noon-1:30 p.m. in the conference room at Baptist Medical Center Nassau, 1250 South 18th St. For information or to register call Jennifer Emmons, 548-1867 or e-mail jennifer_emmons@doh.state.fl.us.

Pink Ribbon Ladies

The Pink Ribbon Ladies will meet at 6 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Conference Room at Baptist Medical Center Nassau in Fernandina Beach. Speaker Dell Belk, a certified lymphedema therapist, is with the Jacksonville Lymphedema Clinic. For information call 321-2057.

AARP meets

Chapter 4608 of the AARP will meet at 1 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Council on Aging, located across from Baptist Medical Center-Nassau. In November, the chapter will deliver personal items to the veterans at the VA Hospital in Lake City. For information or to donate, call John Megna at 277-2143 before Nov. 10. Members are reminded to bring items to the November meeting.

Martha S. Barber

Martha S. Barber, 69, passed away Saturday morning, October 31, 2009 at Baptist Medical Center in Fernandina Beach. She was born October 28, 1940 in Statesboro, GA and moved to Yulee, FL in 1969 from Milledgeville, GA. Mrs. Barber was a faithful Christian and a member of Nassau Baptist Temple. She was baptized by Dr. Larry Montgomery in the Jordan River. She retired from Terminal Bag Company after 18 years of service. Her family was most important to her. She also loved to cook and shop. Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Vernon L. Barber Sr.; two sons, Vernon L. Barber, Jr. and James D. Barber Sr. (Lisa); a daughter, Lori Michele Barber, all of Yulee, FL; a brother and sister in law, Bill and Holly Edwards of Sylvania, GA; one sister, Virginia Buxton of Sardis, GA; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, in the Stephens Chapel at Green Pine Funeral Home with Dr. Larry Montgomery officiating. Interment followed in the family burial estate in Green Pine Cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at Green Pine Funeral Home. *Green Pine Funeral Home*

Deborah Hicks Knight

Deborah Hicks Knight, 57, of St. George, passed away Tuesday November 3 at her residence following a lengthy illness. She was born in Folkston, to the late Lemon Kellon Hicks and Doris Avan Green. She was a member of New Life Baptist Church in St. George. She is survived by her husband: Ernest D. Knight; Son: Ernest Daniel (Wendy) Knight; Daughter: Brandy Avan Knight; 3-Sisters: Margaret Geraldine (Jack) Pickren, Billie (Billy) Jones, and Helen Elizabeth Conner; a Brother: Clyde “Bo” (Opal Jean) Hicks; 3-Grandchildren: Kaitlyn Hair, Gavin Knight and Courtney Knight; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. She was preceded in death by 3-Brothers: Dwight Hicks, Kenneth “Rook” Hicks and Kellon “Bud” Hicks. The family received friends Wednesday, November 4 at Shepard Funeral Home from 6-8 PM. Graveside funeral services were held Thursday,

OBITUARIES

Martha S. Barber

November 5 at 2:00 PM at Conner-Green Cemetery with Rev. James Conner officiating. Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest book at www.shepardfh.com. *Shepard Funeral Home Folkston, Ga.*

Nina Evelyn Palmer

Mrs. Nina Evelyn Palmer, 76, of Waycross died Tuesday at St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Jacksonville, Florida. She was born in Alma, Georgia to the late James Lee “Jake” Tanner and Sarah Elizabeth “Betty” Deen Tanner. Mrs. Palmer was raised and educated in Bacon County before moving to Waycross at the age of 18. After high school she went on to attend Brewton Parker College in Mt. Vernon, Georgia for two years. She has spent the majority of her life in Waycross and Ware County. In Waycross Mrs. Palmer was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. There she served on the Council of Catholic Women and the Parrish Council. She was a member of the choir and co-founder of Birthright of Waycross, Inc. This year St. Joseph Catholic Church honored Mr. and Mrs. Palmer with the 2009 Gartland Award. Mrs. Palmer loved to serve others. She was often cooking for and visiting shut-ins. She loved to fish, work in her flower garden and spend time with her children and grandchildren. Along with her parents, Jake and Betty, she was preceded in death by a son, Michael Christopher Palmer and a brother, Jimmy Tanner. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Joseph S. Palmer, Sr., of Waycross, four children, Joseph S. Palmer, Jr., and his wife Pamela of Fernandina Beach, Florida, Michele Palmer Harris and her husband Eddie of Waycross, Mary Palmer Williams and her husband Chris of Valdosta, Samuel Mark Palmer of Waycross, seven grandchildren, Trey Palmer and his wife Leigh of St. Augustine, Florida, Richard Palmer and his wife Emily of Yulee, Florida, Sam Harris of Athens, Georgia, Jessie Kalinowski and her husband Cody of Jasper, Florida, Mikey Harris, Matthew Harris, Zachary Harris all of Waycross, a sister, Linda Tanner Rushing and her husband Troy of Baxley, and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. A Mass of the Resurrection

Martha S. Barber

to celebrate the life of Nina Evelyn Palmer will be held today, Friday, November 6, 2009 at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. A Rosary service was held at 5:30 p.m. with visitation following until 8 pm, Thursday at the Miles-Odum Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Birthright of Waycross, Inc., P.O. Box 1994, Waycross, Georgia 31502. Sympathy may be expressed by signing online at www.miles-odumfuneralhome.com. *Miles Odum Funeral Home Waycross, Ga.*

Frances D. “Nanny” Wojciechowicz

Frances D. “Nanny” Wojciechowicz, 80, of Yulee passed away Tuesday, Nov 3, 2009. Born in Trenton, N.J. to Francis J. Hayes and Elvira Weasner, Frances was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She was a member of Celebration Assembly of God in Yulee. She is preceded in death by her husband Charles, and is survived by her daughters Robin Zwartjes (George), Tammy Zwartjes (Gary), and sons Robert Peak, Timothy Peak (Amy), and Brother Robert P. Taylor, many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held today, Friday, Nov 6, 2009 at 4 pm at Celebration Assembly of God Church located at 850472 US Hwy. 17, Yulee, FL. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Celebration Assembly of God Church, PO Box 579 Yulee, FL 32041. Frances loved Jesus and is an angel of God. She was a very kind, thoughtful, and generous soul with a “heart of gold”. She is forever loved and will be forever missed. *Hardage Giddens Funeral Home Jacksonville*

DEATH NOTICE

Mrs. Karen Loretta Parker, 46, of Kingsland, Ga., died at the South East Georgia Health System’s Brunswick Campus, Friday evening, Oct. 30, 2009. The funeral service was held graveside at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009 in Hughes Cemetery in Yulee, with Pastor Edward Dixon presiding. *Callahan Funeral Home and Coastal Camden Funeral Home Kingsland, Ga.*

Flu shots available for eligible veterans

In an effort to reduce the impact of the seasonal flu and connected illness, eligible veterans may obtain a flu vaccination through Jan. 30 at the Gainesville VA Medical Center, near the main lobby, or at the Lake City VA Medical Center. This is an especially challenging influenza season this year. Many people have suffered severe consequences from the flu. It is very important for every veteran to get his or her flu shot. The flu shot is the only measure of protection from the influenza virus. If you have not

had your flu shot yet for the year, come in now for your flu shot. The Gainesville VAMC will also host two Saturday clinics on Nov. 7 and Dec. 5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information please contact Jackie Beane at 352-376-1611, ext. 4715. Veterans enrolled within the North/Florida South Georgia Veterans Health System also can get the seasonal flu shot at the St. Marys, Ga., CBOC, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., or at the Jacksonville OPC (main location), Monday through Friday, 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Call the NF/SGVHS seasonal flu hotline at 1-800-324-8387, ext. 3358.

CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH
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Wednesday, November 11th
in observance of Veterans’ Day
For emergencies please call (904) 277-7340

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City may enact code of ethics

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

A new city code of ethics, recently written by City Attorney Tammi Bach, was discussed by Fernandina Beach Commissioners during a workshop Tuesday.

There had been discussion by previous commissioners that a code of ethics be part of a newly revised city charter, but it was later decided it should be separate. The code regulates the actions of elected and appointed city officials and employees in their dealings

with the public and private interests.

Commissioner Tim Poynter voiced concern that money would be spent on an "ethics officer," a new position suggested in the new code.

"I'm for less government, not more of it," said Poynter.

Bach noted that there is a section in the new ethics code

that applies to businesses working with the city, and that having an ethics code separate from the state's would allow the city to enforce it without involving the state.

Commissioner Eric Childers said that, although he did not like "legislation for legislation's sake," a city ethics code would "bring it in-house."

"What's serious to us may

not be serious to (the state)," he said.

"I don't think we need to have an ethics officer," said City Commissioner Jeffrey Bunch. "I still feel that the person would be assigned by the city manager or city clerk. ... I feel we already have three ethics officers. I don't think we need to task out that assignment to someone."

Mayor Susan Steger said it would be a good idea for the commission to discuss the ethics code, along with proposed charter review, at workshop meetings in the future.

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CITY COMMISSIONER TIM POYNTER

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affects something else," he said. "Every single (section) was unanimously approved by all of us. ... You should look at it as an entity."

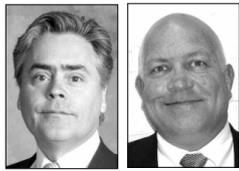
Amy Bryan, another former committee member, said the group rewrote the charter "as a complete process."

"We thought it was being voted on as a complete piece," Bryan said. "We almost need to reconvene another charter committee."

Commissioner Ken Walker said the document as a whole should be presented on the ballot. "This thing could drag on for years if we don't do it this way," he added.

But Commissioner Tim Poynter said one charter provision he would like to see changed is having particular "seats" for the city commission election.

"I don't understand why we're having one person pick a seat," said Poynter, because the seats don't represent any particular districts. Poynter noted



Poynter Walker

that in some cases, someone running for one seat could be elected with no competition, while the other candidate might compete with several others. He suggested the two candidates with the most votes should take whatever two seats are available.

But Mayor Susan Steger asked what would happen if a candidate "wanted to run against a particular person who is ineffective."

Bright noted that the language for commissioner seats was left in the charter to accommodate future districting.

"I would buy into the district thing if it meant something, but it doesn't," said Poynter.

"We left the framework (in

the charter) so that if you want to go to districting, you can," said Bright.

Bryan said the committee had discussed the possibility of adding districts by ordinance or resolution at a later time.

Walker said he was also concerned about new language eliminating runoff elections. "I think we lose something when we do away with runoffs," he said.

Bryan noted that, because commissioners already were disagreeing with some of the amendments, she didn't know if it would be possible to have a vote on the entire charter.

"We met as a committee, and we weren't given any input," she said. "When we presented it (to the city commission), it wasn't that well received."

Bach conceded that when the commission reviewed the document in 2008, "they did not accept all the changes."

Commissioner Jeffrey Bunch expressed interest in an all-inclusive charter amendment package for voters. "I want to look at it more," he said, "and the (charter review) committee

should come back again, maybe."

"It's almost like starting new," said Bach. "I suggest we have another meeting, and go through this whole thing. ... Legally you can take it as one document; other communities do it. Commissioner Poynter wanted to address the election, so maybe we (also) can look at that."

Bach said the commission should get as many members of the former charter review committee together for their input. A workshop is in the planning stages to discuss both proposed charter amendments and a proposed ethics code.

The ad hoc charter review committee was created by commissioner resolution in November 2006. Committee members conducted a full review and updated sections "to reflect modern local government management practices."

The new charter was approved by commissioners in November 2008, but there were questions at that time as to how to get the final document out to voters, who have the final say.

News-Leader delivery Tuesday next week

The Wednesday, Nov. 11 edition of the *News-Leader* will be delivered by mail Tuesday and available for sale that day in stores and racks throughout Nassau County.

The newspaper is being published a day early because Nov. 11 is Veterans Day and there is no mail delivery that day.

As a result, all deadlines for the Nov. 11 edition are a day earlier than normal.

The Friday, Nov. 13 edition of the *News-Leader* will be published on its normal schedule.

The newspaper office will be open Wednesday, Veterans Day, for normal business hours.

Shoplifter assaults store security guard

JASON YURGARTIS
News-Leader

A shoplifting incident Monday at Beall's department store in Fernandina Beach became a robbery investigation after the suspect allegedly attacked a store security officer, then fled the scene.

According to a Fernandina Beach Police Department report, the incident happened about 4:30 p.m. when a security officer saw a woman steal clothing from the store at 1439 Sadler Road. When the security officer tried to apprehend the woman outside the store she was punched in the face by the suspect, who then fled the scene in a yellow 2010 Chevy Cobalt, the report stated.

Police units searched the area but were unable to locate the car, which had a Georgia tag, the report stated.

Two witnesses who were in the parking lot saw the alter-

cation between the women. One man shouted, telling them to stop. As the two disengaged, he realized one was store security and made note of the car license plate number, the report stated. The other witness told police the suspect was fighting hard and viciously. She also assisted police in recalling the tag number of the getaway vehicle.

According to the report, the suspect also left evidence at the scene when she dropped a brown and yellow beaded bracelet she was wearing on the ground during the struggle.

All told, the suspect made off with three tops and two pairs of pants with a total value of \$140, the report stated.

According to the report, the store security officer was in some pain, with abrasions to the left side of her forehead, neck and elbow, but declined medical attention.

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NOISE

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wrote.

The next day, at 7:02 p.m. Sunday, police received another noise complaint from Florida House owner Dianne Warwick. She said the Green Turtle had a band "playing amplified music that could be heard over 100 feet from the establishment." Police responded but the band had stopped playing and no noise violations were observed, according to the report.

It wasn't just Bulldogs fans that objected to the city crackdown on noise. Mark Osteen of Philadelphia also wrote a letter to the editor about World Series baseball, complaining, "God forbid you cheer for your Phillies a little too loud in the city limits, you might get fined or arrested! Your noise ordinance is anti-business and anti-American! Your city won't get my tourist dollars ever again!"

After numerous loud and sometimes heated public hearings, the city revised its noise ordinance earlier this year following years of complaints by the Florida House Inn about noise emanating from the Green Turtle next door on Third Street.

The Gators easily defeated the Bulldogs in their annual game Saturday afternoon in Jacksonville, shushing the Georgia fans. Meanwhile, the Florida House/Green Turtle clash continues, its partisans yet to be quieted.

Refunds due for FPL customers

TALLAHASSEE - Florida's Public Service Commission has approved a refund of more than \$364 million for Florida Power & Light Company customers due to over-recovery for fuel costs. FPL customers, including those in Nassau County, will see the refund reflected as a one-time credit on their January bill.

Fuel and cost recovery charges for Florida Public Utilities Co., which provides electricity service to Amelia Island residents, will be decided by the state commission on Dec. 1.

For January bills only, FPL residential customers using 1,000 kwh will receive a \$44.46 credit. The credit amount will increase or decrease according to energy usage.

Based on the new charges, the total monthly electric bill for FPL residential customers using 1,000 kwh will decrease from the current charge of \$110.72 to \$95.43. The fuel portion of the bill will decrease by \$13.66.

But that bill is subject to change pending the outcome of FPL's current rate case. That controversial case, which would

allow FPL to increase rates, is expected to be decided Jan. 29.

Fuel adjustment rates and cost recovery clause charges for Progress Energy Florida and Tampa Electric Co. were also determined after an evidentiary hearing, where the commission considered each utility's 2010 projected costs for fuel and purchased power as well as actual costs for 2008 and 2009.

Utilities are allowed to recover the prudently incurred fuel and purchased power costs necessary to meet customer demand but may not earn a profit on fuel purchases. The fuel charge appears as a separate line item on customer bills. Beginning in January, Progress Energy Florida residential customers using 1,000 kwh will see their bills decrease from the current charge of \$127.31 to \$127.26. The fuel portion of the bill will decrease by \$9.89.

Tampa Electric Co. residential customers using 1,000 kwh will have bills decrease from the current charge of \$114.67 to \$113.21. The fuel portion of the bill will decrease by \$6.32.

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Callahan man dies in wreck

JASON YURGARTIS
News-Leader

A Callahan man died Wednesday evening when his pickup truck rear-ended a log truck on the West Side of Nassau County.

Paul S. Zobel, 51, of Callahan was pronounced dead at the scene after his 2007 Toyota truck collided with the rear of a log truck attempting to make a right turn from southbound US 1 onto Pratt Siding Road about 6:20 p.m., according to a Florida Highway Patrol media release.

Zobel failed to stop, the release stated, causing severe crush damage to his truck, which was a total loss. The driver of the log truck, Joseph G. McMannes, 45, of Hilliard was not injured but his truck had an estimated \$20,000 damage, the release stated.

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'Ambassadors for Peace' on Amelia Island

NEW YORK—The Institute for International Sport hosted the inaugural Ambassadors of Peace Dinner on Oct. 28 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here. Jack Keigwin, CEO of Sound Point Asset Management on Amelia Island, and his wife Beverly were recognized amongst other distinguished individuals for their "profound appreciation" of the scholar-athlete/artist and sportsmanship programs of the institute.

The dinner featured Colin Powell as keynote speaker and contributes to the institute's important initiative, the World Youth Peace Summit, to be held in Connecticut in 2011.

Both Jack and Beverly Keigwin were lauded for their passion about mentoring young people, particularly those at risk.

"We have learned from our work with young people from many nations, where we have lived, taught or visited, that they can be powerful transformational agents of change, not only for themselves and their people, but for the betterment of the world," said Jack Keigwin. "Beverly and I believe in the enormous goodwill which will result from the 2011

World Youth Peace Summit, and we are proud to support this initiative and to have been selected as 2009 Ambassadors of Peace honorees."

The Keigwins are no strangers to the cultural and educational programs that the summit will feature. At Bryant College in Rhode Island, where Jack Keigwin taught, the Keigwins established a program with the Tbilisi Business School/European School of Management that enables two or three Republic of Georgia students each year to study at a college or university in the United States.

