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Nassau residents' cash to Jacksonville via JEA?

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Nassau County has a message for the city of Jacksonville. Pay your own bills. "I don't want our constituents to pay more because they've got financial problems," said Commission Chair Barry Holloway. The city of Jacksonville has a \$1.7 billion unfunded pension plan for its retirees, including police and firefighters. Mayor Alvin Brown has a plan to generate more revenue, but his financial fix could stick Nassau County

with some of the bill. Here's how. Brown is asking the Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) to contribute an additional \$40 million annually for the next 14 years to help solve the pension fund's long-term liabilities. JEA officials have said they don't have \$40 million, but if the city insists on the cash, they may need to raise rates for its customers. This would include residential and commercial users in Nassau County who rely on the company for water and sewer service. "Can we send a resolution to the

mayor that we're not going to do this?" said Holloway. The city of Fernandina Beach could also be impacted by Jacksonville's squeeze on JEA since it receives wholesale electric service from the utility company through Florida Public Utilities (FPU). "They just can't set rates because they need money," said Holloway at the board meeting Monday night. According to JEA spokesperson Gerri Boyce, Nassau County residents spent \$5.5 million in 2013 for water and sewer service, while commercial users in the county spent \$1.6 million

last year. Boyce offered this information in an email Wednesday afternoon, and it included, at the *News-Leader's* request, the monthly expenditures for February 2014. The residential bill last month totaled \$260,000, while commercial users spent \$113,000, wrote Boyce. How many customers generate this revenue? Boyce said the company has 4,808 residential service agreements for water in Nassau County, and 3,883 for sewer, although some of these agreements overlap.

On the commercial side, the company has 431 commercial clients for water, and 207 for sewer service. Again, the services may overlap. Overall, JEA services 420,000 electric customer and 305,000 water customers in Duval, St. Johns, Clay and Nassau counties. How likely is a rate hike? JEA's board chairman Mike Hightower said company officials are reviewing Brown's proposal now. But his initial reports don't sound promising.

JEA Continued on 3A



Ray Eslinger, the county's 911 coordinator, has written a grant to replace the system, which "needs immediate repair." MARY MAGUIRE NEWS-LEADER

Emergency: County to replace 911 system

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Nassau County will replace its 911 emergency communications system with a \$402,080 grant from the state's E911 Board. "It's a very exciting project and it's something we need to do," said Nassau's 911 coordinator, Ray Eslinger. It could be said that the county is in desperate need of a new 911 system. According to documents filed by the sheriff as part of the grant application, the county's 911 system "needs immediate repair." The current system is five years old and spare parts won't be available after June, according to the paperwork. "Therefore we cannot guarantee that we can repair the system in the event of an outage," say the documents. "It's a capable system," said Eslinger in an interview Monday morning at his office at the sheriff's compound in Yulee.

He wrote the grant application, and it goes on to say that work stations "will be more susceptible to viral attacks" on April 8. That's when the Windows XP will stop issuing security updates. That sounds bad. "We've got a firewall in place," said Eslinger. That sounds good. So, the system is safe? "Yes," he said. Eslinger said the grant money will allow the county to buy a new computer system as well as upgrade and add work stations. Plans also call for lightning protection and recording equipment. "It's very state of the art, and because it's software-based, upgrades will be easier to make," he said. Eslinger, 46, who has been on the job for the last year and a half, said the county is still deciding where to put the new system. "It's geo-diverse, and that means we will have two systems that can go in two locations," he said. Where are they going? "We're thinking the EOC and the Yulee courthouse," said Eslinger.

The county is planning to expand the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and consolidate two Public Safety Answer Points (PSAPs) at the one location. The county is the primary PSAP with seven dispatch stations. The city of Fernandina Beach is the secondary PSAP with two dispatch stations. Currently, people who require 911 emergency help within Fernandina Beach city limits are transferred to the city's police department. The move to consolidate the systems will eliminate the need to transfer calls. Officials have not offered a date on that plan. Eslinger said dispatchers do not have to physically move to a new site once the system is in place because it relies on high-speed Internet service. The new system also will allow for six mobile dispatch stations. "Yes, they're for emergencies like storms or hurricanes and you have to move," said Eslinger. "So you could take it to a hotel room somewhere

911 Continued on 3A

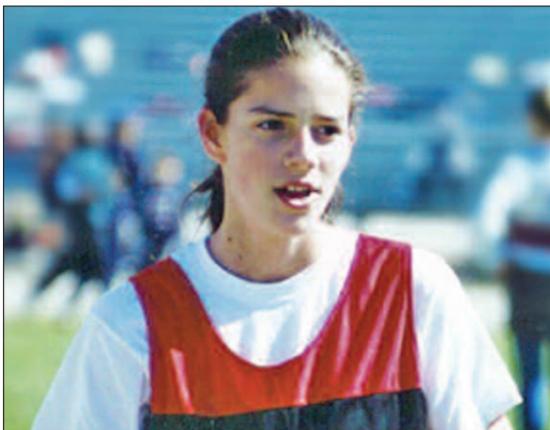
Fewer trees, better greens

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

A city plan to remove trees at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club should go forward, city commissioners conceded at a brief meeting on Tuesday. City Manager Joe Gerrity pushed commissioners toward approving the tree-cutting plan, but also reminded them later in the meeting that the municipal course is still draining money from the city's general fund. The number of trees to be removed was eventually whittled down to 39, from an original number of 76. The trees are being cut because shade and root intrusion are interfering with the growth of grass on the city-owned course. Gerrity noted \$75,000 was set aside in the city's capital fund to refurbish nine greens and remove trees, with \$15,000 going toward tree removal. An upcoming mitigation plan will allow for the planting of replacement trees throughout the city. Golf superintendent Buddy Tate of Billy Casper Golf, which manages the city golf course, said Southern red cedars would be planted by the golf course maintenance facility, and trees would be planted at the Elm Street baseball field as well as other selected areas of the city. Tate noted greens need a minimum of six hours of sunlight and benefit most from morning sun, which is why certain trees were targeted for removal. A new strain of grass seed is being used, he said, to replace the very old strain of Bermuda grass now grow-

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Katie Ride for Life honors the memory of Katie Caples, whose organs saved the lives of six people. SUBMITTED



10 years of honoring Katie

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

For the 10th year, people from all over the country will come to Amelia Island to participate in The Katie Ride for Life, a cycling event to raise awareness about organ donation. Katie Caples was a tall, beautiful 17-year-year-old who ran track for Bishop Kenny High School. When applying for her learner's driving permit, the clerk asked if she'd like to sign up to be an organ donor.

The healthy, athletic girl had probably not given much thought to such things, but she signed the paper and she and her family didn't give the transaction much thought until a few years later, when tragedy brought Katie's decision back to light. Driving home from a March of Dimes charity walk in Jacksonville on April 18, 1998, Katie was involved in a car accident and suffered severe brain trauma. After a valiant five-day fight, she passed away but her organs saved the lives of six people, from 9 to 62.

Fulfilling Katie's wishes by donating her organs made the need for organ donor awareness education clear to her parents, David and Susan Caples. The couple created the Katie Caples Foundation to bring the life-saving message of organ donation registration to high school students, earning recognition and awards from the Points of Light Foundation in Washington, D.C., the President's

KATIE Continued on 4A

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OBITUARIES

Laverne Burke

Laverne Burke, 78, of Yulee passed away Wednesday morning, March 12, 2014.

Mrs. Burke was born May 23, 1935 in Appling County, GA and moved to Yulee in 1973. She was a member of River of Praise Worship Center. She loved children and was a devoted mother and a devout Christian Prayer Warrior.

Mrs. Burke was predeceased by her husband, James "J. W." Burke, who passed away in 1995, and by a son, Kenneth Lee Burke, who passed away in 1986.

Survivors include her children, Theresa Hulett, Richard Burke (Sharon), and Anita Strickland (Keith), all of Yulee; a brother, Harold Thornton; one sister Elvera Boatright (Cecil);

five grandchildren, Rusty Burke, Robin Cooner, Katie Strickland, Jessica Hulett and Kendall Hulett; and three great-grandchildren, Noah Burke, Abigale Cooner and Tripp Cooner.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at River of Praise Worship Center with Bishop Larry Osburn officiating. Interment will follow in Green Pine Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. tonight, Friday, March 14, at Green Pine Funeral Home.

For more information and to sign Mrs. Burke's online register book please visit the Green Pine website at www.greenpinefuneral.com.

Green Pine Funeral Home

Donna McNab Davis

Donna McNab Davis, 79, of Fernandina Beach, passed away Friday, March 7, 2014 at Quality Health in Fernandina following an extended illness.

Born in Mont Clair, New Jersey to Donald McNab and Beatrice Jungerman McNab,



Donna moved to numerous cities in Florida during World War II as her father was a civil engineer for the government and thus attended numerous elementary schools across the state she loved so much. She graduated from Palatka High School in 1952, then with honors from Florida State University as a Fashion and Merchandising major in 1956. She began working for Mass Brothers in St. Petersburg, FL.

On March 25, 1959, Donna married her high school sweetheart, Tom Davis, after waiting for her Navy man to serve his country and complete his degree from the University of Florida. After raising her family Donna later returned to college and earned her BS and master's degree in elementary education from the University of North Florida. She taught for 20 years in the Putnam County School District at Moseley Elementary School, both in the classroom and Reading Lab. Donna and Tom resided in Palatka from 1960-1994 and were active members of the First Presbyterian Church in Palatka where Donna served as moderator for the Presbyterian women. After retiring they moved to Crescent Beach where they lived for 19 years until recently moving to Fernandina Beach.

Donna loved her Noles, the beach and most importantly her family and friends. Her family will cherish her memory and will continue perking along, as she liked to say, until we see her beautiful smile again.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Donald McNab and Beatrice Jungerman McNab.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Thomas Davis of Fernandina Beach, a son, Donald Davis and wife Robley of Fleming Island, a daughter, Lee Davis-Clark and husband Mike of Fernandina Beach, grandchildren, Stephen, Cameron and Brandon Davis and Julia and Jessica Clark, a sister, Sandra McNab Turnbull and husband Gene, niece Laura Turnbull Clark and nephew Greg Turnbull and a cousin, Bruce McNab.

Memorial services celebrating Donna's life will be at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church in Palatka with Rev. Chuck DeVane officiating. The family will receive guests and family at the Church from 1 PM until the start of the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center, 6400 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL 32177 or to the Alzheimer's Treatment and Research Center, Ramsey Foundation, 640 Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN 55101-9021.

Memories and condolences may be expressed to the family at Donna's book of memories page at www.JohnsonOverturfFunerals.com.

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Palatka*

Paul D. Richter

Paul D. Richter, age 65, went home to the Lord on March 8, after a valiant fight with cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy, his daughter, Jamie and her children Lexy and Savannah Burden, and his son Troy Bergeron and his children Danielle, Alex and Shawn. His living siblings are Candy Robinson, Lisa Stamm, and Stephen. A memorial service will be in the home on April 18.



DEATH NOTICES

Mr. Samuel W. "Sammy" Saylor Jr., 95, Fernandina Beach, died on Thursday, March 13, 2014.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Robert T. Walker, 76, Fernandina Beach, died on Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Grief support ongoing

Community Hospice of Northeast Florida conducts open bereavement support groups where you can share with others who are grieving. Led by trained bereavement counselors, these sessions are ongoing and available to anyone who has experienced a loss.

Open support group participants do not need to contact Community Hospice before attending a session. The Open Therapeutic Support Group

meets the second Thursday of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St.

The Loss of a Spouse Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at Community Hospice Nassau County Administrative Office, 96084 Victoria's Place, Yulee.

Contact Joanne Bernard, LCSW, at 407-6811 or visit CommunityHospice.com.



Robin Walkers Krasuski is crowned the very first Little Miss Golden Crown Fiesta in June 1966 on a stage in the parking lot of the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, Fernandina Beach. Krasuski now lives in St. Petersburg. The annual fiesta lasted an entire week and included boat races, plays, performances and beauty pageants and drew large crowds.

The News-Leader, 511 Ash St., Fernandina Beach, welcomes Looking Back submissions. They also may be emailed to SianPerry@fbnewsleader.com.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Preservation awards

The city of Fernandina Beach and Amelia Island Museum of History will honor historic preservation projects through the city's third preservation awards program. Eligible projects can be anywhere within city limits, completed within the last five years, and finished no later than March 31.

Deadline for nominations is April 4. There is no fee to apply. Winners will be honored at a city commission meeting in May. For information or to download a nomination form, visit www.ameliamuseum.org, www.fbl.us/historicdistrict or contact Phyllis Davis, Amelia Island Museum of History at 261-7378, ext.101. Forms may also be picked up from the Planning Department, downstairs in City Hall, 204 Ash St.

Blood drive

The Blood Alliance will hold a blood drive on March 15 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Public in Fernandina Beach. Visit www.igiveblood.com for information.

Girls' retreat

FDOH Nassau County is sponsoring a Growing Together Parent/Daughter Retreat by girls inc. on March 15 from 1-5 p.m. at 30 South Fourth St. This event is free for girls ages 9-12 and their parent/guardian to help improve communication skills about health and puberty. Call 548-1810, ext. 5272.

Confederate sons

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 745 will meet on March 17 at 7 p.m. at The Pig Barbeque in Callahan. Dean and Anita Lauramore will present "The Sutlers - then and now." The public is invited. Call 251-5026.

Officers association

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is establishing the Nassau County Florida Chapter (MOAA) to meet in the Fernandina Beach area. Current, retired and former officers of the seven military services and their spouses are welcome to join. More than 300 military officers live in Nassau County.

An "Officers Call" will be held at the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St., March 18 at 7 p.m. so officers can learn about the chapter, its purpose

and why they should join. For details contact Shouly Mann, Captain, USN (Ret), at sonmann@comcast.net.

Genealogy society

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. March 18 at the community room of the Fernandina Beach Police Department, 1525 Lime St. Marcia Pertuz will present "The Mother Who Never Stopped Searching: An Orphan Train Story."

In 1897, both Marcia's grandfather and his brother were placed on the Orphan Train by the New England Home for Little Wanderers in Boston, Mass., and sent to Indiana. Their mother had left them in the home temporarily, without permission for them to be placed out. Learn a bit of history of the Orphan Train movement.

Pertuz, a retired elementary school principal and treasurer of the Amelia Island Genealogical Society, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and genealogy organizations.

Relay for Life

The next Relay for Life team meeting will be held at the Fernandina Beach Police Department's community room on Lime Street on March 19 at 6 p.m. Relay for Life will begin at noon on April 5. For information, to put together a team or become a corporate sponsor of Relay for Life of Fernandina Beach/Yulee, call Melanie at 391-3643, visit RelayForLife.org or email Melanie.Overkrom@cancer.org.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 5:45 p.m. March 19, 25 and 28, and at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 29. A basic with defensive tactics course will be held at 7:45 a.m. March 22 and 30. For details and additional classes and information, contact Belson at 491-8358, (904) 476-2037 or gbelson@bellsouth.net. Visit www.TheBelsonGroup.com.

Food manager exam

The University of Florida Nassau County Extension Office will offer a ServSafe Food Manager Certification Training and Exam on March 20 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Peck Center auditorium, 516 South 10th St.

Participants who complete the course and exam receive a Certificate of Achievement from the UF Food Safety and Quality Program and a national certification valid for five years. Certification is

required in Florida for food managers of all establishments licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and selected licensees of the Department of Health.

For information and to register contact Meg McAlpine, UF/Nassau County Extension, 491-7340

Women's forum

The Eight Flags Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold its Women's Leadership Forum on March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Golf Course.

Speakers are Carrie Budds, Mortgage Loan Originator with HomeBridge Financial Services, Inc.; Diane LaPatra, owner of Amelia's Treasure; and Kerrie Albert, director of Prevention Services with the Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition. Cost, including dinner buffet, is \$16. RSVP by March 17. For information or reservations, contact Esther Schindler at epschindler@bellsouth.net.

ABWA meets the third Thursday at the Fernandina Beach Golf Course from 6-8 p.m. Visit www.8flagsabwa.org and like them on Facebook at ABWA Eight Flags Charter Chapter.

Alzheimer's support

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group for Nassau County meets the third Thursday each month at The Council on Aging. The next meeting is March 20 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Guest speaker and "Successful Aging Facilitator Expert" Barbara Bruce will present a workshop. This meeting is open to the public. For information call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, at 261-0701, ext. 113.

Parkinson's support

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St., on March 20, April 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

DAR estate sale

Amelia Island Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are scouring their attics, emptying old trunks and raiding barns for treasures. This is a one-time event encompassing contents from many different homes will be held on Saturday, March 22 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Kelley Pest Control Building, corner of South 10th and Lime streets.

LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS

A total of 11,146 Nassau County residents - or 65 percent - turned out for the final polio clinic for the Sabin Oral Vaccine.

March 12, 1964

25 YEARS

The Nassau County Jail was cited by the state Department of Corrections for overcrowding and an unwillingness to release "hardened criminals."

March 12, 1987

10 YEARS

A new community arts center was proposed to occupy First Baptist Church at Fifth and Alachua streets in downtown Fernandina after the congregation moved to their new church on Eighth Street.

March 12, 2004



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JEA *Continued from 1A*

In a phone interview on Wednesday morning, Hightower said the company doesn't have \$40 million.

"At the top of my head, I don't think we do," he said.

But he has asked the staff to take a closer look at the numbers.

"I've told them to take the net and throw it very wide and look at all aspects," said Hightower, who was reached by phone Tallahassee during a break in legislative meetings he was attending.

He said this financial review includes rates for residential, commercial and wholesale customers.

"Everyone pays something different, so we need to be thorough," he said.

Hightower said if the company decides to raise rates, it would hold public meetings, as required under its bylaws.

"If we go down that road and you hear we are going to take that approach, I have no doubt that we'll be hearing from someone in Nassau County," said Hightower, who has been on the JEA board for 15 years, including two terms as chairman.

He says the public can keep an eye on JEA's decisions by watching the board meetings online. They air on Skype. The next meeting is Tuesday at 1 p.m.

He also suggests raising concerns during the meeting's public comments (three-minute limit), or writing a letter to request a personal meeting.

"We're always open to listening to our customers," he said.

For now Nassau County officials have decided to do some research.

At the board meeting commissioners authorized County Attorney David Hallman to look into recovering JEA fees in a "true-up" of estimated versus actual usage fees. Officials think they can recover some money because St. Johns County did.

St. Johns received \$1.59 million from JEA in January after a successful court challenge over true-up costs.

Coincidentally, the attorney from Nabors Giblin & Nickerson who represented St. Johns County also works with Nassau County.

"I asked him if we are owed money and he said, absolutely," said Hallman to commissioners about a conversation he had with attorney Brian



Holloway

Armstrong. But win or lose, local JEA customers shouldn't count on personally receiving the money.

Under section 9 of the current agreement, any true-up and payments from JEA to the county "shall be used by the county for governmental purposes."

Still, there may be another way to reduce costs for local users.

The board also authorized Hallman to look at re-negotiating the county's contract with JEA.

"We feel like we're entitled to more money," said Commissioner Steve Kelley, clarifying one of the board's concerns.

"We pay 25 percent of their fees," said Holloway.

"I heard that too," said Commissioner Pat Edwards.

