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3 held in robbery; 1 shot



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ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

Three South Carolina residents were arrested, one of them shot by deputies, following the armed robbery Wednesday night of a Hedges convenience store, according to the Nassau County Sheriff's Office. The three suspects were appre-

hended as they fled a stolen pickup truck into the woods on US 17 at the Florida/Georgia border following the robbery of a Kangaroo store at US 17 and Harts Road at gunpoint about 11:10 p.m. Wednesday, Undersheriff George Lueders said Thursday. Sgt. Jeff Stull began pursuing the white dual-styled Ford pickup truck after the reported robbery. Stull first

saw the truck at A1A and US 17 in Yulee and attempted to stop the driver, but it continued north on US 17. Stull was joined by deputies Dallas Palecek and M. Hunter as the driver of the truck headed into a confined area, said Lueders. Palecek was working off-duty traf-

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\$2,100 pay raise for local teachers

KATHIE COLGROVE
Community Newspapers

Nassau County teachers will receive a \$2,100 pay increase across the salary schedule.

The Nassau Teachers Association ratified 2013-14 tentative agreements with 488 teachers voting in support. Twenty-seven teachers voted against ratification, according to NTA president Beverly Kurak.

"The majority of teachers, as evidenced by the vote, was positive," she said. "Every teacher in the district received a pay raise of \$2,100. It is important to note that the money was added to the existing salary schedule and not given as a bonus. The money will now be considered for retirement purposes because it is ongoing."

The Nassau County School Board voted unanimously to approve the instructional contract March 13. The contractual amount including salary and benefits is \$2,042,161, according to Sharyl Wood, executive director of administrative services.

The \$2,100 pay increase establishes a baseline on the salary schedule for ensuing fiscal years. Negotiations began Sept. 16.

"Normally, this amount would be paid as part of the teacher's salary in 24 equal installments throughout the year," Wood said. "The raise will be included in the teachers' paychecks in the future and a lump sum for the pay retroactive to the beginning of the school year will be paid separately."

She added that teachers would receive this additional \$2,100 on the pay scale in the future provided that they receive effective or highly effective teacher evaluation ratings. Those who received an evaluation rating of unsatisfactory will not receive the salary increase.

Kurak said there weren't any teachers who received an unsatisfactory rating, so all teachers are eligible for the pay increase.

Teachers entering the profession within their first year currently earn \$36,500 annually. Under the new contract, they will earn \$38,600. Teachers with up to 15 years experience will move from earning \$44,600 annually to \$46,700. Top-tier teachers currently earning \$57,000 will see an increase to \$59,100, according to Kurak.

In 2012-13, teachers received a step increase but the salary schedule remained flat.

The NTA also negotiated increased planning time of up to one hour through an early release day for students.

"The day is still to be determined by the school board," Kurak said.

TEACHERS Continued on 3A

\$20M seawall in city river?

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

A plan for a seawall at the city waterfront on the Amelia River met with skepticism from one commissioner at Tuesday's Fernandina Beach Commission meeting. However, in spite of receiving favorable comments by the majority of commissioners, it was not clear if the project would move forward.

Presented by Florida Inland Navigation District Commissioner and city resident Lynn Williams, the seawall project was estimated to cost \$20 million, with at least 80 percent of that to be covered by state and federal grants. The city would make up the remainder of the cost.

Williams said the 2,600-foot-long seawall was needed to protect the city from hurricane storm surge, flooding and sea rise, and would also solve the city marina's silting problems because it would be built over the area where most of the shoaling occurs.

The plan, however, would need to go to at least once before city voters for approval, Williams said, and would need more study to determine how high the bulkhead should rise.

Permitting, mitigation, submerged land ownership issues and the legal question of who really owns Front Street are other hurdles the plan would need to overcome, Williams said.

Williams said Fernandina Beach would be hit by a major hurricane some day, and if not prepared could lose most of its downtown area to flooding. He noted Hurricane Sandy, which devastated the New Jersey coastline, was only a Category 1 storm.

The seawall, Williams said, would create approximately 18 acres of "good, usable land," and the waterfront

SEAWALL Continued on 3A

SPRING CARNIVAL



Workers set up rides Wednesday for the St. Michael Academy Carnival, which began Thursday and continues through Sunday in Central Park. Enjoy rides, food and fun today from 5-11 p.m., Saturday noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For information call 321-2102.

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Who pays for beach repairs? Visitors, or you?

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

A proposal to have visitors pay a third of the \$1.5 million the city and county are obliged to pay for a postponed beach construction project laid an egg at the Wednesday meeting of the Nassau County Commission.

Instead, an idea was floated to create a local taxing district for island residents to pay the local share of a project that is funded in large part by the federal government.

There was no support for Fernandina Beach City Manager Joe Gerrity's idea to share the cost of beach

maintenance equally among the city, county and Amelia Island Tourist Development Council (TDC), giving each entity a \$500,000 portion of the bill.

Commissioners say they won't stick the TDC with that kind of bill because it generates big money for the local economy by advertising for visitors. The TDC gets most of its income from visitors who stay in hotels, bed-and-breakfast inns and short-term accommodations.

"We make a huge mistake if we squeeze the golden goose," said Commissioner Pat Edwards.

Beaches are the area's biggest draw

and top moneymaker, said Commissioner Danny Leeper. "There's no willingness for the TDC to participate," said Leeper, who also serves on the TDC board. "I'm not willing to go along with the city manager."

Gerrity suggested the three-way cost share in a March 19 letter to County Manager Ted Selby. But Selby said the numbers are lopsided, not equal.

"The TDC is Nassau County, so we're two-thirds county and one-third city," said Selby at the meeting.

In a phone interview Wednesday, Gerrity said he suggested the cost share idea to start a conversation.

"I'd like to get some dialogue started with the county and see how we're going to approach the project," said Gerrity.

He said he understands that beach renourishment is expensive, and he knows that both the city and county have budget strains. But he also noted that the project is not a surprise.

"Everyone knew this project was coming and no one put any money aside for it," said Gerrity. "We put \$250,000 aside for the last two years for a total of \$500,000."

How much does the county have in its budget for beach renourishment? Nothing, according to Budget

Analyst Cathy Lewis.

Nothing? "No, ma'am, it's not in there," said Lewis by phone after the board meeting.

So, what does the county want to do?

County Commissioner Steve Kelley suggested a special taxing district.

"Make it islandwide," said Kelley. "What we have now is putting a financial strain on the city."

Kelley, whose sister Pat Gass is a city commissioner, suggests forming a municipal service benefit unit (MSBU),

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OBITUARIES

Donald P. Hamilton

Donald P. Hamilton, 71, of Chester passed away Monday afternoon, March 17, 2014 at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville.

Mr. Hamilton was born October 11, 1942 in Lancaster, OH and moved to Chester 37 years ago. He was a Vietnam Veteran, serving with the United States Navy. He was a caring, selfless hardworking man; a marvelous carpenter and furniture builder, a wonderful husband, stepfather and grandfather. He will be truly missed.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Roma Norris of Chester, FL; stepson, Bret Norris, also of Chester; a stepdaughter, Rhonda Hutchison of Yulee, FL; three brothers, Ronnie Hamilton (his twin), Jack Hamilton and Tom Hamilton; seven grandchildren, William Hutchison (U.S. Army), Winton Hutchison, Brittany Turner, Brooke Turner, Justin Norris, Julia Norris and Jacob Dean; and one great-grandchild, Eli Hutchison.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. today, Friday, March 21 at Chester Cemetery with military honors rendered by the United States Navy.

For more information and to sign Mr. Hamilton's online register book please visit the Green Pine Funeral Home website at www.greenpinefuneral.com.

Green Pine Funeral Home

James Ormond Murray

Mr. James Ormond Murray, age 92, of Fernandina Beach, passed to the Lord on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at Baptist Medical Center - Nassau, after a short illness.

Born in Ormond Beach, FL, he was the youngest of six children born to the late Frank Morinelli Murray, Founder and Owner of the Murray Fruit Company, and the late Millie Camarote Murray. Mr. Murray grew up an avid golfer, sportsman, hunter and fisherman in Volusia County and the family's summer home in Vermont.

His college education was interrupted when he and his fraternity brothers from Beta Theta Pi entered military service in WWII. Mr. Murray served with the U.S. Marines in the South Pacific as a

Sharpshooter, Honor Guard and Corporal in the Military Police from July 1942 until July 1946 when he resumed his college education at the University of Florida.

He graduated with a Degree in Business Administration and enjoyed a successful thirty-five year career in management with Sears and Roebuck Inc. in Maryland and Pennsylvania. He retired to his home state in Florida after retirement in 1982.

Mr. Murray was a firm believer in serving and volunteered and headed numerous committees to help youth, foster young entrepreneurs, improve schools and advocate sports programs. He set the bar high for honor, decency and righteousness.

Mr. Murray is survived by the love of his life; his beloved wife of sixty-one years, Dolores Elizabeth Murray, nee Klein of Baltimore, three of his four children, James Jr., of Fernandina Beach, John C. of Collegeville, PA, and Lisa M. Turpin of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, as well as eight grandsons, Christopher, Patrick, Sean and Anthony Murray, Daniel Jobson, Austin, Ryan and Braedan Turpin.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Cheryl M. Jobson of Easton, and by his brothers, Fred and Charles and his sisters, Ann, Iona and Florence.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Please share his Life Legacy at www.oxleyheard.com.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Charles George Wickless

Mr. Charles George "Buster" Wickless, age 86, of Fernandina Beach, passed away on Sunday afternoon, March 23, 2014 at Baptist Medical Center - Nassau.

Born in Jacksonville, FL, he was the eldest of four children born to the late Charles Anthony and Marie Wilhemena Lechner Wickless. At the age of seventeen, he joined the Merchant Marines to support his country's war efforts. He later joined and served in the Coast Guard and U.S. Army. Upon being honorably discharged, he returned home and began a long and respected career as a Home Builder, Contractor and Owner of Wickless

Construction.

In 1960, his wife, Cathryn Ryan Wickless passed away. In December of 1960, he married Shirley Anne Stafford. In 1969, they moved to Fernandina Beach and built their first beachfront home on the North end of the island. Mr. Wickless was the builder of the original Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and was responsible for their first expansion and renovation. His business and reputation grew as he was sought out by many local residents for the design and construction of their private residences.

He was a longtime member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church where he served on the Church Council, was a member of the VFW Post 54 and the Fernandina Beach Men's Golf Association.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he is preceded in death by two sisters and a daughter, Patricia Elaine Lechner.

Mr. Wickless leaves behind, his wife of 53 years, Shirley Wickless, Fernandina Beach, FL, children, Sandra Darling (Jack), Bristol, RI, Charles Wickless (Nancy), Jacksonville, FL, Cathy Hendrix (Steve), Fernandina Beach, FL, Gary Wickless (Patti), Fernandina Beach, FL, a brother, Raymond Wickless, St. Augustine, FL, eleven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 am on Monday, March 24, 2014 from the graveside in Bosque Bello Cemetery, Fernandina Beach with Pastor Ida Iverson, officiating.

His family will receive friends following the service at a reception that will be held at the home of his daughter and son in law, Cathy and Steve Hendrix.

Please share his Life Legacy at www.oxleyheard.com.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

DEATH NOTICES

Marcia Lawson-Knight, 64, Fernandina Beach, died on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

Eternity Funeral Homes & Cremations-Nassau

Mrs. Norrita Marie Kyles, 84, Fernandina Beach, died on Monday, March 17, 2014. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at noon on Saturday, March 22 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Fernandina Beach.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

WEEKLY UPDATE

Teen retreat

FDOH Nassau County is hosting a 4 Me Teen Health Class Retreat on March 22 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Hilliard Clinic, 37203 Pecan St., free for ages 12-18. Lunch and incentives provided. Those that complete the class may join the Teen Leadership Council for six months and can earn a stipend of up to \$500. Call 548-1810, ext. 5272.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 5:45 p.m. March 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 contact Belson at 491-8358, (904) 476-2037 or gbelson@bellsouth.net. Visit www.TheBelsonGroup.com.

Vietnam vets

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1088, Nassau County, will meet on March 24 at 7 p.m. at The Ark, 86051 Hamilton St., Yulee. For information call Hugh at 333-0147.

Learning series

One in eight Americans has Type 2 diabetes. Find out how to prevent or control this "silent killer" at Family Support Services of North Florida's Breakfast Learning Series on March 25 at 9 a.m. at 96016 Lofton Square Court in Yulee.

Networking and continental breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m.; program from 9-10:30 a.m. Register at FSS.BLS. Nassau@fssnf.org or 225-5347. The program is free. Meg McAlpine, UF/Nassau County Extension Office, will discuss the risk factors of diabetes and information about the chronic disease.

T-Neisha Tate, foundation program coordinator with the Jacksonville Jaguars, will discuss how to create an Honor Rows program and other funding opportunities from the Jaguars.

Coast Guard Auxiliary

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 070-14-01 from Fernandina Beach is pleased to announce the startup of its Camden County, Ga., Detachment. It will meet monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at The River Club at Osprey Cove in St. Marys, Ga. The first meeting is March 25 at 7 p.m. For information contact Harry Tipper at (912) 576-6659 or htipper3@comcast.net. For more information on joining the US Coast Guard Auxiliary contact Barbara Dunn at 261-1889 or visit www.cgaux14-7-1.org.

NAMI walk

The Nassau County affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is hosting a free community gathering from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March 29 at the gazebo in Central Park, 1218 Atlantic Ave. Local mental/behavioral health providers will answer any questions about local services. Refreshments will be provided and a raffle will be held at noon.

Enjoy fun and a stroll to the beach to promote awareness about the need to reduce stigma surrounding mental illness. For information call 277-1886 or email nassauamiflorida@gmail.com. Visit nassau.nami.org.

Career Fairs

Spring Career Fairs sponsored by Florida State College at Jacksonville Career Development Centers will be held April 1 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Advanced Technology Center of the Downtown Campus, 401 W. Main St., Jacksonville, and April 10 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the D-

Building Courtyard of the North Campus, 4501 Capper Road, Jacksonville. The fairs are free and open to job-seeking students and community members who can meet representatives from more than 40 employers.

Employers are still being recruited. Other employers interested in recruiting employment candidates or offering internships are encouraged to contact Alan Pasetti via email at apasetti@fscj.edu or by calling (904) 633-8223.

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 Brookings Drive in Callahan.

There will be numerous vendors including new and gently used treasures, homemade goodies and on Friday night, spaghetti dinners from 5-7 p.m. to support 4-H youth attending camp and other events. Contact the Nassau County Extension office to rent a table or for more information at 879-1019.

Katie Ride

Presented by Mayo Clinic, the 10th Annual Katie Ride will be held April 12, benefiting the Katie Caples Foundation's organ donor registration education and awareness programming. The fully supported cycling event for riders of all levels has 100, 62, 36 and 18 mile routes with an Off-Road Ride, Family Fun Ride, 7K Walk and 7K Fun Run. The nine island coastal ride begins at the Atlantic Recreation Center on Amelia Island and courses through Ft. Clinch, Timucuan Ecological and Historical State Preserve, Ft. Caroline and the Talbot Islands.

Register at www.katierideforlife.org/register/. Fees range from \$10 to \$45. Minimum fundraising commitments apply for most events. Organizers are also seeking volunteers to help in the weeks prior and on the day of the ride. Sign up at www.katierideforlife.org/take-action/volunteer/ or call the 491-0811. A volunteer coordinator will call.

Dental help

The Northeast Florida Baptist Association will bring the Mobile Dental Unit to the Yulee office, 851035 US 17, for one week for free dental care for those without insurance. Medical, financial screening and appointments for clients will be held at the association on 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. Only clients that need fillings or extractions are seen.

Amelia Cruizers

The Amelia Cruizers Car Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Murray's Grille in Yulee. Everyone interested in vintage, hot rods and special interest cars is invited to drop by. The club normally meets early to eat and have a drink. It also hosts a cruise-in at Murray's Grille every second Saturday of the month, from 4 till about 7 p.m., where members show off their cars. Bring your car and join the fun. Visit ameliacruizers.org and like them on Facebook.

Ala-Teen meetings

Ala-Teen meetings are held at 34 N. Second St. every Saturday at 11 a.m. Trained adult facilitators are present to guide the teens through the 12-step support group. Ala-Teen helps young people learn how to deal with the effects of alcohol in their lives and families. There are no requirements, other than having a relative or friend that drinks too much. For information contact the Alachua Club at 32 North Third St., 261-3580.

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.

Relay for Life seeks honorees for events

The American Cancer Society has issued a call for survivors to participate in the annual Relay for Life on April 5 at Yulee High School.

Survivors will be presented with a special T-shirt and participate in a special ceremony to commemorate their journey and thank their caregivers. Following the opening ceremonies and survivors lap at noon, survivors and their caregivers are invited to a complimentary Survivors Luncheon.

To participate, contact Relay for Life Specialist Melanie Oberkrom at American Cancer Society at 1430 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Call (904) 402-9053 or visit

www.relayforlife.org/fernandinabeachFL.

Organizers are taking applications for the Relay for Life luminaria ceremony, which will take place April 5 at dusk at the track at Yulee High School.

When the sun goes down, hope will shine brightly during the luminaria ceremony symbolizing the hope and perseverance with which all continue to fight. The suggested donation is \$5 for luminaria.

Mail checks with a 10-word maximum message to Relay for Life of Fernandina Beach/Yulee, 1430 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32207 or order online at relayforlife.org/fernandinabeachfl.

Volunteer luncheon set for 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 pm. 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.

Cotillion to host parents' reception

The National League of Junior Cotillions Nassau County Chapter will host a parents' reception and registration for the 2014-15 season on April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach.

"We are looking forward to this opportunity to present the National League of Junior

Cotillions program to interested parents," said Lynn Dempsey, director of the local Junior Cotillion. "I believe this will be an excellent opportunity for children in this area to learn social skills that will be of value to them later in life."

