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## Suitable for navigation?

### Bid to move commercial traffic along St. Marys

MARY MAGUIRE  
News-Leader

A 300-year-old business idea is being floated as a new plan to boost commerce, add jobs and ease truck traffic on local roadways.

Use the St. Marys River to move cargo across Nassau County.

Local business leaders and government officials say the river, which offers a natural boundary between Northeast Florida and southeast Georgia, has provided "great economic benefits" for three centuries before a decline in the 1930s, and they think it is time to jump back into the water with tugs and barges.

But first, they want an answer to this question.

How deep is the river?  
"We need to plan for the future," said county commission Chair Barry Holloway in a phone interview Tuesday.

"Why not open up the St. Marys to commercial traffic and get some trucks off local roads while we're at it?"

Log trucks and trailers that haul chips clog local roadways, including main thoroughfares such as A1A and South Eighth Street on Amelia Island. As the state gears up for a major roadway expansion of A1A this fall, officials believe now is an excellent time to find a new travel route.

"Right now we think the best route is the river," said Holloway. "But let's see."

The county board is one of several local organizations that have recently petitioned the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to re-survey the depth of the St. Marys River from US 17 to the Cumberland Sound, claiming it hasn't been done since the 1930s.

Other agencies pushing for the new survey include the Nassau County Economic Development Board (NCEDB), the Amelia Island Fernandina Beach Yulee Chamber of Commerce (AIFBY) and the Cumberland Sound pilot boats' association.

Supporters say using the river will allow haulers to move cargo between US 17 and the north end of Amelia Island where there are potentially three important stops, including the Port of Fernandina and two paper mills, including RockTenn and Rayonier.

But a Rayonier spokesman said Wednesday that the plan is not financially sound. In an interview on Wednesday Russell Schweiss threw cold water on the plan.

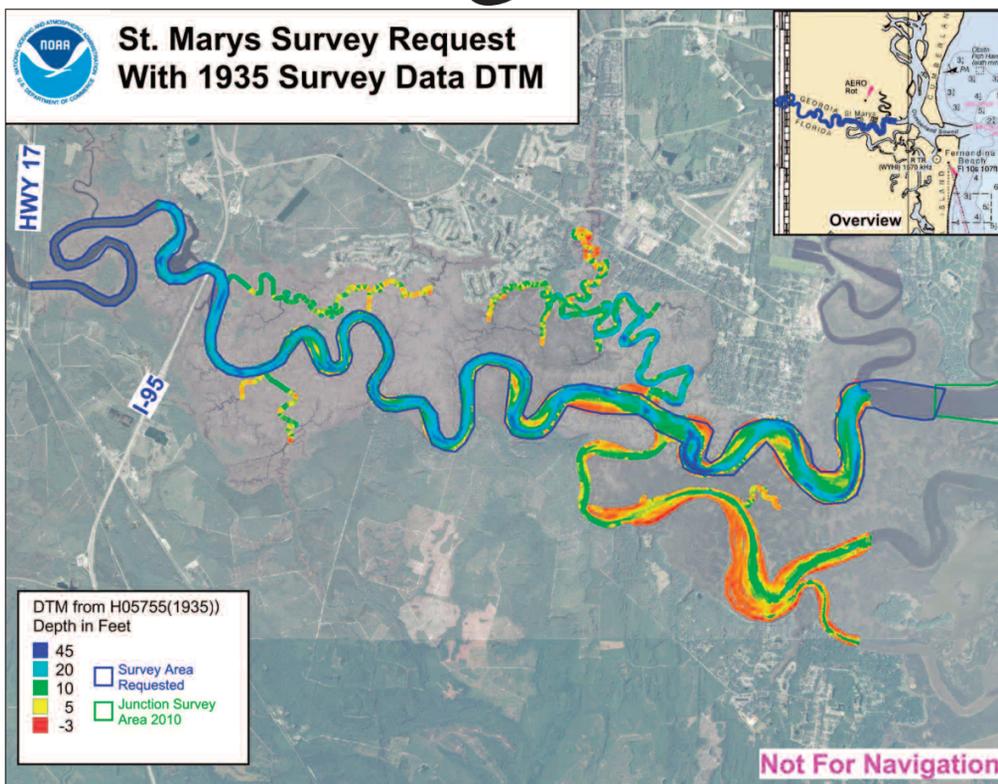


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This map shows the area of the St. Marys River where a survey has been requested, outlined in blue, layered on the digital terrain model (DTM) of the water depths when the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (NOAA's predecessor agency) measured water depths in 1935.

"I'm not a dream squasher, but it's been studied many times over and the economics do not prove out," said Schweiss.

The notion also would have to be broached with the U.S. Navy, which operates Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay (Ga.), homeport for a nuclear submarine fleet.

But Holloway and other local leaders are moving forward, claiming that launching tugboats and barges on the waterway will boost business and increase jobs, among other benefits.

"Additionally, the potential use of tugs and barges will help relieve the log and chip trucks on A1A from Yulee to Fernandina Beach," wrote Holloway in a March 19 letter to NOAA's navigation manager for the country's southeast region, Kyle Ward.

Ward said the distance between the swing bridge at US 17 and the Cumberland Sound, just west of the Jolly River, is about 17 nautical miles. That's a relatively short ride. But the barges will likely need skilled captains because the river twists and turns before reaching the Cumberland Sound and beyond that, the Atlantic Ocean.

They'll also need a loading station somewhere near the swing bridge at US 17, and perhaps a chipping facility

to grind the logs before hauling them down the river.

In his letter, Holloway said commercial traffic along the river would help the Port of Fernandina.

"Increased commercial river traffic will also have a positive effect on the Port of Fernandina, and will increase the port's export tonnage," wrote Holloway.

Officials at the Ocean Highway and Port Authority say they haven't written a letter to NOAA to ask for the survey yet, but they're planning to do it soon.

"We were waiting to meet (this week) and then we're getting this letter together," said the port's Vice Chair Richard Bruce in a phone message on Tuesday. "We want this to happen."

For now, no one is offering details about how moving cargo off trucks and onto the water will increase the number of jobs in the area, but they insist there's new commerce to be had and it will make a splash when it gets here.

The Nassau County Economic Development Board said the survey has potential to create jobs in Nassau County and Camden County, Ga.

"It is time that this nautical highway for commerce for this area be put back to work," wrote NCEDB Executive Director Steve Rieck in a

Feb. 27 letter.

Local harbor pilot Bill Kavanaugh, who runs pilot boats for the Port and who operates the Tiger Point Marina on North 14th Street, said using the river to move cargo is an environmentally sound approach.

"Keeping those trucks on the road doesn't make a lick of sense," said Kavanaugh in a phone interview on Wednesday. "Look at Europe, they use their rivers and have extensive marine highways and everyone knows that they're among the greenest people on the planet."