"I don't think it's that high," said Commissioner Walter "Jr." Boatright.

Commissioners do agree that JEA should not pass along rate hikes to cover Jacksonville's financial obligations to Nassau County.

The issue has also come up at a recent Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

Planning and Zoning officials, including Chair Tom Ford as well as county board members, have additional concerns. They would like local control over where and when to install service lines.

"I feel like they are hamstringing us by keeping control of where our water lines go," said Holloway.

Last fall, for example, county officials asked the utility company to extend lines near US 17, north of AIA. This is Raynier property known as the East Nassau Community Planning Area (ENCPA). The company and the county want to start an ambitious development plan with a 4,200-acre tract centered at this Yulee intersection. The deal would be more attractive to developers with water and sewer lines already in place.

JEA officials met county officials, including County Manager Ted Selby, and took a tour of the site. JEA asked about commitments from developers.

There aren't any yet. So, JEA concluded that the existing water and sewer service is just fine the way it is.

911 *Continued from 1A*

or an office building in Callahan. Anywhere."

According to the grant document, Nassau County doesn't have the money to maintain and upgrade its emergency 911 system and build a new EOC facility.

The money comes from a 50-cent fee charged to phone bills and there aren't enough people with phones to foot the bill.

Eslinger said the county spends \$501,445 to maintain its current E911 system. This includes salaries but not maintenance. That's another \$67,106.

"Fortunately we receive a small county rural grant for that cost," said Eslinger. "Yes, we receive it every year."

The sheriff's office has a grant writer for the maintenance grant, but Eslinger said that person did not participate in writing the grant for the new 911 system.

"I think it was too techni-

cal," said Eslinger.

Ricky Rowell, the sheriff's office communications manager, helped. He's been on the job for 16 years and also worked to install the current 911 emergency communications system.

"I want citizens to know that if there is an issue, we have mechanisms in place to keep the system going, such as sending calls to Duval County," said Rowell.

He walked up to the interview with Eslinger as the meeting moved outside the sheriff's main entrance.

The sheriff's compound is a series of trailers connected by sidewalks, ramps, gravel and grass. Moving from one office to the next requires sunscreen, an umbrella or a jacket depending on the weather.

Eslinger and Rowell traveled around the state last year looking at various county 911 systems. The one they selected has also been selected by Clay County. Eslinger said Nassau County is looking to "piggy-

Text 911?

More than 70 percent of Nassau County's 911 emergency calls come from cell phones.

The county's 911 coordinator Ray Eslinger puts the numbers for 2013 at 30,355 cell phone calls and 9,073 landline calls.

By the end of the year, it may be possible to text an emergency call to local dispatchers.

The sheriff's office has told two major service providers, including AT&T and Verizon Wireless, to let them know when the service becomes available locally, said Eslinger.

"This will allow people who can't talk but who have a phone and need emergency service to get help," said Eslinger.

Dispatchers, he said, would use the TTY equipment that is used for the hearing impaired.

"The good news is that we wouldn't need to buy equipment, but we would still need to occupy a phone line," he said.

How do they know where you are? Eslinger said it's the same as cell phones.

"We triangulate cell towers," he said.

How close can you get? "Very close, sometimes within several feet," he said.

back" on that contract to save time and money by eliminating the bidding process.

"That would mean the dif-

ference of getting started in three months or at the end of the year," said Eslinger.

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TREES *Continued from 1A*

ing on the course, which was built in the 1950s.

"You have my full confidence that staff will make the right decision (in cutting trees)," Commissioner Pat Gass told Gerrity. Mayor Ed Boner said he also supported the plan because of the significant reduction of the original number of trees to be chopped down.

"I concur we have to move forward," Commissioner Johnny Miller said. "If we want a golf course we have to cut trees."

In a brief discussion about golf course finances, Gerrity

'If we want a golf course we have to cut trees.'

COMMISSIONER JOHNNY MILLER

told commissioners the course's lack of revenue and significant debt were putting a dent in the general fund.

Boner said the city should consider using the golf course for large events to bring in more revenue.

"There's got to be some way to get out of the hole in a hurry," he said.

"I think we need to have that

discussion about is it OK to subsidize (the golf course) with general fund dollars," Gerrity told commissioners.

Gerrity said later that the golf course has \$667,000 worth of accumulated debt, and that the city subsidized that debt with \$200,000 last year and at least another \$200,000 this year.

"We subsidized it so the hole wouldn't get any bigger,"

Gerrity said. "The golf course makes enough to pay for its operations and part of its debt service."

Gerrity also noted the clubhouse at the golf course would need a new roof at an estimated cost of \$60,000, and nine more greens on the north side of the course will need renovation next year.

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Council of Service and Civic Participation, Donate Life Florida and the *Florida Times Union*, to name a few.

To date, 99,000 high school freshmen and sophomores have seen the presentation by Foundation educators.

"We focus on high school students because those freshmen and sophomores will be getting driver's licenses in the next year or so and the DMV is the location where the majority will either volunteer or be asked if they'd like to be an organ donor, so that's why we have pulled all of this energy together was to hopefully be able to tell the story," said David Caples, adding that the Katie Ride for Life was a vehicle to raise funds for the Foundation.

"We took a look at a lot of different ways to raise funds but at the time, there weren't many cycling events so with the help of other cyclists, we created the Katie Ride and it's been growing quite nicely."

Growing so well, in fact, that 1,100 to 1,200 people are expected to take part in this year's 10th annual event. That's quite an increase from the first ride, which had 225 participants.

In 2011, Chef Jamie LeBlanc created the Toast for Katie. Last year's event, held at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort, featured a five-course dinner and silent auction to raise funds for the Foundation.

Susan Caples notes the 10th anniversary is a good time to reflect and look at the Foundation's accomplishments and think about what lies ahead.

"We have to reflect on the accomplishments but also we have to start to look at the challenges for the future. Because 10 years doesn't mean you stop; we've accomplished this much in 10 years but we have to think about what are the challenges to keep this message going about the importance of getting people registered. There is no age limit. Everyone has something that can be offered."

The Katie Ride for Life offers something for all ages, too. In addition to the 18-, 36-, 62- and 100-mile cycling events, there is a family fun ride, an off-road ride, a 7K walk and a 7K fun ride. Caples said consideration is being given to expanding the Foundation's message to a nationwide audience.

"We've been taking a look at expanding beyond Florida. People in other states are looking at the program for start-up in the future so we're hoping we can spread the word."

More than 100,000 people in the U.S. are on the National Transplant Registry awaiting a transplant. Unfortunately, 20 people die every day while waiting for a healthy organ. To learn more about organ donation, visit www.donateliflorida.org or [donateliflorida.net](http://donateliflorida.org). Visit katierideforlife.org to learn more about the ride.

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Fernandina Beach man held on meth charges

A Fernandina Beach man was arrested on charges involving methamphetamines after a traffic stop Monday.

Nassau County Sheriff's Deputies conducted the stop at SR 200 and Santa Barbara Street on a 2000 Chevrolet pickup truck for a safety violation. The driver was also driving with a suspended South Carolina driver license.

A Sheriff's Office K-9 drug dog was called and alerted on the vehicle, police said. A subsequent search of the vehicle found a mobile methamphetamine lab containing plastic bottles with 135.8 grams of meth inside, meth-producing chemicals, crushed pseudoephedrine tablets and drug paraphernalia, Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper said in a press release.

John William Messer, 51, was arrested on the following charges and booked into the Nassau County Jail: driving while license suspended, manufacturing or producing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of meth chemicals.



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Local musicians gather for a time of service and sharing on Tuesday afternoon at the Jean Ribault Pocket Park on Centre Street, in memory of street musician Jeffrey Jagle, 50, who died March 5. Jagle was a familiar sight accompanying himself on guitar at the pocket park along with his shades-wearing dog, Chica Marie.

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'I lead a normal life in that I go four-wheeling, jet skiing and swimming.'

SANDY MICK
OSTOMY PATIENT

When Sandy Mick's doctor advised her she'd have to have an ostomy, she was very apprehensive but now, her great sense of humor has her referring to herself as "the bag lady of Yulee."

Mick's initial reaction is typical and unfortunate. "There are so many common misconceptions about being an ostomy patient," said Mick. "But once I'd lived with it for awhile, I realized all my apprehension had been unnecessary."

After a bit of a rough start, a "God-sent ostomy nurse" from a home health agency gave her some much-needed instruction, Mick says, and dealing with her ostomy now is part of her daily routine, no different than brushing her teeth.

After battling ulcerative colitis for eight years and then complications that prevented her from having the smaller J-pouch, Mick has now had her ostomy for six years.

"You just have to keep a positive attitude. I lead a normal, everyday life in that I go four-wheeling, jet skiing and swimming. No one knows you have a 'bag' unless you tell them."

What made the difference between panic and acceptance for Mick was education, and this is why she is so excited about a newly formed local group for ostomy patients.

"Knowing that there are others out there going through the same thing on a daily basis is a big help. Our facilitator brought in some wonderful ostomy nurses and other health professionals to answer our questions."

Mick says there's a tremendous need for education because the number one thing people fear most is that

they won't be able to lead a normal life.

"Each person is different but we are all in the same boat. We can help each other and be supportive and that is such a comfort to know that I wasn't the only one in the world with it. And you have to maintain a sense of humor!" said Mick, adding people may be surprised to know Dwight Eisenhower, Bob Hope and Fred Astaire

had ostomies, along with Rolf Benirschke, former place-kicker for the San Diego Chargers, who continued to play professional football after his surgery.

"If someone's contemplating this surgery, I'd be more than willing to talk to them and tell them, 'Hey, you know what? It's not the end of the world and you can have a normal life.'"

An 18-year resident of

Support group

The Ostomy Patient Support group meets the last Monday of each month in the boardroom at Baptist Medical Center-Nassau. For information contact ameliaostomy-group@gmail.com or call 310-9054.

Nassau County, Mick is director of the Yulee Baptist Church Food Pantry and a property manager.

She and her husband, Jerry, have two grown children, Jeff and Christine, three grandchildren and five dogs.

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Jaguars' offer 'still exploratory'

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

What's going on with the Jacksonville Jaguars' offer last fall to upgrade a playing field or two and some recreational facilities in Nassau County?

Local officials said the football team's foundation hasn't been back in touch with them since a meeting last year to tour some parks and discuss the county's recreational needs.

"It's still a work in progress. Nothing concrete," Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation president Peter Racine said last week. "We're still in the exploratory stages."

Racine said the foundation has applied this year for a \$100,000 grant through the National Football League Grassroots Program to help build a ball field and facilities at Ray Greene Park in Jacksonville.

He said the city has \$200,000 in matching funds for the project and that there is additional financial support from local civic organizations.

"It makes sense to pursue this one now," said Racine.

Each year the NFL program awards millions of dollars to develop and renovate fields at community parks and schools across the county.

While Nassau County is not being considered for the ball field money this year, the team is still providing significant financial support to the community.

The Jaguars Foundation is giving \$20,000 this year to Communities In Schools of Nassau County, said Racine. Last year, he said, the organization received \$25,000.

The money is used for a variety of items and services, such as school supplies, clothing, food, eyeglasses and help with homework. CIS serves students in several county schools, including both the middle and high schools in Fernandina Beach, Yulee and Hilliard, and Callahan Middle School.

"It's to help kids stay on track and give them opportunities they might not have had without the money," said Racine. "Good things are going on in Nassau County and we want to continue to provide support."

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Florida Legislature, week 1, session 2014

The 116th Legislative Session began March 4 with excitement and anticipation. Members gathered in the House chamber to hear opening day remarks by Speaker Will Weatherford. His remarks centered on working together during the 60 days of session. He called the Florida House a place "where the will of one cannot be accomplished without the consent of the majority." He also laid out Florida's work plan, which includes tax cuts, expanding the Florida tax credit scholarships and pension reform.

Last year the House passed pension reform that included a shift from "defined benefit" to "defined contribution." The Senate, however, did not agree to the bill. I anticipate that similar legislation will be debated again this year as the Florida Retirement System is funded at only 85.9 percent. Many will suggest that it is "funded" and compares well against similar government pensions. Recognizing that the unfunded 14.1 percent represents \$21 billion of unfunded liability and required an appropriation \$500 million in last year's budget, you begin to view the numbers with more caution. Clearly, solving the pension problem sooner is much easier than solving it later.

Governor Scott gave the State of the State address Tuesday to a joint session of House and Senate. The governor's remarks highlighted his focus on bringing jobs to Florida. I am thankful for his leadership and focus on Florida's economy.

The first House session was Tuesday afternoon for consideration of HB 7015 dealing with Military and Veteran Support. More than 1.5 million veterans call Florida home. The Florida



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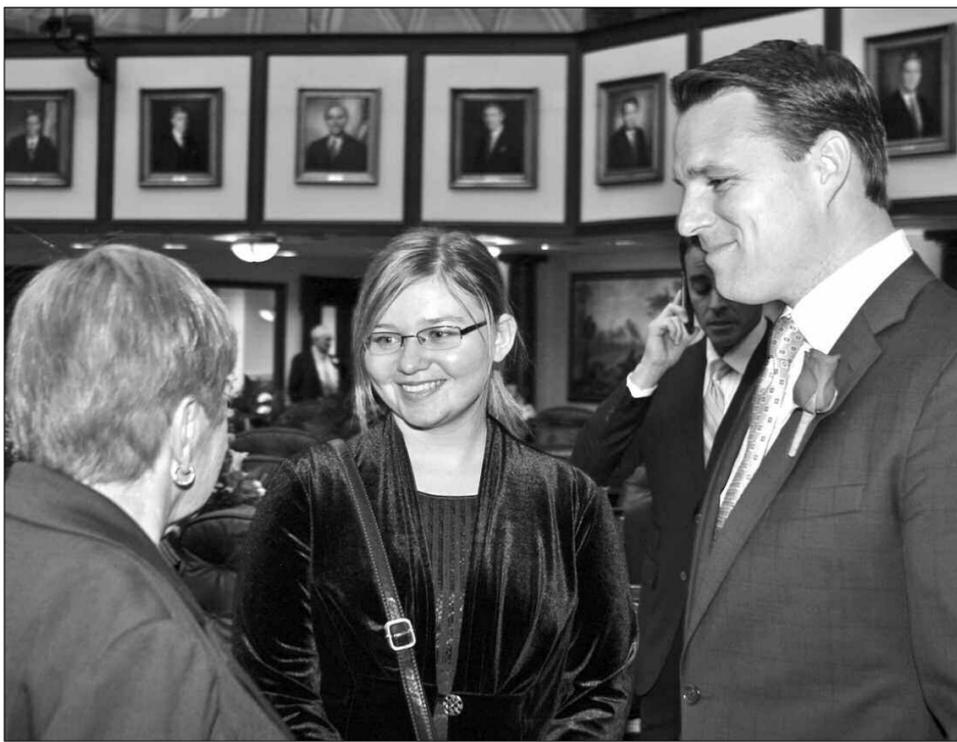
indirect jobs in Florida. This represents the third largest sector of our state's economy, after agriculture and tourism.

The bill appropriates nearly \$7.5 million to purchase land adjacent to military installations to protect against encroachment. Some of these dollars will be used to purchase 11 acres adjacent to Naval Station Mayport. Another \$12.5 million is to continue renovations to our National Guard armories, many of which have not been modernized since the mid 1960's and 1970's.

HB 7015 creates the "Congressman C. W. Bill Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program" which waives out-of-state fees for honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, U. S. Reserve Forces or the National Guard who reside in the state while enrolled at a Florida college system institution or career center. HB 7015 passed with a vote of 116 to 0.

I serve on five committees: Rules & Calendar, Education Appropriations, Education Finance & Tax and chair the K-12 Education committee. It is always a great thing when your bills are heard in committee in the opening week of session as the earlier it is heard, the greater probability it will have to work its way

National Guard has nearly 12,000 members. Our military installations and defense businesses provide a \$73 billion economic impact and account for more than 758,000 direct and



FBHS freshman Emily Adkins, daughter of State Rep. Janet Adkins, discusses school grading criteria with House Education Chair Marlene O'Toole, left, and House Speaker Will Weatherford on opening day of the Florida Legislature, March 4.

DOUG ADKINS
FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

through both chambers. HB 7033 dealing with Middle Grades Education was heard Wednesday morning.

Historically, our dropout prevention efforts have focused on the high-school years. Research has shown that you can begin to identify as early as the sixth grade those students who are at risk of not graduating high school. "Early warning indicators" for students in the sixth grade include attendance below 90 percent, receipt of an out-of-school suspension and course failure in English or math. Early intervention strategies can help to get them back on track. Now research is indicating that this is too late; we need to begin these efforts in middle school.

HB 7033 addresses these efforts.

Thursday morning I presented HB 173 dealing with juvenile justice education programs to the Education Committee. During the 2011-12 school year, the juvenile justice education programs served more than 32,000 students.

The Department of Education is the lead agency for juvenile justice education programs and the local school boards are responsible for providing educational services to youth in juvenile justice programs. HB173 requires, at a minimum, that prevention and day treatment juvenile justice education programs provide career readiness and exploration opportunities, as well as truancy and dropout prevention intervention services.

Students in the juvenile justice program are most at risk of dropping out of school and leading the rest of their

lives in low-skill jobs, if any job at all. Last year, I visited a residential juvenile justice facility and met with some of the students there. Many are academically behind, and without intense intervention and guidance they will be relegated to a life of poverty, crime or both. I was pleased when the members, in a bipartisan fashion, voted unanimously to support this legislation.

I have filed other bills that create changes to administrative procedures act under FS 120 and also have worked to file legislation that will help address sex offenders who have absconded from required registration. I will be working to ensure that these bills get heard in the weeks ahead.

Locally we continue to work on the St. Johns Ferry, the Port of Fernandina Beach and other proposals that will help the citizens in Northeast Florida grow the economy

and realize the American Dream.

Many of you have asked me what it is like to serve in Tallahassee. I will tell you that each day at the Capitol involves many ups and downs. You go from exhilarating success to heartbreaking disappointment, sometimes in just a matter of hours or minutes. Surely when you are working to find the consent of the majority, it is a difficult task.

My Dad asked me several months ago if serving in the Florida House of Representatives was what I expected it to be. I thought for a moment and then answered, "No, not really!" I then told him how I have never worked so hard in my life as I do in this position and yet I have never done anything that is so incredibly rewarding.

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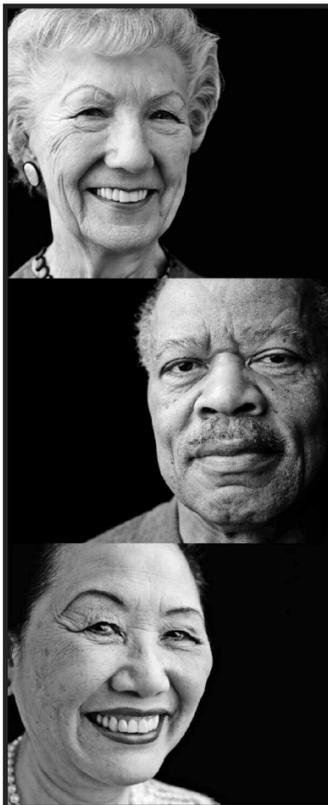
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Flat belly thanks to no ice cream

My goal was 210 pounds. This week, after months of diligence and occasional pig outings, I stepped on the scales early one afternoon and noticed that my weight had dropped to 209 from 213 a few days earlier. I was so excited, I called my wife who was at our son and daughter-in-law's house and crowded.

