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Perfect morning at Fort Clinch

It was a perfect Saturday morning at Fort Clinch State Park. When I entered the park through the front gate I was greeted by Chris, who has been working there for years but I had no time to chat. I had a mission to accomplish. I drove through the park and parked at the East Inlet parking lot near the fort and then set out on foot.

It was morning, great lighting for photos and few people to get in the way. The only other people that were there was a solitary couple; he was fishing and she was roaming nearby seeking seashells. Perfect.

I wandered past the historic fort, snapping photos and admiring the large historic American flag flying in the breezes above the ramparts. My attention turned to the seashore – I

was eager to see what I might find revealed by low tide between the rock jetties. This is often a good time and place to find fossilized shark teeth. I climbed down a small embankment to the water's edge and walked slowly, head down, searching intently. Alas, no dark triangular objects called my attention – they rarely do. I'm not skilled in this search but, hey, it doesn't hurt to try.

What I found instead was cannonball jellyfish. These globular relatives of coral often wash up on our beaches. They have a mild sting that doesn't bother most people and mostly are just viewed as a minor nuisance for swimmers. But if you enjoy Asian cuisines you can pick them up off the beach, take them home, cure them for days in solutions of saltwater and alum, dry them out, salt them and store them for future use. It's said that the dried prepared jellyfish, when soaked overnight, makes a good low-calorie salad that is most often served



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Longtime friends from Fernandina enjoy camping at Fort Clinch State Park, above, once or twice a year, as many locals do. They are, from left, Rhonda Pritchard, Bonni Anderson, Cindy Vaughn, Joann Rojek, Jean Taylor and Priscilla Puckett. Below right, fishers enjoying the beach at Fort Clinch State Park with Cumberland Island, Ga., in the background. Below left, signs like this one and a roped-off area behind the fort protect nesting least terns and Wilson's plovers.

Asian-style with soy sauce, sugar and sesame oil, or stir-fried with other vegetables and meat. At least one group of Asian fisherfolk on Amelia Island have discovered this free treat and now and again are seen loading bucketfuls from our beaches. Good for them!

I continued walking along the water's edge, watching terns diving into the shallows after fish, and looking at the horses just visible across the sound on Cumberland Island, Ga. Occasionally a sport fishing boat cruises by but mostly it was just me

and nature, a rare event for sure on a Saturday on Amelia Island.

Soon enough I came to a large roped off area of sand, dunes and scrub with signs proclaiming the presence of nesting shorebirds. Least terns and Wilson's plovers often nest in this area this time of year. Their eggs are so well camouflaged that even experienced naturalists like myself might get distracted, not notice them, and step on them. I'm happy to see the roped-off area. These protected birds deserve a break and it's easy

enough to skirt and continue walking around it.

By now I was beginning to get hungry, but that was all part of my plan. I entered the river campground from the shore and walked into the camping area. And there they were, my camping gal friends, making room for me at the breakfast table! For years, once or twice a year, a handful of us reserve a camping site in Fort Clinch. Some gals camp overnight and others, like me

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WILD WAYS

Pat Foster-Turley



City endorses ferry to Cumberland

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

A resolution endorsing ferry service from Fernandina Beach to Cumberland Island (Ga.) National Seashore was approved by city commissioners Tuesday.

The national park's 10-year contract for ferry service from St. Marys, Ga., is ending in August, and a local cycling association has been pushing for ferry service from both St. Marys, Ga., and Fernandina Beach in order to close a gap in the East Coast Greenway bike trail.

Local tour boat operator Kevin McCarthy, who at one time operated a ferry service to St. Marys, Ga., is also interested in negotiating a contract with the National Park Service for the Fernandina/Cumberland ferry. Currently, only a St. Marys

businessman has a ferry contract with the National Park Service.

McCarthy, who operates Amelia River Cruises & Charters, said at Tuesday's meeting that gateway communities prosper from being near national parks, and the parks also benefit from local promotion.

"The problem is, Fernandina Beach really hasn't been a gateway community," McCarthy said. He noted that he gets requests almost daily from tourists wanting to go to Cumberland Island, but he must direct them to St. Marys first.

Coleman Langshaw, whose family owns the historic Greyfield Inn on Cumberland Island, which operates its own ferry to its property, said Fernandina Beach wanted to work along with St. Marys for the ferry contract.

"I hope we can have some sort of economic tri-

angle," Langshaw said. He also emphasized the fact that Cumberland Island National Seashore is a national rather than a state park. He noted a lot of businesses in Fernandina Beach could benefit from ferry service to Cumberland Island, "but we're being discriminated against because of the concept that it is a state park."

"We have a great business already with Amelia River Cruises," Langshaw said. "(McCarthy) is ready to run with this. It can be done from both locations."

"We want to be sensitive to St. Marys," said Phil Scanlan of the Friends of Amelia Island Trail, Inc. "We're not trying to steal their service ... we want to connect as a sister city."

The National Park Service will solicit bids for the new ferry contract later this year.

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City plan to annex 24 acres draws fire

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

Fernandina Beach Commissioners unanimously approved the first reading of an annexation of commercial and residential property into the city Tuesday, despite several property owners and representatives speaking out in opposition.

The area comprises 24.34 acres adjacent to South Eighth Street and Amelia Island Parkway, and includes the Gateway to Amelia shopping/office center, a Hess gas station, an electrical substation and the 56-unit Somerset Apartments.

Developer Ron Flick had the most vehement objections to the annexation, telling commissioners he spent \$380,000 to put in a sewer system for the commercial property when the city refused to do so during the property's planning stages in 2001.

"(The sewer system) was funded and paid for by the development," Flick said. "The acting CDD (in 2001) denied us that service. ... In 2008, we were given notice by the DEP that the wastewater plant (we were using) was not properly managed. I signed an agreement (with the city) because I had compassion for the businesses that would not survive without the sewer service."

"We have a lot of owners that have changed," Flick said. "In about 40 cases, there is not one annexation agreement recorded that's in play today. ... There is nothing in the title searches."

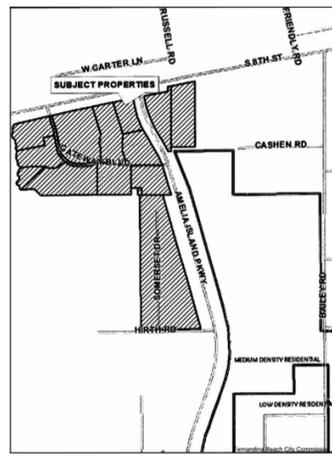
"We were given a few days to make a decision (about whether to hook up to the city) or have Porta-Potties out in the parking lot," business owner Charlie Monroe said. "Is the city going to buy out our infrastructure?"

Local real estate broker John Pulice said there are about 40 business owners at Gateway to Amelia that are opposed to the city's annexation.

"We were turned down for sewer service (by the city) because the trunk lines cost too much," Pulice said. "We opted to go to Marsh Cove and basically had a cease and desist order ... we built (the system) and paid for it ... and maintained it over the years ... I would dare to say that it's the largest commercial annexation (into the city) of all time."

"I encourage the city to move forward with the residential annexation," Pulice said. "That is a much simpler process. ... (Annexation) is going to have a substantial impact on 40 different owners." He added that most of the owners, if annexed, would be without representation because they live

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SUBMITTED

A map of the city's proposed annexation of commercial and residential property adjacent to South Eighth Street and Amelia Island Parkway.

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OBITUARIES

Marie Maude Franks

Marie Maude Franks, 84, of Fernandina Beach, Florida passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at her home in the care of Community Hospice of Northeast Florida.

Born in Yulee, Fla., Mrs. Franks was the daughter of the late Edward Preston Nicks and Marie Anna Thompson Nicks. She was a lifelong resident of Fernandina Beach where she was a homemaker as well as a loving wife, mother and grandmother to her family. Mrs. Franks took

part in her community as a member of the Cotillion Club of Fernandina as well as the Ladies Auxiliary of V.F.W. Post #1689 from Jacksonville as they held events locally. She was also an active member of her church family at First Baptist Church of Fernandina for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband of over sixty-five years, Leo H. Franks, in 2003, as well as her three brothers, Preston, Peyton and Robert Nicks, and grandson, Gordon "Gordy" Todd.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy A. Bounds of Fernandina Beach, Fla., three sisters, Nell Cook of Fernandina, Lillian McGlon of Callahan, Fla., and Geraldine Dyal of St. Marys, Ga., and by her grandson, Eric Todd of Fernandina Beach, Fla.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday evening from 5 P.M. until 7 P.M. at Eternity Funeral Home in Yulee. Funeral Services will be 2 P.M. Wednesday, April 9, 2014 from the First Baptist Church with Rev. Jeff Overton, senior pastor officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service in the sanctuary. She will be laid to rest beside her husband in Bosque-Bello Cemetery following the committal service.

Eternity Funeral Homes & Cremations-Nassau

William Thomas Harden Sr.

William Thomas "Tom" Harden, Sr., of Fernandina Beach, FL passed away Tuesday morning, April 1, 2014 at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville, FL.

Mr. Harden was born August 9, 1934 in Folkston, GA and moved to Fernandina Beach 55 years ago. He retired from Container Corp. with 40 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Past memberships include: Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary, Nassau County Water Patrol, Kraft Athletic Club and various computer clubs. Mr. Harden loved computers, reading and NASCAR. He was a loving husband and devoted father.

He was predeceased by two grandchildren, Natalie Harden and Lynae Harden; his parents, Robert Herman Harden, Sr. and Leatha Augusta Harden; a brother, Robert Herman Harden, Jr.; and two sisters, Margaret Roddenberry, Laverne Hickox and one half sister, Mary Ruth Lee.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Ardath Harden of Fernandina Beach, FL; five sons, Tony Harden (Karen) of Zephyrhills, FL, Mitchell Harden (Bonnie) of Lake Wales, FL, Tommy Harden of Fernandina Beach, FL, Lamar Harden (Janet) of Brunswick, GA and Darryl Harden (Brenda) of Fernandina Beach, FL; a daughter, Penny Fender (Jimmie) of Fernandina Beach; five grandchildren, Carla Harden, Jeremy Davis, Justen Harden, Mandi Bultman and Katy Stanford, six step grandchildren; Angela Pruitt, Tammy Pruitt, Kimberly Bedwell, Malisa Rembowski, Kaydi Newnam, Bryant Fender; six great-grandchildren; and numerous step grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday in the Stephens Chapel at Green Pine Funeral Home with Pastor Ricky Knox officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will be in Jacksonville National Cemetery at a later date.

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

Green Pine Funeral Home

Gay P. Pratt

Mrs. Gay P. Pratt, age 79, of Fernandina Beach, passed away on Wednesday morning, April 2, 2014 at her home.

Born in Binghamton, NY, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Marguerite Norton Winant. Her family lived in Binghamton and she graduated from high school in Windsor, NY. In 1950, she met her future husband, Loren Hobart Pratt; whom she married in 1951.

The newlyweds lived in New York until moving to Fernandina Beach in 1961. After settling in Fernandina Beach, Mrs. Pratt became a member of the Memorial United Methodist Church where she was a Sunday morning Greeter. For the past 40 years, she has been a Consultant and Representative for Avon Beauty Products.

Mrs. Pratt enjoyed collecting anything with Lighthouses on it as well as cooking for her family.

She leaves behind her husband of 63 years, Loren H. Pratt, their three sons, Larry Pratt, Randy Pratt, John Pratt, all of Fernandina Beach, FL, and a sister, Delores Fischer of New York State.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am on Saturday, April 5, 2014 in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard with Pastor Beth Fogle-Miller, officiating.

Mrs. Pratt will be laid to rest in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

Her family will receive friends on Friday from 5:00-7:00 pm at the funeral home.

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

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Regina Sherlock

Regina "Jean" Sherlock, 80, of Fernandina Beach, passed away on March 30, 2014. She was born on October 31, 1933 in Philadelphia.

Jean graduated West Catholic High School for Girls in 1951. She was married to John Stapleton in 1953, and later married Maurice Sherlock in 1968. Jean was very active in the Charismatic movement in the Philadelphia area, and became a Eucharistic Minister for St. Barnabas Church. She was known among parishioners for her warm smile and her love of singing devotional songs.

She moved to Fernandina Beach with Maurice in 1994, where she became a daily attendee of mass at St. Michael's Church and a committed member to her new parish.

She is survived by her four sons - Larry, Alan, Jerry & Frank. Funeral services will be held in Philadelphia. A Mass in Jean's memory will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church at a later date.

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

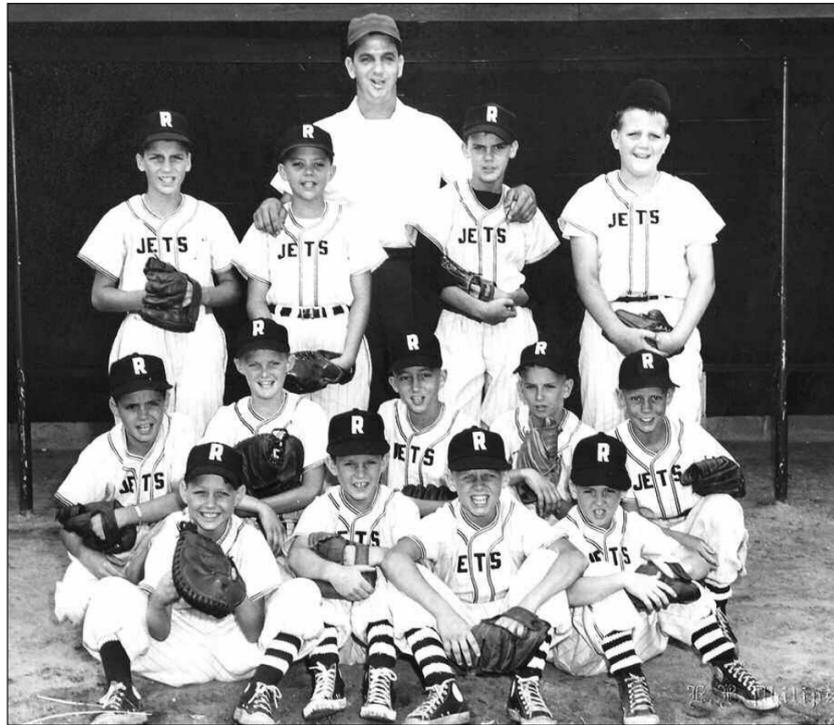
Green Pine Funeral Home

DEATH NOTICE

James F. "Jim" Farr, 52, Fernandina Beach, died on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

Eternity Funeral Homes & Cremations-Nassau

LOOKING BACK



As the National Little League organization celebrates its 75th anniversary, former Fernandina Beach resident David A. Hershberger recalled a picture of the Rotary Jets from the first year Fernandina had an organized Little League. "This was a real thrill not only for me, but for all kids my age and younger," Hershberger wrote in an email. The photo was taken in 1955 or '56 by E.B. Philips, who had his business at 305 1/2 Atlantic Ave. "I still have a few of the game recaps published by the *News-Leader*, and while I can't recall all the names, a few still come to mind," Hershberger said. Top row, second from left, is Dean Oxley. Top row third from left is Billy McRae - "our best pitcher." Top row far right is Tim Swanson, "my old sparring partner," and second row, second from left, is Hershberger clutching his catcher's mitt.

"My family greatly enjoyed our time in Fernandina Beach and I have so many fond memories of living there," said Hershberger, who lives in Port St. Lucie and whose family moved to Texas in 1957. "One of my fondest memories would be selling newspapers for the *News-Leader*. The paperboys would buy the newspapers on Friday for a nickel, and then sell them for a dime. Most of my profits went to vanilla milkshakes at Gene's drugstore and the remainder, if any, on baseball cards." The *News-Leader*, 511 Ash St., Fernandina Beach, welcomes Looking Back submissions. They also may be emailed to [Siân Perry, sperry@fbnewsleader.com](mailto:Siân.Perry@fbnewsleader.com).

WEEKLY UPDATE

Road closures

The city of Fernandina Beach announces that Centre Street from Front Street to Second Street will be closed on April 14 and will reopen on or before April 21. If you have any questions or concerns call 310-3310.

Ash Street from Front Street to Second Street will be closed on April 17 and will re-open on or before April 23. If you have any question or concerns call 310-3310.

FSCJ registration

Registration is open for summer term classes at FSCJ. The 12-week summer session begins May 19 and ends Aug. 8. There are also six-week A and C session classes and eight-week B session classes. Contact Enrollment Services at 548-4432. The Betty P. Cook Nassau Center is located at 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Yulee.