The National League of Junior Cotillions is an etiquette and social dance training program that involves thousands of students nationwide. For information regarding the program, call (904) 556-2916 or email lynn.dempsey@nljc.com.

LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS

The Fernandina Beach commission discussed a proposed sewerage extension program and buying the city water system from Florida Public Utilities Co.

March 19, 1964

25 YEARS

Fernandina Beach's 30-block historic district grew by 97 acres to total 484 buildings approved by the National Register of Historic Places.

March 19, 1987

10 YEARS

The city of Fernandina Beach planned to demolish its former downtown police station - the old Coca-Cola bottling company - and replace it with a parking lot.

March 19, 2004



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like homeowners created on the south end of Amelia Island to pay for beach maintenance there. Homeowners formed a special taxing district called the South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Association (SAISSA).

A major re-construction of Fernandina's beaches was completed in 2008. The federal government paid the vast majority of the cost, with the state, city and county splitting the rest. Nassau County and the city of Fernandina agreed to participate in a 50-year federal shore protection project to put new sand on beaches stretching from Fort Clinch to Sadler Road every five years.

The first of those beach repairs was set for 2012, but the city asked, and the federal

government agreed, to put it off.

That first repair is now scheduled for 2016 as Olsen & Associates, the city's beach engineering consultant, reported earlier this month that the beaches remain in good shape.

The TDC contributed \$250,000 for the original project. Under its bylaws, the TDC must spend 10 percent of its budget on beach improvements. This year, its budget is just over \$6 million.

The money comes from a 4 percent bed tax on nightly room rates at hotels, bed-and-breakfast inns and short-term vacation rentals.

Most of the money is generated by two large resorts located on the south end of the island, The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island and the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort.

In his letter to the county, Gerrity wrote that, "We all face budget challenges in the upcoming years; however, I hope that given advance notice it will be easier for the county, TDC and the city to set aside the necessary monies to fund this project."

The county board is planning to discuss upcoming capital improvements at its next meeting, but beach renourishment is not on the list.

The board is also starting public talks on the next fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1.

They've scheduled a special meeting on the budget for fiscal year 2014-15 for April 2 at 10 a.m. in the commission chambers at the James S. Page Governmental Complex on Nassau Place, off A1A in Yulee.

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SEAWALL

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park/marina, which would expand to the west, "would follow where the natural deep-water line is." The land mass could be created by spoil from regional dredging, he said.

The city, which would contribute a few million dollars to the project, would get its investment back by leasing land to downtown businesses, and the expanded area could eventually attract a marina institute, Williams said.

"The key is that it has to be totally a public project, and not for enriching landowners," Williams said, otherwise the state would be less likely to approve the permits. "The DEP gets tough when they see it as a for-profit endeavor," he said. "The city should put in \$3 million, and get it back in leases in three to four years."

But Mayor Ed Boner had questions about the cost of the project and its potential complications. He asked about the cost of relocation of the docks and updating plans for a waterfront park, and noted the project could interrupt downtown and marina businesses and the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival.

Boner also questioned the potential cost of the city's acquisition of private lots on the waterfront, and whether the city would have to do a taking of those properties.

"Those properties aren't going to be appraised that high because of the submerged lands issue," Williams said. "If the town wants to do something, then it seems to me it should pay market value. ... If they're getting fair market value, it's not a taking."

"If I don't want to sell, it's a taking," Boner said.

"I think this is certainly a

Dredging project update

Lynn Williams updated city commissioners Tuesday night on an experimental water-injection dredging project approved by commissioners last year, for which he received \$8,000 in city funds.

Water injection dredging is used in Europe, but has rarely been used in the United States. It involves using a device to inject water into the seabed at low pressure to bring up sediment that is carried away by natural currents.

A professional sailor who has been involved in city marina issues for years, Williams said the pilot project had taken a lot longer to get off the ground than he originally expected.

"I learned it's way tougher for a private citizen to get approval from the (Department of Environmental Protection)," Williams said. Making sure the project was properly insured was also a problem, Williams said, and permits were also more difficult because the project was being done on the property of David Cook.

"We're now at a stage where the permit should be issued within the month," Williams said. "I think we're on track. ... Dealing with the DEP is a lengthy process." Williams said the plan was to put test units both upstream and downstream of the shoaling.

"I'd rather you took longer to do it the right way," Vice Mayor Sarah Pelican told Williams.

"If we can do it ... we'll come back to you with plans for a real dredge," Williams said.

Williams also complained of "anonymous public records requests" for information on his water-injection dredging project. "I don't want to keep anyone in the dark," he said. "Hell, I'm in the phone book, call me."

"That's way too up-front for some people," Commissioner Pat Gass said.

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people's project," Williams said. "It really kind of completes the town on the western edge the way the beach completes the town on the eastern edge." He added that the entire project would take about four to five years from beginning to end.

"I think there are going to be many questions," Commissioner Pat Gass said, "but the idea deserves looking at. ... We'll have many hours to rip it apart and look at it again."

Commissioner Johnny Miller said he thought the plan was a good idea, and Vice Mayor Sarah Pelican, who

asked Williams to give the presentation, was also in favor of the seawall project.

Williams said the next step would be to bring more information back to the city commission, such as how high the seawall should be and a more complete picture of the costs involved, so commissioners can decide whether the project should be put to public referendum this November.

City Attorney Tammi Bach said the ballot language for the sea wall project would have to be prepared by the summer, if it is to go out for a public vote.

TEACHERS

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"Wednesday has been the day most talked about during negotiations. Transportation will also need to be consulted and schedules prepared."

The NTA had requested "increased time to prepare and set up classrooms, with fewer meetings and training." Five pre-planning days will focus on readying classrooms. A district staff development day originally scheduled in October was changed. It will be preserved for teachers' use during the pre-planning period.

Students will return to class for the 2014-15 academic year on Aug. 6.

Wood said shared sick leave language and a middle school baseball supplement were added to the contract.

The NTA had requested duty-free lunch for teachers but Wood said the issue was "simply an agreement to remind administrators of teachers' rights to the duty-free lunch, as some teachers were not getting this regularly."

In 2013, Gov. Rick Scott proposed raising teacher salaries by \$2,500 across the board. The Florida House and Senate

agreed to implement \$480 million in teacher pay raises several months ago, which would have provided a minimum of a \$2,000 pay raise, while also giving districts the ability to provide teacher raises of \$2,500 or even \$3,500 – depending on the plan each of the 67 school districts developed, according to an October press release from Scott's office.

Wood said the school district is "happy that an agreement was reached."

Negotiations for non-instructional personnel are still under way.

ROBBERY

Continued from 1A

fic control at US 17 and I-95 for a road construction crew that is repaving the exit/entrance ramps of I-95, Sheriff Bill Leeper said in a press release Thursday. "When Palecek heard the pursuit on the radio, he moved all the construction workers off of US 17 for their safety. The fleeing truck traveled through the intersection of US 17 and I-95, running over the barricades that were set up for the construction work," said Leeper.

The vehicle continued north on US 17 until it reached a road closure for bridge construction at the Florida/ Georgia state line, traveling through more barricades, said Leeper.

Stull, Palecek and Hunter went around the barricades in their patrol vehicles and exited in an attempt to subdue the

three suspects. The driver of the truck then reversed direction and attempted to run down Palecek, said Leeper.

Palecek fired at the vehicle with his issued patrol rifle in an effort to get the driver to stop and Hunter and Stull did the same, said Leeper.

All three occupants of the vehicle jumped out and attempted to flee on foot into the woods, but were captured, said Leeper.

Nassau County Fire/Rescue was called to treat the driver, who had a wound to his hand and shoulder and was transported to UF Health in Jacksonville. His injuries are not life threatening, according to the sheriff's office.

The suspects were identified as Donnie McCoy Carroll, 28, the driver of the truck; Daminiq Trevon Gaddist, 18, the alleged armed robber of the convenience store; and Katelyn

Marie Austin, 15, who is listed as a missing person from Ridgeville, S.C., according to the sheriff's office. Carroll and Gaddist also are from Ridgeville.

The truck they were driving was found to be stolen from Greensboro, N.C., said Lueders, and the three are also suspects in an armed robbery in Dorchester County, S.C., where Ridgeville is located.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) was notified and will conduct an investigation into the officer-involved shooting part of the incident, said Leeper. The robbery will be investigated by the sheriff's office.

Gaddist and Austin were booked into the Nassau County Jail, he for armed robbery, she as an accessory. Carroll was charged with armed robbery and will be jailed after his release from the hospital.

2nd FBO at airport gets city approval

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News Leader

City commissioners unanimously approved the lease of city airport property for a second fixed-base operator at the north side of the airport at their meeting Tuesday.

Local businessman Brian Echard, manager of 8 Flags Aviation LLC, submitted a commercial lease and operating permit application to City Manager Joe Gerrity in 2012, but had to re-submit it due to trouble with the application and permitting process. Currently the sole fixed-base operator is McGill Aviation, which offers ground support and fuel services.

According to the ordinance approved by commissioners, the lease is for 20 years with two five-year renewals. Echard will pay the city 20 cents per square foot of unimproved land and 22 cents per square foot for non-exclusive use of the public ramp. Additional revenues to the airport are estimated at a minimum of \$35,000 annually. The city will also receive a fuel flowage fee of 8 cents per gallon.

Mayor Ed Boner had some objections to the lease, saying that other municipal airports in Florida charged a percentage

rather than pennies for incoming revenues.

"It's something that's difficult to change later," Boner said. "I don't want to stunt the airport ... it's the economic gateway to the whole community."

Richard Grey, chair of the Airport Advisory Commission, said the airport commission had revised the fee schedule and regulations to be clearly delineated for the Federal Aviation Administration, and chided Boner for being less than business-friendly.

According to the contract, 8 Flags Aviation is responsible to maintain the premises, including grounds, pavement and walkways, as well as fuel storage facilities.

Echard's original proposal

showed an FBO facility that would comprise a 10,000- to 15,000-square-foot office/hangar building with a community conference and meeting room and restaurant.

According to Gerrity, who is also airport manager, final plans for the facility have not yet been submitted. He said the proposed building could possibly be 3,600 square feet, but that could change. The timeline for the project is yet to be determined.

Echard originally said projected revenues for the city would be about \$60,000 in the first year from land lease, hangar lease and other fees, and over 20 years could be \$2.4 million.

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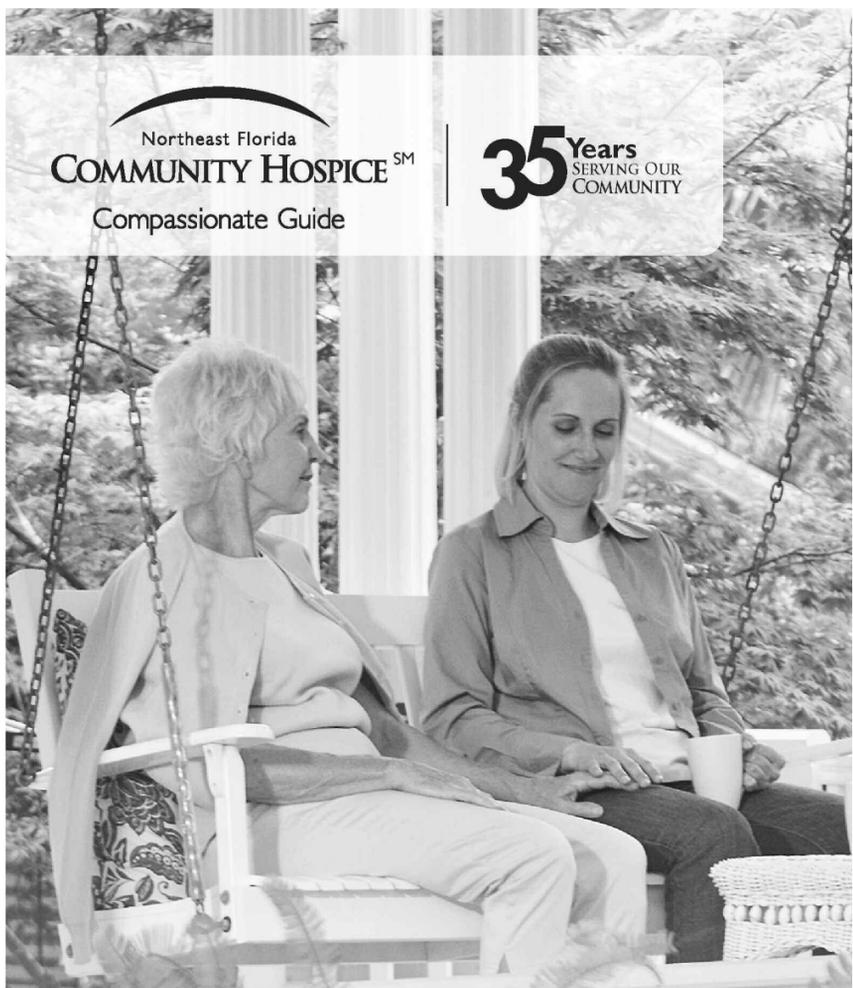
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State has \$30 billion to spend

TALLAHASSEE – Already enjoying what is called a more than \$1 billion budget surplus to appropriate during the 2014 Legislative Session, lawmakers were given another \$150 million by the latest General Revenue Estimating Conference.

A report from Florida TaxWatch for this coming fiscal year examines the latest round of estimating conferences by state economists and recommends that the Legislature still consider this a tight budget year and continue to implement cost-saving reforms such as those identified by the Tax-Watch Center for Government Efficiency.

"Florida lawmakers should continue to push for opportunities to save taxpayers' hard-earned dollars during the budgeting process, even as the budget outlook is improving after years of shortfalls brought on by the Great Recession," said Dominic M. Calabro, president

and CEO of Florida TaxWatch, the independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit taxpayer research institute and government watchdog. "In order to continue on the path to financial recovery, Florida must remain prudent during its budget allocations."

FY 2014-15 general revenue collections are now estimated at \$27.7 billion, an increase of \$1.4 billion (5.2 percent). This marks the first time the state's general revenue collections are expected to exceed the \$26.8 billion collected in FY 2005-6 which was the highest amount ever. Coupled with unspent

funds from the current year (\$2.2 billion), there will be almost \$30 billion available for the next budget.

Though revenue collections have increased overall, most sources had their estimates reduced during this week's estimating conference. The state's largest revenue source – the sales tax – showed solid growth but other categories including real estate and insurance premium taxes – were scaled back, causing state economists to express caution.

The independent analysis notes that the projected surplus may be smaller than antic-

ipated, because the original estimate assumed cash reserves of \$1 billion. Legislative leaders have continued to push for larger reserves, as much as \$2 billion. With at least \$500 million in tax cuts and an increase in K-12 per public school-student funding, there will not be much money left.

"While lawmakers will have more than enough money to fund a continuation budget, there are many factors that impact the estimate of a budget surplus and most of them have changed," said Vice President for Tax Research Kurt Wenner. "Lawmakers should continue to examine the base budget for efficiencies and spending that may no longer be needed. Only this way will they be able to put limited funds into the areas that are important to Florida taxpayers today and tomorrow."

Visit www.FloridaTaxWatch.org for more information.

'In order to continue on the path to financial recovery, Florida must remain prudent during its budget allocations.'

DOMINIC M. CALABRO, PRESIDENT AND CEO

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POLITICS IN BRIEF

Democratic Club

The Democratic Club of Amelia Island has scheduled its next dinner meeting at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road, on Tuesday. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:45. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

The speaker will be Ambassador Nancy Soderberg. Soderberg served as a representative to the United Nations from 1997-2001. A Visiting Distinguished Scholar at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Soderberg is also active in Mayor Alvin Brown's administration and is a member of the Duval County Democratic Executive Committee.

To reserve, checks may be dropped off at Democratic Party headquarters located at the corner of Eighth and Date streets in Fernandina Beach.

For more information or to

reserve by phone or email, contact Jean DesBarres at (904) 432-8992 or jeandesbarres@gmail.com. Reservations are due by today.

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.

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Peter Deane plays the organ at Amelia Plantation Chapel.

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A love for the piano

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

Music is an integral part of Peter Deane's life. Even his cats are named after composers, Chopin, Wagner and Griffin.

Sundays are his busiest day. "I do two services here at Amelia Plantation Chapel and then in the afternoon, I go to Westminster Woods on Julington Creek and do a service there at 4 p.m."

Trained in his native Barbados under the auspices of the Royal Schools of Music, London, England, he also studied at the Tanya Polunin School of Music in London.

Deane has been giving piano lessons for 30 years and his motto is "Practice means progress." He believes in starting students as soon as they're able to sit still.

"I start kids in first grade, usually, sometimes in kindergarten."

He says playing the piano improves hand-eye coordination, relieves stress and builds self-confidence.

"It's a lifelong talent that uses both sides of your brain. Your kids will thank you someday. I'm very glad my mother encouraged me and pushed me to practice."

Passing on his skill is fun, notes the dedicated teacher.

Although most of his students are children, Deane teaches all ages and has one student in her late 70s.

"I teach the traditional method. No gimmicks."

Learning the piano can help you learn any instrument said Dean.

"It's your basic music and the learning of the actual music so a lot of people start on that and then just branch off into other music. On a piano you have all four voices: bass, alto, soprano, and the melody line so you get the whole idea of all of them."

Deane is most proud of Dalton Thrift, a former student who is now studying at the Douglas Anderson School of the Performing Arts in Jacksonville.

"My dream for him is that he'll go on to Juilliard or something," chuckled his teacher.

Deane studied organ at the William Tyndale College in Farmington Hill, Mich., and has been a church organist in various denominations and congregations for 52 years in Barbados, Michigan and Florida.

He has been organist at Amelia Plantation Chapel since August 2005 and accompanied the Amelia Island Chorale for one season.

He taught at Amelia Arts Academy for six years until it closed in March 2012.

One of his greatest thrills was attending a concert played on the world's largest mechanical tracker-action organ at the Sydney Opera House in Australia while he was there visiting relatives.

