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City nudges ahead on waterfront park(ing) plan

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

A special Fernandina Beach Commission meeting Tuesday to discuss two competing waterfront park plans ended with no concrete decisions but with more questions about a perceived need for parking and how to finance the project.

Both plans create park space on Lots A and B at the city waterfront, a circular drop-off zone at the end of Centre Street, a round historic plaza and a covered porch addition to the

Marina Welcome Center, as well as open space for concerts and other activities.

Commissioners did not endorse either plan, nor did they retract the board's previous endorsement of a plan put together by a Waterfront Advisory Group (WAG).

City Manager Joe Gerrity said he would gather cost estimates for a modified WAG plan that would include constructing a deck on the Welcome Center and re-configuring the parking in Lot B and along the railroad tracks.

Eric Bartelt, a local retired graphic

designer, presented the plan that has previous commission approval, which has more parking spaces but slightly less open space than the opposing plan.

The other proposal, by architect Randy Rice, was shown to commissioners last October but did not get formal approval at the time.

Both plans were presented at a recent regular commission meeting, but commissioners asked for the special meeting to get more details on the proposals.

Rice said he created his simplified plan because there was a "vacuum" in

2013 among city officials regarding a plan for a waterfront park. He said his idea was to have something straightforward and affordable at the waterfront to stimulate the Community Redevelopment Area and offer something to the community. Rice's plan was estimated to cost about \$1.2 million, with much of the cost covered by grants and private fundraising.

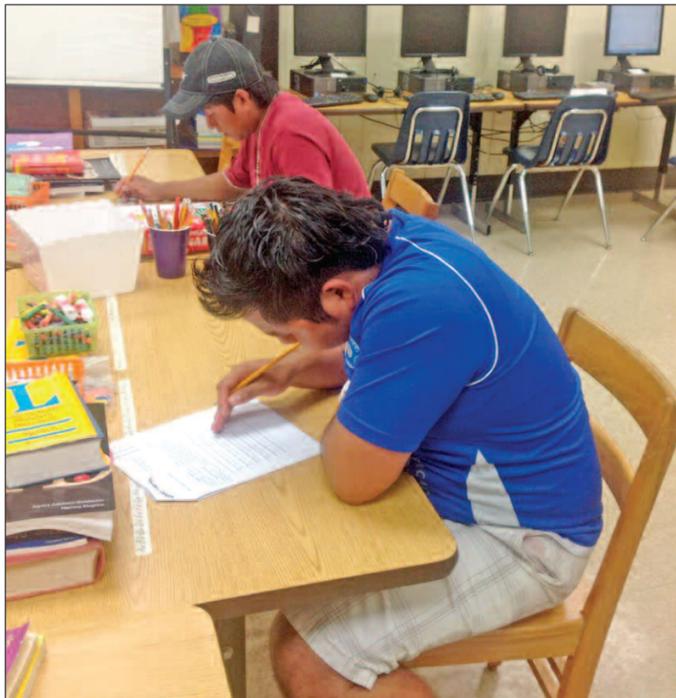
"We're not looking to eliminate future plans," Rice told commissioners at Tuesday's meeting. "We're trying to honor the idea that the community is working toward a park. We need

you to think about how to be a leader in all this."

"(The B Lot) is the most significant space," Rice said. "This is where 90 percent of visitors and residents will want to be ... this is centrally located to the community and most advantageous to the downtown." Rice's plan would have fewer parking spaces directly at the waterfront, but would use the park next to City Hall to replace lost parking spaces, Rice said.

Bartelt said the WAG proposal was

PARK Continued on 3A



Midalys Rodriguez and Reynalda Choncoa, left, study during English Language Learners classes held Monday and Wednesday evenings. Henry Mejia and Edgar Aguilar, right, work on language exercises during class. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Bridging the language barrier – English learners

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

Imagine being plunked into the middle of an unfamiliar foreign country. Everywhere you look, the signs are illegible and people are speaking a language you cannot understand.

This experience is faced daily by people who settle in America from other nations. Our language is new to their ears and they struggle to understand and to make themselves understood.

English Language Learners instructor Bobbi Roberts has been in this situation. When her husband was stationed in Japan with the U.S. Marine Corps, the couple thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to enroll their youngest son in a Japanese preschool so he could learn to speak Japanese.

"It was very difficult watching him try to participate and learn another language when others around him did not understand what he was saying. The frustration he experienced was felt by all of us," recalled Roberts, who was also struggling trying to teach in a school where 90 percent of her students spoke another language.

Seeing how difficult it was for her son to communicate with his classmates and for her students to communicate with her, Roberts' passion to bridge the language barrier grew.

With a master's degree in elementary education and an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) endorsement, K-12, Roberts is uniquely qualified for her position as instructor in the English Language Learners classes because the endorsement involves many hours of work in applied

'I would like to teach my sons well. I am their example.'

MIDALYS RODRIGUEZ

linguistics, cross-cultural communication, curriculum and materials, methods of teaching, testing and evaluation.

Over the past six years, her ELL students have included speakers of Chinese, Thai, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, Russian, Georgian and Italian.

"It's so interesting how they all work together even though they don't speak each other's languages," said Roberts.

Students range in age from teenagers to their 50s and Roberts sometimes has couples taking the semester-long class together.

tries. Roberts and her para-professional, Rosalinda Bermudez, use a lot of visuals, technology, a picture dictionary and one-on-one instruction.

"We feel it is very important to get all students involved in discussions during each class."

ELL students all say they want to be able to communicate better in their new language.

"I would like to teach my sons well," said Midalys Rodriguez. "I am their example."

Reynalda Choncoa has been attending classes for about a month and says she wants to learn and speak properly.

Henry Mejia hopes improving his language skills will assist in his job hunt.

ENGLISH Continued on 3A

Bicycles may blaze trail on Cumberland

MARY MAGUIRE
AND MICHAEL PARNELL
News-Leader

A new push to launch a ferry service from Fernandina Beach to the Cumberland Island (Ga.) National Seashore may ride on bicycles. But the environmental impact of a large number of bicyclists on the island, which has no paved roads, is a hurdle.

Local cycling enthusiasts are behind an effort to persuade the National Park Service to split the contract for ferry service between the existing provider in St. Marys, Ga.,

and one that would leave from the city marina in Fernandina.

"We want equal access and we want it bike friendly," said Phil Scanlan of the Friends of the Amelia Island Trail, Inc.

Scanlan, who pitched the plan last week to the Nassau County Commission, would like to see Fernandina Beach get a ferry to complete the East Coast Greenway bike trail. There was a ferry to St. Marys but it ceased in 2010 because of too few passengers.

The bike trail is a developing 2,900-mile effort extending from Key West

to Maine. Among its many breaks along the coast is one at the St. Marys River, where cyclists have to take a long detour along US 17.

"That's a dangerous road," said Scanlan. "It's narrow, and traffic goes by too fast."

A new ferry service likely would require an increase in the number of visitors to Cumberland Island. It also would require consideration of the impact of greater numbers of bicyclists on the island, which is, in part, a national wilderness that forbids

BIKE Continued on 3A

Fernandina ferry to Cumberland?

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

An exclusive 10-year concession contract to ferry passengers to Cumberland Island (Ga.) National Seashore expires in August, possibly opening the way for a ferry service from Fernandina Beach.

A prospectus is being developed now, and bids on a new contract would be solicited later this spring, said National Park Service spokesperson Margaret Tyler, a Cumberland ranger, in interviews this week.

Fernandina tour boat operator Kevin McCarthy is interested. McCarthy owns and operates Amelia

River Cruises & Charters from the city marina, where he rents space for two tour boats.

"Yes, I want it," said McCarthy in a phone interview last Friday. "I've been asking to have access to Cumberland Island for 14 years, as long as I've been in service."

McCarthy said he had a meeting scheduled this week with Cumberland Island's interim park director to discuss the ferry contract.

What are the chances that the concession would be split between St. Marys, Ga., and Fernandina Beach?

"It's a crystal ball, Magic 8 ques-

FERRY Continued on 3A

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OBITUARIES

Darnell Adams Jr.

Darnell Adams Jr. (aka Hollywood), 69, of Sandhill, Florida, passed away on March 23, 2014 at his home.

Darnell was born in Jacksonville, Florida and raised by Joseph and Mary Williams of Fernandina Beach. After graduating high school he served for two years in the United States Army. He then lived in New York for ten years working as a local truck driver. Darnell retired from Crowley Maritime after 20-plus years of service as a long-distance truck driver. He was a member of Saint James Baptist Church in Sandhill.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Jeanett; daughter, Tori Jordan; sisters, Darcell Hannon, Denise Brown, and Sherry Brown; sister-in-law, Gene Adams; special nephew-sons, Brandon Parish and Breone Albertie; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and extended family.

Homegoing services will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2014, 3:30 p.m., at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Fernandina Beach. Interment will be in Elmore Wiley Cemetery (County Road 108) Yulee, Florida.

Sunset Funeral Home
Kingsland, Ga.

Michael Hickman

Michael Hickman, 35, of Yulee passed away Monday, March 24, 2014.

He was born February 4, 1979, in Palm Beach Gardens, and moved to Yulee in 2000 from New Hampshire. Mr. Hickman was a graduate of Florida Technical College with a degree in CADD Engineering. He loved cars and hot rods, the beach and boating. He was an avid New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox fan.

He is survived by his parents, Steven and Carol Hickman of Yulee; a sister, Pamela Hickman Figus (Jeremy) of Fernandina Beach; his girlfriend, Melissa Estes of Jacksonville; and by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and close friends.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at Green Pine Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Tippins officiating. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Green Pine Funeral Home.

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

Green Pine Funeral Home

Marcia Lawson Knight

Some knew her just as Marcia, extended family called her Marcia Gail, but most recently she was known as Marcia Lawson Knight. Marcia was born November 1, 1949 to Effie and Paul Lawson, and was proud to call the hills of Kentucky home as a child. She spent much of her life in Waupaca, Wisconsin with her parents and sisters and later moved to Dubuque, Iowa where she attended Clarke College and raised her children.

Marcia fully embraced and loved "Amelia Island Life" from her arrival ten years ago via the Intracoastal Waterway from Palm Beach, Florida. She married William Kenneth Knight December 2, 2008 at 'North End Beach'. She was devoted to Ken's happiness, and partnered with him restor-



ing their sailboat 'Free Bird'. Simply speaking "they completed one another". Ken loved Marcia dearly and says "Marcia was sweet as the day is long". She was in Ken's arms when she had an aneurysm that lead to her death on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 and lovingly gave her organs to those in need.

Those who knew Marcia may have noticed she used big words and told long stories all of her 64 years. She was very loyal. The kids have memories of her unmatched socks with strange shoes and wild outfits. She always left everything out where she could see it and made lists upon lists. She'd take the kids to a Bluegrass festival every chance she got while they were young. She insisted they take an instrument as part of their education. She'd sleep outside rolled up in a tarp by the campfire when she camped. She hated the inside air and said she needed an air hose to breathe. She made stir-fry surprise or stew. She always had a great idea, and would talk someone into helping her. Marcia sang, played guitar, banjo and stand up bass, worked on playing the mandolin and previously enjoyed playing in a Bluegrass band. She spent time employed as a realtor, and then was a landlord who hauled an amazing amount of garbage out of many an old building. She heated many homes and boats with a woodstove, even had one made out of a teapot. She loved sea turtles and red leaves. She hated carpet and was taught to refinish furniture and floors by her friend at The Wooddoctors, John Burns. She loved to enter into a political debate. Most of all, she was a mother, an old hippie and a free thinker.

Marcia fully joined the "Island Life". She was talented and flexible in many vocations and volunteer jobs. She will be remembered being an excellent problem solver and willing worker. She loved gardening, starting seeds from all points on the island from the docks to the beach. Marcia's business "Thee Refinisher" thrived for many years. She was a champion to the homeless and disadvantaged. She graciously provided food, clothing, internet resources and a kind word for those in need. She amazingly went above and beyond the human spirit of giving. Marcia loved life, always giving a positive helpful answer or solution to people. She will be greatly missed by her Fernandina Beach Dock family. She valued education, always encouraging children and young people. She was continuing higher education striving for more knowledge to better help others. She always encouraged everyone to live a healthy lifestyle and reach their potential. She and Ken helped, strengthened and encouraged many families. Marcia was very proud and often spoke fondly of her parents, children and grandchildren.

Marcia is survived by her wonderful husband Kenny, her children, grandchildren and their furry families, who she could brag about for days on end. From Dubuque, Iowa, Sara Alana Lawson Weaver and Chris Fiegen, their four sons Ryan, Colton, Dominic and Alex, and their shepherds. From Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Molly Melinda Lawson and Chris Gansen, their 9 children Leif, Bella, Kiara, Devontae, Drew, Elijah, Isaiah, Chrissy and Megan, and their handsome dog. From Dubuque, Iowa, Samuel Jarad Weaver and his 3 children Alexis, Dylan and Tanner. From Iowa City, Iowa, Jonathan Christian Paul Schmitt and Jessica Melkus. From Dubuque, Iowa, Adam Israel Raymond and Ashly Schmitt, their 4 chil-

dren Kayla, Ethan, Tristan, and Hunter, and their furry pups. She is also survived by her ex-husband, Jerry Weaver of Dubuque - who she cussed many times for his cigarette smoke and Naugahyde recliner, but remained best pals with throughout her life.

Marcia will be reunited with her infant sister Lisa, many great relatives, and her furry friends Lady, Banjo and Ollie. She is survived by both of her parents, her daddy Samuel "Paul" Lawson, her mommy Ruby "Effie" Garland Lawson. She is also survived by her sisters, their families and their critters: Teri Lynn Lawson Connelly & Tim Connelly, their son Joseph Paul Lawson and their large furry family. Lori Beth Lawson and her faithful furry pals. Eva Marie Lawson Kranski and Morgan Kranski and their loving furred family.

Marcia had friends from every walk of life and is especially lucky to have had in her life Peggy and Mike, who cared for her as she worked through many medical issues. Marcia and Kenny were amazed by the fine work of everyone from the janitor to the physicians at Jacksonville Baptist and in Fernandina, where they received such magnificent care.

Our Island Friend Marcia will be solely missed by everyone!

Please call Peggy Day at (904) 557-0061 for information about services.

Delphine Rosalie Leavy

Delphine Rosalie (Mikolajczak) Leavy lived from September 1, 1922 until Thursday, March 6, 2014. She officially made it to 91 1/2 years old.

Delphine was one of four children born to Polish immigrants and is a first generation American citizen born in the United States. She grew up in Chicago, Illinois where she attended a Polish/American Catholic elementary school. When she went to the public high school, she was on the cheerleading squad for all four years and graduated in great academic standing.