Volunteers needed

The Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival will again offer beer for sale at the riverfront stage and food court this year. They need volunteers. Incentives will be offered to earn income for your civic group by covering one or more shifts. Shift times for ticket sales, checking ID and placing on wristbands can be scheduled for your convenience. Call Harry Harrison at (615) 289-7316 or email harr67@att.net to schedule shifts.

Blood drive

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 54 will host a blood drive on April 5 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Post, 626 S. Third St. The blood drive will be held in the meeting hall and all donors will receive a \$1 off coupon towards the S.A.L. fish fry being held that day from 5-7 p.m. Fish dinners are an \$8 donation and include two sides, carry out available. All proceeds benefit veterans and the community.

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.

Trail ride

4-H group, "Juss Horsin Around," is will hold the sixth annual trail ride for charity, "Juss Horsin Around for R.A.I.N. Humane" from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 6 at a new location. This year they will ride at the Florida Horse Ranch in Bryceville. They have graciously opened up their beautiful farm and services for our club to have their charity ride.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Jennifer Hall at (904) 557-8291. Lunch will once again come from Callahan Chicken and comes with your entry of \$25 if you RSVP.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 6:30 p.m. April 7, 11, 15 and 23. A basic with defensive tactics course will be held at 7:45 a.m. 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.

AARP meets

The local chapter of the AARP will meet April 8 at the Council on Aging starting at 1 p.m. Stephen Jordan, administrator, and Chasta Fletcher, admissions director of Quality Health in Fernandina Beach will offer facts and information about their facility. Members and guests are invited. For information call John Megna at 277-2143.

EABC meets

Andrew Clark will speak about environmental sustainability at the next meeting of the European American Business Club (EABC), April 8 at 6 p.m. at the Amelia River Golf Club. Clark has lived in many areas in the world to become an expert on this topic and will speak about the three pillars of sus-

tainability and what they mean to the environment, your household and business. Admission is \$12 and includes food prepared by the club's chef. There will be an open bar and coffee, tea and soft drinks are also available.

Everyone is invited. To learn more about the EABC visit www.eabcnetwork.com. The club meets the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45-8 p.m. at the Amelia River Golf Club.

Career Fair

A Spring Career Fair sponsored by Florida State College at Jacksonville Career Development Centers will be held April 10 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the D-Building Courtyard of the North Campus, 4501 Capper Road, Jacksonville. It is 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.

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.

Dental help

The Northeast Florida Baptist Association will bring the Mobile Dental Unit to the Yulee office, 851035 US 17, for one week for free dental care for those without insurance. Medical, financial screening and appointments for clients will be held at the association on April 15 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Patients must be 18 or older and must show up in person. Only clients that need fillings or extractions are seen. No teeth cleaning, dentures or oral surgery provided.

Alzheimer's support

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group for Nassau County meets the third Thursday each month. The next meeting will be held at the Council on Aging of Nassau County on April 17 from 2:30-4 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and everyone who has an interest is invited. For information call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, at 261-0701, ext 113.

Walk with Me holds free walks weekly for all ages

The University of Florida Extension Service, in partnership with the Nassau County Health Department and the American Heart Association, is offering walking sites two days a week.

You do not need to walk alone. Walk with Me is designed to have people to walk with. It is a great way to get out and meet new people while improving your health.

Did you know that walking has the lowest dropout rate of all fitness programs? It's the simplest positive change you can make to improve your heart health.

Research has shown that walking at least 30 minutes a day can help you:

- Reduce your risk of coronary heart disease
- Improve your blood pressure
- Maintain your body weight
- Enhance your mental well-being
- Reduce your risk of osteoporosis

- Reduce your risk of breast and colon cancer
- Reduce your risk of non-insulin dependent (type 2) diabetes

There really are so many benefits for such a simple activity.

For the month of April Walk with Me walking days and locations are:

- Mondays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Atlantic Recreation Center parking lot - walk the Greenway - in Fernandina Beach.
- Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Edward Jones (small plaza) parking lot on Amelia Concourse in Yulee - walk from Amelia Concourse and North Hampton

Walkers of all ages and levels are welcome. Just show up with comfortable shoes and clothing. For more information contact UF/Nassau County Extension Agent Meg McAlpine at 491-7340.



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LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS

The State Board of Health reported that Florida's birth rate was down 18 percent in the last seven years.

April 2, 1964

25 YEARS

CSX Railroad workers laid track beside the Chamber of Commerce building on Centre Street as a base for a train caboose converted to a tourist information center.

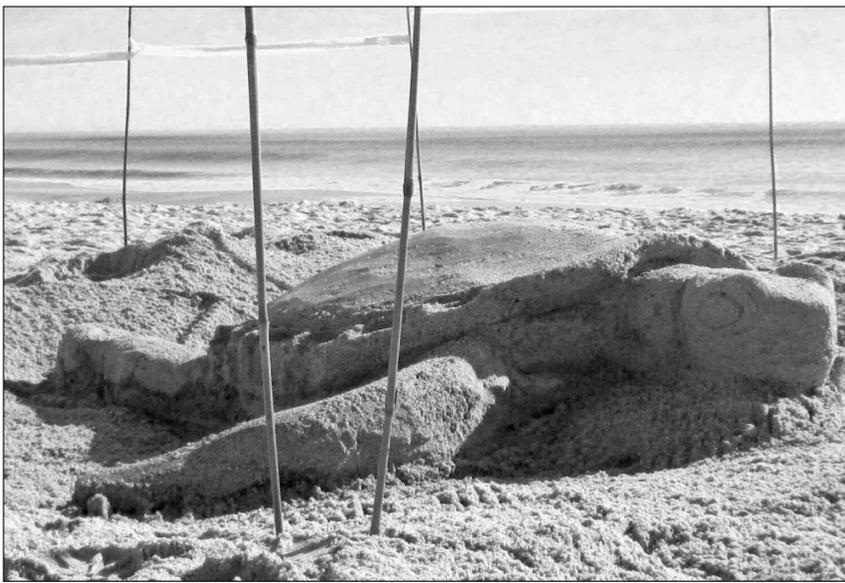
April 2, 1987

10 YEARS

Allied Veterans of the World Post 5 in Hilliard opened the Vegas Fun Zone, an arcade of 50 video game machines.

April 2, 2004

UNREAL



A five-foot sea turtle sculpted in the sand near the Seaside Park beach access off South Fletcher Avenue is the creation of illustrator Donna Brooks in conjunction with a retreat held here by Heart to Heart Publishing of Morganton, Ky. The sculpture was created for sand art lessons Tuesday by illustrators attending the retreat. "People on the beach were mistaking the green sand art for an actual tortoise washed ashore," said Philana Marie Boles.

HEATHER A. PERRY/NEWS-LEADER

County ponders budget options

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Nassau County's top budget officer is recommending a 12-step recovery program to help the county regain its financial health. And the first step is recognizing that there is a problem.

"Recovery is going to be a challenge and requires long-term planning," said Budget Director Shanea Jones.

At a special budget meeting Wednesday, Jones offered county commissioners an overview of the county's money situation and the numbers look bad.

Jones said the county routinely spends more than it collects and her office is projecting a \$10 million to \$12 million shortfall in the budget next year.

"For four total years we've been structurally imbalanced and that deficit continues to grow," said Jones. "Your financial position is weakening.

She offered the board five ideas to get the numbers back on track.

The first option was to cut services.

"You've done that," said Jones.

She said staff has been reduced 18.5 percent over the last few years, maintenance and building projects have been deferred and energy savings ideas, from more efficient light bulbs to the paperless office, have been initiated.

"I think your belt is as tight as it can go," said Jones.

The second choice is a deeper reach into the 1-cent sales tax.

"Do you want to use one cent to fund operations or use that for capital?" said Jones, noting that this plan generates up to \$7.6 million.

The third choice is a 5-cent gas tax.

"But that only generates \$1.5 million," said Jones. And, she

said, it requires a super-majority vote, meaning that four of the five county commissioners must sign off on the plan.

Option four is a tax hike. Jones said raising the property tax rate by 1 mill potentially generates \$6 million.

"We all know that's not realistic" politically, said Jones.

That's why she suggested revisiting a special assessment for fire services of \$217 per household. She said that plan generates \$7.5 million.

Both Commissioners Danny Leeper and Pat Edwards said at this point they favor user fees. But they didn't have much discussion about any of the ideas, asking to wait until the full board was present. Commissioner of Walter "Jr." Boatright missed the meeting due to a family emergency.

"I don't want to take anything off the table, not until the full board is here," said Edwards. "It's early in the dis-

ussion."

The fiscal year starts Oct. 1, so there's still about six months of discussion ahead.

Jones has asked commissioners to consider the following four questions as they decide how to balance the budget for fiscal year 2014-15.

Is it politically feasible? Is it significant enough to solve the problem?

Is it consistent with the county's goals and objectives?

Does it avoid negative side effects over the long-term?

"If the answer is no, revise the plan," she said.

The board meets again April 14. Clerk of Court and Comptroller John Crawford — who believes the county budget shortfall to be much less — has asked to present ideas for the upcoming budget and wants to introduce an interactive worksheet for the public to track the county's spending plan.

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WILD *Continued from 1A*

this year, prefer to visit at mealtimes. For eating, it seems, is our main camping activity.

So, I filled up on scrambled eggs and ham and cheese, and home-fried potatoes and beer bread and sweet pastries of all descriptions all washed down with coffee and enough champagne and orange juice to add a little buzz to my walk

back to my car a couple of miles away.

There was one last stop I planned to make on my perfect Saturday morning at Fort Clinch. It was nearly 10:30 a.m. by now, just time for the nature walk at Willow Pond normally led by Carl Watson. I stopped into the fort to say hello to Nancy, who was manning the gift shop and learned that Carl was not doing the walk this day, a ranger was

doing it instead.

When I drove to Willow Pond, however, I saw lots of cars parked there, and groups of youth campers already lined up for the walk. So much for peace and quiet. It was now Saturday morning in full throttle at the park and I had no need for crowds.

Content with my solitary hike, replete with great food and cheered by my friendships, I drove back home

again. It started with a perfect morning at Fort Clinch, but the day was still young. And, here on Amelia Island on a Saturday there was no lack of ways to enjoy the rest of it!

Pat Foster-Turley is a zoologist on Amelia Island. She welcomes your nature questions and observations.

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Report: African-Americans have twice the risk for Alzheimer's

JACKSONVILLE — According to the Alzheimer's Association 2013 Facts and Figures report, African-Americans are about twice as likely to have Alzheimer's disease, or another dementia than whites, but less likely to have a diagnosis.

Many people dismiss the warning signs of Alzheimer's, believing that they are merely a part of typical aging. While there are currently no treatments to stop or even slow the progression of Alzheimer's, early detection and diagnosis can allow for earlier use of available treatments.

Delays in diagnosis mean that African-Americans are not getting treatments when they are most likely to be effective at improving quality of life, as well

as taking critical steps to educate themselves on Alzheimer's and establish support networks. The Alzheimer's Association provides resources and materials including information and issues that might be of concern to African-Americans.

"As we continue to advocate for more research, programs, services and funding, we want to be sure that everyone we serve has access to all the information they need to feel empowered and confident in facing the many challenges that this disease presents," says CEO, Kay Redington. "And, our 24/7 Helpline is available at any time for."

Alzheimer's Association 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life.
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems.
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure.
4. Confusion with time or place.
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships.
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing.
7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps.
8. Decreased or poor judgment.
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities.
10. Changes in mood and personality.

For information call the association toll-free, 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900 or visit alz.org.

'I would dare to say that it's the largest commercial annexation of all time. ... It is going to have a substantial impact on 40 different owners.'

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ANNEX *Continued from 1A*

outside the city. Attorney Mollie Garrett, representing Flick and Andy Alexander, owner of Somerset Apartments, said the city's annexation petition had problems with lack of proper notice, fairness issues and technical deficiencies. She also said the annexation creates an illegal enclave, and that the agreement with the owners "did not have any language about rezoning or reclassification of land use."

"The city's position is that the (annexation) petition was given in exchange for hooking up to the (city) water and sewer system," Garrett said. But, she added, the development already paid for its own sewer connection and also paid a premium for services it was receiving.

"We feel that essential elements of law are not met," Garrett said. "The issue with the Somerset property is that Mr. Alexander did not have notice, and had no way of knowing this was already in the pipeline."

City Manager Joe Gerrity said he "had confidence in (city) staff that all these issues have been looked at thoroughly."

"Basically, (the city) got you to the point where you could stay in the building," Gerrity told those in opposition. "You got your sewer and now it's time for you to honor (the agreement)."

City Attorney Tammi Bach said later that new developments must pay for their own sewer hookups whether they are within the city or not, if

no sewer services are available.

"When this development first started, they (needed) sewer service," Bach said. "The city said 'no, thank you,' for whatever reason, so (the developers) built a self-contained sewer system and it failed."

"You have to plan this stuff out," Bach said. "The fact of the matter is, we have an ordinance that requires that you sign an annexation agreement (when you hook up to city sewer lines)."

Bach said at the meeting that city staff would do research and respond to objections to the annexation at a later meeting.

According to Senior Planner Kelly Gibson, the second reading of the annexation ordinance will be April 15, the next regular meeting of the city commission.

Because the annexation comprises more than 10 acres, the annexation's land use and rezoning ordinances will have to go to the state for review, Gibson said, to return for approval at a later date.

A General Commercial Land Use zone will need to be approved for the parcel measuring 17.46 acres west of Amelia Island Parkway. A zoning change to High Density Residential will need approval for the 6.88-acre parcel east of the parkway.

The city's Planning Advisory Board unanimously approved the annexation March 12.

Commissioner Charles Corbett was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

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Vehicle recall news

Never should safety be undervalued. Unless you believe in reincarnation, this life is the one we have. Having said that, I sense that the aggressive nature of auto recalls could be creating confusion and, in some cases, unjustified concerns.

Toyota just paid \$1.2 billion in a fine to settle recall issues and GM is neck-deep in a broad recall. Those we will call mega-recalls and there is enough case history to warrant working towards solutions. What my research showed this morning, March 31, is recall activity that is more frequent than we might imagine.

So far today, there are two recalls: 119,140 Toyota Avalons for an airbag issue and 9,816 Honda Civic 2014 models due to possible tire damage during installation. There were two recalls on Feb. 28, six recalls on March 27, two recalls on March 21 and six recalls on March 18.



KEFFER'S CORNER

Rick Keffer

That is 18 recalls in the 10 days. Are you surprised at the amount of activity? I am. This is happening in an environment where vehicles are better than ever, proven by the dwindling warranty work occurring on newer vehicles. Within the Department of Transportation is the NHTSA (National Highway Transportation Safety Administration). The 2014 budget is \$828.3 million, up \$26.8 million from 2013. The increase occurs due to a requested staff increase from 533 people to 613 people. Process this as you wish, but I don't understand more peo-

ple to investigate fewer manufacturers making better product.

From a practical standpoint, it is easy to research your vehicle for recalls at the NHTSA site or many others that appear when auto recalls are searched. Not a bad idea to do it. Many owners have open recalls or updates to handle. All manufacturers perform updates to the PCMs (onboard computers) during the vehicle's life. These are not recalls, but ongoing reprogramming. Be aware of your vehicle's needs of all kinds, including possible recalls and PCM updates.

Sitting at a kitchen table in San Luis Obispo this morning, but wanting to stay in touch. Have a good week.

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

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Theater's future uncertain

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

The final credits could soon be rolling on the movie theater in Fernandina Beach.

The lease expires Nov. 30 and theater operators have not responded to the landlord's requests for an extension.

"I've called a couple of times and no, I haven't heard back from them," said Tom Wheeler. "I want them to stay."

Wheeler is co-owner of the shopping center at 1132 South 14th St. where Carmike Cinemas operates the only movie theater in Nassau County.

Carmike Cinemas has plans to open a new theater in Yulee with 10 screens, stadium seating and concessions. A contractor picked up the construction permit last week, though there is no evidence of building on the site yet.

It remains a grassy field behind Murray's Grille at the intersection of A1A and Amelia Concourse.

According to a review of the application, Benning Construction Co. based in Smyrna, Ga. picked up the permit March 21 to build the \$6 million theater.

The permit application says plans call for a 35,386-square-foot building rising 43 feet.

The property owner is listed as 30 West Pershing LLC based in Kansas City, Mo. Officials did not respond to requests for comment.

If the theater goes dark, there will no longer be a movie theater in the city of Fernandina Beach.

"That would be sad," said Wheeler. "Once you lose a theater like this, it's hard to open again."

What would happen to the

property when the theater leaves?

Wheeler said he thinks the space would be ideal for medical offices. The complex is located near Baptist Medical Center Nassau on Lime Street.