Kavanaugh, who is also with the Cumberland Sound Pilots Association, said he is in routine contact with NOAA. He has been boating local waterways for decades, but he doesn't know the depth of the St. Marys River.

"The Amelia River is 36 feet at low tide, and that's a naturally deep river, but no one has looked at the St. Marys since 1935," he said.

How likely is the survey?  
"It should happen soon," said NOAA's Kyle Ward.

Ward said local leaders are in the right place at the right time.

That's because NOAA has a navigation response team working now from a trailer in Fernandina Beach parked near the Port.

Workers recently surveyed Cumberland Sound and are currently working in Duval County.

Crews started working about a year ago and expect to be here for

RIVER Continued on 3A

## Furman Clark guilty of fraud

SIÂN PERRY  
News-Leader

Furman Otis Clark Jr. was booked into Nassau County Jail on Tuesday to await sentencing after a jury found him guilty of organized fraud, \$50,000 or more, a first-degree felony. He faces up to 30 years in prison. His sentencing hearing is set for April 24.

His trial Monday and Tuesday came three years after Clark, a felon once convicted of manslaughter and other crimes, was arrested in February 2011 as he left a Rotary Club meeting on charges he swindled two couples out of \$250,000 for bogus investments.

The trial date was set and then postponed several times as the list of charges, totaling six, came down to the one he was found guilty of Tuesday.

"The state is grateful for the verdict and the jury's hard work," said Assistant State Attorney Stephen Siegel, who prosecuted the case, in a phone interview Thursday morning.

While Clark was initially charged with six counts including fraud, grand theft and money laundering, the Florida Supreme Court in the interim created a jury instruction for organized fraud, turning some of the counts Clark faced into lesser-included charges, said Siegel. The jury Tuesday had the choice of finding him guilty of the main count of organized fraud, or the lesser-included charges. "It was guilty as charged," said Siegel.

The jury deliberated for just over an hour, he said. Clark did not testify, though his victims did, and will have the chance to speak again at his sentencing hearing.

Siegel said the crime has taken a "financial and emotional toll" on the families affected, and praised the collaborative efforts of the state Bureau of Financial Regulation and the Fernandina Beach Police Department.

"There's an enormous amount of work that goes into a case like this," Siegel said.

The Bureau of Financial Regulation began investigating Clark in 2010 after Ronald and Deborah Price of Fernandina Beach and Scott and Brenda Sherwood of Suwannee, Ga., invested \$250,000 in three companies controlled by Clark - Novus Ordo

CLARK Continued on 3A



Clark

## Military Officers Association of America forms here

HEATHER A. PERRY  
News-Leader

Nassau County retired military officers are getting together to form a local chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, a nonprofit veterans' association.

"MOAA is the largest and most influential association of active duty, retired and former military officers as well as their families and survivors," said retired Navy Capt. Jim Morgan.

"We have identified about 300 retired military here. As we develop, we want to find them and nourish their ideas and feed off the talent that's out there to see what we can do to serve the community," said retired Navy

### Membership meeting

The Nassau County Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its first general membership meeting at 11:30 a.m. April 25 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. Light lunch is \$10.

Capt. Sonny Mann.

MOAA has more than 380,000 members in 400 chapters from the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association.

Founded in 1929 as The Retired Officers Association of America (TROA), the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

changed its name in January 2003 to reflect the total membership of the organization.

The primary goal of MOAA is advocacy in Washington, D.C. for all uniformed military service members and their families.

"We call it 'Storming the Hill,'" said retired Army Col. Bob Bachmann, Northeast area vice president, Florida Council of Chapters MOAA.

"They bring in people from all over the country and they go visit each one of our congressmen and senators to talk about things we're interested in."

A number of benefits are available for members including military health counseling, financial counseling, educational assistance, discounts on products and services, travel assistance and more.

Anyone who is active or retired from military duty is eligible for membership. Surviving spouses of deceased military personnel are eligible for auxiliary membership.

Membership is open to all those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any of the seven uni-

formed services or their surviving spouses.

Spouses of current members can be a member of the Nassau County chapter, which is an affiliate of the national organization headquartered in Alexandria, Va.

"This chapter is an independent, self-governing, self-supporting organization which voluntarily chooses to affiliate with the national MOAA for the purpose of cooperation and mutual support in attaining common goals," said Bachmann.

For information, contact Mann at sonmann@comcast.net or (904) 583-2357 or Morgan at dove70124@comcast.net or 261-9632.

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## OBITUARY

### Frank Stanhope Keahey Jr.

June 2, 1923 – March 27, 2014

Frank Stanhope Keahey Jr., known as Stan, died peacefully March 27, 2014. He was proud of being 90 and having been married 64 years. Stan had a long, eventful, interesting life, a successful career and a loving family.

Stan is survived by: his wife Nancy Krueger Keahey; his daughter Julia Ann; his daughter Amanda Keahey Setili (Rob) and their children, Shannon and Alison; his son Calvin Stanhope and children Kyle, Seth and Erin, her children, his great-grandchildren, Brodie and Esme Flynn.

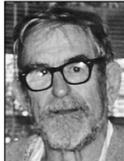
Born in Austin, Texas, to Frank Stanhope Keahey and Eunice King Keahey, Stan and his sister, Muriel, were raised in Detroit, Michigan. Stan enlisted in the U.S. Navy after Pearl Harbor, became a commissioned officer, and then spent the remainder of WWII in the Pacific. He returned to the University of Wisconsin to finish his Mechanical Engineering degree with honors. Stan met Nancy there, and they married in 1949.

Stan loved the Navy, especially the coffee. He was called back from the reserves to active service during the Korean War. He retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander, concluding his service as a Navy ROTC instructor at Georgia Tech.

Stan had a successful career, first as an R&D engineer at Kimberly Clark. Later he became an application/sales engineer for Rogers Corporation working with customers to improve their technology with Roger's innovative materials. Many of these advances are still in use today by the DOD and super computer companies. Stan was one of three generations of patent holders.

Nancy and Stan raised their family in Neenah, Wisconsin and Atlanta, Georgia. After 35 years in Atlanta they discovered Amelia Island. They have lived in Fernandina Beach with their dogs and cats, among many friends, for the last twenty-four years.

Stan was dedicated to his family. He loved dogs, babies, good food, biking, opera, classic cars, and piloting small planes. Stan could fix anything. He was most able to relax around the water – at the lake, on a boat and at the shore. The family bought property at Lake Lanier even before it was filled. They spent many memorable weekends camping there. Stan



and his son, Cal, converted a delivery truck to a camper in which the family traveled to 48 states. He and Nancy traveled all over the world with the Friendship Force and flying military "space available" – packing for any weather and jumping a random flight to the most attractive destination offered that day. Once on a long solo trip, Stan sent his chocolate Lab, Maude, a postcard from Labrador saying, "I can see why you left."