"I thought the Opera House was just one big room but they have several concert halls and this one had the big beautiful pipe organ



Deane

in it. The pipes were above him and below him and it was pretty exciting," recalled Deane.

The most challenging piece of music he's ever tackled is Widor's Toccata for Organ, a complex piece involving both hands and

both feet when played on a pipe organ.

What makes the piece so difficult, said Deane, is the continuous speed of the right hand that continues from the beginning to the end.

Deane has two grown children and four grandchildren and gives lessons at his studio on the campus of the Amelia Plantation Chapel or in-home lessons on and off the island. Phone 910-9624.

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Food truck at beach

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Pizza at the beach?

Mario Manganaro, who ran Pompeo's Italian restaurant on Centre Street for 25 years before retiring some three years ago, says he wants to get back behind the stove. This time, he is hoping to put the cooker on wheels and park it near the sand.

Manganaro is looking to set up a food truck at Peters Point on the south end of Amelia Island and sell an assortment of gourmet food from pizza and meatballs to sausages and sandwiches.

He has been talking with various officials for weeks, and formally asked the county board for permission at the Wednesday meeting. It's considering the request. The board wants to talk to the chamber of commerce first in an effort to involve local "stakeholders," including local restaurant owners serving meals from buildings with brick and mortar and who pay property taxes.

"I'd like to see the chamber involved and poll their members," said County Manager Ted Selby, who said he has met Manganaro about his request.

"I think we need a lot more input."

After the meeting, the chef was asked why he wants to come out of retirement.

"I gotta do something, look," said Manganaro, opening his jacket to reveal his girth. "Too big, too big."

To meet his request, the county would need to revise the outdoor sales ordinance. Right now, mobile food trucks are not allowed. There are exceptions, such as resort concessions and special events.

"It's a very complex issue," said the county's Growth Management Director Peter

King. "Jacksonville is having issues now because they leaped before they looked."

King well understands the popularity of food trucks and their growing reputation from "roach coach" to gourmet fare.

He says food trucks thrive in cities like San Francisco, and Portland, Ore., because dense populations can support a variety of food service options.

"Their density is 20 times what ours is," said King.

While the county may not have the numbers when it comes to people, commissioners acknowledged a hunger for concessions at local parks and beaches.

"I don't think there's even a

vending machine at these parks," said Commissioner Pat Edwards.

Commissioner Barry Holloway also acknowledged the void in food and beverage service at county parks.

"I've been out hiking at Goffinsville and wish I could've gotten a Coke when I got back," said Holloway. "You can't get a drink within miles."

He also bottom-lined the issue from the perspective of local restaurant owners. He said he has heard from plenty of them.

"They don't mind food trucks, as long as they don't park in front of me," said Holloway.

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COUNTY-WIDE FUNDS					
General Fund	\$53,876,669	Cash Fwd Balance	\$38,522	General Gov't Svcs	\$54,672,712
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$38,193	Public Safety	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$7,000	Economic Environment	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$199	Culture/Recreation	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$3,401	Gen Crt Related Oper	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$708,728	Reserves	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$606,999	Reserves	\$11,410,959
County Transportation	\$10,803,960				
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS					
Municipal Service	\$13,746,405	Cash Fwd Balance	\$68,912	Public Safety	\$13,981,588
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$166,271	Reserves	
Supervisor of Elections	\$1,252,022		\$0		\$1,252,022
One Cent Sales Surtax	\$19,018,548	Cash Fwd Balance	\$31,186	Public Safety	\$20,613,719
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$35,164	Transportation	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$1,528,821	Reserves	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$5,649	Public Safety	\$113,379
		Cash Fwd Balance	(\$2,009)	Other Uses	\$143,718
		Cash Fwd Balance	(\$4,358)	Public Safety	\$2,185
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$294	Public Safety	\$38,268
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$9,528	Other Uses	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$1,307	Public Safety	\$162,076
NC Anti-Drug Grant	\$160,769		\$0		\$32,640
Court Improvement	\$32,640		\$0		\$907,461
Court Facility Fees	\$984,325	Cash Fwd Balance	(\$23,000)	Gen Crt Related Oper	
		Cash Fwd Balance	(\$53,864)	Reserves	
		Cash Fwd Balance	(\$25,791)	Reserves	\$183,101
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$5,311	Reserves	\$238,117
			\$0		\$5,700
			\$0		\$83,655
		Cash Fwd Balance	(\$3,338)	Human Services	\$60,782
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$72,955	Reserves	\$873,685
			\$0		\$7,616
			\$0		\$46,172
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$303,395	Reserves	\$6,338,303
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$4,004	General Gov't Svcs	\$5,973,232
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$8,068	Public Safety	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$121	Transportation	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$3,856	Culture/Recreation	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$16,691	Other Uses	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$380,746	Economic Environment	\$602,771
			\$100	Other Uses	
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$4,687	Reserves	\$672,087
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$339,858	Reserves	\$3,363,071
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$8,057	Reserves	\$1,051,039
			\$0		\$3
		Cash Fwd Balance	\$36,474	Gen Crt Related Oper	\$1,202,884
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS					
Debt Svc - Op Gas Tax 2000	\$2,441,681		\$0		\$2,441,681
Debt Svc - 1998/2009 Gas Tax	\$1,196,024		\$0		\$1,196,024
Debt Svc - County Complex	\$2,387,950		\$0		\$2,387,950
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS					
Cap Projects - Grant Fund	\$21,551		\$0		\$21,551
Cap Projects - Transportation	\$13,564,122	Cash Fwd Balance	(\$179,588)	Reserves	\$13,384,534
Cap Projects - SAISS	\$437,700	Cash Fwd Balance	\$36,027	Reserves	\$473,727
Cap Projects - Cty Complex	\$4,759,804		\$0		\$4,759,804
Cap Projects	\$530,900		\$0		\$530,900
Cap Projects - ENCPA Mobility	\$51,000		\$0		\$51,000
ENTERPRISE FUNDS					
Solid Waste	\$3,551,721	Cash Fwd Balance	\$877,314	Reserves	\$4,429,035
Water & Sewer	\$8,940,650	Cash Fwd Balance	(\$10,004)	Reserves	\$8,930,646
TOTALS	\$157,593,911		\$5,045,886		\$162,639,797

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Rand Paul gets it

I disagree with some of Rand Paul's more libertarian positions, especially on social issues. And I'm certainly not endorsing him or anyone else to be the Republican nominee for president at this time. But Sen. Paul of Kentucky did two things recently that won my favor.

He showed the 2,500 conservative activists at the CPAC conference that he understands what the GOP must do if it wants to take the Senate this fall and win back the White House.

And then he wrote a good column for Breitbart.com calling for his fellow Republican presidential wannabes to, as the headline said, "Stop warping Ronald Reagan's foreign policy." CPAC, as all conservatives and political junkies know, is the annual bathing beauty competition for every Republican who's ever had a daydream about running for president.

Sen. Paul's brand of libertarian-leaning conservatism has shifted the GOP's center of gravity his way and everyone at CPAC knew it.

He was the landslide winner in the straw poll, taking 31 percent of the vote. Ted Cruz stumbled in second with 11 percent and neurosurgeon Ben Carson had 9 percent. The media's favorite conservative, Chris Christie, managed 8 percent.

At CPAC Sen. Paul had a personal victory, but he also did the right thing for the GOP. He went out of his way to give his full support to fellow Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell, who's up for reelection.

It wasn't because Sen. Paul is moving to the McConnell center of the GOP, it was because he wants his party to win the U.S. Senate in the fall.

A Republican Senate is Prize Number One. Making friends and cementing cracks in the party is what's most important right now and Sen. Paul understands that side of the equation.

In his Breitbart column he did two good things. He reminded his more bellicose fellow presidential competitors that their hero Ronald Reagan was a peacemaker and a negotiator, not a war-maker.

Saying he admired Ronald Reagan because he "was not rash or reckless with regard to war," Sen. Paul pointed out that my father, who believed in "Peace Through Strength," was attacked harshly by the hawks in the Republican Party.



MAKING SENSE

Michael Reagan

He was called an appeaser for meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev in Iceland and for pulling American forces out of Lebanon after 241 Marines died in the suicide bombing there in 1983.

In his column Sen. Paul also told conservative Republicans something else they need to remember – something I've spent half my life preaching and he has been practicing.

Sen. Paul wrote that he doesn't claim to be the next Ronald Reagan and will not engage in disparaging his fellow Republicans for "not being sufficiently Reaganesque."

But, he said, no doubt thinking of Sen. Ted Cruz, "I will remind anyone who thinks we will win elections by trashing previous Republican nominees or holding oneself out as some paragon in the mold of Reagan, that splintering the party is not the route to victory."

Splintering itself is something the GOP has become really good at doing.

The 2012 presidential primary was a cluster suicide mission for conservative Republicans, which is why Moderate Mitt was the last candidate standing.

Liberals speak with one voice. Conservatives are a squabbling family of factions – social conservatives, economic conservatives and libertarian conservatives.

But if conservatives of all stripes want the GOP to win in 2016 they have to come together and pick their best candidate early, then let the party moderates fight among themselves and split their votes.

That's what happened in 1980. My father was the only conservative in the primary and he got to watch as the George H.W. Bush moderates and Rockefeller Republicans beat each other up and split their votes.

Michael Reagan is the son of President Ronald Reagan, a political consultant and author of "The New Reagan Revolution" (St. Martin's Press).

Oh great, now I'm a hedgehog

I swore I wasn't going to write a column about this next trip because I've been afraid it will sound like, "I'm going somewhere neat and you're not, so nanny, nanny, boo-boo."

But I must tell you – nanny, nanny boo-boos aside – about some of the preparations for my latest adventure. By the time you read this, Cindy Glenn – my BFF – and I will be sipping cappuccinos in St Mark's Square in Venice. We'll hook up with AAA's "Romancing the Rails Tour" for a 10-day train ride through Italy. The tour ends in Rome, where we will take a day or two to rest and do laundry before we take a quick hop over to London to see all of the sights and take a day trip to Stonehenge. We'll get back to Paradise just in time to rest up for the Shrimp Festival. We're calling it the Bucket Tour because we're going to do and see several things we've always dreamed about.

At this point, I must warn you that we're doing this without Adult Supervision. Keep bail money handy; I may have to call you. Andrew and Acethewonderdog are batching it for 26 days, if you can imagine that. Keep bail money handy. One of them may call you.



CITY SIDEBAR

Cara Curtin

I think Andrew's actually glad to be left in peace for a while, but he is amused by our incessant logistics discussions. I seem to remember a comment or two about logistics for the Normandy Invasion weren't this complicated. What does he know. Those men didn't have to worry about hair dryers, clean underwear or the right shade of eye shadow.

Speaking of hair dryers, I have been having absolute fits about making mine work in Europe, despite the adapters I've bought. You will understand my concerns when I tell you that I do not work with hair very well. That's why I keep mine too short to mess with. A good haircut, some goop and a hair dryer, and I'm in business. If I'm missing even one of those three ingredients, I am in deep trouble.

I thought the secret to a nice travel hairdo would be to cut my hair so short I wouldn't need anything but a good

cut and some goop. Brenda, my long-suffering hair artist at Images Salon, obliged me by cutting off most of my already short hair. She patiently showed me how to get it to look the way I want, and I couldn't wait for the next morning so I could practice my new look.

I let my hair air dry the next morning and smiled. My (very short) hair fell gently to frame my fat, round face. I looked like the Walmart Happy Face, but I quickly applied a smidgen of goop, just like Brenda had done the day before.

YIKES! Every hair on my head was standing at attention! Several frustrating minutes later, I broke out the hair dryer, thinking I could blast it into submission. No joy.

"Oh, great; now I'm a hedgehog," I muttered at my reflection. No matter what I did, I still looked like that small, spiky rodent. I made squeaky sounds that I thought a cranky hedgehog might make, but it didn't help my mood any.

I finally achieved some semblance of order to the top of my head so dogs would not howl when I left the house. I had just spent twice the time I usually expend on my coiffure, when the point

of this whole exercise was to expedite my morning toilette. That punched my cranky button even harder.

Andrew looked a little startled when I entered his man cave and loudly announced, "I look like a large hedgehog, and I'm really cranky about it!" He took one look at the top of my head and wisely spent the rest of the day running errands.

I still look like a hedgehog, and I'm still cranky. I'm doomed to trudge through several countries looking like no one I know. Worse yet, I'm going to be immortalized looking this way in all of the pictures I'm going to take. "Hedgehog in St Mark's Square," the caption will read. "Hedgehog at the Vatican, Hedgehog at the Tower of London, Hedgehog at Stonehenge."

I can hear future generations as they leaf through my Bucket Tour scrapbook. "Mommy, why does Great-aunt Cara look like my pet hedgehog?" Their mothers will gently explain that Aunt Cara was a little strange and thought she was a small rodent.

No wonder Europeans complain about how bad Americans look. If they only knew.

VIEWPOINT/SUSAN STAMPER BROWN/ALASKA

A warning to conservatives

Recent findings from a Pew Research poll titled "Millennials in Adulthood" should leave conservatives, capitalists and generally anyone embracing smaller government, deeply concerned – because the America they know today will be much different in the near future. And here's why.

According to this poll, millennials, now ranging from age 18 to almost 34, are unique in that they are "relatively unattached to organized politics and religion." The Pew poll also found millennials are "distrustful of people" but still lean heavily Democrat, despite the intel-

lectual dishonesty liberals regularly display.

The poll points out that the racial makeup of millennials "is one of the key factors in explaining their political liberalism." Millennials are "the most racially diverse generation in American history, with 43 percent non-white," due to "a trend driven by the large wave of Hispanic and Asian immigrants who have been coming to the U.S. for the past half century, and whose U.S.-born children are now aging into adulthood."

To America's credit, we are a nation of immigrants, but the problem for conservatives is a majority of non-whites lean left and the trend will continue over time with "about half of newborns" in America today being non-white, and the U.S. Census Bureau predicting whites will be the minority by 2043.

Moreover, the survey found white millennials have moved much further left than white counterparts of older generations in their support of issues like marijuana legalization and same-sex marriage. Millennials also join liberals in their reluctance to be affiliated with any religion. They do, however, lean right regarding abortion and gun control.

Besides religion, this generation has also distanced itself from another core institution of society, marriage, with only 26 percent married as compared to 36 percent of Generation X, 48 percent of Baby Boomers and 65 percent of the WWII Generation when

Millennials dislike Obama but have even less regard for the GOP – thanks to Republican dinosaurs who pollute the conservative message.

those generations were the same age.

Sadly, 69 percent said they would like to marry but lack "a solid economic foundation" which they deem a prerequisite. A study, "Intimate Inequalities: Love and Work in a Post Industrial Landscape," by Harvard University and University of Virginia in 2013 supports this marriage decline. It found the Obama economy has stifled millennials' ability to marry due to "the decline and disappearance" of stable full-time jobs with health insurance and pensions, which has had profound effects on young working-class Americans, now less likely to marry and have children within marriage.

Millennials have soured on Obamacare about as much as they have soured on the president. According to ABC News, millennials comprise "only a quarter of the enrolled, down two points from a month ago," making them "a crucial missing demographic for the law, which banks on the young and healthy millennial generation to bring down costs." Previously, the administration's enrollment goal of 7 million needed a 40 percent millennial participation to make it viable, explaining why

President Obama diminished the office of president with an appearance on the Internet comedy show "Between Two Ferns" to garner support.

Nanny State Obamanomics has failed the 86 million largely educated and debt-burdened millennials who can't afford to carry the Obamacare burden, let alone get married or even leave home. According to Harvard University, half of the 6 in 10 which are employed – only work part-time.

GOP beware: Although another Harvard poll found that 52 percent of young millennials and 47 percent of the elders want Obama ousted – millennials love you less – thanks to Republican dinosaurs like Mitch McConnell, John McCain, Lindsey Graham, and others – who pollute the conservative message.

Once the GOP cleans its own house, conservatives stand a better chance to create jobs and give millennials the opportunity they deserve to chase the American Dream capitalist affords.

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The bitter and the sweet

Former Army Green Beret Staff Sgt. Melvin Morris didn't plan to go to Vietnam and become a hero. But he did. And the 72-year-old Port St. John man came back home to live anonymously with the memory of what happened in an eerily quiet village near Chi Lang, on a day in September 1969.

He remembers an old lady singing in a village that seemed bereft of activity. And then all hell broke loose. Staff Sgt. Morris and another man were unscathed. Staff Sgt. Morris decided to return to the ambush to retrieve the body of a dead comrade because you don't leave your comrades in arms behind, dead or alive. He took two volunteers with him. Both were wounded so he helped them back to safety and once again turned his attention to retrieving the body of a dead buddy and some important papers he carried. Morris lugged a bag of hand grenades with him and lobbed grenade after grenade at enemy positions as he fought his way back to where his brother in arms lay dead.

When Staff Sgt. Melvin Morris finally got near where his buddy lay, enemy forces opened up on him with machine gun fire. So he obliterated them with hand grenades, too, and took out three other bunkers. After he forced enemy soldiers away from where his buddy lay, he retrieved his body and started the bloody journey back to his own lines. Along the way, he was shot not once, not twice, but three times before finally getting his friend's body and vital papers he carried back to his own men.

**CUP OF JOE**

Joe Palmer

Nearly half a century, dang it.

Why? I don't think you'll like the answer. I sure as hell didn't. But the truth is medicine and we must swallow the bitter along with the sweet.

Former Army U.S. Green Beret Staff Sgt. Melvin Morris went on to serve his nation as a career soldier for the next 22 years. He received the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroism that day but it should've been more. It should've been the Congressional Medal of Honor, which is reserved solely for members of our military who, in battle with enemy combatants, give of themselves what Staff Sgt. Melvin Morris gave in a little village that was too quiet to be true. He didn't get one, though. For 45 years, he was cheated out of it.