Delphine was always a practical and caring person. She would help others in any way she could. Delphine met her future husband, Gilbert, just six weeks before he was deployed to sea with the U.S. Navy. They wrote each other daily for one year. Upon his return, they were married and spent 59 1/2 beautiful years together. They raised two children and provided a strong Christian upbringing for them. They provided for the needs of their children and supported them in whatever way they needed all of their lives. Delphine was a loving, giving, patient and kind mother. Her family was her top priority. She would do without material things to provide for her children. She and Gilbert provided a strong family unit making sure the family had many interesting and fun experiences. She and Gilbert raised their children with messages of confidence in themselves, faith in God and compassion for others. She could be counted on in difficult times to give of herself to help others.

Delphine was always an active participant in church and school activities. She was a wonderful homemaker making sure that the family breakfasts and dinners took place every day. Delphine and Gilbert retired to Fernandina Beach in 1986. She continued to be active socially and in church activities. She and Gilbert spent much quality time taking care of and playing with two of their grandchildren, Thomas and Jillian Leavy-Steele,

who lived close by. She was very active in their lives and was a very devoted grandmother. She also cared very deeply for her older granddaughter, Jodi (Leavy) Elnicki who lives in Colorado. She had fond memories of the time she was able to spend with Jodi. Delphine was a loving, understanding, generous and kind wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Delphine Rosalie Leavy is survived by her son, Thomas Leavy, daughter, Patricia Leavy, son-in-law, John Steele, grandchildren, Jodi (Leavy) Elnicki, Thomas Leavy-Steele and Jillian Leavy-Steele, and great-grandchildren, Christopher and Casey Elnicki. Delphine Rosalie Leavy was loved dearly by her family and will be missed daily. She will also be missed by all of the people whose lives she touched in so many wonderful ways.

The funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Fernandina Beach followed by a reception at the church and entombment ceremony at Green Pine Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Delphine would have preferred that donations be made to your favorite charity.

To sign Mrs. Leavy's online register book please visit the Green Pine Funeral Home website at www.greenpinefuneral.com.

Green Pine Funeral Home

Amanda Prince McFarland

Mrs. Amanda Prince McFarland, 98, of Fernandina Beach, passed away on Tuesday March 25, 2014 in Fernandina Beach. She was born in Kings Ferry, on December 13, 1915, the daughter of the late Empie and Sarah Jane (Haddock) Kenon. She was reared in Nassau County and moved to Fernandina in 1937. She attended Fernandina High School and worked at Lockwoods Drug Store.

She met Henry J. McFarland who was a policeman and they married on December 11, 1938. During WWII, Mr. McFarland went off to join the U.S. Army and Mrs. McFarland joined the workforce at Rayonier. I

n later years, she was associated with the Nassau County Sheriff's Department as a School Crossing Guard for over 30 years. Mrs. McFarland was an active member of the First Baptist Church and held the honor of being the oldest continuous member. She was very active in her church work serving in various positions. Mrs. McFarland enjoyed gardening and raising beautiful poinsettias.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Henry J. McFarland, who passed away in 1992. Mrs. McFarland leaves behind her son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Kathy McFarland of Fernandina Beach, three grandchildren, Cathy McFarland, of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Craig McFarland (Cristina) of San Antonio, Texas and Robin Weeks of Sherwood, Arkansas, five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held 10 a.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jeff Overton officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. She will be laid to rest with her husband at Bosque Bello Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 1600 S 8th St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Please share her life story at www.oxleyheard.com.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

WEEKLY UPDATE

Yard sale

Hot Paws Grooming Salon, 1008 S. Eighth St., Fernandina Beach, will host a yard sale on March 29 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. to benefit the Cedar Haven Transitional House for Women. Shop for furniture, clothing (including new men's clothing and prom dresses), kitchenware, bric-a-brac and more. For information, call 635-9789.

Spaghetti dinner

American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St., will host a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. March 29 for an \$8 donation. Call 261-7900.

Ostomy support

The Amelia Island Ostomy Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 31 in the boardroom off the main lobby of Baptist Medical Center Nassau. Patty Langenbach of Medical Care Products in Jacksonville will give a presentation showcasing a variety of supplies. All those with ostomies, their families, interested professionals and those wanting more information about ostomy surgery and after-care are welcome to

attend. Parking is free and the facility is handicapped accessible. For information contact ameliaostomygroup@gmail.com or call 310-9054.

Torch run

The Fernandina Beach leg of the 31st anniversary Florida Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics will take place April 1 at 9 a.m.

For 30 years, the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" has traversed Florida in an intrastate relay of simultaneous routes, covering thousands of miles. Local and state law enforcement officers carry the torch all the way to the opening ceremony of Florida's annual Summer Games, which will be held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex on May 16 in Lake Buena Vista.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest awareness and fundraising event sponsored by Special Olympics of Florida and local law enforcement agencies. Learn more at www.specialolympicsflorida.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 local 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 its 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 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 more information at 879-1019.

Bag the Bag

A new local group, Bag the Bag Fernandina, has recently formed. Help them change the language used in stores to, "Did you bring your own bags?" rather than "Is plastic OK?" Join them at their next meeting at 3:30 p.m. April 5 at Sheffield's on Centre Street in downtown Fernandina Beach.

Yard sale

A yard sale will be held on April 5 from 8 a.m. until dark at New Life Church off A1A in Yulee. All proceeds will go to help a local couple after the husband was paralyzed in a bull riding accident.

Bowl for kids

Help Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida at the Bowl for Kids' Sake event April 5 at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. and April 12 at 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Batt Family Fun Center, 1838 Cassat Ave., Jacksonville. Say "thank you" to the volunteers who help children at risk while raising funds to help local children who benefit from the Big/Little program.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida is a "men-

toring movement" that connects caring, encouraging adult mentors with children from low-income, single family homes or in homes that otherwise impede the child's ability to succeed. Sign up at www.bbbsnefl.org/bowling or contact Dawn Robbins, manager of special events, at drobbs@bbbsnefl.org or (904) 727-9797, ext. 252.

Just Friends dinner

If you are single and over the age of 55, the Just Friends Club monthly dinner is scheduled for April 8. It is free to join this invitation only club. Call 321-1116.

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. Sign up at www.katierideforlife.org/takeaction/volunteer/ or call the 491-0811. A volunteer coordinator will call with details.

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 who need fillings or extractions are seen.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 29 and 6:30 p.m. April 1, 7, 11, 15 and 23. A basic with defensive tactics course will be held at 7:45 a.m. March 30, April 12, 13, 19 and 20. For details and additional classes and information, contact Belson at 491-8358, (904) 476-2037 or gbelson@bellsouth.net. Visit www.TheBelsonGroup.com.

Women's group

Becoming the best you can be is the goal and the theme of a new Women's Empowerment Group launched by Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare in Yulee. The group meets on the main campus every Tuesday from 2-3 p.m. at 463142 SR 200 in Yulee. Topics for discussion include: healthy relationships and characteristics of unhealthy relationships; recognizing abusive relationships; assertiveness training; stress reduction; creating balance and more.

For information call Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare at 225-8280.

LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS

John T. Weisner, first elected in 1948, said he would seek a fifth term as County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

March 26, 1964

25 YEARS

State grants funds totaling \$648,000 were released to the city of Fernandina Beach and Centre Street Waterfront Development Group for construction of a two-story restaurant at the site of the Marine Welcome Station.

March 26, 1987

10 YEARS

The state Department of Environmental Protection gave the West Nassau Landfill a gold star inspection after months of violations at the site.

March 26, 2004



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the result of many hours of work by city staff, the Waterfronts Advisory Group and community workshops, and it also had been approved by five advisory boards and had commission approval in 2009 and 2012, before a majority of the current commission was elected. The plan Bartelt presented Tuesday was scaled down from the original plan and did not include parking lots on the south end of the marina. In a financing proposal, he suggested using \$250,000 from a Parks & Recreation impact fee fund and \$200,000 in a matching grants for Lot B, plus a public/private partnership to raise money for certain elements.

Local angler Terry Lacoss, who owns a fishing supply store downtown, said he liked the proposals, but that the park plans take easy water access away from boaters.

"Fernandina is a fishing town," Lacoss said. "I like the original plan that preserves more parking (but) I think we still need to modify this plan. I think it's too big for the area ... On weekends (the parking lot) is pretty much full. I'd like to see a park, but it needs to be functional."

Florida Inland Navigation District commissioner and local resident Lynn Williams said a lack of parking spaces at the waterfront would be "a significant problem." Williams said there was a good chance FIND would give a grant to the city for a waterfront park, but that the project would have to wait until next year to get funding.

Local architect John Cotner, who has served on several city boards and has worked on various iterations of waterfront park plans for year, said waiting for the city to build a waterfront park has been frustrating.

"We're stuck in the mud constantly," Cotner said. "We have a tendency to put in personal preferences ... we're getting off in the weeds a little bit ... we expect you guys to not get off track."

He also suggested commissioners stick with the original plan that was approved in 2012. "We need to work where we have the most public use," he added. "It was never intended that the park be built in one fell swoop."

"We've got to have parking," Commissioner Pat Gass said. "I think we're being optimistic about how far people will walk."

Mike Zaffaroni, chair of the CRA Advisory Board, pleaded with commissioners to just approve a park plan, any park plan.

"It saddens me to think I was four years old when John Cotner started working on a park plan," he said to laughter. "(The CRA Advisory Board has) been working on this for 18 months and I feel as though we need to see some things rolling. ... I believe this is one step that will help revitalize one of the jewels of our community."

"We are 250 percent behind 'let's do a park,'" said downtown business owner Melba Whittaker. "It's time to do it."

Commissioner Johnny Miller said he agreed that commissioners should get going on approval of a park plan, and added that he was "leaning toward" the original Waterfronts Advisory Group Plan.

But Rice defended his plan again, saying it was "in the best interest of the city."

"Why are we using the waterfront park for parking?" he said. "We should use the riverfront for what it's intended for: people. It becomes a question of you all's commitment to turn a page."

"Let's ease ourselves from the notion that parking determines the park," Rice said. "There's lots of space along the waterfront that is not being used."

"It wasn't our job to make the park happen," Bartelt said in defense of the WAG plan. "We were charged with making the park right. ... The question that has always been forefront in my mind is, why don't we raise money for the WAG plan?"

"The elephant in the room is that three of us (commissioners) sent the money back (for the Forward Fernandina plan)," Gass said. "I say we go with the plan that is approved ... we can't just send the money back and do nothing." adaughty@fbnewsleader.com

'We want equal access and we want it bike friendly.'

PHIL SCANLAN
FRIENDS OF THE AMELIA ISLAND TRAIL, INC.

'Five people from Greyfield on the beach isn't a big deal. But 50 people bringing their bikes on the ferry (and riding on the beach) could be.'

MARGARET TYLER
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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wheeled vehicles.

Scanlan and his group have had recent success with public-private partnerships. The group helped open a bike trail last year on the south end of Amelia Island by partnering with officials to secure a \$2 million state grant.

The trail has quickly become a popular place to ride, run and walk, though it has been criticized for an overload of traffic signs that confuse riders and detract from the lush foliage.

At the board meeting, Scanlan asked the commission for a resolution supporting direct ferry service from Amelia Island to the national park on Georgia's most southern barrier island.

Scanlan believes there is enough interest in Cumberland Island to support two ferry terminals.

"We want to complement, not compete," said Scanlan to the board.

Scanlan said he has been spending 30 hours each week over the last few months calling, meeting and emailing park service officials on the local, state and national level. He said he has been in touch with U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson.

"I thought it was a little deal. Turns out to be a big deal," said Scanlan.

It has also been a long-term effort. Various people, from government officials to business leaders, have been pushing for a direct ferry from Fernandina for some 20 years.

The board is in favor of the plan, voting 5-0 to support the resolution.

"It makes sense," said Commissioner Steve Kelley. "There can't only be one way people can gain access to a federal park."

The Fernandina Beach city commission is expected to offer support at its meeting next week, according to City Manager Joe Gerrity.

Are bicycles a priority at Cumberland Island?

"We do allow bicycles on the island, but you can't bring them on the ferry," said Margaret Tyler, Cumberland ranger and

park spokesperson. "It's a safety issue because there's no way to secure them."

Tyler said it is possible to charter a smaller ferryboat from Lang Seafood, though the ultimate decision maker is regional director Stan Austin, who is based in Atlanta.

Lang Seafood, based in St. Marys, has the exclusive ferry concession. The owner, Calvin Lang, has had an exclusive deal since 1988, said Tyler, first in five-year agreements, and since 2004 as a 10-year deal.

Under the agreement, a limit of 300 passengers can be brought to the island each day. They arrive in two groups, leaving in boats that launch and return at different times. Lang has not said if he would bid on the contract again.

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"Plus, no one wanted to ride 45 minutes to St. Marys, then another 45 minutes to Cumberland and back again just to spend a few hours on the island," said McCarthy. If the ferry contract to Cumberland becomes available to him, he said he would be willing to make significant financial investment in new boats. He estimates that two boats would cost between \$300,000 to \$500,000, and he believes

The implications for wildlife and nature at Cumberland of a large number of bicycles and bicyclists remains to be studied. "Bikes can cause resource damage too, just like more people can cause resource damage," said Tyler, pointing to nesting shorebirds on the beach as an example of a threatened species.

"Five people from Greyfield on the beach isn't a big deal," she said, "but 50 people bringing their bikes on the ferry" and riding in a group on the beach could be.

The quest to make Cumberland more bicycle friendly comes too late for the 2014 foundation document that represents a major revision to the park's future plans. As it celebrated its 40th anniversary, park officials solicited public comment for the foundation document in 2012 and 2013. Publication of the revised document is imminent.

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FERRY *Continued from 1A*

tion," said Tyler. "From where, or what the parameters will be is unknown because it's still being discussed."

Tyler said a committee would discuss the concession contract, though the ultimate decision maker is regional director Stan Austin, who is based in Atlanta.

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the business is there to justify that cost.

McCarthy said he took between 35,000 and 40,000 passengers on boat rides last year, "and all they can do right now is look and wave at Cumberland."

He sells tickets to day and evening tours of the Amelia River and coastline online, by phone and from a small kiosk near the water at Centre and Front streets.

"And the question I get all day, every day is, 'We're thinking of going to Cumberland Island, can you take us?'" said McCarthy. "And every day I turn them away. It's frustrating."

According to Bill Reynolds, public information officer at the National Park Service's regional office in Atlanta, the gross receipts for the Cumberland Island ferry concession were \$831,890 in fiscal 2013. The park service takes 10 percent.

In order to expand ferry service to Fernandina, and make it profitable for the concessionaires, the current limit on visitors to Cumberland might have to be lifted. Georgia and St. Marys officials have lobbied for that for years, and they are likely to get support from Florida officials if it meant more commercial business here.