Stan had a quick and dry, often inscrutable sense of humor. He continued his humor long after infirmity would have taken it from others. When a big white dog was brought to visit him in the hospital, he asked her, "You a happy dog?" After a moment, he added, "Some people who are real good looking aren't happy." His conversations were littered with philosophy like as this.

From Stan his son Cal learned to love food, music and wit and gained the knowledge to repair and build almost anything. Stan passed to his daughter, Julie, his love of animals, nature, snow skiing and the desire to solve complex technical problems as an engineer. He passed to the youngest, Amanda, a love of travel and water sports and the ability to charm and understand people devising compelling business solutions for them. Stan encouraged all his children to become educated, especially as engineers, as they did. By example, Stan taught his family frugality, resourcefulness, and the love of learning.

Stan's memorable advice to his family:

To Cal – "Go to class every day, sit at the front, and pay attention. You won't have to do any homework."

To Julie – "There's no guarantee anyone will take care of you, you need to study for a career."

To Amanda – "Always walk fast and carry a clipboard."

To Nancy – "Put the coffee cover on, it's deliquescent."

"Don't worry Dad, we will keep turning out the lights."

Frank Stanhope Keahey will be buried with military honors in the Georgia National Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Nassau Humane Society.

## DEATH NOTICE

**Mr. Archibald "Motown" Williams**, 53, Fernandina Beach, died on Friday, April 4, 2014. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 from the Elm Street Church of God, 502 South 11th St., Fernandina Beach.

*Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors*

## Community Hospice to host living will event Wednesday

In recognition of National Healthcare Decisions Day, Community Hospice of Northeast Florida will distribute free copies of the Five Wishes living will at its six inpatient Centers for Caring and 21 additional community sites April 10-17.

Locally, representatives will be in the lobby at Baptist Medical Center Nassau, 1250 South 18th St., on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Community Hospice, in collaboration with national, state and community organizations, encourages all adults in Northeast Florida to complete their advance healthcare directives during National Healthcare Decisions Day activities.

Five Wishes is a tool to

spark conversations with loved ones and to put their wishes in writing. It not only addresses one's choice for a healthcare surrogate and the kind of medical treatments they want or don't want, but it also offers an opportunity to express personal, emotional and spiritual wishes, and is written in terms that are easy to understand. The document was created by Aging With Dignity, a nonprofit organization that works to promote better care for people at the end of life.

Community Hospice provides free copies of Five Wishes year-round to residents of Nassau, Baker, Clay, Duval and St. Johns counties. To request a copy visit FiveWishes@communityhospice.com or call (904) 407-7024.



**Barnabas Health Services new staff, from left, include John Bowls, Health Services manager; Zayda Serrano, Community Health specialist; Marionette Mack, medical receptionist; Ellen Schmidt, nurse; Jessie Hiott, physician's assistant; and Dr. Peter Harding, medical director.**

## Barnabas expands services

MARY PITCHER  
For the News-Leader

Barnabas recently announced an expansion of its health services at the opening of its new facility at 1303 Jasmine St. in Fernandina Beach. The new facility was named the J. Wayne & Delores Barr Weaver Center after the major contributors to the agency's building campaign.

The expansion of health services to lower income adults in Nassau County enables Barnabas to offer primary medical care and chronic disease management, mental health counseling, and vision and hearing screenings at its new location. The Barnabas food pantry has been expanded as well, allowing the agency to provide more fresh and frozen foods, as well as offering cooking classes to demonstrate ways to prepare healthy, nutritious meals on a limited budget.

Barnabas secured funding and resources to implement this comprehensive "medical home" approach for lower income adults that will integrate primary and preventative medical care with dental care and other services. The Florida Blue Foundation and Baptist Health awarded three-

year grants to Barnabas, which will allow the nonprofit agency to hire staff and pay for other start-up costs. Mental health services will be available onsite through a partnership with Starting Point Behavioral Health, and will include services specifically focused on women and girls made possible by a grant by the Women's Giving Alliance. Vision and hearing services will be added through partnerships with CW Vision, Vision Is Priceless, and the Jacksonville Speech and Hearing Center. Nutrition education will be integrated through on-site cooking classes in a new teaching kitchen, focusing initially on patients with diabetes and other chronic diseases.

As a major nonprofit service provider in Nassau County, Barnabas is committed to increasing access to affordable, quality health care for lower income adults. Additionally, Barnabas offers services that help those in crisis get back on their feet with short-term aid including financial assistance, emergency food, clothing and bicycles for job transportation. For information about its health or other services, contact Barnabas at 261-7000.

Mary Pitcher is Community Relations manager at the Barnabas Center.

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### Call for singers

Singers from throughout Nassau County are invited to participate in a choir being assembled to sing for the local National Day of Prayer observance on May 1 at 7:30 p.m. The Journey Church, 95707 Amelia Concourse, is the location for this interdenominational service.

A rehearsal to prepare for this service will be held at Amelia Baptist Church (961167 Buccaneer Trail in Fernandina Beach) at 7:30 p.m. April 29. Don Edwards, minister of music at Amelia Plantation Chapel, is organizing the community choir to provide special music and lead the time of praise and worship.

Interested singers should send an email with their name, voice part and contact information to Allen Lennon at allenlennon@comcast.net or phone 261-8799 and leave a message, so adequate copies of the music can be obtained.

### Prime rib dinner

American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St., will hold Big Red's prime rib dinner tonight from 5-7:30 p.m. Dinner includes prime rib, garlic mashed potatoes and a salad for a \$12 donation. Carry-out available.

### Garage sale

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

### Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 6:30

### Steak night

The Men's Auxiliary of VFW Post 4351 will host a Steak Night on April 12 at 5:30 p.m. for a \$12 donation. Dinner will include steak, baked potato, corn on the cob and salad. Karaoke will follow with Eddie Carter at 7 p.m. All members and their guests are invited. The VFW is located at 96086 Wade Place, under the Shave Bridge.

### Pink Ribbon Ladies

The Pink Ribbon Ladies, a support group in Nassau county for survivors of breast and other female cancers, will meet at 6 p.m. April 14 in the conference room at Baptist Medical Center Nassau for discussion and sharing and a time of support for members and guests. For information contact Joyce Karsko at 261-2976 or Isobel Lyle at 321-2057.

### Mobile pantry

Barnabas Center announces two mobile food pantries in April as part of the Hunger Coalition of Nassau County and Nourishment Network's collaborative effort to distribute fresh food each month. 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 April 14 at First Baptist Church, 45090 Green Ave., Callahan, and April 24 at the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach.

### 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. For information call 310-3310.

### 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 to attend. For information call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, at 261-0701, ext 113.

Ash Street from Front Street to Second Street will be closed on April 17 and will reopen on or before April 23. For information call 310-3310.

Director of Prevention Services Kerrie Albert will review strategic plans on underage alcohol use, marijuana use and prescription drugs. Visit www.nacdac.org or call Susan Woodford or Kerrie Albert at 277-3699.