"I called Baptist, but no, they're not interested," said Wheeler.

Wheeler, who is based in Atlanta, said he and a local business partner purchased the shopping center 10 years ago for \$6 million. The building has a total of 35,000 square feet. The theater occupies 19,000 square feet.

"It's in their court now," said Wheeler. "I want them to stay another three or four years. Or more."

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Monkey Barrel

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Children's Clothing & Toys

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Granddaughter of William and Carolyn Dobrosky

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Monkey Barrel

There's more than monkey business going on at the Monkey Barrel in the Spa & Shops at Amelia Island Plantation.

Owner Dina Martin offers a wide selection of items with little ones in mind.

"We carry a variety of clothes and toys from around the U.S. and some European countries as well."

Martin worked in retail management after college. When she decided to open her own store, she took business development classes to familiarize herself with the business side of retailing.

Dina chose to open a children's store because she enjoyed working in retail and being around children.

She wanted to create a whimsical atmosphere in the shop using an animal that children could enjoy, so she chose monkeys.

With the help of family and friends, Monkey Barrel was opened in March 1996 and it's been a source of fun and fulfillment ever since.

"It's been great and my family loves to help me with unpacking inventory, merchandising and working/selling."

Patrons will find clothing in sizes from newborn to size 10 for boys and size 14 for girls and a good selection of toys including puzzles, games, dolls, and cars as well as beach and pool toys, stuffed animals and arts and crafts kits.

Business hours at Monkey Barrel are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Visit with Dina and her staff Gwen, Kathy, Sally, Caroline and John William at 92 Amelia Village. Check out their Facebook page or e-mail Dina at monkeybarrel196@comcast.net.
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House committees hear four Adkins' bills

Week four of the legislative session started with the drive to Tallahassee on Sunday afternoon. My children, Emily and Douglas, accompanied me this week. Emily was scheduled to serve as a Messenger and Douglas was scheduled to serve as a Page for the week. The Page & Messenger Program is a long-standing tradition in the House. Throughout session, participating students enjoy the opportunity to assist House members during the Capitol's busiest time.

I had two bills to be heard in committee on Monday afternoon so the morning was spent making phone calls to members to see if they had any questions. This is called "working your bill." It is apparent when members were not worked their bills in advance of the committee meeting, as often they will have to field questions from committee members and encounter unfriendly amendments. An unfriendly amendment is a bill change that some or all of the bill sponsors do not support. The committee votes on the amendments. These advance calls make a significant impact. They help to avoid unfriendly amendments and ensure that the committee members have a chance to ask you questions, understanding the policy objectives or focus of the bill.

Generally, if the chair of the committee has placed the bill on agenda, this signals to the members of the committee that the chair has worked with the sponsor of the bill and it is ready to be heard. At this point, the bill will generally pass committee unless there is some major controversy associated with the measure.

Four bills that I sponsor were heard in committee last week. HB 647 deals with antibiotic resistant threats. This is an emerging issue that I first became aware of last fall while watching a story on the PBS "Frontline." The Centers for Disease Control has identified 18 microorganisms that are resistant to antibiotics. Three of these are considered "urgent" threats. The CDC estimates that at least 23,000 people die each year as a direct result of these infections; and many more die from related complications. The CDC also estimates that



STATE REP.

Janet Adkins

\$20 billion is spent in excess direct health care costs because of these antibiotic resistant threats. The bill requires the Florida Department of Health to document the presence, type and location of an antibiotic resistant threat outbreak and publish this information on their website. HB 647 passed the Health Quality Subcommittee unanimously. HB 7117 revises the basis for the calculation of school grades and simplifies the calculations for elementary, middle and high schools. These calculations will focus more closely on student performance in the core subject areas of English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. The bill prohibits the addition of extra weight to any school grade calculation component and disallows any provision that would raise or lower a school's grade beyond the percentage of points earned. A modification to the method that is used to assign grades to schools is always filled with debate. Opponents voice demands that we delay the implementation of assessments and/or altogether suspend grading our schools at all.

As a parent, I know testing brings pressure and in my home, if my child brings home a poor grade this creates additional pressure. It is this type of pressure that compels greater focus on performance and, likewise, schools need to understand that parents are evaluating the performance of their schools.

One of the issues that I have heard throughout the years is the requirement to test students who have severe medical problems. HB 7117 tries to address this issue by providing that a student may not participate in statewide, standardized assessments (including the Florida Alternative Assessment) if a student's IEP (Individualized Education Planning) team, with parental consent, determines that it is inappropriate

for that student to participate in standardized testing. The IEP team's determination must be based on compelling medical documentation from a licensed physician. The determination is subject to approval by the school superintendent who must annually report to both the school board and the Department of Education the number of students with medical complexity who are not participating in the assessment program. The bill passed with two members dissenting.

As we move through the process, it is important to remember that the Senate has its own version of each bill. In order to get anything done, you must "marry up the bill" at some point. This is where we are in the process on HB 7117. The Senate companion bill is SB 1642. These bills will be worked between Senate and House sponsors, committees and staff to help find the common ground. We expect to align the bills in the next week to be in the right posture to be heard on the floor for debate and a vote. This time consuming process requires significant attention to the details.

On Tuesday afternoon I presented HB 1355 dealing with the Administrative Procedures Act. This bill aims to level the playing field and allow small businesses a greater voice and ability to seek reasonable compromise when faced with unfair or unjust actions of the state. Each small business in Florida interacts with state agencies. Florida Statute 120 is the statute for reference if, as a small business owner, you feel that you have been treated improperly by a state agency and wish to appeal a decision of state or local government. It is a complicated process; and one that lends itself to the old adage, "You can't fight government."

HB 1355 seeks to make it just a bit easier to fight government overreach. The bill shifts the burden of proof from the individual business owner over to the state agency. The state agency must prove with a preponderance of evidence that "agency statements" are not unadopted rules or an "invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority." The bill creates incentives for state agencies to render declaratory state-

ments to help define the view of a state agency on an issue that affects a citizen. The bill also allows small business owners to recover their attorney fees. The bill passed unanimously.

On Wednesday, the House Chamber welcomed former members of the legislature to session. I was happy to see long time Nassau county resident and former legislator, Rep. George Crady, in attendance during Wednesday's session. Rep. Crady served in the legislature for 23 years, representing what was then District 12, and he truly exemplifies the term representative. During his tenure, he worked hard and diligently to make Nassau County a better place to live and work.

Back in committee meetings on Thursday, I presented HB 1047 dealing with Termination of Pregnancies. The Florida Supreme Court decision in re T.W. ruled that under the Florida Constitution, the state's interest in protecting life becomes compelling upon viability.

This bill is consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Planned Parenthood vs. Casey. HB 1047 codifies state law to align with both the U.S. Supreme Court and the Florida Supreme Court. Specifically, the bill bans the termination of a pregnancy after "viability," which is defined as the stage of fetal development when the life of the fetus is sustainable outside the womb through standard medical measures. Exceptions in the bill are provided that allow for the protection of the mother's health. The bill passed with 12 yeas and 5 nays.

The week ended with last-minute efforts to get other bills on agenda and to track down issues in the appropriations or budget process that are important to the citizens back home. Much of the time, while in the chamber, members are either at their desks working their bills, drafting amendments or speaking with other members about issues that need to get resolved.

When the members are together inside the chamber, free of outside influence from lobbyists, state agencies, committees staff and others, is when the pendulum of state power swings back into the



Former state Rep. George Crady visits with State Rep. Janet Adkins in the House Chamber last week.

hands of the people's representatives. Prior to this, much of the state power is in the hands of others who are attempting to influence decisions as bills start to work their way through the process. It is when you see the process move towards what we call "session" that the power of our elected representatives is at its peak. This is when almost anything can happen because members are able to speak with one another, discuss options and craft solutions member to member.

As we head into the closing weeks of the 2014 session, the pace will pick up and we will start to move towards the amendatory process. This is where you will see proposals and ideas show up as amendments on the many bills headed to the floor for a vote. It is

imperative that you read each amendment carefully and track these amendments both in the senate and in the house.

After a full week, I returned home late Friday to attend the Duval County Lincoln Day Dinner and attend the wedding of Sheriff Bill Leeper's daughter Chelsea over the weekend.

It is an honor to serve you in Tallahassee; please make sure that you send me your thoughts and comments. Invariably we will not agree on every vote or decision, but I will always promise to respect your views and listen closely to your arguments for or against an issue.

State Rep. Janet H. Adkins of Fernandina Beach represents House District 11, which includes Nassau County. janetadkins@myfloridahouse.gov

POLITICS IN BRIEF

Liberty Dwellers

Republican Congressional leaders and "a cabal of colluding cronies will be meeting secretly on Amelia Island to plot with left-wing influence peddlers to silence conservative Tea Party candidates and ensure that status quo corruption continues."

Protests are planned at several locations around Amelia Island April 11-13. If you would like to make your voice heard contact Michele Kling at 556-6982 or e-mail libertydwellers@yahoo.com.

"We want to show up and stand up to let them know - we know what they are doing and we do not approve," the Liberty Dwellers stated in a press release. "How dare Boehner and other leading Republicans collude with the left to defeat conservative candidates?"

Fair Tax

Florida Fair Tax plans to

hold a special rally to raise awareness about the Fair Tax from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at the Peck Center, Fernandina Beach

The goal is to educate people within the local community about the benefits of the Florida Fair Tax.

The Florida Fair Tax is a non-partisan effort to replace federal income and payroll taxes with a national retail

sales tax. Organizers say this approach simplifies the process because it eliminates the IRS and the complex tax code.

The Florida Fair Tax is a 501(c)(3) organization located in Ponte Vedra. According to the group's flyer, membership fees start at \$5 annually.

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COMMUNITY

Festivals of Speed raises \$50K for CIS

For the News-Leader

The Festivals of Speed event returned to Amelia Island in March and brought \$50,000 in much needed funding to Communities In Schools to provide additional services to more Nassau County children and teens.

"The Festivals of Speed kicked off with a luxury lifestyle event attended by over 400, and featured a live and silent auction to benefit our children," explained Susan Milana, CIS executive director. "An upgraded MGB was the highlight of the charity auction and went home with a very happy bidder."

"With this wonderful level of support from our community, the Omni Amelia Island, and Festivals of Speed, this event will grow to be our most important and profitable fundraiser each year," said Milana.

"We could not have been happier with the Amelia Island event this year," stated Joe Sabatini, Festivals of Speed president. "Attendance and car participants doubled from last year and we see only further growth for the event, and more funding to CIS Nassau, in 2015."

"We could not have done it without the overwhelming support of the Amelia Island community, our charity, Communities In Schools, and the team at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation. Everyone came together in a grassroots effort to create a wonderful experience for all to enjoy. Sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers and every team member at the Omni are due a round of applause for their tireless efforts on behalf of this event."

Festivals of Speed organizers emphasized that, "We partnered with CIS because they provide much-needed services to thousands of children and teens right here in Nassau County, and many more across Florida and the U.S."

For the past 20 years, CIS Nassau has



Amelia Island resident Christie Miklas presents the Best in Show Trophy with Joe Sabatini, Festivals of Speed president, above. Left, Laura Hayes of Amelia Island purchased this MGB to benefit CIS Nassau.

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surrounded local youth with a community of support, empowering them to succeed in school and in life. Each year, over 5,200 Nassau secondary students are provided access to a range of CIS support services directly at their school, with 600 of these youth referred for individual assistance that may include tutoring and remediation, drug and alcohol

prevention, behavior intervention, coaching, mentoring, family support and basic necessities of food, clothing and school supplies.

For more information about Communities In Schools, visit www.cisnassau.org or call Susan at 321-2000 and for more information on the Festivals of Speed, visit www.festivalsofspeed.com.

MILITARY NEWS

■ Air Force Airman 1st Class Charles E. Cribbs graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline



Cribbs

and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

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

Cribbs is the son of Charles Cribbs Jr. of Hilliard. He is a 2013 graduate of Hilliard Middle-Senior High School.

EASTER FUN

Cottontail express

Children of all ages can enjoy the antics of Peter Cottontail and other storybook characters on a special Easter season train excursion April 12 and 19 at Theatre by the Trax, 1000 Osborne St., St. Marys, Ga.

On a journey through picturesque woodlands and marshlands, train passengers will be immersed in a nostalgic world where some of childhood's most beloved figures come to life. The Tooth Fairy, Jack Frost, and others will be on a mission to rescue Peter Cottontail so he can deliver Easter baskets to all the boys and girls. Each excursion (10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.) will culminate with an Easter Egg Hunt at Theatre by the Trax, the boarding station for all train rides. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$11 for children 12 and under plus a \$3 processing fee. Children two and under ride free.

Purchase tickets at www.stmarysrailroad.com or by calling (912) 200-5235. Special group discounts are available for groups of 10 or more by calling (912) 729-1103.

Community celebration

A "CommUNITY Easter Celebration" will be held April 19 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., hosted by Memorial United Methodist and First Presbyterian churches. North Sixth Street downtown will be closed to traffic and filled with food, fun,

inflatables and egg hunts. A total of 6,000 filled Easter eggs will be offered for gathering by children in age groups, as well as pictures with the Easter Bunny. The event is free.

Eggstravaganza

The United Methodist Women will host the annual Eggstravaganza on April 19 at 10 a.m. As tradition, they are asking for donations of dollar store small toys, candy that will not melt (no chocolate), and plastic Easter eggs.

If you have any questions contact Ann Barber at 225-3146. Yulee United Methodist Church is located at 86003 Christian Way in Yulee. Contact the church at 225-5381.

Egg-stravagant hunt

Fernandina First Baptist Church invites you to come to the "EGG"-Stravagant Easter Egg Hunt, April 19 at 10 a.m. at Main Beach.

More than 5,000 eggs will be waiting to be found on four consecutive "hunts" for kids ages 0-2 years, 3-4 years, Kindergarten-ten-second grade, and third-fifth grades. There will be food, prizes and

Resurrection Eggs. It's fun for the whole family. Get details at www.FBFirst.com.

Egg hunt & lunch

You are invited to the second annual Easter egg hunt at Legacy Baptist Church on April 19 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for children ages 3-10. The event will feature a hot dog lunch following the egg hunt. For information call (904) 442-5954. The church is located in the former volunteer fire station, 941328 Old Nassauville Road.



Tea party

Cottontail Tea Party presents the Easter Bunny and Mad Hatter as they entertain you with stories, afternoon tea, petite sandwiches and sweets including strawberry lemon scones, vanilla crème brulee, orange cheesecake, chocolate peanut butter mousse and a souvenir photo on April 19 from noon to 2 p.m. in The Lobby Lounge at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Price is \$49 for ages 6 and up and \$10 children ages 3-5, inclusive of service charge. Advance reservations required. Call 277-1087 or visit www.ritzcarlton.com/ameliainland.

Easter brunch

An Easter Garden Brunch with chilled Mayoport shrimp, slow roasted prime rib, eggs Benedict station, local fish, grilled jumbo shrimp, roasted leg of lamb and dessert station will be held Easter Sunday, April 20, at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. Celebrate with a Champagne toast and live music. Children will enjoy cookie decorating and holiday-inspired games after sharing the family meal. Seatings are at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Price is \$95 per person and \$25 children 5-12. Advance reservations required. Call 277-1087 or visit www.ritzcarlton.com/ameliainland.

Egg hunt & breakfast

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach will host a breakfast and a children's Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 20, at 8:30 a.m. Call 261-6306 or find them on Facebook.

Egg hunt at Chapel

Amelia Plantation Chapel will hold an Easter Egg Hunt in between its morning worship services on Easter Sunday, April 20. The Easter Egg Hunt for children will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the grounds surrounding the chapel. Special Easter Buckets will be on hand for those who forget to bring a basket. Everyone is invited to bring flowers or greenery to weave onto the wooden cross that will be placed in front of the chapel, located at 36 Bowman Road, just outside of the main security gate of the Omni Resort. Call 277-4414 for information, find them on facebook.com/Amelia.Plantation.Chapel or visit www.ameliachapel.com.

FUNDRAISER YARD SALES

Whale of a Sale

Nassau County 4-H will host their fourth annual Whale of a Sale from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. today 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 tonight, spaghetti dinners from 5-7 p.m. to support 4-H youth attending camp and other events. Contact the Extension office at 879-1019.

Pirate Plunder

Help support Fernandina Beach Pop Warner Association raise money at a Yard Sale and Craft Show at the Pop Warner field, 1001 Beech St., on April 5 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Gate admission is \$1 per person and the concession stand will be open for refreshments. All vendors and yard sellers are welcome and there will be activities for kids.