The Republic of Georgia exchange program continues to thrive at Jacksonville University where Jack Keigwin is a member of the university's Executive Committee and serves as university treasurer. The Keigwins reside on Amelia Island.

The Institute for International Sport, founded by Dan Doyle in 1986, has organized numerous U.S. and world scholar-athlete games for the past two decades with the goal of promoting peace through the medium of sports and the arts. In 2011, the World Youth Peace

Summit will help current and former scholar-athletes and scholar-artists develop peace initiatives for their home communities or countries, and give them the tools to implement their programs successfully.

These young community leaders will create a grassroots global network of peace advocates to foster a more peaceful world. Participants will receive leadership training and targeted assistance in social entrepreneurship and development of community-based programs.

During the next two years, a range of municipalities, academic institutions, community and religious groups will be offered the opportunity to host a Peace Lecture or Peace Performance to support the 2011 World Youth Peace Summit. An international Walk for Peace will be organized during a May weekend in 2011 with support from thousands of Scholar-Athlete Games graduates.

For more information, visit the World Youth Peace Summit's website www.youth-peacesummit.org or contact Lisa Mahoney at (860) 983-3564 or lrmw@atol.com.



Amelia Island residents Jack and Beverly Keigwin with Gen. Colin Powell after the Keigwins were honored at the inaugural Ambassadors of Peace Dinner in New York City on Oct. 28.

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'Uncertainty' dims real estate

University of Florida

GAINESVILLE — With the state's high jobless rate, Florida's real estate outlook is plagued by the most dangerous condition to delay an economic recovery: uncertainty, according to the latest University of Florida survey.

"Most economists think the recession is over, but people are afraid to spend money as unemployment keeps going up, which creates problems for every sector of the real estate market," said Timothy Becker, director of UF's Bergstrom Center for Real Estate Studies, which conducts the quarterly survey.

Florida's unemployment rate climbed to 11 percent in September, its highest level since 1975, Becker said. That, along with a large number of foreclosures, places Florida near the bottom of states expected to recover from the economic downturn, he said.

"Florida was the first one into the recession and it's prob-

ably going to be the last one out," he said.

The latest survey finds commercial real estate the weakest sector of the economy, with no improvement expected until the job market turns around, Becker said. As retailers struggle, they are asking landlords for rent abatements, and instead of expanding, are deciding not to renew leases and even close stores, he said.

"Discount retailers like the Dollar Store and Dollar Tree seem to be weathering the hard times, but in most cases retailers are not doing well," he said.

The state's high unemployment rate also has taken its toll on the housing sector, Becker said. Although the foreclosure market is "going gangbusters" right now because of extremely low prices, total sales of single-family homes will probably decline as people's uncertainty about whether they will continue to have jobs grows, he said.

Survey respondents expressed fear about another large wave of housing foreclosures if

more people lose jobs and fall behind on their mortgage payments, Becker said. "There is a lot of speculation that there could be a double-dip recession, where we recover just a little bit and then go back into recession again," he said.

Although the outlook for readily available capital has not improved as banks continue their reluctance to lend money, survey respondents believe that foreign investment may provide some relief, Becker said. With the favorability of exchange rates for the Euro against the dollar and the availability of desirable commercial property at low prices, international investors are starting to enter Florida's real estate market, he said.

"Everybody thinks that Florida will rebound because we have so much going for us — the sun shines every day and there are a lot of advantages to living here, he said. "Foreign investors see that too and believe their prospects are good for long term investments."

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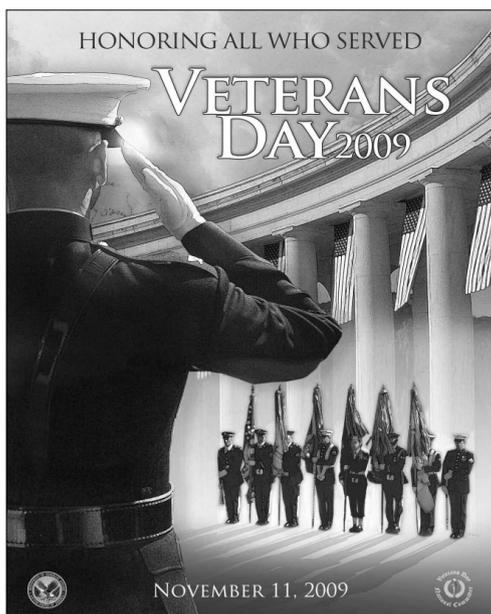
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VETERANS CALENDAR

Veterans Day parade

A Veterans Day Parade sponsored by American Legion Post 54, Fernandina Beach, will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. Parade line-up will be at 10:30 a.m. at the baseball field at Ash and 11th streets. The parade will move down Ash and then Centre streets.

Salute to veterans

Savannah Grand Assisted Living Community, 1900 Amelia Trace Court, Fernandina Beach, will host a "Veteran's Salute" Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Capt. Donald L. Holland, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy (Retired). Also attending will be the Fernandina Beach High School ROTC Color Guard, with Connor Holland playing taps and patriotic music performed by Gary Tomlinson at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the public is welcome to bring a photo of a loved one that served the U.S. For information call 321-0898.

New American Legion post

The Theodore H. Hernandez American Legion Post 54, Fernandina Beach, will dedicate its new building at 626 South Third St with a ceremony on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at 4 p.m., with a social event to follow.

The public is invited. The new building features an attractive hall with a capacity of 125 people that members of the Legion family and the public can rent for parties, meetings and other events. There is also a small private conference room with a capacity of 35 people that can be rented for meetings. In addition to these rooms Legion members and their guests can enjoy a new clubroom and a full service kitchen.

For information about the dedication, or rental of the facilities call 261-7900.

History of American soldier

Fort Clinch State Park will host a Veterans Day program saluting all who have served in the Armed Forces at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14.

The program includes a timeline of men and women portraying soldiers from each major military conflict in United States history. Visitors can bring a lawn chair or blan-

ket and sit on the fort grounds during the presentation.

Admission to the park and program is free with a canned food donation for each person attending. Donations will be given to the Barnabas Center's food bank to help those in need.

For information, visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

'Dazzling Diamonds'

Nassau County American Legion Auxiliary Unit 174 presents "Alhambra Comes to Town" featuring the Mary L. Singleton Dazzling Diamonds at 6 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Women's Club, 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd. Dr. Dawn McDermott directs this senior citizen talent show, "Can you shake a tail feather."

Tickets are \$40 per person, which includes dinner and the show.

This is a fundraising event to help renovate American Legion Post 174 at 12th and Beech streets.

For ticket information contact Courtney Tyson-Shelby at 491-3419 or Evelyn Roberts-Hunt at (904) 206-2707. Purchase your tickets online at americanlegionauxiliary174.club.officelive.com. No tickets will be sold at the door. Seating is limited.

Plantation supports veterans

Amelia Island Plantation supports and appreciates service men and women through a variety of programs.

Seaside Salute is a special package including weekends to support active duty and retired military. A rate of \$119 per night in a deluxe, ocean-view Amelia Inn room is available with proof of a military ID through the end of 2009 (use promo code HOTDAT).

Amelia Island Plantation is also participating in Warrior Vacations, a charitable foundation giving active military personnel who have been deployed overseas in the last 12 months the opportunity to reconnect with their families in a vacation setting at no cost. The Warrior Vacation stays at Amelia Island Plantation also include 50 percent off food and beverage, recreation and spa services in addition to free tennis and discounted golf at Amelia River and Ocean Links.

For more information on Warrior Vacations including how to book, visit www.warriorvacations.org.

Honor veterans all year long

For Fernandina Beach it all started 27 years ago on Veterans Day in 1982 when 37 members of American Legion Post 54 proudly marched throughout the community displaying their colors, the American flag and the banner of the American Legion for all the town's people to see. Their walk honored all veterans who committed themselves to fight for the American dream: life, liberty and justice for all.

This original Veterans Day parade and each subsequent annual tradition live on because of the efforts of one local woman, Cathy Dopson. Ms. Cathy is well-known in the community since she drove a school bus in the area for over 30 years all the while promoting each and every Veterans Day parade; not an easy task. As a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since 1957, her organized efforts that once started with only 37 has since grown to over 1,000. This year's parade on Saturday includes approximately 110 groups/sponsors. So, to Ms. Cathy, laughingly known as the lady with the heavy hammer, we salute you also on this day dedicated to honoring the American veteran.

Veterans Day is the only federal holiday and day of remembrance that commemorates both the living and the departed who joined the military pledging allegiance to defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

President Abraham Lincoln reminded us near the end of the Civil War of our obligations to our nation's veterans saying, "... let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan ..."

The first Armistice Day, as it was previously known, occurred on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 a.m. in



VETERAN'S CORNER

Debbie Walsh

it would be the end of major conflicts around the world. For this reason they designated Nov. 11 as Armistice Day.

Unfortunately, history repeated itself many times since the end of World War I. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed a name change from Armistice Day to Veterans Day and called upon all Americans to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace.

We as veterans, families of veterans, neighbors, classmates and distant acquaintances to the fighting soldier have strived for that goal of peace daily. Veterans Day is one day out of 365 days a year where we formally unite to say thank you to our veterans.

In my eyes, this simple passage by an unknown author says it all: "What is a veteran? A veteran is an ordinary, yet extraordinary human being, someone who offered his life's vital years in the service of his country. He or she is a soldier, a savior and a sword against the darkness, and is the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the greatest nation ever known."

November happens to be a month where we'll have an opportunity to recognize several special days of remembrance honoring veterans. Wounded Warrior Day, the U.S. Marine Corps Birthday, Veterans Day and the anniversaries of the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

(The Wall) and the Vietnam Women's Memorial are all remembered by thousands across the nation. I'm sure I've missed several other significant events and, if so, please excuse my unintended remiss.

Several other local area celebrations hosted in November will also honor veterans. Most will draw crowds significantly less in numbers than the nationally publicized events, but none are in any way less significant to loyal American citizens.

Jacksonville and community is hosting 2009 Week of Valor from Nov. 4-11. The event includes tours aboard U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard vessels and the Sea and Sky Spectacular featuring air acts and military demonstrations, including those of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. Though the aero tactics of these premier flying teams will most definitely receive many "oohs" and "aahs," it's the ultimate displays of teamwork and discipline that should really be commended. They're skills every veteran has had to rely upon to successfully complete a mission and in some cases, his life may have depended upon them too.

In Kings Bay, Ga., from Nov. 4-7, it's the 21st annual reunion of the World War II SUBVET. Open to all submariners, not just World War II vets, submariners from across the nation will gather, salute and pay tribute to the lost boats on eternal patrol, 56 in all.

In Fernandina, American Legion Post 54 will showcase

its new facility. It's been a long time in coming, but Legionnaires will formally move from their historic log cabin near Central Park, their home since the 1940s, to their new home at 626 S. Third St., also known as American Legion Way. The dedication ceremony couldn't happen on a more appropriate date, Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Post 54 is dedicated in the memory of Corporal Theodore H. Hernandez, U.S. Army, noted in local history as having been the first Nassau County resident to volunteer for service during World War I. In his honor and that of all veterans nationwide a dedication ceremony of the new facility will take place with guest speaker being the National Commander of the American Legion, Clarence Hill also a fellow Floridian legionnaire.

Do you have a special veteran in your life you'll remember on Nov. 11? I hope so because they're a special breed. Help support your local community in remembering all veterans. Shake the hand of a veteran after the parade and tell them, thank you for defending your rights as an American citizen and say a special prayer for our state-side soldiers and veterans currently deployed. Wave your American flag, stomp your feet, hoot, holler and applaud all veterans. They deserve your praise on this momentous occasion. To all veterans, past and present, I salute you on Veterans Day and all 365 days of the year.

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VIEWPOINT/STEVEN TRAVER/FERNANDINA BEACH

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(I pulled this summary of the portability aspect of Amendment 1 passed in 2008 from Ashton Coleman's real estate blog with permission. He is a real estate expert with Keller Williams Miami Beach.)

Most individuals are either unaware of this significant benefit to homesteaded homeowners or have never really been



Traver

presented with a real-life example. I find it especially significant to those who have lived in their current homes for several years and have felt a high disincentive to make changes in homes due to changed lifestyles because they would give up great tax savings accumulated over the years their homes had appreciated while protected from property tax increases. Stuck in a great big house you don't need or use with a huge yard you hate to take care of? Ready to move to a smaller house on a golf course because you're retired and that's all you want to do? Stuck! How could you sell your house for its current value and buy the smaller house for the same price but then have an annual real estate tax four times as big as your current homestead protected tax? Now you can afford to move! (Warning: Your new neighbors will not be impressed! But how happy were you when you bought here and your longtime neighbors were paying one quarter what you were paying in

taxes?) I recently helped a customer sell his Fernandina Beach home, which he had purchased in 1999 for \$50,000. After he lived in it and remodeled it over almost 10 years he sold it in 2008 for \$335,000. The \$285,000 difference between what he paid and what he sold the house for he was able to "port" over to the replacement home he purchased in Jacksonville closer to his place of employment. That house he purchased for \$225,000. Had he not been able to take advantage of homestead portability, his taxes on his new home would have been between \$3,500 and \$4,000 annually (and would have made him choose not to make the move). Instead, his taxes in his new home are now \$325 annually! He's paying less than he was in Fernandina Beach and less than a tenth of what his neighbors are paying! If you would like to understand more or get an idea of what portability your homestead has built up for you, call Tammy Stiles at the Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office; she has a good working knowledge of the program. *Steven Traver is a realtor. He can be reached at 415-1053.*

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COMMUNITY THANKS

Council on Aging gala

I would like to thank our sponsors and the many contributors, as well as all who attended the 6th Annual Gala for the Council on Aging of Nassau County that was held on Oct. 11. It was a very successful event that raised over \$25,000 in support of the many programs and services that are available through the Council on Aging for the senior citizens of Nassau County. There are more senior citizens in need of services than we are able to serve due to lack of funding. It is fundraisers such as the annual gala that allow us to offer services to additional senior citizens in need, who otherwise may not receive the help that they so deeply deserve. The Council on Aging is attempting to reach out to the community to better inform our citizens about the services that we have available. Through this effort, we hope to identify those in need who otherwise would not be aware of these services, as well as reach those in the community who might be willing to assist us in these efforts.

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Special Mention: Sincere thanks to Georganna Mullis for the original oil painting especially created for this evening's event and used in all gala publicity. Our appreciation to Jose Miranda, COA-selected architect for the proposed new facility, and to Aaron Bean for being our auctioneer extraordinaire!

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VIEWPOINT/PETER JOHNSON/AMELIA ISLAND

St. Pete Beach is no example

Opponents of the Hometown Democracy Amendment (Amendment 4) to the state's constitution repeatedly point to the experience of the city of St. Pete Beach as proof that it will not work for Florida. This newspaper printed this point of view on Oct. 14. It's worth taking a hard look at St. Pete Beach to understand the irrelevancy of the comparison.

It turns out that this beachfront city of 10,000 in Pinellas County mirrors, in many ways, the deep divide in Florida between developers and residents on growth management. The argument in St. Pete Beach began years ago — well before Floridians began petitioning for Amendment 4 because their elected officials saw the world too frequently through the eyes of the development community. When Amendment 4 came along a few years ago, the St. Pete Beach community was already split between the developers and the residents. The developers and hotel interests wanted to increase the height limits for beachfront hotels and raise certain population densities. On the other side were the city's residents, who preferred their quaint beachside community as it was. The city commission approved the changes requested by the developers.

In 2006, because the city charter allows that "citizens can call for a vote on any adopted ordinance," a citizens' group collected petition signatures to reverse the city commission's approvals. Pro-development forces then formed a counter group and the scene was set for conflict between the two sides with no process in place to resolve the differences. The hotel-backed candidates won the com-

mission election in March 2008. The new commission adopted a set of referendum items for the June 2008 ballot that were obviously favorable to the development interests. The development interests narrowly won the election approving the hotel-backed referendum.

A former city commissioner, Harry Metz, reportedly said after the election that "business interests spent \$342,000 and lied to the voters in pushing the (new) growth plan." "This is not about the democratic process, but whoever has the most money to get it done" Metz is quoted as saying.

The ex-mayor of St. Pete Beach, an architect who works for developers, wrote a letter to the *Treasure Coast News* in June, 2008 — an opinion piece republished in the *News-Leader* on Oct. 14 — recounting the differences, the legal actions and the lessons for the state from his experience as mayor. He concludes that this will be the whole state's experience if Amendment 4 is passed. The ex-mayor neglects to mention that litigation ensued precisely because St. Pete Beach did not have the advantage of a defined growth management process such as Amendment 4 does. The ex-mayor's letter has recently been repeated in several newspapers across the state where municipalities are considering resolutions against Hometown Democracy.

What really happened in this small community clearly had nothing to do with Florida Hometown Democracy. From the beginning the beachfront hotel property owners greedily overreached to provoke a strong citizen reaction, a reaction that continues to this day in the form of lawsuits back and forth. The citi-

zens took it upon themselves to challenge the hotel owners' influence over the city commission and the citizens won in court. The process was messy because there was no carefully thought out growth management process to guide them as required by the 1985 Growth Management Act, steps that Amendment 4 also requires.

Had the Hometown Democracy (Amendment 4) process been followed to deal with the changes sought by the hotel interests, the proposals would have been heard in public, reviewed and investigated by the town's professional staff, reviewed by the state's Department of Community Affairs and voted upon by the city commission. If the commissioners approved the developers' density and height increases, then, according to Amendment 4, the approved changes would be briefly and clearly described as a ballot item in the next general election and the voters would decide the issue up or down.

The St. Pete Beach experience was, thus, fundamentally different from the process called for in Amendment 4. There are important lessons here for all of us. When interests collide in a democratic system, there must be a clear and accepted process for resolution. St. Pete Beach did not have one. Amendment 4 critics continue to claim that with FHD approval by Floridians, the state will become another St. Pete Beach. Nothing could be further from the truth. St. Pete Beach represents today's conflict between citizens and developers that exists because of unrestrained development. Hometown Democracy allows the citizens to intervene responsibly in the process. And express the public interest.