### 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. There is no teeth cleaning, dentures or oral surgery provided.

### Looking back

Supervisor of Registration Marie Struss reported there were 7,517 registered voters in Nassau County following the closing of the registration books Saturday at 5 p.m.

The state planned a survey of Amelia Island school needs before approving a controversial new \$15 million high school in Fernandina Beach.

Three bank robbers made a clean getaway after an armed heist at Compass Bank on First Coast Highway on Amelia Island.

## AA MEETINGS

Open meetings are open to anyone, including non-alcoholics, families, etc., who may be interested in Alcoholics Anonymous. All scheduled AA meetings are non-smoking and one hour in duration.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for people who have, or think they may have, a drinking problem are held Mondays at noon and Saturdays at 10 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, on Atlantic Avenue across from Fort Clinch State Park. Please enter the meetings through the side door.

The Fernandina Beach Group meets in the Amelia Room, 906 S. Seventh St., Mondays at 6:30 p.m. (beginners); Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (open – discussion); Wednesdays at 7 a.m. (open – 12 & 12 study) and 11 a.m. (open – step meeting); Thursdays at 7 a.m. (open – Big Book study), 11 a.m. (open – discussion) and 6:30 p.m. (open – Big Book study); Fridays at 11 a.m. (open – Big Book study) and 7 p.m. (open – meditation, speaker); and Saturdays at 7 a.m. (open – discussion) and 6:30 p.m. (open – discussion). Call 261-8349.

The Downtown Group meets at the Alachua Club, corner of Third and Alachua streets, Fernandina, on Mondays at 8 p.m. (open – 12 & 12 study); Tuesdays at 8 p.m. (open – speaker); Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m. (open – men's discussion); Thursdays at 8 p.m. (open – discussion); Fridays at 8 p.m. (open – discussion); and Saturdays at 8 a.m. (open – discussion) and 8 p.m. (open – relationships). Call 261-3580.

The Dune's Group, Peters Point in Fernandina Beach, meets Fridays at 7:30 a.m. (24-hour book meeting). Beach meetings are suspended during winter months.

The Freedom Group holds AA meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:30 p.m. (candlelight) at 1014 South 10th St. The Fernandina Beach NA group meets at 8 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays (Step Speaker) and at 7 p.m. Thursdays at 1014 South 10th St. A covered dish cookout is held the last Saturday of every month. Join for fun and fellowship.

The Ft. George Group meets at St. George Episcopal Church in St. George on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. (open – discussion).

The Yulee Florida Group meets in the YMCA building on Pages Dairy Road on Sundays at 8 p.m. (open – discussion); Tuesdays at 8 p.m. (open – Big Book); Thursdays at 8 p.m. (open – discussion); and Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. (open – Big Book).

### Yulee Al-Anon

The Yulee Al-Anon Family Group meetings are Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA building on Pages Dairy Road in Yulee. Contact the group by email at YuleeAlanonFG@hotmail.com.

Al-Anon is a member supported nonprofit group that helps the families and friends of alcoholics.

The program of recovery is adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous and is based upon the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of Service.

The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend.

## FOR THE RECORD

The Florida Legislature approved a reduction in vehicle registration fees on Sept. 1. A headline April 9 inaccurately described those as driver license fees.

The News-Leader strives for accuracy. We will promptly correct all factual errors.

Please notify the editor of errors at mparnell@fbnewsleader.com or call (904) 261-3696.



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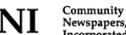
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# Shooting investigation still 'active'

MICHAEL PARNELL  
News-Leader

Information about the Feb. 10 shooting of a Fernandina Beach man in the North Hampton subdivision in Yulee is still being withheld by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

FDLE is investigating the shooting of Anthony Bartley, 21, by Deputy Wilfred "Bill" Quick, as is customary in officer-involved shootings. Routine details of the crime scene will not be released until the investigation is complete.

The investigation remains

"active," said FDLE spokesperson Gretl Plessinger in an email April 4, and no details will be released until it is closed.

On Feb. 25, Plessinger said in another email, "The investigation is active. It's hard to put a timeline on investigations because it depends on what we find during the course of the investigation. Generally, investigations take, at a minimum, several months to complete and some take years."

The News-Leader has requested a copy of the incident report and narratives written by officers involved. These are obtained routinely to write accounts of crimes that appear

in the newspaper's police reports. The newspaper also has asked for the various 911 calls that were made that Monday morning before the fatal shooting about 11 a.m. The newspaper also seeks the Jacksonville Medical Examiner's autopsy report.

Quick has returned to his job on full patrol duty.

Police said in February, before declining further comment, that the early 911 calls suggested Bartley was burglarizing a home in the North Hampton subdivision, which is in unincorporated Yulee more than four miles from Fernandina Beach. According

to the sheriff's office at that time, Quick used his stun gun in self-defense, but when that didn't have the intended effect he used his pistol to shoot Bartley, who died at the scene. (Police indicated there were multiple crime scenes in the neighborhood.)

Bartley was reported to be wearing pants and socks but did not have on a shirt or shoes at the time of the shooting. He also was reportedly unarmed.

Bartley, father of a two-year-old son, was employed by a downtown Fernandina hamburger restaurant. He had been jailed previously for drug possession.

**RIVER** Continued from 1A  
about another year.

"So it makes sense to do this work now while we're here," said Ward.

Ward says NOAA plans work years in advance, and charts waterways all over the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska. He said this is the first time anyone has asked

*'I'm not a dream squasher, but it's been studied many times over and the economics do not prove out.'*

**RUSSELL SCHWEISS, RAYONIER**

about charting the St. Marys River.

"I was surprised, yes," said

Ward in a series of phone interviews this week.

Ward, who is based in

Charleston, S.C., said there is a good chance that the survey will be complete over the next few months.

Ward said the local survey team has already completed a tidal study.

"That's a first step, and that normally takes years," said Ward. "This is moving very, very fast."

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# Water board endorses strategic plan

PALATKA – The St. Johns River Water Management District set a road map for meeting the district's water resource challenges over the next five years when the Governing Board approved an update to its strategic plan.

With the Governing Board endorsement of the plan, which sets goals and strategic priorities, the district will continue its focus on 12 key initiatives and eight continuing core programs.

"This strategic plan demonstrates the district's continuing work to improve our business practices and reflects our emphasis on effectiveness and efficiency," said Robert Christianson, Strategic Planning and Financial Services division director.

The plan includes the following 12 key initiatives:

- Develop and implement sound science-based solutions to ensure the availability of sufficient water for existing and

future uses.

- Protect water resources from significant harm due to water withdrawals by establishing necessary and sufficient minimum flows and levels.

- Ensure sustainable water supplies and protect groundwater systems in the district's North Florida region.

- Work in partnership with the Central Florida Water Initiative to identify and further develop the Regional Water Supply Plan.