Booth rentals are \$25. Table and chair rentals are \$10 for an 8-foot banquet table and \$1.50 per chair. Donations of "gently used" items gladly accepted prior to the sale date. Contact Laura Boles at 662-8079 or Lauraboles77@gmail.com.

Sale and dinner

Celebration Assembly of God Church, 850472 US 17 south in Yulee, will host a yard sale and chicken dinner on April 5.

The yard sale begins at 8 a.m. Chicken dinners can be purchased in advance by calling 225-9159 and on the day of the event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dinner includes a quarter chicken, cole slaw, baked beans and bread for a \$6 donation. Drinks and desserts are extra and can be purchased at the church. Some seating will be available for those who would like to eat at the church.

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.

Garage sale

A multi-Scout family garage sale will be held April 12 from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. at 2705 Delorean St. All proceeds will help offset the costs of Boy Scout Troop 701's trip in June to the Bert Adams Summer Camp.

READY FOR MUSEUM CAMP



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A meeting was held at Pat Panella's home for all the volunteers working on the crafts and projects for the Amelia Island Museum of History summer camp. This year 20 lucky children ages 7, 8, 9 and 10 will spend two weeks June 9-20 at the museum learning about transforming themselves into Timucuan Indian children, living in a council house and participating in clan activities like bow hunting, fishing, pottery and clothes making, sand casting, bird watching and food preparation of their daily snack. Every day will be packed with activities that simulate the daily life and recreation of a Timucuan child on Wild Napoyca (an old name for Amelia Island).

For information on this program, and for scholarship information, please call Liz at the museum at 261-7378, ext. 100. From left are Judy Weber (program designer), Pat Panella (camp chairman), and Jeanne Curran, volunteer.



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Take Courage



At one time of another, we all must have been in situations that require us to muster up courage and face our fears. Simply stated, courage is rising above our fears and taking charge of our lives during difficult times. The Bible tells us that we have tribulations in this world, but that we should be of good cheer, because God has overcome the world. (John 16:33) Being courageous comes in many different ways. Firemen who must enter a burning building to save someone, or police officers who confront known criminals are examples of people who possess a special type of bravery and courage. And although most of us will never have to enter a burning building or confront known criminals, just doing and saying what is right in our daily lives also often requires courage. Trying to correct an injustice, asking for someone's forgiveness, and even expressing our appreciations to someone may also require courage. The Lord wants to be courageous and have peace in our heart as we face our daily responsibility. And we should be comforted, because He told us that He would never leave us or forsake us, and He is always with us, both during our trials and our joys.

R.S.V. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.



Mobile food pantries scheduled April 14, 24

Barnabas Center announces two mobile food pantries have been scheduled for April as part of the Hunger Coalition of Nassau County and Nourishment Network's collaborative effort to distribute fresh food in Nassau County each month.

The purpose is to reach out across Nassau County and make it easy for people in need of food to acquire fresh food products delivered to Nassau County sites through a collaborative effort of the Nassau County Hunger Coalition,

Nourishment Network and other agencies, local churches and individual volunteers.

Food is distributed on a "first-come, first-served" basis and consists of produce, dairy, bakery goods, etc.

Distributions will be at 11:30 a.m. on the following days at the following locations:

- Monday, April 14, Callahan, at the First Baptist Church, 45090 Green Ave.
- Thursday, April 24, Fernandina Beach, at the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St.

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Truth is, Obamacare works

If there's one thing Republicans hate even more than health insurance for a growing number of Americans, it's empirical evidence that Obamacare is insuring a growing number of Americans.

As we hit the first enrollment deadline, the raw stats demonstrate that the health reform law is very much alive and threading itself into the national fabric. More than 7 million people have signed up on the state-run marketplace exchanges, nearly matching the original forecast – a minor miracle, given last autumn's website disaster. Roughly one-third of those signers were previously uninsured. Plus, another 4.5 million previously uninsured people have signed up for Obamacare, via the expanded Medicaid program that's now available in half the states. Plus, 3 million previously uninsured young adults are now covered under their parents' plans, via a popular Obamacare provision.

In other words, at least 9.5 million previously uninsured Americans now have coverage; indeed, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says in a new report that the uninsured population will drop more than 20 percent during 2014. Meanwhile, the public opinion vibes are bullish. The latest ABC News-Washington Post poll says that a plurality of Americans now favor Obamacare, 49 to 48 percent. (That's a new high, driven by a surge in Democratic support.) And while Republicans continue to jerk their knees for repeal, pollsters at the Kaiser Family Foundation say that only 29 percent of Americans want repeal.

But we all know how the haters in the con-

servative cocoon react to facts.

The basic mindset: "No this isn't happening!" Or as Republican Sen. John Barrasso of Wyoming insisted, the Obama administration is simply "cooking the books."

By now, of course, we recognize the symptoms of this denial psychosis. Like when they insist that virtually every climate change scientist on the planet is making stuff up. And when they insisted, in October 2012, that all the pollsters forecasting an Obama victory were just cooking the numbers. And when they insisted, in October 2012, that the reported drop in the jobless rate was actually a Labor Department plot to cook the stats.

I know, I know. Obamacare comes with many caveats; its fine print has yet to be delineated. To borrow the immortal Donald Rumsfeld phrase, there are many unknown unknowns. We won't know for awhile how many of the signers have started paying premiums, or what percentage of young healthy people have enrolled, or whether large uninsured communities (such as Hispanics) can be persuaded to sign up, or whether insurance companies will hike their premiums (as they typically did, pre-Obamacare), or how the law's postponed provisions will work when they finally kick in.

And I will be shocked if the Republicans don't win big in the autumn midterm elections. Their votes (older white people) typically dominate the midterms, and this year they'll be highly motivated by hatred of Obamacare. President Obama's coalition (younger and racially diverse) isn't well attuned to the

midterms, and even if they like Obamacare, their intensity level probably isn't sufficient to propel them to the polls en masse.

But even if Republicans take the Senate and agitate anew for repeal in 2015, they'll be forced to face political reality – not just Obama's veto power, but the virtually impossible task of stopping a train that has already left the station. Anyone who signs up for Obamacare is a voter who would resent Republican meddling; in politics, the most suicidal thing you can do is try to take away something that people have. And certainly by 2016, the Obamacare constituency will be in the tens of millions.

The process hasn't been smooth or pretty – as they say in football, it's "three yards and a cloud of dust" – but the health reform team continues to move the ball downfield despite carping from the sidelines.

Ross Douhat, the *New York Times'* conservative columnist, framed it best in his wake-up message to the haters. Obamacare, he said, "is taking place on a significant scale." For Republicans, the big political risk is that they "would end up stripping coverage from millions of newly-insured Americans.... But wherever they go and whatever they do, they will have to deal with the reality that Obamacare, thrice-buried, looks very much alive."

Or they can just keep telling themselves that reality is merely a mirage. Sounds about right.

Dick Polman is the national political columnist at NewsWorks/WHYY in Philadelphia (newsworks.org/polman) and a "Writer in

Golden geese

A county commissioner recently said we should not divert funds from our Tourist Development Council for beach restoration because that might "squeeze the golden goose."

With all due respect to the TDC, which promotes Amelia Island tourism through advertising, it is not the golden goose.

Our beach is the golden goose. I think it sensible to pay for beach restoration through greater reliance on the bed tax levied on those who stay in hotels, B&Bs and other accommodations. Otherwise, the burden falls on local taxpayers.

Visitors come to Amelia Island for the beach. The other lures – resorts, downtown, restaurants, activities, tours – are amenities. They are not the main attraction.

The federal government paid the vast majority of the cost for a major reconstruction of our beach in Fernandina in 2008. The state paid half the local

cost. The county and city paid a sliver. Maintenance at five-year intervals again is primarily to be paid by the feds. But neither the city nor county has budgeted adequately for the periodic construction, which is vital lest a nor'easter or tropical storm carve a big hole in our main attraction.

Our beach is not natural since jetties were extended to accommodate Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga. It is a construction, and like any construction must be maintained.

Nearby, the notion of expanding bicycle tourism to Cumberland Island (Ga.) National Seashore lacks merit. The pedal pushers are well meaning but myopic on this subject. They are serving commercial interests that could do real harm to this national treasure.

There are no paved roads on Cumberland, and thus it is not a viable alternative to US 17 for the East Coast Greenway bike trail, which is no longer linked to St. Marys, Ga., by ferry because the economics don't justify such a service.

The sturdy road bikes used on streets are not suitable for Cumberland's dirt roads, trails and beach (mountain bikes and beach cruisers are required). Plus, large numbers of bicyclists on the beach or trails could do significant harm to Cumberland's natural environment.

I have no problem with a ferry service from Fernandina to Cumberland if it can be economically and environmentally justified. But if it requires a large increase in the number of visitors to succeed, and if it requires a bike trail on Cumberland like the asphalt bikeway on Amelia Island, well then, no.

The wildness that is Cumberland Island, the ability to see how barrier islands, including our own, once looked, is a priceless treasure. A golden goose worth preserving.

Finally, a word about the waterfront park proposed downtown. This has been debated for years, with little to show for it.

We have relied on architects to draw up waterfront plans, which is part of the problem. Architects like to build expensive things. Our undistinguished waterfront welcome center that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars comes to mind.

Our riverfront affords a magnificent view, especially at sunset. What do we need to enhance it? Places to sit, and shade from trees, or perhaps a few gazebos. Nothing more. No amphitheater, no children's playground, no sculptures, no more buildings. And certainly no more paved parking.

Just a place to sit and watch the setting sun. Which on some nights looks, by the way, like a golden goose.

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Shrimp Festival loses local shrimp booth

• 50 Years ago shrimp boats started racing here at Fernandina Beach "Birthplace of the Modern Shrimping Industry" – and wives prepared and served shrimp gumbo.

• This started nonprofits being able to have food booths to serve shrimp prepared in many different ways and income to operate their respective organizations.

• Our Shrimp Festival gains notoriety and became perhaps the largest in the South. Serving wild-caught shrimp, pirates, parade, arts. Folks from all over came to see boat races and enjoy the atmosphere. Crowds estimated at one time of 200,000 attendees in three days.

• Always the first weekend in May just before shrimp season starts. Races had to stop because of the high cost of diesel fuel. However, folks still came to eat the finest shrimp and enjoy the festivities.

• Every year we have been the No. 1 revenue producer for the festival. Four times over the years our location has been changed and folks would have to get used to our new location. Last year our location was changed from one end of the waterfront to the other. We were always given choice of booth location, because of being the No. 1 revenue producer.

• When shrimp became imported to U.S. from Asian countries (late '90s with lower prices) some food booths began to not serve "wild-caught shrimp" produced by the local shrimp industry. The festival committee would not make a rule requiring this; therefore attendance began to fall. Committee could have made a rule to support shrimp industry and require all booths to serve only "wild-caught shrimp." Shrimp for this event was available at fair market prices.

• A committee meeting was held Tuesday, April 1 and we were submitted where our food booth would be located (not consulted) and instead of keeping a choice location we were placed in a very undesirable location (with all kinds of excuses and/or reasons) none of which we have not dealt with before.

• Upon learning of our location Mike Adams our food booth chairman and I as executive director of SPA informed the committee that we would be pulling out and not participating this year since the committee would not reverse their decision. We will not be participating but will be at Mayport Village Festival.

• To participate in the festival we are charged \$300 booth space plus 15 percent of gross revenue, which goes to promotion of festival.

• Mayport Village will be holding boat races and festival May 10-11. We will be participating and serving our famous "Wild Caught Local Shrimp," fried shrimp and hush puppies.

• May 10 is National Shrimp Day, for the first time since 1948 shrimp boat races will be held.

• There will be a Blessing of Fleet and Shrimp Boat Races on Saturday in honor of National Shrimp Day.

• The American Shrimp Industry urges everyone to attend this Mayport Village Festival.

Janie Thomas,
Executive Director
Mike Adams,
Food Booth Chair
Shrimp Producers Association
Yulee

Church parking

I have long lived in the old downtown area – in "the Amen Corner" of

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town with five churches in our six-block area – and always there has been "the parking problem" on Sunday morning, and nowadays on Saturday evening. Now, however, in the area of the Catholic church the problem seems to have magnified itself – and there are even plans to start cutting down some special trees to cover the ground with asphalt and make two more parking spaces? We have been told the church owns the land in the Yulee area to build another church. Why not build the Yulee church and see if this doesn't take care of the parking problem in Fernandina? And please, let the trees be.

Mary Agnes White
Fernandina Beach

'False, incomplete article'

I am writing to you in reference to a recent article that you have published with my name in it. The golf cart crash article was not accurate and I want to set it straight, because this has affected my life and my family, friends and clients to a great degree.

First of all, I had to log in with security to even get into the gated community so they know exactly when I came (which was sometime around 11 a.m. the morning of Feb. 25). I had brought a lunch for myself with me since I planned to be there quite some time to clean after my client's guests, who had been there for the past two weeks – not me! I took some supplies into the kitchen and laundry area and ate before going out to water his plants.

It was admittedly my mistake in borrowing the golf cart to take a short ride on that beautiful day. I was alone at the time and soon I spotted a friend nearby and picked him up. Going back over the cart overpass on the course the brakes failed and I was forced to make a split decision of hit a tree head-on or turn right and risk rolling. Which is what happened. I turned to avoid the tree and the cart rolled, pinning me under with severe trauma. I was unconscious when people pulled the cart off me and Fire Rescue took me to Baptist Medical Center Nassau before Life Flight rushed me to Shands.

I thank all those people involved for helping me that day and through my ongoing recovery. I was very upset to read your inaccurate article with my name and serious charges. I have subsequently lost most of my clients due to your article and request that you contact those

involved before publishing their names to false/incomplete articles. Thank you.

Dana Witt
Yulee

Unions

In response to Ms. Marian Phillips O'Neal's pro-union viewpoint March 26, I agree unions brought about the great accomplishments in workplace health, safety and a fair wage. I walked many a picket line in my years as a UAW autoworker.

In the '70s and '80s, something really changed. The Democratic Party infiltrated the unions and the U.S. government, instead of the unions, began to dictate policy.

In the eyes of our union officials, there never was or never will be a city, county, state or federal Republican candidate worthy of their approval or financial backing.

Working together rings hollow in Congress and the White House and our unions. Famous words of just two of our unions supported legislators, Nancy Pelosi, "We need to pass this bill (Obamacare) and then we'll find out what's in it" or Senator Harry Reid's, "This Republican House-sponsored bill will not be brought to the floor of the Senate. It is dead on arrival."

The UAW is not listening to their workers and retirees. We are a majority of good, moral men and women, many of whom love to hunt, fish and go to the places of worship we choose. All of these are continually under attack by union-backed candidates.

Yes, we fought for the 40-hour workweek, and now with the Affordable Health Care Act, we get the 20-hour workweek for our children.

This country doesn't need unions because our politicians will give all of us all we need. If we can't get a job or don't want a job, we don't have to pay for anything: free health care, free cell phones, free food! There is no end to what your government can give to us.

And as Paul Harvey would say, "And that's the rest of the story."

Terry Brown
Fernandina Beach

Smart meters

In the March 28 paper a letter writer wrote about her concern of smart electric meters. However, her concerns are based on wild speculation and conspiracy theorists who

post garbage on the Internet. The fact is that smart meters pose no health risk. Smart meters only transmit data for roughly 1.4 seconds per day, at very low wattage. And even if one stands less than one meter (3 feet) from a smart meter when it broadcasts its data, the resulting microwave exposure is 550 times less than standing in front of an active microwave oven, and 1,100 times less than holding an active cell phone to one's ear.

I live in Meadowfield neighborhood and our meters were switched out over a year ago. I have not heard any complaints from my neighbors. No effects on our health and no increase in electric bills.

So if you are concerned about the effects of wireless radiation, don't worry about smart meters. But maybe you should stop using cell phones, Wi-Fi computers, notepads, cordless home phones, Wi-Fi TV, microwave ovens, Bluetooth devices, etc. Get the picture?

Bruce Haley
Yulee

Sidewalk to nowhere!

Yes, I'm writing again and doing whatever it takes to get this way overdue and neglected repair made! The sidewalk that I'm speaking of is at the northeast corner of Front and Centre streets.

The debate over who owns it, who needs to repair it and why anyone should be allowed to park on it has gone on so long that I truly believe that "those in power" have lost sight of what this sidewalk means to islanders, tourists and businesses alike!