VIEWPOINT/JOAN ALTMAN/FERNANDINA BEACH

Full speed backward on growth

In 1985, Gov. Bob Graham's administration placed an important legal framework in place in Florida to control rampant undisciplined growth that threatened wetlands, induced traffic congestion and promoted random sprawl. Until that landmark legislation, developers virtually built where they pleased and the taxpayer had to follow with schools, roads, sewers and the rest of the infrastructure that necessarily follows development.

The 1985 act created the Department of Community Affairs, strengthened the state's Department of Transportation and set in place the concept of concurrency law where the developer was obliged to take on much of the road, school, sewer, parks and other infrastructure that was made necessary by development. And since population growth was assumed to be a historical constant in the state, the legislation was seen as modern while relieving the tax burden on citizens. Fast forward to 2009 and the latest legislation on this subject to come out of Tallahassee: Senate Bill 360.

Faced with a declining state population for the first time in memory, our political leaders sought to preserve the large building industry by providing a variety of incentives that would increase residential and commercial construction. While organizations such as the Florida League of Counties and 1000 Friends of Florida objected vigorously, Gov. Charlie Crist signed the bill in June 2009. So what's the

problem specifically?

First of all, the provisions of the 1985 act have been loosened and, in some cases, the discipline eliminated.

The Department of Community Affairs, a target of development-oriented legislators in recent years, is relieved of much of its responsibilities of overseeing growth decisions at the municipal level. Concurrency rules for traffic, recreation, etc., are now "local option" when the designated area has a certain density. Along with DCA, the Department of Transportation has also been relieved of key areas of oversight. Fernandina Beach is one of those areas. The taxpayers will again have this responsibility for the first time since 1985. The problem is so serious that 17 Florida counties and municipalities have combined to sue the state over the legality of this legislation.

It makes one wonder about the basis for such legislation, when already approved across the state for future construction, according to Charles Pattison of 1000 Friends of Florida, are 480 million square feet of commercial space, more than 400,000 acres of land and 630,000 new dwellings. On top of that we already have some 10-12 months of unsold residences when the normal is a two month inventory. It makes one conclude that our leaders have gotten their basic economics confused. Rather than work to reduce the inventory our Tallahassee leaders seem to believe

that we solve the problem by building more.

The problem that we have looks like an undue influence at the decision making level from developers of subdivisions and strip malls. The people certainly are not calling for more construction and development. The same development community is organizing against a popular movement called Florida Hometown Democracy that gains momentum every time the public suspects that the developers and politicians are in the same place. Hometown Democracy, now called Amendment 4, has well more than a million signatures, sufficient to place the constitutional amendment on the ballot in November 2010.

This amendment would require that projects like Tuscan, the devastation in front of Marsh Lakes and the Nassau Center project, among others on AIA, when their approval requires changes to the Comprehensive Plan, would require an up or down vote by Nassau citizens before going ahead. It would also require that the public have an opportunity to vote on a potential decision by Fernandina Beach to increase the density of the historic district or to approve high-rise condos or hotels on our oceanfront, both of which have been made possible by SB 360.

SB 360 is probably the best poster child that Florida could have on behalf of Hometown Democracy.

Joan Altman is former chair, Nassau Group, Sierra Club.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

No noise, no tourism

Apparently the city of Fernandina Beach and its law enforcement believes it can override the U.S. Constitution and blatantly deny its citizens and visitors of our inherent rights as Americans. During my family's annual visit to beautiful Amelia Island for Georgia/Florida weekend, we left our hotel and went downtown for a late meal and some local color.

The town was abuzz with many fellow Bulldogs enjoying the local nightlife. We settled in at a little pub called "The Turtle" for a hot dog and a beer, by far the most subdued of the downtown establishments. What transpired next was an appalling abuse of power by the city police! Multiple officers stormed onto the property and demanded, "We all shut up and clear the property!" One would have thought a murder had just taken place; nope, no murder.

The crime that had justified all this? Talking, laughing, and having a conversation. These basic rights of all Americans don't mean much in the city of Fernandina Beach. Then to our shock an officer issued the bartender a \$1,000 ticket! There was no live music and an older crowd of well-behaved locals and visiting Bulldogs. The only loud noise that occurred was when police antagonized the exiting patrons by treating us like cattle! I am sorry to say that next year my family and my money will visit Ponte Vedra Beach or St. Augustine for Georgia/Florida weekend.

Richard Myers
Tybee Island, Ga.

Bronx cheer

Warning to all fellow travelers, tourists, yachters! Bypass Nassau County and Fernandina Beach! The Bill of Rights is not recognized in this city! God forbid you cheer for your Phillies a little too loud in the city limits, you might get fined or arrested! Your noise ordinance is anti-business and anti-American!



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Mark Osteen
Philadelphia

Communication skills

I am disappointed that the local paper does not seem interested in events and activities that affect the entire island, especially events that will bring in outside monies.

Many of the property owners are continuing to work together to address what we consider to be the misuse of the Land Development Code and Old Town guidelines for development.

We will attend the city commission meeting (Nov. 4) and will follow through with an appeal of the Oct.

22 Historic District Council decision regarding the Rowe property on North 14th Street.

I hope you will take an interest. I would also appreciate a conversation with you about how you decide what stories to print. Although I have written letters while living in other communities, this is my first try here. Knowing how to communicate well to you would be welcome.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patricia Sheppard
Old Town

Holiday scams

Please do your readers a favor and let them know that the holiday scam season is starting early.

On Thursday (in Yulee), Monday (in Coral Springs) and Tuesday (in Fort Myers) I was approached while fueling my vehicle. In each case, the person had a brand new, never out of the box, surround-sound system which they had come by for free (all had some story about a contractor friend). They just wanted to sell it for a little bit of money.

Of course you know that had I bought any of these all I would have found inside the box would be rocks or bricks.

The fact that I've been approached three times in five days, in all parts of the state, makes me believe this is going to be a very popular con this holiday season.

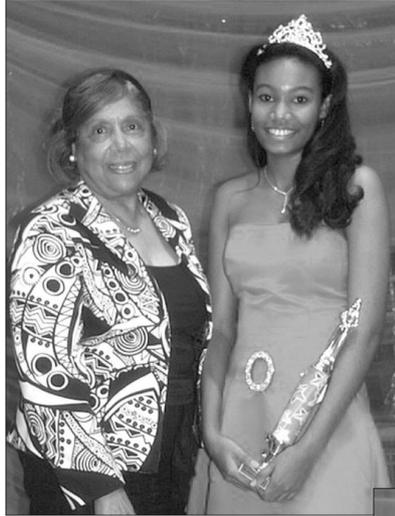
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COMMUNITY

MISS AMELIA ISLAND CLASSIC

The second Annual Miss Amelia Island Classic Pageant and the first Annual Miss Amelia Island Classic Mother-Daughter Pageant was held at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center on Amelia Island. The pageant is sponsored by the Ballroom Youth Academy, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and all proceeds benefit its free ballroom dancing program for Nassau County students. Right, 2009 Miss Amelia Island Classic Naomi Hamilton celebrates with her aunt.

Below left, Miss Amelia Island Classic Mother-Daughter Queen Kayla Howell and Jennifer Child. Below center, Ava Rowe was named Baby Miss Amelia Island Classic.



Above, Graham Jewell of Fernandina Beach, the 2008 Junior Miss Amelia Island Classic, with the new 2009 Junior Miss, Caroline Carter. Below, Miss Amelia Island Classic Mother-Daughter Princess Kendra and Bernice Alderman.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Senior adult luncheon is Nov. 19

Community Bible Study 2009-10 meets at Amelia Baptist Church. Men's Monday night with Tony Taylor (321-0785); women's Monday night with Linda Bell (261-0569); women's Wednesday morning with Kathleen Minor (225-8125). The men's and women's groups are studying the book of Acts. These two groups had kickoff barbecues.

The senior adult luncheon is Nov. 19 at First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach.

The Northeast Florida Baptist Association offices will be closed Nov. 26-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

On Oct. 6, I had a memorable appointment when I paid Dr. Johnny McClane a visit to check my eyes. He always sends me a notice in September. Recently, I said I'll be getting my reminder. Two days later, I received it and called the office.

There were several observing and learning the ropes of their large office. Everything turned out fine. Didn't even have to get new glasses. They had been reviewing my chart and told me I had been going to the "three McClanes" since I was 35 years old.

From the Pastor's Desk, the Rev. Michael Bowen says: "Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. Revival is here and we are praying that God will touch many lives. I have been excited about the prayer response the people have. The cottage prayer meetings have been well-attended and people are filling in the slots on the 60-hour prayer chain. I believe the more Blackrock prays, the greater our church will become. God will bring about spiritual changes when the people of God pray (James 5:16). It has been a great journey thus far being pastor of this wonderful flock and look forward to greater days. God bless you and remember that a church can't fall when it's on its knees."

Blackrock Baptist Church has been in Revival Oct. 4-7. Dr. Randall Jones, former president of the S.C. Baptist Convention and retired pastor, delivered the message that God had put on his heart for the church. This was a great renewing of the Spirit. As children of



HILDA'S HEAR-ABOUTS

Hilda Higginbotham

the Rev. Matt Gingerey and Louise Weaver. Have a safe trip.

Dear friends at Amelia Baptist Church, thank you for the many years that you prayed and supported God's ministry through us in Eritrea and before that in Saudi Arabia. We are grateful to God for you. We now find ourselves in a time of waiting upon the Lord (Isaiah 40:31) and resting and awaiting his guidance. Thank you again, we remain in His grip and by His grace, Peter and Jane Richards.

The first stuffing party for Operation Christmas Child (the Shoe Box Ministry) was Oct. 10. Have fun shopping. All over the world, kids will be glad that you did. Give Diane Haddock a call if I can help, 261-7849. Thanks, Diane. You do a great job.

The first handbell choir rehearsal had nine adults attending. The report came back that they had fun. They were excited about the fall and Christmas opportunities. Rehearsals are each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at ABC. If interested in this ministry, please see Pam. They will welcome you with open arms.

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God, we always have room to grow, so be in prayer and join us as we worship and grow in the Lord.

Please don't forget to pray for the people traveling to Honduras for a mission trip - Terry Hiers, Casey Taylor, Ryan Dyal, Ronnie Jones, Jeff Mohler, Kevin Patterson, Lisa Hiers, Jonda Peterman, Debbie Rehm, Lisa Merritt, Cody Scott, the Rev. Casey Taylor, the Rev. Steve Buchanan and Louise Weaver. Have a safe trip.

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was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible? Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land, probably a Honda because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Please pray for our churches that are in need of pastors: Grover Road, North Hilliard, River Road, Yulee, Garden View, Oak Grove and Springhill. I got the list from The Northeaster, a bi-monthly publication of the Northeast Florida Baptist Association (P. O. Box 516, Yulee, FL 32041-0516). Dr. David Drake, DOM, 225-9626.

Fernandina Beach Baptist has been welcoming the Rev. Steve Buchanan to the staff as worship pastor. He comes to us from Buford, Ga. The son of a pastor, he gave his life to Christ at an early age and has faithfully served him "because of His faithfulness" ever since. "My life purpose is to be used of God to impact my family, my church, my community and the world through leading, teaching and developing lifestyle worshippers, Leading through Modeling, Teaching, through Motivating and Developing through Mentoring."

Steve and wife Robin have four children, Ashton, Kaitlyn, Landon and Mason. This dedicated man of God was born Jan. 29, 1962. They were married in 1990. We wish them much happiness here at First Baptist Church, Fernandina Beach. God bless all.

Student ministry ski trip is Jan. 21-24. Interested? Cost will be about \$200 per person. We will leave Thursday afternoon and return Sunday (no school), Jan. 22. See Sean for more details to Winter Place, W.Va., from Springhill Baptist Church.

Christmas preparation begins. We began preparing Sept. 30. This year's worship service event will be a traditional lessons and carols service. If you are interested in being part of the music ministry for this program, see Sean or just come to rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

"May our Great Heavenly Father continue to keep us in His loving care."

HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

Farmers market

The Fernandina Farmers Market Booth With a Cause program will host Joy to the Children Nov. 7, an all-volunteer charitable organization that provides a Christmas Day celebration for Nassau County children and their families who need assistance.

At the market, Joy to the Children will have information about how everyone can contribute to create a positive impact on the welfare of our children. Enter their drawing for two tickets to the Jaguar vs. Buffalo Bills game on Nov. 22, donated by vendor Proper Pie.

Also at the market will be Thompson Pork. Order your smoked turkey by calling (229) 263-9074 to pick up on Nov. 7.

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, plants and specialty foods. For more information call 491-4872 or visit www.fernandinafarmersmarket.com.

Rose club

The Rose Garden Club will meet at the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at 2500 Atlantic Ave. Walks depart promptly at 9 a.m., maintain a leisurely pace and proceed to Jasmine Street. They are free and open to the public. Call 277-7350 or visit www.our-greenway.org.

The Rose Garden Club was organized in 1957 by a group of ladies to share their gardening knowledge. It meets the second Monday of the month at 2 p.m. To join or for more information, contact Linda at 491-0407.

Bird watching

The Nassau County Bird Club will meet rain or shine at the Egans Creek Greenway's Atlantic Avenue entrance on Nov. 14 at 8 a.m. Bring binoculars, field guide, bug juice, sunscreen, rain gear, sunglasses and water. The Greenway was recently selected as a stop on the Great Florida Birding Trail. Look for a variety of wading shore and songbirds as well as birds of prey.

Beach outing

In partnership with Fort Clinch State Park the Sierra Club will conduct a beach combing/cleanup Nov. 14, starting at the fort at 11 a.m. Meet in front of the museum.

The 2- to 3-hour outing will include identification of animal tracks, shells and dune plants. It is free and open to the public and the park entry fee will be waived for participants. Please bring a canned food item for the fort food drive. Bring water, sunscreen and food.

The outing will be led by a qualified Sierra Club Outings Leader. Participants are

required to sign a liability waiver. RSVP by Nov. 12 to Len Kreger at 432-8389 or Len.Kreger@rocketmail.com.

Springfield bazaar

The Springfield Restoration and Revitalization Council will host its annual bazaar Nov. 14 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on the 1300 block of North Main Street. Choose from antiques, jewelry, crafts, home and décor items, personal care/beauty, and an elegant white elephant sale. Laugh at the clowns, have your face painted, or get your picture taken with Santa at the firehouse. Some vendor spaces are left at \$30 for 15 feet. For information call (904) 353-7727.

Nature walk

Our Greenway leads a nature walk on Egans Creek Greenway every third Saturday of the month. The next walk is Nov. 21 at 9 a.m. The walks explore the flora and fauna of the Greenway. Bring water, sun protection, insect repellent, comfortable walking shoes and optionally field guides and binoculars.

Meet in the parking lot at the entrance to the Greenway behind the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center at 2500 Atlantic Ave. Walks depart promptly at 9 a.m., maintain a leisurely pace and proceed to Jasmine Street. They are free and open to the public. Call 277-7350 or visit www.our-greenway.org.

Kayak trip

The Marine Corps League will hold a Toys for Tots Kayak Trip on Lofton Creek Nov. 21, departing at 10 a.m. from the Melton O. Nelson Boat Ramp on A1A. The 3- to 4-hour trip will be an easy paddle south into the Aquatic Preserve and will include the transition from the fresh/brackish water into the tidal salt marshes. The trip is free with a donation of a new toy to Toys for Tots.

Participants must have their own boats and a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. Also recommended are water, food and sun and insect protection. Participants must sign a liability waiver.

The trip will be led by MSgt. Len Kreger, USMC Retired, a qualified Sierra Club Outing Leader. Limit is 15 boats. RSVP by Nov. 18 to Len.Kreger@rocketmail.com or call 432-8389.

Sprinkler demo

Nassau County Fire Rescue will host a demonstration of a room with a sprinkler system versus one without, side-by-side, to show the effectiveness of a residential fire sprinkler system. In conjunction with Simplex/Grinnell, two mock-up living rooms will be set on fire Dec. 5 at noon in The Home Depot parking lot on A1A in Yulee.

MILITARY NEWS

■ Air National Guard Airman 1st Class George M. Moore graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



Moore

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values,

physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airman who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Moore earned distinction as an honor graduate of the course. He is the son of George Moore of Callahan and grandson of Betty Moore of Jacksonville.

The airman is a 2004 graduate of Andrew Jackson High School, Jacksonville.

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Most of us know the right thing to do, but few of us invariably do it. Perhaps this is because we may somehow convince ourselves that doing the right thing is not really in our own best interest; however, in the long run, it is always in our best interest to try to do what is right. Doing wrong for some short-term gain is shortsighted because of the harm both to our integrity and to our soul. Seemingly, it is all too easy to rationalize sin and wrongdoing, especially if we believe that others are unaware of our transgression; but, we should at least be honest enough with ourselves to admit that what we are doing is wrong and not truly beneficial to our own well-being. True character and integrity are developed when we always try to do what is fair and honest in the eyes of God and our fellow man. So, the next time we have a choice between right and wrong, we should attentively listen to that still small voice within us, and do the right thing. We should trust that we know the way, and we should follow the path that leads to life.

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RELIGION

Technology, cell phones and inspired messages

Though the noise was a familiar one, I couldn't believe it was happening now. There on my phone, staring me in the face, was a text message from one of my congregants. His quick wit and fast typing had caught me off guard. "Don't you know you're not supposed to use your phone in church?" his message said. Looking back, I suppose I had it coming.

The incident took place one Sunday morning while I was in the pulpit. Yes, in the pulpit. I know it's disrespectful to use your cell phone in church, but I was reading from a unique Bible translation that I had downloaded to my new iPhone. Besides, I was the pastor and some-



PULPIT NOTES

Pastor Rob Goyette

message that popped up on my screen as I was reading scripture was a huge surprise, not to mention

how the fact that I was reading from the Bible seemed to make everything alright. OK, maybe, just maybe, I was showing off my new phone a little to those who are always carrying around the latest technology, but I really was trying to make a valid scriptural point.