"Guess what?" I bragged. "I weigh 209 pounds!"

My wife cheered and congratulated me. I got off the phone and thought about running over to Publix and grabbing a pint of Ben and Jerry's Cherry Garcia Ice Cream to celebrate. But I didn't. Nor did I raid any other of my stashing places for cookies. I took a pass on a small loaf of my wife's awesome fruitcake left over from Christmas that was in the back of the freezer. I pulled out the frozen strawberries, defrosted a couple of cups of them, mixed them with my favorite artificial sweetener and combined that with a couple of cups of near-frozen nonfat yogurt. Fool's ice cream, I call it. Then I sat down and ate the whole shebang in one sitting.

Later, I went to the gym and hit the stationary rowing machine for 30 minutes, did another 30 on the elliptical and ended my session with 100 crunches on an inflatable ball. A word to the wise, if you really want to get the most out of your crunches, do them lying backwards across one of those heavy-duty inflatable balls. It hurts but boy is it effective.

Last summer I was about 260 pounds. I'm a



CUP OF JOE

Joe Palmer

heart patient and I'm supposed to be careful about diet and exercise. But once I skated beyond the swing of the Grim Reaper's scythe, I reverted to type. Let me tell you about my type. I have a craven's weakness for good ice cream. Why eat a pint of Cherry Garcia when my belly will hold two? Why ask for two scoops of pralines and cream at Fernandina Fudge when I know the nice young lady behind the counter can stack at least four on one of those big, crunchy waffle cones?

Last spring, we spent two weeks in Ireland. You wouldn't think that a fairly chilly place like Ireland would be much on ice cream. Not so, as I discovered much to my delight.

The Irish love their ice cream. And since I'm of Irish ancestry, I love what the Irish love. In sweet, scenic Dingle, where we spent a couple of days, there's an "artisan" ice cream company known as Murphy's. They're like the Ben and Jerry's of Ireland, before Ben and Jerry's got so commercialized. We walked down the street from our hotel and into a Murphy's. I never wanted to leave. If our little tour group hadn't gathered outside the store and threatened to leave me, I'd still be there gorging on gourmet Irish ice cream. I'd be as big around as the Ring of Kerry by now.

The Irish like sweets of all kinds and nearly everywhere we had supper, there was a gooey chocolate confection impregnated with caramel and topped off with – survey says – a scoop of vanilla ice cream. Of course, much to our servers' delight, I always asked for at least two scoops and sometimes three. By the time we made it back to Dublin two weeks later, I'd gained eight pounds. And what do you think was right around the corner from our Dublin hotel? A Murphy's Ice Cream. My wife and my sister-in-law and I strolled in and I proceeded to amaze the colleens who worked there with my addiction to my drug of choice. I snarfed down two scoops of Kerry Cream Vanilla while my wife and her sister nursed a single scoop each. Unfazed, I gobbled up a double scoop of Kiernan's Cookies. By then, my wife was apologizing to the giggling ladies behind the counter for my gluttony, which didn't stop me from ordering a triple scoop of Sea Salt Caramel to go. Don't ever go to Murphy's and not eat Sea Salt Caramel.

But my cardiologist pronounced me obese when we returned and demanded I lose weight and exercise. He said to peel it down to 190. Maybe I will and maybe I won't. I'm lean, fit and my jeans are sagging so we'll see where I go from here.

Good thing there's no Murphy's here. You'd have to drive around me. Like the Ring of Kerry.

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COMMUNITY THANKS

Pirate Baseball

On behalf of the FBHS Pirate Baseball Organization and the Pirate Dugout Club, we would like to thank all who made the 2nd Annual Pirate Baseball Golf Tournament a huge success. Because of the support from our community partners, our student athletes have the pleasure of competing in a first-class facility that our entire community can be proud of.

A special thanks to Lee Allen of Amelia River Golf Club and all his staff. Thank you to the following sponsors:

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**Raquel VanLennep
Fernandina Beach**

Barnabas Center

Barnabas Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides residents of Nassau County with crisis assistance including food, medical and dental services, and rent and utilities assistance.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to everyone who helped keep the Barnabas Food Pantry stocked in 2013:

Amelia Community Theatre
Amelia Park Homeowners Association
Amelia South Condominium Association
Amelia Island Nassau County Association of Realtors

Listed below are donors that supported our pantry with food drives and donations resulting in 321,276 total pounds of food distributed to 6,032 households in Nassau County:

Amelia Island Blues Festival
American Business Women's Association
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Callahan Lions Club
Emma Love Elementary

School

We would also like to thank all volunteers who participated at the mobile pantry sites in Fernandina Beach, Callahan and Yulee along with First Baptist Church of Callahan and Yulee United Methodist Church:

Fernandina Beach High School
Little Women's Club
Fernandina Beach High School
World Language Class
Fernandina Beach Middle School

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First Presbyterian Church

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Yulee Tennis Foundation

**Mary Pitcher
Community Relations
Manager
Barnabas Center**

Write me a letter

A friend of mine recently bemoaned the apparent loss of the fine art of letter writing. As someone who knows the value of a hand-written missive, I agreed.

The electronic age with its text messages and email has had a significant impact on communication.

Before the advent of instant messaging, written words had an important place in society. The Victorians elevated letter writing to high art. Guides were published, detailing what was proper and what was "simply not done."

Stationery shops sold fine writing paper and matching envelopes in a wide variety of styles and colors. An individual's level in society could be discerned by the excellence of the embossing or engraving of the family monogram and the quality of the paper used.

Important missives were sealed by dripping hot wax on the paper, which was then embossed with the imprint of a brass seal authenticating the validity of the document.

When I was growing up, young people were taught the importance of the "bread and butter note" following the receipt of a gift or weekend away.

I contend today's youth have lost something precious with the advent of the cell phone and computer. Words on a screen, no matter how heartfelt, don't have the same impact as teardrops on a page.

One thing that hasn't changed over the years is the importance of letters to soldiers, sailors and Marines serving overseas. If you'd like to brighten the day for these brave folks, there are any number of organizations dedicated to providing cards, letters and packages for our troops. Choose one and write down a few lines of encouragement on a cheerful card.

It takes just a few moments to put pen to paper but the feelings evoked by that simple act can have a lasting impact on the recipient. As our son-in-law serving in Afghanistan can attest, every piece of mail from back home is precious.

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HOW TO WRITE US

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Resort rentals

There is a city of Fernandina Beach "Resort Rental Residential" ordinance in the Land Development Code that may be going completely unenforced. If enforced the ordinance may have the potential to change the business model of beach rentals within the city and possibly across the entire island.

Land Development Code section 4.02.05 (A) states "Resort rental residential units shall be limited to occupancy periods per rental of thirty (30) or fewer days." This language appears to clearly indicate that properties with a resort residential permit are prohibited from renting for periods longer than 30 days.

There has been considerable debate regarding the permitting of short-term rentals, which are now issued only to R3 zoned properties. In essence, R1 and R2 property owners who reside full-time at their property may consider vacation rentals occurring in their neighborhood to be disruptive to the peaceful use of their residence, while R1 and R2 property owners who do not reside full-time at their property may feel that property rights are being taken away which causes a loss of rental

income from an investment. Even broader impact may be occurring on property values, sales tax base and private industry supported by vacationing families.

The purpose of my letter is not to debate either side of this issue, because I agree with both sides. I agree with both sides because I am both a resident on South Fletcher who lived next to a vacation property for many years (yes, it is disruptive), and also an owner of investment property on South Fletcher that is impacted by the vacation rental zoning restrictions (yes, it impacts rental income).

Here is how 4.02.05 (A) – if in effect and if enforced – would likely have a direct impact on the rental and real estate markets:

Currently, vacation rental permit holders can rent their homes at higher prices on a weekly basis. However those weekly rentals have strong demand and higher pricing during certain seasons, which is generally limited to the eight weeks of summer (June 15-Aug. 15). Other weeks during the year may produce some weekly business (car show, Easter, etc.), but pricing can be softer due to decreased demand. During the fall, winter and spring

seasons, many vacation rental permit holders offer their units on a monthly or seasonal basis. The prices can be set artificially low because they have made money during the summer. Therefore, when a vacation rental permit holder chooses to rent his property during the winter, rents can be set at a reduced price because they've already made a lot of money during the summer on weekly rents. However, LDC 4.02.05 (A) seems to state that these long-term rentals are, in fact, illegal.

Currently, property owners who are prohibited from obtaining a vacation rental permit are restricted to rentals which are 30 days or longer. The demand for longer rentals is primarily in the off-season, and demand is limited to those with the time and budget to spend a longer time on the island. This market consists of primarily retirees and those seeking warmer weather for a few months during the winter. The pricing for any product is directly impacted by supply and demand. Additional supply lowers prices, and vice versa.

My intent is not to throw the city under the bus – in fact, I'm very happy with all of my recent contacts

with the city. My intent is to put my questions out for public debate and resolution, and the best public forum currently available seems to be a letter to the local paper.

My questions are – should LDC 4.02.05 (A) be enforced as written? Or should LDC 4.02.05 (A) be changed to further accommodate resort rental permit holders only?"

**P. William Smith
Amelia Island**

St. Michael's

I looked into the history of St. Michael's, which was founded in 1872. Now my question for you is why in the world would you buy on a street that had an established church with limited available parking?

I get so annoyed with people when they buy by the airport and then complain about the noise. They buy by a horse farm and then want the smell to go away. How about buying where the peacocks run wild then want them to go away? The island just lost an updated RV park because of a possible noise problem. I think I said enough.

**Dona Benton
Fernandina Beach**

COMMUNITY

His word made us whole not fragmented

Having learned to trust God through our understanding is incomplete, can we remember what it was like before we became fully acquainted with the word of God?

Maybe a few memories come to mind, such as wondering what planet we had been on. Surely we could not have been on planet Earth, and for the most part, in or around church most of our lives and been so spiritually deficient where we had been when so many people on Earth had heard the good news that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Remembering catching a glimpse of God's love for us and His mercy toward us, we realized that only a merciful and loving God could have spared our lives, considering the things we had done that



NOW AND THEN

Maybelle Kirkland

were so contrary to all He stood for. With His precepts, God has revived, nourished, preserved and restored us to life that is far beyond what we had experienced or were worthy to receive. These precepts are His mandates for His children to live and conduct themselves by. It becomes our choice to remember them always, not occasionally or when it's convenient for us to do so. When we follow the precepts in His word, we become everything God intended for us to be.

His word has made us whole, not fragmented and dysfunctional. Therefore, we choose to remember it, forget-

ting it is not an option for us. Why are we so adamant about keeping His word in our hearts and in our minds? We were once dead, and because of His word, we are now alive and alive is far better.

We will never forget thy precepts, for with them, thou hast quickened us. Life may change our condition but it does not affect what we believe.

The families of the late Sis. Louise Hooper and Bro. Freddie Johnson Sr. thank you, their family and friends, for all acts of kindness shown to them during their hours of bereavement and pray God's blessings on each of you.

Birthday greetings to Sylvia Green, Diane Casapina, James Hooper, Robert Hardy Jr., Terrell Dallas, Ashton Harris, Seatreya McLaurin, Michael Veal, Latasha Scott, Patricia Jones, Tanisha Albertie, Earline Jones and Mother Faye Richardson.

Free tax filing help available

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is providing free electronic (E-File) and paper income tax filing assistance for low- to moderate-income and elderly tax filers again this season.

VITA has been assisting filers in Nassau County for over 10 years, helping over 500 people each year that are in need of assistance.

VITA volunteers are tested and certified by the Internal Revenue Service.

This free service is provided by the IRS, the RealSense Prosperity Campaign, a United Way Initiative, and in partnership with the Nassau County Library System.

Tax filing assistance continues through April 15. Those who elect to have their returns E-Filed and are due a refund can expect it within three days to two weeks with direct deposit. This year VITA has consolidated all tax preparations into the Atlantic Recreation Center. For appointments call the Fernandina Beach library at 277-7365. Walk-ins are welcome and will be assisted after appointments.

Bring photo identification, Social Security cards, your 2012 tax return and all 2013 tax documents such as W-2s, 1099s and SSA-1099s. If in doubt, bring the document.

VITA cannot work from wages or other year-end documents.

Locations:

- Atlantic Rec Center, 2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, main auditorium, through April 15, Tuesdays and Thursday, 1-4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 4-7:30 p.m. Call 277-7365 for reservations. Walk-ins OK.
- WorkSource, 96042 Lofton Square Court, Yulee, will also provide tax-filing assistance. Call 432-0009, ext. 2660. Preparations will be provided through April 15, Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

CARS, COFFEE & CONVERSATION



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Auto Legends Amelia will host this month's Cars and Conversation on Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon at Starbucks on Sadler Road. Find out the latest motorsports and auto industry news and auto events locally and statewide. Experience unique new-to-the-group cars at every gathering. Last month brought out several Porsche sports cars usually seen only on the race circuit, a 1959 Chrysler monster beach wagon that looked as new and a Renault Alpina rally/race car. Above is a 1933 Pontiac Tudor Coupe with rumble seat. If you adore cars, join the group the third Saturday each month. The Legend folks are even more interesting than their cars, and friendly too. Dust off the old relic and drive it out. It's free - just ride by and say hello.

COA's Circle of Friends marks 9 years of senior fellowship

The Council on Aging of Nassau County recently reached a milestone for one of its most important and compassionate programs. The Circle of Friends program recently passed the nine-year mark. This program consists of friendly visitor volunteers who schedule regular visits to both homebound seniors and seniors who reside in an assisted-living facility.

According to friendly visitor volunteer, Jane Holzkamp, this program enriches both the senior and the volunteer. "Both my friend Hilda from Savannah Grand and I have been enriched by this program. We do errands, we go for rides and we both love a snack from Chick-Fil-A or we just sit together and talk. Even my dog enjoys spending time with Hilda!" said Holzkamp.

This program began back in 2005 when Denise Sexton went to visit her mother in an assisted living facility. She soon noted the need for seniors to have visitors either in their home or a facility. Sexton approached the Council on Aging Executive Board members Terri Cunningham and



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Jane Holzkamp, left, has been visiting her assisted living resident for four years. Robert Sease, right, has been visiting a homebound senior once a week for nine years. The Council on Aging is always looking for new volunteers to join the Circle of Friends program.

Susan Smeeton and then Barnabas Chaplain Roland Knight for guidance. Soon after, the Circle of Friends Volunteer program was born.

The fact is, many Nassau County seniors live too far for their family to come visit regularly and many have lost lifelong friends and neighbors. Under this program, volunteers are matched to seniors based on common interests,

geographical location and levels of support required. As a result, their friendly visitors become their new family members, and the seniors know they can depend on their visits to brighten their days.

For information on becoming a Friendly Visitor Volunteer, contact Frances Bartel, volunteer coordinator at 261-0701 or visit www.coanassau.com.

WEDDING ENGAGEMENT



Miss Alcorn, Mr. Garcia

Alcorn-Garcia

Jhade Marie Candis Alcorn and Dominique Garcia will be married Oct. 11, 2014, at Tre Bella in Mesa, Ariz.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Will H. Willis and LeiLani Willis of Fernandina Beach.

MILITARY NEWS

■ Air Force Airman Clinton J. Andrews graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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.

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

Andrews is the son of Karen Overstreet of Hilliard and Red Andrews of Jacksonville. He is a 2013 graduate of Hilliard Middle-Senior High School.

Volunteer awards lunch at rec center April 24

The 29th annual Nassau County Volunteer Center's Volunteer Awards luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 24, as part of National Volunteer Week.

The luncheon, which honors volunteers in Nassau County, will be held at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center from noon until 1:30 p.m. Awards will be presented by the city of Fernandina Beach (the Elsie Harper awards for service to youth, seniors, community enrichment and social services), the Nassau County Commission, the Amelia Island/Nassau County Association of Realtors, the town of Hilliard, the Rayonier Foundation, the Fernandina Optimist Club and the Greater West Nassau Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets may be purchased for this event in various ways: a table of eight (\$160); a half-table of four (\$85); business tickets (\$35), and individual tickets (\$15).

The volunteer service of citizens of Nassau County involves tens of thousands of donated hours annually, valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars. Globally, the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Studies estimates that 971 million people volunteer in a typical year around the globe, and this is a conservative estimate.

The estimated monetary value of these volunteers' time is \$1.348 trillion. Volunteers are an enormous economic resource and contribute significantly to national productivity.

The April 24 Volunteer Awards Luncheon honors that commitment of time and talent in the small corner of the world that is Nassau County, Florida. For more information about the Volunteer Awards Luncheon and/or to purchase tickets, please call the Volunteer Center at 261-2771 or visit www.volunteernassau.org.

Nominate a volunteer

Do you know a hard-working volunteer here on Amelia Island who deserves recognition? If so, it is time to nominate that individual for recognition this spring.

The Nassau County Volunteer Center and the City of Fernandina Beach have announced that the deadline for nominations for the Elsie Harper Volunteer of the Year Awards is March 14. These four awards will be presented at the 29th Annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon on Thursday, April 24 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center from noon to 1:30 p.m.

This annual event celebrating volunteerism features the Elsie Harper Volunteer Awards, given by the city of Fernandina Beach in four categories - volunteering with youth, volunteering with seniors, social services volunteer and community enrichment volunteer.

Additionally, the Rayonier Foundation and other civic and governmental organizations present volunteer awards at this luncheon.

Nomination forms for the City Elsie Harper Awards are available at the Nassau County Volunteer Center, 1303 Jasmine St., Suite 104A,

at the City Clerk's Office, 204 Ash St., or online at www.fbl.org and www.volunteernassau.org.

For more information, call the Nassau County Volunteer Center at 261-2771.

The Rayonier Foundation is accepting nominations for the "Involved Good Citizen of the Year" award, which honors a volunteer living in Nassau County (but not an employee of Rayonier) for outstanding contributions in the area of volunteer service to a community project or nonprofit organization within Nassau County.

The deadline for nominations is March 30.

The award, which includes a \$500 grant to a nonprofit agency of the winner's choice, will be presented at the 29th annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon on Thursday, April 24, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

Nomination forms are at www.volunteernassau.org and mailed to the Nassau County Volunteer Center, 1303 Jasmine St., Suite 104A, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Call 261-2771 or email ncvcb@aol.com.

Nassau NAMI offers support

The Nassau County affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) provides the following services to county residents:

- A helpline at 277-1886.
- Free weekly support groups every Friday at 11 a.m. Groups are held at the Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St., across from Baptist Medical Center in Fernandina Beach. The groups are facilitated by psychiatric nurses.
- Monthly member/advocacy meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The meetings are held at the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, 1303 Jasmine St., Suite 100,

Fernandina Beach. Everyone is welcome.

- Free monthly support group for family members/loved ones of a person with a mental health diagnosis. The meetings at held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach.
- Nassau NAMI also provides referral services, advocacy services and assistance with emergency medications and dental needs.

For information call 277-1886 or write to Nassau NAMI, P.O. BOX 16712, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 or email NassauNAMIFlorida@gmail.com.