Why? Because Staff Sgt. Melvin Morris' skin color just happens to be black. Can you

believe it? Racism's apologists would have us believe there's been no racism in this country for ages. That's a bald-faced lie. When it takes a hero who was so brave and who gave so much five decades to win our nation's greatest military honor, racism and bigotry isn't dead, folks. It's as alive and deadly as the enemy soldiers who bushwhacked Staff Sgt. Melvin Morris and his buddies in that bone yard quiet Vietnamese village. Its voice is as loud as the little old lady Staff Sgt. Melvin Morris and his friends heard singing just before the brown stuff hit the fan.

Thank God a terrible wrong has finally been righted. On Tuesday, President Obama awarded the Medal of Honor to 24 veterans who were found to have been shafted out of theirs because of racial and ethnical prejudice and anti-Semitism. Only three of those men still live and Staff Sgt. Melvin Morris is one of them. He never really thought of himself as a hero and was caught totally off guard when our president called him to give him the good news.

The long past due honor is a result of a Congressional order to review military records to see if any soldiers, airmen or sailors had been denied the nation's highest honor because of racism or anti-Semitism.

That's the sweet dose of medicine. But the bitter taste is that it took too damn long for it to happen. The other recipients will never know they won the Medal of Honor.

And that stinks.

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Cock a doodle doo

I have long accused the city commission of being susceptible to – let's be delicate here – chicken manure. But now they have really stepped in it.

City Manager Joe Gerrity asked commissioners Tuesday if they would be willing to consider an ordinance that would allow city homeowners to keep up to six chickens in their back yards. Currently, you can have one chicken if Gerrity approves it.

My problem is not with chickens. If you want healthy and inexpensive eggs, it's the way to go. (Full disclosure: My wife works at Nassau Health Foods, where the eggs are healthy but not cheap.)

My grandmothers raised chickens, and they lived in town. Back in the day, before the market became super, it was the way it was done. We kids used to love collecting the eggs, which was the easy part, of course. The work is in the feeding, the cleaning, especially the cleaning, and this is where the poop on chickens becomes, well, chicken poop.

EDITOR'S NOTE

I assume there would be regulations to govern all the possibilities, and I would trust my neighbors to raise chickens in a manner that would not offend me in the least. But your neighbors? I'm not so sure about them.

Some people's neighbors don't do such a good job of raising their children, or themselves for that matter, not to mention what they'd do if they had chickens.

And, let's face it, the chicken is just the nose – beak? – under the tent.

Next thing you know someone will want a goat.

And then a milk cow.

And, finally, a pig. If you've ever lived next door to a pig, a real one, not your current neighbor, well, the squeals, the grunts, the smell – I guess that does sound like your neighbor.

This urban chicken fad is sweeping the nation, not just Fernandina. (There's even a Raising Chickens for Dummies; no, I'm not kidding.)

In Arizona, the legislature is contemplating a law that would forbid cities and towns from banning backyard chicken raising (or should I say rearing; English teachers have scolded me, more than once, for saying I was raised in North Carolina when, in fact, I was reared there.)

Arizona, like Florida, has a law that bans municipalities and counties from passing gun control laws. They say it keeps the locals from offending the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and they'll send your local officials to jail if they do it.

Now we're talking chicken control laws. What in the Constitution protects chickens? Bald eagles, maybe; the turkey, if Ben Franklin had his way – but chickens?

This may be a good time to mention the gender bias in these laws. We're talking hens, no roosters. Roosters would still be banned, though there is at least one scofflaw in the Southside neighborhood who crows about it every morning.

Apparently keeping six chickens would be just fine as long as there's no rooster to rile the roost.

In the event, you can count on commissioners and their constituents clucking over this one – someone is sure to say the sky is falling – for a few weeks.

As for me, I'd prefer a goat.
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AIP 'Medical Mafia'

On the evening of 9 March I suffered a bad fall at my home on AIP, ending up with a pretty good gash on my forehead. By the next day word had gotten around and I was approached by members of the Medical Mafia (you know who you are!) who made me an offer I couldn't refuse, ending up with me going to the Baptist Medical Center Nassau Baptist ER, even though I then believed it to be unnecessary. Turns out I was wrong and you were right, and I'm writing to express my deep gratitude for all you did for me, including subsequent checking on my progress. I still ache and am moving pretty slowly, but I'm recovering.

Thanks again!

Gene Brisach
Amelia Island

People make the island

Amelia Island just recently lost a little more of its flavor. The passing of an old fixture – Ray Mullis – and the departure of the younger, perpetually energized Scott Meena. I for one always enjoyed the brief encounters of these two characters around town. Goodbye, Ray. Good luck, Scotty, and don't stay away.

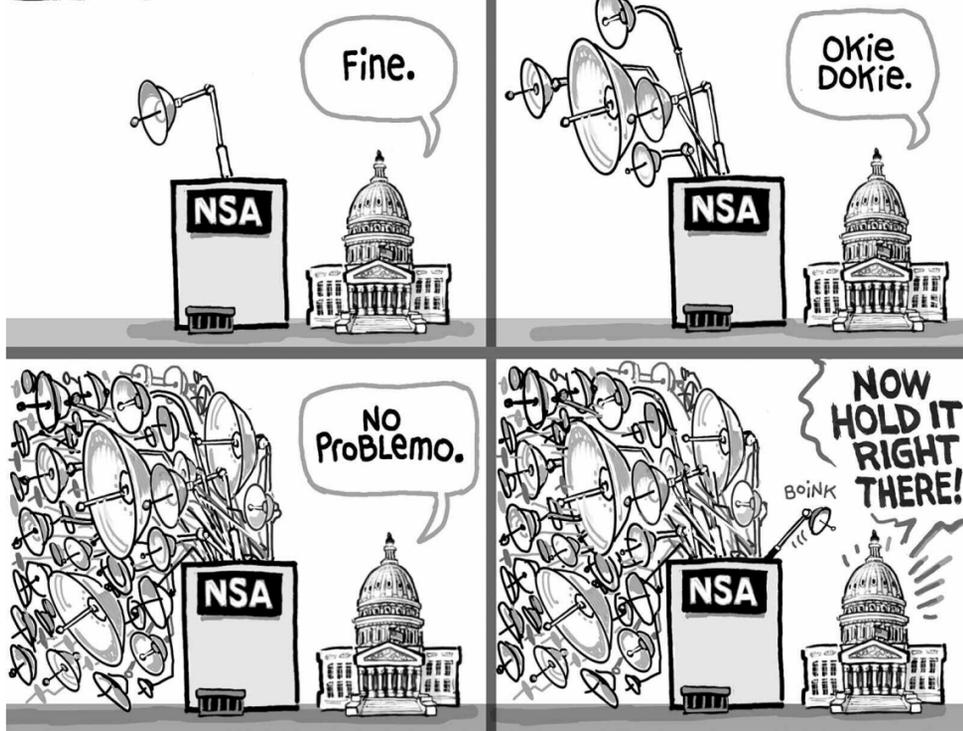
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Bike path signs

Recent letters have commented on the "sign pollution" along the bike path that parallels First Coast Highway.

From Scott Road south to Lewis Street, just eight-tenths of a mile, are some 14 existing driveways and access roads. At each of these crossings are two stop and two no motor vehicle warning signs making a total of 56 eight-foot tall signs in that short distance. Some of these crossings are only a few yards apart which makes one question the intelligence of the path designers.

I don't think many bikers are



STEVE SACK/THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE

looking up at those ridiculously tall signs, and after a dozen or so, simply ignore them. And I have seen exactly that – bikers paying no attention whatever to any of them.

So those of you possibly hoping for an extension of the path into your area be prepared for a profusion of absurd signage that will diminish the ambiance of your neighborhood as it has trashed First Coast Highway and the south end of our lovely island. Of course, the "designers" don't live here, so their brain-dead safety effort will probably proceed unabated unless some concerned intelligence is applied to the program.

M.E. McCaffrey
Amelia Island

Toy guns

I recently purchased a souvenir T-shirt at a local store for my eight-year old grandson. When I was checking out at the register, I noticed right in front of the counter – at eye level for a young child – a display of small metal replicas of handguns (like "Saturday Night Specials") as well as little assault rifles.

They were incredibly real looking. I picked up one and looked at the clerk with puzzled look. She just smiled and pretty much ignored me. All I could think of to say was "this is scary."

And it is. Yes, we had cap guns and BB guns when I was growing

up, but it's not the '50s anymore. The plastic toy guns are bad enough, but this?

Needless to say, I will never patronize this store again.

Sally Bryan
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VIEWPOINT/LEE H. HAMILTON/FORMER CONGRESSMAN

Fixing contempt for Congress

These are hard times for Congress. Its approval ratings have seen a bump from their historic lows of a few months ago, but it's a small one. Our representative democracy's keystone political institution is widely derided as ineffective, unproductive, irrelevant and sadly out of touch.

It is no coincidence that this comes while Congress has developed a taste for so-called "unorthodox lawmaking," wandering far outside its traditional procedures. That's why I would argue that as grim as things seem now, there is a fix for what ails Congress.

Broadly speaking, it involves congressional process. Let me quote John Dingell, the canny U.S. House member from Michigan who recently announced his retirement. "I'll let you write the substance," he once told a House Judiciary subcommittee, "... you let me write the procedure, and I'll screw you every time." In legislative bodies, whoever controls the process controls the result. If it wants to restore itself, Congress must make its processes exemplary and fair.

Members should begin by opening the floor to more amendments. At the moment amendments are tightly limited, if not banned outright, in an effort by the leadership to control the outcome. This restricts debate,

impedes the free flow of ideas and strengthens leaders while disempowering ordinary members.

The leadership also needs to give up its concentrated power and hand more authority to congressional committees. However worthy congressional leaders may be, they cannot do the job that the committee system was designed for: holding hearings, inquiring deeply into issues, eliciting facts, laying out options, arguing over amendments, finding the common ground needed to advance legislation.

The simple truth is that members of Congress are there primarily to legislate – not to raise money or score political points on television. Yet Congress seems to devote less and less time to crafting and passing legislation; it is losing the habit and the skills, and its work product suffers. It needs to work harder at the job Americans expect.

To make this possible, the Senate should do more of its business by simple majority vote of the senators present and voting. I know that many senators like the

ability to filibuster, and do not want to abandon the rule that requires 60 votes to close debate. But here's the thing: the supermajority rule, as it has been applied recently, has become a formula for impotence and disorder. Every democratic institution in this country operates by majority rule except the Senate, where a small minority can completely gum up the works.

It's important for the majority to assure fair procedures that take minority views fully into account, but at the end of the day Congress needs to work, not be hamstrung by loyalty to a Senate rule that has outlived its purpose.

Which is not to say that tradition has no place on Capitol Hill. Many of the procedures it developed over long years of practice were designed to improve its functioning – especially in designing and enacting the federal budget. That process is completely broken now. Congress needs to focus its attention on returning to the traditional budget process of considering separate appropriations bills, as opposed to lumping the entire

budget into a single bill.

Other key processes also need mending. The confirmation of presidential appointees is absurdly slow, seriously jeopardizing a president's ability to govern. Some 50 ambassadorial nominees await votes in the Senate, some of them having cooled their heels for months, and foreign governments are noticing and taking offense. The congressional ethics committees are dormant. Travel privileges are routinely abused – the government should pay for legitimate congressional travel and no trips should be paid for by special interest groups. The crucially important oversight process has become a political sideshow. Campaign expenditures should be limited and donors should be disclosed.

The point of all this is that Congress is listing, but it can right itself. It may not be able to tackle all of these proposed fixes at once, but each is within its power. Members should quit throwing up their hands and protesting that they can't do anything about their own institution's problems. It's their job to put Congress back in working order and they have the power to do it.

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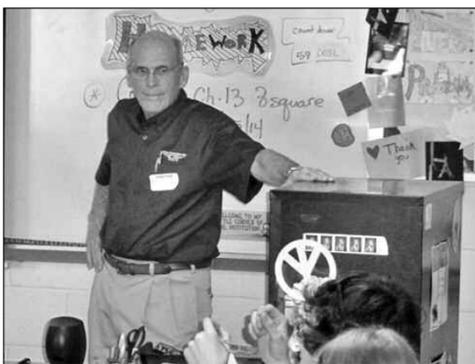
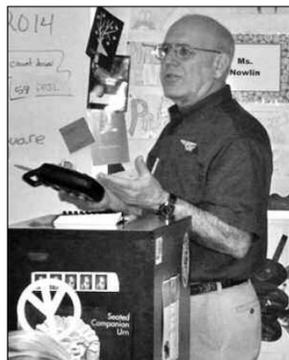


Last month, Friends of Fernandina Aviation members delivered presentations to students at the county's middle schools (grades, 6, 7 and 8) that lasted approximately one hour each. Students seemed interested and were quite interactive, asking good questions and responding to the presenters' questions as well. A couple of the classes quickly caught on to the "wind correction dramatization," offering correct solutions as to how the pilot could keep the aircraft on course.

The presenters included, clockwise from top left, Ray Junk at Yulee Middle School; Nick Feakes at Hilliard Middle Senior; Lew Eason at Hilliard Middle Senior; Jim McCannell at Yulee Middle; Chuck Colcord and McCannell at Yulee Middle; Roger Fraser at Yulee Middle; and Andy Curtin at Callahan Middle.

All performed well and represented the club with enthusiasm and dedication. A big "thank you" goes out to those guys.

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Railroad Days kicks off March 28

The West Nassau Historical Society's 2014 Railroad Days Festival will be held March 28 and 29 in and around the 1881 Callahan Train Depot and nearby 1856 Florida Railroad bed.

This year's celebration will feature the Musslewhite Turpentine Commissary artifact exhibit; the 250th anniversary of Florida's British period; the Historical Society's new video on the mom-and-pop motels and tourist attractions that once lined US 1 and plans for a Callahan History Walking Tour.

Friday's events start at 1 p.m. with the opening ceremony. Friday is "Hobo Day" and kids are encouraged to come after school dressed as the fabled riders of the rails. Live entertainment will run from 2-8 p.m. on the front platform of the depot. The arts and craft area will open from 1-6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday.

The ninth annual Shriners-led Railroad Days Parade is set for 11 a.m. Saturday. Cochrane's Collision Center will host a classic car show next door to the depot after the parade. A large kids' area with a laser maze and jumpy houses will run from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. After various citizens and sponsors are honored at 12:30 p.m., live music will continue Saturday from 2-8 p.m.

Steam driven engines, trac-



tors and trains will be exhibited outside the depot. Model train layouts and entrants from the Nassau County Record essay contest will be on display inside the Depot Annex. Several food vendors serving a variety of cuisines are back and will be available both days. Book signings by local authors including John Hendricks will be held on Saturday afternoon.

The West Nassau Historical Society is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the preservation of Nassau County's rich history and to the maintenance and upkeep of the historic Callahan Depot. Sponsors and volunteers are needed to help make this festival a success.

For additional information or to be a volunteer, sponsor, or donor visit www.wnhsfl.org or call festival co-chairs John Hendricks or Emily Baumgartner at (904) 879-3406.

Soup Train looking for a few good bakers

Can you measure, stir, pour and set a timer? Because if you can, you can become a baking team member for the Soup Train. The Soup Train is a program focused on providing healthy meals to homebound seniors.

In a partnership with The Council on Aging, Barnabas Center and The Coalition for the Homeless in Nassau County, the Soup Train has been providing meals to homebound seniors since 2011.

Teams of volunteers meet once a month at a qualified food preparation kitchen in Yulee and prepare soup or desserts or breads and savory muffins. The food is then packaged, frozen and on a weekly basis, boxed up and delivered to the Council on

Aging. Volunteers from the Council on Aging deliver the meals to homebound seniors who are awaiting placement on the subsidized Meals on Wheels program or who need sixth and seventh day meals in addition to their subsidized meals.

The Soup Train needs volunteers for both a dessert team and a bread team. The meals they provide help seniors to continue to live independently in their own home. If you are interested in cooking good nutritious food from scratch, meeting new people and having fun in the kitchen, then please call Genece Minshew at 491-0185 or email gminshew@gmail.com for more information.

AMELIA CRUIZERS CLUB GIVES TO COA



The Amelia Cruizers car club made a donation of \$2,500 to the Council on Aging of Nassau County recently. From left are Debra Dombkowski, COA Adult Day Healthcare manager, Sam Fallon of the Amelia Cruizers and Janice Ancrum, executive director of the COA.

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Jacksonville Area Legal Aid partners with COA

Nassau County Council on Aging will host representatives from the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA) on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month beginning on Thursday. A nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation since 1976, JALA is a law firm of 40 attorneys specializing in providing civil legal assistance to low-income persons.

The JALA visits will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at COA's Fernandina Beach Senior Center. They are open to all members of the public.

The aid that JALA provides is all pro bono, meaning there are no costs

incurred by the client. The involvement of pro bono attorneys at JALA continues to be a resource that significantly helps close the justice gap, helping to ensure that legal representation is available to everyone regardless of ability to pay.

"These bi-weekly visits from JALA will provide real legal representation to low-income citizens in our community, including vulnerable seniors," according to Janice Ancrum, executive director of the Council on Aging.

JALA attorneys and advocates handle cases involving issues of community development, consumer complaints,

education, family law, elder law, employment and unemployment, fair housing, health, public benefits, mental health and immigration. JALA also provides a variety of legal services for those with HIV or AIDS.

As much as JALA representatives would like to help every client who applies for their services, they cannot accept every case due to limited resources. Case acceptance depends on the circumstances of each case, whether all eligibility criteria are met, and staff availability. Call the COA at 261-0701 or visit coanassau.com for information.

Mobile food pantry March 27

Barnabas Center announces another mobile food pantry for March as part of the Hunger Coalition of Nassau County and Nourishment Network's collaborative effort to distribute fresh food in Nassau County each month.

The purpose is to make it easy for people in need of food to acquire fresh food products delivered to various sites

through a collaborative effort of the Nassau County Hunger Coalition, Nourishment Network and other agencies, local churches and volunteers.