- Protect the water quality and ecological value of the middle and lower St. Johns River.

- Enhance and protect the water quality and ecological habitat of the coastal basins of Northeast Florida.

- Restore the ecological, recreational and economic value of Lake Apopka and the Upper Ocklawaha River Basin.
- Optimize flood control, protect and enhance natural

ecosystems, and improve water quality in the upper St. Johns River.

- Protect and restore the water quality and ecological habitat of the Indian River Lagoon.

- Utilize district resources to develop and coordinate the protection and restoration of major springs.

- Develop a framework for levee and water control structure maintenance and restoration.

- Identify and implement restoration and vegetation management projects on district-owned lands.

"This approach encourages transparency, accountability and focus," Christianson said. "It allows us to be fiscally responsible, that is to live within our means."

The continuing core programs will include ongoing science, data collection and management and regulatory and administrative support

services to all district programs.

In April 2013, the Governing Board adopted its first strategic plan, which is updated annually, and is for a minimum five-year planning horizon. It includes a "report card" of how well the district achieved its fiscal year 2012-13 milestones and success indicators.

The St. Johns River Water Management District – [www.floridaswater.com](http://www.floridaswater.com) – is a regional agency of the state of Florida whose mission is to protect and ensure the sustainable use of water resources. The district is responsible for managing groundwater and surface water resources in all or part of 18 counties including Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Lake, Marion, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Putnam, St. Johns, Seminole and Volusia.

# Drive carefully in work zones

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is recognizing National Work Zone Awareness Week April 7-11. In 2012, on Florida roads, there were 51 fatalities, 3,476 serious injuries and 4,677 crashes in work zones. That is down from 2011, where there were 62 fatalities and 3,711 serious injuries in work zones. Serious injury and death can occur in areas of roadway construction. In order to raise awareness and educate citizens on the dangers of work zones, FDOT has collaborated with partners to drive down fatalities.

FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad said, "Florida has many

infrastructure improvement projects. Work zones create unexpected hazards and extra caution should be taken in these areas. Motorists should slow down, stay alert and avoid distractions like texting."

"Construction crews face difficult conditions every day while they work to improve our highways and make them safer," said Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "And those conditions are made even more difficult when you factor in the daily flow of traffic they must work

around. The Florida Highway Patrol urges motorists to always practice caution and awareness when traveling through work zones, and to obey the posted speed limits."

Some simple tips for improving work zone safety include:

- Be alert – slow down – avoid distraction – don't tailgate – don't change lanes – and expect the unexpected

For more information, contact the Florida Department of Transportation's Public Information Officer at (850) 414-4116 or visit [www.dot.state.fl.us](http://www.dot.state.fl.us).

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**CLARK** Continued from 1A

Investments LLC, FTR Timberlands LLC and Clark-Price Ventures LLC – according to the affidavit for arrest warrant.

The complaint stated that "contrary to written and oral representations by Clark, the investment objectives were non-existent, illusory and created by Clark for the purpose of defrauding the investors."

Clark, 65, allegedly "diverted those funds for his personal use and benefit" and did not return them to the investors, as demanded.

Instead, Clark put the money into his checking account or that of Furman Clark Construction Co., his business, used some to pay federal tax and write payroll checks to himself and his son and "to pay personal living expenses, club membership fees, expenses for horses and personal medical bills," the affidavit stated.

Clark also was accused of using some of the investor money to pay a firm that filed a foreclosure lawsuit against him and his wife in 2005.

In November 2001, shortly after he moved to Amelia Island, *Folio Weekly* published an extensive profile detailing what it called "The Secret Life of Furman Clark."

Clark, a North Carolina native, was 36 when he moved to Wilmington Island, Ga., where a local attorney disappeared in 1985 after going to dinner with Clark to discuss selling a boat to him. Julian Singman's body was discovered in marsh grass a month later with four bullet wounds.

According to *Folio*, police found the gun used in the crime, clothes with Singman's blood on it, the dead man's watch, money clip and credit cards in Clark's possession. But a case for murder was not made, and Clark ultimately pleaded guilty to manslaughter and served time in prison. He was released in 1996.

*Folio* detailed a series of what it called "shady business deals" by Clark in North Carolina and Georgia. He was

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sentenced to six years for such crimes in North Carolina, serving that sentence concurrently with his manslaughter sentence.

Clark also was accused of stealing from chambers of commerce in Macon, Ga., and Vicksburg, Miss., where he worked, the newspaper said. It detailed "a history of deception," ranging from accusations of stealing a boat, defrauding an innkeeper, stealing timber, obtaining property under false pretenses and other scams.

The court allowed Clark to serve his probation in North Carolina, according to *Folio*, and there he began a partnership with William J. Fields in property development. Their most prominent project was Duck Landing on the Outer Banks.

Clark was still on probation when he moved to Fernandina Beach in 2000. Furman Clark Construction LLC was incorporated that year by Clark and Fields.

A major controversy involving Clark's business here was a proposal to develop Martin Island as luxury housing. The island subsequently was purchased by the state to prevent development.

Rumors of Clark's past began to circulate after his arrival here, and the business partnership broke up after Fields learned of it, Clark told *Folio*. Fields and Clark dissolved FCX/Fields Clark Holdings LLC in 2001, and split their businesses.

Clark developed Cartesian Point, a proposed 220-house residential development in Yulee, and continued to operate Furman Clark Construction and Furman Clark Crane & Rigging LLC as well as other businesses.

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## POLITICS IN BRIEF

### Liberty Dwellers

"This weekend a cabal of right-wing 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," according to a press released issued by Liberty Dwellers.

The Republican Mainstreet Partnership PAC event is April 11-13. It is reportedly attracting about two dozen Republican lawmakers.

Liberty Dwellers had called a press conference for 6 p.m. Thursday at the entrance to The Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island, and will meet at the Peters Point beach access at 10 a.m. Saturday for a street protest.

The group encourages participation. For information call Michele at 556-6982 or e-mail libertydwellers@yahoo.com.

### Garage Sale

The Democratic Club of Amelia Island will hold its annual garage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at a home in the North Hampton subdivision, 86471 Eastport Drive, in Yulee.

### GOP executive committee

The Nassau County Republican Executive Committee will have its monthly meeting on

Thursday, April 17 at the County Building, 86028 Pages Dairy Road, Yulee. Guest speaker will be Carrol Franklin, chair of the Ocean, Highway & Port Authority. Franklin served in Vietnam with the 9th Infantry Division and has been self-employed for over 40 years. He was elected in 2010 elected to the Ocean, Highway & Port Authority.

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

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

### Democratic Club

The Democratic Club of Amelia Island will host its next dinner meeting at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road, on April 22. The doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:45 p.m. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

The speaker for the evening will be Katie Ross, a Fernandina Beach native and the Northeast Florida liaison in U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson's Jacksonville office.