Either way, the unexpected text

a little funny. Now for those of you who are thinking the whole thing sounds a bit sacrilegious, I'm asking you to cut me a little slack. Hopefully, by the end of this article, I can redeem myself.

I'm not sure how you feel about it, but to me, this technology thing is a two-edged sword. On one hand, it's a huge blessing allowing us to communicate with people all around the world at speeds, and in ways, never before imaginable. On the other hand, it seems somewhat of a curse, always interrupting the relationships that are right in front of us.

I've literally sat in restaurants and watched people for half an hour straight do nothing but stare at their phones, read their e-mails and text

messages, the whole time totally ignoring the person sitting right across the table. To me, that's wrong.

Now before you think I'm throwing stones at anyone, let me confess. When I first got my new phone, with all its applications, my wife felt like a widow. Thankfully, in time, and with a little of her help, I got resurrected from the dead and reinstated as her husband.

Now please, don't misunderstand me. I thank God for my new phone. It plays music, goes on the Internet, is a GPS, a camera, a calculator and on an on, but it can never compare to the amazing people God has placed all around me. Taking the time to value and enjoy both God and them

is by far more meaningful.

So, like the text message that interrupted my sermon, perhaps this article can be used in a similar way. A way that says, "Hey, what are you doing with the limited time you've been given here on Earth?"

Whether you find yourself distracted by all the gadgets out there, or just busy with other stuff, maybe it's time to shut some things off and revisit life's priorities. For me, loving God and loving the people He has placed in my life is where it's at. If technology can help me do that, and it does, I say Amen. Only, let it be our servant and not our master.

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

RELIGION NOTES

Faith group

Providence Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Presbyterian Faith and Practice study group, open to newcomers as well as those interested in a refresher course. Participants will meet at Providence Presbyterian Church, 96537 Parliament Dr., Suite C, off Nassauville Road, after the 9:30 a.m. worship service Nov. 8 and 15. Each session will end by noon. For information, call 432-8118.

Sunday jazz

Jazz up your Sunday morning and your spirit in a creative jazz worship service at New Vision Congregational Church Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. "All That Jazz" will feature selections from the New Orleans blues tradition while worship explores themes of brokenness and healing. Dave Steinmeyer, a renowned trombonist, will join Jane Lindberg, piano; Ernie Ealum, bass; and Darren Ronan, drums.

Steinmeyer's reputation was forged during his 28 years as a musician in the U.S. Air Force, with 24 of those years playing lead trombone with the world famous "Airmen of Note" and the last 10 years as the ensemble's director. He has performed at the Kennedy Center and other concert halls with the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra and with artists ranging from Tony Bennett and Johnny

Mathis to Christina Aguilera and Marc Anthony. Dave has performed at the White House for seven presidents and currently lives in Jacksonville.

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 (904) 238-1822.

Homecoming

North 14th Street Baptist Church will celebrate its Homecoming Nov. 8. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Buddy Jones. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Lunch on the grounds will immediately follow at noon. All are welcome to enjoy the service, good food and fellowship.

'Gospel Explosion'

The Pastoral Care Ministry of First Missionary Baptist Church is sponsoring a Gospel Explosion at 4 p.m. Nov. 8 at the church. All singing groups, choirs and male choruses are invited to join with the Nassau County Community Choir with Sister Jackie Pugh to help lift up the name of Jesus. First Missionary Combined Choir will attend. The community is welcome. The Rev. D.K. Bolden is pastor.

Taizé service

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., will host a Taizé

Service Nov. 8 at 6 p.m., based on the ecumenical prayer services of the monastic community in Taizé, France.

The service includes chanting, a short reading from scripture, a psalm and order for prayers of the people and times of silence. This service is a soothing, meditative experience. The community is invited. For information, call the church office at 261-4293 or visit stpetersparish.org.

'Men's Encounter'

On Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. join New Life Christian Fellowship, 2701 Hodges Blvd., Jacksonville, for "Men's Encounter" with Dr. Van Gayton, a well-known speaker and Bible authority who will speak on the topic "Truth" at a time "when Christian beliefs are being challenged like never before." For information visit www.nlcf.org.

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 Roots of Thanksgiving" Nov. 10. For information call 321-0435 or stop by the Hope House, 410 South Date St.

Healing retreat

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held Nov. 13-15. This

weekend offers any woman, man, couple or family who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion, a confidential, safe, non-judgmental place to gently express, release and reconcile those hidden burdens and to begin the process of healing. Visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call (904) 221-3232.

Coat giveaway

Trinity United Methodist Church, 715 Ash St., Fernandina Beach, is collecting coats for a coat giveaway.

To donate contact any member or Serena Floyd at 583-2578. The giveaway for anyone who needs a winter coat will be held Nov. 14 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church. There is no charge.

Garage sale

The annual garage sale sponsored by the UMW Ann Dickens Circle at Memorial United Methodist Church will be held 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 14 at 4418 Titleist Drive, Fernandina Beach. Proceeds will support mission projects during the year.

Special talk

Former Fernandina Beach residents Dr. John and Diana McNicoll, called to plant a new Presbyterian Church in America congregation in St. George, Utah, will present their vision for church planting in the west on Nov. 15.

St. George is one of the fastest growing metro areas in the country and evangelical Christians throughout Utah number only 8 percent. Dr. McNicoll will make a brief presentation Sunday morning at Grace Community Church, 85439 Miner Road at Yulee Middle School, during the 10:30 a.m. service. An evening presentation is also planned.

McNicoll is the founding pastor of Amelia Presbyterian Church, now Grace Community Church. For information, call 716-7572 or visit www.missionstgeorge.com.

'Grateful hearts'

Do you need an opportunity before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to reflect on all that you are thankful for, and give thanks through prayer and singing? Providence Presbyterian is offering a time for those "With Grateful Hearts" to join others at the church Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. to express thanks in creative ways. The church is located at 96537 Parliament Dr., Suite C, off Nassauville Road. Call 432-8118.

Hanukkah party

The Jewish Community of Amelia Island will celebrate the spirit of the season with a "Down-home Hanukkah Party" Dec. 12. Alice Goldman is chairing the committee to organize the festivities and food. If you're able to volunteer, call Goldman at 548-1100.

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CLASS NOTES

Computer giveaway

Jacksonville/Fernandina Beach oncologist Dr. Scot Ackerman is giving away two free computers to two local youngsters that do a "good deed" in their community.

Ackerman is holding a "Do a Good Deed Contest" now until the middle of December. To be eligible the child must be 18 years or under and write a detailed essay about the "good deed" they have done in their surrounding community.

The winners of the "Do a Good Deed Contest" will receive a free computer in December at Ackerman's office (10881 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville/1340 South 18th St., Suite 103, Medical Office Building A, Fernandina Beach).

Nassau County contestants should send their essays to 1340 South 18th St., Suite 103, Medical Office Building A, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034, ATTN: "Do a Good Deed Contest" - or call 277-2700.

Weekend courses

Do you find it impossible to attend day or evening classes due to the pressures of work and home? Florida State College at Jacksonville's weekend courses are designed for the busy student. Weekend classes for the spring semester are being offered at both North Campus and Nassau Center; choose from many general education credit courses that lead to an Associate in Arts degree. Friday and Saturday offerings in English, math, science, and social science disciplines will jumpstart your progress in one semester.

For a complete schedule of Friday and Saturday courses at North Campus and Friday classes at the Betty P. Cook Nassau Center in Yulee, visit www.fscj.edu. Classes begin in January. Academic advising and financial aid assistance are available. Contact the North Campus at (904) 766-6761 or the Nassau Center at 548-4432.

Finance classes

Teens interested in learning more about managing their finances are invited to participate in a workshop, "Financial Literacy for Teens," from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 12 and 19 at the Fernandina Beach Police Department Community Room, 1525 Lime St.

A joint project of the Nassau County Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA) and the Nassau County Public Library System, the workshop is designed to provide basic financial literacy education to teens.

For additional information, contact Michelle Forde, youth librarian, at 277-7365.

Teen Court

Nassau County Teen Court will be held Nov. 17 at the Nassau County Judicial Annex, 76347 Veterans Way in Yulee. Sessions begin at 6 p.m.

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

Participating high school seniors are eligible to apply for Teen Court Scholarships awarded each year.

For information call Griffin at 548-4600.

Retired educators

The Nassau County Retired Educators Association (NCREA) will join 66 other units of the Florida Retired Educators Association to celebrate Retired Educators Day in the state of Florida on Sunday, Nov. 15.

The Florida Retired Educators Association sponsors scholarship programs and is responsive to the needs of the retired educator in the legislative process.

Donations in memory of or in honor of a retired educator may be made to the state scholarship fund by mailing a check to: Florida Retired Educators Foundation (FREF), 10051 Fifth St. North, Suite #108, St. Petersburg, FL

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All retired educators are also invited to the Nov. 17 meeting of the NCREA at the Yulee Full Service School. The Executive Board will meet at 9:30 a.m., with refreshments being served and the general meeting at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Stanley Lofton, president of the Nassau County Retired Educators Association, at 225-9365.

NACDAC

The community is invited to attend this month's Nassau Alcohol, Crime and Drug Abatement Coalition (NACDAC) meeting Nov. 17 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 at 86026 Pages Dairy Road, Yulee. For information visit www.nacdac.org or call Susan Woodford at 261-5714, ext. 2616.

Art for kids

The Island Art Association will offer Children's Art Nov. 21 from 10-11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for ages 8 to 12. Mommy & Me classes will be held Nov. 23 from 10-11 a.m. for ages 2 to 5. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Classes are taught by either Diane Hamburg or Amber McHugh. Materials are provided. Call the gallery at 261-7020 to reserve a place. Class size is limited. The gallery is located at 18 N. Second St. Visit www.islandart.org.

Free supplies

A school supplies giveaway for Nassau County teachers and paraprofessionals will be held Dec. 1 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at School House Supplies at ARC/Nassau, 86051 Hamilton St. (off US 17 north in Yulee).

Participants may fill three bags with supplies for their classrooms. Bring your own or ARC can supply the bags (no rolling bags please). For information call Rhonda Barcus at 225-9355. Please bring ID to show you are an educator. This project is funded by The Able Trust and The Association for Retarded Citizens of Nassau County.

Student art contest

All students from pre-K through 12th grade are invited to participate in this year's Micah's Place Art Contest in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year's theme is "Creating a World of Kindness." Deadline is Dec. 1. Prizes will be awarded in age categories at a ceremony in January. For more information call 491-6364, ext. 108, or visit www.micahsplace.org/calendar.

Teaming up for autism

"Team Joel Pace Piano" in support of Jack Summers will walk at the University of North Florida on Nov. 8 as part of the 2009 Walk Now for Autism. If you would like to join the team or make a donation, visit www.joelpacepiano.vpweb.com for links to the registration/donation site. Everyone is invited. Walk Now for Autism offers a fun-filled experience with entertainment, refreshments, an autism community resource fair and more.

For information about the autism society, visit www.autismspeaks.org.

Poster contest

Students can help raise awareness about sun safety and win prizes by entering the 2010 SunWise with SHADE poster contest, a joint effort by the SHADE Foundation of America, WeatherBug Schools and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The contest due date is April 7, 2010. There are two age categories for poster entries - kindergarten through third grade, and fourth through eighth grade. Students must submit hand-drawn posters on 8.5 by 11 inch paper. Entry forms and rules are at www.shadefoundation.org/programs/poster-contest.

Additional information is available at www.epa.gov/sunwise.

FBHS Interact Club recognized

The Fernandina Beach Rotary Club is proud to announce that the Interact Club of Fernandina Beach High School, which is sponsored by Rotary, received recognition from Rotary International during World Interact Week this week.

The Interact Club must successfully complete four activities stipulated by Rotary International in order to receive this prestigious award: raise awareness of the importance to students of Interact with area Rotary Clubs that don't currently sponsor an Interact Club; host local Rotarians at Interact Club meetings; actively participate in the weekly meetings of its sponsor Rotary Club; and conduct a joint Rotary/Interact project to increase awareness of Interact in the community.

To achieve recognition, Interact has undertaken a number of projects. The club has "adopted" an orphanage in Eastern Europe for which club members provide clothes, toys, over-the-counter medications

and any other items needed by the orphanage's children. The club also holds an annual Spring Carnival each March in Central Park. The carnival is free to children from two to seven and offers games, rides and treats - all put together by club members. Interact club members attend the Fernandina Beach Rotary Club meetings each week and involve Rotarians in a number of their ongoing service and fundraising projects. In turn, the Rotary Club sponsors Interact Club members at the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award conference every June.

Interact is a Rotary International service club for young people ages 14 to 18. Each Interact Club is sponsored by a local, individual Rotary Club, which provides support and guidance. The Fernandina Beach Rotary Club has been a sponsor of the Interact Club at Fernandina Beach High School since 1967. The Fernandina Beach



Fernandina Beach High School Interact Club members include Zeeshan Haq, Emily Garvin and Guro Sandholt Bo.

Rotary club meets every Wednesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Day's Inn, 2707 Sadler Road. For more infor-

mation about the club or the Interact Club of Fernandina Beach High, visit www.fernandina-beachrotary.org.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Touchdown for teacher

Nassau County elementary school teacher Sonia Chancey received this week's Community First Credit Union Touchdown for Teachers recognition and club seats to the Nov. 8 Jaguars game against the Kansas City Chiefs.

An educator for 16 years, Chancey currently teaches inclusion at Callahan Elementary School. She was nominated by one of her student's parents, Mallerie Davis.

"Mrs. Chancey welcomes my baby girl to her classroom with open arms every morning. She is an educator, a motivator, a mother, and a friend to everyone who knows her," Davis noted in her recommendation.

The Community First Credit Union "Touchdown for Teachers" program is made possible through a partnership between Community First and the Jacksonville Jaguars. In addition to honoring First Coast teachers with club seats to home games, Community First also sponsors the Jaguars Foundation educational programs, making a \$1,000 donation after the first touchdown the Jaguars make on a first down at each game throughout the 2008 football season. Students and local residents can nominate their favorite teachers online at the Community First website for a chance to win two club seat tickets to a Jaguar home game. Visit www.CommunityFirstFL.org for details or to nominate a teacher.



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Big thank-you

Cymonne Smiley, a teacher at Emma Love Hardee Elementary School, and her students express their thanks to Sharon Miller, executive director of Publix Super Markets Charities, Inc., for donating funds for a Board Maker program. This essential program is used to develop worksheets, schedules and other materials using pictures and symbols. "Publix has always been there when we needed them," Smiley said. "Once again, they have opened their hands and given us something we will use for a long time."



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Promoting literacy

Julie Barcus of Community First Credit Union presents a check for \$1,500 to Eric Larsen, principal of Emma Love Hardee Elementary School, to fund the "AR Store," a reading incentive program. Behind them, students line up to visit the store, where they exchange coins earned for reading Accelerated Reader books for novelties and gift cards. "The AR Store really helps motivate the students to read more," Larsen said. "This donation will directly impact literacy in our community, and we are very appreciative of Community First."

Submit school news items to Assistant Editor Sian Perry at sperry@fbnewsleader.com or mail to 511 Ash St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Call 261-3696.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Rayonier

Nassau County students may apply now for Rayonier Foundation Community scholarships. The three scholarships available to students with outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated financial need are:

- One \$6,000, four-year engineering scholarship to a student whose academic interest is in chemical/mechanical/paper science engineering or a related field of study.
- One \$6,000, four-year forestry scholarship to a student whose academic interest is in forestry or a related field of study.
- One \$2,000, two-year technical/vocational scholarship to a student whose academic interest is in manufacturing/industrial or a related field of study.

Information is available at the guidance counselor's office at each of Nassau County's high schools. Application deadline is Nov. 13.

Scholarship recipients are selected by the Educational Testing Service's Scholarship & Recognition program.

Rayonier is a leading international forest products company with three core businesses: timber, real estate and performance fibers. Visit www.rayonier.com.

Book festival

Applications for the 2010 Amelia Island Book Festival Writers Scholarship in memory of Christa Powell Walley are due by Dec. 31.

The scholarship is dedicated to encouraging writers in pursuit of a literary career. It is awarded at the annual Amelia Island Book Festival scheduled for Feb. 12-14, 2010. The scholarship is available to high school seniors and undergraduate and graduate college students with good academic standings and who have ties to Nassau County.

For rules and to download an application, go to www.ameliainlandbookfestival.com. For questions, call Shannon Brown, Writers Scholarship Committee, at (904) 908-2463.

The festival is a no-profit organization that promotes literacy among children and adults. For information about the festival, visit www.ameliainlandbookfestival.com or call Dickie Anderson at 556-6455.

Coast Guard

The Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., will confer 300 full scholarships this year to high school seniors for the Class of 2014.

Applications will be accepted (visit cga.edu) through Feb. 1, 2010.

The academy will accept applications from high school juniors as well, from Jan. 1-April 1, 2010, online at 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 at the New London, Conn., campus.

Academy Admissions Office partners in the area include Bill Long (904) 321-0203, longclwmlf@bellsouth.net; Dennis Murray (904) 549-0392, murrayden@bellsouth.net; and Bill Bocchino (904) 287-3873, wbochino@sttconstgroup.com.

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Pope brothers join USA for match versus Jamaica



PHOTO COURTESY OF AXEMEN

Brothers Apple, left, and Taco Pope of Yulee will play for the USA Tomahawks against Jamaica at the University of North Florida on Nov. 14.

Three members of the Jacksonville Axemen have been named to the USA team and a fourth put on standby in case of injury or illness. Brothers Apple and Taco Pope of Yulee and utility player Bob Knoepfel have been confirmed on the USA team that will play Jamaica at UNF's Hodges Stadium Nov. 14.