Beyond the passenger receipts for ferry service, visitors using a Fernandina ferry would likely spend money locally for lodging, meals and sundries, especially downtown.

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ENGLISH

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Edgar Aguilar said, "I want to have a better communication with people and improve my quality of life."

He enjoys reading, working on the computer and talking to his teachers.

"That has helped me a lot," he said.

Classes are offered by Nassau Adult Education and are held Monday and Wednesdays from 5:30-8 p.m.

at the Team Center behind the Nassau County School Board at 1201 Atlantic Ave.

Yulee classes are held 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Yulee Elementary, 86063 Felmor Road.

Students who have transportation may register for classes at one location and take classes at both sites.

For information on the English Language Learners program call 548-1750.

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Hit, run fatality in Hilliard

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Community Newspapers

A Glen St. Mary woman died in Hilliard Sunday night after a hit and run accident.

Brittany Lynn Hoatlin, 26, died from injuries she suffered after she was struck by an unidentified driver of an orange and white tractor-trailer. The accident happened just after 8:30 p.m. near Kelly's RV Park on U.S. 1 South, according to a Florida Highway Patrol media release.

Hoatlin was a passenger in a crash that had just occurred. She exited the disabled vehicle and was standing in the roadway near the center line in the outside travel lane as an orange and white tractor-trailer was heading southbound in the same lane, police said.

The driver of the tractor-trailer swerved to avoid the crashed vehicle, striking Hoatlin as she stood next to the disabled vehicle.

Eyewitnesses told police that the truck stopped several hundred feet south of the accident. The driver exited the truck, walking toward the crashed vehicle and Hoatlin.

Witnesses said that as they walked toward the area to assist, the driver "got back into his truck and left the scene," police said.

Hoatlin was standing in the roadway illegally, and the roadway was dark as she appeared to check for damage to the vehicle's front end, police said.

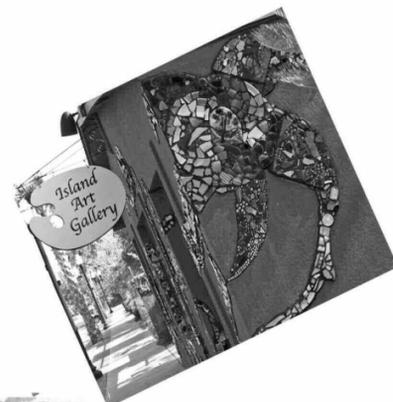
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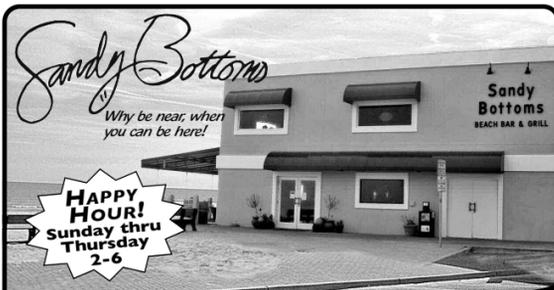
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Heavy rain creates large puddles last week around the parking lot at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office in Yulee.

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Moving ever closer to new sheriff's building

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper has announced a December groundbreaking for a new and long-planned administration building, but county officials still have not decided whether to pay the estimated \$10 million cost with cash or a bank loan.

The county has set aside the money, but Commissioner Danny Leeper, who is also the sheriff's brother, is pushing for a bank loan.

"We should not be depleting the county's reserves," said Leeper at a board meeting this month. "Much like financing the courthouse and jail in Mr. Crawford's day."

County Clerk of Court John Crawford, who prefers a cash deal to avoid financing costs or using the funds to cover other obligations, took issue with Leeper's comments.

"I can't help but correct you, I wasn't in office when that financing took place," said Crawford, referring to Chip Oxley, who was clerk at the time. "Please don't say I financed that."

But Leeper would not back down.

"The minutes speak for themselves," said Leeper, apparently referring to Crawford's tenure as a county commissioner.

The two elected officials stopped their debate when Commission Chair Barry Holloway asked for decorum.

The discussion came after a presentation on the county's finances by an independent auditor.

Ron Whitesides of Purvis, Gray & Co. in Gainesville assessed the county's finances as of Sept. 30, 2013, saying that the county is in good financial condition. But he noted a "significant" decline in revenues, saying there was a \$7.3 million drop from 2012 to 2013.

"You have big projects on the horizon and you're going to have to look at how you'll pay going forward," said Whitesides.

Whitesides also noted that the county spends \$6 million annually on roadway maintenance, but says it may not be enough.

"You all have deferred capital maintenance on your infrastructure, but obviously that's a bill that needs to be paid," he said.

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Farm Bureau helps to feed a real need

MARY MAGUIRE
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The Nassau County Farm Bureau helps feed a need. The organization contributed \$500 to a recent shopping trip at Winn-Dixie in Yulee to pick up supplies, including milk and meat, to help stock the pantry at Journey Church.

The church provides help to some 400 families through its twice-weekly free food distribution. Winn-Dixie supported the program with a \$150 cash donation.

"Some families have to choose between medicine or food and fortunately we can service the food need for them," said Adam Salzberg, a member of the Yulee-based church and a lieutenant with Nassau County Fire Rescue based at Station 20 on the south end of Amelia Island.

"Until recently, we were helping 40 families, so the need is up a lot."

Last year, Journey Church distributed almost \$2 million worth of food to people in need. The distribution is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as every third Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon within the Victoria's Place Shopping Center at 3431 East SR 200 in Yulee.

The church receives donations from supermarkets throughout the area, including Winn-Dixie, Publix, Harris Teeter, Walmart and Sam's Club.

"This is part of the Farmers Feeding Families effort and it's our way of participating in, and giving back, to the community," said local Farm Bureau board member and County Commissioner Walter "Jr." Boatright, Farm Bureau insurance rep Amanda Pokines, Journey Church volunteer Brad Pease, Farm Bureau insurance manager Jared Satterwhite and agency colleague Kirby Kitler.

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Members of the Nassau County Farm Bureau and Journey Church shop at Winn-Dixie in Yulee for the church's pantry that feeds some 400 local families each week. From back left are Journey Church volunteer Adam Salzberg, Farm Bureau board member and County Commissioner Walter "Jr." Boatright, Farm Bureau insurance rep Amanda Pokines, Journey Church volunteer Brad Pease, Farm Bureau insurance manager Jared Satterwhite and agency colleague Kirby Kitler.

Auto dealer groups are strengthening

The business world and the animal kingdom have a lot in common. Healthy, aware, smart, agile ones survive. The analogy can move to the fact that lions eat antelopes and big fish feed on little fish. The United States franchised new car dealer count is in the neighborhood of 17,750, down from 30,000 not to many decades ago.

Manufacturers have decided "fewer and bigger" works best for them. Witness Nassau County with no import representation and little prospect for that to change. As long as imports penetrate the market, they see that as the relevant goal. I will say, as of late, the big imports have seen their sales numbers soften quite a bit here. The exception is high-lines, which have been strong. Getting back to the declining dealership numbers, few if any see a net gain in new car dealerships.

My motivation this week was spurred by the "Top 125 Dealership Groups In The United States," which appears in the March 17 *Automotive News*. The article relates that acquisition is under way and they are gaining in numbers of franchises. They listed no totals for all 125, and not wanting to add that many, I focused on the top 10. Collectively, these 10 dealer groups sold 1,278,455 new units, or about 8.2 percent of the total market. These 10 groups own 1,184 franchises. The biggest one, AutoNation, has 228 dealerships, selling 292,922 new vehicles last year.

So, what is the relevance? First, let me say I have no bone to pick with dealer groups. I am actually affiliated with our family group, based in Charlotte. What I want to share with local consumers is the landscape is changing. These big groups are highly sophisticated and very



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Rick Keffer

aggressive. They pay a lot of money for dealer-ship and have to produce to make it work. A public company chasing quarterly results for shareholders is a different animal than a privately held company. The operators of these dealerships don't own them and are there to get a job done.

What concerns me is where the industry may be 10 years from now. Will owner/operators be all but extinct? I hope not. In looking for a U.S. franchise number, I landed on Wikipedia. They went into incredible detail of the pitfalls and motives of auto dealers. It was nothing close to objective. Knowing that there are many well-operated, customer-driven dealerships in existence, I am always troubled by blanket perspectives. Just like attorneys don't like attorney jokes. There will almost certainly be

more consolidation among dealerships, with public and private groups buying stand-alone dealerships and smaller dealer groups. The big players have even gone global and are buying dealerships abroad.

My hope is that in some ways this consolidation can have some residual benefits. Can our industry fine-tune our processes and be more responsive to the consumer, even as the control of the franchises rests in fewer hands? In the end, the customer is the boss and can have the most effect.

American consumers are the world's most savvy and that will have more to do with dealerships in the future than anything.

In the meantime, you have three owner-operated local dealers, who as far as I know plan to stay that way. Spring has sprung (kind of), and we will appreciate your business. Have a good week.

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Burning of yard debris is also an option if you live in a county where it is permitted. The burning of yard debris is never allowed in Duval County. Debris burning is allowed in the unincorporated areas of Clay County including Keystone Heights. Burning is also allowed in Nassau, Baker, Putnam and St Johns counties, as long as all of the required setbacks are met.

Annaleasa Winter, wildfire mitigation specialist with the Florida Forest Service explained, "Most spring wildfires in North Florida are caused by escaped debris burns."

Already in 2014, debris burning has caused 91 wildfires that burned 337 acres statewide. Winter said, "We are just coming into the more active part of our wildfire season and many more fires can be expected, if we don't follow safe burning practices."

Keep your good fire from turning into a bad fire by practicing these safe outdoor burning tips:

- Burn only clean, dry vegetative debris including grass

clippings, brush, leaves, tree limbs, palm fronds, etc., no household paper or garbage.

- Burn after 9 a.m. and extinguish one hour before sunset.
- Never leave a fire unattended, and make sure it is out before you leave.
- Keep a shovel and water hose handy.
- Don't burn on windy days or when the relative humidity is below 35%.
- Your fire must be contained to an 8-foot diameter pile or non-combustible barrel and must be at least 25 feet from forests, 25 feet from your house, 50 feet from a paved public road and 150 feet from other occupied buildings.
- Clear the area around your pile to bare mineral soil.
- Smoke from debris burning must not cause a hazard or a nuisance to neighbors or roadways.
- If your fire escapes, you may be held liable for suppression costs and damage to the property of others.
- Burning yard waste does not require an authorization from the Florida Forest Service, but you should check with your local city, county or Florida Forest Service officials to see if there are any restrictions in your area.

For more information on outdoor burning, call the local Florida Forest Service Office. The Jacksonville District, including Nassau, Duval and Clay, can be reached at (904) 266-5002. Visit www.floridaforestservice.com for more information.

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Postal inspectors say "it's a violation of federal law to intentionally circumvent paying postage in order to realize personal gain."

The certified letters sent to violators from the Fernandina Beach post office note the fine could be in excess of \$5,000.

The post office charges mail advertisers \$200 for an application fee, \$200 for a permit fee and 27 cents per piece of mail delivered.

Fernandina Beach has 17,052 possible deliveries including post office boxes and mailboxes.

The certified letter was sent to several local restaurants, lawn care and pest control services and other businesses that were suspected of putting advertising circulars in mailboxes without paying postage for them.





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Bless God; if we show up at a hospital to visit, the whole unit should know we are there to speak life-giving words over them. Who cares why they are there? The object is to get them out and back in their Holy Ghost saddle. It is not the quantity of time we visit with them that matters — it's the quality of what we say once we appear. People don't just



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Maybelle Kirkland

here because we are righteous and godly. We are here so God can work this affliction and condition for our good. It

need to see our face; they need us to change their circumstances. That only occurs when they see Jesus' face in our face and hear His words in the words we speak.

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You will be able to help Relay continue to raise money for the American Cancer Society by purchasing raffle tickets for great prizes like a Ritz-Carlton gift card or an overnight stay at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. There will be pictures available with the Easter Bunny, food, games and a plethora of themed laps so even if you are not on a team, you can still join in the fun, or perhaps be crowned Miss Relay for Life 2014!

Bring your best Elvis impersonation or wear feathered boas for the Viva Las Vegas Lap, or share an over-

sized shirt with your best friend or dress like twins for the Buddy Lap. Show off your flexibility with the Limbo Lap, or maybe you will be the winner of the Scavenger Hunt that begins at 1:30 p.m.

Flamenco Dancers will entertain you at 2:30 p.m., and live music takes the stage at 3:15 p.m. with Cumberland Sound. Bean School of Dance will perform at 5:45, then put on a tutu and join them as they lead a Tutu Lap around the track. Students of Paks Karate will put on a demonstration and then learn the Purple Glove Dance before the talented Jennifer Burns performs at 8 p.m.

One of the highlights of the event is the Luminaria Ceremony, which begins at 9 p.m. "We invite all local cancer survivors, family and friends to attend." During the event, people may purchase a luminaria in memory, or in honor, of someone who has been touched by cancer. The

luminaria bags are placed around the track and lit during an emotional memorial program, followed by a Lap of Remembrance.

After the ceremony, this Celebration of Life continues with a Glow Lap as the lights of the stadium are turned back on, and Bruce Beville and the Laid Back Band will play your favorite music during themed decade laps (bring your costumes) of the 50s, 60, 70s and 80s as the event closes in on midnight with a group routine to Thriller. At midnight enjoy a New Cure's Eve Party where the entertainment and activities just keep coming. Overnight activities include a Zumbathon, a Western Lap, a Frozen T-shirt contest, a Toga Lap, a Rooster Crow Contest, line dancing, a Pajama Lap and more, including Gabriel Arnold who will play the saxophone and croon for you 'til dawn.

No matter why you take

part in Relay, one thing is clear: with every step you take, you are helping the American Cancer Society save lives. With your help, they aren't just fighting one type of cancer, they are fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. Each person who shares the Relay experience can take pride in knowing that they are working to create a world where this disease will no longer threaten the lives of loved ones or claim another year of anyone's life.

Having cancer is hard, finding help shouldn't be. Call (800) 227-2345, anytime day or night, or visit cancer.org.

For the complete entertainment schedule, "like" them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Relay-for-Life-Fernandina-Beach-Yulee.

To make a donation or create a team, visit RelayforLife.org/fernandinabeachfl.

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Don't Be Bitter

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

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

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

Relay for Life seeks honorees

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 also 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 in memory of those who have lost their fight or those who continue to battle.

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.

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COMMUNITY THANKS

Day Drop-In

The Newcomers Club of Amelia Island held its annual "Give A Heart" luncheon and raffle on Feb. 27. Thanks to the generous support of our members and so many local businesses we raised nearly \$3,000 for the Coalition for the Homeless Day Drop-In Center.

The Day Drop-In Center provides a safe, compassionate and supportive environment for people who are experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness. Some of the services offered include:

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Oh, for goodness' sake! Really?