To reserve, send a check for \$16 per person, payable to DCAI, to DCAI/P.O. Box 16022/Fernandina Beach FL 32035. Checks may also be dropped off at Democratic headquarters at the corner of Eighth and Date streets.

For more information or to reserve by

phone or email, contact Jean DesBarres at 432-8992 or jeandesbarres@gmail.com.

Non-perishable food items to be delivered to Barnabas will be collected at this dinner. These food donations may also be dropped off at headquarters where there is a box placed just inside the door.

### 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, Fla. According to the group's flyer, membership fees start at \$5 annually.

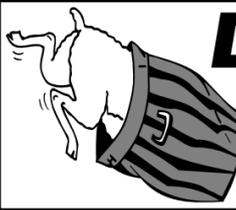
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### Contact Adkins

State Rep. Janet Adkins and her staff are available to assist constituents with issues that might relate to a state agency or local issue.

The main district office is located in Fernandina Beach and is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Satellite office locations are in Jacksonville Beach, Black Hammock and Bryceville.

Anyone wishing more information or to schedule an appointment should contact Adkins' office at 491-3664 or email janet.adkins@myfloridahouse.gov.



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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



### Monkey Barrel Children's Clothing & Toys



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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.

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"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

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# Business Partners aid FBHS

HEATHER A. PERRY  
News-Leader

The Fernandina Beach High School Business Partners provide support for the career technical programs such as Health Occupations, Aerospace, Business Technology, Diversified Career Training and Culinary.

"These are the programs for kids who may not go to college, but they're critical to running our community," said member Rob Southwick of Southwick Associates.

The Business Partners also provide scholarship opportunities for students entering post-secondary training in related fields.

"The Business Partners is made up of like-minded individuals from our community who are interested in assisting the growth and development of FBHS," said member Alan Vanderheiden. "The majority of our efforts are made through the career technical program but we have and are willing to assist any need that arises in the high school."

The group meets monthly with school administrators to share information regarding the school's ongoing needs and to design solutions to meet those needs.

Annual dues of between \$500 to \$1,000 paid by member businesses provide funds. Members also barter within the community to meet expressed needs.

The Business Partners also provide leadership to the school, noted Vanderheiden. "We use our time and tal-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

"The Business Partners have provided great ideas to guide our young people into career paths. Having their support increases the advantages we can offer our students," says FBHS Aerospace Tech instructor Keoki Gray. New business partners are sought to provide support to career technical programs such as the Certified Nursing Assistant class.

ents to address the students on various employment related topics. We provide advice on completing employment applications, resume writing, job interviewing skills, dress, deportment and how to conduct research and follow-up activities."

Seventeen local businesses are involved in the group but more business partners are needed.

FBHS Business Partners provide two \$1,000 scholarships for two years each. Applications are accepted in the spring and the interview process is completed by May. Students are selected from a combination of a written application and a face-to-face interview with a committee.

Vanderheiden shared a few important facts about the students in the career technical programs: 100 percent of students enrolled in the Health Occupations Program passed the state CNA exam after completing clinical rotations

through Baptist Medical Center Nassau, Amelia Urgent Care and the offices of local physicians.

Students in the Aerospace/Engineering Program will complete FAA ground school certification. Students in the Business Technology program will certify in PowerPoint, Word and Excel.

Students in Digital Design video the school board meetings and broadcast live to homes in Nassau County.

Culinary students are engaged in catering opportunities that provide financial support for the program.

Students in the Diversified Career Training Program can earn credits toward graduation while working in local businesses.

Instructor Ken Roland said, "The FBHS Business Partners have provided resources for our cooperative education classes by providing speakers that bring real-world information on a variety

of employment and career-related topics."

Chef Culinary Arts Teacher Michael Gass said the Business Partners make it possible to work with students to help them attain the skills necessary to participate in the modern workplace.

Mike Landtroop and Thomas Purvis's classes were grateful for the new headsets the Business Partners purchased for their classes.

"The FBHS Business Partners are an incredible asset to our students and the career education programs offered at FBHS," said Purvis. "We are very lucky to have such an active group of Business Partners interested in the future of our youth."

"We welcome any interested person/business to attend our meetings and join our group," said Vanderheiden. "We need all the resources possible."

Any business in the community may contact the

school to post job vacancies or request students with specific job related skills. For informa-

tion contact Vanderheiden at 335-0500 or email alanvan1982@aol.com.

# Computer security firm scam

JOHN P. MEGNA  
For the News-Leader

The Senior vs. Crime office has received a call involving a questionable scam by one computer security firm.

A senior citizen called our office advising that his computer security company reported he might have been scammed on his account. They issued an "alert" advising him of this situation.

In turn, he notified his credit card companies and went through the normal process of alerting all of his credit card companies of his problems.

After checking this report out, Seniors vs. Crime checked

the records of his security company only to find a problem with the company itself. Their record shows the owner had been sued and fined \$12 million for another scam he committed. The company record showed that this company sent false alerts so they lead the customer to believe they were actively working to protect the customer's account and therefore keeping the monthly charges coming.

Further, other clients have had their protection questioned and tried to cancel their account but continued to get billed for their services.

This was another issue that after checking we found many times that they showed false

advertising and unfair business practices.

If you check around, you may find many of these security companies for computer protection do not charge for this service. Personally, our home computer's protection service is free and we are satisfied.

Be aware that not all of these computer protection companies are like this particular one.

Call Seniors vs. Crime at 310-3226, or write [svcbfl@gmail.com](mailto:svcbfl@gmail.com). The office, located at the Fernandina Beach Police Department, 1525 Lime St., is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Manager is Chuck Sheehan; John Megna is deputy office manager.



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# Florida Legislature passes halfway mark

Week five of the legislative session began with the usual three-hour drive to the Capitol on Monday morning. The focus of the week was the state budget, known as the General Appropriations Act. The 2014-15 proposed budget is \$75.3 billion with 41 percent of those funds, \$30.6 billion, appropriated to health care needs. The second largest part of the budget is allocated to education with 27 percent, or \$20.7 billion.

Revenue for Florida's budget comes from three sources: federal funds, state trust funds and general revenue. The federal government contributes 34 percent of Florida's proposed budget, totaling \$25.6 billion. This amount is actually down from last year's numbers by \$867.1 million. Most of these dollars are tied to Medicaid (Florida has an estimated 3.7 million Medicaid beneficiaries) and can only be spent for very specific needs. There are always a lot of "strings" and "red tape" associated with federal funds. Florida also receives federal funds in transportation and education. As a net donor state to the federal budget we always look to ensure Florida is receiving our fair share of the funds.



**STATE REP.**

Janet Adkins

Perhaps the best news in the proposed appropriations bill is the increase in general revenue funds, which are up by \$892.2 million, for a total of \$27.6 billion. This increase is a sign that Florida's economy is continuing to improve. The primary driver of the general revenue funds is the collection of the state's 6 percent sales tax. General revenue funds provide the most flexibility to Florida's budget. While state trust funds have an "intended" purpose attached to them, general revenue dollars can be appropriated based on legislative priorities.