All three have been with the Axemen since the inaugural season. The Popes are University of North Florida graduates and former UNF rugby players. Matt Clark, who joined the Axemen from Montana and is also a member of the Jacksonville Men's Rugby Union team, has been asked to continue his training preparations in the event injury or sickness rules out any of the current confirmed USA players.

All four players have been taking part in special preparation training sessions with Axemen founder Spinner Howland to make sure they are ready for the level of play they are going to need to perform at during this game.

"Being selected to represent your country is a great honor, but only a small part of being a member of the team," Howland said. "At this level, you need to play the best game of your life every time and there is no room for guys who are not prepared to do what it takes to be ready. These are the best rugby league players in the USA and they play every game at a very intense level. I am certain the Axemen guys are going to be some of the best prepared players on the team after the weeks of training they have been putting in."

The Axemen team is very excited that after only four years of existence they have had guys selected to the biggest honor any athlete can achieve in playing for their country.

WJCT Electro Lounge with host David Luckin provides music for both teams, fans and supporters at Fionn MacCools Irish Pub Nov. 13. Luckin will host a "Welcome to Jacksonville Mixer" starting at 6:30 p.m. upstairs at the Jacksonville Beach pub.

The event will be attended by both teams and is open to the public.

"These are the best rugby league athletes in the USA and Jamaica, yet they are some of the most humble and approachable men on the planet," Howland said. "They love the opportunity to meet fans and know a bit about the people who are cheering them on in the stands."

"This is the perfect event to come and meet the players who are going to be giving it all and putting their bodies on the line for national pride the next day. It is sort of like a gladiator preview to pick the one you are going to cheer for in the battle."

Electro Lounge airs: Tuesdays through Fridays from 9-11 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Fionn MacCools is located at 333 First Street North in the center of the Jacksonville Beaches entertainment area.

The USA Tomahawks face Jamaica in the "Atlantic Cup." For information, visit www.jaxaxe.com.

RIVALRY CONTINUES IN YULEE



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

The Yulee Hornets (5-3) will host the Fernandina Beach Pirates (2-6) tonight. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. Freshman Derrick "Shocka" Henry carries the ball for the Hornets, left, and senior Tai Alford takes charge for the Pirates earlier in the season. Chick-fil-A will be sponsoring tonight's football game. The tailgating party begins at 5:30 p.m. and Chick-fil-A will feed the first 100 fans free. There will be a DJ, games, door prizes, the Chick-fil-A cows and some surprises. Fans will have a chance to win prizes that will be shot into the stands at halftime and all fans receive a coupon for a free Chick-fil-A sandwich as they leave the stadium at the end of the game. Chick-fil-A will be open late, until 11 p.m. (or until there are no more customers) tonight.

Pétanque tourney is set for Nov. 14-15

Pétanque America registration is closed for the Amelia Island Pétanque America Open Nov. 14-15, only the second-ever open international tournament in the U.S.

Nearly 200 players from Europe, Canada, Africa and 20 states, among which the 2009 European champion and 2000 World Champion Claudy Weibel and U.S. champions and Canadian champions, are competing for the \$5,000 prize purse.

Pétanque ("pay-tahnk"), the French cousin to Bocce ball and horseshoe, is played with metal balls, called "boules," on a gravel-type court, 12 by 36 feet.

Although the game seems easy and relaxed, sentiments run high when world-class players show their skills, game strategies and team tactics during tournaments.

Pétanque, or anchored feet, involves both feet on the ground in a pre-drawn circle while throwing a metal ball with the aim to get as close as possible to a small colored ball called "piglet" or "cochonette."

Organizer Philippe Boets, president and founder of Pétanque America, says, "Downtown Fernandina Beach will transform into a little piece of the French Riviera Nov. 14 and 15. It will feel a lot like walking a boulevard in Nice or Cannes."

"The Palace Saloon's backyard is outfitted with a double Pétanque court, called the Bouldrome, while outfitted like a French village square with Ricard, the Southern French anise flavored drink, on prominent display."

Besides world-class players, the tournament has also attracted a handful of world famous celebrity chefs, such as Jacques Pepin, Michel Nischan and Jean Banchet, all highly accomplished Pétanque players in their own right and capable of bringing some real surprises to the scoreboard.

Learn to play

Learn to play Pétanque from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Palace Saloon, downtown Fernandina Beach. For details on the French cousin to Bocce ball and horseshoe, visit www.petanqueamericaopen.com.

Since moving headquarters earlier this year from Greensboro, N.C., to Amelia Island, Pétanque America Boets has encountered a rapidly growing enthusiasm for the game among the local population.

"Courts are sprouting up in people's front and backyards," he says. "Amelia Island Plantation and The Ritz-Carlton are planning to put in courts and I recently got a request to help put in a court at a local fire and rescue station."

"People who know the game are thrilled to see it played so close to home now and others who just discovered it are wondering why it took so long to reach here in Northeast Florida."

Preliminary games in the round-robin type competition start Saturday morning on the especially-for-the-occasion transformed boat trailer parking lot, next to the new marina Welcome Center on the downtown waterfront, with finals scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

"Anyone of any age can play Pétanque," says Boets, inviting everyone to come to watch the games and even play a game or two as courts become available during the event.

The public is welcome and Pétanque America will provide free use of equipment for any visitors who want to learn the game.

Learn to play from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Palace Saloon. For information, call Boets at (800) 682-2557 or (336) 471-9944, e-mail: petanqueamerica@gmail.com or visit petanqueamericaopen.blogspot.com.

A spooky time on course for AIP ladies

The Amelia Island Plantation Women's Golf Association held its season opening tournament, meeting and luncheon Oct. 29. Sixty-four women dressed in their best orange and black Halloween costumes for the "Witches Brew" tournament, prizes and lunch. The best-ball-of-the-foursome shambles format led to low scores.

The winning team, composed of Judy Schmonsees, Dot Houk, Claire Barr and Flo Salerno, shot an amazing 20 under par. Second place went to the team of Illene Kaufman, Phyllis Watson, Janice Pierce and Bobbie Wages.

The team of Marti Cain, Mary Ann DiBlasio, Susanne

Comeau and Lynn Freitag placed third and Fran Esposito, Kay Shea, Judy Easterly and Dora Yelk finished fourth.

Sandy Clower and Merrilee Chamberlain won the longest putt contests, Janet Peterson was closest to the pin on hole No. 5 and Debi Sutton won closest to the pin on hole 16.

At the luncheon, President Cheri Billings announced the winners of the summer contests (lowest score on each golf course). Jean Platte and Bobbie Fost were the big winners of those events. Billings also recognized the four women who have recently had holes-in-one, Gail Biondi, Gail Villani, Dot Houk and Ginny Ardia.



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Amelia Island Plantation Women's Golf Association President Cheri Billings, center, is pictured with "Witches Brew" winning team, from left, Flo Salerno, Dot Houk, Claire Barry and Judy Schmonsees. The tournament and luncheon were held at Long Point.

JAGUAR UPDATE: Jaguars hosting Chiefs

UP NEXT: The Jaguars look to even their record as they return home to face AFC West foe Kansas City Sunday. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

VOTE FOR JONES-DREW: Maurice Jones-Drew is nominated again for the FedEx Air Ground Player of the Week. He was nominated and won in week three and was nominated again in week six. If Jones-Drew wins, \$1,000 will be donated to a Safe Kids coalition in Jacksonville. Vote through noon today at NFL.com/FedEx. Jones-Drew carried the ball eight times for 177 yards and two touchdowns (80 and 79 yards) Sunday. Jones-Drew leads the NFL with 10 touchdowns.

LAST GAME: The Jags dropped to 3-4 with a 30-13 loss at division rival Tennessee this week. The game featured an NFL-record four rushing touchdowns of 50-plus yards including some scoring runs of 80 and 79 yards by RB Maurice Jones-Drew, who became only the third player in NFL history with

two rushing touchdowns of 75-plus yards in the same game. The teams combined for 522 rushing yards including 217 by the Jaguars. The Jags rank 11th in the NFL in offense (351.7), eighth in rushing (135.6) and 24th in defense (370.7).

CONFERENCE: The Jaguars are in the midst of four consecutive games against AFC opponents with a road game against the New York Jets Nov. 15 and a home game against Buffalo Nov. 22 coming in the next two weeks. The Jaguars own a 5-2 mark against Kansas City, including a 17-7 win in the last meet on Oct. 17, 2007, at Arrowhead Stadium. The Jaguars have won five consecutive games against AFC West opponents.

RADIO/TV: The game will be broadcast regionally on CBS. Games are broadcast on Jaguars Radio Network stations WOKV AM and FM (690 and 106.5).

WEBSITE: Visit the jaguars website at www.jaguars.com.

Don't let fear of an injury sideline athlete

I am often asked questions such as, "I am considering starting my child in Pee Wee football. How dangerous is it? How likely is he to get hurt?"

Having gone through a full season of the Mighty Mite division of Pop Warner football, I can now speak about this matter from both the physician and parental perspective.

Letting your child play Pee Wee football is not without some risk of injury, but overall this risk is pretty low. Injury rates tend to increase as forces at impact increase. Force is determined by mass (weight) and velocity (speed). Because the players are smaller and really don't move all that fast, they cannot generate enough force to typically inflict significant harm. The risks from football do go up as they get bigger, stronger and faster, such as when players reach the high school ranks.

Also, standard issue helmets, hip, thigh and knee and shoulder pads protect players from injury. Many players now wear gloves as well to protect them from scratches, cuts and scrapes to their hands. Mouthpieces are mandatory.

A Mayo Clinic study found athletes in grades 4-8 were just as likely to get injured in other recreational or competitive sports, such as basketball or soccer, as they were to get injured playing foot-



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That doesn't mean bodies won't be littering the field. Time and time again as I stood on the sidelines at practice and during games, there would be a collision and one of the players wouldn't get up. Now, in a high school or college game, when a player just lies there, it often signals significant injury. What I learned from my Pop Warner experience is that just about all players who go down, stay down until I would get there, regardless of the injury.

The other thing I was not prepared for was the initial player response when I ran out there to assess them. I would

reach the player and they would just be lying there crying. I have aided hundreds of players on the field, but they were never crying as my Pee Wee players would. It was very unusual at first and completely took me by surprise.

Then when you would ask them, "What's hurt, what the matter?" they would usually just keep on crying or try to talk to you with their mouthpiece in, which comes out just as a bunch of jumble. Eventually I learned the language.

It seems at every practice or game, there were three or four times when a kid would be down and need evaluation. And at least for this season, every time they were fine. Bumps, bruises and hard hits, but no fractures or significant injuries. So, parents, if you are considering Pee Wee football for your son or daughter, don't let fear of injury keep them off the field.

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

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Walk run under the lights

Amelia Island Runners is offering free runs and walks under the lights at the Fernandina Beach High School track Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. The sessions will be open to the public and all runners and walkers are invited, regardless of their running pace. Free water and Gatorade will be provided.

The lighted track runs are being offered in cooperation with the Nassau County school system as a service to local runners and walkers. Amelia Island Runners is paying for electricity use and related costs.

Track runs are planned roughly once a week, depending on the availability of the FBHS football/soccer stadium at 435 Citrona Drive. Dates will be posted on the club's website, www.AmeliaIslandRunners.com.

Club members will also be available to provide training tips for beginning runners or run at "race pace" with experienced racers. Runners and walkers can participate with partners or individually. For information, visit AIR's website or call 277-8365.

Winter wrestling

USA Wrestling's Fernandina Beach team for students in grades 6-8 will hold its winter session November through January. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-7 p.m. at the auto shop building behind Fernandina Beach Middle School. Participants must have a USA Wrestling card (\$35), otherwise there are no club fees.

Wrestling shoes are mandatory and head gear and singlet are optional. To get a USA Wrestling card, visit www.floridausa-wrestling.org. For information, call Randy Middlebrook at (970) 319-8222.

Turkey Trot

The 2009 Turkey Trot 5K and kids one-mile Fun Run are Nov. 26 at the Amelia Island Plantation Verandah parking lot. The 5K starts at 8 a.m. and the kids run begins at 9 a.m. Pre-registration through Nov. 15 is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 (\$25 for adults, \$15 for kids Nov. 16-25).

Pre-registration ends at 1 p.m. Nov. 25. All pre-registered participants receive a T-shirt. Race day registration is from 7-4:45 a.m. Registration forms can be found at the Health & Fitness Center or online at ameliaislandrunners.com.

Awards will be given to the top three male and female winners of each age category and overall winners. Proceeds benefit the Nassau Humane Society. For information, contact Cori or the Health & Fitness Center at 277-5193.

Wrestlers in beauty pageant

Fernandina Beach High School's wrestlers will hold their second annual beauty pageant and chili cookoff fundraiser Nov. 14 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the beauty pageant begins at 7 p.m. There will also be a silent auction. Cost is \$6 for students, \$10 for adults or \$25 per family.

YMCA youth basketball

Join the McArthur Family YMCA this winter for youth basketball, open to ages 4-14 as of Aug. 1. Practices are Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays after 5 p.m. with games on Fridays or Saturdays, depending on age. Season runs Nov. 30 to Feb. 13.

Players receive a jersey and an award at the end of the season. Registration is open. Late fee applies Nov. 8. Cost is \$50 for members (\$100 non-members). Visit www.first-coastymca.org or call 261-1080.

Tomahawks vs. Jamaicans

The Jacksonville Axemen in partnership with the American National Rugby League and the Jamaican Rugby League Association announce that a full international game between the two nations will take place at the University of North Florida Nov. 14. The USA Tomahawks will square off against the Jamaicans in this historic event.

The game will be the first in what is hoped

to become an annual "Atlantic Cup" that will see additional nations added in future years. The Axemen hosted a preliminary version of the Jamaican team in 2007 and scrapped by with a narrow win. Since then, however, the island national has become one of the best known emerging nations in the sport and with quite a few of their players now under professional contracts in the United Kingdom, the Jamaicans will be a tough assignment for the Tomahawks. Visit www.jaxaxe.com.

Free to Breathe 5K Run/Walk

Join the first annual Free to Breathe 5K Run/Walk and one-mile walk in Jacksonville Nov. 7 at Hendricks Avenue Elementary School, 3400 Hendricks Ave. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the run/walk begins at 8 a.m. Visit www.FreeToBreathe.org.

Fitness programs

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

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

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

- Amelia Island Personal Fitness, Amelia Parkway Medical Plaza, 2416 Lynn Dale Road, Suite 100, is a personal training studio dedicated to promoting lifelong health and fitness through appropriate exercise and nutrition, focusing on preventing diabetes, cancer and heart disease. Call 261-0698.

Yoga classes

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

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

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

- Go Yoga, 708 S. Eighth St., offers inspirational all-levels Baptiste Style Power Yoga, workshops, yoga detox and retreats. Call (904) 335-0539, e-mail info@goyogainc.com or visit www.goyogainc.com.

Zumba classes

- Kinderstudios, 1897 Island Walkway. Call Alexandra Carroll at 415-0954.

- Bean School of Dance, 25 N. Third St. Call 261-DANC.

- A Chance To Dance, 474378 SR200. Call 753-3407 or email buffyactd@gmail.com.

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

- Club 14 Fitness, 1114 South 14th St., Fernandina Beach. Call 261-0557.

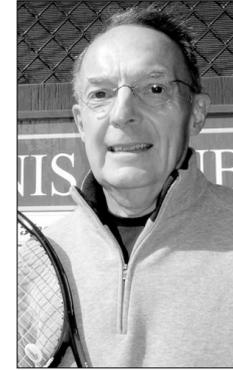
Train now for 26.2 with Donna

Y Yoga is starting the walk/run training for the Run 26.2 with Donna for Breast Cancer in February. The group will meet regularly Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. at Main Beach or Peters Point. Training is free and open to all regardless of age, sex or fitness level. The group walks/runs as "Team Nirvana." Call 415-9642 for information.

Challenger Bowling

Nassau Challenger Bowling League for the physically and mentally challenged meets the second Saturday of the month from 3-5 p.m. at the Strikers Family Bowling Center on US 17 in Yulee. Call Melinda Willaford at 261-3136 for information.

CLUB CHAMPS



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The inaugural Club Championship tennis tournament was held Oct. 16-18 at the Kraft Tennis Club. There were five divisions, men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Awards were given to the winners in each division. Joe Simon, left, was the men's singles 4.0 and above champion. Elisabeth Hervy, center, was the champion in the women's singles 4.0 and above. Don Gilles, right, was the winner of the men's singles below 4.0.



Dianna Crislip and Darlene Morris, above, were the women's doubles 8.0 champions. Liz McCall and Joyce Menz, right, were the women's 7.0 champions.



Jane Scanlan and Kassy Sjaggerud, left, were the women's doubles 6.0 champions. Bill Miller and Doug Haynie, right, were the men's doubles 8.0 champions.



Joe Simon and Janett Thomas, far left, were the mixed doubles 8.0 champions. Paul and Nancy Barnes, left, were the mixed doubles 7.0 champions.