Are people really cheese and whining about too many stop signs along the bike pathway? Just when I think people can't get more ridiculous, something like this emerges and proves me wrong.

First of all, I just want to scream: "Get over it!"

Next, I want to say, (like when people want to censor things like nudity on TV or don't like the political overtone of a newscast), just change the channel or don't watch it.

In this case, just ignore the signs. Go ahead and ride right through them, don't read them, think about something else, like what a great thing it is that we have such a beautiful island and have a great bike trail to ride, allowing people to better appreciate the island.

But for the Love of Pete (and there are several Petes that I love, by the way), quit your whining and stop being so righteously indignant. The signs aren't there to annoy you personally, and they aren't there to insult your intelligence. For Pete's sake, it's not just about YOU.



OPINIONS FROM THE GOLDFISH

Coleman Langshaw

You see, Mister or Mizz Whitealot, there are actually other people who use that path, some who might be first-time visitors, some with small children, some who are old, some who have vision or hearing impairments, people who in general may not realize that there is a road, with CARS ahead, until it's too late. That's why there are stop signs! And I am sorry there are so many roads that intersect the bike path, but you know what, that's life. Other people live on those roads or work on them, and sometimes they might get complacent or distracted and approach the intersection with a bit of peril.

And then guess what, it's called an accident.

It seems to me that with the island and county population growing in leaps and bounds, that we should be focusing our attention on the impacts of this growth, instead of telling people not to cooperate with the expansion of a bike path. It's absurd that we should advocate against something that separates bikes and pedestrians from vehicles, simply because people are "annoyed" with safety signage.

And from an economic development perspective, such bike paths, especially with safety signage, actually serve to entice visitors, especially those with young children, to our supposedly family-friendly and family-safe vacation destination.

So I suggest this to the cheese and Whiners, why not refocus in something more important, like: should the ban on Pete Rose be lifted by MLB, and should he be enshrined in the Hall of Fame.

I mean, for the love of Pete, now that's an important thing to ponder!

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Teach the children

In response to the March 21 letter about toy guns in the store "at eye level of children" and they were "scary." I also happen to note the key words of "Saturday night special" and "assault rifles" that are commonly used by anti-gunners. There will always be two sides of the fence on the issue of gun ownership and gun control (confiscation.) I do find it interesting though that as Florida issues more concealed weapon permits the crime rate continues to fall drastically. Georgia also is expanding the rights of their citizens to carry lawful weapons into more areas and the crime rate there also continues to dip down to levels not seen in years.

I say all this to lead to this point: What if instead of trying to hide the child from "toy guns" we teach them how to handle them safely? We could also raise them with morals and values teaching them to be good, law-abiding citizens that would not misuse firearms but use them lawfully if they choose to own them. Let's not let that opportunity be taken away from our children to benefit from our constitutional right to own firearms that we have as a nation enjoyed for centuries. Also, if someone would be so kind as to tell me the name of the store that has these "scary" toy guns, I will patronize the store regularly.

Rick Walker
Yulee

Smart meters

I am disappointed that Florida Power & Light has decided to help put the yoke of Big Brother on all of our necks by installing smart meters. Utility companies say smart meters are safe and no more harmful than cell phones. But the World Health Organization (WHO) classifies wireless radiation as a 2B carcinogen based on studies that link cell phone use to brain tumors. There are some cities and entire states (Connecticut) that have refused to allow these meters installed. What is the signal strength of these smart meters and where are the towers located to process or transmit their data? How many towers will be required? How much additional radiation are we pumping into the atmosphere?

We should all be alarmed by this action from the power company, and it is part of a nationwide push to get all consumers on the smart grid. This is part of Obama's 2009 stimulus plan. I refuse to have one installed on my home and I urge all of you to do your own research —

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Sherry Harrell
Nassau County

Beach is the 'gem'

The waterfront doesn't need a waterfront park (facelift) nor does the downtown need to lose parking and time it takes for it to be built. We are not St. Marys, Ga., that needs a riverfront park because people are waiting for a boat to go to Cumberland Island to get to the beach. What we need to do is take the gem we have in the jewel box and shine it up (Main Beach). You have the parking, you have the beach — that is why people come to Fernandina Beach, for the ocean, not for downtown but to go to the beach.

Later in the day the people go downtown to the shops and restaurants and explore the downtown and walk to the marina for a sunset. Put our money where it will work for the whole city not just downtown, where you can't find a parking spot as it is. You all don't need to take parking from the marina that needs the parking spots we have and is not enough as it is.

Parking lot C has a lot of room for a small park, you can look to the

west and see the shrimp boats and a nice sunset or south and see Rayonier or look north see RockTenn all in 30 minutes, but you give them the beach and they will stay for a week. That's how we the city can make more for the entire island, not just downtown

Allen Mills
Fernandina Beach

Local church needs help

On Saturday evening, we enjoyed a delicious family-style dinner at what used to be the historic Baptist church downtown, featuring an array of South American specialties, from Mexico, San Salvador, Guatemala, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and other Hispanic countries. This was a monthly community fundraiser, open to the public, at a \$7 price per meal, with hopes that patrons might be even more generous toward their cause.

Currently renting the facility, Pastor Carlos and his worshippers are hoping to eventually buy this beautiful almost 100-year-old facility from First Baptist Church, and have been working for years to raise enough funds to make a down payment. He holds two services each Sunday, one in the morning in English with Spanish translation, and another in the evening in

Spanish with English translation. Because many Hispanics here are employed in the resort business and need to work on Sunday, the church also holds a number of Bible studies throughout the week.

"The dream" is La Tierra Prometida Hispanic Ministry, The Promised Land, a church for the Spanish-speaking people of Fernandina and Nassau County, and it needs the help of our community. This is an appeal to believers of established local churches to rally the support of their congregations toward this dream. Many local churches are involved in church plantings outside the U.S. Here is one in our own backyard to which we should give a helping hand. The need is heartfelt. Many workers are here alone while they support families back home. La Tierra Prometida reaches out to them in Christian love in a setting which is comfortable to them — to assist with passports, immigration, taxes, banking and of course their religious needs.

For more information, Pastor Carlos Serrano is available at 416 Alachua St., Fernandina, or at (904) 349-2595. The next community dinner is on Saturday, April 26. You will enjoy the Christian fellowship — and the food!

Ed and Mariann Weihenmayer
Amelia Island

'Hail Mary' for bills at legislative session

Everyone is familiar with the long pass in the closing seconds of a football game when the quarterback throws a "Hail Mary." In many ways, the third week of legislative session had a similar flavor. Although session encompasses 60 days, bills are considered "dead" if they have not been heard in at least one subcommittee by day 25. For many members, week three was a time to make one final effort to have bills heard in the upcoming week. I was no different and was thankful when I was rewarded with promises from two committee chairs for bill hearings.

After the promise from the committee chair, it is time to begin the amendment process. No bill is perfect and each new set of eyes that reads a bill finds new areas that need to be addressed; hence the need to amend the original bill content. In Tallahassee, everything runs on schedule and according to the calendar. There are even deadlines to file your bill amendments.

Amid the deadlines, committee meetings and office visitors, the days were filled with handling many education-related issues. School board members from all across the state filled the Capitol to meet with lawmakers. I personally met with members from Brevard, Palm Beach, Duval and Seminole counties. Our Nassau County Property Appraiser Mike Hickox invested the time to make his voice heard, as did about 50 realtors from Duval, Nassau and Clay counties. It was standing room only in the borrowed conference room as they shared their legislative priorities.

On Wednesday, I broke from my calendar



STATE REP.

Janet Adkins

activities to attend the memorial service for former Gov. Reuben Askew. Although meetings had to be rescheduled, I felt it was important to show respect for Florida's 37th governor. It was a beautiful well-attended memorial and I was glad that I was able to be there.

House members spent several hours in session this week hearing six bills. One of those bills, HB 89, deals with threatened use of force. A person charged with a criminal offense in which force was used may argue at trial that he or she did so in self-defense. Florida Statute Chapter 776 contains a variety of provisions in which force may be used in self-defense. However, the statute is silent on a person's threatened use of force. Although some courts have recognized that a threatened use of force equates to an actual use of force, the statutes are not clear.

HB 89 amends Florida Statute 776 to specify that the justifications contained therein apply to threatened use of force, as well as actual use of force. In recent years there have been cases in which persons have been convicted of aggravated assault for threatening to use force and have been sentenced to mandatory terms of imprisonment pursuant to the 10-20-Life law. As a matter of law, firing a firearm into the air, even as a so-called "warning shot," constitutes the use of deadly force.

For example, 53-year old Orville Wollard was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after firing a warning shot into a wall in response to his daughter's boyfriend's aggressive behavior toward his daughter. The boyfriend had physically attacked Wollard earlier that day, and upon returning to Wollard's house shoved Wollard's daughter and punched a hole in the wall. Wollard claimed self-defense but was convicted and sentenced to 20 years pursuant to the 10-20-Life law.

There are some who argue that the bill will result in more deaths. I disagree. I believe that individuals have a right to defend themselves and that right should include firing a warning shot to ward off a would-be attacker. It is important to note that supporting this bill does not take a position of support or opposition to the pending case in Jacksonville of Marissa Alexander. In Tallahassee, we simply make the laws of our state. Juries and judges have the responsibility of weighing the facts to see if they meet the threshold of law established in statute.

After much heated debate, HB 89 passed with a vote of 93-24, including mine. The bill now heads to the Senate for its vote.

The final bill of the week was SB 156, dealing with Motor Vehicle and Mobile Home Taxes, Fees and Surcharges. The bill passed unanimously with bipartisan support and will result in Floridians seeing their registration costs reduced by \$25.05 for heavyweight vehicles, \$21.55 for medium-weight vehicles, and \$18.55 for lightweight vehicles. The fee reduc-

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Week four promises to be a busy week. I will be presenting several bills to subcommittees, back in meetings and welcoming more visitors to the Capitol. Throughout it all, I read my email and respond as quickly as I can. As always, please let me hear from you. My email is below.

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Turn grief into a grin; bring good tidings

Let us go with the Word, not merely to observe, because we are on assignment to turn grief into a grin because of the glad tidings we bring. There may be times when hospital visits need to be discouraged. So many people go to see the shape the patient is in and want them to rehash what caused them to be there. Such people seldom, if ever, come with the truth that will make them free.

Bless God; if we show up at a hospital to visit, the whole unit should know we are there to speak life-giving words over them. Who cares why they are there? The object is to get them out and back in their Holy Ghost saddle. It is not the quantity of time we visit with them that matters — it's the quality of what we say once we appear. People don't just



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Maybelle Kirkland

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Teams' sites will be judged on this year's theme, "Cancer Takes a Holiday" so expect a Fall Festival, pictures with the

Easter Bunny, a Resort Vacation Team, and the Fernandina Pirates Club have chosen "Talk Like a Pirate Day" as their holiday. Each team's decorated float will take a lap around the track at 3 p.m., compete in a team Tug of War at 5:30 p.m. and participate in other games throughout the event.

You will be able to help Relay continue to raise money for the American Cancer Society by purchasing raffle tickets for great prizes like a Ritz-Carlton gift card or an overnight stay at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. There will be pictures available with the Easter Bunny, food, games and a plethora of themed laps so even if you are not on a team, you can still join in the fun, or perhaps be crowned Miss Relay for Life 2014!

Bring your best Elvis impersonation or wear feathered boas for the Viva Las Vegas Lap, or share an over-

sized shirt with your best friend or dress like twins for the Buddy Lap. Show off your flexibility with the Limbo Lap, or maybe you will be the winner of the Scavenger Hunt that begins at 1:30 p.m.

Flamenco Dancers will entertain you at 2:30 p.m., and live music takes the stage at 3:15 p.m. with Cumberland Sound. Bean School of Dance will perform at 5:45, then put on a tutu and join them as they lead a Tutu Lap around the track. Students of Paks Karate will put on a demonstration and then learn the Purple Glove Dance before the talented Jennifer Burns performs at 8 p.m.

One of the highlights of the event is the Luminaria Ceremony, which begins at 9 p.m. "We invite all local cancer survivors, family and friends to attend." During the event, people may purchase a luminaria in memory, or in honor, of someone who has been touched by cancer. The

luminaria bags are placed around the track and lit during an emotional memorial program, followed by a Lap of Remembrance.

After the ceremony, this Celebration of Life continues with a Glow Lap as the lights of the stadium are turned back on, and Bruce Beville and the Laid Back Band will play your favorite music during themed decade laps (bring your costumes) of the 50s, 60, 70s and 80s as the event closes in on midnight with a group routine to Thriller. At midnight enjoy a New Cure's Eve Party where the entertainment and activities just keep coming. Overnight activities include a Zumbathon, a Western Lap, a Frozen T-shirt contest, a Toga Lap, a Rooster Crow Contest, line dancing, a Pajama Lap and more, including Gabriel Arnold who will play the saxophone and croon for you 'til dawn.

No matter why you take

part in Relay, one thing is clear: with every step you take, you are helping the American Cancer Society save lives. With your help, they aren't just fighting one type of cancer, they are fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. Each person who shares the Relay experience can take pride in knowing that they are working to create a world where this disease will no longer threaten the lives of loved ones or claim another year of anyone's life.

Having cancer is hard, finding help shouldn't be. Call (800) 227-2345, anytime day or night, or visit cancer.org.

For the complete entertainment schedule, "like" them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Relay-for-Life-Fernandina-Beach-Yulee.

To make a donation or create a team, visit RelayforLife.org/fernandinabeachfl.

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Don't Be Bitter

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

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

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

Relay for Life seeks honorees

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 also 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 in memory of those who have lost their fight or those who continue to battle.

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.

SPORTS SHORTS

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.

Law Enforcement Torch Run

The Fernandina Beach Leg of the 31st anniversary Florida Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is April 1 at 9 a.m. For 30 years, the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" has traversed Florida in an intrastate relay of simultaneous routes throughout the state, covering countless thousands of miles. The torch is carried by local and state law enforcement officers all the way to the opening ceremony of Florida's annual State Summer Games, which will be held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista May 16.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest awareness and fund raising event sponsored by Special Olympics of Florida and local law enforcement agencies. Statewide the participating law enforcement officers and cadets from every branch of local, state and federal law enforcement, represent a total of 300 different agencies that serve as "Guardians of the Flame." Visit www.specialolympicsflorida.org for information.

Jaguars' ticket renewal campaign

The Jacksonville Jaguars kicked 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. Visit www.jaguars.com for information.