In the larger budget picture, and when you set aside programs that are funded on a recurring basis, there is generally about \$200-\$300 million that is actually in play or can be shifted among a wide range of priorities. Often these decisions are influenced by the Speaker of the

House or Senate President and the chairs of the appropriating committees.

When considering only general revenue dollars, the House budget proposal allocates 52 percent to education. Clearly, this is indicative of the priority that the Florida House of Representatives places on our children's education.

The increased education funding represents a 3 percent increase for each student in kindergarten through 12th grade, creating the largest education funding in Florida's history. The proposed budget also includes an increase in funding for voluntary pre-kindergarten.

The Florida Education Finance Program seeks to equalize funding for all students across the state. Some county's property taxes do not generate as much as other counties, so Florida contributes state dollars to "level" the playing field. On average, the counties generate 43 percent and the state contributes 57 percent. This average will vary depending on how "property rich" a county is.

The House proposed budget also includes additional funding of \$69.8 million for

Florida's colleges and \$90 million in additional funding for our state university system.

Justice operations in Florida are proposed to total \$4.6 billion. This includes additional dollars for increases in prison population and dollars for an addition of 21 new judgeships. Dollars are also proposed for 28 additional Florida Highway Patrol officers, the first time since 2006-7. The proposed budget also includes \$8.9 billion for the transportation work program to build and maintain our roads.

Another important element in the proposed House budget is the focus on tax relief. The proposal includes \$395 million in relief on motor vehicle fees, taxes and surcharges. The popular "back to school" tax holiday, as well as tax holidays for hurricane preparedness supplies and energy and water efficient appliances are proposed.

Most of the day Wednesday was spent on the House floor for second reading of the budget bills. Second reading is the time for questions and answers. Members returned Thursday morning for third reading (debate). Thursday's business moved much more

quickly with structured debate on the budget. By 1:14 p.m., the final vote on the proposed House budget was cast with a bipartisan vote of 100 years and 16 nays.

Thursday the Senate also passed its proposed budget; so now our attention will turn to budget conference. House and Senate members will be assigned to budget conferences where we will "hammer out" the differences within each sub-budget. I have requested to serve on the Education Appropriations budget conference.

There are several ways that projects or requests for funding make their way into the budget process, sometimes there is a recommendation in a legislative budget request from a state agency that makes the request for additional funding, if this request or LBR is included in the governor's budget recommendations then it is taken very seriously. Other ways to get issues into the budget are through the budget chair's recommendation to the various budget subcommittees. Finally, the last route is to have a member that serves on a budget committee send a letter asking the budget chair asking to include the issue in the committee's recommendations.

Needless to say there are countless meetings in the budget process and many negotiations that unfold as members fight to get projects included in the budget bill. The members must work the process and work in a collaborative manner to help make the case or ensure that the broad public purpose is understood and agreed to.

As session progresses through the 60-day schedule, the focus of my work shifts to new priorities. Since subcommittees are no longer meeting, the committee workload is lighter. However, bill reconciliation with the Senate consumes the void. I made several trips to the Senate to work with Sen. Legg, chair of the Senate Education Committee, to reconcile differences on two education committee bills. I was pleased when we completed our work and reached agreement on the

School Grades bill. Now our focus will turn to the committee bill dealing with Middle Grades.

Friday morning I returned to present my third bill for the week. I had already presented HB 1105 dealing with sex offenders and those that have absconded from supervision on Wednesday, and HB 7133 dealing with Middle Grades on Thursday. Friday I had one of the 21 bills on the Judiciary Committee agenda. This is when relationships are really important! The committee chair determines the order that bills will be heard. You can either be called first, last or anywhere in between.

I was now free to return home to Fernandina Beach. It was day 32 and it felt good to have passed the halfway point of session.

The weeks ahead will start to allow us to see legislative priorities come more clearly into focus and the process will move aggressively towards the amendatory process, which is, where amendments will be placed on bills aimed at strengthening a measure or weaken the legislation. Many amendments are borne out of compromise between members, state agencies and lobbyists who represent the affected groups and organizations.

Our team here locally keeps track of all your emails and phone calls. We track carefully your support or opposition to measures and try to make sure that we are listening carefully to what citizens have to say in the process. I know sometimes it can be frustrating because there is a perception that no one is paying attention, for me listening to you is an active part of leadership and is something that is important to us.

So whether you support something or oppose it, please let us know so we track that issue and ensure that we take in your views when it is time to vote or seek changes that might help us solve a problem you have identified.

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## The other coast

Someone told me recently the two biggest regrets people express late in life are not traveling more and failure to embrace a foreign language. Traveling is not surprising, and the language at number two a surprise. I am just home from a vacation to California and it is front of mind right now. Usually, the reason for my being there is the National Automobile Dealers Association convention hosted by San Francisco every fourth year. This trip was with our traveling buddies, a couple that we have known since arriving in 1997, and just for fun. Unlike cousin Eddie from the Vacation movies, we enjoy each other the whole time.

Having lived in the eastern U.S. (Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Florida) all my life, it seems an adventure to go west. Somewhere on the other side of the Mississippi, starting in earnest in the Rockies, you have made it to the West. While I have no data to support it, it seems most Easterners remain Easterners and those native to the West remain so. Either may move within a state, or a state or two away, staying within reach of family. Short of corporate relocations, most will retain regional identity.

Certain states seem to take on a life of their own. Texas, Florida, New York, and California may top this list. Being a Texan, a Floridian, a New Yorker or a Californian is different than most other state identifiers. A combination of physical size, population, pride or swagger just seem to push forward. California is the "800-pound gorilla" of states. More people, varied geography and diversity in abundance. It feels like you have entered a country within a country.

There is a different social mentality there. Sustainable (green) is much more overtly presented at every opportunity. Gas is 50 cents higher, helping make Prius a huge seller. At the grocery, paper bags are 10 cents and plastic a quarter. A hotel may collect rainwater on the roof, next to the solar panels. Toilets have two flush options, depending



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Rick Keffer

on the need. Every business wants to communicate their environmental responsibility. The Tesla is "the" Silicon Valley high-line to own. Green is probably the most out-front thing I

noticed.

The thought of California embodies attractiveness, and nowhere is it more obvious than the physical beauty of the land. The coast, the mountains, farmland, vineyards, deserts and forests all combine to make the state so beautiful. Parks - national, state and neighborhood are abundant. It undoubtedly ties into the green-focused mentality, wanting to preserve the splendor. It would take weeks to scratch the surface of California's natural offerings.