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Don't Be Bitter

If someone from our past has done something to us which really cause us pain, there is a good chance that we may still feel some bitterness toward that person. Whether it was a painful ending to a relationship, some particularly harsh or humiliating words. Or someone taking from us something that was rightfully ours, in these situations it is perfectly natural to feel bitterness. However the dilemma is that this bitterness hurts us, sapping us of energy and trapping us in anger and resentment. Although peculiar, we seemingly relish this bitterness, going back to it again and again in our minds, refusing to forgive or forget, in much the same way as we repeatedly probe a cut on the inside of our mouth with our tongue: it hurts, and yet we are drawn to probe this sensitive area again and again. There may be some wisdom in remembering the words and actions of those who have harmed us so as to avoid similar future situation which would allow them to harm us again. And yet, we really must forgive them or we will forever be engulfed in bitterness. Simply stated the more people there are whom we cannot forgive, the more our life will be awash in bitterness. And the greater our capacity for forgiveness. And the greater our capacity for forgiveness, the more love and joy that will fill our life. So, forgive always, even if you cannot forget.

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven"

R.S.V. Matthew 18:21-22

First-time home buyer

There are a lot of milestones in a lifetime. Some are shared like marriage and children. Others are more individual, like a college acceptance or job offer. When chatting with people, buying the first home seems to be a lifetime memory. Of course, I hear "My first house didn't cost as much as this car/truck." Or, "Our first house payment was \$67." Gas was 19 cents a gallon in 1955, when I was born. Times change and the fondness of memories vary, but the first home buy seems to stand out.

Our oldest, a second-year second-grade teacher, joined the ranks of the homeowners group. After a roommate scenario changed, I suggested she consider buying something. Within a short time, Hollie was off to South Carolina to look at a "hot option." A mother's eyes helped identify some needs. Revisiting a newly rehabbed little house in



KEFFER'S CORNER

Rick Keffer

the sales in this market, a far higher percentage than that of first-time car buyers. Younger couples, or singles, should check with a realtor before renting again. Do you have a couple years or more job time and good credit? Have you saved some money? You might be surprised to know you can qualify. Katie had never financed anything and did it in her name only. I was prepared to be involved, but

a great neighborhood produced results. Now for slightly more than a fancy apartment split three ways, she is in business.

First-time buyers are driving 35 percent of

didn't need to be.

A roommate dilemma six weeks ago had a good byproduct. Katie is a proud and excited 23-year-old. She was at Home Depot buying a mailbox yesterday. She will definitely have to be space-efficient in this modest square-footage house, so common 50-60 years ago. Most all the homes in the area have been added on to or given a facelift. Recycling happens at many levels.

It is nice to see someone work earnestly at high school and college, get employed and get rolling. If some parental pride is spilling over, I make no apology. We all want the best for our kids and it is fun to see the "good part." Have a good week.

Rick Keffer owns and operates Rick Keffer Dodge Chrysler Jeep in Yulee. He invites questions or positive stories about automobile use and ownership.
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POLITICS IN BRIEF

West Side Democrats

The Westside Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Nassau County Building on Mickler Street in Callahan. There will be a presentation from One Spark followed by dinner and brief business meeting. Call (904) 879-5163 for more information.

GOP executive committee

The Nassau County Republican Executive Committee will have their monthly meeting on Thursday at the Nassau County Building, 86028 Pages Dairy Road, Yulee. The guest speaker for the monthly meeting will be Aaron Bell, owner of Science First and immediate past chair for the Nassau County Economic Development Board. Additionally, he serves as a board member for the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce and treasurer for the Nassau County Republican Executive Committee.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and all registered Republicans are welcome to attend.

For questions, contact Justin Taylor at jtaylor@nassaugop.org or (904) 226-6207.

Republican women

The Federated Republican Women of Nassau will have their monthly meeting on Friday, March 28 at the Golf Club of Amelia Island. The guest speaker will be Clerk of Courts John Crawford. The social will be held at 11:30 a.m. and the business meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Crawford was elected in Nassau County as clerk of court and comptroller in 2005 and has been reelected twice since. The Clerk collects and distributes statutory assessments. Guarding public records, public funds and public property are also duties of the Clerk. The Clerk serves the state of Florida by collecting and disbursing documentary stamps and intangible taxes for the Department of Revenue.

Contact FRWN by Tuesday, March 25, with your reservation at frwnassau@gmail.com or 491-5544. Lunch is \$20.



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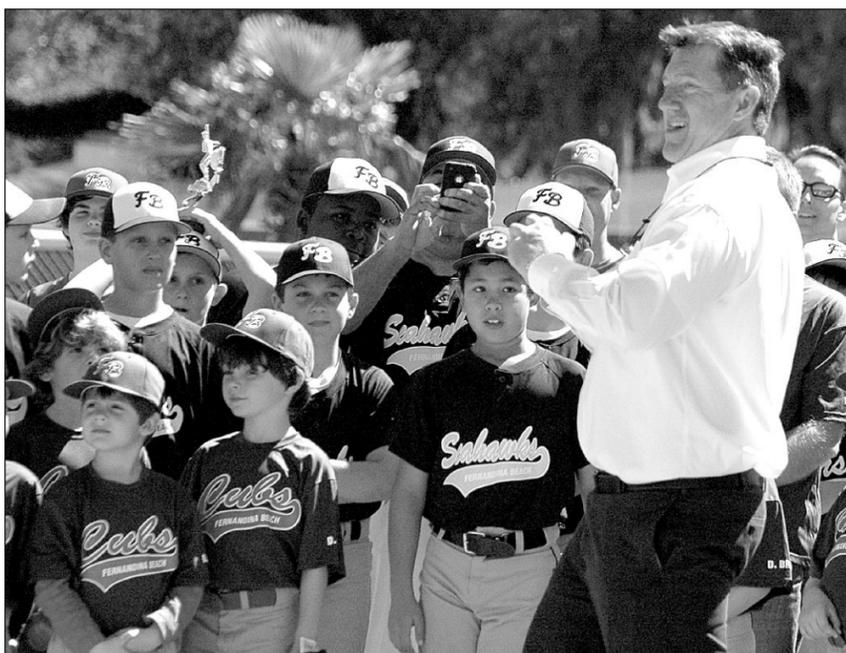


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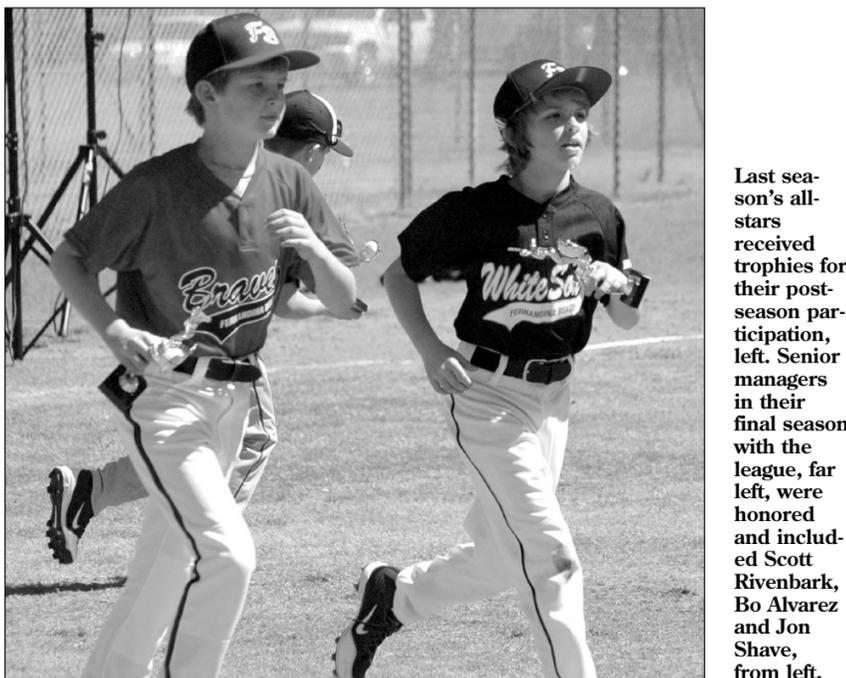


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Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth held opening day ceremonies Saturday at the Buccaneer Sports Complex. The National Anthem was sung by Lydia Montanaro, left, as players removed their hats, right, in respect.



The family of the late Donald Brown Jr. was on hand for the 2014 season dedication, left. Brown was actively involved in the league and father of senior league 'Canes player Trip Brown, pictured with mother Joy and grandparents. Mayor Ed Boner throws out the first pitch, right.



Last season's all-stars received trophies for their post-season participation, left. Senior managers in their final season with the league, far left, were honored and included Scott Rivenbark, Bo Alvarez and Jon Shave, from left.

RECREATION ROUNDUP

OPEN ADULT VOLLEYBALL at Peck Gym Tuesdays and Fridays from 7-9 p.m. Cost: \$2/day city resident, \$5 non-city.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL at Peck Gym Tuesdays and Fridays from 3-5 p.m. For school and club teams. Players must have adult coach or adult supervision. Call at least 24 hours in advance, 310-3353. Cost: \$2/day city resident, \$5 non-city.

OPEN INDOOR SOCCER at Peck Gym Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$2 city residents, \$5 non-city.

OPEN BASKETBALL at Peck Gym Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-5:45 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., based on availability.

FITNESS AREAS
• Weight Room/Cardio Area at Peck Gym. Free weights, selectorized equipment, Star Trac treadmills, Precor elliptical machines, Schwinn bikes. Ages 13 and up (ages 13-15 with adult supervision; ages 16-17 unsupervised but with waiver signed by parent or guardian). Open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday and Friday from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
• Atlantic Fitness Room at

the Atlantic Center. Precor treadmills and elliptical machines, Star Trac bikes, Hammer Strength plate loaded fitness machines, and Magnum Fitness Biangular Series machines. Ages 13 and up (ages 13-15 with adult supervision; ages 16-17 unsupervised but with waiver signed by parent or guardian). Open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Daily/monthly fitness area fees: City residents \$3/day; \$25/month; \$75/four months; \$180/12 months. Non-city residents: \$5/day; \$31/month; \$94/four months; \$225/12 months. Daily fees and memberships are valid at both fitness areas.

PERSONAL FITNESS TRAINING available at Atlantic Fitness Room or Peck Gym with Jay Robertson, ISSA Certified Personal Fitness Trainer, and Specialist in Fitness for the Older Adult. Cost is \$30 per session, \$75/week (three sessions), \$200/month (two sessions/week for four weeks). Monthly packages include dietary analysis and food program. Call Jay at 310-3361 to schedule a free introductory appointment.
MAHARAJ TENNIS at

Central Park Tennis Courts
• Junior clinics' schedule through April 30 (Monday-Thursday): Level 1 (Monday/Wednesday from 2:30-3:15 p.m., ages 4-8) and Level 2 (Monday/Wednesday from 3:15-4 p.m., ages 6-10) - \$12/week city residents, \$16 non-city. Level 3 (Tuesday/Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., ages 9-14) - \$16/week city residents, \$20 non-city. Level 4 (Tuesday/Thursday from 4:30-6 p.m., ages 11 and up) - \$24/week city residents, \$30 non-city. Level 5 (Monday/Wednesday from 4-6 p.m., ages 11 and up - high school and USTA tournament players) - \$32/week city residents, \$40 non-city. Junior clinics' instructor: Rod Gibson, USPTA 1 (904-891-6927, rodgibsonstennis@gmail.com).
• Adult clinics (Monday-Thursday and Saturday): Morning and evening clinics. Men's, women's, and mixed clinics. \$10/person/hour for one-hour clinics and \$15/person for 1 1/2 hours clinics. Pre-registration required (minimum of three persons/clinic).
• Private lessons can be scheduled with head professional Vishnu Maharaj or an Assistant Professional. Cost is \$60/hour with head professional, \$50/hour with assistant

professional. Customized clinics also available.
To register or for information, email michelemaha@msn.com or call 548-1472. Schedule of clinics available at Atlantic Center or www.fbfl.us. Central Park tennis court gate keys can be checked out at the Atlantic Center with a \$5 deposit. Deposits are refundable if keys are returned within a year.
Atlantic Center hours: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
AQUA 1 and DEEP WATER AEROBICS at Atlantic Pool. Aqua 1 (shallow water) classes are Monday-Friday from 10-10:55 a.m. Deep Water classes (aqua fitness belts required) are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11-11:55 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-9:55 a.m. Monthly, one class a day: \$50 city residents, \$63 non-city residents. Monthly, two classes/day: \$60 city residents, \$75 non-city; \$5/day for one class city residents, \$6 non-city; \$10/day for two classes city resident, \$12 non-city.
PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS. Ages 2 to adults. 30-minute single session: \$20 city resident, \$25 non-city.

Four-pack: \$60 city resident, \$75 non-city. Eight-pack: \$100 city resident, \$125 non-city. Schedule lessons at the Atlantic Center.
MASTERS' SWIM PROGRAM at Atlantic pool Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 a.m. This is a blend of fitness and competitive swimming for adults. \$60/month city residents, \$75 non-city (participants must have monthly or four-month pool passes). For information, email Coach Cody Larrimore: codylarrimore@gmail.com
SPRING HOMESCHOOLERS' SWIM CLINIC at Atlantic pool Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-11:50 a.m. from March 4 through May 22. Ages 4 and up. Swimmers must be able to complete 25 yards of the pool continuously and unassisted in order to register. \$25/month city residents, \$31 non-city. Three-month program discounts and sibling discounts available.
SUMMER JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAMS. Full-day, one-week introductory, and beach programs available. Registration opens March 31 at the Atlantic Center. \$120-150 city residents, \$156-188 non-city.
"LEARN TO SWIM" PROGRAM SUMMER SWIM-

MING LESSONS. Registration opens March 31 at the Atlantic Center. Levels 1 and 2 (one-week courses): \$40 city residents, \$50 non-city. Levels 3 and 4 (two-week courses): \$55 city residents, \$68 non-city. Summer lessons begin May 26. Morning classes at Atlantic pool; evening classes at MLK Jr. pool.
LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSES at Atlantic pool March 14-23 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) or March 24-28 (daily) at the Atlantic pool. Ages 15 and up. Participants must successfully complete 300-yard continuous swim, demonstrate front crawl and breaststroke, tread water for two minutes, and complete a timed swimming event prior to enrollment. Academics for either of these courses will be completed at home online via American Red Cross website. Access information will be provided with full registration payment. Register at Atlantic Center. \$125 city residents (\$35 payable online to Red Cross for blended learning; \$90 payable to City of Fernandina Beach); \$148 non-city (\$35 payable to "Red Cross" for blended learning; \$90 payable to "City of Fernandina Beach"). Email Kathy Russell (krussell@fbfl.org).

SPORTS SHORTS

Championship weekend at Putt-Putt

Head to Putt-Putt at Main Beach for the first tournament of the year tonight at 6 p.m. Sponsored by Enterprise Rent-a-Car, the tournament will feature both a beginner and advanced divisions and lots of prizes.

The tournament is part of championship weekend with the Amelia Island Shootout Saturday at noon, and the Enterprise Rent-a-Car Florida State Putt-Putt Championship Sunday at 9 a.m. Professional Putt-Putters are expected from all over the Southeast. Come play or watch the best of the best. Novice divisions in all tournaments. Putt-Putt of Fernandina Beach is located at 6 North Fletcher Ave. Call 261-4443.

Drum tournament

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association is hosting the 16th annual Drum Tournament. Cash prizes will be awarded based on number of entrants. If there are less than 30 registrations received by the end of the captain's meeting tonight, the tournament may not be held. All monies will be returned to those that did register. Additional information including all necessary entry forms and rules are available on the NSFA website, nsfafish.net.

Finch NSFA guest speaker

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association will sponsor a special program presented by Larry "The Fishman" Finch as the featured speaker at its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. March 26 at Kraft Ten Acres' shelter house, 961023 Buccanteer Trail, Fernandina Beach.

Finch has visited the club before and is always informative as well as entertaining. A former IFA pro redfish tour open champion, Finch is also a regular contributor to Florida Sportsman Magazine clinics and First Coast Outdoors TV shows. His primary target these days is the elusive pompano. Finch is considered to be in the top one or two surf fishermen in the state of Florida. Enjoy his "Angler on Foot" presentation with members of the NSFA.

Learn about Finch by visiting his introductory video on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQE5fCOcOI>. Additional information and reservations are available on the NSFA website, www.nsfafish.net.

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The Yulee High School junior varsity softball team played in a tournament in Alachua County over the weekend, placing third. On Sunday the team visited the Katie Seahole Softball Stadium at the University of Florida to watch the Lady Gators take on Ole Miss. YHS Lady Hornets, from left, include Summer Wilson, Courtney Dietz, Mary Phelps, Kayla Davis, Shelbi Lehrer, Sydney Johnson, Ravon Rauls, Meghan Pope, Morgan Stanfield, Breanna Hill and Graison Murray.

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ty by club members and the general public and to promote youth related community and other civic minded activities.

For information on the NSFA, contact President John Hartrich at 206-0817 or john@seahorseofamelia.com.

Kids fishing clinic

The Florida Wildlife Commission will offer a kids fishing clinic at Fort Clinch State Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 31. Lunch will be provided. Visit www.MyFWC.com/fishing.

Elm Street Little League

Registration for the 2014 Elm Street Little League spring baseball and softball season has begun. Softball registration is open through March 15 for 8-U, 10-U, 12-U and 16-U girls softball. Teams will be picked March 15 and practices will begin the following week. All home games will be played at Joe Velardi Field behind the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Registration fee is \$45 and \$20 for any additional child registered.

The league is offering minor league (ages 7-8), major league (9-12) and senior league

(13-16) baseball. Cost is \$45; \$10 extra for siblings.

Elm Street Little League is holding registration Tuesdays through Thursdays from 3-5:30 p.m. at the MLK Center.

Coaches and volunteers are needed. For information on softball, contact Mark Puca at (904) 238-3118 or mark@paxtonautomarketing.com. For information on Elm Street Little League, contact Wayne Peterson at 753-1663 or elmstreetLL@comcast.net

Thirsk memorial scholarship

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association will once again be awarding the "Johnny Thirsk Memorial Scholarship" to a worthy graduating high school senior attending one of the high schools in Nassau County.

Thirsk was a driving force in the NSFA for many years, offering his services as a board member, tournament director and in any other way he could help out. He was a friend to all. When he passed away in 2005, the club initiated a scholarship in his memory. Thirsk believed in giving back to the community.

As in past years, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded directly to an outstanding graduat-

ing high school senior. This scholarship is a renewable scholarship, paid for two consecutive years for a total of \$2,000 per recipient.

To be eligible for consideration this year all completed applications with all required forms and information included, must be postmarked by April 20.

The certificate will be presented at the recipients' senior awards program at their school. In addition the recipient and their family will also be invited to attend a Nassau Sport Fishing Association monthly social meeting as guests of the organization.

Additional information including all necessary application forms, selection criteria and instructions for all submissions are available on the NSFA website at nsfafish.net.

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Suit up, Gridiron Alumni plans games in the area

Alumni football is coming to Fernandina Beach. Gridiron Alumni, which is planning several full-contact alumni football games, travels the nation, pitting old football rivals against each other one more time. Hundreds of players and thousands of fans swarmed stadiums to watch their hometown heroes strap it on one more time.