2009-10 SCHEDULES

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Varsity Football			Wrestling		
Nov. 6	at Yulee*	7:00	Nov. 17	YULEE/EPISCOPAL	6:00
Nov. 13	at Matanzas	7:00	Nov. 21	North Florida Duals, Snyder	8:00
* District games			Dec. 2	FLETCHER	6:00
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL			Dec. 4-5	Terry Parker tourney	TBA
Varsity Football			Dec. 9	BISHOP KENNY	3:00
Nov. 6	FERNANDINA*	7:00	Dec. 11-12	St. Joseph tournament	3:00
Nov. 13	at Paxon	7:00	Dec. 16	Nassau County at Yulee	5:00
* District games			Jan. 8-9	Rotary tourney at Clay	3:00
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			Jan. 15-16	Suwannee Duals	3:00
Boys Soccer			Jan. 22-23	Five Star tourney, Raines	3:00
Nov. 10	YULEE*	5:30/7:20	Feb. 6	District 3-1A	
Nov. 11	BISHOP SNYDER	5:30/7:20	Feb. 12-13	Region 1-1A at Clay	
Nov. 12	at Fletcher	6:7/20	Feb. 19-20	State at Lakeland	
Nov. 16	PROVIDENCE	5:30/7:20	FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Nov. 23	at Barram Trail	7:00 (V)	Bowling		
Nov. 27-28	7-Day Tournament, Patton		Dec. 3	Yulee at Strikers	5:00
Dec. 1	BOLLES*	5:30/7:20	Dec. 8	West Nassau at Strikers	5:00
Dec. 3	at Yulee	5:30/7:20	Dec. 14	Hilliard at Strikers	5:00
Dec. 4	at Keystone Heights	7:20 (V)	YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Dec. 7	FIRST COAST CHR.	7:20 (V)	Girls Basketball		
Dec. 9	PONTE VEDRA	5:30/7:20	Nov. 10	Creekside at Fleming	6:00
Dec. 11	at Bishop Snyder	6:7/20	Nov. 12	St. Augustine at Fleming	6:00
Dec. 14	at West Nassau	7:20	Nov. 17	RIBAULT	6:00
Jan. 5	EPISCOPAL*	5:30/7:20	Nov. 21	at St. Joe's	11:00
Jan. 7	CLAY	5:30/7:20	Nov. 23	FERNANDINA BEACH	6:00
Jan. 11	at Stanton	6:8/00	Dec. 1	at Raines	6:00
Jan. 14	at Orange Park	6:30 (V)	Dec. 3	CREEKSIDE	6:00
Jan. 21	WOLFSON	5:30/7:20	Dec. 4	BAKER	6:00
Jan. 26-30	District 3-3A at Episcopal		Dec. 7	BRADFORD	6:00
* District			Dec. 8	BOLLES*	6:00
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			Dec. 10	at Bishop Snyder	6:00
Boys Basketball			Dec. 14	PONTE VEDRA	6:00
Nov. 20-21	Preseason at Providence		Dec. 17	vs. West Nassau, WNHS	8:00
Nov. 24	BISHOP SNYDER	6:7/30	Dec. 18	vs. Baldwin, WNHS	5:30
Nov. 27	ST. FRANCIS	6:7/30	Jan. 5	at Bolles*	6:00
Dec. 4	HILLIARD	6:7/30	Jan. 7	WEST NASSAU	6:00
Dec. 8	at Bishop Kenny	6:7/30	Jan. 11	at Bradford	6:00
Dec. 8	at Yulee*	4:30/7:30	Jan. 13	at Ponte Vedra	6:00
Dec. 11	WEST NASSAU	6:7/30	Jan. 14	at Fernandina Beach	6:00
Dec. 14	BRADFORD COUNTY	6:7/30	Jan. 19	at Episcopal	6:00
Dec. 17	JV at West Nassau	6:30	Jan. 21	at West Nassau	6:00
Dec. 17-19	at Glynn Academy tourney		Jan. 26	at Hilliard	6:00
Dec. 29	at University Christian	6:7/30	Jan. 28	at Baker	6:00
Jan. 2	at Trinity	6:7/30	Jan. 29	HILLIARD	6:00
Jan. 5	RIBAULT*	6:7/30	YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Jan. 7	at Providence	6:7/30	Girls Soccer		
Jan. 8	BOLLES*	6:7/30	Nov. 9	ST. JOE'S	5:30
Jan. 12	at Episcopal*	6:7/30	Nov. 12	at Episcopal*	5:30
Jan. 15	YULEE	6:7/30	Nov. 16	BOLLES*	6:00
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			Nov. 17	at Ribault	5:30
Boys Basketball			Nov. 19	at Trinity Christian	5:30
Nov. 20-21	Preseason at Providence		Nov. 30	at West Nassau	7:30
Nov. 24	BISHOP SNYDER	6:7/30	Dec. 1	RIBAULT	5:30
Nov. 27	ST. FRANCIS	6:7/30	Dec. 2	ST. AUGUSTINE	6:00
Dec. 4	at Bishop Kenny	6:7/30	Dec. 9	at St. Joe's	5:30
Dec. 8	at Yulee*	4:30/7:30	Dec. 11	EAGLE'S VIEW	5:30
Dec. 11	WEST NASSAU	6:7/30	Dec. 14	at Lee	5:30
Dec. 14	BRADFORD COUNTY	6:7/30	Dec. 16	ST. AUGUSTINE	7:00
Dec. 17	JV at West Nassau	6:30	Dec. 18	MANDARIN CHRISTIAN	7:00
Dec. 17-19	at Glynn Academy tourney		Jan. 2	at Mandarin Christian	3:00
Dec. 29	at University Christian	6:7/30	Jan. 7	at Trinity Christian	5:30
Jan. 2	at Trinity	6:7/30	Jan. 8	WEST NASSAU	5:30
Jan. 5	RIBAULT*	6:7/30	Jan. 15	at Keystone	5:30
Jan. 7	at Providence	6:7/30	Jan. 21	CLAY	7:30
Jan. 8	BOLLES*	6:7/30	Jan. 22	FORREST	5:30
Jan. 12	at Episcopal*	6:7/30	Jan. 25-29	District at Bolles	
Jan. 15	YULEE	6:7/30	* District		
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Boys Soccer			Varsity Boys Soccer		
Nov. 9	at Menendez	6:00	Nov. 10	at Fernandina Beach*	7:20
Nov. 10	at University Christian	7:00	Nov. 12	at Episcopal*	7:20
Nov. 17	EPISCOPAL	6:00	Nov. 17	at Bolles*	7:20
Nov. 18	at Clay	5:30	Nov. 19	TRINITY CHRISTIAN	7:20
Nov. 19	ST. AUGUSTINE	6:30	Nov. 30	at West Nassau	5:30
Nov. 23	WEST NASSAU	6:30	Dec. 2	at Ribault	5:00
Nov. 24	at Nease	6:00	Dec. 3	FERNANDINA BEACH	7:20
Dec. 4-5	Timberwolf Classic, Tallahassee		Dec. 7	at Clay	7:30
Dec. 8	at Bolles	7:00	Dec. 9	RIBAULT	5:30
Dec. 10	UNIVERSITY CHRIST.	7:00	Dec. 11	at Forrest	5:30
Dec. 14	at West Nassau	5:30	Dec. 14	at Lee	5:30
Dec. 15	NEASE	6:00	Dec. 16	ST. AUGUSTINE	7:00
Dec. 17	at Yulee	6:00	Dec. 18	MANDARIN CHRISTIAN	7:00
Jan. 4	EAGLE'S VIEW	5:30	Jan. 2	at Mandarin Christian	3:00
Jan. 13	STANTON	6:00	Jan. 7	at Trinity Christian	5:30
Jan. 15	at Bishop Kenny	6:00	Jan. 8	WEST NASSAU	5:30
Jan. 20-23	District 3-3A at Bolles		Jan. 15	at Keystone	5:30
* District			Jan. 21	CLAY	7:30
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			Jan. 22	FORREST	5:30
Girls Soccer			Jan. 25-29	District at Bolles	
Nov. 9	ST. JOE'S	5:30	* District		
Nov. 12	at Episcopal*	5:30	YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Nov. 16	BOLLES*	6:00	Junior Varsity Boys Soccer		
Nov. 17	at Ribault	5:30	Nov. 10	at Fernandina Beach	5:30
Nov. 19	at Trinity Christian	5:30	Nov. 13	at Episcopal	5:30
Nov. 30	at West Nassau	7:30	Nov. 17	at Bolles	5:30
Dec. 1	RIBAULT	5:30	Dec. 2	ST. AUGUSTINE	5:30
Dec. 2	ST. AUGUSTINE	6:00	Dec. 3	FERNANDINA BEACH	5:30
Dec. 9	at St. Joe's	5:30	Dec. 7	at Clay	5:30
Dec. 11	EAGLE'S VIEW	5:30	Dec. 14	at St. Augustine	5:30
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Jan. 25-29	District at Bolles				
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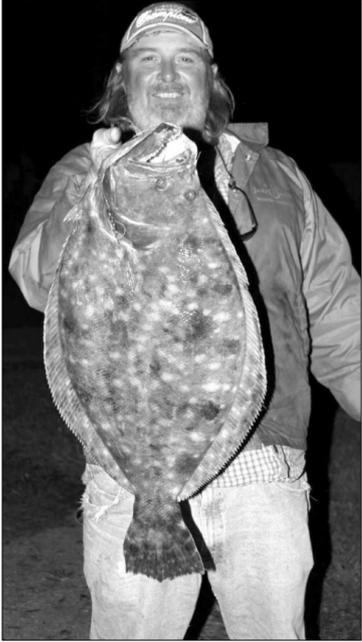
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Capt. Jim Fussell, Bill Brooks Sr., Bill Brooks Jr. and Don Brooks, above from left, weighed in this nice catch of redfish, black drum and sea trout during last weekend's 16th annual Knox Wyatt Memorial Trout Tournament. Donald Fagen, left, caught this 13-pound flounder on north Amelia Island on live bait Monday.

Big payday for weekend's winning trout fishermen



ON THE WATER
TERRY LACOSS

Area fishermen will be competing Saturday in the 23rd annual Nassau Sport Fishing Association Trout Tournament, benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida and Nassau County. Fishing interests will be directed to flounder, speckled sea trout and redfish, which can reward the lucky contestant up to \$600 for landing the sea trout, heaviest aggregate of up to three sea trout and grand slam. A grand slam includes the heaviest weight of one trout, one flounder and one redfish and is also worth \$600. Youth angler, 16 years of age and

younger, wins \$100 for catching the largest sea trout. Entry fee for each boat is \$120. There is a remote possibility a team of backwater fishermen fishing from the same boat can win all four awards worth \$1,900. The popular event gets under way tonight at 6:30 p.m. with a mandatory captains meeting, which takes place at the Tiger Point Marina. Fishing teams can also sign up at the meeting. Donald Fagen fished with Jacob Poulsen this past week and landed a flounder catch of a lifetime. Both Fagen and Poulsen are also past

winners of the NSFA Trout Tournament. "We target the north end of Amelia Island from the port to Fort Clinch," Fagen said. "We typically cast net our own live baits while avoiding small baits like shrimp that are frequently targeted by small fish. To catch a big flounder, red or trout, we prefer to fish with big baits, including mullet measuring to six inches. We also like the flood tide while drifting live mullet under a float over rocks and snags close to a rough shoreline. On that particular day, I had one flounder bite that turned out to be a 13-pound doormat."

Seasoned trout and red fishermen will also need to fish with large topwater plugs and live baits to catch a winning trout this weekend. Backwater fishermen will find a low tide arriving at 5:15 a.m. Saturday with a high tide arriving at 12:01 p.m. *The News-Leader encourages local anglers to submit photographs of their catches. E-mail photos to bjones@fbnewsleader.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.*

RECREATION ROUNDUP

The city of Fernandina Beach Recreation Department (city website www.fbfl.us) offers the following:

- 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).
- Open basketball is Mondays and Wednesdays 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.
- 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 and Sundays. Cost is \$2 a day or \$25 a month for city residents (\$5 a day or \$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). Monthly packages come with dietary analysis and food program. Call Jay at 277-7364.
- Fitness classes at Peck Gym are

Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. All levels welcome. Fee is \$3 a class. Call Jay at 277-7364 or e-mail jrobertson@fbfl.org.

- FBI Youth Volleyball Club, elite club for girls ages 10 and up, offers both competition and training teams. Players receive high-level coaching, conditioning, strength training, uniforms, court use and equipment. Competition team fee is \$600 per person. Training team fee is \$300 per person. Tryouts are Nov. 22 from 3-6 p.m. and Nov. 24 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Peck Gym. Register at Peck Gym by Nov. 18. A \$10 non-refundable deposit is due at registration. Contact Jay at 277-7350, ext. 2013, or Coach Heather at (904) 422-7219 or visit www.eteamz.com/FBI.
- Berke's Tennis junior clinics are offered at Central Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays with instructor Jason Berke. Beginner (ages 5-7) from 2:30-3:30 p.m.; \$10 per hour for city residents, \$12 non-city. Intermediate (ages 7-12)

from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; \$10 per hour for city residents, \$12 non-city. Advanced (ages 12-17) from 4:30-6 p.m.; \$15 per session for city residents, \$17 non-city. Maximum of six students per court for junior clinics. Also, private lessons are scheduled on availability (recommended for competitive junior tournament players). Call Berke at 556-9304 or visit www.berkestennis.com. Register at the Atlantic Center.

- Berke's Tennis adult clinics are offered at Central Park Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with instructor Jason Berke. Beginner clinics on Mondays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Intermediate clinics on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Advanced clinics on Fridays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Cost is \$12 per hour for city residents, \$14 non-city. Private lessons available (recommended for competitive tournament and league players). Customized clinics for league teams and hitting sessions also offered. Call Berke at 556-9304 or visit www.berkestennis.com. Register at Atlantic Center.

- Winter competitive stroke clinics at the Atlantic pool are designed for experienced swimmers who wish to "fine tune" their strokes. Classes are Mondays through Thursdays (excluding city holidays) from 6-7 p.m. through Dec. 23. Cost is \$45 a month for city residents (\$54 non-city). Two-month discounted fee is \$70 for city residents, \$84 non-city. Register at the Atlantic Center.
- Master swim program at the Atlantic pool is designed for experienced swimmers ages 18 and up (competition opportunities available). Classes are from 7-8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays (excluding city holidays) through Dec. 23. Cost is \$45 a month for city residents, \$54 non-city. Three-month discounted rate. Register at the Atlantic Center.
- Lap swim is from 6-9 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Atlantic Center. Cost is \$2 a day.



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JEA will conduct a public hearing at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at the JEA Tower, 21 West Church St., Jacksonville, Florida 32202, to consider whether to implement certain new federal standards pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. These three federal standards are:

- Integrated Resource Planning Standard 16
- Rate Design Modifications to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments Standard 17 (Sect. 532)
- Smart Grid Information Standard 17 (Sect. 1307)

The determination to be made by JEA will not result in any rates or charges being changed or imposed on the customers of JEA. The public is invited to be present and heard. If any person with a disability requires reasonable accommodations to participate in the above hearing, please call (904) 665-6243 no later than three days before the meeting.

If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by JEA with respect to any matter considered at the proceedings, for the purpose of such appeal, that person will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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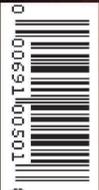
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ACT play a funny, uh, literary affair

RYAN SMITH
News-Leader

Theatregoers in the mood for comedy with a literate twist can check out "Educating Rita," currently playing at Amelia Community Theatre, 209 Cedar St., Fernandina Beach.

The play, which was the basis for an Oscar-nominated 1983 film starring Michael Caine and Julie Walters, tells the story of an embittered academic and a young woman determined to learn from him.

"He's a professor at a university in England, and she is, at the time, a hairdresser who's looking for an education, so she signs up for classes at the university. He notices right away that she's a bit off-center," said director Charlie Horton. "... The girl is trying to find a new life with literature, and the professor has sort of given up on life and has turned to alcohol to ease his pain."

Their journey into the world of liter-

Tickets and show times

"Educating Rita," a comedy by Willy Russell, opened Thursday and will play tonight and Saturday, Nov. 12-14 and 19-21 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Amelia Community Theatre, 209 Cedar St., Fernandina Beach.

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$10 for students. Box office hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The box office will open two hours before curtain on show dates. Call 261-6749.

ature is complicated by the resentment of Rita's husband.

"He doesn't want her to go to school," Horton said. "According to him, you shouldn't be looking for an education when you're 26, married and looking to have a baby."

RITA Continued on 2B



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Amelia Community Theatre's production of "Educating Rita" stars Geoffrey King and Gillian Johnson, above. Charlie Horton is the director.

OFF & ON THE ISLAND

TASTE OF AMELIA

The 18th annual Taste of Amelia Island event benefiting the Nassau County Volunteer Center will be held tonight at Amelia Island Plantation. The culinary fair will feature the finest chefs and restaurants on Amelia Island as well as jazz music by Instant Groove, a silent auction and raffle with this year's theme, "Ring in the Holiday Season."

The semi-formal event will begin

with cocktails at 6:30 p.m.; the "tasting" itself

starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be purchased from the center's website at www.volunteernassau.org or around Amelia Island at participating businesses. For ticket information, call 261-2771 or e-mail nvcvfb@aol.com.



Participating this year are Barbara Jeans, 29 South. Marche Burette, Beech Street Grill, Crab Trap, Espana, Fancy Sushi, Gourmet Gourmet, Harris Teeter, Horizon's, O'Kanes, OPS, Peppers, Peterbrooke Chocolatier, Winn Dixie and Amelia Island Food Concepts.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held from Nov. 7 at noon to Nov. 8 at 6 a.m. at Main



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For information about the cancer survivor celebration contact Gwen Miller at 753-4744. For the Locks of Love event at

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OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

Nassau County American Legion Auxiliary Unit #174 presents "Alhambra Comes To Town," featuring dinner and the Dazzling Diamond Dancers, a riotous senior citizen talent show, on **Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Woman's Club**, 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd., Fernandina Beach. This show promises to inspire while raising much-needed funds to restore the American Legion's Post 174.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$40, which includes dinner catered by Deloris Gilyard and a show. For ticket information contact Courtney Tyson-Shelby at 491-3419 or Evelyn Roberts-Hunt at (904) 206-2707, or purchase tickets online at americanlegionauxiliary174.club.officelive.com. Print your ticket at the time of purchasing and bring it with you to the show. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

A radio-controlled model boat fun sail and exhibition will take place at **10 a.m. Nov. 7 at the Amelia Island Plantation**. All model boats are welcome, working or not, finished or not, except gas powered. Spectators, including supervised children, especially welcome. Call Hal Mather at 261-6420 for details and to arrange for a pass at the security gate.

Experience early life at **Fort Clinch State Park as history interpreters reenact the War Between the States on Nov. 7-8**.