Alumni football

Alumni football is coming to Northeast Florida. Gridiron Alumni, which is planning several full-contact alumni football games, travels the nation, pitting old football rivals against each other one more time. Players are invited to register to play. Players are needed to sign up for their alma mater and the first 40 players on each team get to play. The team that gets 30 people registered first gets home-field advantage. The games are set for the spring. Visit www.gridironalumni.com to register. For



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Students from the Callahan Elementary School Run/Walk Club took part in the annual Gate Junior River Run March 15 in Jacksonville. The junior run is a one-mile event. Alma Bailey, the physical education teacher, took 28 students from the school to take part in the race. Students in the Run/Walk Club have been training every Wednesday after school. Bailey is very involved in promoting a healthy lifestyle for the students of CES. Run/Walk Club is just one of the many ways kids are learning to be active and stay fit. Doug Alfred, the director of the race and owner of 1st Place Sports, has graciously donated the leftover T-shirts from the race to CES in order to hold a mock junior River Run at the school. This will be for all the students who could not attend the official race due to opening day at the ballpark or transportation issues.

information, call Chris at (530) 410-6396 or go to the website. Gridiron Alumni was founded in 2010 and has raised more than \$250,000 for schools and charities using alumni football games as a fundraising vehicle.

Thirsk memorial scholarship

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association will once again be awarding the "Johnny Thirsk Memorial Scholarship" to a worthy graduating high school senior attending one of the high schools in Nassau County. Thirsk was a driving force in the NSFA for many years, offering his services as a board member, tournament director and in any other way he could help out. He was a friend to all. When he passed away in 2005, the club initiated a scholarship in his memory. Thirsk

believed in giving back to the community. As in past years, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded directly to an outstanding graduating high school senior. This scholarship is a renewable scholarship, paid for two consecutive years for a total of \$2,000 per recipient. To be eligible for consideration this year all completed applications with all required forms and information included, must be postmarked by April 20. The certificate will be presented at the recipients' senior awards program at their school. In addition the recipient and their family will also be invited to attend a Nassau Sport Fishing Association monthly social meeting as guests of the organization. Additional information including all necessary application forms, selection criteria and instructions for all submissions are available on

the NSFA website at nsfafish.net. 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. For information contact Shawn Arnold at 556-5531 or ashawnarnold@hotmail.com.

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.

DRUM ROLL, PLEASE



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Robert Haddock Jr. hooked this 78.6-pound drum and, while fighting him, the rod broke in half and he was barely hooked. But with the help of wife Colleen Haddock and longtime fishing partner Dallis Turner and his wife Ashley Turner, the group managed to get this monster in the boat, "The Hammer Down." The big drum landed Haddock in second place in the Nassau Sport Fishing Association's annual Drum Tournament, which Haddock has competed in for 15 years.

2014 SCHEDULES

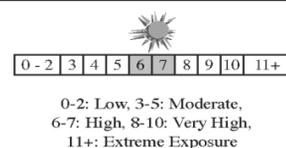
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
April 11	BALDWIN	6:00
April 15	SUWANNEE	7:00
April 17	ST. JOSEPH	6:00
April 18	FIRST COAST	6:00
* District		
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Varsity Baseball		
April 1	CENTRAL CARROLL	7:00
April 3	TERRY PARKER	6:00
April 4	at Paxon	6:00
April 8	ST. PIUS	7:00
April 10	at Yulee	6:00
April 11	at Hilliard	6:00
April 14	at Atlantic Coast	6:30
April 16	BATTERY CREEK, S.C.	6:00
April 21-24	DISTRICT 4-4A	TBA
* District 4-4A games		
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Softball		
April 1	at Yulee	7:00
April 3	WEST NASSAU	6:00
April 7	at Ed White	6:00
April 8	HILLIARD	6:00
April 10	EPISCOPAL	5:30
April 14-17	District 4-4A at West Nassau	
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Varsity Baseball		
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
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Softball		
April 1	FERNANDINA BEACH	7:00
April 3	at Ribault	6:00
April 8	EPISCOPAL	6:00
April 14-18	District at West Nassau	
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Junior Varsity Baseball		
March 31	CAMDEN COUNTY, Ga.	5:30
April 2	FLEMING ISLAND	6:00
April 7-11	at Episcopal tourney	
NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOLS		
Flag Football		
April 8	FBHS vs. Hilliard at Yulee	5:00
	West Nassau-Yulee	6:00
April 15	WNHS-FBHS at Hilliard	5:00
	Hilliard-Yulee	6:00
April 22	Hilliard-WNHS at FBHS	5:00
	FBHS-Yulee	6:00

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High / Low
Friday	Scat'd T-storms	70 / 61
Saturday	Scat'd T-storms	76 / 59
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	68 / 55
Monday	Mostly Sunny	70 / 57
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny	72 / 61
Wednesday	Sunny	71 / 59
Thursday	Mostly Sunny	71 / 55

Local UV Index



Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Fri	9:57-11:57	10:27-12:27	Tue	1:56-3:56	1:26-3:26
Sat	10:50-12:50	11:20-1:20	Wed	2:47-4:47	2:17-4:17
Sun	11:42-1:42	---	Thu	3:38-5:38	3:08-5:08
Mon	1:04-3:04	12:34-2:34	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
New 3/30	Fri 7:18 a.m.	7:42 p.m.	5:41 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	Full 4/15
	Sat 7:17 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	6:22 a.m.	6:49 p.m.	
	Sun 7:16 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	7:02 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	
	Mon 7:14 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	7:43 a.m.	8:56 p.m.	
First 4/7	Tue 7:13 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	8:25 a.m.	9:57 p.m.	Last 4/22
	Wed 7:12 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	9:08 a.m.	10:55 p.m.	
	Thu 7:11 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	9:54 a.m.	11:51 p.m.	

Weather Trivia

How often does lightning strike the ground in the United States?
 Answer: Between 25 to 30 million times each year.

Weather History

March 28, 1988 - Severe thunderstorms in central Oklahoma produced hail up to four inches in diameter, causing 35 million dollars in damage to southern Oklahoma County. Baseball sized hail and seven inches of rain caused another 18 million dollars damage in Stephens County.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
3/18	61	50	71/53	0.00"	Date Degree Days Date Degree Days	
3/19	59	50	71/53	0.00"	3/18 6 3/22 18	
3/20	72	46	72/53	0.00"	3/19 4 3/23 19	
3/21	70	52	72/53	0.00"	3/20 9 3/24 10	
3/22	75	61	72/54	0.00"	3/21 11	
3/23	81	57	72/54	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.	
3/24	64	57	72/54	0.00"		

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance					
Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	7:36 am	12:58 am	7:57 pm	1:29 pm	Fri	7:00 am	12:55 am	7:21 pm	1:26 pm
Sat	8:30 am	1:56 am	8:51 pm	2:21 pm	Sat	7:54 am	1:53 am	8:15 pm	2:18 pm
Sun	9:20 am	2:50 am	9:41 pm	3:09 pm	Sun	8:44 am	2:47 am	9:05 pm	3:06 pm
Mon	10:08 am	3:40 am	10:29 pm	3:55 pm	Mon	9:32 am	3:37 am	9:53 pm	3:52 pm
Tue	10:55 am	4:28 am	11:16 pm	4:40 pm	Tue	10:19 am	4:25 am	10:40 pm	4:37 pm
Wed	11:40 am	5:14 am	None	5:24 pm	Wed	11:04 am	5:11 am	11:25 pm	5:21 pm
Thu	12:01 am	6:01 am	12:24 pm	6:08 pm	Thu	11:48 am	5:58 am	None	6:05 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Lunar Eclipse Game Time

Tax day, April 15; don't you just love it? Here is a small incentive to get your forms completed and filed in advance. During the early morning hours of Tuesday, April 15, Europe and the Americas are treated to a total lunar eclipse. The moon will be full and precisely opposite to the sun. Since the Earth produces a shadow of 750,000 miles in length, and the moon orbits about a quarter million miles from us, when Luna is exactly opposite to the sun, it MUST pass through the Earth's shadow. The beauty of a lunar eclipse is that anyone on the nighttime hemisphere of the Earth and under the dome of a clear sky has a grandstand seat. That puts nearly three billion people in the stadium to watch the eclipse. Kickoff begins at 1:58 a.m. EDT when the moon first makes contact with Earth's shadow. For CDT, MDT, and PDT zones simply subtract one, two, or three hours respectively to get the correct time. During the next hour and eight minutes, the moon trudges ever deeper into the umbra (shadow) until at 3:06 a.m. EDT, it is completely immersed. That's the start of totality or second contact and really the most exciting segment of any lunar eclipse. The moon takes on a variety of hues—browns, reds, oranges, and even yellows, but sometimes when the air is dusty after a major volcanic eruption, the moon simply disappears. Presently, the atmosphere is clear so this will probably be a bright and colorful eclipse. The moon will spend one hour, 20 minutes in Earth's shadow and begin to emerge at 4:26 a.m. EDT (third contact). The moon treks from the shadow during the next hour, eight minutes, leaving Earth's umbra (fourth contact) by 5:34 a.m. EDT with a healthy twilight in the eastern sky, and with the moon only eight degrees above the western horizon on the East Coast. The game is free and the halftime activities colorful. The stadium holds billions, and if you plan ahead, your taxes will be completed. It's the best astronomical show of the year! www.astronomy.org

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"I'm so proud of these kids, they really are great," says faculty advisor Dawn Karpel of Ashley and Alexis Moen, above, and all members of the Fernandina Beach High School Interact Club during the 14th annual Kid's Fun Day sponsored by the club. Cindy Hoy and granddaughter Kaylee Cruz admire the toy she won at the Pirates of the Caribbean game overseen by FBHS Interact member Tessa Pirkola, below.



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Green film fest at FLT April 1-22

Fernandina Little Theatre, in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council, North Florida Chapter and the Ray C. Anderson Foundation, is proud to present the Green Carpet film series.

This Northeast Florida regional traveling film series is designed to examine environmental issues, and foster dialogue within the community about sustainability.

The series of four critically acclaimed and award-winning documentary films will be shown at the Fernandina Little Theatre, 1014 Beech St., each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. beginning on April 1 and concluding on Earth Day, April 22.

The films to be screened are:

- **Biophilic Design: The Architecture of Life** – Tuesday, April 1: Exploring innovative ways of designing the places where we live, work, and play.
- **Dive!** – Tuesday, April 8: This multi award-winning documentary follows filmmaker Jeremy Selfert and friends as they Dumpster dive in garbage receptacles of Los Angeles supermarkets.
- **Tapped** – Tuesday, April 15: Looks at the big business of bottled water, and how it has bamboozled the public and damaged our Earth.
- **Gasland Part II** – Tuesday, April 22: An in-depth examination of the dangers of fracking, now occurring on a global level in 32 countries worldwide.

Individual screenings are \$6; a pass for all four films is \$22. Tickets are available for advance purchase at The UPS Store in the Fernandina Beach Publix shopping center.

FLT is a small, intimate space and patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance to guarantee seating. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the U.S. Green Building Council, North Florida Chapter. For more information about FLT, visit ameliaflt.org.



'LOOKING FORWARD' - TO SOME COOL JAZZ



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ISLAND CHAMBER SINGERS

The Island Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. Jane Lindberg, will present their first jazz concert, "Looking Forward," at Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road, Fernandina Beach, tonight at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. An opening night reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following tonight's performance. Lindberg has chosen the music of two popular contemporary jazz composers, Dave Brubeck and George Shearing. The concert will feature soloists Mary Williams and Scott Timman as cantors.

Tickets are \$15 in advance at www.islandchambersingers.org; from a member of Island Chamber Singers; at the Welcome Center, 102 Centre St., 226-3542; at the AIFBY Chamber of Commerce, 961687 Gateway Blvd., Suite 101G (at A1A and Amelia Island Parkway), 261-3248; and at Harrison's Mercantile at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Spa and Shops, 432-2218. Tickets are \$20 at the door, and always free for all students. For information call 225-0575 on weekdays.

Move over citrus - hello stone fruit trees!

REBECCA L. JORDI
AND AMANDA BURNETT
For the News-Leader

More and more people are considering including edible plants in their landscapes. Nothing is more rewarding than seeing a tree you planted produce fruit. You simply walk out to your yard and pick the fruit once it is ripe. Consider adding some stone fruit trees. You get the benefit of a lovely shade tree in the summer and wonderful fruit in the spring, summer or fall.

You may be wondering, first of all, "What is a stone fruit?" Stone fruits are fruits with large hard seeds found inside such as peaches, plums, nectarines, apricots and cherries.

It is thought the Spaniards originally brought peaches to Florida in the 1500s when they settled in St. Augustine. Franciscan monks were probably the first to introduce peaches to St. Simons and Cumberland islands in Georgia around 1571.

Although cultivated peaches covered almost 4,000 acres of Florida in the 1960s into the '80s, hard freezes took a hard toll on the cold-sensitive trees. Since then, the University of Florida stone fruit breeding program and other institutions such as Auburn University have developed more cold hardy and unique varieties that are able to have lower chilling hours. Some of these varieties are distributed around the world.

One of the most notable new peach characteristics found in the local grocery store are varieties are called "non-melting." The "melting" varieties are known to be ripe when



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they become red, soft and juicy. However, these are not practical for transporting from field to grocery as the fruit bruises easily. The skin breaks open, which makes for problematic shipping and a short shelf-life at the retail market. To solve those problems, non-melting varieties were developed, which enables the flesh to stay firmer even when ripe.

"In non-melting peach varieties, even if it is red it doesn't necessarily mean it is ripe. Smell the fruit and lightly press the end of the fruit to see if it is soft. Then you will know if

it's ripe," said Dr. Mercy Olmstead, assistant professor and stone fruit specialist from the University of Florida. Produce managers should also know the specific peach variety sold in the store. Peaches with "Gulf" or "UF" in the name will be non-melt-

Top left, Muscadine grapes – *Vitis rotundifolia* Michx. Top middle, fruit from the Flordaking Peach tree. Top right, The fruit of the "Gulfbeauty" plum. Far left, the fruit from the Sungold Nectarine tree. Left, a "Gulfbeauty" plum tree flower.

ing varieties. You probably have also heard the of "cling" peaches. These are the peaches in which the flesh "clings" to the pit. Most of the varieties developed by UF are cling peaches. The flesh can be very sweet but it is firmer than the melting varieties. The "melting" peach flesh easily separates from the pit.

Before you buy a peach, plum or nectarine tree for planting in the landscape, you should know which vari-

STONE Continued on 4B

OFF & ON THE ISLAND

HEEL-N-WHEEL & BREW FEST

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

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 at the event. Teams will join in a 2-mile walk from the Skate Park to Atlantic Recreation Center and back. For information, to register a team or make a donation, go to www.8flagsplayscapes.org.

After the Heel-n-Wheel, the action will continue at Main Beach for the Slide Into Spring Music and Craft Beer Festival, hosted by 8 Flags Playscapes and the city of Fernandina Beach 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. Enjoy live music 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 jrobertson@fbfl.org or 753-0001.