Gridiron Alumni is targeting teams like Fernandina Beach, Yulee, First Coast, First Coast Christian and many others. Players from all local area are invited to register to play.

Players are needed to sign up for their alma mater and the first 40 players on each

team get to play. The team that gets 30 people registered first gets home-field advantage.

The games are set for the spring. If you or someone you know is interested in putting on the pads one more time, visit www.gridironalumni.com to register. For information, call Chris at (530) 410-6396 or go to the website.

Gridiron Alumni was founded in 2010 and has raised more than \$250,000 for schools and charities using alumni football games as a fundraising vehicle. Gridiron Alumni football has changed lives, communities, and given thousands of men their spark back.

2014 SCHEDULES

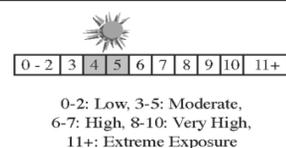
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Tennis		
March 18	at Hilliard	3:30
March 20	YULEE	4:00
April 1-2	District 3-2A at Bolles	TBA
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Varsity Baseball		
March 15	at Suwannee	1:00
March 18	FLEMING ISLAND	6:00
March 21	YULEE*	6:00
March 25	Lemon Bay at Englewood	7:00
March 26	at Port Charlotte	7:00
March 27	Island Coast at Cape Coral	7:00
April 1	CENTRAL CARROLL	7:00
April 3	TERRY PARKER	6:00
April 4	at Paxon	6:00
April 8	ST. PIUS	7:00
April 10	at Yulee	6:00
April 11	at Hilliard	6:00
April 14	at Atlantic Coast	6:30
April 16	BATTERY CREEK, S.C.	6:00
April 21-24	DISTRICT 4-4A	TBA
* District 4-4A games		
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Softball		
April 1	at Yulee	7:00
April 3	WEST NASSAU	6:00
April 7	at Ed White	6:00
April 8	HILLIARD	6:00
April 10	EPISCOPAL	5:30
April 14-17	District 4-4A at West Nassau	
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Junior Varsity Softball		
March 18	at West Nassau	5:00
March 25	BAKER COUNTY	5:00
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Varsity Baseball		
March 17	at Pedro Menendez	6:30
March 18	DUVAL CHARTER	6:00
March 21	at Fernandina Beach*	6:00
March 26	ST. JOSEPH	6:00
March 28	at Suwannee	6:00
March 31	CARROLLTON, Ga.	6:00
April 1	HILLIARD	6:00
April 4	at West Nassau*	6:00
April 10	FERNANDINA BEACH*	6:00
April 11	BALDWIN	6:00
April 15	SUWANNEE	7:00
April 17	ST. JOSEPH	6:00
April 18	FIRST COAST	6:00
* District		
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Softball		
March 15	at Bolles	10am
March 15	Madison at Bolles	2:00
March 18	at West Nassau	7:00
March 21-2	Daytona Beach Slam	7:00
March 25	BAKER COUNTY	7:00
April 1	FERNANDINA BEACH	7:00
April 3	at Ribault	6:00
April 8	EPISCOPAL	6:00
April 14-18	District at West Nassau	
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Junior Varsity Baseball		
March 14	YULEE	6:00
March 17	EPISCOPAL	6:00
March 19	at Fleming Island	4:30
March 21	at Bishop Kenny	6:00
March 24	at Yulee	5:00
March 25	at Baker County	6:30
March 31	CAMDEN COUNTY, Ga.	5:30
April 2	FLEMING ISLAND	6:00
April 7-11	at Episcopal touney	
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Junior Varsity Baseball		
March 14	at Fernandina Beach	6:00
March 17	at Pedro Menendez	4:00
March 18	at West Nassau	6:00
March 20	at Bishop Kenny	6:00
March 24	FERNANDINA BEACH	5:00
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Weightlifting		
March 19	County at West Nassau	
March 24	Subsectional at West Nassau	
March 28	at Baker County	
April 12	Sectional at Baker County	
NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOLS		
Flag Football		
April 8	FBHS vs. Hilliard at Yulee	5:00
	West Nassau-Yulee	6:00
April 15	WNHS-FBHS at Hilliard	5:00
	Hilliard-Yulee	6:00
April 22	Hilliard-WNHS at FBHS	5:00
	FBHS-Yulee	6:00

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High / Low
Friday	Mostly Sunny	61 / 51
Saturday	Mostly Sunny	73 / 59
Sunday	Few Showers	71 / 58
Monday	Few Showers	70 / 55
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny	64 / 51
Wednesday	Mostly Sunny	69 / 48
Thursday	Mostly Sunny	71 / 52

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

What world city is the easiest to forecast weather for?

Answer: Quito, Ecuador, with a year-round mean temperature of 55 degrees.

Weather History

March 14, 1987 - A powerful storm in the western U.S. produced 15 inches of snow in the Lake Tahoe Basin of Nevada, and wind gusts to 50 mph at Las Vegas, Nev. Thunderstorms in the Sacramento Valley of California spawned a tornado which hit a turkey farm near Corning.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	11:11-1:11	10:41-12:41	Tue	12:56-2:56	1:26-3:26
Sat	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00	Wed	1:44-3:44	2:14-4:14
Sun	11:56-1:56	11:26-1:26	Thu	2:34-4:34	3:04-5:04
Mon	12:10-2:10	12:40-2:40			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Full 3/16	Fri 7:35 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	5:59 p.m.	6:11 a.m.	New 3/30
	Sat 7:34 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	6:53 p.m.	6:45 a.m.	
	Sun 7:33 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	7:47 p.m.	7:19 a.m.	
	Mon 7:32 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	8:43 p.m.	7:54 a.m.	
Last 3/23	Tue 7:30 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	9:40 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	First 4/7
	Wed 7:29 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	10:39 p.m.	9:09 a.m.	
	Thu 7:28 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	11:38 p.m.	9:51 a.m.	

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
					Date	Degree Days
3/4	66	46	68/50	0.00"	3/4	6
3/5	52	43	69/50	0.00"	3/5	0
3/6	54	45	69/50	0.00"	3/6	0
3/7	50	43	69/51	0.00"	3/7	0
3/8	63	37	69/51	0.00"	3/8	0
3/9	73	45	69/51	0.00"	3/9	9
3/10	72	54	70/51	0.00"	3/10	13

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance			
Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low	Day	High
Fri	8:09 am	1:44 am	Fri	7:33 am	1:41 am	Fri	7:55 pm
Sat	8:50 am	2:27 am	Sat	8:14 am	2:24 am	Sat	8:36 pm
Sun	9:30 am	3:08 am	Sun	8:54 am	3:05 am	Sun	9:15 pm
Mon	10:09 am	3:47 am	Mon	9:33 am	3:44 am	Mon	9:53 pm
Tue	10:47 am	4:25 am	Tue	10:11 am	4:22 am	Tue	10:31 pm
Wed	11:25 am	5:05 am	Wed	10:49 am	5:02 am	Wed	11:11 pm
Thu	12:06 pm	5:47 am	Thu	11:30 am	5:44 am	Thu	11:54 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Betelgeuse: Do Not Resuscitate

If any star were eligible for assisted living or a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) order, the bright red supergiant, Betelgeuse, Orion the Hunter's shoulder star (left side as we view him) should be standing first in line. Luminaries like Betelgeuse live fast and die young in comparison to slower-paced stars like our sun. Within a matter of millions of years, these massive stars rip through their hydrogen fuel supplies, creating huge reservoirs of helium in their innermost core, massive enough to compress and heat to temperatures of 180 million degrees F, where helium spontaneously begins to fuse into heavier carbon and oxygen. That's where astronomers think Betelgeuse sits right now. Everything about Betelgeuse is ginormous. It's a star that conservatively stretches outward twice the distance of Mars' orbit around the sun. This means that at the Earth-sun distance of 93 million miles, we would be found in the innermost four percent of the star. At its largest width, Betelgeuse may extend to Jupiter's orbit, putting Earth within its deepest one percent. Then there is this behemoth's energy output which depending upon what distance is chosen (495-640 light years) ranges from 65 to 105 thousand times the energy production of our sun. All of these factors point to a "lifestyle" that puts Betelgeuse on the verge of catastrophe, on the brink of becoming a supernova that would blast itself to the brightness of a nearly full moon, but emanate from a starlike point in the heavens. Supernova Betelgeuse would be easily seen in the daytime, cast sharp, distinctive shadows by night, and would be dangerous to view through telescopes and binoculars. As Ed Guinan, of Villanova (PA) University has put it, Betelgeuse is so close to self-destruction that it may have already happened and its light is screaming towards us, ready to be witnessed in the next few centuries, or maybe even tomorrow. www.astronomy.org



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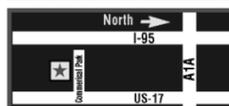
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'HEAVEN'S GATE, HELL'S FLAMES'



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The choir of Historic Macedonia A.M.E. Church, 202 South Ninth St., presents the skit "Heaven's Gate, Hell's Flames" Sunday. The artistic interpretation of the Bible's description of judgment in the afterlife featured various contemporary characters seeking their names written in "The Lamb's Book of Life." Deacon Bing Kegler, above left, rejoices after learning from an angel, Gladys Oliver, that his name appears. Elizabeth Derricotte, above right, renders a praise dance. Below left, the Alston Sisters, Maggie, Alma and Excer, sing, "Tick Tock: Do You Know What Time It Is?" Below right, The Saints, played by Thelma Smith, Brian Johnson and Bing Kegler, back row, with Catherine Campbell, Lena Gurley, Altamease Holmes and Hampy Ancrum, front row, sit inside Heaven's Gate.



St. Michael Academy Annual Spring Carnival

March 20-23 (Thursday to Sunday)

Carnival Session Times

Session 1:	Thursday	5:00pm - 10:00pm
Session 2:	Friday	5:00pm - 11:00pm
Session 3:	Saturday	12:00noon - 6:00pm
Session 4:	Saturday	5:00pm - 11:00pm
Session 5:	Sunday	12:00noon - 5:00pm

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When is the Wristband Pre-Order Sale?

Wednesday 3/19 from 3:30pm-7:00pm.

Where do I place the Order?

In person at St. Michael Academy - 228 North 4th St. in Fernandina Beach.

Can I place phone payments?

No, all orders must be placed in person on 3/19.

Can I purchase the ALL-SESSIONS Wristband at the Carnival?

No, only at SMA on March 19 during the designated times listed above.

Cash payments only. All Sales are Final.

*Unlimited RIDES do not include Attractions and Game booths. Cash is accepted for Attractions and Game booths.

For questions - call 904-432-7211 (9am-11am) or email sbraeger@smacad.org





Symphony tunes up for great new season

Jacksonville – A fantastic lineup of concerts has been announced by the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, in anticipation of the upcoming 2014-15 season.

A season of majestic masterpieces highlights the 2014-15 Florida Blue Masterworks Series in Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts. The music begins on opening weekend, Sept. 26 and 27, with Ravel's seductive "Bolero."

Program highlights also include an all-Mozart program featuring "A Little Night Music" and the Symphony No. 40. More Mozart continues with his final testament, the moving Requiem.

Beethoven's masterworks abound with the regal "Emperor" Concerto, the poetic "Pastoral" Symphony and epic Missa Solemnis. The 100th anniversary of the 6,215-pipe Casavant Frères Bryan Concert Organ in Jacoby Hall will be celebrated with Saint-Saëns' roaring "Organ Symphony." Tchaikovsky's passionate Symphony No. 5 and George Gershwin's jazz-age masterpiece, the Concerto in F, are also featured.

While the Jacksonville Symphony's music director continues to take shape, the exciting dimension of guest conductor variety is programmed into the new season as well. Emerging and established conducting talents including Alondra de la Parra, Julian Wachner, Case Scaglione, Tito Muñoz and Larry Rachleff will be showcased with the orchestra. Rising star guest artists will also take the spotlight, including pianists Gabriela Martínez and Andrew von Oeyen, violinists James Ehnes and Fumiaki Miura and cellist Johannes Moser. Michael Buttermann will also conduct a new concerto for mandolin, composed and performed by Jeff Midkiff, which is steadily gaining popularity throughout the nation.

The 2014-15 Fidelity National Financial Pops Series, expertly assembled by Principal Pops Conductor Michael Krajewski, is a season of music that everyone loves. The new Pops lineup is headlined by legendary song-

JSO Continued on 5B

Music a family affair for Brazilian band

MARK KAUFMAN
For the News-Leader

You can "Expect the Unexpected" when the warmth of Brazil gently envelops Amelia Island on March 31 with the guitars and vocals of the internationally-renowned Assad Family when they perform at the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival's first SpringFest concert.

Brazilian-born brothers Sérgio and Odair Assad have set the benchmark for all guitarists by creating new standards of innovation, technical ingenuity and expression. Their repertoire includes original compositions by Sérgio and his reworking of folk, jazz and Latin music. The Assad brothers will be joined by daughters Carolina

SpringFest kicks off

Tickets for this not-to-be-missed performance by masters of Brazilian guitar music can be purchased at www.aicmf.com or 261-1779. The 7:30 p.m. concert will be held on Monday, March 31 at Walker's Landing at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation. For complete information about SpringFest, visit www.AICMF.com.

and Clarice on vocals.

The Assad Family's exceptional artistry is grounded in rich Brazilian musical tradition and studies with renowned guitarist Monina Távora, a disciple of Andrés Segovia. In addition to performances that have raised the bar for every guitarist, the Assads are creating new music for acclaimed musical partners and symphony orchestras around the globe. The Assads also have estab-

lished an ongoing collaboration with acclaimed cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

In 2001, Nonesuch Records released Sérgio and Odair Assad Play Piazzolla, which won a Latin Grammy. Their seventh Nonesuch recording, released in fall of 2007, was nominated for Best Classical Album and Sérgio went on to win the Latin Grammy for his composition, Tahhiyya Li Oussilina. The Assads also were featured



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Brazilian-born brothers Sérgio and Odair Assad will be joined by daughters Carolina and Clarice on vocals at the first SpringFest concert March 31.

performers in James Newton Howard's soundtrack to the movie "Duplicity," starring Julia Roberts and Clive Owen

Their international career began with a major prize at

ASSAD Continued on 5B



Actor Sinda Nichols is Ann Landers in "The Lady With All the Answers," opening at Amelia Community Theatre on Thursday for four performances.

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'The Lady With All the Answers'

LINDA MCCLANE
For the News-Leader

Amelia Community Theatre presents "The Lady With All the Answers" in its Studio 209 Theatre at 8 p.m. on March 20-22 and at 2 p.m. on March 23. The play had its local premiere in January at a sold-out Friends of the Library fundraiser and now travels to ACT for four performances.

This one-woman play, written by David Rambo, is drawn from the life and letters of advice columnist Ann Landers, in cooperation with her daughter Margo

Howard. The play is set in Landers' Chicago apartment in 1975 as she wrestles with writing the most important column of her career.

The role of Ann Landers is performed by Sinda Nichols, with the show directed by Ron Kurtz and produced by Black Cake Productions.

In the show, Landers interacts directly with the audience and shares some of her most entertaining, controversial, and moving stories and letters in her unique and witty style. The show does contain adult subject

ACT Continued on 5B

BUBONIK FUNK AT DOG STAR

Funk-rock quartet Bubonik Funk will bring their contagious brand of music to the Dog Star Tavern, 10 N. Second St., downtown Fernandina Beach on Saturday.

Think of The Red Hot Chili Peppers, meets Jimi Hendrix with a dash of Sublime to get an idea of what the band sounds like.

Currently in the studio finishing up their latest record, these four childhood friends hailing from Charlotte, N.C., promise a passion-fueled and rambunctious show.

Visit bubonikfunk.com and find them on Facebook and Twitter. Call Dog Star at 277-8010.

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OFF & ON THE ISLAND

'ALICE IN WONDERLAND'

Tickets are on sale at Amelia Community Theatre for Alice in Wonderland, presented by the theater's Teen Troupe. Performances are at 7 p.m. tonight and March 15 and at 1 p.m. March 15 and 16 in Studio 209 at 209 Cedar St. All tickets are \$15 and include a pre-show Mad Hatters Tea Party one hour before the performance. For more information, visit ameliacommunitytheatre.org or call 261-6749.



KIDS' FUN DAY

The FBHS Interact Club will host its 14th annual Kids' Fun Day from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Central Park on March 15 for ages 3-7. Parents and

guardians are invited to bring their children for a day of fun in the park. There will be games, prizes, an art center, jumpy funhouses, a field play area, face painting and tattoos, and lots of fun. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



COLUMBUS SHIPS VISIT

The "Pinta" and the "Nina," replicas of Columbus' ships, will be docked at the Fernandina Beach marina for tours March 21-24. They will depart early March 25.

The ships tour as "sailing museums" to educate the public about the "caravel," a Portuguese ship Columbus and many early explorers used to dis-

cover the world. The public is invited to walk aboard on a self-guided tour. Admission is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$6 ages 5-16. Children 4 and under are free. The ships are open daily from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. No reservations necessary. For guided group tours of 15 or more at \$5 each call 1-787-672-2152 or email columfnd1492@gmail.com. Visit www.thenina.com.

ST. MICHAEL CARNIVAL

The St. Michael Academy Carnival will take place March 20-23 in Central Park on Atlantic Avenue in Fernandina Beach. Enjoy rides, food and fun Thursday and Friday from 5-10 p.m., Saturday noon-11 p.m. and Sunday noon to 10 p.m. Call 321-2102.



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OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

The city of Fernandina Beach presents the sixth annual Rib Cook-off on March 15 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Main Beach Park. More than 50 teams will compete for this year's belt. Enjoy \$10 "community plates" from the competing teams starting at noon. Plates include ribs from one of the teams, sides and tea. Local musicians will entertain, and the corn hole tournament begins at 1:30 p.m. for a fee of \$10 per team. Concessions will include arts, crafts and more. For information visit www.fbeachbbq.com or contact Jay at jrobertson@fbfl.org or 310-3361.

Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA is celebrating the 7th anniversary of its Thrift Store and Adoption Center at 709 S. Eighth St. and invites you to join in the festivities. Stop by March 15 for refreshments and for special sales throughout the week. A select group of merchandise will be discounted each day, but you need to shop daily to catch the bargains.

The Cats Angels Adoption Center cats also celebrating with special adoption rates to help find them forever homes. Cats Angels will also hold a book sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March 15. They provide the bag and you fill it for \$2. Visit www.catsangels.com.

VFW Post 4351 will host Artie's St Patrick's Day Party on March 16 at 2 p.m. Enjoy corned beef and cabbage for a \$10 donation and music by Eddie Carter. The VFW is located at 96086 Wade Place, under the Shave Bridge. Call 432-8791.

The Stay 'N Country Ranch Party Barn, 96125 Blackrock Road, Yulee, will hold a fundraiser on March 16 from 2-5 p.m. RSVP to Missy Freeman at staynconnectedinc@yahoo.com. Enjoy barbecue lunches at \$5 and event tickets (six for \$5) to attractions including a bounce house, wagon rides, face painting and a petting zoo.