Activities may include powder artillery demonstrations, medical demonstrations and soldier drills. Saturday events are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday events are from 9 a.m.-noon. Call 277-7274, or visit www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch.

Nationally recognized quilt entrepreneur **Laurie Malm** is the **November featured speaker for the Amelia Island Quilt Guild**, with "I Love Quilting (But I'm a Little Biased)." Malm is the

local owner of Lollipops Designer Bindings (www.popsbindings.com). The guild will meet **Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Woman's Club on Jean Lafitte Boulevard, behind the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Visitors are always welcome. For information call Cynthia Janney at 321-4282 or e-mail janneyc@bellsouth.net.

The public is invited to attend the **Nov. 10 general meeting of the Island Art Association**. Award-winning artist **Bonnie Cameron** will discuss and demonstrate working with pen and ink. Audience participation will be encouraged, supplies provided. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the gallery, 18 N. Second St. Call 261-7020 or visit www.islandart.org.

The **Fernandina Beach Woman's Club** will sponsor a **Fashion Show to benefit Take Stock in Children Nov. 12 at 11 a.m.** Fashions will be provided by Chico's, Coldwater Creek, Gauzeway, Stein Mart, Talbots, Tiger Palms and Twisted Sisters. In addition to a jewelry trunk show, there will be door prizes and a live auction of table decorations provided by local designers. Cost is \$15 per person. Tickets are available at Twisted Sisters or by calling Sue Dwyer at 277-3245.

The **Newcomers Club of Amelia Island** will host its **monthly coffee Nov. 12 at 10:30 a.m.** All women who reside in Nassau County (no matter how long you have lived here) are welcome to attend. For further information, contact Beth Gaudiana at 225-8098 or mbgaudiana@yahoo.com; or visit <http://newcomersclubofameliainland.com>.

The November dinner meeting of the **Camden/Kings Bay Council, Navy League of the United States**, will be held **Nov. 12** beginning at 6 p.m. at the Kings Bay Conference Center on board Submarine Base Kings Bay in St. Marys, Ga.



County Commissioner Stacy Johnson speaks about the Micah's Place Shrimp Expressions community art project during a commission meeting Oct. 21 as Shandra Riffe, executive director of Micah's Place, Elaine Coats, auxiliary member, and Marie Smith, auxiliary chair, look on.

A 'shrimply divine' art project

For the News-Leader

Micah's Place presented its community art project Shrimp Expression to the city commissioners on Oct. 20 and the county commissioners Oct. 21. Both commissions overwhelmingly supported this unique first-time project for Nassau County. Public art pieces will be created by local artists on larger-than-life-size fiberglass shrimp, which will be installed in prominent locations around Fernandina Beach.

The Board of Directors and staff thanked Commissioner Mike Boyle for initiating a donation of \$200 from each county commissioner's discretionary fund towards this project.

Micah's Place is seeking local artists to decorate the shrimp sculptures and local businesses or individuals to adopt a sculpture. A sponsor will receive benefits such as name recognition on the sculpture, website, official publications and receive VIP tickets to the Shrimply Divine event in October 2010, where



Helping with the Micah's Place Shrimp Expressions art project are staff members, from left, Mary Marcous, Kelly Monti, Jodie Cetnar and Emily Koller.

the sculptures will be auctioned. For information, contact Kelly Monti, project coordinator, at 491-6364, ext. 100.

Shrimp Expression will raise funds for domestic violence prevention and inter-

vention services and enhance awareness of Micah's Place, the only certified domestic violence center serving Nassau County. If you or someone you know needs help, call 800-500-1119.

The speaker will be **CDR Joe Raymond, Commander, Coast Guard Maritime Force Protection Unit, Submarine Group 10, Kings Bay, Ga.**

Navy League meetings are open to the public but reservations are required. Dinner is \$20. Call (912) 729-7327 or e-mail navyleague@dinner@yahoo.com by Nov. 9.

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Inc. presents the **Fourth Annual Pow-Wow and Frontier Days Nov. 13-15**, one mile north of Folkston, Ga., on US 301. Enjoy Native American arts and crafts, dancing, the North Florida Wild West Show, 19th century blacksmithing by Macatee Forge and train rides for the kids.

Demonstrators and vendors are welcome. Co-sponsored by the Cherokee Indians of Florida and the Williston Food Bank. For information call Chi Meeker at (912) 496 4771.

The **Men's Newcomers Club of Amelia Island** will meet **Nov. 19 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club at 11:30 a.m.** Speakers Brent Ross and Alex Evers of Meeks, Ross, Selander & Associates, CPA's, LLC will discuss 2009-10 personal taxes and the implications of transferring a Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Meeks, Ross, Selander & Associates is a professional service firm providing assurance, tax, financial advisory, and specialty consulting in the Fernandina

Beach and Jacksonville areas since 1992. All men are invited. Tickets are \$15 by Nov. 14 and \$17 at the door. For reservations call Bob Keane at 277-4590. Visit www.men-snewcomersclub.org.

The **Boys & Girls Club of Nassau County Foundation** presents the **third annual Speakers Forum** with cocktail reception, dinner, speaker and silent auction Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Talbot Ballroom of The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Tickets are \$125 per person.

Speaker Carla Harris, a Jacksonville native, is managing director, strategic client group, Morgan Stanley Investment Management and a gifted singer with two sold-out concerts at Carnegie Hall and two CDs to her credit. She is author of Expect to Win and sits on the board of directors and the implications of transferring a Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Meeks, Ross, Selander & Associates is a professional service firm providing assurance, tax, financial advisory, and specialty consulting in the Fernandina

The **Terpsichorean Dance Club's** next dance is **Nov. 21 at The Woman's Club**, 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd., from 7-11 p.m. The theme is "Celebrate Fall." Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be served. Guest fee is \$35 per couple. "Face For Radio" will provide music. Special guests will be dance instructors Jerry and Mary Gardner. BYOB and setups will be provided. For information contact Carolyn or Dave Ashcraft at 261-9717.

Put your skills to the test at

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Horton said the comedy, which naturally comes with a heavily British perspective, is a change of pace for him. "This was brought up for people to read, and I really liked it," he said. "I usually like to direct Neil Simon stuff, so I was tempted to offer to direct 'The Odd Couple' - which we're doing next - but I decided to give this a try." However, Horton said his job was made easier by the cast. "During auditions I was hoping to see Michael Caine and Julie Walters walk in. Alas, they didn't - but Geoffrey King and Gillian Johnson did," he said.

the city of **Fernandina Beach's Fall BBQ Competition Nov. 21 at Central Park**. Each team will be provided 50 pounds of Boston butt for the pork category and/or 50 pounds of leg quarters for the chicken category. A small sample will be presented for judging at 2:30 p.m. and the rest will be for the public to enjoy at 3 p.m.

Reserve your team's place now with \$75 for one category or \$100 for both. Team fee is due by Nov. 9 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Each competitor's grill must have a fire extinguisher on hand.

Tickets are \$10 for the public, additional sides and beverages included. Enjoy yard games and view the cooking stations beginning at 1 p.m. For information call Jay at 277-7350 or e-mail robertson@fbfi.org.

Indigo Alley, 316 Centre St., Fernandina Beach, will host **Tail Waggin' Wednesday**, a pet-friendly happy hour, from 6-7:30 p.m. Nov. 25. Call 261-7222, e-mail IndigoAlley@gmail.com or visit www.IndigoAlley.com.

Cats Angels Inc., SPCA presents its second annual "Rescue Me" fundraiser **Dec. 5 from 7-11 p.m. at the Florida House Inn**, 22 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach. Enjoy a silent auction, cash bar, savory appetizers, sweet desserts, wine table, door prizes and music by Doc Mojo starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at the Thrift Store/Adoption Center, 709 S. Eighth St., or call 321-2267.

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.

ART/GALLERIES

William Maurer, who paints subjects throughout the world and is continuously finding interesting genre to draw from, will offer a **watercolor workshop Nov. 9-12 at the Florida House Inn** on South Third Street. Classes are scheduled Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$400. For more information call 261-3300, e-mail innkeepers@floridahouseinn.com or visit www.floridahouseinn.com. Visit www.WilliamMaurer.com.

The **Amelia Island Plantation Artists' Guild and Gallery** will hold an **Open House Nov. 13 from 5:30-8 p.m.** featuring a "Small Works of Art" collection. Just in time for holiday gift giving, this special collection of small paintings (none larger than 8 by 10 inches unframed) will be shown and available for purchase in addition to the regular larger works in the gallery's new fall show.

Meet the artists, enjoy wine, soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres. The gallery is located at 94 Village Circle at the Spa and Shops at Amelia Island Plantation, next to the Monkey Barrel shop. Regular hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Call 432-1750.

Join **Indigo Alley Nov. 21 from 7-11 p.m.** for an evening of art and music featuring guest artist **Valerie Vescovi of Boca Raton** along with music from **Jacksonville musician Kristi Stice**. For more information on the artists visit www.galerievie.com and www.kristitrice.com.

Indigo Alley is located at 316 Centre St. Call 261-7222, e-mail IndigoAlley@gmail.com or visit www.IndigoAlley.com.

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Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009
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"They're both from the U.K. They both have British accents, so I didn't have to worry about accents sounding fake - just the lines and the blocking." Horton admitted to some initial fears that audiences would have a hard time connecting to the characters' passion for literature both great and obscure. However, he said, King and Johnson bring a human touch to such esoteric concerns. "I was afraid it might be too intellectual. It's about literature that most of the audience probably won't recognize or identify with," he said. "But with the acting we're getting from Geoffrey and Gill, they're really going to enjoy it."

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Poinsettia sale

Keep Nassau Beautiful, Inc. announces its Holiday Poinsettia Sale. Plants are \$9 each, with a portion of the proceeds going to support KNB's beautification and education projects throughout Nassau County.

The poinsettias are florist quality plants that come in 6 1/2-inch containers. Orders will be taken until Nov. 20 to insure a wide range of colors including red, pink, white, marble (pink with white) and jingle bells (Red with White). KNB will have orders available for pick up early in December. Call the KNB office at 261-0165 or toll free at 1-800-977-0162.

Wonderland sale

The New to You 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Sale will be held at the store on South 14th Street from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 7. New items will be stocked throughout this event as well as holiday treasures. Call 321-2334 for information.

New to You is a non-profit resale store and program of the Barnabas Center Inc., a non-profit agency that offers a broad base of services to Nassau County residents including food, clothing and household items, medical and dental care, and subsidies to help with rent and utilities for those with an immediate need for temporary assistance. Visit www.barnabascenter-inc.org.

Holiday bazaar

The Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary's annual Holiday Bazaar will be held Nov. 11 from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. in the hospital conference room and will feature Heather Miller from Goldilocks Parties with a one-day gold buy-back opportunity. There also will be holiday food items, Gift Shop items, arts and crafts, a "Gifts-to-Go" area and door prize raffle at \$1 per ticket or six for \$5. For information contact the auxiliary office at 321-3818.



Inns tour

Kick off your holiday season Nov. 21 by touring six island bed and breakfast inns, enjoying each inn's signature cookie and recipe, hospitality and holiday decorations.

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

Tickets are \$20 and available at the Fernandina Beach library, Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau Depot on Centre Street and at each inn: Addison On Amelia, Elizabeth Pointe Lodge, Fairbanks House, Florida House Inn, Hoyt House and the Williams House.

Tickets also are available online at www.ameliainn.com. For information visit the website or contact any of the inns.

Alternative gift market

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., hosts its ninth annual Alternative Gift Market Nov. 21 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Nov. 22 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Breakfast will be offered both days.

This is an opportunity to purchase handmade gifts that benefit women and children in developing countries from around the world. Among the groups this year are Ten Thousand Villages, MayaWorks, Siwok, African Team Ministries, Heifer Project, Bonga Ethiopian School Project, Breast Cancer Awareness and Hospice, First Coast Freedom Playground, Nepal Clinic, Nature's Cork and Micah's Place.

For more information call St. Peter's office at 261-4293.

Pajama party

The Annual Pajama Party Sale & Contest will be held in downtown Fernandina Beach on "Black Friday," Nov. 27, starting at 8 a.m. Shoppers

are invited to don their pajamas to enjoy special deals and discounts at shops and eateries, along with fresh juice, coffee and pastries.

Enter the contest for "Best Dressed Individual Shopper in Pajamas" and "Best Dressed Shopping Group in Pajamas." Participants must have their free photo taken at the judges' booth in the 100 block of Centre Street before 11 a.m.

For more information, visit www.downtownfernandina.com, e-mail slprice@bellsouth.net or call 206-0756.

'Holiday Celebration'

Amelia Island Plantation will light up the holiday season with the annual Holiday Celebration Nov. 27 from 5-9 p.m. in The Spa & Shops at Amelia Island Plantation to benefit Take Stock in Children.

Enjoy hot chocolate, hot apple cider, holiday cookies, horse and carriage rides, live entertainment, carousel rides and pictures with Santa Claus. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes a \$1 donation to Take Stock in Children. Tickets are available at Harrison's Mercantile, Resort To Home and Amelia's Signature Shop. Children 4 and under are free. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

For information call 866-213-8045 or visit www.aipfl.com.

Tree lighting

A full day of entertainment leads up to the city of Fernandina Beach Christmas tree lighting ceremony Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. at the foot of Centre Street.

Starting at noon, carolers, choirs, dancers and singers will entertain visitors with the sights and sounds of the Christmas season. Santa Claus will arrive at 2 p.m. at the Fernandina Harbor Marina aboard the Ye Olde Pirate charter boat and all are invited to welcome him to town.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will make their way to the train depot at the foot of Centre Street to meet and take pictures until 5 p.m. Photos with pets will also be available. Entertainment and activities are hosted by the city of Fernandina Beach, Historic Fernandina Business Association and Shiny Badges Ball, Inc.

For more area holiday activities, check out the Events Calendars at www.ameliainn.com and www.fbfll.us.

Light Up A Life

Take Stock in Children presents Light Up A Life from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Amelia Inn Conference Center on Amelia Island Plantation. Enjoy an evening of fine wine, a splendid buffet and a silent auction of unusual items. Advance tickets are \$50 and available at First Coast Community Bank, the News-Leader, Nassau County Record, Café Karibo, Resort to Home and the Ocean Clubhouse at Amelia Island Plantation. Or charge by phone at 548-4432 (Florida State College). Tickets will be \$60 at the door.

Christmas Glow

The Annual Christmas Glow sponsored by the Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach will be held Dec. 4 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Woman's Club Clubhouse at 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd. (behind the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center). Just follow the luminaries to the clubhouse.

There will be face painting, entertainment, and visits with Santa. Chili, hot dogs, chips and colas will be served for a fee. Cookies and punch will be free.

This is the Woman's Club's gift to the community. Please come and bring a friend. All ages are invited. For information call 261-4885.



Home tour

Tour five of Amelia Island's loveliest, private homes, all professionally decorated, in Fernandina Beach's historic district during the

Amelia Island Museum of History's third annual celebration of the holiday season, Dec. 4 and 5. New in 2009 will be an authentic Victorian Tea in the Bailey House. Homes will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; tea will be served at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Tour tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 on tour days. Tea tickets are \$15 and space is limited. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit www.ameliainn.com or call 261-7378, ext. 100. Proceeds will continue the work on major renovations.



Parade of Paws

Redbones Dog Bakery and Boutique will host its 10th Annual "Parade of Paws" in downtown Fernandina Beach on Dec. 5.

Pre-register now at Redbones. Late registration will begin on-site at 10 a.m. in the Citizens Bank parking lot, Eighth and Centre streets. Minimum donation is \$10 and all proceeds benefit the Nassau Humane Society. Lineup begins at 10:30 a.m. and the parade starts at 11 a.m. Prizes and trophies will be awarded for best holiday outfit, the dog that most looks like its owner, and cutest personality. Following the parade at Redbones enjoy free doggie treats, pictures and special guest, chocolatier Kendall Taylor, who will sell her home-made chocolate candies with sales donated to the Nassau Humane Society. For more information, visit www.redbonesbakery.com or call 321-0020.

Pet photos

The annual Pet Photos with Santa is Dec. 5 starting at 10 a.m. at Bark Avenue Pet Boutique, 97 Amelia Village Circle. Cost is \$20 per photo and appointments are required. Photographer is Holly Allain, who is donating her time. Proceeds benefit Project Chance, which supplies guide dogs to children with autism in Northeast Florida. To schedule an appointment, call the store at 261-2275.

Holiday encampment

The Fort Clinch State Park Union Holiday Encampment Dec. 5-6 will featuring re-enactors decorating the fort for Christmas. Volunteers in Civil War-era costumes place fresh greenery on the mantle, decorate a period Christmas tree and portray daily life as it was in the winter of 1864. The ladies string berries and popcorn while fires burn in the fireplaces and soldiers answer questions about what it is like to be stationed at Fort Clinch.

The event will take place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m.-noon on Sunday. For details call 277-7274, or visit www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch.

Foundation lunch

The Fernandina Beach High School Foundation Holiday Luncheon featuring Chef Williams Castleberry and the FBHS culinary students will be held at noon Dec. 6 at the Fernandina Beach Woman's Club, 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd. Sponsorship levels begin at \$40. Call Alison Douglas at 491-8069 or Nov. 25 to RSVP. The foundation supports the school, its students and faculty.

Holiday tea

Enjoy a Holiday Tea and the reading of Dylan Thomas' A Child's Christmas in Wales on Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Pointe Lodge on South Fletcher Avenue.

Tickets are \$25 for Friends of the Library members and \$30 for non-members and available at the Fernandina Beach library. Ticket includes tea and one copy of the book.

'Evening in December'

The community is invited to experience "A 1940's Christmas Homecoming" Dec. 11 and 13 at 7 p.m. at Amelia Baptist Church. This is a musical drama set in wartime 1940's. Journey back

to the 1940's for a moving story of love and sacrifice. "A 1940's Christmas Homecoming" is filled with upbeat, Big Band arrangements bringing the period fully to life along with beautiful carols that depict the true meaning of Christmas. At the end of the program active and inactive military personnel will be honored, with special recognition of war veterans.