The owners of the Salty Pelican were made to put a sidewalk in front of their restaurant and they did without hesitation! But why I ask since it goes nowhere! Why is it that Ms. Toundas and others are allowed to park on the sidewalk, and yes there is a sidewalk, just to the west of her restaurant? Isn't parking on a sidewalk illegal? Most importantly, this must be addressed finally and repaired so that those in wheelchairs and those who just want a safe place to walk can get to the Salty!

There is no excuse for how long this nonsense has gone on! We need those in "charge" to step up and do what is right! We got the railroad to listen, now it's time for the sidewalk!

Marlene Chapman
Fernandina Beach



LADY PIRATES VS. LADY HORNETS



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The Yulee High School girls softball team hosted county and district foe Fernandina Beach Tuesday night. Karla Beasley, left, was on the mound for the Yulee Lady Hornets. Nicole Myers, right top, in the outfield and teammate Chelsea Holland, right, manning first base for the FBHS Lady Pirates. Yulee blanked FBHS. The Lady Hornets take on host West Nassau tonight at 7 p.m. in Callahan to determine the top seed in the district tournament.



Allison Nelson, far left, started on the pitcher's mound for the Lady Pirates. Nesh Jones, left, and Graison Murray, above, at bat for the host Lady Hornets. Yulee plays at West Nassau tonight at 7 p.m.



▼ SOFTBALL

Father and son combine for dramatic win in FDSL

The game of the week featured a come-from-behind performance by Journey Three as they took on undefeated Christwalk in Family Driven Softball League action.

Christwalk scored quickly in the first inning as Matt LeBlanc and Matt Hampton recorded two runs. But Coach Matt Thornton's team answered with five runs as Jacob Calhoun, Matt Thornton, Tony Thornton, Drew Sparkman and Justin Cooner scored.

Christwalk answered in the second inning with five runs of their own, led by LeBlanc, Hampton, Brad Akers and C.J. Van Zant. Neither team scored in the third inning but Christwalk managed to add four more runs in the fourth inning, setting up the comeback.

Journey Three, down by three runs, began their last at bat with Sabrina Campbell getting on base. Father-and-son combination (Thorntons) also got on with singles. All three players scored, followed by Sparkman, who scored the go-ahead run.

The play of the season came as Christwalk found themselves with runners on first and second base. A line shot was hit to the outfield gap only to see Journey Three's Justin Cooner make a tremendous diving catch. If the ball had gotten through the outfield, both runners would have scored, giving Christwalk the win. Instead Journey Three held off Christwalk to win 12-11.

The loss knocks Christwalk out of first place and knocks them out of being the only undefeated team in the league. Matt and Tony Thornton along with Drew Sparkman hit three-for-three in the game. Father and son Tony and Matt Thornton are men's co-players of the week.

Celebration Baptist Church moved into a tie for first place with Christwalk with a 19-7 victory over Springhill Baptist Church. Ada Cook was awarded women's player of week as she hit two-for-three and scored three runs. B.J. Jones hit four-for-four for Celebration.

Our Lady of Consolation defeated Yulee/Live Oak 15-5. Josh Witt hit three-for-three for Our Lady.

Five Points Baptist Church defeated Living Waters 20-1. Christina Roman and Luke Grissett both hit three-for-three for Five Points.

For information on the Family Driven Softball League, contact President John Culbreth at (904) 705-3045.

▼ GOLF

City golf course named a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary

Fernandina Beach Golf Club, managed by Billy Casper Golf, has been designated a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" by Audubon International for environmental stewardship.

In attaining certification from the conservation group, Fernandina Beach Golf Club's 27-hole layout successfully maintains sound environmental practices in six key areas: environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, outreach and education, chemical use reduction, water conservation and water quality management.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses helps protect the environment and preserve the natural heritage of the game of golf with optimal efficiency. Fernandina Beach is one of nearly 1,050 courses worldwide honored by Audubon International.

"Environmental conservation and education are key components to golf course operations here," says Buddy Tate, Golf Course superintendent at Fernandina Beach Golf Club. "We are committed to upholding strict environmental practices that create sustainable places to live, work and play."

Fernandina Beach Golf Club features 27 distinctive holes consisting of north, west and south nine-hole layouts of varied difficulty and design.

At par-35 and 3,094 yards, the north nine is the oldest course on Amelia Island, opening in 1956.

The championship-length west course's No. 2 hole is its signature, a par-five monster measuring 607 yards from the tips.

The south nine was the last to open in 1972 and is considered the most scenic.

A comprehensive practice area with a grass driving range and putting green helps golfers hone their games. Group and individual lessons are available through PGA-certified golf instructors.

Opened in 2000, the well-appointed clubhouse includes a fully-stocked pro shop, restaurant and banquet facilities for up to 200 guests.

For more information or to reserve a tee time at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, visit www.fernandinabeachgolfclub.com or call the pro shop at 277-7370.

Discover Boating hands-on clinics at boat show

Freedom Boat Club has teamed up with Discover Boating to offer hands-on clinics for powerboaters of all levels at the Southeast U.S. Boat Show April 11-13 at Metro Park Marina in Jacksonville.

Clinics will be held each day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from 2-5 p.m. Topics include "Powerboat-

ing Made Easy" and "Advanced Docking Skills." This training is only available at the boat show and provides a much-needed training option for boaters.

All clinics are taught by U.S. Coast Guard-licensed captains.

They are designed for boaters 14 years old or older, from novices to seasoned captains. Participants

must be physically able to participate as an active crewmember while under way.

Space is limited and advance registration is highly recommended. The registration fee per person per session is \$125 in advance or \$150 at the boat show.

Register online at www.southeastusboatshow.com, click on the

"Welcome to the Water" icon or call Lisa Almeida of the Freedom Boat Club at (904) 588-2417 or email l.almeida@freedomboatclub.com. Participants who register online will receive free boat show admission for the day.

Metropolitan Park Marina is located at 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville.



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3 Jills and a Jack first-place winners, from left, William Rushing, Sheila Braddock, Beth Hughes and Lynn McCarter.

3 Jills and a Jack tourney held

The Amelia Island Club Women's Golf Association hosted its sixth annual 3 Jills and a Jack golf tournament on an especially warm and sunny March 20 at the Long Point golf course.

Sixty-eight players participated in a game whereby three women formed a team and asked a male golfer to join them to round out the foursome.

The shamle format, with at least two drives from each player, featured two best net balls of the foursome and required all players to compete from the forward tees with only 75 percent of their individual handicap.

First-place winner with a score of 108 was the team of Lynn McCarter, Beth Hughes, Sheila Braddock and William Rushing; second-place honors for a score of 118 went to Nan Sands, Salli

GOLF NEWS

Roberts, Anne Entriiken and Bill Filbert.

Third place was awarded to Gerry Okin, Annamae LePorin, Amy Pace and Chris Peters with a score of 119; fourth place was given to Fran Shea, Bobbie Fost, Anne Workman and Stephen Kaye with a score of 122; and Illene Kaufman, Gail Biondi, Melonie Murphy and Mike Clower captured fifth place with a 123 score.

After the completion of the round, the ladies treated their male teammate to a buffet lunch at the Long Point Clubhouse.

Golf for a cure

The Newcomers Ladies Golf Club of Amelia Island will hold the Penny Griggs

memorial ladies golf tournament and golf attire fashion show May 13 at the Amelia River Golf Club.

The inaugural event benefits Girl Power 2 Cure, an Amelia Island-based nonprofit dedicated to the fight against Rett Syndrome.

Registration and breakfast are at 8:30 a.m., putting contest at 9 a.m., shotgun start at 10:30 a.m., silent auction at 12:30 p.m. and luncheon and fashion show at 1 p.m.

Cost is \$75 per player and includes green fees, cart, continental breakfast, luncheon, fashion show and prizes. Fees must accompany reservation. Format is a ladies-only, nine-hole best ball tournament.

For information, contact Mary Ellen Carroll at 261-0820 or (410) 917-6734 or Pam Viesor at (301) 807-6228 or visit www.gp2c.org/penny-briggs.

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.

Pro wrestling April 19

Continental Championship Wrestling returns to Fernandina Beach Middle School April 19. New CCW champion "Flash n' Cash" Hayden Price will defend against "The Dealer" Vernon Black, "Rock n' Roll" Chris Turner takes on Julian Marcs and "The Collective" challenges "The Society of Sin" for the tag team titles. There will also be appearances by Jamie McKinnon, Maddog Miller, Kevin Toole, Drew Holliday, Shooter McGee and more. Advance tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the FBMS front office; general admission is \$8 at the door. Special price rindside seats are \$10, also available at FBMS. A portion of the proceeds go to FBMS athletics.

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 post-marked 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 organi-

zation, created to develop and promote salt-water fishing in the Nassau County area while adhering to state, federal and local regulations, to encourage compliance with rules of 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.

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.

Boules Club

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

Sailing Club meets

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

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.

Jeff Galloway run/walk

A local group meets Saturday mornings for runs/walks using the Jeff Galloway training method. Train for a marathon, half-marathon or 15K. Call Mike Hagel at 415-6039.

RECREATION ROUNDUP

SUMMER ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE. Registration April 7 through May 2 at the Atlantic Center. \$350 team fee due May 2. Each team's players must wear matching colored shirts with visible numbers. 12-person roster limit. All games played at Peck Gym on Mondays and Thursdays (possibly some Wednesdays). Season begins May 19.

For information, call or email Jay Robertson at 310-3361 or jrobertson@fbfl.org.

SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES. Registration for recreational co-ed, men's and women's leagues April 28 through May 19.

The \$275 team fees (all leagues) due May 19 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center (\$25 late fees added to team fees received after May 19. Team fees will not be accepted after May 20). \$72 two-game forfeit fees (recreational co-ed and men's leagues) and \$48 two-game forfeit fees (women's league) due May 30 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Captains' meeting, all leagues May 22 at 6:30 p.m., Atlantic Center auditorium. Ten-game regular season and single-elimination tournament in each league. Recreational co-ed games on Mondays. Men's games on Thursdays. Women's games on Thursdays. Season begins June 2 for recreational co-ed and June 5 for men's and women's leagues.

For more information, call/email Jason Brown (310-3353, jbrown@fbfl.org) or log onto the softball leagues' website www.league lineup.com/fbflsoftball.

SUMMER WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT CO-ED 1-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Registration April 28-May 19. Combination of ASA and USSSA rules. 6/4 male-to-female ratio. 15-person roster limit per team. Men must use ASA-approved bats. Women may use ASA-approved or

USSSA-approved bats. 8-game regular season and double-elimination tournament. Games have 45-minute time limits. \$220 team fees due May 19 at the Atlantic Center (\$25 late fees added to team fees received after May 19. Team fees will not be accepted after May 20). \$48 two-game forfeit fees due May 30 at the Atlantic Center. Captains' meeting May 22 at 6:30 p.m., Atlantic Center Auditorium. Season begins June 4. For information on this league, call/email Jason (310-3353, jbrown@fbfl.org) or log onto www.leaguelineup.com/fbflsoftball

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

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

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

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

AQUA 1 and DEEP WATER AEROBICS at Atlantic Pool. Aqua 1 (shallow water) classes are Monday-Friday from 10-10:55 a.m. Deep Water classes (aqua fitness belts required) are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11-11:55 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-9:55 a.m. Monthly, one class/day: \$50 city residents, \$63 non-city residents. Monthly, two classes/day: \$60 city residents, \$75 non-city; \$5/day for one class city residents, \$6 non-city; \$10/day for two classes city resident, \$12 non-city.

2014 SCHEDULES

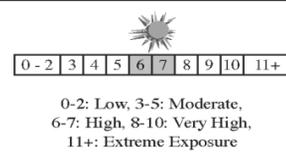
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			April 18 FIRST COAST		
Varsity Baseball			* District		
April 4	at Paxon	6:00			
April 8	ST. PIUS	7:00			
April 10	at Yulee	6:00			
April 11	at Hilliard	6:00			
April 14	at Atlantic Coast	6:30			
April 16	BATTERY CREEK, S.C.	6:00			
April 21-24	DISTRICT 4-4A	TBA			
* District 4-4A games					
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Softball			Softball		
April 7	at Ed White	6:00	April 4	at West Nassau	7pm
April 8	HILLIARD	6:00	April 8	EPISCOPAL	6:00
April 10	EPISCOPAL	5:30	April 14-18	District at West Nassau	
April 14-17	District 4-4A at West Nassau				
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Junior Varsity Baseball			at Episcopal tourney		
April 7-11					
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL			YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Weightlifting			Weightlifting		
April 12	Sectional at Baker County				
NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOLS			NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOLS		
Flag Football			Flag Football		
April 8	FBHS vs. Hilliard at Yulee	5:00	April 8	FBHS vs. Hilliard at Yulee	5:00
April 10	WNHS vs. FBHS at Hilliard	5:00	April 15	WNHS vs. FBHS at Hilliard	5:00
April 11	Hilliard-Yulee	6:00	April 22	Hilliard-WNHS at FBHS	5:00
April 15	SUWANNEE	7:00	April 22	FBHS-Yulee	6:00
April 17	ST. JOSEPH	6:00			

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	Temp
Friday	Mostly Sunny	80 / 63
Saturday	Isolated T-storms	77 / 61
Sunday	Few Showers	74 / 61
Monday	Few Showers	76 / 60
Tuesday	Few Showers	69 / 58
Wednesday	Mostly Cloudy	73 / 61
Thursday	Mostly Cloudy	70 / 59

Local UV Index



Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	4:29-6:29	3:59-5:59	Tue	7:38-9:38	7:08-9:08
Sat	5:18-7:18	4:48-6:48	Wed	8:22-10:22	7:52-9:52
Sun	6:06-8:06	5:36-7:36	Thu	9:06-11:06	8:36-10:36
Mon	6:53-8:53	6:23-8:23	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
First 4/7	Fri	7:10 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	10:41 a.m.	Next Day	Last 4/22
	Sat	7:08 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	11:31 a.m.	12:43 a.m.	
	Sun	7:07 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	12:21 p.m.	1:31 a.m.	
Full 4/15	Mon	7:06 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	1:12 p.m.	2:15 a.m.	New 4/29
	Tue	7:05 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	2:04 p.m.	2:55 a.m.	
	Wed	7:04 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	2:57 p.m.	3:33 a.m.	
	Thu	7:02 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	3:50 p.m.	4:09 a.m.	

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days					
3/25	73	50	73/54	0.00"	3/25	12	3/29	22
3/26	54	41	73/54	0.00"	3/26	0	3/30	12
3/27	68	43	73/54	0.00"	3/27	6	3/31	6
3/28	75	55	73/55	0.00"	3/28	15		
3/29	79	64	73/55	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.			
3/30	72	52	73/55	0.00"				
3/31	68	45	74/55	0.00"				

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance					
Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low	
Fri	12:45 am	6:48 am	1:08 pm	6:55 pm	Fri	12:09 am	6:45 am	12:32 pm	6:52 pm
Sat	1:29 am	7:39 am	1:53 pm	7:46 pm	Sat	12:53 am	7:36 am	1:17 pm	7:43 pm
Sun	2:15 am	8:32 am	2:41 pm	8:42 pm	Sun	1:39 am	8:29 am	2:05 pm	8:39 pm
Mon	3:05 am	9:26 am	3:34 pm	9:39 pm	Mon	2:29 am	9:23 am	2:58 pm	9:36 pm
Tue	3:59 am	10:19 am	4:31 pm	10:36 pm	Tue	3:23 am	10:16 am	3:55 pm	10:33 pm
Wed	4:56 am	11:09 am	5:28 pm	11:30 pm	Wed	4:20 am	11:06 am	4:52 pm	11:27 pm
Thu	5:52 am	11:57 am	6:23 pm	None	Thu	5:16 am	11:54 am	5:47 pm	None

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Watching a Total Lunar Eclipse: Part One

April 15 holds the promise of a really impressive light show during the early morning hours of tax day as the full moon encounters the Earth's shadow and hides for awhile in its darkness. I have to admit that the scheduling of this event between 1:58 and 5:34 a.m. EDT is going to put a real crimp in my ability to be coherent for my Tuesday evening astronomy class, but hey, even that shall pass. Total lunar eclipses are the less spectacular of the two eclipse families. By far, total solar eclipses, where the moon hides the sun, are truthfully the crème de la crème of astronomical events. August 21, 2017 is the next total solar eclipse visible from the US, but most people will have to travel to see it. Day will literally change into night within 10 to 15 seconds. Sol, will look like a brilliant diamond ring just before totality, and then when totality begins, the wispy corona of the eclipsed sun will encircle the dark moon while planets and bright stars become visible right before your very eyes. However, the biggest perk of a total lunar eclipse is that more than half of the world gets to view it. About 30 minutes before first contact around 1:30 a.m., as the moon pushes deeper into Earth's secondary shadow, the area of the moon closest to the true shadow will start to become dusky in appearance. An astronaut stationed on the moon in this grayish area, with filters protecting his or her eyes, would watch the Earth slowly eclipsing the sun. As more and more of the Earth covered the sun, the sun's light in that region of the moon would have to be lessened, and it would appear from Earth to be diminished in brightness. These are merely the preliminary aspects to the beauty that lies ahead. At 1:58 a.m., EDT the limb of the moon closest to the umbra makes first contact with the shadow and within a minute, the human eye can detect it beginning to sweep across the lunar surface. More next week about the visual aspects of the April 15 total lunar eclipse. www.astronomy.org

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Tara Hall, Ludine Pinkney and Mary Moore offer help at Salvation Army Hope House.