Distribution of produce, dairy, baked goods and meat begins at 11:30 a.m. on a "first come, first served" basis on March 27, in Fernandina Beach at the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St.

MILITARY NEWS

■ Air Force Airman Harley L. Henderson 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.

Henderson is the daughter of Sissy and A.J. Henderson Jr. of Hilliard. She is a 2012

graduate of Hilliard High School.

■ Air Force Airman Chelsea L. Duggar 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.

Duggar is the daughter of Tracy Duggar of Menard, Texas, and Dean Duggar of Yulee. She is a 2013 graduate of Menard High School, Menard, Texas.

WEDDING ENGAGEMENT

Zeilnhofer to wed Dudzinski in 2015

Heather Lynn Zeilnhofer of Fernandina Beach and Joseph Francis Dudzinski of Yulee are engaged to be mar-

ried in April 2015.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Les and Carol Zeilnhofer of Fernandina Beach. The groom-elect is the son of Frank and Donna Dudzinski of Callahan.

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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 our life 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

Helping kids love fitness

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

pressure, high cholesterol, type-2 diabetes and heart disease.

"Regular exercise can prevent these issues and provide more energy, better sleep, increased self-esteem and improved memory and concentration," said Williams.

Parents are enthusiastic in their praise of the program.

Carrie McCannell-Scruggs said, "My husband and I are so thankful for Fizikly Fit Kidz. Our eight-year-old son is not really interested in team sports, like soccer, but thrives at individual sports, like running. He took to Coach Dawn's class right away and really loves it. Fizikly Fit Kidz helps teach children that working out and exercise are not just important, but are really fun, too. We love the positive impact it has made on our son."

Fit Kidz Pre-K for ages 3-5 is offered 11:15-11:45 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Bodyworks, 463646 SR 200 in Yulee.

Fit Kidz for ages 5-10 is offered at 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at Centred Yoga, 212B Centre St., or 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Bodyworks.

Fit Teenz for ages 11-18 is held at 5:30 on Tuesday and Thursday at the Peck Gymnasium, 516 South 10th St.

Williams also offers strength and conditioning training for youth athletes, teams or individuals.

Originally from St. Louis, Williams shares her Yulee home with husband Jeff, their children Spencer and Allison and furkids Murray Christmas and Tiki.

For additional information, visit the website www.fizikly-fitkidz.com or call (904) 612-4172.

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Circus camp

Bodyworks, Fizikly Fit Kidz and Starshine Hoops will present Spring Break Circus Camp from 9 a.m.-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 child's spot. For information call (904) 403-0415.



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Hampton Walker leads his classmates through hurdles during an outdoor exercise with Fizikly Fit Kidz, above. Coach Dawn Williams supervises a young athlete doing pushups during Fizikly Fit Kids class, below.



Florida honors Burbank

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner and First Lady Ann Scott honored Florida's Heritage Month Award winners at a ceremony Tuesday night at Mission San Luis in Tallahassee. The 11th annual Florida Heritage Month Awards ceremony is part of a month-long celebration recognizing Floridians who have made contributions to the state in historic preservation, literature, folk heritage, and visual and performing arts.



Burbank

Among those receiving Folk Heritage Awards was Billy Burbank III of Nassau County.

"Florida Heritage Award winners are uniquely talented individuals who preserve our state's traditions and heritage while making Florida a tremendous cultural destination," said Detzner. "By recognizing these great cultural talents and the arts they represent, we hope to promote how arts and culture can create economic vitality, enhance quality of life and instill community pride."

Third generation net-Burbank began making nets with his father and grandfather at age nine, learning by observation, custom and practice. In 1972, he joined the family business, Burbank Trawl Makers, Inc., which his grandfather founded in 1915. His 1974 net design, the "Mongoose," drastically improved on the standard net that was used by most shrimp fishermen at the time and, in 2000, he received the NOAA Environmental Hero Award for his success at designing a humane and effective "turtle exclusion device" for the shrimp fishing industry.

"Through his innovation and passion for traditional net-making, Mr. Burbank has brought national attention to Florida's First Coast shrimp fishing industry and to Fernandina's maritime heritage," the award stated.

More information about the Florida Heritage Month award winners and Florida Heritage Month events at floridaheritagemonth.com.

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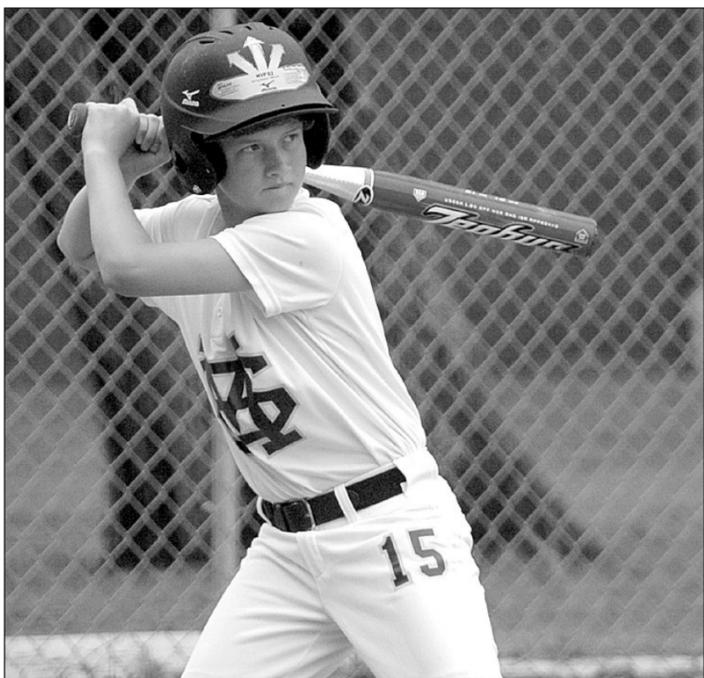


ST. MICHAEL ISLANDERS



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

The St. Michael Academy boys softball team hosted St. Patrick's Catholic School Tuesday at Joe Velardi Field for the season opener. The St. Michael Islanders defeated St. Patrick's 12-2. Sam Gray at bat, left, and John Bogush, above, at short stop for the home team. John Powell at third, below left, and Knox Richardson on the mound, below right. Patrick Magagnos at bat, bottom left, and Elijah Evans scoring, bottom right.



TV, new radio broadcasters named by Jags

The Jacksonville Jaguars have reached agreements with new flagship radio and TV broadcast partners for carriage of their on-air programming in and around the Jacksonville area. For the first time, Jaguars games and official team radio programming will be heard on 1010XL AM and 92.5 FM, the team's flagship radio partner. In addition, the games will be simulcast on 99.9 Gator Country.

The TV programming, which includes pre-season game broadcasts, will return after 11 years to WJXT-TV Channel 4, and in addition the pre-season games will air in the Orlando market on Channel 4's partner station, WKMG Local 6. WJXT was previously the Jaguars' local television partner in 2001-02.

"We're very proud to team with all of these partners — 1010XL, 99.9 Gator Country and WJXT Channel 4 and WKMG — and we look forward to expanding our radio and TV programming with them," Jaguars President Mark Lamping said in making the announcement. "Given the size of the Jacksonville market, it is critical that we reach all current and potential Jaguars fans. Our new partners will help us do that in Jacksonville as well as the surrounding region, including the important market of Orlando.

"1010XL brings a broad audience of loyal listeners and avid sports fans, 99.9 Gator Country gives us greater reach with our game day broadcasts to an important new demographic and no TV station is more focused on Jacksonville and the local market than Channel 4," Lamping added.

The partnerships are multi-year agreements and terms are undisclosed.

"The Jaguars are the most important sports franchise in our city's history, and we are honored to become the flagship station and to be part of the team," said 1010XL General Manager Steve Griffin. "Everyone is impressed with the team's new regime, their dedication to the city and the fans, and the positive momentum coming from EverBank Field. We are excited about using our resources to help the cause and to grow together in the years to come."

The new television agreement calls for WJXT to air the Jaguars' non-national pre-season games in addition to pregame shows, the Gus Bradley Show and other programs and specials that are mutually developed.

The Jaguars expect to announce their pre-season schedule next month.

"We are thrilled to be growing our partnership with the Jaguars," said Channel 4 Vice President and General Manager Bob Ellis. "As The Local Station, to be working more closely with the premier local franchise in Jacksonville makes perfect sense. Everyone at Channel 4 is eager to tell the stories of hard work going on behind the scenes to build the team both in the community and on the field. Stay tuned, we've got some exciting things planned."

99.9 Gator Country, which is owned by Renda Broadcasting, will serve as a promotional partner for the Jaguars and will simulcast Jaguars game broadcasts as part of a six-hour window on every Jaguars game day. The six-hour window will accommodate pregame and postgame shows in addition to the game broadcast.

"99.9 Gator Country and Renda Broadcasting are very excited to be a media partner with the Jacksonville Jaguars starting with the 2014 season," said Renda Broadcasting General Manager Bill Reese. "The Jaguars have a reputation in the NFL as a first-class organization from ownership, to management, to the coaching staff and players. Renda Broadcasting is proud to be affiliated with the Jacksonville Jaguars who are committed to not only winning but representing the city of Jacksonville in a very positive way. As their radio partner, we look forward and are committed to helping the Jaguars grow their franchise to the next level."

"There's a lot of anticipation building in and around the Jaguars family as we embark on our 20th season," Lamping added, "and these new broadcast partners will help deliver that to longtime fans and new audiences throughout the Southeast region. We're working hard to grow our fan base, and we are confident that our new partners will help us achieve that goal."

• The Jacksonville Jaguars are kicking off their 2014 season ticket renewal campaign with an all-new, innovative experience for their season ticket holders.

With the launch of their digital e-brochure allowing a seamless renewal process, as well as new stadium renovations providing five new exciting seating options and the season ticket holder rewards program Jags 365, this year's fan experience will provide a whole new level of service and excitement.

"It was extremely important for us to put our resources and energy into understanding what fans want from the Jaguars, and what is necessary to support a sustainable NFL franchise," Jaguars President Mark Lamping said. "We conducted surveys, several fan forums and spoke directly with our season ticket members to identify what is most important to them. We also know that growing our local revenue is key to our success."

"We are very excited about the stadium enhancements currently under construction and the positive impact it will have on our fans' game day experience."

"Finding new, creative sources of revenue is also a priority and we are proud to introduce a number of new seating options for our loyal fans."

Visit www.jaguars.com for information.

SPORTS SHORTS

Bell among honored

Declan Bell of Fernandina Beach was honored for his academic achievement the past year by the Pop Warner Football Association. Less than one percent of the participants in Pop Warner football receive this honor.

Also receiving the honor but not attending the ceremony were Dominic Giannini, Keegan Gorham, Korey Kristensen and Spain Scott.



Bell

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.

Coast Guard detachment

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 070-14-01 from Fernandina Beach announces the startup of its Camden County, Ga.,

detachment. The detachment will meet monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at The River Club at Osprey Cove in St. Marys. The first meeting will be March 25 at 7 p.m.

For information on the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Camden County Detachment, contact Harry Tipper at (912) 576-6659 or htipper3@comcast.net. For information on joining the auxiliary contact Barbara Dunn at 261-1889 or visit www.cgaux14-7-1.org.

Sailing Club meets

The Amelia Island Sailing Club meets the first Tuesday at the Kraft Athletic Club at Ten Acres. Social hour at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Contact Commodore Roger Henderson at (904) 624-2711 or commodore@ameliaislandsailing.org or visit www.ameliaislandsailing.org for information.

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=hQE5fcOCOL>. Additional information and reservations are available on the NSFA website, www.nsfafish.net.

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association, founded in 1983, is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, created to develop and promote salt water fishing in the Nassau County area while adhering to state, federal and local regulations, to encourage compliance with rules of

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SEASON CHAMPS

The Yulee Basketball Association U15 Heat, below, completed a three-peat, winning its third consecutive championship in the 2013-14 season. The Heat includes, front row from left, Nick Kramer, Tyler Griffin, Jack Goshert, Gavin Gleason; back row, assistant coach Travis Roberts, Jordan Richo, Mitch Kozakoff, John Kasper, Sandy Ketchen and head coach Mark Gleason. The U12 Heat, right, repeated as season champion. The team includes, front row from left, Matt Stillwell, Jasmyne Roberts, Caleb Kasper, Jacob Casper, Aaron Denison, Chase Crider, Jacob Jackson, Jacob Cartrette, Alex Bowen and Joe Bedell-Murray; back row, coaches Julian Roberts, Jay Denison and Mark Bowen. Magic, below right, won the U10 division. The team includes Thailen Mitchell, Gabriel Jones, Nikao Smith, Jordan Garland, Josiah Evans, Marcell White, Josiah Rauls, Jaylen Register, Noah Almeida, Gavin Palmer, Makinley Mandigo, Head Coach Joe Evans III and assistant coaches Steven Mitchell and Shawn Rauls.

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water safety by club members and the general public and to promote youth related community and other civic minded activities. Contact President John Hartrich at 206-0817 or john@seahorseofamelia.com.

Boules Club

Amelia Island Boules Club holds petanque pickup games Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach courts at the south end of the downtown marina. Petanque (pay-tonk) is a cousin of horseshoes and bocce, the Italian bowling game. The public is welcome. Call 491-1190.

Bowling leagues

A senior league bowling is offered at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Nassau Bowling off US 17 in Yulee. The group also meets for Christian league at 6 p.m. Thursdays.

Be an umpire

Baseball and softball umpires can join the fastest growing umpires association in Northeast Florida, the River City Umpires Association. River City Umpires is currently recruiting men and women interested in officiating base-

ball and softball. If you live or work in Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Putnam, St. Johns or Nassau County, contact Terry Padgett at (904) 879-6442 or visit www.rivercityumps.com.

Thirsk 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.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded directly to an outstanding graduating high school senior; it is renewable paid for two consecutive years for a total of \$2,000 per recipient. 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. The recipient and their family will also be invited to attend a Nassau Sport Fishing Associ-

ation monthly social meeting as guests of the organization. Additional information including all necessary application forms, selection criteria and instructions for all submis-

sions are available on the NSFA website at nsfafish.net. The Nassau Sport Fishing Association, founded in 1983, is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, created to develop and

promote saltwater fishing in the Nassau County area while adhering to state, federal and local regulations, to encourage compliance with rules of water safety by club members

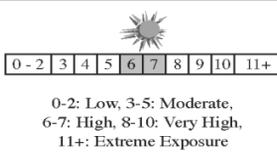
and the general public and to promote youth related community and other civic minded activities. Contact Shawn Arnold at 556-5531 or ashaw-narnold@hotmail.com.

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Sunny 75 / 60	Saturday Partly Cloudy 78 / 60	Sunday Mostly Cloudy 75 / 59	Monday Few Showers 71 / 56	Tuesday Few Showers 73 / 55	Wednesday Mostly Cloudy 70 / 52	Thursday Partly Cloudy 74 / 51

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

Why does lightning seem to flicker as it flashes in the sky?
Answer: Lightning is not just a single stroke, but a succession of many strokes.

Weather History

March 21, 1932 - A tornado swarm occurred in the Deep South. Between late afternoon and early the next morning, severe thunderstorms spawned 31 tornadoes in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Tennessee. The tornadoes killed 334 people and injured 1,784.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	3:26-5:26	3:56-5:56	Tue	7:12-9:12	7:42-9:42
Sat	4:21-6:21	4:51-6:51	Wed	8:08-10:08	8:38-10:38
Sun	5:17-7:17	5:47-7:47	Thu	9:03-11:03	9:33-11:33
Mon	6:15-8:15	6:45-8:45	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 3/23	Fri 7:27 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	No Rise	10:38 a.m.
	Sat 7:25 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	12:37 a.m.	11:29 a.m.
	Sun 7:24 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	1:35 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
	Mon 7:23 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	2:31 a.m.	1:26 p.m.
New 3/30	Tue 7:22 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	3:23 a.m.	2:29 p.m.
	Wed 7:21 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	4:12 a.m.	3:34 p.m.
	Thu 7:19 a.m.	7:42 p.m.	4:58 a.m.	4:40 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days			
3/11	79	55	70/52	0.00"	3/11	17
3/12	79	59	70/52	0.00"	3/12	19
3/13	66	45	70/52	0.00"	3/13	6
3/14	64	39	71/52	0.00"	3/14	2
3/15	73	50	71/52	0.00"	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.	
3/16	84	59	71/52	0.00"		
3/17	64	59	71/53	0.00"		

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance			
Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low	Day	High
Fri	12:30 am	6:34 am	Fri	12:13 pm	6:31 am	Fri	None
Sat	1:17 am	7:28 am	Sat	1:38 pm	7:33 pm	Sat	1:02 pm
Sun	2:11 am	8:28 am	Sun	2:34 pm	8:36 pm	Sun	1:58 pm
Mon	3:14 am	9:32 am	Mon	3:38 pm	9:44 pm	Mon	3:02 pm
Tue	4:24 am	10:35 am	Tue	4:48 pm	10:51 pm	Tue	4:12 pm
Wed	5:34 am	11:35 am	Wed	5:57 pm	11:56 pm	Wed	5:21 pm
Thu	6:38 am	12:34 pm	Thu	7:00 pm	None	Thu	6:24 pm

Star Watch By Gary Becker - Dissecting Orion's Sword

Orion the Hunter continues to be center stage in the south right after darkness, but it will not be there for long. The rapidly increasing light of spring and Orion's daily westward motion, due to Earth revolution around the sun, will squeeze it from visibility in the evening sky in just one more month. Look for Orion's three belt stars, top to bottom—Mintaka, Alnilam, and Alnitak, mid-sky and just a little to the west of south. Beneath his belt is Orion's more elusive sword, which appears to the unaided eye from suburban locales as three fainter stars, but when viewed through binoculars or small telescopes, resolve themselves into star clusters and nebulae. By far, the most famous is the Orion Nebula (M42), 24 light years in diameter and 1,350 light years distant. It is a birthing place for stars. Its Trapezium cluster contains five 15-40 solar mass stars visible through small telescopes, but Theta 1 C Orionis, containing 40 times more hydrogen than our sun, is the standout, in binoculars. Its "surface" temperature exceeds 80,000 degrees F, and its luminosity equals 250,000 suns. It is destined to supernova in about one million years. Just above the Orion Nebula is M43, structurally tied to M42, but separated by a dark lane of dust. Target this area with a telescope. The Running Man, NGC 1977, a small cluster of related stars forms the top of Orion's sword to the unaided eye. Through binoculars three tightly packed luminaries can be seen with an additional star above and to the right. Photography reveals a beautiful blue reflection nebula associated with the dust through which the brightest star, 42 Orionis, is shining. Below the sword lies Iota Orionis, a naked eye star, which is associated with a very faint nebulosity, NGC 1980, not easily seen even through large telescopes. All of this and more lies easily within one binocular field of view in your evening sky tonight. www.astronomy.org

2014 SCHEDULES

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

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Shrimp Festival T-shirt design selected

The official T-shirt design has been selected for the 51st Annual Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival.