RAILROAD DAYS

The West Nassau Historical Society's 2014 Railroad Days Festival is today and March 29 at the 1881 Callahan Train Depot and nearby 1856 Florida Railroad bed.

Today is "Hobo Day" and kids are encouraged to come dressed as the fabled riders of the rails. Live entertainment is from 2-8 p.m. on the front platform of the depot. The arts and craft area will open from 1-6 p.m. today and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

The Shriner-led Railroad Days Parade is at 11 a.m. Saturday, followed by a classic car show. A large kids' area with a laser maze and jump hous-



es will run from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Live music will continue Saturday from 2-8 p.m.

Steam engines, tractors and trains will be exhibited outside the depot. Model train layouts and entrants from the Nassau County Record essay contest will be inside the Depot Annex. Food vendors will be available both days. Visit www.wnhsfl.org or call John Hendricks or Emily Baumgartner at (904) 879-3406.

BOOK SALE

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

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



OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

VFW Post 4351 will host Quesadilla Night at 5:30 p.m. tonight for a \$7 donation. Karaoke with Big Doug will follow at 7 p.m. All members and their guests are welcome. For information call 432-8791.

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.

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.

The VFW POST 4351 will host an oyster roast March 30 at 2 p.m. for a \$12 donation. The roast will include oysters, hamburgers, hot dogs and sides. The VFW is located at 96086 Wade Place, under the Shave Bridge. For information call 432-8791.

Florida native Dr. Peter O. Knight is among the authors and illustrators who will appear at The Book Loft, 214 Centre St., Fernandina Beach, for signings on March 30 from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Knight is the author of *The Heart*, a controversial novel about a devoted husband who discovers his wife's deepest secrets when during an emergency transplant he learns that her heart is literally possessed. A dozen additional authors and illustrators are coming in from other states to sign copies of their work. The book festival will include

free story hours with the children's authors and illustrators at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. For details visit www.heartto-heartretreat.com. Contact the Book Loft at 261-8991 and find them on Facebook.

Author Scott Braucht will present a reading from his title *Into the Light: A Middle-Aged Man's Recovery From Depression* at 4 p.m. April 1 at The Book Loft, 214 Centre St. Following the reading, Braucht will be available for discussion and to sign copies of his book.

The Amelia Island Museum of History invites you to its next Brown Bag Lunch on April 2 at noon. Jose Miranda will discuss the downtown Fernandina post office building. Built in 1912, this 18,000-square-foot structure originally served as Fernandina's post office, customs house, and courthouse. Delve into the historic report and feasibility study of one of downtown's most iconic buildings. This program is free and open to the public. For information contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or gray@ameliamuseum.org.

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.

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

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 hold auditions for the comedy "The Foreigner" from 1-5 p.m. on April 12 at 207 Cedar St. Five men (one can be a teen) and two women are needed for the cast. The show is directed by Fran Hindsley and performances are between June 12-28. For information, visit www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org or call 261-6749.

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.ameliacommunitytheatre.org. For information on the curriculum, 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," directed by Jill Dillingham.

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. Chorus auditions entail a one-minute of song of your choice. For information visit Facebook and www.ameliamusicalplayhouse.com. To schedule a private audition, email jilldill@msn.com before April 13.

MUSEUM

Join the Amelia Island Museum of History Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. to tour four of the town's most popular, notorious or otherwise historic pubs. One ticket will get you a drink at each establishment and an earful of colorful tales. It's a great way to see Fernandina and learn about its history. Tickets are \$25 per person (must be 21, must show ID); tour begins at the historic train depot downtown. 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

JSO concerts

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

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 Guameri String Quartet, cellist Zuill Bailey, folk ensemble Canary in the Coal Mine and the Brooklyn Rider String Quartet. Visit the website for details.

Sounds on Centre

The Historic Fernandina Beach Association (downtown merchants) announces something different for the kickoff 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 Bums Hall, St. Peter's Episcopal Parish at Atlantic Avenue and Ninth St. Reservations are suggested: (904) 415-1388 or eveningofstoryandsong@gmail.com.

Swing into Spring

The Fernandina Beach High School bands will hold their Swing into Spring fundraiser on April 12 at 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the school, 435 Citrona Drive. The Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Bands will perform. Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner and one entry for a drawing. The grand-prize is a Samsung 43-inch plasma TV. Extra tickets for the drawing are \$5 each. Also enjoy a silent auction. For tickets and information contact Teresa Wilson, BPA vice president, at tebewilson@comcast.net. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Big Band Bash

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

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

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

John Legend

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

Community band

The Nassau Community Band is an ensemble of amateur musicians, retired and current music educators, even folks that have not played since high school or college. It welcomes all interested persons to join them for rehearsals at 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Yulee Middle School band room, 85439 Miner Road. Email info@nassaucommunityband.com, call band President Chuck

comes alive through the skillful storytelling of your guide. This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday like clockwork and lasts approximately

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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 p.m. and the piano styling of Steve "Fingers" on Saturday afternoons. Call 432-7086. Join them on Facebook at courtyardpubandcats.com for information on special events including appearances by "The Usual Suspects" with Pam and Davis Turner on Sunday afternoons. You never know who may join in the fun.

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 beechnflyer@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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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 Island Art Association Gallery at 261-7020.

Singing quilter

Singer/songwriter Cathy Miller will present a program of music and quilts at the Amelia Island Quilt meeting on

April 8 at 7 p.m. Miller and her husband, John Bunge, travel the world singing for quilting events. She is known as "The Singing Quilter."

Miller's quilts have won awards and have been exhibited internationally. Visit www.singingquilter.com.

The quilt guild meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Woman's Club, 201 Jean LaFitte Ave. Programs are free and open to the public. Contact

ART WORKS

Free kids' classes

RELIGION

Drugs, cousins and running into the Will of God

When the door swung open, things were not as he had hoped. At first, it was hard to figure out. After a few minutes, it became painfully clear. Tony was no longer selling drugs. For Peter, that was bad news. He did everything he could to back up. Fortunately, for him, he was already inside. The door had closed and God had him right where he wanted him.

My brother-in-law, Peter, has an amazing testimony. The other day, God reminded me of it as I was navigating a difficult situation. As He did, Peter's story brought a smile and sense of peace to my heart. I hope it does the same for you.

If you looked at Peter today, you'd think I was talking about someone



PULPIT NOTES

Pastor Rob Goyette

only problem was, he didn't know what "better" was going to look like. You see, somewhere between

else. A brilliant man, highly respected in his field, Peter's an amazing guy. As a youth, things weren't so great. When he left his parents in his late teens, and headed to his cool Cousin Tony's house in Arizona, Peter felt sure his life was getting ready to be a whole lot better. He was right. The

Peter leaving Mom and Dad's house in Texas, and his arrival at Tony's in Arizona, Tony had accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior. That was a huge change from the cool drug dealer Peter thought he would be living with. When Peter arrived, and Tony invited him in, Tony didn't hesitate to tell him all about what had happened. Before long, and with Mom and Dad on their knees in Texas, Peter accepted Christ as well. From there, everything changed.

Peter went on to get his master's degree in English. He served as a missionary for many years in South America; met his wife; moved back to the states; and put two sons through college. He's been the head of the language department in a pres-

tigious private school in North Carolina, and the list goes on. When I think of Peter, I think of success. When I think of the path he was on, I think of the mercy and the sovereignty of God.

What I find interesting about his story is how Peter's plans and God's plans were at work at the exact same time. Though Peter saw his future one way, God saw it completely different. The fact that God's plan prevailed, and Peter now likes that, is a point of encouragement to me. The way I see it, God is much bigger than all our stuff. If He's not, we're all in quite a fix. Yes, I know, we all have a free will, but so does God. Thankfully, His will is bigger and better than ours! While it's true, Peter

wasn't looking for it, if you asked him now, God's plan is the best thing that ever happened to him. When I look at my own life, I have to say the same thing. I leave you with a couple of beautiful verses that come to mind.

"A man's heart devises his way: but the Lord directs his steps." (Proverbs 16:9)

"I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walks to direct his steps." (Jeremiah 10:23)

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

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

RELIGION NOTES

PBJ & T

The three essential items always needed at The Salvation Army Hope House to put in the Emergency Food Bags are peanut butter, jelly and yes, toilet paper. So this week, they again ask for these three items, along with any other nonperishable foods you find on sale or in the "two for one" bin. Thank you for bringing your donations to 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

Gospel concert

The Walkers, a gospel band from Perry that sings in a distinct Southern-style of music that is all their own, will perform at the Church of God of Prophecy, 101 Pine St., St. Marys, Ga., on March 30 at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Admission is free, but an offering will be taken. With 20 years of giving energetic live performances across the United States, the band's inspiring and captivating country gospel music will leave listeners hooked and wanting for more.

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 completion of the class.

Tuesday worship

Salvation Army Hope House hosts a worship service each Tuesday at noon. What do we do when we are persecuted? Join the Hope House April 1 as they discover what God told Paul to do in Chapter 18 of the book of Acts. For more information, call 321-0435 or stop by 410 S. Ninth St.

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.

Church anniversary

Solid Rock Church of God by Faith, 86138 Palm Tree Drive, Yulee, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Church of God by Faith, Inc., on April 12 at the Legends Center, 5130 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville at 6 p.m. The color scheme is black, white and silver.

The H. Alvin Green Memorial Alumni Chorale will be in concert and church pioneers, living legends and trailblazers will be honored.

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

Open house

Salvation Army Hope House will celebrate its seventh year anniversary "Doing the Most Good" serving its neighbors right here in Nassau County. An open house celebration will take place on Saturday, April 12 between 2-4 p.m. The staff would love to see you or meet you for the first time. Come to 410 S. Ninth St., at the corner of Ninth and Date streets in Fernandina.

Passover Seder

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

Sunrise celebration

First Baptist Church's annual Easter Sunrise Celebration will be held at Peters Point, 1974 S. Fletcher Ave., on 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." 1 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 to noon Lenten services with Communion each Wednesday through April 9 in the sanctuary on North Sixth Street, Fernandina Beach.

Join them for prayer studies Wednesdays in Jim Thomas Hall of First Presbyterian, 9 N. Sixth St., at 12:30 or 6:15 p.m. Nursery and childcare available for evening study following the family dinner at 5:30 p.m. Share a meal and fellowship. Questions, call 261-3837.

Special Easter events open to the community include:

- Palm Sunday, 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 and Memorial United Methodist in Maxwell Hall on North Sixth Street, followed by a performance of Exodus by Brad Sherrill from Atlanta. Nursery provided at each church. 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

LENT & EASTER

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, hosted by Memorial United Methodist and First Presbyterian.

- Easter Sunday, April 20, First Presbyterian welcomes worshippers to break the fast at the annual Pancake Breakfast served in Jim Thomas Hall following the Community Sunrise Service at Ft. Clinch. 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 Amelia Plantation Chapel at 10 a.m.

The cantata focuses on the final days of Jesus, 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 work, which carries the listener from the garden to the cross.

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.

Following the cantata, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a reception and to see the original works of art used during the performance. The Amelia Plantation Chapel is located at 36 Bowman Road. Call 277-4414 for directions. Find them on facebook.com/Amelia.Plantation.Chapel or visit www.ameliachapel.com.

Passion of Christ

As is the tradition at many Christian churches, The Passion of Christ will be presented during both morning services on Palm Sunday at Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road, Amelia

Island. This year the passion story is repeated from the Gospel of Matthew, 26:36 through 27:54. Presenters will quote scripture in the voice of the "Reader," "Narrator" and "Jesus," and the congregation will be asked to participate as "the Crowd." Experience The Passion of Christ with us on Sunday, April 13, the first day of Holy Week.

Call 277-4414 for information, find them on facebook.com/Amelia.Plantation.Chapel or visit www.ameliachapel.com. All are welcome.

Good Friday music

The community is invited to Amelia Baptist Church on Good Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m. for a service of music and drama. These special services have become an annual Holy Week tradition in the community and have been well attended since their inception in 2005.

The musical centerpiece of this year's service is the Lenten cantata, In My Place by Craig Courtney. This is a totally new work that combines music and the spoken word to convey the meaning of what the narration writer Pamela Stewart has called "Christ's Sacrifice of Love." Holy Communion will be observed as an integral part of the program.

This inspirational Good Friday service is presented by more than 60 talented singers from the community representing several area churches. The choir will be accompanied by an ensemble of strings, woodwinds, brass, piano and percussion comprising twelve instrumentalists from the Northeast Florida community, all under the direction of Pam Helton, minister of music at Amelia Baptist.

There is no charge for this presentation. Childcare (ages newborn through 4 years) is available at no cost with reservations. Call the church at 261-9527 for more information.

Amelia Baptist Church is located at 961167 Buccaneer Trail, at the intersection of Buccaneer Trail, A1A and South Fletcher Avenue (at the roundabout).

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Fort event

Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., will commemorate the part that Fort Clinch played in the Spanish-American War from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 29 and 9 a.m.-noon March 30. The fort will be filled with uniformed interpreters and participants will also be able to enjoy exhibits of the armament and period military equipment. Fees include \$6 per vehicle park entrance fee plus \$2 per person fort admission. For information call 277-7274 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

Naturalist class

Coastal Trader II, 2245 Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach will host its first Island Education Series on April 1 from 4-4:30 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 coastaltraderii@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. 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 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. Fernandina Mulch and Stone will also give away door prizes. Register online at www.fernandinamulch.com.

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, set for May 16-18 at venues on and around Amelia Island. For a description of the classes, instructors and locations, visit wildamelia.com or call Dawna Moore, class coordinator, at 556-4880.

Entries are being accepted for the sixth annual Wild Amelia Nature Photography Contest to recognize outstanding photography that celebrates the natural landscapes of Amelia Island. The contest is open to adults and children. Deadline is April 4. Cash prizes will be awarded; winning images may be included in the 2015 Wild Amelia calendar.

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.



Draper Underwood Clay Pottery will return to the 2014 Amelia Island Garden Show with hand-made clay pottery, most of which is made by the Hewell family outside of Gillsville, Ga. SUBMITTED

Georgia pottery at garden show

The Amelia Island Garden Show is pleased to announce that Draper Underwood of Draper Underwood Clay Pottery will return to the show, set for April 19 and 20 in Central Park, downtown Fernandina Beach.

Draper has been in the hand-made clay pottery business for 15 years. Much of the hand-turned plant and garden pottery he features is made by the Hewell family outside of Gillsville, Ga. The Hewell family has been turning pottery in that area for over 150 years, with each piece hand-turned on one of their potter's wheels. Some of the clay products are made by Craven's pottery, which is also hand-turned in Georgia.

At the show, Draper will also have clay bird baths made by Burley Clay in Roseville, Ohio. These garden pottery and bird baths have been made by Burley since 1933. Draper is proud to say that all of their clay pottery is made in America.