Offering help, and hope

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

A building that was once a tavern now offers help and hope to the community near Ninth and Date streets. Begun in the early 1990's when a group of residents came together to pray about Pastor Jeanette Richo's vision of outreach, Salvation Army Hope House went through a couple of incarnations to achieve its current identity as a place where hope lives.

Manager Mary Moore recalls the center's humble beginnings, noting that it was about this time Florence Carter felt called to minister to the same local families by delivering bread, a word of encouragement and prayer.

"The prayer group met in a vacant house needing repair that Pastor Richo rented specifically to birth the ministry they soon called Hope House."

Carter became director and was soon viewed as the face and heart of Hope House, said Moore.

"By the time they grew out of the little house in 1999, they had established a strong children's ministry, prayer groups, Bible studies, a weekly worship service, free clothes closet and gave away food when they had it."

Local attorney Buddy Jacobs offered to rent a much larger facility to the group for a dollar a year but it needed a bit of TLC.

Willing hands and hearts came together to refurbish the structure and in 2007, administration and volunteers partnered with the Salvation Army to become Salvation Army Hope House, in the building donated by Jacobs.

Moore, who assumed posi-

Open house

In celebration of their seventh year serving the Fernandina Beach community, The Salvation Army Hope House will hold an Open House from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 at 410 S. Ninth St. Phone 321-0435.

tion of manager in 2009, oversees the center, assisted by Pastor Ludine Pinkney, Tara Hall and "a whole host of committed and caring volunteers who provide smiles, listening ears and tireless hours of physical assistance, prayer, words of encouragement or a breath of hope."

Among the many blessings disseminated by these caring folks are free clothes, emergency food, financial assistance, emergency travel and gas.

Probation counseling and periodic classes are also offered, and probationers may serve out their required community service hours at the center.

Spiritual sustenance is extended in the form of weekly worship services at noon on Tuesdays.

But Hope House's outreach doesn't end there: low-income kids enjoy summer fun at Camp Keystone and to kick off the school year, Hope House holds its annual "Stuff the Bus" drive to gather school supplies and backpacks.

Low-income seniors receive gifts from the Senior Angel Tree at Christmastime through a partnership with the Council on Aging and the center recruits bell ringers for the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign.

The Interfaith Dinner

Network offers a free meal from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings except holidays at the center and veterans can meet with Veteran's Administration representatives there as needed.

The most important way the community can help the center, said Moore, is by remembering them and praying for the people who enter their doors.

Next would be by volunteering either inside or outside the center by doing food or clothing fundraisers, inviting us to address church congregations, church groups and clubs, or sponsoring a bell ringing site during the Christmas season.

The third way is through donations of food, clothing, toiletries, linens and/or household items or money. Men's clothing is especially needed.

Monetary donations are used to serve families in Nassau County and are used where they are needed most, unless designated for a specific purpose like funding the Emergency Travel Fund.

"The Salvation Army Hope House exists to demonstrate the love of God, through our belief and trust in Jesus Christ, to the people that He created in His image and loves," said Moore.

"We serve the community by making a point of seeing and affirming the value of people; and by standing with them and cheering them on to reach their God-given potential. We laugh with people, we cry with people, but most of all, we just see them - hopefully as the Lord would have us do."

Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St. Service hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed at 4 p.m. Wednesdays. Phone 321-0435.

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County officers ready to play ball

For the News-Leader

The Property Appraiser's Office, in conjunction with the Tax Collector's Office and other county departments, will host "Nassau County Government Day" on Saturday, April 19 featuring a charity softball game to help raise awareness and money for local organizations.

This first annual event will include refreshments sponsored by the Farm Bureau and Coca-Cola, music, bounce house, an Easter egg hunt for kids 2- to 8-years-old and many other activities. The event - starting at 3 p.m. at the Yulee Sport Complex, 86142 Goodbread Road - will be free to attend, with small donations suggested. The egg hunt is at 3:30 p.m. and game time is 4 p.m.

Property Appraiser Mike Hickox and Tax Collector John Drew feel this is a great way to assist those in need. "This will be a great opportunity for us to help contribute to some worthy causes," said Hickox.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), Katie Ride for Life, United Way, and the James Page Scholarship Fund will all be beneficiaries from the event's proceeds.

Nassau County Government Day will feature a softball game between the Property Appraiser's Office and Tax Collector's Office. Sheriff Bill Leeper has agreed to serve behind the plate as the guest umpire, Supervisor of Elections Vicki Cannon will be the guest scorekeeper, Commissioner Waltzer "Jr." Boatright, Judge Robert Foster, and County Attorney David Hallman will serve on commentary, and Commissioners Barry Holloway, Pat Edwards, Steve Kelley, and Leeper will serve as field umpires. Clerk of Courts John Crawford will throw the first pitch.

Justin Taylor, coordinator for the event, said they've had a lot of great support from the community. "Many local businesses have stepped up to contribute financially and provide services to make this a fun event," said Taylor. "We're hoping for a great turnout, but more importantly, an

BALL Continued on 5B



SUBMITTED

Brian Gilvey and Mark Pollack in a scene from "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music," opening Thursday at Amelia Community Theatre on Cedar Street, downtown Fernandina Beach.

ACT opens new play

LINDA MCCLANE
For the News-Leader

Next on the Amelia Community Theatre main stage is a play with the intriguing title "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music." With a title like that, you just know there's a story waiting to unfold in this slice-of-life comedy written by Lee Blessing.

Jim was content running a biker bar in Texas and working on his truck in his spare time. Until the day he met and fell in love with Eva June, who turns his world upside down. She makes a few changes in Jim's lifestyle, and renames his bar the Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music Bar. And now there are nice people, and there's dancing, and there's good country music in the air.

Eva June has family who disrupt Jim's life, including a rebellious teenage son and a niece who's a novice nun suffering from Tourette's Syndrome, which causes prob-

ACT Continued on 5B

Story with a song Don Juans perform April 12

For the News-Leader

One sign of a great songwriter is the ability to make listeners care about people, places, relationships, or events - all within the first few bars of a song. And hardly anyone does it better than the Grammy Award-winning duo of Don Henry and Jon Vezner.

Each is a prolific songwriter in his own right. Ray Charles, Conway Twitty, the Oak Ridge Boys and Kathy Mattea are just a few who have recorded Henry's catalog of hundreds of songs, while Vezner has written hit songs for Mattea (his wife),

as well as Martina McBride, Janis Ian, John Mellencamp, Nancy Griffith, Faith Hill and Diamond Rio.

Though each pursued his own career as a recording artist, music producer, author or whatever, they not only came to realize that when they wrote together, magic happens, but also recognized how much fun they had performing together as well. And so was born a brand new touring act, "The Don Juans"! The place they chose to showcase their new act is "An Evening of Story & Song," the popular con-

SONG Continued on 5B



Don Henry and Jon Vezner accept a Grammy Award in 1991 for their song "Where've You Been." The Don Juans will perform April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Burns Hall at St. Peter's Episcopal Parish, 801 Atlantic Ave. A \$20 donation, 100 percent of which goes to the artists, is suggested and appreciated. Make reservations in advance by email to EveningofStoryandSong@gmail.com or call 415-1388 for more information.

SUBMITTED



'SWINGING ON A STAR' AT WOMAN'S CLUB

Jill Dillingham practices with performers from the Voices of Amelia Musical Playhouse, who are preparing for "Swinging on a Star, An Evening of Oscar Winning Songs" presented by the Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach at the clubhouse, 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd., on Friday, April 11 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 261-8356. This is a fundraiser for the Woman's Club Scholarship program and the local school libraries. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres with wine starting at 7 p.m. and the performance at 8 p.m. Cocktail attire.

SUBMITTED

OFF & ON THE ISLAND

RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society will hold Relay for Life of Fernandina Beach/Yulee, around the track at Yulee High School, April 5-6. For 18 hours teams will participate in a night under the stars while members take turns walking or running the track. There will be entertainment, food, games and fun. This event is open to the public and admission is free. For the complete entertainment schedule, like them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Relay-for-Life-Fernandina-Beach-Yulee. To donate or create a team, visit RelayforLife.org/fernandinabeachfl.



ARK MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Ride with the Sheriff on April 5 in the inaugural Motorcycle Ride to benefit Ark of Nassau. The

escorted ride will begin and end at Ark, US 17 and Hamilton Street in Yulee. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Kickstands up at 10:30 a.m. Donation is \$35 per driver/\$15 per passenger. Lunch is included. Lunch for non-riders is a \$10 donation. Enjoy live music, food, prizes and a raffle to win a Harley Davidson motorcycle. Register by calling Candy Holloway at Ark of Nassau, 225-9355 or email cholloway@arkofnassau.org. Make checks payable to Ark of Nassau and mail to 86051 Hamilton St., Yulee, FL 32097.

Ark of Nassau supports adults with developmental disabilities with educational training programs, transportation and employment opportunities. NCSO Charities will share in the proceeds of this event and at the end of the year the Nassau County Sheriff's Office provides a Christmas shopping experience for local children in need.



WILD NITE ON CUMBERLAND

Magical Cumberland Island will be the subject of the upcoming April Wild Nite sponsored by Wild Amelia and the Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation Department.

This "Wild Nite," the eighth in a series of nine nature forums, will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Peck Center Auditorium at 516 South 10th St. in Fernandina Beach.

The featured speaker will be Cumberland Island National Seashore Chief of Interpretation and Education Maggie Tyler. The program is free and open to the public of all ages. Visit www.wildamelia.com or Wild Amelia on



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OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Amelia Island Museum of History invites you to a special presentation with Dr. Berta Arias today at 6 p.m. This is the first of a two-part series, in which Arias will discuss the causes and events leading up to the Cuban Revolution, and explore the role that Fernandina played in the struggle.

Arias is the author of *Mango Rain*, a novel of discovery, passion and intrigue as twin sisters separated at the beginning of the revolution as infants find each other as adults. The novel explores what it means to live on either side of the political and emotionally charged divide that has existed between the U.S. and Cuba for over half a century.

This program is free for members with a suggested donation of \$5 for nonmembers. Seating is first-come, first-served. For information contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or gray@ameliamuseum.org.

Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library Book Sale will be held today and April 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. Hours are today, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and April 5, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Northeast Chapter of the Nam Knights will host a meatball parmesan sandwich night at the VFW Post 4351 on April 5 at 5:30 p.m. for a \$7 donation. Come early and play the Meat Madness game where you can win fresh steaks, ham, chicken and pork chops. The \$1 a chance game starts at 4 p.m. All members and their guests are welcome. The VFW is located at 96086 Wade Place, under the Shave Bridge.

An open house for Ballet Boot Camp will be held April 5 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the McArthur Family YMCA. The first Ballet Boot Camp is April 19, with workshops for ages three and up, beginner through advanced at the YMCA, 1915 Citrona Drive, Fernandina Beach. Call 261-1080. Registration fee for the three workshops, one each in April, May and June is \$40. For information contact Kezia Rolle, director for the Amelia Island Center of the Arts, at 355-5551 or ameliaslanddance@gmail.com.

A radio controlled model boat fun sail and exhibition will be held April 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at Amelia Island Plantation. All model boats welcome, working or static, finished or not, except gas powered. Spectators,

including supervised children, especially welcome. Contact Hal Mather at 261-6420 for details and to arrange for a pass at the security gate.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post 4351 will host a Sunday Brunch at 11:30 a.m. on April 6. The brunch will include different dishes prepared by the ladies for an \$8 donation, or \$5 if you bring three non-perishable items for Hope House. For information call 423-8791. The VFW is located at 96086 Wade Place, under the Shave Bridge.

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.

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 information contact Lucy Bryan at (904) 430-0119 or lcybryn@sonic.net or visit www.newcomersofameliasland.com.

The Amelia Island Culinary Academy presents demonstration classes with Chef Bill Thompson. The next class is April 5 from 1:30-3 p.m. at 232 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach. The "French Riviera" menu will feature Shellfish Bouillabaisse Rosemary Lamb Brochettes and Ratatouille. Fee is \$35. For registration and information email info@ameliaicooking.com.

The April 19 class, "Pasta in Tuscany," will feature Chef Bill demonstrating the Italian tradition of making pasta by hand. Sauces will include Mushroom Ragu and Tomato, Zucchini & Pancetta. Fee is \$35. For registration and information email info@ameliaicooking.com.

The quarterly meeting of the Duncan Lamont Clinch Historical Society will feature Hope McMath, director of the Cummer Museum, on April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St. McMath will provide an intro-

duction to The Cummer with a special focus on Florida historical pieces in the collection. All members and visitors are invited. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For information visit clinchhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. April 15 at the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Police Department, 1525 Lime St. Peter Mullen will present "Mitochondrial DNA: The Arrowhead of Heredity." Mitochondrial DNA is maternally inherited and enables male or female genealogical researchers to trace maternal lineage. Y-chromosomal DNA is paternally inherited and is used to trace male lineage. The program will explain the uses of Mitochondrial DNA.

Mullen lives in Callahan and is a professor in the Department of Medical Laboratory Technology at FSCJ, a member of the Speakers Bureau for numerous organizations and presents lectures on the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War. The public is welcome.

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

The Florida Theatre presents the Comedy Brilliance of Paula Poundstone of the NPR News quiz show, "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me," on April 12. One of Comedy Central's "100 Greatest Stand-up Comedians of All Time," this gifted comic has been making audiences laugh around the world for years. Tickets range from \$53 to \$25.50 and may be purchased in person at the Florida Theatre Box Office, 128 East Forsyth St., Jacksonville, by calling (904) 355-ARTS, or through any Ticketmaster outlet (www.ticketmaster.com).

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 contact Sinda Nichols at nichols.sinda@gmail.com.

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

MUSIC NOTES

JSO concerts

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

Sounds on Centre

The Historic Fernandina Beach Association (downtown merchants) announces something different for the kick-off of this season's Sounds On Centre concert series downtown. The first concert is 6-8 p.m. tonight 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."

Bluegrass jam

The Barn in Yulee, 850918 US 17, one block north of A1A at the corner of Pages Dairy Road, holds Bluegrass Jams every second and fourth Monday of the month. Upcoming dates are April 14 and 28 from 6:30-9 p.m. The events are free. Light refreshments will be served. For information call 477-7268.

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.ameliaslandjazzfestival.com, the UPS Store, 1417 Sadler Road, or at the AIFBY Chamber Of Commerce, Gateway to Amelia. Call (904) 504-4772 or email info@ameliaslandjazzfestival.com.

John Legend

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

Community band

The Nassau Community Band is an ensemble of amateur musicians, retired and current music educators, even folks that have not played since high school or college. It welcomes all interested persons to join them for rehearsals at 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Yulee Middle School band room, 85439 Miner Road. Email info@nassaucommunityband.com, call band President Chuck Belinski at 277-1257 or search "Nassau Community Band" on Facebook.

Music cruises

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

The Courtyard

The Courtyard Pub & Eats, 316 Centre St., John Springer on the piano Thursday-Saturday from 6:30-10 p.m. and the piano styling of Steve "Fingers" on Saturday afternoons. Call 432-7086. Join them on Facebook at courtyardpubandbeats for information on special events including appearances by "The Usual Suspects" with Pam and Davis Turner on Sunday afternoons. You never know who may show up and 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 beechflyer@bellsouth.net.

Palace Saloon

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

Salty Pelican

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

Sandy Bottoms

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

Seabreeze

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

Sheffield's

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

Sliders

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

The Surf

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

Submit items and updates for this calendar to Assistant Editor Siân Perry at sperry@fbnewsleader.com.

Green Film Festival ongoing at FLT

Fernandina Little Theatre, in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council, North Florida Chapter and the Ray C. Anderson Foundation, presents the Green Carpet film series designed to examine environmental issues and foster dialogue about sustainability.

The critically acclaimed and award-winning documentary films will be shown at the Fernandina Little Theatre, 1014 Beech St., once a week at 7:30 p.m., concluding on Earth Day, April 22.