The artwork's designer is Michael Barnard, an award-winning artist originally from Dayton, Ohio, who now lives in Ormond Beach.

"The Shrimp Festival Committee is excited about this year's design as it touches on various aspects which highlight the shrimp industry and Fernandina Beach," said Dawn

Lunt, this year's merchandise chair, in a press release.

The press release did not reference the controversy over last year's design, which featured a redfish.

A graduate of the Columbus College of Art & Design, Barnard combines traditional painting with modern digital technology to create works of original art. He has been a leader in the field of high-end custom digital design for nearly 15 years. He lives in Ormond

Beach with his wife, Lori, and their five-year-old daughter, Alora.

There will be two merchandise booths offering official Shrimp Festival T-shirts, tank tops, tote bags, hats, aprons, ornaments and Tervis tumblers. One is located at the waterfront and will be open for the three days of the festival, and the second tent can be found near the corner of Eighth and Centre streets on Saturday and Sunday of

that weekend.

The Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival will be held May 2-4 after a community Pirate Parade on Thursday, May 1. Then merchants in downtown Fernandina Beach will hold a sidewalk sale all day Friday, May 2 until the festival officially opens at 6 p.m. that day.

The Kids Fun Zone opens that Friday evening, and all of the food, sponsors and exhibitor's booths located at the waterfront will be open. Entertainment will last until 10:30 p.m. with live music, the Miss Shrimp Festival Pageant and a Pirate Invasion followed by a fireworks show.

Saturday, May 3 the fully juried art show opens with over 300 artisans competing for over \$7,500 in cash awards. There will be fine arts and crafts, over 50 antique dealers, contests throughout the festival for kids of all ages, live musical entertainment, scores of playful pirates and the Kids Fun Zone with activities, games and food, including shrimp.

Sunday, May 4 the festival's arts, crafts and antique booths remain open from 10 a.m. to 5



Michael Barnard of Ormond Beach designed the Shrimp Festival T-shirt art this year.

p.m. with the addition of the Best Decorated Boat Parade and the Blessing of the Shrimp

Fleet at the waterfront. Admission is free for the entire festival.



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Learning from each other



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First Presbyterian Church missionaries helped set up a sewing room at Christian Light School in Haiti.

CRISTIN WILSON
For the News-Leader

Church wasn't in the usual place. Instead they met on the second floor of a nearby building. The original sanctuary was destroyed when an earthquake ripped through the poverty-stricken island of Haiti in 2010.

Pastor Doug Ganyo from First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach said preaching at the small church last June when he visited the small island nation was an honor.

"We were mesmerized by their inspiring and very active worship," said Ganyo.

Ganyo and a team of 17 spent several days with Jacksonville native Sherrie Fausey, the founder of Christian Light School.

A school with close to 300 children. Close to 30 of them also live at the school. Many are orphans, yet others are there because their families are too poor to take care of them. Five-year-old Magdala is one of those children. Her grandfather handed her over because the toddler was literally starving to death.

"The Lord gave us the orphanage. I believe they are a gift from the Lord but they are a huge responsibility," said Fausey.

Once at Christian Light School, Ganyo taught the Haitian teachers a Bible study while other team members helped in the classrooms and assisted Fausey with many other projects.

With several members who sew they tackled the sewing room. It was disorganized. There was cloth and supplies everywhere. But it was important to get the sewing room functional. With the

church's help, Fausey will be able to teach many of the older girls and the ladies how to sew. She believes once they have a trade they'll be able to take care of themselves. Which is a big deal because many in the country are illiterate and live on less than \$200 a month.

Fausey said groups like the one from First Presbyterian Church are such a blessing.

"They (short-term missionaries) can do projects that the full-time missionaries cannot do by themselves. We have had groups come to do repairs, do construction, hold free medical clinics, hold free dental clinics, teach Bible studies, help in classrooms, give extra individual attention to children in the orphanage, teach parenting skills" and more, said Fausey.

Forrest Foxworth, youth pastor at First Presbyterian Church, said the best part of the trip for him was the people he met.

"My favorite part about the Haiti trip was the relationships that we formed. We have new friends. New people to share our life with," said Foxworth. He said they are already planning to go back next summer.

Pastor Ganyo is also looking forward to going back. While in Haiti he talked to people who believe things are going to get better in Haiti. He's confident the tide is going to turn and infrastructure will be built. And he hopes to be a part of it.

"I saw a family living in a crashed-out car with a tarp. I saw them brush their teeth. If they had a white dress it was pristine," said Ganyo.

He said with God nothing is impossible, not even Haiti.

To learn more about Christian Light School visit www.christianlighthaiti.org.



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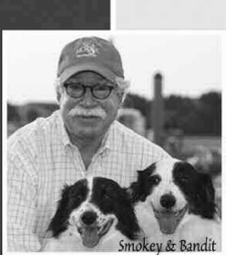
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Help the river at cleanup Saturday

The 2014 St Marys River Celebration will be held March 22 from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by a celebration at White Oak Plantation for volunteers. Tickets will be issued that volunteers can be redeemed for entrance to the picnic at White Oak and a commemorative T-shirt. White Oak is located at 581705 White Oak Road, Yulee.

During the four-hour cleanup, 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.

From its cypress and bottomland hardwood swamps to its salt marshes and mud flats, the St. Marys Basin provides habitat for a diversity and abundance of animals and plants, according to the St. Marys River Management Committee website (saintmarysriver.org).

The committee comprises representatives from the four counties that border the river — Charlton and Camden in Georgia and Nassau and Baker in Florida.

Beyond its importance as a home to numerous plants and animals, including deer, otters, beavers, raccoons, alligators, gopher tortoises, turkeys and ribbon snakes, as well as a variety of birds and fish, the river played a prominent role in the settlement of Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia.

Beginning deep in the Okefenokee Swamp, it flows along a twisted 130-mile path into the Cumberland Sound and Atlantic Ocean only 40 air miles from its headwaters.

In the early territorial days of Florida, schooners and sloops traveled the river, and in the late 1800s, steamers carried passengers, cargo and mail along the river, which had become an active shipping route for the lumber mills along its banks.

Today, the river is a recreational jewel offering hiking, paddling and fishing opportunities.

To register for the St. Marys River Celebration cleanup, call Dean Woehrle at (904) 845-2806 or Keep Nassau Beautiful at 261-0165. Visit saintmarysriver.org to learn more about the St. Marys River.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION

The Pinta and the Nina, replicas of Columbus' ships, are docked at the marina in downtown Fernandina Beach for tours today through Monday. Morgan Sanger, above, is captain and project manager of the Pinta and Nina tours run by the Columbus Foundation, headquartered in the British Virgin Islands.

Sail into history

For the News-Leader

The Pinta and the Nina, replicas of Columbus' ships, arrived Thursday afternoon in Fernandina Beach and will be docked at the downtown marina until their departure early Tuesday morning.

The ships open to the general public starting today. The Nina was built by hand and without the use of power tools and is considered to be the most historically correct Columbus replica ever built. It has a deck length of 65 feet, the beam is 18 feet, the draft seven feet and the sail area is 1,919 square feet.

SAIL Continued on 5B

MAD PLANTS AT GARDEN SHOW

The Amelia Island Garden Show April 19 and 20 in Central Park will include a new vendor — Bonny Harrell of MAD Plants. Started in 2001, MAD stands for the three Harrell children, Michael, Amanda and Daniel, and specializes in finding and growing interesting tropicals that are well suited for Florida, both summer and winter. Meet Harrell at a show so she can help you create a tropical paradise.

The garden show will feature nurseries and growers with a full assortment of flowers, native plants, trees, orchids, herbs, container gardens and more as well as garden accessories and décor.

Garden show highlights include on-site experts to answer your questions, ARC, the birds of prey rehabilitation center, and the Picnic Bench Dining Court. A two-day pass for both Saturday and Sunday is \$5. Admission for Sunday only is \$4. Children under 12 are free and please, no pets. For details, visit www.ameliagarden.com, call 491-4872 or visit www.ameliafarmersmarket.com.

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Heel-n-Wheel, craft brew fest to help Pirate Playground

8 Flags Playscapes' fourth annual Heel-n-Wheel is set for Saturday, 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 team should bring a decorated wheelchair or borrow one 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 progress on the playground. After the Heel-n-Wheel, the action will continue at Main Beach for the Slide Into Spring Music

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OFF & ON THE ISLAND

ANSWER LADY

Amelia Community Theatre will present "The Lady With All the Answers," starring Sinda Nichols, at 8 p.m. tonight and March 22 and at 2 p.m. on March 23 in the studio theatre at 209 Cedar St. All tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at ameliacommunitytheatre.org or by calling 261-6749. The show, by David Rambo, is drawn from the life and letters of advice columnist Ann Landers and written with the cooperation of her daughter Margo Howard. Email actheatre@att.net for information.



LATIN AMERICAN DINNER

La Tierra Prometida (The Promise Land) Church will host its monthly fundraising dinner from 5-8 p.m. March 22. Requested minimum donation for each home-made "all you can eat" authentic Hispanic meal featuring delectable foods from Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Puerto Rico & Uruguay is



just \$7 to help them cover the costs of the food. All donations received above the costs of food will be used to help them realize their dream of purchasing the former Baptist Church they call home. Join in a wonderful time of food, fun and fellowship at 416 Alachua St., corner of Fifth and Alachua, downtown Fernandina Beach.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Fernandina Beach/Yulee Relay for Life team Connie's Crusaders will host a pancake breakfast March 22 from 8-10 a.m. at Applebee's on Sadler Road to raise funds in honor of Connie Ellertson's fight against cancer. This Celebrity Waiter Challenge will crown the winner who collects the most tips with "Super Waiter" bragging rights. Waiters include Journey Church Men's Pastor Ben Hall, Outreach Pastor Jonathan Mock, Youth Pastor Robbie Lewis and Small Groups Pastor Lance Jones. Tickets are \$8 and available from Joni Reid at (904) 556-6767, Elisha Mock at (904) 945-3887, or Jonathan Mock at (904) 753-8765. For a \$5 donation get a photo with the Easter Bunny. Relay for Life will be held April 5-6, beginning



at noon on Saturday at the Yulee High School football field.

SPRINGFEST CONCERT

"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, set for 7:30 p.m. at Walker's Landing at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation.



Their repertoire includes original compositions and reworkings of folk, jazz and Latin music. Tickets are available at www.aicmf.com or 261-1779. The AICMF's "Expect the Unexpected" theme continues in May with 13 performances, including members of the Guarneri String Quartet, cellist Zuill Bailey, folk ensemble Canary in the Coal Mine and the Brooklyn Rider String Quartet. Visit the website for details.

OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

The St. Michael Academy Carnival takes place through March 23 in Central Park on Atlantic Avenue in Fernandina Beach. Enjoy rides, food and fun today from 5-10 p.m., Saturday noon-11 p.m. and Sunday noon to 10 p.m. For information call 321-2102.

The Amelia Island Museum of History's next 3rd on 3rd St. presentation at 6 p.m. tonight 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.

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.

American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St., will host a prime rib dinner on March 22 from 5-7 p.m. Dinner includes prime rib, garlic mashed potatoes, salad and rolls for a \$12 donation. To-go dinners available. For information call 261-7900.

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.

Organizers will hold a meeting to continue planning the FBHS Class of 1984 30-year reunion on March 22 at 11:30 a.m. at Ms. Carolyn's restaurant, 2120 Sadler Road. If you can join them, please do and either email or call Teresa Wilson at 321-6767 or teresaswilson@gmail.com.

The FBHS Class of 1984 will hold their 30-year class reunion on June 20 and 21. The Friday night event is a two-hour sunset cruise on Amelia River Cruises. Purchase tickets at ameliarivercruises.com for the 7 p.m. twilight BYOB cruise. Tickets are \$28 per person. The Saturday event is a full dinner with a DJ and dancing at The Woman's Club. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please

mail deposits of \$25 per person made payable to FBHS Class of 1984 to Teresa Wilson, P.O. Box 16913, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035.

Nassau Boomers will host a "Twilight BYOB Cruise" with Amelia River Cruises on March 22, departing at 6 p.m. Enjoy your favorite beverage and listen to local entertainers aboard The Bald Eagle catamaran.

Seating is limited. Tickets are \$28 plus tax. Mention Nassau Boomers when you buy your ticket. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Purchase tickets at www.ameliarivercruises.com. Call 261-9972 for information. The ticket kiosk is located at 1 North Front St. RSVP to Nassau Boomers@yahoo.com. Interested Boomers may want to have dinner afterwards. 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.

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 Friends of the Library 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 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 email cholloway@arkofnassau.org. Make checks payable to Ark of Nassau and mail to 86051 Hamilton St., Yulee, FL 32097.

The Newcomers Club of Amelia Island will host its monthly coffee on April 10. Women interested in joining the club and who reside in Nassau County (no matter how long they have lived here) are welcome to attend. For further information contact Lucy Bryan at (904) 430-0119 or Lcybryn@sonic.net or visit www.newcomersofameliaisland.com.

The 29th annual Nassau County Volunteer Center's Volunteer Awards luncheon will be held April 24 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center from noon until 1:30 pm. 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 for a table of eight (\$160); a half-table of four (\$85); business tickets (\$35), and individual tickets (\$15) may be purchased by calling the Volunteer Center at 261-2771 or visiting www.volunteernassau.org.

THEATER

Amelia Community Theatre will offer a seven-week acting course on scene study and monologues, on Tuesdays from April 15-May 27. The course, which is geared for all levels, including beginners, will be taught by Sinda Nichols and limited to 10 adults age 18 and over for each session. The Tuesday afternoon session will be from 2:30-5 p.m. and the Tuesday evening session will be from 6:30-9 p.m. at 207 Cedar St. Tuition fee is \$70. Sign up by calling the ACT box office at 261-6749 or at the ACT Online Store, www.ameliacomunitytheatre.org. For information contact Sinda Nichols at nichols.sinda@gmail.com.

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.

Amelia Musical Playhouse, Amelia Island's newest theater at 1955 Island Walkway, will hold auditions for Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning musical, "Sweeney Todd."

Auditions are April 13 at 1 p.m. and April 14 at 6 p.m. Performances will be Oct. 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26, 31 and Nov. 1. Auditions are being held early to permit weekly music rehearsals due to the complexity of the music. Roles are for males and females ranging in age from 15 to 60. The production is based on the original Broadway version, not the movie. Auditions for lead roles will consist of two minutes of one of the following songs: Worst Pies in London, Pretty Women, Green Finch, Kiss Me, The Contest, Epiphany, or Pirelli's Magical Elixir and a one-minute monologue of your choice.

Visit Facebook and www.ameliamusicalplayhouse.com. To schedule a private audition, email jilldlill@msn.com before April 13.

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MUSIC NOTES

JSO concerts

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Ladysmith concert

In 2014, Ladysmith Black Mambazo celebrates over 50 years of joyous and uplifting music. Within their singing are the intricate rhythms and harmonies of their native South African musical traditions. In those 50-plus years, the a cappella vocal group has created a musical and spiritual message that has touched a worldwide audience. The Florida Theatre, 128 East Forsyth St., Jacksonville, welcomes Ladysmith Black Mambazo on March 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$38.50-28.50 and available at the box office, by calling (904) 355-ARTS, or online at www.floridatheatre.com.

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.

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.

Sounds on Centre

The Historic Fernandina Beach Association (downtown merchants) announces something different for the kick-off of this season's Sounds On Centre concert series downtown. The first concert will be April 4, 6-8 p.m. at the corner of Centre and Second streets, featuring the Honey Badgers Band with an all Beatles show.

Bring your chair, dancing shoes and the family to enjoy great songs from perhaps the best-known band of all time. Come early to get a good spot. The concert series is sponsored by a long list of local firms dedicated to the enrichment of downtown. The theme this season is "Keepin' It Local."

Story & Song

Don Henry and Jon Vezner have written dozens of songs together – even winning a Grammy Award for one – but have had separate careers until now. Their new duo, "The Don Juans," backed by cellist Jeff Gilkinson, will perform at the next "Evening of Story & Song," the popular concert series presented by First Coast Community Bank and hosted by Mark & Donna Paz Kaufman, on Saturday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. Open seating begins at 6:45 p.m. at Burns Hall, St. Peter's Episcopal Parish at Atlantic Avenue and Ninth St. Reservations are suggested: (904) 415-1388 or eveningofstoryandsong@gmail.com.

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 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@ameliaislandjazzfestival.com.

John Legend

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

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. Tickets are \$25 per person (must be 21, must show ID); tour begins at the train depot in downtown Fernandina Beach. Reservations required. Contact Thea

at 261-7378, ext.105 or Thea@ameliamuseum.org.

Guests on this tour will learn Amelia Island ghost stories as they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era as the past comes alive through the skillful storytelling of your guide. This tour begins at 6 p.m.