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

For two days, April 19 and 20, Mother

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

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

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

'Whirligigs' a sign of spring

Q. I see the maples are bursting with color right now. After looking closely, I noticed a pair of seeds. What are they? MM

A. The botanical term for these structures containing the maple seeds is samaras, but they are more often referred to as "helicopters," or "whirligigs."

All maple trees produce samaras, but red, silver and Norway maples often produce the largest quantities. Over the next few weeks, these seeds will rain down on lawns, decks, roofs and gutters in many locations which can become a nuisance, especially after we have had such a large number of laurel oak leaf drop within the last few weeks.

But raking leaves from the yard and removing them from our gutters in the spring is a small price to pay for having such large, beautiful trees on our property. Both oaks and maples are also the source of much of the yellow pollen we are seeing all over our cars lately, in addition to being the reason for our allergic reactions to pollen.

It is possible to take the seeds and propagate your own maple tree. Red maple trees are incredibly fast growers so you should have a nice size tree within a few years. Seed propagation would be a wonderful project for any young person. Nothing is more rewarding than seeing a tree develop from seed.

Q. I have a very shaded lot and I am thinking of adding more ferns to my plant beds. What can you tell me about the Ghost fern? It sounds so intriguing. PD

A. 'Ghost' is a hybrid fern that was developed from a cross between *Athyrium niponicum* var. *picinum* and *Athyrium filix-femina*. It gets the popular name Ghost because of the silvery



GARDEN TALK

Becky Jordi

parent and the upright growth of the fronds comes from its lady fern parent. It generally grows to no more than 2 1/2 feet tall, with an even smaller spread. The mature size makes it a wonderful plant for small, shade gardens. It can tolerate dappled light, but direct afternoon sun here will cause brown edges and the plant will be very unattractive if it survives.

Ghost fern is less sensitive to dry soils but it should not be allowed to get too dry. If you have a rabbit problem, this plant does not appear to be very appetizing to the furry creatures. However, I must warn you, if rabbits or deer get hungry enough, they will eat most any plant.

I have a Ghost fern in my garden now, and it survived the winter beautifully. In some colder climates, the fern is considered deciduous, meaning it will lose its fronds but return when temperatures are warmer. Its cold hardiness zone is 4-8. I am in cold hardiness zone 9a, so those of you on the east part of Nassau County might want to add this little beauty to your landscape.

Those of us on shaded lots should consider adding more ferns as they add texture and color to our beds and are fabulous fillers for small, tight areas. But, you know how I feel about Boston fern - please keep it

in the pot and do not plant it in the ground here.

Q. I just moved here and I discovered this small little tree in my backyard. Do you know what it is? SZ

A. Well, welcome to Nassau County, Florida. I am glad you brought me a twig with the leaves, which helped me identify it quickly. It is called a red buckeye, *Aesculus pavia*.

Red Buckeye is a small North American native tree capable of reaching 25 to 30 feet tall in the wild though is most often at 15 to 20 feet high. Red Buckeye is most popular for its springtime display of three- to six-inch-long, upright, red flowers that are quite attractive to hummingbirds. These blooms are followed by flat, round capsules that contain bitter and poisonous seeds.

The large, dark green, palmate leaves usually offer no great color change in fall and often drop as early as late September. Red buckeye lives best in cold hardiness zone 6-9a and in full to partial shade. View a publication from the University of Florida on the Red Buckeye at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/st064>.

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

FreshJax is at the Amelia Farmers Market every Saturday, bringing a healthy twist to gourmet foods. FreshJax is always adding new and exciting products to their line, like their Maple Sunflower Seed clusters. They showcase their organic product line that includes energy bars, hot sauces, spice blends, trail mixes, mustards, dressings, breads, cookies, granola, pestos and more. Their products are made with 100 percent USDA organic ingredients and they never use any chemicals or preservatives.

Also at the market March 29 will be Flagship Coffees, a micro-batch roaster of 100 percent organic Arabica coffee beans sourced from Direct Trade or Certified Fair Trade farms and labeled with the roast date to ensure it is bursting with flavor. The market also is the perfect place to learn about orchids. Help and information is always available at Orchid Legends. Have a sick or tired orchid? Bring it to the market for some hands-on-help. Neal's Kettle Korn has freshly-popped Kettle Korn and old-fashioned sodas every Saturday. And try their arepas, a South American grilled cheese sandwich, sweet yellow corn and delicious mozzarella cheese.

Fresh from the oven are Spouse's fruit pastries, cinnamon buns, fruit-filled cobblers, mini-pies, muffins and more as well as sliced multigrain bread, sourdough and a variety of focaccias and meat pies. Jon of Meteor Street Produce sources his produce from the local farms and his own garden. Every Saturday Jon has several types of seasonal greens, fresh tomatoes, ginger, garlic, shallots, sweet potatoes, parsnips and some fruits. This is also the perfect time of year to pick up some herb starter plants or "on the spot" cuttings. He also has teas and herbal tea blends, as well as organic dry goods such as cinnamon, chia seeds, cacao bits and vanilla beans. The market is the perfect place for all your landscaping materials at Ever Blooming Gardens. It is the perfect time to get your beautiful spring plantings - Robert will deliver and plant your purchases if needed.

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.

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers' market is open every Saturday, rain or shine, on North

Seventh Street in downtown Fernandina Beach.

While shoppers are encouraged to check out the farmers and their seasonal produce, bakers and their fresh pastries and breads, meat and dairy farmers' specialties and more, two local chefs also are found at the Market Place.

Brian Grimley of Lulu's at the Thompson House, located on South Seventh Street, was born in the West Country of England. An engineer by trade, Brian is a self-taught chef who relocated to Fernandina Beach from Colonial Beach in Northern Virginia, about 35 miles from the Harry Nice Memorial Bridge into Maryland. If you have ever been to The Old Line State, you already know, "Maryland is for Crabs" and Grimley orders crab for his restaurant directly from the Chesapeake Bay. A fan of local sourcing, he uses local shrimp, fruits and vegetables when he can find them.

Grimley prefers the low country menus and flavors and reads new cookbooks coming out of Charleston, Savannah and New Orleans. An up-and-coming area he likes to watch for new trends in dining is Alabama.

Lulu's at the Thompson House is at the farmers' market every Saturday. Grimley's wife Melanie brings their crab cakes, and they also specialize in both plain and spicy pimento cheese spreads that often sell out.

Another local chef you'll find at the market is Adam Sears, owner of Merge Restaurant on South Eighth Street. He comes to the Market Place every other Saturday with his jerk chicken patties and Low Country sausage and shrimp patties. Sears has been cooking professionally since age 14, when he began grilling steaks when steaks made to order and all you can eat buffets were all the rage.

A culinary graduate of Johnson and Wales University in South Carolina, Sears' dishes are inspired by music and art and he is always trying new flavors and flavor combinations. Most of all, Sears enjoys being a part of an international food group whose members preserve the pleasures of the table, bringing together the best of food and wine. Join him every other Saturday at the market and find out what seasonal delight he is creating in his kitchen.

The featured nonprofit March 29 will be the Friends of the Fernandina Branch Library. Sam Bone and Hambone Stumps will provide live music. Well behaved, leashed pets are always welcome. Visit FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com or call 557-8229.

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"Too many chill units can result in freeze damage to the blooms and tree death," said Olmstead. This will ultimately reduce the amount of fruit produced that year.

Peach varieties recommended for North Florida are UFGlo, JunePrince, and any in the Gulf series, which are Gulfcrest, Gulfcrimson, Gulfprince, Gulfking or Gulfsnow. Because the UF and Gulf varieties are patented they can only be purchased from licensed nurseries. For more information on these varieties and to find nurseries go to <http://hos.ufl.edu/extension/stonefruit> or contact your Nassau County Extension Service.

Unfortunately, plum and nectarine varieties currently available only have chill unit requirements between 200 and 300. Therefore, plums and nectarines planted north of Orlando need to be care-

fully protected from prolonged bouts of cold weather.

"Prune your trees twice a year. The best fruiting wood is pencil width and one year old so prune to keep wood small and young," said Olmstead.

If you have problems with your trees, please bring in live specimens of insects or leaf clippings to your county Extension office for identification assistance and recommendations.

The main office hours in Callahan are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Check out the University of Florida publication on stone fruit for orchards and homeowners at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mg374>.

Now, we hope we have piqued your curiosity and maybe you are considering planting a few fruit trees. Now get out there and start digging!

Rebecca L. Jordi is the County Extension Director/Horticulture Agent III and Amanda Burnett is a Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent for the UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension.

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PART-TIME OPPORTUNITY - for upbeat customer service driven individual with retail experience, natural foods knowledge, and a passion for healthy living. Send resume to: kimmiebeaton@gmail.com or fax to (904)277-4107. Applications also available at Nassau Health Foods.

201 Help Wanted

REGIONAL MEDIA COMPANY - is looking for an Advertising Salesperson. Ideal candidate will be a self-starter with a proven record of successful advertising sales. Competitive salary with benefits package. Submit resume to: H.R., P.O. Box 16766-B, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035.

DOO WOP DINER - now hiring servers, dishwashers and line cooks. Experienced need only apply. Apply Monday - Friday only. 1120 South 14th St. (904)432-8400

BARTENDER WANTED - Now accepting applications for experienced Bartender at American Legion Post #54, 626 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach. (904)261-7900

Earn \$\$\$ Helping MDs! Process medical claims from home. Call the Federal Trade Commission to find out how to spot medical billing scams. 1(877)FTC-HELP. A message from the News-Leader and the FTC.

AUTO TECHNICIAN - Experienced Auto Technician/Mechanic needed. Multiple openings. No "pie in the sky" commission or flat rate. Steady income you can count on. Fax resume to (904)277-7962 or apply in person at 1852 Sadler Rd.

EXPERIENCED OTR FLATBED DRIVERS - earn \$0 up to 55 cpm loaded. \$1000 sign on to qualified drivers. Home most weekends. (843)266-3731 / www.buildoghiway.com. EOE. ANF

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

JANITOR - Immediate opportunity with Martex Services on Amelia Island for a reliable janitor. Work includes cleaning grounds in a resort community, cleaning common areas, trash removal, etc.. Full time -- must be able to work weekends and holidays. Reliable transportation and clean driving record required. Experience preferred. Excellent benefits and compensation. FAX resume to 904-261-0821 or call 904-261-5364.

DRIVER TRAINEES NEEDED NOW - Learn to drive for US Xpress! Earn \$700/wk. No experience needed. Local CDL training. Job ready in 15 days. 1-888-368-1964. ANF

EXPERIENCED A/C INSTALLER - Clean driving record. Drug free. Email resume to Ameliaair@comcast.net or call (904)225-0626.

LANDSCAPE INSTALLER NEEDED - Must be a motivated person with 1 year experience or more with Landscape Installation. Must have valid Florida Drivers License. Please call James (904)887-8266

FRONT DESK CLERK/BREAKFAST ATTENDANT/HOUSEKEEPER - Experience preferred. Apply at Comfort Inn, 76043 Sidney Pl., Yulee.

PEDIATRIC OFFICE in Fernandina Beach - hiring Referral Coordinator. Must have experience. Part-time hours. Fax resume to (904)491-3173.

DRIVERS: \$5,000 Sign-On Bonus! Great Pay! Consistent Freight, Great Miles on this Regional Account. Werner Enterprises: 1-855-515-8447

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

NOW HIRING ELECTRICIANS & AN HVAC TECH - Experienced only apply. Drivers license is a must. Apply in person, 717 S. 8th St., Mon-Fri, 8-5.

YOGA TEACHER WANTED - Amelia Island Yoga Studio. Please call (904) 335-0539.

THE GOLF CLUB at North Hampton - is looking for a part-time Golf Shop Assistant, Grille Server and Kitchen Assistant. Apply at the Golf Pro Shop. No phone calls please. Some golf or prior food & beverage experience preferred. 22680 North Hampton Club Way, Yulee.

201 Help Wanted

ARTISTIC FLORIST - is now interviewing for Part-Time Delivery Drivers and Set Ups Crew. Weekdays and Weekend late night schedule available. Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Must have a clean driving record and valid driver's license. Strong - Organizational skills are needed. Please apply in person ready to be interviewed. Do not call to pre-interview. 1430 Park Avenue, Fernandina Beach

MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL - prefer RN license, may consider MA or LPN, for field service work with the Healthy Start Program working with pregnant moms, infants and their families. Send resume to Loreli.Rogers@health.gov or 30 S 4th St, Fernandina, FL 32034 by 3/28/14. EEO/AA, Veteran's Preference Given, Drug Screening Required (RN level), Background Screening Required (FLE and FBI), Incumbent may be required to work before, during and/or beyond normal work hours or days in the event of an emergency.

RN/LPN - for part-time position. Need someone with health care background to do assessments, counseling, & marketing. Contact Anita (904)232-4407.

REAL ESTATE COMPANY - now hiring housekeepers. Best pay on Amelia and flexible schedules. Saturdays mandatory. (904)261-9444

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

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN NEEDED - Apartment experience a must. Apply at Marsh Cove-Somerset, 123 Hirth Rd., Fernandina Beach or fax resume (904)277-6956

RECEPTIONIST POSITION - available in busy animal hospital. We are adding to our client service staff and are looking for a polished professional multi-tasker who loves to engage with pets and their owners. We are seeking a motivated individual with exemplary organizational skills. Veterinary experience is not required, but is a plus. Applicants will be expected to learn and discuss basic veterinary products and procedures. **No phone inquiries. Please bring in resume.** Laurel Oaks Animal Hospital, 5775 Laurel Island Parkway, Kingsland, GA 31548.

204 Work Wanted

SEEKING P/T OFFICE OR ADMIN WORK - Excellent phone, people and office skills. Highly organized. (904) 206-2270 or email arlyse3@gmail.com

NEED A MAID? Call Denise, 451-7550.

EXPERIENCED, Licensed, Bonded & Affordable Certified Nurses Assistant - In home care, light housekeeping, & much more. Call 904-548-2139.

HANDYMAN - Int. & ext. work. 15 years exp. No job too big. Senior & vet discounts. Call (904)849-7608.

FEMALE CONTRACTOR LOOKING FOR ANY WORK - Everything! Sweat equity, DIY. Fully licensed, insured. (904)535-9848

HELP WANTED AT FERNANDINA BEACH GOLF CLUB. Positions open include server and line cook. Please contact Melanie Robertson at mrobertson@fernandina-beachgolfclub.com or stop by in person.

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3028 S. 8th St./A1A, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035
www.lasserrealestate.com lasserrerealestate@att.net **904-261-4066**

LOTS AT LIGHTHOUSE CIRCLE
Awesome view of Egan's Creek & Fort Clinch St Park. Single family estate lot adjacent to historic landmark Amelia Island Lighthouse. 370+/- ft on Navigable side of Egan's Creek and is one of the highest elevations on the east coast.