All proceeds go towards operational expenses and the care of the animals used in the ranch's learning programs. Visit www.staynconnectedinc.org to learn more.

American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St., will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17 with a dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots for a \$10 donation. Meals will be served from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

RAIN Humane Society will host a Cheese and Un-Wine on March 19 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at its thrift store in the Harris Teeter Shopping Center on Amelia Island. Enjoy special bargains and complimentary cheese and wine. Rachel Rain will give 5-minute neck massages

with her own two paws. Proceeds go to the animals at the RAIN shelter. The thrift store also now offers Loyalty Cards. Receive one card punch for every \$5 spent. Receive a \$5 store credit after 10 punches.

The Men's Newcomers Club of Amelia Island will hold its next lunch-meeting on March 20 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club at 11:30 a.m. Michael J. Davidson, MD, will discuss the major and minor conditions that comprise the "Heat Illness Syndromes": heat cramps, dehydration, heat syncope, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. He will also review the basic physiology of body temperature regulation along with preventive measures and immediate treatment.

Tickets are \$15 in advance with reservations by Saturday, March 15, and \$17 at the door. For reservations, call Bob Wesche, 310-9055. All men, whether new or longtime Nassau County residents, are welcome to attend and join the club. Visit www.mensnewcomersclub.org.

The Amelia Island Museum of History's next 3rd on 3rd St. presentation on March 21 at 6 p.m. will feature author Rob Hicks with his newest book, *Amelia Island (Then and Now)*, contrasting images of iconic places in Fernandina's past with images from the present day. After seeing its golden age in the 1800s and early 1900s, Amelia Island slipped into a quiet slumber for most of the 20th century; nevertheless, the paper mills provided an important economic base that brought people and jobs to the area. Soon, people discovered the island's majestic beaches and growth followed. Resort developments arrived and the island became a vacation destination. Throughout these changes, residents worked to keep the small-town feel, natural surroundings and historic relevance intact.

This program is free for members and a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members. Seating is first-come, first-served. Contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or gray@ameliamuseum.org.

Nassau Boomers will host a "Twilight BYOB Cruise" with Amelia River Cruises on March 22, departing at 6 p.m. sharp for a two-hour cruise. Enjoy your favorite beverage and listen to local entertainers onboard. The Bald Eagle is a catamaran with open decks so everyone has an excellent view. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$28 plus tax. Mention Nassau Boomers when you buy your ticket. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Purchase tickets online at www.ameliarivercruises.com. Call 261-9972

for information. The ticket kiosk is located at 1 North Front St., Fernandina. RSVP to NassauBoomers@yahoo.com. Dinner will follow for anyone interested.

Nassau Boomers is a club for singles who are baby boomers to enjoy like-minded activities.

The sixth annual Nassau County Animal Expo hosted by Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA will be held March 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Atlantic Recreation Center in Fernandina Beach.

There will be over 30 animal groups and vendors with special performances by the Jumpin' Jax Flyball Club. Furry friends will be available for adoption. A Silent Auction sponsored by Trailer Park Collectibles has items for every budget. Pastry chef Noelle Almond and "Desserts by Noelle" will be featured at the Bake Sale. Meet Cats Angels' mascot Halo at the Kids Corner. Admission is free, but for every 5 pounds of dry cat/dog food donated a ticket will be given for door prizes. All spayed/neutered and well-behaved leashed pets are welcome. For more information, visit www.nassauanimal.com or call Cats Angels at 321-2267.

8 Flags Playscapes' fourth annual Heel-n-Wheel is set for March 29 to support construction of the Pirate Playground, Fernandina Beach's first community-accessible playground. This year, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida will match all funds raised by \$2 for each dollar raised. So, every \$1 equals \$3.

Register/check-in at the Main Beach Skate Park from 9-9:45 a.m. Each participating team should bring a decorated wheelchair or borrow a wheelchair provided at the event. Teams will join in a 2-mile walk from the Skate Park to Atlantic Recreation Center and back. While at the Rec Center, everyone can check out the progress on the playground. After the Heel-n-Wheel, the action will continue at Main Beach for the Slide Into Spring Music and Craft Beer Festival benefiting the playground. For information, to register a team or to make a donation, go to www.8flagsplayscapes.org.

Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library Book Sale will be held April 3-5 in the Peck Center gym, 516 South 10th St., offering some 20,000 books in dozens of categories, CDs, DVDs, audio and children's items, most priced from 50 cents to \$2. Proceeds support the Fernandina Beach library.

The preview party is April 3 from 5-7 p.m. for FOL members only. Non-members may join at the door. Public hours are April 4, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and April 5, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. For questions regarding donations contact Annie Sparkle at 310-9290.

Ride with the Sheriff on April 5 in the inaugural Motorcycle Ride to benefit Ark of Nassau. The escorted ride will begin and end at Ark, US 17 and Hamilton Street in Yulee.

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Kickstands up at 10:30 a.m. Donation is \$30 per driver/\$20 per passenger until March 20 and \$35 per driver/\$15 per passenger after. Lunch is included. Non-riders can enjoy lunch for a \$10 donation. Enjoy live music, food, prizes and a raffle to win a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Register through March 20 by calling Candy Holloway at Ark of Nassau, 225-9355 or emailcholloway@arkofnassau.org. Make checks payable to Ark of Nassau and mail to 86051 Hamilton St., Yulee, FL 32097.

THEATER

A joyous, moving and hilarious celebration of what they don't tell you, "Motherhood Out Loud" is at Fernandina Little Theatre, 1014 Beech St., directed by Sinda Nichols.

The play is a compilation of 18 scenes that speak to everyone who has ever had a child or had a parent. It features Chris Collinswood, Rebecca Hammond, Catherine Henry, Susan Joline, Thom Mason, Amy Petroy, Cynthia Reigler and Sue Weiner, all of whom play multiple parts.

Remaining performances are at 7:30 p.m. tonight and March 15. Purchase tickets in advance at The UPS Store next to Publix on Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach. Visit www.ameliatft.org.

MUSIC NOTES

JSO concerts

Jacksonville Symphony tickets are available by calling (904) 354-5547. All concerts are in Robert E. Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, unless otherwise noted. For information visit jaxsymphony.org, like them at [facebook.com/JaxSymphony](https://www.facebook.com/JaxSymphony) or follow them on Twitter @jaxsymphony.

Bluegrass jams

The Barn in Yulee, 850918 US 17, one block north of A1A at the corner of Pages Dairy Road, hosts Bluegrass Jams every second and fourth Monday of the month. The next jam is March 24 from 6:30-9 p.m. It's free. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 477-7268.

Beatlemania Again

The second in the Alhambra's new music concert series, *Alhambra After Dark*, March 20-23, "Beatlemania Again" relives the music, the magic and the mania of The Beatles live on the Alhambra's stage. "Beatlemania Again" chronologically traces The Beatles' career from their debut on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1964, to their psychedelic era and the release of the mind-blowing album, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," to their last-ever live concert on the rooftop of Apple records in 1969. Pricing starts at \$59 and includes dinner, show and parking. Call the box office at (904) 641-1212 or visit www.alhambrajax.com for tickets and information.

Music and brew fest

8 Flags Playscapes and the city of Fernandina Beach will host the Slide into Spring Music and Craft Brew Festival at Main Beach on March 29 to raise funds for the all-accessible playground. Enjoy music, craft brew tasting, food, cold refreshments, arts and crafts, fashion shows, a kids zone and more. Craft brew tasting will take place from noon-5 p.m. Live music will be performed all day long with Keller Williams closing the event from 7-9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. A limited number of V.I.P. tickets are available for \$50. Contact Jay Robertson at jrobertson@fbfl.org or 753-0001. Visit www.slideintospring.com.

Star-studded lineup

A star-studded week in Jacoby Symphony Hall begins with Preservation Hall Jazz Band March 25, followed by Jay Leno March 27. Then comes a blockbuster Jacksonville Symphony weekend with James Galway March 29 and Indigo Girls March 29. Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Jay Leno are presented by the Jacksonville Symphony Association, and are performed without orchestra. The James Galway and Indigo Girls performances feature the entire Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. For tickets and information, visit JaxSymphony.org or call (904) 354-5547.

Red carpet night

The GFWC Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach invites you to join them for Swinging on a Star: An Evening of Oscar Winning Songs presented by the Voices of Amelia Musical Playhouse on April 11 at the Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach, 201 Jean LaFitte Blvd. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres with wine starting at 7 p.m. and the performance at 8 p.m. Cocktail attire. Tickets are \$75 per person. Proceeds benefit the club's scholarships for high school girls and library funds for Nassau County schools. Contact Carolyn Guerrin at 261-8356 or cguerrin@bellsouth.net.

Big Band Bash

The Amelia Island Jazz Festival's third annual Big Band Bash is April 19 from 7-10 p.m. in the ballroom at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort.

Enjoy the Dynamic Les DeMerle 17-piece Orchestra, featuring vocalist Bonnie Eisele and special guests, in a salute to America's legendary big bands.

A Meet and Greet the Musicians cocktail party begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes a glass of champagne. The event also will auction an original piece of jazz art donated by Park West Gallery. Dress is semi-formal. Tickets are \$75 per person and proceeds benefit the festival scholarship program. Purchase tickets at www.ameliainslandjazzfestival.com, the UPS Store, 1417 Sadler Road, or at the AIFBY Chamber Of Commerce, Gateway to Amelia. Call (904) 504-4772 or email info@ameliainslandjazzfestival.com.

John Legend

The Florida Theatre, 128 East Forsyth St., downtown Jacksonville, presents John Legend in concert at 8 p.m. April 30. Tickets range from \$41 to \$71 and are available at the box office, by calling (904) 355-ARTS, or at any Ticketmaster outlet. Visit www.floridatheatre.com.

Community band

The Nassau Community Band is an ensemble of amateur musicians, retired and current music educators, even folks that have not played since high school or college. It welcomes all interested persons to join them for rehearsals at 6 p.m. Thursdays at

the Yulee Middle School band room, 85439 Miner Road. Email info@nassaucommunityband.com, call band President Chuck Belinski at 277-1257 or search "Nassau Community Band" on Facebook.

Music cruises

Amelia River Cruises' Adult "BYOB" Twilight Tours are held Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$29 per person at 1 North Front St., Fernandina Beach, or call 261-9972 or book online at www.ameliarivercruises.com.

The Courtyard

The Courtyard Pub & Eats, 316 Centre St., John Springer on the piano Thursday-Saturday from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Call 432-7086. Join them on Facebook at [courtyardpubanddeats](https://www.facebook.com/courtyardpubanddeats) for updated entertainment information including upcoming performances by 'The Usual Suspects' with Pam and Davis Turner and special entertainment for St. Patrick's Day.

David's

David's Restaurant and Lounge, 802 Ash St., presents Aaron Bing Friday and Saturday nights. Call 904-310-6049.

Florida House

Florida House Inn, 22 S. Third St., hosts "Open Mike Night" each Thursday from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the Mermaid Bar hosted by local musician Terry Smith. Musicians perform and the audience gets to hear new talent. Appropriate for the whole family. No cover charge. Call Smith at (904) 412-7665.

Green Turtle

The Green Turtle, 14 S. Third St., presents Vinyl Record Night every Tuesday from 7-11 p.m. Listen to LPs played on high-end turntables, talk about the medium and purchase albums. Disc jockeys JG World and Jim play an eclectic mix from their personal collection of thousands of records. Call 321-2324.

Hammerhead

Hammerhead Beach Bar, 2045 S. Fletcher Ave. Live music. Visit Hammerhead on Facebook. Contact Bill Childers at bill@thepalacesaloon.com.

Instant Groove

The Instant Groove, featuring Lawrence Holmes, Johnny Robinson, Scott Giddons and Sam Hamilton, plays each Thursday night at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Dress is casual. For information call Holmes at 556-6772.

Pablos

Pablos, 12 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach, hosts a jazz jam from 7-10 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Musicians may sit in for one song or the whole night. Join the mailing list by emailing beechflyer@bellsouth.net.

Palace Saloon

The Palace Saloon, 117 Centre St., presents live music. Call 491-8999 or email kellie@lickwidmarketing.com. Join them on Facebook or visit www.thepalacesaloon.com.

Salty Pelican

The Salty Pelican Bar & Grill, 12 N. Front St., live music Thursday through Sunday. Call 277-3811, or visit The Salty Pelican Bar and Grill on Facebook.

Sandy Bottoms

Sandy Bottoms at Main Beach, 2910 Atlantic Ave., the Macy's from 6-9 p.m. live inside Wednesdays; and line dancing classes with Kathy Ball inside from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays. Visit www.sandybottomsamelia.com.

Seabreeze

Seabreeze Sports Bar, in the Days Inn on Sadler Road, live music.

Sheffield's

Sheffield's at The Palace, 117 Centre St., presents late night dance mixes on Fridays with DJ Refresh and Saturdays with DJ 007, and Ladies Night with Gary Ross from 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays. Call 491-8999 or email kellie@lickwidmarketing.com. Join them on Facebook or visit www.thepalacesaloon.com.

Sliders

Sliders Seaside Grill, 1998 S. Fletcher Ave., live music in the tiki bar 6-10 p.m. nightly and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, reggae Wednesdays with Pili Pili; The Macy's in the lounge Friday and Saturdays 6-10 p.m.; shag dancing Sundays from 4-7 p.m.; music nightly 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in the Breakers Lounge. Call 277-6652. Visit www.slidersseaside.com. Join Sliders on Facebook and Twitter.

The Surf

The Surf Restaurant & Bar, 3199 S. Fletcher Ave., presents DJ Roc on the deck Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Richard Smith Fridays at 6 p.m. and the Honey Badgers Saturdays at 6 p.m. Call 261-5711 or email kellie@lickwidmarketing.com. Join them on Facebook or visit www.thesurfonline.com.

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31. Rehearsals are 1-2 per week until run-throughs begin mid-May, then three per week, including some Saturday afternoons. The first rehearsal is March 31. There will be no rehearsals April 17-20.

MUSEUM

One ticket, four pubs, a wealth of historical information about downtown Fernandina and a good time for all. Join the Amelia Island Museum of History Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. **to tour four of the town's most popular,**

notorious or otherwise historic pubs and bars. One ticket will get you one drink at each establishment and an earful of colorful tales about the places you visit as well as those you see along your way. It's a great way to see Fernandina and learn about its history. Tickets are \$25 per person (must be 21, must show ID); tour begins at the historic train depot in downtown Fernandina Beach. Reservations required. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105 or Thea@ameliamuseum.org.

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ALL GOD'S CREATURES



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Jacksonville Zoo educators visited Fernandina Beach Christian Academy last month to demonstrate that God's creatures need to be loved and respected. FBCA students had an entire week of Valentine's Day events that were connected to the learning experience at the school. To learn more about the school, located at First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach, contact Principal Frank Vacirca at frank.vacirca@fbcaknights.com.

RELIGION NOTES

Help needed

People often ask what is needed right now at the Salvation Army Hope House. This week, their two greatest needs are toilet paper and bath towels, as well as non-perishable food. Ideas include: 1) Breakfast cereals or bars, oatmeal, grits 2) Canned vegetables 3) Condensed and ready-to-eat soup 4) Canned meats and 5) Peanut butter and jelly. Please bring your gifts to 410 S. Ninth St., at the corner of Ninth and Date streets.

Tuesday worship

Join the Salvation Army Hope House each Tuesday at noon for the Weekly Worship Service. On March 18, they will continue their journey with the apostles through the book of Acts. Call 321-0435 or stop by the Hope House, 410 S. Ninth St.

Lenten Taizé service

The St. Michael Taizé ensemble invites you to attend a 40-minute musical service that includes simple chants sung repeatedly, a time of blessed silence and reflection, a scripture reading and prayers of praise and intercessions. Taizé prayer was started in World War II by the monastic community from Taizé, France and continues to this day. Take a little time to feel the power of His love in communal song and prayer at St. Michael's Taizé prayer service on March 19 at 7 p.m. in the church, located at North Fourth and Broome streets. All are welcome.

Wine & design

St. Peter's will host a Wine and Design Class on March 20 at 6 p.m. Artist Andrea Lasserre provides a rough sketch of the scene to be completed and directs you through the process. Bring your favorite wine, a

creative attitude and the fee of \$35 for an evening of fun. Easels, paint, brushes, canvases and instruction provided. Space is limited; to reserve contact Rich at 261-4293 or rsmith@stpetersparish.org.

Celtic service

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., invites the community to its Celtic Service held the fourth Sunday of each month. This is a peaceful, candlelit, music-filled experience with time for reflection and contemplation. The service begins at 6 p.m. and includes Celtic music, a thought-provoking reading, Holy Communion and time to collect your thoughts for the coming week. Consider attending on March 23. Contact the church office at 261-4293 or stpetersparish.org.

Blackrock celebration

Join Blackrock Baptist Church, 96362 Blackrock Road, Yulee, as it welcomes its new Pastor John Kasper and his family on March 23 at the 10:30 a.m. service. The event coincides with High Sunday School Attendance Day. Kasper has been a local resident for many years. He attended Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary and graduated in 1998. Call 261-6220.

Founder's Day

Nassauville's Prince AME Church will celebrate Founder's Day and its church anniversary at 4 p.m. March 23. The community is invited to worship with them for this historic occasion. The Rev. Godfrey Taylor, pastor. Bro. Charles L. Albert, Pro Tem.

Community meal

Springhill Baptist Church on Old Nassauville Road will host a community meal on March 27 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the church, 941017 Old

Nassauville Road. For information call 261-4741.

Shabbat service

The Jewish Community of Amelia Island will hold a Shabbat Service on Friday, March 28. For information regarding the time and location, contact Deborah Price at 310-6060 or email her at deb203@aol.com.

Bible school

Living Waters World Outreach Center announces the spring session of the Berean School of the Bible, for anyone wanting a more in-depth knowledge of Scripture. The spring session, "Living Relationally," focuses on the importance of a vertical relationship with God and a horizontal relationship with each other as was demonstrated in the lives of Paul, David and Abraham who were called friends of God.

The class will meet weekly for 10 weeks on Sundays from 6-7:30 p.m. beginning March 30 at Living Waters World Outreach Center, 96282 Brady Point Road, one mile west of the Shave Bridge on A1A. Call 321-2117 to register. The \$20 fee is for materials. A certificate will be given upon successful completion of the class.

Trail Life open house

Faith Christian Academy invites you to an open house for Trail Life USA Troop 555 on April 1 at 6:30 p.m. Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered outdoor character development adventure program open to boys and young men ages 5-17. Boys will love the fun and adventure. Parents will love the commitment to a Christian worldview and moral consistency. Join them on the campus of Faith Christian Academy, 96282 Brady Point Road, just west of the Shave Bridge. Call 321-2137 with questions or find them on Facebook - Trail Life Troop 555.

Church anniversary

Solid Rock Church of God by Faith, 86138 Palm Tree Drive, Yulee, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Church of God by Faith, Inc., on April 12 at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville at 6 p.m. The color scheme is black, white and silver. The H. Alvin Green Memorial Alumni Chorale will be in concert and church pioneers, living legends and trailblazers will be honored.