Remaining films are:
• 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. Tickets are available at The UPS Store in the Fernandina Beach Publix shopping center. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the U.S. Green Building Council, North Florida Chapter. Visit ameliasland.org.

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.ameliamicaplayhouse.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 and bars. One ticket will get you one drink at each establishment and an earful of colorful tales about the places you visit as well as those you see along your way. It's a great way to see Fernandina and learn about its history.

Tickets are \$25 per person (must be 21, must show ID); tour begins at the historic train depot in downtown Fernandina Beach. Reservations required. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105 or Thea@ameliamuseum.org.

Guests on this tour will learn Amelia Island ghost stories as they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era as the past comes alive through the storytelling. This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday and lasts approximately one hour. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105 or Thea@ameliamuseum.org.

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RELIGION

Airplanes, three-year-olds and knowing God's love

"Hold me Papa." His voice pulled hard on my heart. "Hold me tight," he said again. This time he nestled his head against my chest. I pulled him close and squeezed as hard as I felt a three-year-old could stand.

Recently, I helped my grandson overcome some childhood fears. With his whole world seeming a bit upside down, and Mimi and I temporarily taking care of him, I knew in order to help him, I needed to get his mind focused on good things to come.

"We're going to get on an airplane," I told him, "and fly way up in the sky." "We are," he said, looking up with one eye a little more open than the other. "Yep," I told him. "And it's going to be a ton of fun." "When Papa? Are we going now," he said, hoping to see his Dad soon.



PULPIT NOTES

Pastor Rob Goyette

That's when I had the idea - a picture. "Do you want to see the airplane," I asked as I grabbed my laptop and pulled it up on to our laps. Suddenly his interest returned. Picture after picture, plane after

plane, inside and out, I explained to him, over and over, just how things would be. I told him how we would have to buckle our seat belts and how the captain's voice would come on - I left nothing out. The result was amazing. Though I had to keep the vision alive for the full two days, it, coupled with periodic big squeezes, kept his head above water.

I even went as far as taking him to the airport the night before our departure. We walked on the moving sidewalk; we saw where we would check our bags; we watched people going through the security check; we did everything I could think of to pass the time and settle his heart.

Up to then, for him, everything had hinged on my words and a few

pictures on the computer. He simply had to trust me. Once we physically went to the airport that changed. My words were real. He knew that all that I had said was actually going to happen. You can only imagine how excited he was the next morning. I must say, he was three years old the entire trip.

After safely handing him off to his dad, the Lord began speaking to me. Though far from three years old, I know what it's like to need God to still my storms and to help me regain my focus in life. Without a doubt, at some level, the way the Lord led me to encourage my grandson is the way He loves and cares for us all.

Like my grandson, there are times when we just need God to hold us and hold us tight. There's

moments when having to wait two days seems like forever and when we need God to pull fresh vision for our future up onto our lap.

I think above everything, the fact that I was committed to personally make the trip with my grandson is what gave him the most peace. For me, it's the thing I love most about God as well.

Isaiah 46:3b-4 says this: "I've carried you since your birth. I've taken care of you from the time you were born. Even when you're old, I'll take care of you. Even when your hair turns gray, I'll support you. I made you and will continue to care for you. I'll support you and save you."

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

RELIGION NOTES

Tartan Day

Holy Trinity Anglican Church will celebrate Tartan Day April 6 by holding a "Kirkin" of the Tartans" at the 10:30 a.m. service. This will include a presentation and blessing of family tartans accompanied by music of the pipes. Those attending are encouraged to carry a length of their family tartan, with or without a banner pole, and to wear a kilt or other Celtic garb.

Congress established April 6 as Tartan Day in 2005 in celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath Scotland in 1320, and in recognition of the impact that it had on the American Declaration of Independence.

The Most Rev Walter H. Grundorf, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Eastern United States of the Anglican Province of America, will also visit Sunday to celebrate the order for confirmation at the 10:30 a.m. service.

The church is located at 1830 Lake Park Drive, in Amelia Park, across the street from the YMCA. The public is invited to attend.

Groundbreaking

Yulee United Methodist Church will hold a groundbreaking ceremony on April 6 at 3 p.m. for the new parsonage located in the Northbrook subdivision on Chester Road in Yulee. The groundbreaking will take place at 3 p.m., after first Sunday Potluck. Maps will be distributed in church on Sunday. The church is located at 86003 Christian Way in Yulee. Contact the church at 225-5381.

Grub and the Gospel

A Bible-based prayer service with free breakfast offers food for the body and the soul at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday, starting April 6 at The Barn in Yulee, 850918 US 17, one block north of A1A at the corner of Pages Dairy Road. For information call 477-7268.

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.

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 Facebook page and "like" Solid Rock, or contact Curtis McGriff at (904) 591-4982 or Jeannette White at (904) 703-7334.

First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian welcomes all to noon Lenten services with Communion each Wednesday through April 9 in the sanctuary on North Sixth Street. Prayer studies are Wednesdays in Jim Thomas Hall, 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. 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 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.

- Easter Sunday, April 20, break the fast at the annual Pancake Breakfast in Jim Thomas Hall following the 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 10 a.m. at Amelia Plantation Chapel. The cantata focuses on the final days of Jesus, with words and music built around the frame of God's "Masterpiece of Grace." There are six pieces in this work, which carries the listener from the garden to the cross.

Images created on canvas and with cameras will be reflected on the walls of the sanctuary. Following the cantata, enjoy a reception and see the art used during the performance. Amelia Plantation Chapel is located at 36 Bowman Road. Call 277-4414, find them on facebook.com/Amelia.Plantation.Chapel or visit www.ameliachapel.com.

Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, will participate in Holy Week and Easter with several worship opportunities:

- April 13 at 9 a.m. 11 a.m. is Palm Sunday worship with Holy Communion, featuring the choir cantata at the 9 a.m. service only.

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

- April 17 at 7 p.m. is the Maundy Thursday service featuring "Into Your Hands" (an enactment of the Last Supper) with foot washing and Holy Communion.

- April 18 at 7 p.m. is the Good Friday Tenebrae service.

- April 20 at 6:50 a.m. is Easter Sunday, celebrated with a Sunrise worship beginning outside (worship with Holy Communion).

- April 20 at 8:30 a.m. a breakfast and children's Easter egg hunt will take place.

- April 20 at 10 a.m. will conclude with Easter worship with Holy Communion.

All are welcome. Call 261-6306 or find them on Facebook.

Yulee United Methodist

Holy Week at Yulee United Methodist Church, 86003 Christian Way in Yulee, includes:

- April 13 - Palm Sunday Service at 11 a.m.
- April 17 - Holy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.
- April 20 - Easter Sunday Service at 11 a.m.

Passion of Christ

The Passion of Christ will be presented during both morning services on Palm Sunday, April 13, at Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road. 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 participate as "the Crowd." Call 277-4414, 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. The musical centerpiece is the Lenten cantata, In My Place by Craig Courtney, that combines music and the spoken word to convey what narration writer Pamela Stewart has called "Christ's Sacrifice of Love." Holy Communion will be observed.

This service is presented by more than 60 singers representing several area churches, accompanied by an ensemble of 12 instrumentalists from the Northeast Florida community, all under the direction of Pam Helton, minister of music at Amelia Baptist. There is no charge. Childcare (ages newborn through 4 years) is available at no cost with reservations. Call 261-9527 for information. Amelia Baptist is located at 961167 Buccaneer Trail.

Sunrise celebration

First Baptist Church will hold its annual

Easter Sunrise Celebration 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. Join First Baptist in a renewed celebration of Christ's love. For details see FBFirst.com.

Legacy Baptist

The community is invited to a sunrise service on Easter morning, April 20, at Goffinsville Park off Old Nassauville Road, at 6:45 a.m., presented by Legacy Baptist Church. Pastor Jeff Whitaker invites everyone to be a part of this exciting service. Please bring a chair. Breakfast will be served at Legacy Baptist, 941328 Old Nassauville Road, following the service at 8 a.m. For information call (904) 442-5954.

Franklinton celebrates

Historic Franklinton United Methodist Church invites the community to its Easter Sunrise and Worship Service on April 20 at 7 a.m. at Burney Park in American Beach as they give honor to God for how great he has been in their lives.

Immediately after the sunrise worship service, breakfast will be served at the Franklinton United Methodist Church, Gabriel Means Fellowship Hall. For information or directions, contact the church at 277-2726.

Easter at Chapel

Amelia Plantation Chapel will hold services at 7 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Easter Sunday. A sunrise service will be held "pool-side" at 7 a.m. at the Omni Resort Hotel. A shuttle service will run from the chapel parking lot to the hotel beginning at 6 a.m.

Worship Services will be held at the chapel at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. The Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble will offer special music. A nursery will be available during both services with the youth Sunday Class during the 11:15 a.m. service.

An Easter Egg Hunt for children begins at 10:30 a.m. on the Chapel grounds. Easter buckets will be on hand for those who forget to bring a basket. Everyone is invited to bring flowers or greenery to weave onto the wooden cross placed in front of the chapel.

The Amelia Plantation Chapel is located at 36 Bowman Road, just outside of the main security gate of the Omni Resort. Call 277-4414 for information, find them on facebook.com/Amelia.Plantation.Chapel or visit www.ameliachapel.com. All are welcome.

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AROUND SCHOOL

SCHOLARSHIPS

JOY grants

JOY to the Children offers a \$1,500 per year grant to selected applicant(s) who attend and will graduate from a Nassau County high school and will continue their education toward a degree, technical or workforce certificate program from Florida State College at Jacksonville.

Applicants will be successful students who have demonstrated interest in their field of study while being good and involved citizens and who may not otherwise be in position to focus on such a program without aid.

Students must be a senior graduating from a Nassau County high school; U.S. and Nassau County legal resident; have an outstanding attendance record; passing grades in all courses; GPA 2.50 minimum preferred; have documented involvement in activities outside of school hours (community, church, work, school extracurricular, family support, farm); demonstrated good citizenship; clear juvenile/discipline status; full-time FSCJ enrollment in degree or technical certificate program (Associate Science, Applied Science, Technical/Workforce Certificate)

Each high school will coordinate applicant submissions to the JOY selection committee. Student will be responsible for application and admission to FSCJ.

The grants are to be used for FSCJ tuition and books. Joy To The Children will administer consecutive term scholarship grants upon continuing student progress for up to four semesters, as established.

Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Fernandina Beach is accepting applications for its Floyd-Lyon Memorial Scholarship. Any senior attending either Fernandina Beach High or Yulee High who has at least a 2.5 GPA and is looking to further their education by acquiring an associate's degree or a vocational/technical certificate may apply. The total scholarship award is for \$3,000, given in \$1,500 installments over two years. Application forms and information are available at your school's guidance office. Applications must be submitted through the guidance office by the end of the school day April 7.

Pirates Club

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

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

County.

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

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

NCCDC

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

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

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

NSFA

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

For information contact Shawn Arnold, 2014 NSFA Scholarship Committee, at 556-5531 or ashawnarnold@hotmail.com.

Music scholarship

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

The scholarship is offered to Yulee High School seniors currently in music. Applications are available from the YHS music department.

For information contact Andrea Turner of Dave Turner Plumbing at 277-3942. Applications may be mailed to Dave Turner Plumbing, 474390 State Road 200, Fernandina Beach, FL 32041. Deadline is April 30.

Students attend regional science fair

For the News-Leader



Attending the Northeast Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair, from left, are Brantley Hammond, Emma Shafer, Raymond Pace, Kyle Heindinger and Wyatt Lucovsky.

Five students from Nassau County Public Schools advanced to the Northeast Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair: Raymond Pace (CMS), Wyatt Lucovsky (CMS), Emma Shafer (FBMS), Kyle Heindinger (YMS), and Brantley Hammond (YMS).

These students qualified for the regional fair based on their top performance in their school science fairs last fall.

Raymond Pace, CMS eighth grade gifted science student, took the "Inspired Excellence Award" and a cash prize at the regional fair. He was recognized for his project, "Can a Solar Still Make Your Water Healthy?"

Lucovsky (CMS) presented his project, "Does the Temperature of Water Affect Its Surface Tension?" Emma Shafer (FBMS) presented her project, "Does Medicine Help Plants?" Brantley Hammond (YMS) presented his experimental project, "SPL Solar Panels," and Kyle Heindinger (YMS) explored robotics in his STEM project, "Bristle Bots."

About 350 local public and private school students participated in the event. Many won scholarships and other awards sponsored by colleges, government entities, businesses and professional organizations.

Top projects will be displayed at the State Science and Engineering Fair and the International Science and Engineering Fairs. The State Science Fair participants will compete for over \$1.2 million in awards.

"I'm so proud of our winning students, and all the students who participated in our schools' science fairs," said Monica Wright, district science curriculum resource teacher. "Just to make it to the regional fair is a major accomplishment, and I know our students represented our district very well."

Three Nassau County middle schools promoted science fairs in the fall. Ruth Duncan at Callahan Middle chaired the Third Annual Stars, Stories and Space Night. In addition to the awards ceremony, the North-east Florida Astronomical Society brought several high-powered telescopes to CMS, allowing students an up-close view of the stars, the moon and Jupiter. Autumn Nowlin, science teacher and fair chairperson, sponsored the YMS seventh grade science fair. Rebecca Larsen, FBMS science team leader and fair chairperson, promoted over 600 science fair projects school-wide.

Volunteer judges at the science fairs included engineers and scientists from the community. The student categories included behavioral/social sciences, botany, chemistry, Earth/planetary science, engineering, environmental science, medicine/health science, physics and team projects.

The Nassau School District Science Fair Committees wish to express a sincere thanks to the community for supporting the students by volunteering to judge, contribute awards, and sponsor refreshments at the fairs.

Also, the local science fairs would not have been possible without the assistance from numerous parent volunteers, principals, assistant principals, office staff and custodians. Thank you for your hard work and contributions to this year's science fairs.



Yulee Middle School Science Fair participants include, from left, Principal Jeremy Boatright, Brantley Hammond, Alayna Jones, Courtney Welsch, Kyle Durrett, Autumn Nowlin (Science Fair chairperson), Kyle Heindinger and Assistant Principal Amanda Cooper.

Emma Shafer, Fernandina Beach Middle School Science Fair winner and participant in the Regional Science Fair.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Callahan Middle School Science Fair participants include, top row, from left, Ruth Duncan (Science Fair chairperson), Wyatt Lucovsky, Ethan Knagge, Ben Desek, Jessica Mobley, Ashleigh Gomez, Jordan Hartley, Skye Black and Ashely Barber. Second row are Calee Edwards, Angel Kaylor, Dawson Gayle, Kyle Page, Victoria Webb, Brianna Tucker and Bobby Jacobs. Not pictured is Raymond Pace.

CLASS NOTES

New school

Registration is ongoing for the new private school, Midtown Primary, located at 463159 SR 200, corner of A1A and US 17 in Yulee, for kindergarten through third grade. School opens Aug. 6 with small classes and certified teachers. To learn more call 206-4170 or visit www.earlyimpressionsfl.com.

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 "mentoring 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. For information contact Dawn Robbins, manager of special events, at d Robbins@bbbsnefl.org or (904) 727-9797, ext. 252.

Town hall

The Nassau Alcohol Crime and Drug Abatement Coalition (NACDAC) will host a town hall meeting, "The Sooner the Better," on April 10 from 6-7:30 p.m. at West Nassau High School. A youth panel will discuss what alcohol

use and adolescents looks like in Nassau County and Mothers Against Drunk Driving will make a presentation to empower parents to speak with their children about the dangers of underage alcohol use. RSVP to Kerrie Albert by today at 994-2502 or finsfan99@bellsouth.net.

Swing into Spring

The Fernandina Beach High School Jazz and Symphonic bands will hold their Swing into Spring fundraiser April 12 at 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at 435 Citrona Drive. Tickets are \$15 and include dinner, entertainment by the bands 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 or 206-3088. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The Band Parent Association is still accepting silent auction donations and the purchase of ad space in the program. The FBHS BPA is a nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Proceeds will support all FBHS bands.

TSIC Graduation

The Take Stock in Children graduation celebration will be held on April 22 in the Yulee High School auditorium, 85375 Miner Road. Seniors and incoming students arrive at 6 p.m. and the ceremony begins at 7 p.m. Contact Sharon Collins, executive director, at 548-4464.

Summer programs

Early Impressions and The Vibe, A Youth Center, will offer weekly summer programs for ages 3 and up, including Art Camps, Dance, Cheer, Jazz and Hip Hop Camps. They will host a Karate Showcase on April 26 at 10 a.m. at the Peck Center in Fernandina Beach and a dance recital May 24 at 6 p.m. at Fernandina Beach Middle School. Everyone is welcome.