This musical evening includes a 7-member drama cast and 45 singers from five area churches accompanied by a 13-piece 1940's Big Band. No admission is charged. Childcare for children from birth to age 4 is available with reservations. For information call the church office at 261-9527. Amelia Baptist Church is located at 961167 Buccaneer Trail where it intersects with South Fletcher Avenue at the yellow caution light.

Lighted parades

The Lighted Holiday Land Parade & Fernandina Harbor Marina Holiday Lighted Boat Parade will be held Dec. 12 beginning at 6 p.m.

The parade along Centre Street is presented by America's Youth. Parade applications will be available for pickup on Nov. 9. Entry free. Applications maybe picked up at the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency at the Peck Center and at the Chamber of Commerce at Gateway Boulevard in Fernandina Beach.

The Fernandina Harbor Marina Holiday Lighted Boat Parade will follow the land parade, presented by the Historic Fernandina Business Association, beginning in the harbor at the foot of Centre and Ash streets. Bring your chairs and blankets to view the parade downtown, then move to the boardwalk at the marina to see the lighted boats.



Yulee Holiday Festival

The 5th Annual Yulee Holiday Festival and Parade will be held at the Yulee Sports Complex on Goodbread Drive in Yulee on Saturday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The parade will begin at 10 a.m., with the theme "Through a Child's Eyes," followed by a festival offering food, art and craft vendors, live music and entertainment for all ages. Pictures will be taken with Santa in the Winter Wonderland throughout the day.

If you are interested in participating in the parade or in providing entertainment, call Connie at 225-2516. If you or your organization would like reserve a booth, please call Julie at 225-5237.

Hospice calendar

Community Hospice of Northeast Florida has the perfect holiday gift for dog lovers - the 2010 Community Hospice Volunteer Pet Therapy Calendar.

This year's calendar contains full color photographs of 16 of the 51 active pet therapy teams and provides "personal information" about each dog. The calendars are \$15 each, or two for \$20. Proceeds benefit the patients and families of Community Hospice.

To order call Chris Whitney at (904) 407-7063 or visit communityhospice.com.

OUT OF TOWN

Community Nutcracker

The Florida Theatre, 128 East Forsyth St., Jacksonville presents the holiday classic "Community Nutcracker" Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Directed by Dulce Anaya, Beth Marks, Debbie Peters and Mark Spivak, renowned First Coast dance teachers and choreographers, the production features local dancers with professionals from Miami City Ballet taking the roles of Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier.

Proceeds will benefit Dreams Come True. Call (904) 355-2787.

MUSIC NOTES



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ARIAS concert gala

ARIAS (Amelia Residents In Action for the Symphony) once again brings the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra to Amelia Island for a special dinner and concert program. The annual Black Tie Fundraiser Dinner and Concert gala is Nov. 22 at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and an auction. The concert is at 8 p.m. For information contact Bill Gingrich, 277-7094, or e-mail wggig@aol.com.

Fall is also when ARIAS organizes its Instrument Zoo program. During January-March, ARIAS will present the program to more than 800 fourth graders in six Nassau County schools. This involves approximately 20 different mornings, each staffed by 14 volunteers to help the students learn hands-on about each of 30 or so instruments. Each volunteer ideally gives six mornings of two hours plus travel time to the program over the three-month period. You do not need to know how to play an instrument - an all-you-need-to-know workshop is held in early January.

Both men and women are welcome. To sign up, call schedulers Sandy Shaw at 261-6498, or Rachel Smith at 491-3829.

Surf lineup

The Surf Restaurant and Bar, 3199 S. Fletcher Ave., presents Richard Stratton from 6-10 p.m. tonight; Gary Lee from 6-10 p.m. Nov. 7; Ace Winn from 5-9 p.m. Nov. 9; Stevie Fingerzz from 5-9 p.m. Nov. 10; DJ Roc from 5-10 p.m. Nov. 11; and Gary Lee from 5-10 p.m. Nov. 12. Call 261-5711.

Songwriters meet

Songwriters of all genres and levels of experience are welcome to the Jacksonville/Fernandina Beach NSAI Regional Workshop Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at Jack and Diane's Café, 708 Centre St., Fernandina Beach. Call 321-1444 if you need directions.

NSAI is an international organization that focuses on education and legislative action for its members. View membership benefits at www.nashvillesongwriters.com.

Each meeting includes a lesson plan from a pro songwriter and song critiques. Bring five double-spaced copies of the song lyrics if you'd like to receive helpful notes about your song. Play your song live, or bring a CD or cassette tape.

Bagpipe lessons

Scottish bagpipe lessons will be taught in Fernandina Beach beginning with an organizational meeting at the police department on Lime Street from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 10. There is no charge for the lessons, but materials such as a chanter will have to be purchased before weekly classes begin in January. Bagpipes will not have to be purchased unless and until the student becomes proficient. For information contact Laura at 261-5754.

Davis touring

The Karl Davis Band, on a fall and winter pre-CD release tour, will play Nov. 12 from 6-10 p.m. at Murray's Grille Bike Night, on A1A in Yulee. The Sean Carney Band, winner of the 2007 International Blues Challenge and the 2007 Albert King Award, will play Nov. 14 from 8-11 p.m. and Nov. 15 from 3-7 p.m. at the Green Turtle on South Third Street, and Nov. 19 from 6-10 p.m. at Murray's Grille Bike Night.

Music workshop

A music workshop by Grammy Award-winning artist Bobby Hicks will be held Nov. 13-14 at the Florida House Inn, focusing on playing backup/fill licks, constructing breaks and working with a vocalist. The music selection will consist of cuts from the Bluegrass Album Band collection, some western swing tunes and some twin fiddle. Cost is \$200 per person. For more information, visit www.florida-houseinn.com.

Sunday Musicale

The University of Florida Agbedidi Drummers will beat powerful African rhythms that fill the air with energy and excitement at the Amelia Arts Academy's Sunday Musicale season opener at Horizon's Restaurant Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. This year's Sunday



Musicale series also features a jazz trio, a Celtic group, an organ concert at St. Peter's Episcopal Church featuring Dr. Tim McKee, and pianist Scott Watkins' Carnegie Hall debut.

Ticket-holders enjoy a social hour with wine and hors d'oeuvres and meet and mingle with the artists.

Season tickets are \$150 and available at the Golf Club of Amelia Island at Summer Beach, the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce, Amelia Arts Academy and online at www.AmeliaArtsAcademy.org. Tickets for individual performances are \$40 at the door, if not sold out.

Academy concert

The Amelia Arts Academy presents the Academy Strings Fall Concert at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Peck Center Auditorium. Admission is free. Visit www.AmeliaArtsAcademy.org, or 516 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Call 277-1225.

Chamber singers

The Island Chamber Singers, under the direction of Jane Lindberg, present their fall concert Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. at Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road.

The concert, "Music of a Kingly Nature" features the Coronation Anthems of Handel and the Coronation Mass of Mozart. The choir will be accompanied by strings, trumpets, timpani and organ.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students and children 5 and under are admitted free. Purchase tickets at Gateway Chamber of Commerce, Welcome Center on Centre Street, or from any Island Chamber Singer.

Tickets will also be available at the door. Visit www.IslandChamberSingers.com or call Springer Controls at 225-0575.

Indigo Alley

Alley, 316 Centre St., offers a community drum circle Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. and Island Tribe dancers every third Monday from 7-9 p.m.; live jazz jam the first and third Tuesday of the month; John Kaminski playing live from 7-10 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday; Swing Shift, a free dance class and dancing featuring swing and funk music, Wednesdays from 8-11 p.m.; In the Round, local musicians playing live and open mike night, Thursdays from 7-11 p.m.; Latin Lounge on Fridays from 8 p.m.-midnight with free salsa and merengue classes and dancing; and live music Saturdays from 7-11 p.m. Call 261-7222, e-mail IndigoAlley@gmail.com or visit www.IndigoAlley.com.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

102 Lost & Found

LOST PRESCRIPTION SUNGLASSES - in Fernandina Beach, Bulgari, gray lenses, silver frames. Please call (904) 261-9666.

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.

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104 Personals

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107 Special Occasion

THE NASSAU DETACHMENT, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Invites all Marines, their families, & friends to participate in a celebration of the 234th birthday of the United States Marine Corps.
Date - Friday, November 6, 2009
Place - Fernandina Beach Golf Club
Time - Social Hour 6pm, Dinner & Program 7pm
Speaker - Lt. Col. Robert H. Barrow, USMC (Ret.)
Cost - \$25 per person
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601 Garage Sales

HUGE GARAGE SALE - 96027 Grey Heron Ct., Heron Isles Subd., off Chester Rd. Sat. 11/7, 8am-1pm. Baby equipment, toys, household items, country decos, Christmas, bedding sets (3 families so you name it we got it).

HUGE GARAGE SALE - Sat. 11/06, 8am-2pm. 96203 Abaco Island Dr. (Nassau Lakes Subd.), 7 pc dining set, bedroom furn., misc. furniture, household items, clothing, jewelry, fishing equipment, toys & much, much more.

FRI. 11/6, 8AM - 85561 Wilson Neck Rd. (2) Big screens, furniture, 2000 Trailblazer, tools, hundreds of DVDs & Video games, utility cabinet, new health & beauty, exercise equipment, & tons more.

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MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE - 96075 Piedmont Dr. (Lorton Pointe Subd.) Sat. 11/7, 8am-? Something for everyone!

YARD SALE - 1410 Highland Dr. Sat. 11/7, 8am-? Household items, like new name brand men, women, & baby clothes.

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ESTATE SALE - 96050 Cayman Cir., Nassau Lakes Subd. Moving sale. Bar stools, dining table w/6 chairs, PVC patio set, odd furn., lots of collectibles, Beanie Babies, Furby's, Barbie dolls, Christmas deco, Disney VHS movies. Sat. 11/7, 8am-2pm, 261-5661

GARAGE SALE - Sat. 11/7, 8am-? Clothing, books, toys, furniture. 96196 Coral Reef Rd., in Heron Isles off Chester Rd.

601 Garage Sales

20-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Hickory Village, 86034 Knotted Oak Way (Yulee). Big variety - Christmas decorations, furniture, antiques, & lots more. Sat. 11/7, 8am-1pm.

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HUGE GARAGE SALE - Sat. 11/7, 8am-2pm. 95201 Nassau River Rd. in O'Neal. 107 to store, then right on Arbor Ln. to Nassau River Rd.

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SAT. 11/7 - 8am-3pm. Household, giftware, holiday items, collectible children's books, airline memorabilia, commemorative periodicals, buttons, posters, assorted books, petrified redwood. 2060-B Natures Ln. W.

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SAT. 11/7 - 1948 Clinch Dr. 8am-12pm. Multi-family. Furniture, mirrors, garden fountain, deer stand, Sears treadmill, clothes, wooden double bed, headboard, foot board, night stands, end tables, household, misc. items.

MERCHANDISE

601 Garage Sales

MOVING/MULTI-FAMILY SALE - Sat. 11/7, 9am-4pm. 2139 Egret Ln., off Citrona Ave. near YMCA. Furniture, clothes, housewares, vintage items, collectibles, new items, lots more. Rain or shine.

GARAGE SALE - 2111 Oak Bluff Ct., just off Citrona. Fri. 11/6 & Sat. 11/7, Household items, Christmas lights & decorations, scale-model die-cast cars. 8am-12pm.

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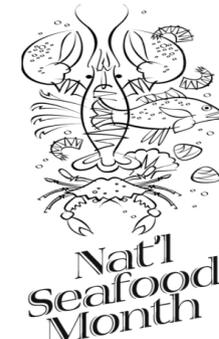
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Nashville artist known for songs from the heart

Nashville singer/songwriter Sally Barris has managed to be successful in the mainstream world of country music without giving up her folk and Celtic roots.

Barris will perform in Fernandina at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 at the next Evening of Story & Song, the popular singer/songwriter series sponsored by First Coast Community Bank and the Founders of St. Peter's and hosted by Mark and Donna Paz Kaufman.

Her unique style, influenced by artists such as Dougie Maclean, Triona Ni Dhomhnaill, Tony Rice and Richard Thompson, is what makes her stand out in a city known for "cookie cutter" talent. Whether on her own albums or those of well-established artists like Trisha Yearwood and Martina McBride, Barris's music is unmistakably recognizable.

Some of her better known hit songs include: "Let the Wind Chase You" (Trisha Yearwood), "Reluctant Daughter" (Martina McBride), "Some Things I Know" (Lee Ann Womack), "I'm On My Way" (American Idol finalist Kellie Pickler), "The Innocent Years" (Kathy Mattea) and "Honeysuckle Sweet" (Jessi Alexander), which appeared in the Miramax film "An Unfinished Life."

The Minnesota native, who first arrived in

Evening of Story & Song

Sally Barris will perform in Burns Hall at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. General admission tickets are \$15, and may be purchased in advance at First Coast Community Bank, 1750 South 14th St. (across from Wal-Mart) or at the door (subject to availability). For more information, call 277-2664.

Nashville in the early '90s to pursue her music career, is now one of the most talented songwriters currently working in Nashville.

Barris, who has cultivated a unique style of her own and has several CDs in her repertoire, is poised to make a similar breakthrough to international recognition as a major recording artist along the lines of Mary Chapin Carpenter and Nanci Griffith.

To her credit, Sally Barris has truly found her voice as an entertainer, blending the stories behind her heartfelt songs with great guitar skills and comfortable banter with her audience — all the elements that make for a memorable "Evening of Story and Song."

Alhambra's new owners plan homecoming party

News Leader

Alhambra Dinner Theatre's new owners will celebrate with a "Homecoming" party Saturday as the theater's "alumni" perform the story of Alhambra past, present and future.

Jacksonville entrepreneur Craig Smith and four other investors last week finalized a deal to buy the struggling operation that closed its doors at the end of August after more than 40 years. Former owner Tod Booth will continue as artistic director and top Jacksonville chef Mathew Medure will take over the kitchen.

The Alhambra will officially reopen Dec. 2 with the seasonal favorite "Christmas Carole," and plans are to keep the 2010 lineup as Booth had planned. Season tickets sold before the theater closed will be honored and those holding tickets to the last two shows this season that were canceled — "The Odd Couple" and "My Fair Lady" — can exchange them for one of next year's productions.

Smith had been working on a deal since Booth announced he was shutting down, launching Save the Alhambra Dinner Theatre on Facebook, where he posted a heartfelt appeal. "Like so many others I do not want to see the Alhambra go away! How can you help? We are not asking you to buy anything today. However, we are asking that you join us by becoming a fan of 'Save the Alhambra' to help us gauge support for the future." More than 7,000 people have posted comments.

Saturday's party, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. outdoors at the Alhambra, 12000 Beach Blvd., "is the first opportunity for some of the 'Save the Alhambra' supporters who have joined the Facebook page, along with others, to meet in person at the theater they are helping to reopen," Smith said in a statement posted on Alhambra's website.

The event is free and will feature live outdoor entertainment, complimentary snacks and beverages, theater-themed projects for kids and fun for all ages. There will be 2010 season ticket giveaways and more, but guests must RSVP with the number of attendees at www.savethealhambra@gmail.com.

The Alhambra box office also will reopen Saturday, and the phone number remains the same: (904) 641-1212.

Meanwhile, "makeup is already hitting the building. The 'Pepto Bismol



Pink' exterior is now receiving its first layer of primer for its facelift," said Smith. "There will be many changes on the inside as well. Everything you touch will be new; from the flooring to the bathroom fixtures, the chairs, the napkins, the flatware and glasses. Among the most welcome of changes will be the food," he said, referring to Medure, owner of Mathew's and Take Away Gourmet in San Marco and Restaurant Medure in Ponte Vedra Beach.

One thing that won't change, according to the Theatre Partners, as the investors group is called, is the professionalism and quality of the stage performances under the direction of Booth.

"For the past 24 years Tod Booth has earned consistent praise from critics and patrons alike for his excellent stage productions. ... Booth will now be free to focus all of his attentions on the demands of being the artistic director; a labor of love he is thrilled to be continuing," the partners wrote at www.alhambradinnertheatre.com.

"We realize that Alhambra patrons have many questions, which we look forward to answering as quickly as possible. Among the most immediate means of passing along information will be the Alhambra web page, the Facebook page 'Save the Alhambra' and your personal e-mail address."

Patrons are invited to join the Alhambra e-mail list to receive updates.

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PECK BANQUET

The Nassau County Community Development Corporation (NCCDC) will host its Annual Peck-Community Banquet Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

This year's program will focus on "Stabilizing Our Neighborhoods Through Community Involvement."

The public is invited to hare an evening of community fellowship and a meal catered by Erving and Dee Gilyard.

Proceeds benefit the NCCDC scholarship fund. For reservations call 261-4113, 261-3845 or 261-4396. The donation is \$40.

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT

The sixth annual "Girl's Night Out" to benefit The Council on Aging and Dignity U Wear will be held Nov. 8 at Stein Mart, 814 Sadler Road, from 6-9 p.m. for ladies only. Admission donation of \$10 to benefit the Council on Aging includes 20 percent off one item purchased that night. Silent auc-

tion proceeds go to Dignity U Wear.

Enjoy makeovers, haircuts, manicures, skin treatments and chair massages, floral arranging demonstrations, informal modeling and food by area restaurants. Purchase tickets at Stein Mart. Call 206-4480.

THIRD FRIDAY

The Amelia Island Museum of History invites you to explore the geography of the Civil War with Dr. Sheehan-Dean, professor of history at UNF. His presentation, The Geography of War: Using Maps to tell the story of the U.S. Civil War, will address the ways maps can represent military, political and economic aspects of the conflict. He will also explore digital mapmaking and how he used it in his most recent book, *The Concise Historical Atlas of the U.S. Civil War*. The program is Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free for members and \$5 for non-members. Contact Alex at 261-7378, ext. 102.