A table of eight is \$320; banquet ticket is \$40. Donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Church of God by Faith, Inc. and mail to 1107 Turtle Creek Drive North, Jacksonville, FL 32218. For information visit the Jacksonville District Facebook page and "like" Solid Rock, or contact Curtis McGriff at (904) 591-4982 or Jeannette White at (904) 703-7334.

Passover Seder

The Jewish Community of Amelia Island will hold a Passover Seder on Monday, April 14. For information as to cost and venue, contact Deborah Price at 310-6060 or email her at deb203@aol.com.

Dental help

The Northeast Florida Baptist Association will bring the Mobile Dental Unit to the Yulee office, 851035 US 17, for one week of free dental care for those without insurance.

Medical, financial screening and appointments for clients will be held April 15 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Patients must be 18 or older and must show up in person. Services include fillings and extractions but no cleaning, dentures or oral surgery.

Easter service

Fernandina Beach First Baptist Church's annual Easter Sunrise Celebration will once again be held at Peters Point, 1974 S. Fletcher Ave., on Sunday, April 20 at 6:45 a.m. Life Groups will begin at 9 a.m. followed by Easter worship service at 10:15 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 1600 S. Eighth St. Visitors welcome. I John 4:10 "This is real love - not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." Join First Baptist in a renewed celebration of Christ's love. For details see FBFirst.com.

Lifeline VBS

Lifeline Ministries, 1438 East Oak St., Fernandina Beach, will hold Vacation Bible School July 22-26 from 6:30-8 p.m. nightly. To learn more, contact director Amanda Reeder at 491-5401.

Help needed

The all-volunteer Yulee Interfaith Dinner Network needs the community's help to continue to provide hot, healthy meals to adults and children experiencing hunger in our community. Just \$25 provides enough meat to serve a hot meal to 50 people. To help, contact the network at info@chnassau.com, 556-2496, or send donations to The Coalition for the Homeless, P.O. Box 16123, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035. Please put YIDN in the memo line.

Elm Street COG

Elm Street Church of God, 502 South 11th St., Fernandina Beach, Pastor Bishop Jimmy Campbell, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m., Morning Worship at 11 a.m., Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and prayer Monday through Friday at noon. Call 261-7194.

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AROUND SCHOOL

CLASS NOTES

High school art

The 12th Annual Nassau County High School Art Exhibit is on view at the Lewis 'Red' Bean Center of the FSCJ Betty P. Cook Nassau Center through March 19.

Mary Dumbleton, a librarian at the FSCJ North Campus, who has a Bachelor of Fine Arts and is an accomplished artist, judged the work.

Awards included the Judges Award for Respective Class Medium and Special Recognition. The Betty P. Cook Nassau Center is located at 76346 William Burgess Blvd. in Yulee. For directions, call 548-4432.

SAC meeting

The School Advisory Council of Fernandina Beach High School will meet March 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the main office conference room. For questions and/or concerns, contact Spencer G. Lodree at 261-5713.

Circus camp

Bodyworks, Fizikly Fit Kidz and Starshine Hoops will present Spring Break Circus Camp from 9-11:45 a.m. March 24-28 at Bodyworks of Northeast Florida, 463646 SR 200, Suite 3 in Yulee. Boys and girls ages 5 to 10 can walk the tight rope, brave the aerials, become a strongman, tame a wild animal or two or juggle hoops of fire. A \$25 registration fee reserves your spot. For information call (904) 403-0415.

Data Busters

The Northeast Florida Community Action Agency (NFCAA) 2014 Data Buster's summer youth program has started the application process for enrollment into its six weeks computer and job training skills program for ages 14-16.

Enrollment applications must be completed and returned by March 31 to the local NFCAA office, located at 1303 Jasmine St., Ste. 100, Fernandina Beach.

This is the 29th year that NFCAA has hosted the summer youth program in the seven counties it serves. During the six weeks the students will have the opportunity to set goals that will frame their paths to future success. This program will run June 6 through July 25.

For more information contact the NFCAA Nassau office at 261-0801. Contact the main office at (904) 398-7472.

Trail Life open house

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Whale of a Sale

Nassau County 4-H will host their fourth annual Whale of a Sale from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. April 4 and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. April 5 at the Callahan Masonic Lodge, 45085 Frank Brookins Drive in Callahan. There will be numerous vendors on site including new and gently used treasures, homemade goodies and on Friday night, spaghetti dinners from 5-7 p.m. .

Contact the Nassau County Extension office to rent a table or for information at 879-1019.

Reunions

A reunion for students attending Yulee High School reunion from 1941 to 1965 will be held on April 26 in the home of Richard Wilson in north Jacksonville. Social hour begins at 4 p.m. with entertainment by John Springer. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Ticket cost is \$15 per person. Tickets are available at Southeastern Bank in Yulee or by mail from Dalia Talbird, 86630 Pages Dairy Road, Yulee, FL 32097. For more information call 225-5718.

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The Fernandina Beach High School Class of 1979 will hold its 35th reunion June 27-29, 2014, with the theme: Pirates Midsummer Dream. Cost is \$25 per person and \$40 per couple. Additional details will soon be available. Send

check or money order to Class of 1979 35th year Reunion, P.O. Box 16234, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

Summer camp

For information about summer camp at Fernandina Beach Christian Academy, contact Shannon Hogue or Frank Vacirca at 491-5664. Spots for FBCA camps are filling fast.

UNF camps

The UNF Department of Campus Recreation will offer Youth Sports and Fitness Camp and EcoCamp this summer. Registration is open at www.unf.edu/recreation/camps/. Or call (904) 620-2998, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., UNF Student Wellness Complex, Building 61.

UNF Youth Sports and Fitness Camp runs 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. June 9-Aug. 8 for ages 5-14. Each day offers something different, including flag football, stickball, tennis, track, soccer, arts and crafts, plus field trips every week. Cost is \$185 per week per camper for the general public or \$120 per week for UNF students, \$140 per week for UNF USPS employees and \$150 per week for UNF A&P employees. A 10 percent discount is available for multiple children and active military (ID required).

EcoCamp is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 9-Aug. 1 for ages 6-14. Cost is \$200 per week for the general public and \$185 a week for UNF faculty, staff, students, active military and multiple children. Optional before and after care is \$50 per week. Parents can drop off campers at 7:30 a.m. and can pick them up by 6 p.m.

For information visit www.unf.edu/recreation/camps/ or call the UNF Department of Campus Recreation at (904) 620-2998.

FSCJ aviation students

The EAA Chapter at Fernandina Beach (KFHB) is offering use of a precision flight control Cat III BATD at a reduced price (\$15 hour) to maintain proficiency/practice without having to drive to Cecil. CFII available. Contact Jim at (904) 335-7372.

Young writers

The Nassau Youth Writers Program meets the third Tuesday of each month at Books Plus, 107 Centre St., Fernandina Beach. For more information contact nassau-youthwriters@gmail.com.

Hosts sought

International Fellowship Inc. is seeking families to host high school exchange students and local representatives to secure host families for high school exchange students. To learn more, visit www.internationalfellowship.org or email infelwes@gmail.com. Call the 24-hour toll-free line at 1-800-647-8839.

Clothes Closet

Nassau County Families in Transition operates the F.I.T. Clothes Closet at 86207 Felmor Road, to help students in need with clothing and other items. Donations of gently used and new clothing and any financial contributions are appreciated. Contact the Nassau County School District Homeless Liaison Angie McCellan at 277-9021 for additional information.

Troop 89

Boy Scout Troop 89 meets each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m., at the Adam Kelley Scout Hut, South 13th Street. Troop 89, sponsored by Fernandina Beach Rotary Club for 75 years has a strong record of helping mold boys through team work and other life-skill areas. Contact Scoutmaster Dan Matricia at 277-9611 or come to the Scout Hut during meeting times.

Resource guide

The Nassau Alcohol Crime and Drug Abatement Coalition (NACDAC) offers a free Resource Guide for substance abuse and mental health for Nassau and surrounding counties. The guide provides information on local agencies and providers, contact information, types of services and payment types accepted. The guides are available at area health care providers, schools, law enforcement sites and the NACDAC office, 516 South 10th St., Suite 21.

For information visit www.nacdac.org or call 277-3699.

SCHOOL PICTURES



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

'On Your Plate'

Students at Fernandina Beach Christian Academy are participating in the Nassau County 4H On Your Plate program. An ongoing goal for all grades and staff is to eat healthier and learn about the importance of food and nutrition. The program runs for eight weeks in two sections for a total of 16 weeks in the school year. The program also incorporates games and physical activities. The whole student is taught mind, body and heart. Children who eat healthy foods and exercise are often more active and productive learners. FBCA partners with the community to develop strong Christian students. The school is grateful to the 4H program, which also assists the school with its on-site garden at the First Baptist Church.



Dental lesson

To celebrate National Dental Health Month in February, dental hygienist Summer Stevenson gave a presentation about dental care at Tree House Academy for its two, three, four, and VPK classes. Teacher Jasmine de la Cruz and a group of two-year-olds enjoyed learning how to take care of their teeth and mouth, left. Summer read The Grosser, More Disgusting, but Still Totally Cool Mouth Book, by Theodore Croll, D.D.S. She talked about best practices and held a question and answer session with each age group. Each child received a new toothbrush, toothpaste, anti-cavity fluoride rinse and dental floss.

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Emma Love student wins essay contest

The fifth grade countywide essay contest winner for the 2013-14 school year is Thomas Reed at Emma Love Hardee Elementary School.

The contest is sponsored by the Nassau County Retired Educators Association annually and each essay is to be about a grandparent or grandparent figure in the child's life. Thomas' essay was titled, "Grandparents, You've Got to Love Them!"

The panel of judges, who are all retired teachers, selected Thomas as the winner. Thomas was awarded his prize on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The next round of competition will be in March and will include entries from several Northeast Florida counties. The winning essay at the level will be forwarded to the statewide competition in April.

The Nassau County Retired Educators Association was established in 1984 with the



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Thomas Reed of Emma Love Hardee Elementary, winner of the fifth grade countywide essay contest sponsored by the Nassau County Retired Educators Association, is pictured with his sisters Ashley and Amanda, father Troy Reed and grandparents Gerald and Gail Carter.

goal of promoting the well-being of retired educators; encouraging community service; and supporting public edu-

cation. The group meets regularly and serves all Nassau County including Bryceville, Callahan,

Hilliard, Yulee and Fernandina Beach. To learn more, visit nassaufrea.org and www.frea.org

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writer and entertainer Paul Williams, creator of hits for The Carpenters, Barbra Streisand and even Kermit. The series also features the music of Simon & Garfunkel, A "Salute to America" featuring the United States Naval Academy Glee Club, Holiday Pops, music of the "Mad Men" era led by New York Pops Music Director Steven Reineke, romantic hits of Broadway and Hollywood on Valentine's Weekend, a tribute to the late Marvin Hamlisch, and "Classic Soul" featuring chart-toppers from Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder and more.

High-profile special events in the new season are sure to draw thousands of new and returning concertgoers, including an opera-in-concert production of Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess." The holiday season brings America's romantic piano sensation Jim Brickman, a "Classical Holiday" led by Michael Butterman, as well as Handel's "Messiah," "First Coast Nutcracker" and "Holiday Pops." Other star-studded events include the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with violinist and conductor Pinchas Zukerman, and events without orchestra featuring The King's Singers and Garrison Keillor.

Jacksonville Symphony season ticket subscribers have the opportunity to purchase tickets to special events before they go on sale to the general public. For those who prefer daytime events, the Mayo Clinic Coffee Series offers the best of Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra popular and classical variety. Highlights such as Ravel's "Bolero" and Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony, as well as the music of Simon & Garfunkel and the Marvin Hamlisch tribute.

Season tickets are now available by calling the Jacksonville Symphony box office at 904.354.5547. For information, log on to jaxsymphony.org, like them on Facebook at facebook.com/jaxsymphony or follow them on Twitter @jaxsymphony.

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the 1979 Young Artists Competition in Bratislava. Odair is based in Brussels where he teaches at Ecole Supérieure des Arts. Sérgio resides in San Francisco, where he is on the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory.

The AICMF's "Expect the Unexpected" theme will continue in May with 13 star-studded performances, including members of the Guarneri String Quartet, cellist Zuill Bailey, folk ensemble Canary in the Coal Mine and the Brooklyn Rider String Quartet, a group of classically trained musicians that the *Los Angeles Times* called "one of the wonders of contemporary music."

ACT *Continued from 1B*

matter and is not recommended for those under 14.

Actor Sinda Nichols says, "Almost everyone has a story or memory about a certain column they remember. When I first read the play, I was captured not only by the humor in the story, but also by Landers' bravery and conviction to bring up difficult topics."

For the past three years, Nichols has been performing the role of Emily Dickinson in "The Belle of Amherst" as a touring production. She plans to take "The Lady With All the Answers" on the road too, and is pleased to start in Fernandina Beach.

When asked if Ann Landers and Emily Dickinson had any similarities, Nichols says, "They each had an enormous inner fire and passion for life, and a love of language and writing. However, Dickinson avoided the public eye while Landers thrived in the celebrity spotlight."

Tickets for "The Lady With All the Answers" are \$15, with open seating in ACT's Studio Theatre at 209 Cedar St. Purchase at ameliacommunitytheatre.org or call 261-6749 for tickets and information.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Cathy Schultz, owner Susan Nelson, Phyllis Helmes and Lindsay Baer at The Book Loft on Centre Street. Below, Nelson with her husband, Bill, who founded the store in the late 1980s, and author Pat Conroy around 2002.

Book Loft marks 25 years of 'building community'

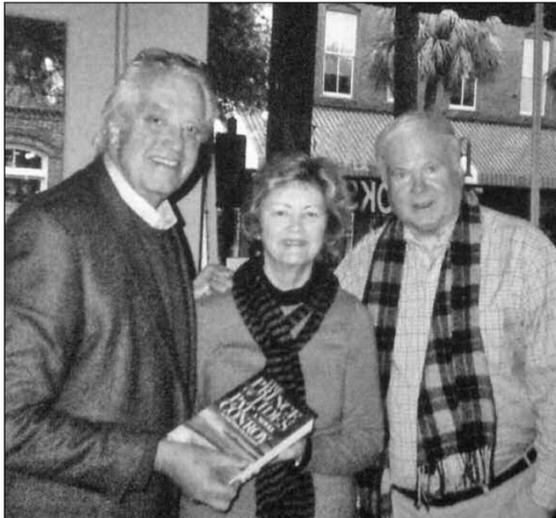
LINDSAY BAER
For the News-Leader

The Book Loft, Amelia Island's quaint old-fashioned bookstore on Centre Street, will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Monday. The store is the legacy of original owner Bill Nelson, a business executive and book lover who moved to Amelia Island and purchased the building in the late 1980's.

Bill put his heart into renovating what was once a ceramic store, transforming the skeleton of a space into a bookstore with warmth and charm, while honoring the historical architecture of the building.

After Bill's passing in 2011, his wife Sue took over the business. Sue's background was as a financial planner with Morgan Stanley. She has always been an avid reader and has a huge heart for the Amelia Island community. She served as president of Communities In Schools for two years and strongly believes in the greatness of small-town connectivity.

Although much about the store has remained the same over the years, Sue's influence has brought some changes. The Book Loft now offers children's story hour, Junior Naturalist programs, knitting groups, well-known author events and also a gallery for William Maurer's art and Steve Leimberg's photographs. "We want our store to be a place where customers will feel a sense of community, where they can connect with like minded people, and of course have access to great literature!"



Sue attributes the success of her business to her staff and customer base. "Our staff has a deep knowledge of literature, and each of them brings a different talent and commitment to the team," Sue says. Cathy Schultz has worked at The Book Loft for over 11 years. She can graciously answer almost any question about literature, classic and current, and she has a sweetness and wit that is worth stopping by to experience for yourself.

Wesley Berninger has been with the store for over 18 years and is responsible for the amazing history collection the store offers. Phyllis Helmes is a dear friend of Sue's and wears many hats at the store. Dan Rainwater and Elizabeth McKibben-Nee are the newest additions to the staff and they both bring with them a wealth of knowledge

and experience.

"We are thankful to be able to say that we are going strong after 25 years in business. We want the community to know how deeply we appreciate their support over the years. We love having the opportunity to serve the residents of Amelia Island and we hope to continue to do so for many years to come," owner Sue Nelson says.

"So many of our customers have touched our lives and I hope in turn we have created good memories for them in some way," says Cathy.

Stop by The Book Loft over the weekend to help celebrate. There will be goodies to enjoy, special discounts and, as always, great books!

Lindsay Baer coordinates the children's programs, arranges special events and author signings, and writes the monthly newsletter for The Book Loft.

ART WORKS

Art grants

Individual artists may apply for funding through the Art Ventures fund of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida at www.jaxcf.org/apply (click on The Arts). Eligibility and guidelines are also available on the website. The deadline for all applications is June 5 at 5 p.m. After reviewing the application, prospective grantees may attend an optional learning session. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. A link is www.jaxcf.org/apply. Learning session dates are: April 1, 4 p.m., The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida Riverfront Conference Room, 245 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville; April 2, 3 p.m., Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts, 283 College Drive, Orange Park; April 3, 11 a.m. at Flagler College, Markland Hall, 103 King St., St. Augustine; and April 15, 7 p.m., Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach (no registration required, but please contact the gallery at 261-7020 for details).

Visual and performing artists based in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau or St. Johns counties are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$3,500 to help advance their work. For more information contact Amy Crane, program director, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, at (904) 356-4483 or ACrane@jaxcf.org.

Art classes

Artist Bill Maurer holds sketch classes every Thursday at 10 a.m. Meet at Amelia Island Coffee Shop, then have fun sketching

around town. Fee is \$40. Call 261-8276 for information.

Maurer holds watercolor classes Fridays from 1:30-4 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Room 201. Cost is \$210 for six sessions or a \$40 drop-in fee. All levels welcome. Learn to paint in watercolors with Maurer, author of *Sketches of Amelia Island* and Fernandina Beach. Call 261-8276. Visit www.maurerfineart.com.

Artist of the month

Linda E. Green is the featured artist of the month of March at the Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St. Her work for this exhibit is entitled, "Color in Context." Green works in the medium of soft pastel. Her paintings feature scenes of local marshes, the New Jersey countryside and New Orleans. She joined the IAA when she moved to the island in 2012 and is a member of the Thursday Painters. She also exhibits with Carol Winner at gallery c.

Free kids' classes

The Island Art Association Education Center, 18 N. Second St., offers free art classes for children. Upcoming classes include:

- March 17, Preschool Art for ages 3-5, with an adult, 10-11 a.m., led by Diane Hamburg
- March 17, Afternoon Art for ages 6-12, 1-3 p.m., led by Anne Howden
- March 29, Children's Art, for ages 6-9, 10-11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m., led by Anne Howden
- Middle School Art, for ages 10-13, 1-2:15 p.m., led by Anne Howden
- March 31, Afternoon Art, for ages 6-12, 3:30-5:30 p.m., led by Anne Howden

Classes are free with all art materials furnished. Student must be pre-registered. Call the Island Art Association Gallery at 261-7020.

Painting workshops

The Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St., will host Tony van Hasselt in a plein air watercolor workshop March 21-25. Choose a three- or five-day option. Tuition is \$425 for three days or \$595 for five. Call 1-800-248-6449 or email questions@tonyvanhasselt.com.