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 information on special events including appearances by 'The Usual Suspects' with Pam and Davis Turner. You never know who may show up and play.

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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every Friday like clockwork and lasts approximately one hour. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105 or Thea@ameliamuseum.org for information.

RELIGION

RELIGION NOTES

Bless with toilet paper

When you see an item you need on "two for one" sale, please think of The Salvation Army Hope House and pick up two – one for them and one for you. The items we need most this week are: 1) Peanut butter & jelly 2) Breakfast items 3) Canned soup 4) Ramen Noodles 5) Canned Vegetables 6) Boxed Meals 7) Spaghetti & sauce 8) Canned Meats 9) Plastic Containers 10) Toilet Paper. Please bring your donations to 410 S. Ninth St.

Music conference

Dr. Frank Garlock will be the special speaker during the Music Conference at Bible Baptist Church, 820 South 14th St., Fernandina Beach. Garlock is the president and founder of Majesty Music, Inc., formerly called Musical Ministries. He and his wife, Flora Jean, started the company in their home in 1973. The same year the Garlocks began conducting music seminars around the country. The Music College seminars reach over 500 musicians each year.

The public is invited to join the Music Conferences. Service times are tonight at 6:30 p.m., March 22 at 3 p.m., supper at 4:30 p.m., and the second session at 6 p.m., and Sunday will be regular times. For information call 261-5457 or go to www.bbcfb.com.

Latin American dinner

La Tierra Prometida (The Promise Land) Church will host its monthly fundraising dinner from 5-8 p.m. March 22. Requested minimum donation for each homemade "all you can eat" authentic Hispanic meal featuring delectable foods from Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Puerto Rico & Uruguay is just \$7 to help them cover the costs of the food. All donations received above the costs of food will be used to help them realize their dream of purchasing the former Baptist Church they call home. Join us at 416 Alachua St., corner of Fifth and Alachua, downtown Fernandina Beach.

Unity services

Unity Isle of Light will hold Sunday services March 23 at 10 a.m. Services are held on the second and fourth Sunday of the month at the American Beach Community Center, 1600 Julia St. on Amelia Island. The March 23 service will include Marcia Brown, spiritual leader and coordinator speaking on the 5th Unity Spiritual Law of Prosperity, which is part of the Law of Attraction. She will delve into the topics of honoring our earthly commitments based on honesty, justice and the spirit of cooperation. All services include meditation, prayer and singing. Children are welcomed and encouraged. Come hear about the new weekday evening book group offered by Unity Isle of Light. Unity Isle of Light is a start-up spiritual community on Amelia Island with a positive, practical and progressive approach to Christianity. It is a welcoming, energetic and engaging spiritual community. The American Beach Community Center is ADA compliant.

To learn more contact Marcia Brown at 415-0822.

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. Contact the church at 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.

Tuesday worship

Maj. Thomas McWilliams, Area Commander, will share the Gospel message at the Tuesday Worship Service on March 25 at noon at the Salvation Army Hope House. For more information, call 321-0435 or stop by the Hope House, located at 410 S. Ninth St.

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 Shabat 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 for information or to register. The \$20 fee is for materials. A certificate will be given upon successful completion of the class.

SNEAK PREVIEW



Ruth Charlene Davis, as Mrs. Johnson, is seated at the kitchen table of Lena (Mama) Younger, played by Staci Anderson in the Stage Aurora Theatrical Company production of "A Raisin in the Sun." Davis, a 1989 graduate of Fernandina Beach High School, plays the concerned neighbor of the Youngers, the family, living on Chicago's Southside, at the center of the play's plot. The theater will provide a sneak peek of the play on Sunday during the worship service at the Greater Fernandina Beach Church of God, 305 S. Fourth St. Service begins at noon. The play runs March 28-April 6 at the Stage Aurora Performance Hall, 5188 Norwood Ave. (inside Gateway Town Center), Jacksonville. Call (904) 765-7372 or Brothers 2000 at (904) 768-6004, visit www.ticketleap.com or www.stageaurora.org.

LENT & EASTER EVENTS

Sunrise celebration

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 and always made to feel like "family." 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.

Special services

First Presbyterian welcomes all in the community to noon Lenten services with Communion each Wednesday through April 9 in the sanctuary on North Sixth Street, Fernandina Beach. Join them for two different studies on prayer on Wednesdays in Jim Thomas Hall of First Presbyterian Church, 9 N. Sixth St., on Wednesdays at 12:30 or 6:15 p.m. Nursery and childcare are available for evening study following the family dinner at 5:30 p.m. Come and share a meal and fellowship. Questions, call 261-3837. Special Easter Events open to the community include:

- Palm Sunday on April 13 – worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and an ecumenical gathering of congregations at the Nassau County Courthouse on Centre Street at 10:40 a.m., ending with a processional to each church.
- Maundy Thursday, April 17 – Worship with Communion at 7 p.m. A joint service of First Presbyterian Church and Memorial United Methodist Church in Maxwell Hall on N. Sixth Street, followed by a performance of Exodus by Brad Sherrill from Atlanta. Nursery provided at each church. For more information, call Memorial at 261-5769 or First Presbyterian at 261-3837.
- "CommUNITY Easter Celebration" on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. North Sixth Street will be closed to traffic and filled with food, fun, inflatables and egg hunts. A total of 6,000 filled Easter eggs will be offered for gathering by children in age groups, as well as pictures with the Easter Bunny. The event is free, offered to the community by

Memorial United Methodist and First Presbyterian.

- Easter Sunday, April 20, at First Presbyterian Church welcomes worshippers to break the fast at the annual Pancake Breakfast served in Jim Thomas Hall following the Community Sunrise Service at Ft. Clinch. Everyone is invited to celebrate the resurrection in worship at 8:30 or 11 a.m. Nursery available. Sunday School for all ages at 9:50 a.m.

'Lenten Sketches'

"The Lenten Sketches" by Joseph Martin – A Cantata for Lent with full Chancel Choir and members of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra – will take place April 6 at the Amelia Plantation Chapel at 10 a.m. This cantata focuses on the final days of Jesus life, with words and music built around the frame of God's "Masterpiece of Grace." The opening piece of the cantata invites the "weary pilgrim" to "come to the garden, kneel and remember," and "rest in the comfort of Jesus' embrace." There are six pieces in this beautiful work, which carries the listener from the garden to the cross. Martin, the composer, suggests the use of visual art to enhance this cantata. To that end, during the performance, images created on canvas and with cameras depicting the scenes portrayed through the music will be reflected on the walls of the sanctuary. A quote by Joseph Martin In the forward to "the Lenten Sketches," Martin noted, "Inspired by the life and message of Jesus Christ, artists in every medium have endeavored to capture the magnificence of His ministry among us. From poets and painters to singers and sculptors, the human spirit has long labored to convey through artistic expression the deep, deep things of faith. So vast is this great mystery that no canvas can capture it and no song can fully express its beauty and emotion." Following the cantata, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall of the chapel for a reception and the opportunity to see the original works of art used during the performance of the cantata. The Amelia Plantation Chapel is located at 36 Bowman Road, just outside of the main security gate of the Omni Resort. Call 277-4414 for directions. Find them on facebook.com/Amelia.Plantation.Chapel or visit www.ameliachapel.com.

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AROUND SCHOOL

CLASS NOTES

St. Michael carnival

The St. Michael Academy Carnival will take place through March 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. For information call 321-2102.

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 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.

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 year's 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

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, Fernandina Beach, just west of the Shave Bridge. Call 321-2137 with questions or find them on Facebook - Trail Life Troop 555.

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. to support 4-H youth attending camp and other upcoming events.

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.

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.



Volunteer Karen McFadyen from the Island Art Association gallery speaks to Nassau Youth Leadership students.

Young leaders learn importance of art

SAMANTHA TALMON
For the News-Leader

Nassau Youth Leadership held an arts day last month where its members were provided the opportunity to act as art critics by ranking art at the Island Art Association gallery.

After critiquing others' art, they found themselves taking paintbrushes to their

own canvases and creating their own personal masterpieces.

As the day progressed, the group visited the new Amelia Musical Playhouse in Fernandina. While at the theater, they were given the opportunity to do improv and perform mock auditions.

The day was filled with learning how art plays a major role in our community, and how leadership goes hand in hand with

arts.

A special thank you to the Island Art gallery volunteers, Alexandra from Kinderstudios and Mary Williams and Jill Dillingham from the theater for providing such hands-on educational programming.

Samantha Talmon is a student at Yulee High School and a member of Youth Leadership Nassau.

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YOUTHS OF THE MONTH

Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County take pride in recognizing two fine youngsters as Youths of the Month for February, 2014: Giovanni Leyva-Gonzales and Kyler Vanden Heever.

Giovanni is the exemplar of a nice kid. He is a pleasure to have as a member at the Roberts Club. At age 8 and in second grade at Southside Elementary, he does well in school and at home, helping his mom in every way he can. He participates in most club programs, and has discovered a talent for acting and singing in the Miller Freedom Choral Group and in the Drama Club.

Giovanni also is very interested in sports, and plays on

club teams. While he has a lot of time to decide on his future, his ambition now is to play professional football or perhaps have a career in law enforcement.

Giovanni's positive attitude and winning smile is sure to carry him to success.

Kyler displays the characteristics of an ideal young man at the Miller Club. In fifth grade at Emma Love Hardee Elementary, he is an "A" Honor Roll student, excelling in math, science and writing. He participates in school fund-raising projects and, when at the club, helps younger kids with homework during Power Hour.

He took third place in the recent Freedom Essay Contest. Kyler credits the club with



Giovanni Leyva-Gonzales



Kyler Vanden Heever

improving his scholastic skills and with helping him learn how to be polite to others - plus, most significantly, has given him the inspiration to succeed.

Although just age 11, Kyler expresses a mature vision of

his future: that of inspiring youth in a teaching role, both in scholastics and sports. His intelligence, motivation and willingness to learn will ensure that Kyler reaches his future goals.

Cotillion helps parents 'Dip Into Dancing'

The National League of Junior Cotillions, Nassau County Chapter, recently held a "Parents' Dip Into Dancing" for its cotillion parents.

Parents were invited to attend the last 20 minutes of the season's final class for an opportunity to learn to dance the waltz with their child.

"It is the most special instructional class of the season. I am looking forward to seeing parents share a special moment with their child as they dance the waltz at the upcoming Black and White Ball," said Lynn Dempsey, director of the local Junior Cotillion.

The National League of Junior Cotillions is an etiquette and social dance training program that involves thousands of students nationwide. For information regarding the program or how to register your child, call (904) 556-2916 or email lynn.dempsey@nljc.com.



Junior Cotillion students dance with their parents during the season's final class.

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Kindergarten stars

Kindergarten stars at Fernandina Beach Christian Academy celebrate Read Across America with their Lorax artwork, left.

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Nonprofit updates anti-bully program

The Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc. (MBF) has updated its bullying, child abuse prevention education, and cyberbullying program, MBF Child Safety Matters, to adapt to today's rapidly evolving world of technology.

The program educates and empowers elementary school students and adults with easy-to-use informational tools and strategies to prevent bullying, cyberbullying, digital abuse and all forms of child abuse and exploitation. The research-based curriculum targets students first through fifth grades and is offered at no cost to Florida's public elementary schools.

"Our department is proud to partner with the Monique Burr Foundation in their efforts to prevent child abuse and bullying," said Florida Department of Children and Families Interim Secretary Esther Jacobo. "We recognize the tremendous impact education and awareness can make in the fight against child abuse."

MBF Child Safety Matters, which is part of the governor's Five-Year Strategic Plan 2010-15, is a research-based, primary prevention education curriculum reviewed and supported by respected education and prevention experts. The program meets the requirements of more than 90 Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, the updated Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Anti Bullying Act and the Statute 39, the Child Abuse Prevention Training Act of 1985.

"MBF Child Safety Matters was created with input from schools to ensure the program is practical, fun for students, involves parents and other relevant adults and is research-based from experts," said Lynn Layton, executive director of the Monique Burr Foundation for Children.

"The Monique Burr Foundation for Children has provided safety and child abuse education to thousands of children with a goal to ultimately educate every child in Florida's elementary schools."

MBF Child Safety Matters is currently approved in 53 out of 67 counties in Florida, training more than 1,200 school facilitators and will reach more than 425,000 students by the end of this school year. The Jacksonville-based nonprofit organization receives its financial support through special events, grants and individual charitable donations, including Wells Fargo Foundation and Compass Consulting Group.

For information about this safety program, as well as bullying and child abuse prevention, visit www.moniqueburrfoundation.org.

The Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc., started by Edward E. Burr, president and CEO of GreenPointe Holdings, is a nonprofit organization with a mission to make a positive impact on the community at large, to create change in a family's life for the better and to give hope in the life of a child by providing prevention education relevant to issues facing children.

MBF Child Safety Matters is a research-based, primary prevention education program, designed to educate and empower elementary students and all relevant adults with information and strategies to prevent bullying, cyberbullying, digital abuse and all forms of child abuse and exploitation. MBF Child Safety Matters(tm) is in the process of expanding statewide as a collaborative effort with the Florida Governor's Office, the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Department of Children & Families. For information call (904) 642-0210 or visit www.moniqueburrfoundation.org.

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 available on the website. Deadline for all applications is June 5 at 5 p.m. Prospective grantees may attend an optional learning session. There is no cost, 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. (no registration required, call 261-7020 for details).

Visual and performing artists are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$3,500. Contact Amy Crane 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 Bill at 261-8276 for more 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. Learn to paint in watercolors with Maurer, author of *Sketches of Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach*. Call 261-8276. Visit www.maurerfineart.com.

Free kids' classes

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

Upcoming classes include:

- 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 gallery at 261-7020.

Painting workshops

The Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St., will host Impressionist painter Elio Camacho with a workshop April 3-5 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. titled Color Fee is \$345. 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. Needles, bookbinding thread, beads, cutting tools, paper and paint are part of the fee of \$75. Contact Eliza Holliday at eliza@letterist.com or 556-2517.

BREW

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and Craft Beer Festival benefiting the playground. For information, to register a team or make a donation, go to www.8flagsplayscapes.org.

8 Flags Playscapes and the city of Fernandina Beach will host the Slide into Spring Music and Craft Brew Festival 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 VIP ticket are available for \$50. Contact Jay Robertson at jobertson@fbfl.org or 753-0001.



(C) VARDI KAHANA, COURTESY OF ANDREA MEISLIN GALLERY, NEW YORK.

Vardi Kahana, *Three Sisters, Tel Aviv, 1992*, is among the photographs on view in The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens' exhibit, "One Family: Photographs by Vardi Kahana." The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.

The Cummer presents moving story of one family's history

JACKSONVILLE – The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens presents One Family: Photographs by Vardi Kahana. This exhibition, on view through April 27, contains 31 photographs by Israeli photographer Vardi Kahana, which document four generations of her family.

"The point of departure for the exhibition is the photograph of my mother, Rivka, and her two sisters, Leah and Esther," said Kahana. "Consecutive serial numbers are scorched on their left arms: A7760 A7761 A7762. Thus, in this order, they lined up in Auschwitz in the spring of 1944 to be tattooed. They didn't know then whether they would live to see the next day. Today all three live in Israel; they have 31 grandchildren, and two of them have 50 great-grandchildren."

Taken as a whole, the series explores the impact of world events on the lives of individuals and the evolution of a family.

Hanoch Marmari, head of the Department of Visual Communication at Bezalel Academy of the Arts and Design, Jerusalem, said, "The consecutive numbers tattooed in Auschwitz in the spring of 1944 on the forearms of the three Jewish sisters from Hungary, have transformed from markers of the genocide to signifiers of rebirth. In comparison to the inmates led directly to the gas chambers and crematoria with no need for identification, the tattooed were lucky. Thus, the most atrocious act of dehumanization in history has become, in Kahana's photographs, a moment when new life begins, of which she herself is a part."

"It is the entire Jewish-Israeli narrative embodied in a single family – my family," said Kahana. "To the big question of Jewish-Israeli identity, the photographs of my family provide

a kaleidoscope of answers." In the artist's words:

"My mother, Rivka Kahana, née Greenwald, emigrated from Czechoslovakia in 1947. Her parents and two of her seven siblings perished in the death camp. The survivors immigrated to Palestine. My father, Aharon Kahana, like some of his brothers, fled pre-war Europe in 1939, emigrating from Czechoslovakia to Palestine. His parents and three of his 11 siblings died in Auschwitz as well. Some of the survivors immigrated to Israel; others went to the United States of America.

"Family cohesion was a sacred value to my parents and their siblings; a superior value, above all disputes over world-view, ideology, or religion. The family ties were close-knit and infused with the sense of an existential necessity. It was an affinity that stemmed from the oath, which members of that generation pledged to one another – to meet after the war and set up their homes once again, close to each other. They arrived in Israel penniless, and everyone helped everyone. Those who immigrated first absorbed those who followed. At every opportunity my mother and her sisters recounted their stories to us, how they rescued one another during their stay in Auschwitz. This life-and-death connection continued to exist between them after they immigrated to Israel. We, the children, who absorbed this sense of deep kinship, spent long holidays together ... in the spirit of that same existential mission bequeathed to us by our parents.

"I started photographing my mother during my studies ... (and) over the years I expanded the documentary practice to photograph my extended family as well: uncles, aunts, cousins and their offspring. Four generations.

"The more I advanced in the

documentary process, the better I realized that my family represents the very essence of Jewish-Israeliness. Documenting my relatives' lives sent me on long journeys the length and breadth of the country, as well as overseas. ... My journey oscillated from "left" to "right," from ultra-Orthodox realms to completely Epicurean homes.