Visit www.earlyimpressionsfl.com, call or come by for more details. Locations are 464073 SR 200, Unit 16 and 14 (corner of A1A and Blackrock Road), 310-9730 and 432-7146, and 463159 SR 200, (corner of A1A and US 17), 206-4170. Space is limited.

Summer camp

Fernandina Beach Christian Academy will offer exciting and cost effective camps for children starting in May. Among the offerings will be Camp Cupcake, Pirates and Princess, Science Explores, Photography Camp, Legos and Lego Robotics. Parents should contact Shannon Hogue at Fernandina Beach Christian Academy for information and registration forms at 491-5664.

UNF camps

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

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

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

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

FSCJ aviation students

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

Young writers

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

Peck Ensemble presents concert of spirituals and poetry

The Peck Community Ensemble, founded by director Nanette Simmons Autry, center, will perform Sunday at 4 p.m. at New Vision Congregational Church in Yulee.

SUBMITTED



For the News-Leader

Selections of the inspiring poetry of Maya Angelou and James Weldon Johnson will accompany The Peck Community Ensemble's vocal selections from their engaging repertoire of spirituals and gospel music. The concert will be held on Sunday at 4 p.m. at New Vision Congregational Church in Yulee.

Spirituals and traditional gospel music form the nucleus of the ensemble's a cappella presentations. The vocalists, who worship with several local congregations, learned the spirituals from church elders. Singing them is a tribute to the millions of unnamed souls whose gift to the world is a legacy of perseverance and triumph through song.

Since 1993, the Peck Community Ensemble has taken great pleasure in sharing their love for music throughout Nassau County and the surrounding area. Now in their

20th season, the ensemble's nonprofit ministry has grown to encompass a variety of artistic presentations.

The ensemble was founded by its director, Nanette Simmons Autry, a native of Fernandina Beach and a retired educator in musical arts, theater arts and English.

The concert is free of charge and attendees are invited to offer a donation that will benefit Barnabas Center and the ministry of The Peck Community Ensemble.

New Vision Congregational Church, UCC is a new church of the United Church of Christ with a bold vision to be a different voice of progressive faith in Nassau County. Worship services are held each Sunday at 10 a.m. at 96072 Chester Road in Yulee, just off A1A. For further information, visit www.NewVisionCongregationalChurch.org or follow them on Facebook, or contact the Rev. Mary Kendrick Moore at 238-1822.

FREE KIDS' ART



SUBMITTED

Instructor Anne Howden teaches several children in a recent afternoon plastic gauze structure class at the Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach, above. IAA offers free children's art classes several times a month. All that is asked is registration by calling IAA at 261-7020. Upcoming classes include:

- April 14 - Afternoon Art, ages 6-12, 3:30-5:30 p.m., led by Anne Howden
 - April 21 - Preschool Art, ages 3-5, with an adult, 10-11 a.m., led by Diane Hamburg
 - April 26 - Middle School Art, ages 10-13, 1-2:15 p.m., led by Anne Howden
 - April 26 - Children's Art, ages 6-9, 10-11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., led by Anne Howden
- Classes held at the Education Center, adjacent to the gallery at 18 N. Second St.

ART WORKS

Singing quilter

Singer/songwriter Cathy Miller will present a program of music and quilts at the Amelia Island Quilt Guild meeting on April 8 at 7 p.m. Miller and her husband, John Bunge, travel the world singing for quilting events, guild meetings and shows, and she is known as "The Singing Quilter." To date, they have performed for 700 quilting guilds and events on three continents.

Miller's quilts have won awards and have been exhibited internationally. She received a "Best of Show" at the 2000 Fred's Pass Rural Show in the Northern Territory of Australia for "Bali Stars." In 2011 "Insanity," her miniature quilt made of 1/4-inch hexagons, was accepted into the Houston Quilt Festival "World of Beauty" show. 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 info@aiquilts.com for information.

Artists Books

A Longstitch Artist Sketchbooks with Painted Covers workshop will be held on April 12 at the Island Arts Education Center, 18 N. Second St., from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Make a multi-signature journal with your own painting on the cover; and something new: a recycled box cover as well. The binding is exposed stitch binding, also

known as longstitch, with its decorative pattern on the spine: the variations are endless. Needles, bookbinding thread of a variety of colors, beads, cutting tools, paper and paint are part of the fee of \$75. For information, contact Eliza Holliday at eliza@letterlist.com or 556-2517.

Spring show

The Georgia Coastal Artists Guild Spring Show and Sale, "Artistic Journeys," featuring over 20 regional artists displaying original art in all mediums, will be held April 12 and 13 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the village of St. Simons Island, Ga. Included is a raffle painting, "A Chip, A Putt" by watercolor artist Bonnie Rabert to support the Boys & Girls Club golf program and GCA projects. Admission is free. For details visit georgiacoastalartists-guild.org.

Art classes

Artist Bill Maurer holds sketch classes every Thursday at 10 a.m. Meet at Amelia Island Coffee Shop, then have fun sketching around town. Fee is \$40. Call Bill at 261-8276 for more information.

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

BALL Continued from 1A exciting event that will benefit some great organizations."

The Easter egg hunt is being coordinated by members of the Nassau County

School Board and will feature 1,000 eggs with prizes inside. Children are invited to bring their own basket and attend.

For more information, contact Justin Taylor at 491-7304 or jtaylor@nassauffpa.com.



The Don Juans, from left, Jon Vezner, Jeff Gilkinson and Don Henry, will perform April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Burns Hall at St. Peter's Episcopal Parish, 801 Atlantic Ave. A \$20 donation, 100 percent of which goes to the artists, is suggested and appreciated. Make reservations in advance by email to EveningofStoryandSong@gmail.com or call 415-1388 for more information.

SUBMITTED

SONG Continued from 1A cert series presented by First Coast Community Bank and hosted by Mark & Donna Paz Kaufman.

The songs that The Don Juans have written and will sing together are funny, whimsical, wry, bittersweet and poignant, playing like little movies in the listener's

mind. When they perform, you are guaranteed to be fully engaged - laughing, wiping away tears, often at the same time - whether listening to one of their songs for the first time or the 50th, because their songs have a way of staying with you. Take "Where've You Been," for example, the song recorded by Kathy Mattea for which

Don and Jon won a Grammy. Within a span of four minutes, we learn all about the life and love of a couple over their 60 years of marriage.

The songs they write capture the details of our hearts and feelings. Their gift is in speaking to ordinary things that connect us to one another, recognizing their simple beauty. The stories within

might be whimsical, like the motorcycle couple who name their baby "Harley" or the guy who falls for the pizza-delivery girl, or sentimental, like "Beautiful Fool," a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King. Listening to The Don Juans is like watching movies in your head, complete with soundtrack - where every song tells a story.

ACT Continued from 1A

lems in her convent life.

Jim can't even vent to his customer Roy, because Roy is lovestruck after a glimpse of the visiting niece. The audience will enjoy watching five people on intersecting paths, each just trying to figure out his or her place in the world.

Lee Blessing is a prolific playwright whose plays have been nominated for Tony and Olivier Awards; he was a

Pulitzer Prize finalist for the political drama "A Walk in the Woods."

This inventive show is full of surprises. It is romantic, comic, and well-observed. Director Laura Swain says, "This play revolves around the seemingly quirky lives of ordinary people, but in real life, as we all can attest, our everyday circumstances are often anything but normal."

Some of the surprises for this production involve the set and set pieces. Swain

says, "Each show has its own unique challenges. For me, the logistics of finding and transporting set pieces has been, well, let's just say, a truckload of fun. Come see the show, and you'll get the picture."

The cast of five includes Toni D'Amico, Brandee Edwards, Brian Gilvey, James Mabe and Mark Pollack.

Performances are at 8 p.m. April 10-12, 17-19 and 22-24 and at 2 p.m. on April 13. On opening night, April

10, ticket holders are invited to wear their best western wear and enjoy some barbecue at the pre-show party which begins at 7 p.m. in the main stage lobby at 207 Cedar St.

Adult tickets are \$20 and student tickets, through college, are \$10 and may be purchased at www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org or by calling 261-6749. Box office hours are from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



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HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

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. One of the photo workshops will be a "Behind the Scenes Photo Opportunity at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens."

For a description of the classes, instructors and locations, visit wildamelia.com or call Dawna Moore, class coordinator, at 556-4880.

Garrison event

Fort Clinch State Park will host a Union Garrison event from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 5 and 9 a.m.-noon April 6. Interact with living historians to experience life in the fort as it was in 1864. The grounds will be bustling with soldiers in period costumes involved in firing demonstrations, marching drills, cooking and daily activities. Ladies in their dresses, sutlers displaying their wares, fife players and drummer boys bring every part of the civil war era to life. Fees include \$6 per vehicle park entrance fee plus \$2 per person fort admission. For information, contact the park at 277-7274 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

Plant clinic

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

Egans Creek walk

Walkin' Nassau will host a walk along the Egans Creek Greenway on April 12. Meet at 10 a.m. to sign in at the Sadler Road Residence Inn parking lot near the Greenway entrance. For information and to confirm participation, contact Jane Bailey at djnbai@mindspring.com or 261-9884.

Earth Day cleanup

Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., will host a large-scale beach cleanup effort in honor of Earth Day on April 19 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Visitors are invited to help beautify the beaches by removing trash and debris along the Atlantic Ocean and Cumberland Sound shorelines. Bags and gloves will be provided. The Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch group will meet at 8 a.m. at the Dolphin Street lot at Main Beach. The group will meet at 11 a.m. at the fort parking lot. Park entrance fees waived for participants. For information contact the park at 277-7274 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

Plant clinic

On April 21 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Extension Director/Horticulture Agent Rebecca Jordi will conduct a Plant Clinic. All county residents are invited to bring plant samples showing problems in their landscapes. Problems will be identified and solutions offered for correction. There is no fee for this service. For information call 879-1019. Master Gardeners are on phone duty Fridays, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 491-7340.



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Find a large and beautiful selection of bonsai, money trees, lucky bamboo and several types of carnivorous plants at the Elemental Nursery booth at the Amelia Island Garden Show, April 19 and 20 in Central Park.

Bonsai, more at garden show

The Amelia Island Garden Show is pleased to announce that Jimmy Ling of Elemental Nursery will return to the 2014 Amelia Island Garden Show, April 19 and 20 in Central Park, downtown Fernandina Beach.

Basing their business on the five elements of life, Water, Wind, Metal, Fire and Earth, Elemental strives to achieve a balance of life, luck, joy and prosperity. They will be showcasing a large and beautiful selection of bonsai, money trees, lucky bamboo and several types of carnivorous plants. Feel free to ask how they create the artistry that you will see in their booth.

Mark your calendars for the third weekend in April when 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 popular raptors presented by ARC, the bird of prey rehabilitation center. This is an exceptional opportunity to become aware of Florida's unique migratory birds of prey. ARC is dedicated to raptor rehabilitation, education and research, and increasing public 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. For details visit www.ameliagarden.com.

Sponsors of the show include AICVB, Amelia Hotel at the Beach, Keep Nassau Beautiful and the Amelia Farmers Market, open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Shops of Omni Amelia Island Plantation. Call 491-4872 or visit www.ameliafarmers-market.com to sign up for the email newsletter.

EPCOT SHOW



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County Extension Director Rebecca Jordi, above left, took two Master Gardener volunteers with her to the Epcot Flower and Garden show recently. Each County Extension office is assigned one day to man the "Ask the Expert" table at the event. In past years, Sue Ray and Shirley Lohman have both assisted Jordi at other Epcot Garden shows.

Workshop buzzes with news of bees

For the News-Leader

Talk of busy bees and honey beekeeping was all a buzz at the UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service on Friday, March 22. Forty-five people from Nassau and surrounding counties attended the "Beekeeping for Beginners" workshop, including experienced beekeepers and mentors from the North East Florida Honey Bee Association and the Jacksonville Beekeeping Association.

Deb's Bee Supply and Honey Life both sponsored and provided equipment and materials for purchase at the workshop. Participants also received a small bear of local honey produced by Karma Acres Farm and Farm Credit sponsored a lunch catered by Callahan BBQ.

Amanda Burnett, the Nassau County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent, opened the workshop with an introduction to honey bee biology and interesting facts about the importance of honey bees throughout history and today.

Ancient Egyptians practiced beekeeping using horizontal cylinders made of clay. Honey has been found in some Egyptian tombs, still good to eat. And today, the honey bee has the great responsibility of pollinating more than 130 crops, particularly almond trees, providing approximately \$200 billion in ecological services each year!

"To make one pound of honey, the bees have to visit two million flowers and fly 55,000 miles. The life work of one bee only makes one-twelfth a teaspoon of honey," said Burnett.

Among the presenters were Gary Van Cleef and Rob Horsburgh, State Apiary Inspectors from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Plant Industry. Van Cleef and Horsburgh taught the aspiring beekeepers how to manage honey bee hives through the seasons, what the apiary inspectors look for when they visit hives, how to avoid Africanized honey bees.

"Africanized honey bees are not a problem in north Florida yet," said Van Cleef, "but just remember to 'Bee aware ... look, listen, and run.' Africanized swarms are very aggressive and if you accidentally disturb a hive, run, cover your mouth and nose and do not swat at the bees. And never jump in a pool. They will wait for you," explained Van Cleef.

Van Cleef also provided updates on new Florida honey beekeeping rules and regulations. For instance, under the

Right to Farm Act, anyone who wants to keep honey bees on their property can as long as it is not forbidden by their Homeowner Association.

Participants watched earnestly as members of the Northeast Florida Honey Bee Association (NEFHBA), along with David Nistler, the Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent for Clay County, demonstrated how to put together a standard bee hive, the basic tools needed to get started, as well as safety equipment every beekeeper should have.

"Always wear a veil," said Cal Wilcox of the NEFHBA. "The first time you get stung in the ear you will learn to never go out without a veil again," added Curtis Quarrier, member of the NEFHBA and local Nassau County beekeeper. And what every beekeeper wants to reap from their beehives - honey! Kent Wooldridge, past president of the Jacksonville Beekeeper Association, and Gil Quarrier, member of NEFHBA and Jax Bees, demonstrated how to harvest and extract honey.

Honey bees cap the honey comb cells that are full of honey after it has had time to sit and most of the moisture evaporated. When a frame is about 90 percent covered in capped cells it is ready to be harvested.

"After you scrape off the wax caps you place the frames into the honey extractor, which you can purchase or borrow as a member of a honey bee association," said Wooldridge. "Those wax pieces can then be collected and used to make things such as wax candles." The Beekeeping for Beginners workshop finished with an opportunity for the participants to ask the presenters and experts any questions left unanswered. A contact list was also collected with the names of folks interested in possibly starting a new Nassau County beekeeping association.

"The most important thing for you to do out of everything you've learned today is to have fun with your bees," said Wilcox with a smile. "After a stressful day, pull up a chair and a glass of sweet tea and just listen to your bees humming on a sunny day. Nothing will make you happier."

If are interested in being added to the contact list for the Nassau County beekeeping association, call Amanda Burnett at 879-1019 or email at mandab@ufl.edu. Keep your ears open for news of future workshops. Announcements will be made through local newspapers and the Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Newsletter.

'Brace for the storm' set for April 17

Local homeowners are being sought to participate in the "BRACE for the Storm" to be held on April 17 at 7 p.m.

During the two-hour Internet-based workshop participants will gain a stronger understanding of how to undertake one or more mitigation project on their homes to strengthen it against Florida's next hurricane.

The importance of preparing homes against the damage caused by a flood, wildfire and other disaster that threaten Florida residents will also introduced.

Workshop participants will also learn how to save money on the windstorm portion of their homeowner's insurance premium.

The workshop will be conducted via the Internet, giving individuals the option of participating in the workshop from the comfort of their home or gathering with others to participate as part of a group.

To register to participate and for additional information visit www.BeReadyFlorida.org, then click on the Register for a Workshop link at the top of the page.

Mitigation workshop scheduled for May 28

Local homeowners are being sought to participate in the Make Mitigation Happen Workshop May 28 at 6 p.m. at the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach.

During the two-hour workshop participants will meet with experts who will provide valuable information on how homeowners can undertake one or more mitigation projects to strengthen their homes against the hazards that threaten Florida.

The importance of preparing homes against the damage caused by hurricane force winds and other disasters that threaten Florida residents will be discussed. Participants will also learn how to save money on the windstorm portion of their homeowner's insurance premium.

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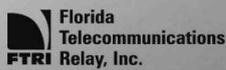
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