Impressionist painter Elio Camacho will hold a workshop April 3-5 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. titled Color Intensive Still Life Oil Painting. Fee is \$345. The goal is to give students the foundation to express themselves. A minimum of eight students is required. All levels welcome. Email elio.workshops@gmail.com or call (510) 681-5640 and leave a message.

Contact the Island Art Association at www.islandart.org or call 261-7020.

Artists Books

A Longstitch Artist Sketchbooks with Painted Covers workshop will be held on April 12 at the Island Arts Education Center, 18 N. Second St., from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Make a multi-signature journal with your own painting on the cover: and something new: a recycled box cover as well. The binding is exposed stitch binding, also known as longstitch, with its decorative pattern on the spine: the variations are endless. Needles, bookbinding thread of a variety of colors, beads, cutting tools, paper and paint are part of the fee of \$75. For information, contact Eliza Holliday at eliza@letterist.com or 556-2517.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elections Supervisor

Vicki P. Cannon, Nassau County Supervisor of Elections, announces a \$1,200 scholarship through the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE). Deadline is March 17.

Applications and details are available at 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 3, Yulee, and at www.votenassau.com. Cannon will forward one finalist to the FSASE. The committee will select three winners from finalists throughout the state. Contact the office at 491-7500, 1-866-260-4301 or TDD 904-491-7510 or visit www.votenassau.com.

Essay contest

The Democratic Club of Amelia Island announces the "We Can Make a Difference!" Essay Contest for juniors and seniors at Fernandina Beach and Yulee high schools. Deadline for submissions is March 21. Two winners will be awarded \$500 for higher education. Contact your school's guidance office for information about topics, guidelines and the application form.

Woman's Club

Fernandina Beach Woman's Club is currently raising money to support their scholarship fund. Scholarships are presented to senior women at Fernandina Beach High School and Yulee High School during the May meeting.

Eligible FBHS and YHS senior girls may pick up an application in the high school guidance office. Deadline for applications is March 27.

ABWA

The Eight Flags Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is offering a scholarship worth \$2,000, funded through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund, to a female student who will be attending an accredited U.S. college, university or community/vocational school. Local applicants must be U.S. citizens; residents of Nassau County; attending college in August and currently have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Applicants should contact Dawn Lunt at dawn32034@att.net with their full name and email address.

Complete applications by March 31 at www.sbmfef.org. A minimum of three eligible applications are required for the scholarship to be awarded. The recipient will be notified in May. Visit www.abwa.org.

EAA scholarship

Considering or working toward a career in an aviation related field? Planning on obtaining a private pilot's license? Primary residence in Nassau County? Fernandina Beach Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 942, will award its fifth annual Hughes Harper Memorial Aviation Emphasis Scholarship in the spring to one or more Nassau residents with an interest in pursuing a career or goal in aviation. Applications are at all Nassau County high schools, FSCJ-Nassau, or contact Calista Bestor at 261-3692. Deadline is April 1.

Friends of aviation

Friends of Fernandina Aviation is awarding \$2,000 scholarships to Nassau County public high school seniors who wish to pursue a course of study or vocation in an aviation-related field. For information and applications visit foaviation.com, or your high school guidance office. For information, contact Jim McCannell at 261-5831. Applications must be submitted to your guidance office by end of the school day April 4.

Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Fernandina Beach is accepting applications for its Floyd-Lyon Memorial Scholarship. Any senior attending either Fernandina Beach High or Yulee High who has at least a 2.5 GPA and is looking to further their education by acquiring an associate's degree or a vocational/technical certificate may apply. The total scholarship award is for \$3,000, given in \$1,500 installments over two years. Application forms and infor-

mation are available at your school's guidance office. Applications must be submitted through the guidance office by the end of the school day April 7.

Pirates Club

The Fernandina Pirates Club, Inc. holds a scholarship essay contest for all Nassau County high school seniors. In addition to a college award, the Pirates offer an award for a student entering military service.

Submit an essay by April 14 of at least 750 words on the subject of pirates or pirating: past, present or future, with proper citations and references. Students may attend school at home, in a public or private school, or in another county, but must be a full-time resident of Nassau County.

The college award is a check for \$500 to \$1,500 payable to their school upon acceptance, for tuition and/or books. The military service awardee will receive a check for \$500 upon completion of basic training.

The winner(s) must join the Pirates May 4 at the Shrimp Festival for a formal announcement, photos and awards. Visit www.FernandinaPirates.com.

NCCDC

Applications for the Nassau County Community Development Corporation (NCCDC) Elmo Myers Memorial Scholarship, William H. Peck Memorial Scholarship and the Rychard-Lottie-Annie Cook-Scholarship are now available at Fernandina Beach High School. The Cook Scholarship is also available at Yulee High School.

Applications for the NCCDC General Scholarship are available at Hilliard, West Nassau and Yulee High schools.

Applications are due by April 18. For information contact your guidance office or call 261-4396 or 261-4113.

NSFA

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association will award the "Johnny Thirsk Memorial Scholarship" to a graduating senior attending a Nassau County high school. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding senior. This is a renewable, paid for two consecutive years for a total of \$2,000. Applications must be postmarked by April 20. The certificate will be presented at the recipients' Senior Awards Program. They and their family will also be invited to a Nassau Sport Fishing Association monthly social meeting as guests. For details and applications visit <http://nsfafish.net/Default.aspx?pageId=1774468>. For information contact Shawn Arnold, 2014 NSFA Scholarship Committee, at 556-5531 or ashawnarnold@hotmail.com.

DAR awards

The Amelia Island Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution annual scholarship program is open to Nassau County graduating seniors. One outstanding student from each of the four Nassau County high schools will receive a check for \$1,000 to help with their post-high school educational expenses. Applications and instructions are available at the guidance counselor's office. Deadline for submission to the guidance office is noon April 1. An awards ceremony will be held April 26. For information, contact the Amelia Island DAR Scholarship Chairman at 261-9455.

Music scholarship

Dave Turner Plumbing is accepting applications for the 2014 Dylan McCormick Memorial Music Scholarship. The scholarship is given in memory of Dylan McCormick, who accidentally drowned in March 2012. His love of the guitar inspired his parents, Phillip and Valerie McCormick, and extended family to offer this annual \$500 scholarship.

The scholarship is offered to Yulee High School seniors currently in music. Applications are available from the YHS music department. For information contact Andrea Turner of Dave Turner Plumbing at 277-3942. Applications may be mailed to Dave Turner Plumbing, 474390 State Road 200, Fernandina Beach, FL 32041. Deadline is April 30.

HOMES

FARMERS MARKETS

The Amelia Farmers Market is proud to introduce its newest vendor, Goodness Snow's Artisanal Truffles and Chocolate. Wendy fell in love with chocolate at a young age. While watching "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," she was inspired by the artistic nature chocolate could be given and fell in love with the art of creating something beautiful and also delicious.

Wendy and her husband, Ted, have set themselves apart by using only the finest ingredients. They start with the freshest Belgian cocoa beans, then enhance their chocolate with cocoa butter.

Clean Ridge Soap's signature bar soaps are made with honey and plants from local farms, olive, jojoba, palm and coconut oils, beeswax and rosemary oil. A best-seller is the Moisture Soap, blended with 11 oils and butters. Clean Ridge also offers liquid soaps, lip balms, lotions and shampoos. The popular Simple Shampoo is lightly scented with lemon verbena.

Pastries by Andrea is at the market every Saturday with a gourmet line of healthy baked goods made with organic ingredients and several items for gluten-free shoppers. The freshest coffee is found at Flagship coffees, a micro-batch roaster of 100 percent organic Arabica coffee beans sourced from Direct Trade or Certified Fair-Trade farms.

Every Saturday Simply Savory Olive Oils has its award-winning extra-virgin olive oil from an olive estate in the Southern Peloponnese outside of Sparta, Greece. Enjoy samples of the Original Extra Virgin, Garlic, Blood Orange, Lemon, Black Truffle and Greek seasoning-infused olive oils, which are bottled before your eyes. All About U.S. features wild Alaskan sockeye salmon from Bristol Bay. Cold Smoked Nova salmon, Trappers Cabin Hot Smoked salmon and Alaska Weathervane Scallops also are available. Pick up a recipe booklet, too.

Jon of Meteor Street Produce sources his produce from a variety of small farms and his own garden, which is a certified nursery where he grows organic vegetables and herbs for market. He also has organic dry goods and several types of tea and herbal tea.

Sign up for the E-Mail Newsletter at www.ameliafarmersmarket.com. The Amelia Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9

a.m.-1 p.m. at the Shops of the Omni Amelia Island Plantation. No pets, please. Call 491-4872 or visit www.ameliafarmersmarket.com.

Amelia Island's popular farmers' market, The Fernandina Beach Market Place, is open every Saturday on North Seventh Street from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. with over 30 true farmers' market exhibitors and vendors.

Find the seasonal produce, plants, baked pastries and jams you'd expect to see in an open-air farmers' market, but the Market Place also has some unique vendors, too. A Natural Wave Soap has homemade bath and body products featuring natural oils and fragrances. Stop by their booth and check out the March Madness 2-for-1 specials.

Amelia Pasta brings homemade linguini, spaghetti, orzo and more that are all natural, low-fat, low-carb and low-sodium. These vegan pastas are cholesterol free and contain no eggs or fillers. No sauce is required. Stop by and pick up one of their delicious free recipes.

Short and Sweet, home of the 50-calorie cupcake, now has gluten-free options like brownies and cupcakes; stop by their booth to learn more. If you haven't tried these tasty little treats, be sure to ask for a free sample.

ARS Cake Creations is always experimenting with new flavors. Their Mango Pineapple Habenero is currently a favorite; and the two new berry offerings are perfect for those comforting peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Returning to the market this week are Moore Pigs and their delicious pork products, and Magnolia Hills, specializing in herbs; she will be introducing her heirloom tomatoes.

March 15, the Fernandina Beach Market Place will feature a special treat with the Island Chamber Singers, who will promote their upcoming classical jazz concert on March 28 (7 p.m.) and March 30 (3 p.m.), featuring Dave Brubeck and George Shearing music in classical vocal style.

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market provides a family environment, where well-behaved pets are welcomed every Saturday of the year.

Visit FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com or call 557-8229 to learn more, including how to become a vendor or to feature your brick and mortar business for free.



SUBMITTED

Terry and Taryn Evans of Creative Garden Structures will return to the Amelia Island Garden Show, April 19 and 20 in Central Park, with their native plants, bird, bee and bat boxes, above, rain barrels, green roof sheds and more.

This vendor's for the birds (and bats and bees)

The Amelia Island Garden Show is pleased to announce that Terry and Taryn Evans of Creative Garden Structures will return to the 2014 show, set for April 19 and 20 in Central Park, downtown Fernandina Beach.

With a belief in sustainable garden practices, Creative Garden Structures will have products that reflect their philosophy including Florida native plants, bird, bee and bat boxes, rain barrels, green roof sheds and other small structures, arbors and small handmade garden accessories.

Creative Garden Structures recommends building a good backyard habitat for birds by starting with native plants they enjoy, like an American Beautyberry. Beautyberry is an easy and fast-growing native that can be large and rambling enough for an unused corner of your landscape, but prunes

well if you want to keep it in bounds. During part of the year it does lose its leaves, but the purple berries linger through the winter, which makes all kinds of fruit-loving songbirds happy.

Come celebrate Nature in full bloom on the third weekend in April when Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Event, the Amelia Island Garden Show, celebrates its fifth year at Central Park.

For two days, April 19 and 20, Mother Nature will show off her brightest colors in an array of botanical wonders from nurseries and growers showcasing flowers, ferns, fruit trees, palms, orchids, native plants, herbs, container gardens, succulents, bamboo, roses, butterfly-friendly plants, shrubs and more, complemented by garden accessories such as pottery, outdoor wall and fence décor, furniture

and more.

For both days, on-site experts will answer your questions about gardening and how to green your home, yard and garden. Stop for an encounter with the raptors presented by ARC, the bird of prey rehabilitation center. ARC is dedicated to raptor rehabilitation, education and research, and increasing awareness of Florida's raptors and the habitats in which they live. Enjoy gourmet foods and the Picnic Bench Dining Court, from fresh pastries and a coffee for breakfast to taking a break for lunch.

A two-day pass for Saturday and Sunday is \$5. Admission for Sunday only is \$4. Children under 12 are free and please, no pets. Visit www.ameliagarden.com. Call 491-4872 or visit www.ameliafarmersmarket.com to sign up for the email newsletter.

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HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

Beach walk

Join Walkin' Nassau on March 15 at 10 a.m. for a "South Island Beach Walk," along the beach on the south end of Amelia Island. Meet at Amelia Island State Park - the last left turn at the south end of the island before the bridge. There is a parking fee of \$3. For more information contact Jane Bailey at djnbai@mindspring.com or 261-9884.

Confederate garrison

Fort Clinch State Park will host a Confederate Garrison event on March 15 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and March 16 from 9 a.m.-noon. Interact with living historians to experience life in the fort as it was in 1861. The grounds will be bustling with soldiers in period costumes involved in firing demonstrations, marching drills, cooking and daily activities. Ladies in their dresses, sutlers displaying their wares and drummer boys bring every part of the civil war era to life. Fees include the \$6 per vehicle park entrance fee plus \$2 per person fort admission. Contact the park at 277-7274 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

Plant clinic

On March 17, County Extension Director/Horticulture Agent Becky Jordi will conduct a Plant Clinic at the Yulee Extension office,

from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Home-owners are encouraged to bring samples of problems in their landscape. Problems will be identified and solutions will be offered. There is no fee for this service. For information, visit <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/> or call the office at 879-1019.

Native plant society

Florida Native Plant Society, Ixia Chapter, will meet March 20, 6:30 p.m., at the Regency Square Library, 9900 Regency Square Blvd., Jacksonville. Ixia member and butterfly expert Bill Berthet will present, "Locating, observing, and photographing butterfly sites in Sichuan and Yunnan Provinces in China, including a visit to the 'first wonder of the world,' The Stone Forest and The Naigu Stone Forest S.E. of Kunming." The meeting is free and open to the public. Visit <http://ixia.fnps.org/> or call (904) 655-2550 for information.

Cooking class

Amelia Island Culinary Academy demonstration classes with Chef Bill Thompson continue March 22 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at 232 N. Second St. Enjoy a fun class with Thompson demonstrating cooking techniques. The menu will feature appetizers adobo pork sate, chimichurri, melon shooters, pancetta crisp, balsamic syrup and chili-lime peanuts. Tastings follow. Fee is \$35. For registration email info@ameliacooking.com.

Beekeeping workshop

The UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service will host a Beekeeping for Beginners workshop on March 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Extension office at 543350 US 1, Callahan. Hear presentations on bee biology, beekeeping equipment, getting started, managing your beehives, the how-to's of harvesting honey, regulations, inspections and Africanized bees, followed by a question and answer with the experts. Beekeeping vendors will raffle off equipment and offer supplies for purchase. Registration is \$15/person or \$20/couple to cover materials. Lunch is provided and sponsored by Farm Credit. Participants pay by cash or

check at the door and may want to bring extra cash for the raffle and to purchase equipment. Register by March 20 by calling (904) 879-1019.

Bird club

The Nassau County Bird Club will meet on March 22 at 8 a.m., rain or shine, for an outing at Egans Creek Greenway, located behind the Atlantic Recreation Center, 2500 Atlantic Ave., and across the street from Fort Clinch State Park.

The Greenway is on the Great Florida Birding Trail. It is a dynamic landscape featuring salt marsh, hardwood hammock, a reclaimed freshwater swamp and coastal hammock. Bring binoculars, field guide, bug juice, sunscreen, rain gear and water. For information call Carol Wyatt at 261-9272 or email carolinegw@aol.com.

River cleanup

The 2014 St Marys River Celebration will be held March 22 from 8 a.m.-noon, followed by a celebration at White Oak Plantation for volunteers. Tickets will be issued that volunteers can redeem for a T-shirt at the celebration.

Volunteers from four counties will scour the shorelines of the rivers, lakes and streams of the St Marys River system, removing thousands of pounds of trash from the waterway and its banks. For information or to register call Deane Woehrlé at (904) 845-2806 or Keep Nassau Beautiful at 261-0165.

Garden Social

Fernandina Mulch & Stone, on A1A just west of the Shave Bridge, will hold its 2014 Spring Garden Social on April 3 from 4-5:30 p.m. The free event will feature guest speaker Rebecca Jordi, extension director for Nassau County and a UF/IFAS (Institute of Food and Agriculture Science) faculty member. Jordi will discuss proper tree planting and how to best regenerate from winter and get ready for spring. Mike Brown and his Batch 501 team will provide mouth-watering bites and feature Batch 501's bloody Mary cocktail drink mix. Fernandina Mulch and Stone will also give away door prizes. Register online at www.fernandinamulch.com.

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FOUND CLASS RING - in parking lot. Please call 261-0628 to identify.

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

LOST HAND CARVED WALKING CANE - in vicinity of Amelia Park at Dr. Cu's office. Sticker on cane w/owner's name. If found, pls call 904-261-6609.

104 Personals

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EMPLOYMENT

201 Help Wanted

HIRING ALL POSITIONS - Full or part-time. Turner Ace Hardware (904) 261-5270.

OFFICE ASSISTANT/TYPIST - Amelia Island - Full time - Weekdays. \$10/hour. We are seeking a self motivated individual to join our staff. Position requires Excellent Typing Skills, Data Entry, and Customer Service. Candidate must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Previous office experience required. Benefits include Health/Life Insurance, 401k, Vacation. Email resume with typing speed, qualifications and references to NassauAsst@gmail.com

MARKET RESEARCH - Interviewing visitors - Amelia Island. No selling. PT Flex Hrs. Good Pay. FAX 813-223-2986 or survey@rds-survey.com

DENTAL HYGIENIST - A friendly local family dental practice is looking for an energetic part-time dental hygienist. Florida RDH required. Send resume to: ameliagentledentistry@comcast.net or Amelia Gentle Dentistry, 1699 S. 14th St. #21, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

201 Help Wanted

THE SURF RESTAURANT is now hiring for all positions including front of the house management & kitchen management. Accepting applications Mon-Fri, 11am-5pm. 3199 S. Fletcher Ave.

DAYS INN - seeking assistant housekeeper, laundry attendant, and room attendants. Please apply in person, 2707 Sadler Rd. No phone calls.

HIRING COUNTER SERVICE & DAYTIME COOK - for high volume restaurant. Please bring resume to Timoti's, 21 N. 3rd St. Interviews will be scheduled based on resume.

DENTAL HYGIENIST NEEDED - for Fernandina Beach general practice. Experience preferred. Digital X-Rays, Dentrix. Benefits, Vacation and 401k. Kitchen office. Please email resume to: friedmandmd@aol.com or fax to (904) 261-8181

LOCAL AGENCY HAS 2 POSITIONS AVAILABLE - Candidates must be at least 25 years of age and have a clean driving record. Apply in person at 941510 Old Nassauville Rd., FB 32034. Phone: 904-206-4120. (1) Residential Assistant: M-F, 4pm to Mid. (2) Program Coordinator: M-F Hours vary. Must have supervisory experience and have worked in the Human Services field.

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201 Help Wanted

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