"In my childhood we lived in Tel Aviv, very close to the beach. We spent long summer vacations with our cousins, playing childhood games on the warm sand. The same cousins, who in the meantime have raised a third and fourth generations, now live in settlements in northern Samaria, at the heart of Hebron, and in Judea. Not only have the ties between my cousins and me ceased to be an existential necessity, as were my parents' ties with their siblings, but a political and religious gulf now divides us, often leading to an actual rift. Geography is metonymic of that ideological chasm separating the different family factions:

"Today, when we are parents ourselves, the need for extended family intimacy has become dulled. I am certain that in the next generation this tie will further lose the little left of our parents' pact ever-so-vivid during my own childhood. Is it the ideological gap that pushes us apart, eliminating any chance for common ground whatsoever? Probably."

"The Cummer is honored to be able to share Kahana's powerful photographs with the community," said Holly Keris, chief curator at The Cummer. "Although the photographs in this exhibition are ultimately about the photographer's family, I believe the story of triumph, hope, tolerance, understanding and compassion – both within a family and within a community – is universal."

For information, including hours, visit www.cummer.org.

Student artists recognized at 12th high school show

JACKSONVILLE – The 12th Annual Nassau County High School Art Exhibit opened on March 11 at the Lewis 'Red' Bean Building lobby of the FSCJ Betty P. Cook Nassau and ran through Tuesday.

This was the third year that the show was held at the Nassau Center after the nine previous shows were hosted by the North Campus.

Instructors Kim Archer from Yulee High School; April Eason from West Nassau High School; Erica Dodge from Fernandina Beach High School; and Vickie Whigam from Hilliard High School selected the works to be entered into the show. Mary Dumbleton, a librarian at the FSCJ North Campus, who has a Bachelor of Fine Arts and is an accomplished artist, judged the work.

Seventy students displayed artwork. Twenty-seven students received Special Recognition for their respective class medium, some received more than one award (designated by their name with an asterisk for one award, two asterisks for two awards):

From Fernandina Beach High School: Andrea Jones Megan Combs *

Lacy Kanobroski
Gwenyth Stromdahl
Reanna Tipton *
Kenzi Porter
Emmilyn Potts
Brianna Campbell
Kyleigh Goodman
Bridie Sheckells *
Sydney Buchanan
Tiffany Hanson *
Micaela Preble *
Erika Pestana
Nichole Curry
Breanna Crews
Dylan Kotkoski
MacKenna Williams
Cole Carter
Mindy Sorensen
Riley Hall *
Sarah Stone *
Teddie Lesoine *
Drew Henson
Austin Mattes
Katie Cunningham
Katie Cuzzano
Adam Nazzaro
Alyssa Gleason
Bella Hutchinson
Jordan Lawing
From Hilliard Middle Senior High School:
Trevor Brock *
Emily Holmes *
Kayla Relford *
Hattie Baldwin *
Jessalyn McMahel
Daunyale Williams
Taylor Layden
Levi Proffitt

Bransom Arflin
Brianna Bishop
Alyana Shank
Scotty McKenzie
Kassandra Thompson **
Landon Howard
From Yulee High School:
Megan Lewis
Sarah Ramirez
Megan Tomlinson
Brandi Vafiadis
Tessa Bohn-Carmichael **
Christina Deon
Enesynece Henning *
Katlyn Jeffries
Philip Chery
Maya Williams
From West Nassau High School:
Kristen Boohoo
Lola Scott
Taylor Bell *
Ashton Jacques *
Destiny Declaimed
Mario Jankov
Mackenzie Padgett
Sienna Shop
Mckenzie Kimes
Samantha Page
Samantha Waters
Megan Hall
Allison Dybalski
Hanna Carpenter
Garrett Arnold-Brown
Halie Bell
Kelly Geiger
Brittney Blackman *
Courtney Smith *
Karissa Clark

SCHOLARSHIPS

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 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.sbmef.org. A minimum of three eligible applications are required for the scholarship to be awarded. 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 fofaviation.com, or your high school guidance office. For information, contact Jim McCannell at 261-5831. Applications must be submitted to your guidance office by 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. Application forms and information are available at your school's guidance office. Applications must be submitted 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 pirat-

ing: past, present or future, with proper citations and references. Students 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 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. 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. 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 to the college of the recipient's choice.

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.

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It was on the Nina that Columbus sailed across the Atlantic on his three voyages of discovery to the New World beginning in 1492, traveling more than 25,000 miles on the tiny ship.

The Pinta was recently built in Brazil and is a larger version of the archetypal caravel, which historians consider the Space Shuttle of the 15th century.

The ship deck is 85 feet in length, with a 23-foot beam, draft of 7.5 feet and sail area of 3,800 square feet. The Pinta was built to accompany the Nina on her travels and offers a larger deck space for walk-aboard tours and has a 40-foot air-conditioned main cabin down below with seating. The ship is also available for private parties and char-

ters. While in port, the general public is invited to visit the ships for a walk-aboard, self-guided tour. Admission charges are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$6 for students 5-16. Children 4 and under are free. The ships are open every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

Teachers or organizations wishing to schedule a 30-minute guided tour with a crew member should call 1-787-672-2152 or visit www.thenina.com, click on "Take a Tour" and fill out online form. Minimum of 15 people required. Cost is \$5 per person. No maximum. Email columndf1492@gmail.com. Like them at www.facebook.com/pages/columbus-ships. Visit thenina.com.

HOMES

HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

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 and information email info@ameliacooking.com.

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.

Trail walk

Join Walkin' Nassau on March 25 for an evening walk along the Amelia Island Bike/Walk Trail from Peters Point on South Fletcher Avenue. Dinner will follow. Meet at Peters Point at 5 p.m. to sign in. For more information contact Jane Bailey at djbailey@mindspring.com or 261-9884.

Naturalist class

Coastal Trader II, 2245 Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach will host its first Island Education Series on April 1 from 4:43:30 p.m. for ages 5 and up with Wild Amelia Junior Naturalist Program author Robyn Nemes presenting information on "Crab Adaptations" from the Seashore booklet. The cost is \$10 and advance registration is required at coastal-traderii@gmail.com or by calling Susan DeWolf at 321-6369.

Container gardening

On April 2 at 10 a.m., Master Gardener volunteer Carol Ann Atwood will conduct a Landscape Matters class on container gardening from beginning to end, including a handout of surrounding nurseries and plant identification. She will share color photographs with different plants and their cultural requirements. The session will take place at the Yulee Extension office. The class is free and open to the public. For information, see the Extension website at: <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/landmatters/landmatters.html> or contact the office at 879-1019.

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 recuperate 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. Fernan-

dina Mulch and Stone will also give away door prizes. Register online at www.fernandinamulch.com.

Plant clinic

On April 7 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Extension Director/Horticulture Agent Rebecca Jordi will conduct a Plant Clinic. All county residents are invited to bring plant samples showing problems in their landscapes. Problems will be identified and solutions offered. There is no fee for this service. For information call 879-1019. Master Gardeners are on duty Fridays at 491-7340.

Butterfly release

James Loper, landscape designer and owner of Reflections of Nature Garden Center at 3030 S. Eighth St., will give a brief talk about the different types of Florida native and Florida-friendly plants to attract butterflies at 10 a.m. April 26 at the center. Following the talk, butterflies will be released into the garden. This free event is open to the public. For information call 225-9915 or 491-8684.

Garden newsletter

Nassau County Extension is offering a bi-monthly e-newsletter for gardeners and homeowners. Horticulture News is free and will be emailed "blind copy" every other month. Your email address is protected; it is not published in the email transmission. Horticulture News features plant and wildlife information, tips for a successful landscape and a monthly "to-do" list for your landscape. To sign up for the newsletter, see: <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/newsletter/newsletter.html>, or call the Extension office at (904) 879-1019. Master Gardeners are on duty Fridays at 491-7340.

Wildlife habitats

Learn how to attract butterflies and birds and other desirable wildlife to your gardens and make your yard a "Certified Wildlife Habitat." To schedule her presentation, community groups and clubs should contact Bea Walker, a Master Gardener volunteer with Nassau County Extension Service, at bwalker105@bellsouth.net, or 321-2266.

Master

Gardeners help

Need a horticulture question answered and can't wait until the next Plant Clinic? The Extension's website has many questions and answers from Rebecca Jordi's "Garden Talk" column, at <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/questions/questions.html>. Master Gardeners are on office duty on Fridays, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 491-7340, or stop by the Yulee Extension office for help with your landscape questions. This is a free service to the public.

Junior Naturalists

Wild Amelia's new Junior Naturalist Program is based on the model of the Junior Ranger program used in the National Parks and involves a mini-curriculum of activities for children ages 7-15 to complete by exploring "The Seashore."

This first component of the program is available at various locations, including the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center and Kayak Amelia, for just the \$2 cost of printing.

To review the Junior Naturalist curriculum, stop by the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center or Kayak Amelia.

Jasmine a nice vine for arbors

Q:What is the vine I see everywhere with the bright yellow flowers on it? JD

A:The vine you are describing is most likely Carolina jasmine, *Gelsemium sempervirens*, and also called Yellow jessamine or *Carolina jessamine*.

This vine is found in forest or natural areas in open woods and thickets. Carolina jasmine is native to the United States and found in most areas along the Eastern Seaboard. Although it can be weedy in an ideal environment, it is not invasive. The sunny yellow, tubular flowers will be in higher production in full sun, which is why the vine grows to the top of trees and shrubs – it is seeking the most sun possible.

There is a double-flowered cultivar called "Pride of Augusta" (sometimes known as "Plena") which has a longer blooming period.

Carolina jasmine would be a good vine to grow on arbors if the area received a good amount of sun exposure. All parts of the plant are poisonous and it can be fatal if eaten. It can grow in cold hardiness zones 7-9 and prefers moist, well-drained acid soils.

Q:I would like to plant some plums in my yard but I am not sure which ones to buy. CW

A:The names of all University of Florida plum cultivars begin with the prefix "Gulf." These cultivars are Japanese type plums (*Prunus salicina* Lindl.) and have resistance to plum leaf scald (*Xylella fastidiosa*) and bacterial spot (*Xanthomonas campestris*).

Fruit size is about 1 1/2 to 2 inches in diameter and fruit quality is good. They ripen in early to late May. "Gulfbeauty" was released in 1998 and patented by the University of Florida, which is the tree we have in the demonstration garden in Yulee. Fruit color is dark reddish purple and the flesh is yellow with a green hue. The skin is sour, which is common in Japanese plums, but the flesh is sweet, sub-acid and firm when ripe enough to eat. The flesh clings to the stone even when soft ripe.

"Gulfblaze" was released and patented by UF and provides a mid-season plum. Fruit are very firm, medium-large, round and semi-free-stone, which means it is a little easier to pull the flesh from the stone pit. Fruit color is dark red to purple and the flesh is orange, sweet and sub-acid.

Other plum choices are "Gulfrose," "Gulfruby" and "Gulfgold." Plums fruit better when planted with more than one type of tree so consider purchasing two or more different types for cross-pollination. However, if you have a wild plum nearby, the bees will use it for cross-pollination. There are also some cultivars developed by Auburn University that would work well in our area too and those trees have Au in the front of the name, such as "Au-Rosa" or "Au-



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Carolina jasmine can be weedy in an ideal environment but it is not invasive.

Rubrum." For more complete information check out the University of Florida publication: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/hs250>.

Q:I love pansies and I see them in the spring and fall here but which season is best? ND

A:Pansy, *Viola wittrockiana*, can be planted in the spring or fall when night temperatures are 40°F and day temperatures are 60°F. So either season will work and pansies have been known to tolerate freezing temperatures so they may last well into the winter for you.

However, our summers are too brutal for this delicate little flower to remain so we consider it an annual. Once temperatures start to rise consistently into the 70s it will be time to pull pansies out of the ground. You can grow them from seed or purchase them in flats from the local garden center. Either way, you are sure to be happy with the results of adding pansies to your landscape.

Please cluster annuals in one spot as they may require more attention (water and fertilizer) than most perennials. There is seemingly no limit to the variety of solid and multiple colors of this pretty little flower. The word pansy is believed to be derived from the French word pensee, which means thought or remembrance. Whether that is true or not, it is a nice thought or pensee – sorry, I couldn't help myself.

The leaves and flowers of the pansy are edible and are high in vitamin A and C. I have seen them used as decoration along the edges or atop cakes and even added to soups and salads. In addition, the flowers have been used for organic dyes. Pansies can be susceptible to root rot so be careful to provide the plants with moist, but well-drained soil. Slugs and aphids are common pests so check your plants often for best management.

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

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ISLAND MARKETS

If you have been to the Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market in the last year and a half, you've noticed how the market has changed, and how it has grown. One of the things that has not changed, however, are many of the wonderful vendors you have come to trust to feed your family.

One of our most popular booths is organized by Tommy King and Jane Honn, who bring seasonal produce and specialty treats like relish, chow chow, salsa, pickles and relish to the Market Place each Saturday. Grown on a family farm in Starke, Tommy King of King's Kountry Produce may be best known in the region for his delicious strawberries, but with over 60 acres Tommy rotates his seasonal crops to produce tomatoes, collards, turnips, kale, Brussels sprouts, watermelon, cantaloupes, squash, cabbage, new red potatoes, peas, beans, zucchini and the colorful trio of Romanesco, cheddar and traditional cauliflowerers.

Located on Highway 301, they have a storefront, too, where Jane sells her homemade jams like black and blue, or strawberry and fig. She also makes pumpkin butter, apple chutney, dilly beans, pickled okra, pickled beets, salsa, honey, cane syrups, strawberry shortcakes and more.

Always green minded, they not only bring healthy produce to Amelia Island, but they also encourage you to recycle their glass canning jars, cardboard strawberry flats and those plastic pint berry cups by returning them to their booth during the farmers market each Saturday.

The Arts Market located adjacent to the farmers market and will be open this Saturday. Local saxophone player Gabriel Arnold will provide entertainment, and the Special Olympics will be the featured nonprofit booth.

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market on North Seventh Street is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, except the Saturday of the Shrimp Festival. Well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome. Visit FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com or call (904) 557-8229.

One of Amelia Island's newest events is the Fernandina Beach Arts Market, open the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. between North Seventh and Eighth streets, next door to the downtown farmers market.

Local artists show off their crafts at this outdoor market including fine jewelry, hand crafted furniture, stained glass, pillows, purses, tie dyed apparel and other custom designed fabrics. You will find pet treats, dishes and accessories, as well as homemade soaps and candles, photography, framed art, note cards and more.

Vendors March 22 include Riplaces, a shoelace alternative that permits you to say "No to the bow." Assorted elastic straps and ornamental stops hold your sneakers and other lace-up shoes firmly in place. If you have an active lifestyle, or have trouble tying your shoes, this booth is a must see.

John Mateer is a local artist who specializes in

glass fusion art. Using creative painting techniques and melting glass in a kiln under extreme temperatures lets him create individual works of art, recycled from used glass that are made into spoon rests, serving dishes, bowls, jewelry and more.

Another popular exhibitor is a wood crafter who designs outdoor furniture pieces painted with decorative wildlife scenes or vivid colors. You will also find creative frames surrounded in seashells and other natural products. Every piece is a unique work of art that will start conversations in your home for years to come.

The Fernandina Beach Arts Market has room for more vendors. Call 557-8229 or visit www.FernandinaBeachArtsMarket.com

The very popular Proper Pie Company will be at the Amelia Farmers Market again on March 22 with their iconic double crust savory and sweet authentic British and Irish pies. Don't miss out on their meat pies including their chicken shepherd's pie and their sweet BBQ pulled pork. They also have some vegetarian pies like spinach and ricotta and vegetarian curry. One happy customer recently put it like this, "Best meat pie I have EVER eaten this side of the Atlantic."

Also at the market will be Deep Roots Meat, the only all-grass (forage) fed meat producer anywhere on the island. The Platt family does things differently and those differences are what set them apart from any competition. The Platt family breeds and raises their cows on their family farm, using only natural fertilizers, never antibiotics or hormones, and feeding the cattle grasses, forages and hay that they bale themselves on their property. In other words, The Platt Family has control of their cattle from conception to your dinner plate.

Minorcan Datil Pepper will also be at the market. A 20-year-old family business, Minorcan Datil Pepper offers a gourmet line of datil pepper products. The datil pepper offers a unique flavor described by many as a "sweet heat." Their line includes hot sauces, marinades, mayonnaise, relish, mustard, barbeque sauces, vinegar, salsas, jams, and jellies. Coastal Shrimp will have fresh and local shrimp, flounder, grouper and more. Neal's Kettle Korn features gourmet Kettle Korn that is popped before your eyes. They also offer old-fashioned Portland cement, perlite, vermiculite and peat moss. This mix creates a permanent, concrete planter that is much lighter than classic concrete and the natural mixture encourages healthy plants by providing superior air circulation and drainage. The planters take on a beautiful patina as they age and the crevices become favorite spots for moss growth.

The market also is in bloom with beautiful flowering plants, bedding plants, colorful leafy plants, and greenery all at Ever Blooming Landscape.

Sign up for the E-Mail Newsletter at www.ameliafarmersmarket.com. The 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.

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Wild Amelia events

Wild Amelia is now accepting online registrations for the Nature Photography Classes and Ecotours of the eighth annual Wild Amelia Nature Festival, May 16-18 at venues on and around Amelia Island. One of the photo workshops will be a "Behind the Scenes Photo Opportunity at the Jackson Zoo and Gardens." For a more in-depth description of the classes, instructors and locations, visit wildamelia.com or call Dawna Moore, class coordinator, at 556-4880.

Wild Amelia is accepting entries for the sixth annual Wild Amelia Nature Photography Contest to recognize outstand-

ing photography that celebrates the natural landscapes of Amelia Island. The contest is open to adults and children, beginning and advanced photographers. Deadline for entries is April 4. Cash prizes will be awarded.

View the rules and download entry forms at www.wildamelia.com. Winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. May 17 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center during the Wild Amelia Nature Festival Eco-Expo and Silent Auction. Entry forms also are available at the Fort Clinch Visitor Center, Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center office and all Wild Amelia Wild Nites.

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

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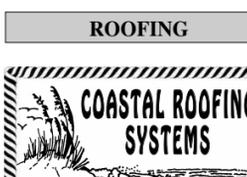
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