\$850,000 MLS# 37069



96106 WADES PLACE
Formerly the Down Under Restaurant, one of Fernandina's landmark restaurants on deep water w/ dock & small craft launch. Tons of potential for this truly one-of-a-kind property with endless possibilities. Also includes large deck, party shed, 3 apartments and office/mgr space. Must see to appreciate!
PROPERTY SOLD AS IS \$650,000. MLS#61913



1515 S. FLETCHER AVENUE
Nice 3BR/2BA Ocean View home, observation deck, wet bar, central atrium, and beach access across the street make this a home for entertaining! Stucco exterior, side entry garage, and unopened street on south side of lot are other features of this home.

\$95,000 MLS#60398



84016 ST. PAUL BLVD
in Lofton Oaks on large corner lot with fenced in back yard. There is additional parking in the back yard with parking pad and gated access to rear yard. Master bedroom has oversized walk-in shower and a large walk-in closet.

\$127,000 MLS#59700



SOUTH FLETCHER AVENUE
Pristine 75' Oceanfront lot on Amelia Island. Your chance to own one of the few remaining Oceanfront lots available on Amelia Island. Buy now for either investment or to build.

\$525,000 MLS#56671



CUSTOMIZED 3BR/2BA
Customized 3 Br with a office/study, Split Bedroom, has transom windows for natural light in hallway, tinted windows in kitchen dining, custom built in shelving Granite Countertops. Garage is heated & cooled, located on the south end of Amelia Island, home in Golfside South with a Championship golf course short walk to beach, with community pool. Pool and beach access for Golfside is located on Ritz side of road. Whole house wired for security system.

\$459,000 MLS#59070



86088 RHOERLAN PLACE
Large undeveloped parcel on Lofton Creek. Feasibility study done in 2012 shows 15 lots, 7 on the creek is on file in our office.

\$540,000 MLS#60872



HISTORIC DISTRICT
This 2784 approx. sq. ft. vintage home has been modified into 4 apartments. The largest apartment has a fireplace, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen and has been well maintained. Rent all units or live in one and rent the others out. The property consists of 3-1br/1ba & 1-2br/1ba.

\$302,000 MLS#53575



86036 GRAHAM COURT
Lovely well maintained 3br/2ba split floor plan home in Page Hill. Excellent location to schools and shopping, with easy travel to U.S. 17, A1A and close to I-95. French doors section off the office and dining rooms at the front of the house, the kitchen flows into the living area separated by a counter. The porch on the back is screened-in leading to the fenced back yard. The lot is almost an acre as the land extends beyond the fence.

\$190,000 MLS#61971



COMMERCIAL & DEVELOPMENT

RACHAEL AVENUE 75'x100' lot \$130,000
2.66 ACRE LOT in Nassauville, undeveloped and ready to build. Deeded Access to Rainbow Acres Boat Ramp and short distance from new county boat ramp. **\$149,000** MLS #57615

COMMERCIAL LOT 851018 US Why 17 (zoned CG) that has 100' Frontage on US Highway 17. It does have a 30X20 Block Building divided into 3 separate bays with roll up doors; which need work. Take down the building and build to suit or renovate the building to fit your business.

AWESOME VIEW of Egan's Creek & Ft. Clinch State Park, single family estate lot adjacent to historic landmark Amelia Island Lighthouse. 370+/- ft. on navigable Egan's Creek. One of the highest elevations on the east coast. Possible oceanview and/or view of downtown Fernandina Beach. Tree/top/boundary survey on file **\$850,000** MLS#37069

Ocean front 75 ft lot \$525,000 MLS 56671

DESIRABLE 1 ACRE Lot on the South End of the Island. Beautiful trees and Estate sized lot make this a difficult to find property on Amelia. \$250,000 for the Acre, or the corner 1/2 acre for **\$139,000** and the inside 1/2 for **\$124,900.**

YULEE MINI WAREHOUSE

Good opportunity to grow your own self storage facility and/or add new retail/office. 570' on U.S. 17, total 3.5 acres+/- Warehouse on approx. 2 acres. **\$1,575,000**

RESIDENTIAL LOT 1323 Beech Street. 51 x 86 feet corner lot at 14th street and Beech.

SERVICE DIRECTORY

Call a News-Leader AD-Visor at 261-3696 and let them help you put the Service Directory to work for you. Two sizes available to meet your company's needs.

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207 Business Opportunities

NASSAU COUNTY LEGAL LICENSE FOR SALE - Call (904)753-1346.

FARMS & ANIMALS

503 Pets/Supplies
40 GOLD FISH - free to good home. For outdoor pond. 2-3 inches. In lots of 10 or more. (904)624-0812

504 Services

EXPERIENCED PET SITTER - Long term only, in your home. Mature professional. Please call for appointment (904)206-2465.

MERCHANDISE

601 Garage Sales

BEACHWALK SUBD. - off Jasmine. Multiple families. Sat., 8am-2pm.

94034 SUMMER TRACE - in Otter Run. BowFlex treadmill, Emeril Lagasse pots & pans, golf clubs, girl's clothing sz 4-10, etc. Sat. & Sun., 11am-5pm.

MOVING SALE - Fri. 3/28 & Sat. 3/29, 8am. Furniture, toys, household items, etc. 2099A Natures Bend Dr.

STORE FOR RENT

PALMETTO WALK SHOPPING CENTER
1200 square foot.
\$1600 monthly
Including all fees.
Call Al
904-310-5454

601 Garage Sales

ESTATE SALE IN SPANISH VILLA - Wurlitzer piano, 4 poster bed queen with canopy frame, 1960's marble top tables, plant stands, 1930's deco half moon desk matching bookcase, Scandinavian 3 leg chairs, Guatemalan ant. handcarved door, handcarved masks, bookcases, books, many handcarved Guatemalan items, large amount ant. glass, wall shelves, Noritake china Amity pattern, Huipile fabric & pillows (very colorful), ant. window, fishing poles, tools, tables, kitchen, Marimba music instrument, fireplace fender, love seat, book stand, gas grill, large planters, patio table/6 chairs, patio table/2 chairs, ant. wooden bench, ant. rocker, child's table/2 chairs, wooden file cab., artists - Escartin, Julian Chex, Sisay, Victor Vasquez Temo; so much more. Thurs., Fri., Sat., 3/27, 28, 29, 8am-3pm. 96152 Glenwood Rd., Yulee, FL - out Blackrock Rd. to Cedar to Glenwood Rd. - one way entrance - one way exit - Do not block lanes. Follow all red & white signs. Please do no block another card & do not come by boat.

EGANS LANDING - king brass bed, linens, tools, yard art, collectibles, jewelry, lots more good stuff! Sat. 3/29, 8am. 2804 Robert Oliver Ave. off Simmons. Rain postpones.

SAT 3/29 & SUN 3/30 - Household items, tools. 2404 Los Robles.

MOVING SALE - Everything must go! 76251 Long Pond Loop (Cartesian Pointe) Yulee. 3/29, 7am-4pm. Rain or Shine - Furniture, washer/dryer, womens' clothing, home décor, grill, misc.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE - Forest Parke Dr, Flora Parke subdivision. Sat. 3/29, 8am-12noon.

GARAGE SALE - Fri. 3/28 & Sat. 3/29, 8am-1pm. 23873 Flora Parke Blvd., F.B. Bar stools, corner shelf, airline pet carrier, pictures, vases, baskets, books, CD's, pillows, couch, ceramic containers, & much more.

3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - 97058 Yorkshire Dr., Yulee. Sat. 3/29, 8am-2pm. Baby items, household goods, furniture, lawn furniture, etc.

601 Garage Sales

FRI 3/28 & SAT 3/29 - 86068 Pamela Rd, Yulee, 8am-4pm. Lawn mowers (2), refrigerator, tiles, assorted PVC pipes, shelves, doors, lamps, electronics, pressure washer and stain glass supplies.

MOVING SALE - Excess displays \$30-\$400, desk, chairs, TV. All **MUST** go by Saturday 3/29. Books Plus, 107 Centre St. Fri 3/28 & Sat 3/29, 10am. (904)261-0303

FRI. 3/28 & SAT. 3/29 - from 8am-1pm. 86331 Meadowwood Dr., in Meadowfield. Many antique and vintage items such as old school maps.

ESTATE SALE - 98137 Little Piney Isl. Pt., Fernandina. Household, collectibles, exercise, tools, hunting knives, etc. (see Craigslist). Fri. 3/28 & Sat. 3/29, 8am.

602 Articles for Sale

WHITE BEDROOM FURNITURE - Excellent condition. Dresser, chests (4), night stand, twin headboards (Ethan Allen), table, stools, lamps. 261-5573

FOR SALE - Oak dining room table w/6 chairs, oak file cabinet w/4 drawers, king size bed, rolling tool cabinet, & work bench. Call (904)415-3288.

140 LBS FREE WEIGHTS - 2 benches, body bands, 1 tower 200, by Jake. (904)402-1806

611 Home Furnishings

LIKE NEW LAY-Z-BOY - electronically operated recliner chair. Beautiful Wine colored fabric. Original price \$800, asking \$350 (not negotiable). Call (904)321-0027 for appt to view.

REAL ESTATE SALES

802 Mobile Homes

3BR/2BA MOBILE HOME - for sale as is, on 1/2 acre. Needs a little TLC. \$35,000 firm. Call (904)583-2009.

804 Amelia Island Homes

3BR/2BA - 2300 sq. ft., south end, gated community. \$370,000. (904) 885-2527

806 Waterfront

Waterfront Homes & Lots - Call (904) 261-4066 for information. C.H. Lasserre, Realtor.

809 Lots

FOR SALE BY OWNER - 1+ acres in Yulee, Duane Rd. \$29,000. Call (910)583-5913.

REAL ESTATE RENTALS

852 Mobile Homes

4BR/2BA DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME - on one acre located on Lil William Rd. \$900/mo. + \$900 deposit. (904)753-2155 or 753-2156

ON ISLAND - Sm eff in duplex Nottingham Dr. \$145 wk, \$575 mo. inc utils. 2/1 MH in park \$165/wk, \$675/mo + dep. Utis avail. 261-5034

YULEE - Nice SW 2BR/1BA, \$625/mo. water & sewer incl. Also, 2BR SW rent to own available, \$650/mo. Water incl. (904)501-5999

STATIONARY RV'S - for rent weekly or monthly. Call (904)225-5577.

AFFORDABLE LIVING - Bring your RV to live on a campground for \$425/mo. All utilities included. Ask about senior citizen special. (904)225-5577.

SMALL 2BR MH - on 1 acre with fishing pond. Rent \$650/mo. + \$650 deposit. (904)491-8768

854 Rooms

FULLY FURNISHED - room & bath. Use of washer/dryer and kitchen. All utilities included. \$500 mo. Call (904) 261-3903 or (904) 583-2467.

855 Apartments Furnished

3BR/2BA PARTIALLY FURNISHED APARTMENT - located in prime downtown location available July 1. Washer, dryer, utilities, satellite television and internet included. \$1,700/mo. Located next to the Hampton Inn downtown Fernandina. For more info call Bob Ramshaw at (904)491-4911 ext. 2106.

856 Apartments Unfurnished

POST OAK APTS - (904)277-7817 Affordable living located at 996 Citrona Dr. Fernandina Beach, FL. Rent starts at \$597 per month. Central a/c. 2 bedroom apts avail. immediately. TDD Hearing Impaired number #711 This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. "Equal Housing Opportunity"

858 Condos-Unfurnished

3BR/2BA IN STONEY CREEK - Upstairs unit. 1700 sq. ft. Washer and dryer included. \$1200/mo. plus utilities. (904)261-9693 or (904)415-2953. If no answer leave message.

AMELIA LAKES CONDOS - Living in Paradise - 1/1 and 2/2 deluxe condos in gated, lakeside community with 24/7 fitness ctr, resort-style pool, tennis & more! Lots of upgrades! Starting at just \$749/mo! Call Tammy for our spring special at (904)415-6969 www.amelialakes.com

AMELIA WOODS - 2BR/2BA upstairs. 1 blk from beach, many upgrades, pool, tennis, club house, W/D hookup. No smoking. Service animals only. \$950/mo + dep. Avail 4/1. 491-0112

859 Homes-Furnished

3BR/3BA FULLY FURNISHED Newer Home - Community pool, 5 minutes from island, lakefront. Svc animals only. \$1300/mo. Call greggrental@yahoo.com

860 Homes-Unfurnished

HICKORY VILLAGE - 86250 Evergreen Pl. 4BR/2BA, separate living room, dining room, great room w/fireplace, 2-car garage, new carpet & paint, window treatments. \$1395/mo. (904)335-0583 or 491-8893.

111 NORTH 14TH ST. - 3BR/1BA. \$1000/mo. + \$1000 deposit. Call (904) 415-2961.

VISITwww.chaplinwilliamsrentals.com for the most recent information on Long Term Rentals. Updated Daily. Chaplin Williams Rentals, The Area's Premier Rental Company

YULEE COTTAGE - 2BR/1BA, CH&A, fenced, separate storage shed, \$725/mo. First & last + \$1000 deposit. Call (904)465-0511.

861 Vacation Rentals

OCEANVIEW 3BR/2BA and 2BR/1BA. Call (904)261-4066, C.H. Lasserre, Realtor, for special rates.

863 Office

RED OTTER CENTER - 3 charming, ample spaces. Safe, secure, private. Call Ben (904)583-4321.

SPACE AVAILABLE - Amelia's premier business address on Sadler Rd. From one office to an entire floor. Must see. (904)557-1817

EXECUTIVE OFFICE SUITES - Office space from 100 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft. Includes utilities, Internet, common area receptionist, conference room, break room, & security. For info call (904)753-4179.

864 Commercial/Retail

RED OTTER CENTER - 1050 sq. ft. Great visibility. Available May 15th. Call Ben (904)583-4321.

866 Wanted to Rent

APRIL - NOV - Single space garage, preferably near Plantation. Call (904)310-9455.

TRANSPORTATION

901 Automobiles

2003 NISSAN XTERRA - 123,000 miles. One owner. \$3,200. Call (904) 415-1269.

OFFICE CONDO - DRASTIC \$\$ REDUCTION

3,500 Sq. Ft. reduced to \$200,000 firm medical, sales or professional. Best priced office on Amelia Island!

BUSINESSES FOR SALE

Cafe - turnkey operation - ideal for owner-operator & priced to sell.

DELI OR TAKEOUT SPACE

Low down - Fully equipped ready to go. Low lease rate - Now taking offers

RETAIL BUILDING in historic district Investment Income property or ideal for small retail user 2,000 Sq. Ft and just off Centre Street

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