The people are a mixture, like everywhere. There are many image-driven people, well dressed, with the latest vehicles. Others, particularly in their 60s and 70s, appear to still have a little "hippy" in them. It is easiest to identify the women in that age group, with zero makeup and period clothing. People watching, which we all do, is really an entertainment form there. I will say there was less obesity in evidence.

The vast majority of the people in the restaurant, lodging and retail industries were above average nice and capable. The food was good. We brought much needed rain with us on several days, but overall enjoyed cool nights and pleasant days. If you have been seeking some adventure, give a trip to California a thought. It will expand your view of our country, while staying inside it. Have a good week.

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## VIEWPOINT/JOHN CRAWFORD/CLERK OF COURT & COMPTROLLER

# Get out of debt, stay out of debt

"Get out of debt, stay out of debt, and pay as you go" has been among my mainstay fiscal health improvement recommendations to the county commissioners since taking office as Clerk and Comptroller in 2005. I have literally preached the wisdom of that message as a public sermon to everyone I could get to listen, and it has paid off for the taxpayers. The county's accelerated debt reduction has resulted in over \$100 million in savings from early landfill debt payoff for the citizens through elimination of interest costs, annual landfill assessments elimination and the elimination of red ink operational deficits at the landfill made possible by paying off the debt early, allowing the county to get out of the landfill business. Additionally, restructuring of other county government debt resulted in over \$8 million of



Crawford

savings. In government, you don't make money from debt, you just unnecessarily cost every taxpayer more in taxes than they should have to pay.

The proposed new sheriff's administration building is sorely needed and the county commission set aside \$10 million for that purpose a year ago. But some commissioners are proposing to spend that \$10 million on other items and to go into debt to build the new sheriff's administration building — and pay as much as an additional \$6 million in interest charges to do it!

Let's see, now. We have \$10 million in our

pocket we promised to build this facility with, but some commissioners want to spend that first \$10 million on something else, then borrow another \$10 million for the building and then load taxpayers up with the extra \$2 million to \$6 million in interest costs. That adds up to between \$22 million and \$26 million for the taxpayers when they were promised only a \$10 million facility. This sort of politics is why I believe that the taxpayers have so much distrust of government.

Whether we are talking about debt at home, debt in our businesses or debt in our government, all debt makes things cost more! Unnecessary debt harms current and future taxpayers. So, my recommendation as chief financial officer is, as always, "Get out of debt, stay out of debt and pay as you go!"

## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Bicyclists to Cumberland

Responding to recent letters (April 9), I would like to assure the writers that the proposal made to the National Park Service does not include a request to create any bicycle trails of any sort on Cumberland Island.

The proposal that has been made primarily seeks to find a safe, economical way for touring cyclists to travel between Georgia and Florida. You'll recall a much-appreciated ferry service between our sister cities of Fernandina Beach and St. Marys, Ga., operated for approximately two years from 2008 to 2010 but ultimately was not financially viable. With National Park Service approval of ferry service from both Fernandina and St. Marys to Cumberland Island, north-south cyclists could board a vessel in either state with their bicycle then make a dockside transfer on Cumberland onto a ferry returning to the other state, avoiding a ride across the narrow and dangerous US 17 bridge over the St. Marys River or a westerly re-route of over 56 miles via US 1.

Cyclists' safety will not be the determining factor on the issue of additional ferry service to Cumberland Island; there are indeed other issues to consider, such as balanced access from Florida and Georgia to a national park. And the debate between preservation and access regarding Cumberland Island is a long-standing one. However, if in the course of their review of proposals for a new contract to replace the expiring one the NPS would accept bids for regular service from both Fernandina and St. Marys, then cyclists and others who would travel between our two cities would greatly benefit.

Mike Pikula  
Fernandina Beach

### St. Michael's expansion

I am a parishioner of St. Michael's and would like you to consider the following:

We are expanding our church to accommodate current seating issues. At three of our Masses, we have people standing in the aisles and at the back of the church. By expanding the church, these people will now have seats. The parking usage will not increase.

It might be beneficial to examine the parking ordinances put in place by the city. I was at St. Michael's at 10:30 a.m. today. The 10 a.m. Mass is the most crowded. There was quite a bit of side street parking available within two blocks of the church, as well as at the lower end of Broome Street near Eighth Street. Are these spaces viable for our parking requirement? At this same time, all of Alachua Street had cars parked on both sides to accommodate the Methodist and Presbyterian services.

Finally, the church in Yulee will begin as a mission church until the Bishop of St. Augustine deems it ready to be its own parish and assigns it a pastor. The pastor of St. Michael's will celebrate Masses at both sites. Perhaps with an expanded church and mission church, we may not have to have as many Masses at St. Michael's in the future.

Celeste Amos  
Fernandina Beach

"That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone, They paved paradise and put up a parking lot." This old song lyric seems to fit a lot of scenarios around here. The church that wants to alter an old chapel, cut down a 100-year-old tree, and put up a parking lot only to move out a few years later to a new church in Yulee. They will leave behind an altered historic building and a treeless, asphalted parking lot. (And even if the church gets its way, there are other ground covers besides asphalt, so the tree doesn't have to die or be cut down.)

Let's see, the convenience store site, where they chopped down 30 old magnificent trees to have an expanded Subway and yes, more asphalt parking. And then there is the golf course, where trees seem to be an easy commodity to get rid of. What happened to learning to "chip out of the rough" as skilled golfers do? Will we always cater to the small



ADAM ZYGLIS/THE BUFFALO NEWS

## Mayport Ferry an obligation of the state

I get annoyed and impatient, and occasionally irritated, when the best resolution of an issue is ignored, usually for political reasons, by those professing concern. The pension mess in Duval County comes to mind, as does the funding and efficient management of our libraries. But the cause of my angst today is the Mayport



Tom Wood

### MY VIEW

Operating the Mayport Ferry is clearly an obligation of FDOT. Consider the evidence:

The ferry connects both ends of A1A, Florida's signature highway. It connects southern A1A to the ecologically important Timucuan Preserve, Talbot Island and finally Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach.

Without the ferry, A1A ends at Mayport. I don't care what the road signs or the maps say.

In 2011, FDOT posted its bridge inspection summary online. The Mayport Ferry is listed as bridge #720933. The report shows an estimated daily traffic of 5,000, or 1.8 million passengers per year. FDOT funds operating costs and maintenance on thousands of bridges including several ferries and drawbridges — but not bridge #720933, aka the Mayport Ferry. By the way, riders pay almost \$1 million per year or about 60 percent of the annual operating costs.

It is time to stop pleading with FDOT to provide a handout for the ferry and demand that the budget include sufficient funding for ferry operations and maintenance. The Mayport Ferry is a valuable transportation asset. We either have a department of transportation or we have a department of nothing.

How does FDON sound as the new shorthand moniker for this agency? There was a time when the Northeast Florida legislative delegation could get a nit like this done in a heartbeat. We are talking about an amount of money that would not amount to a rounding error in DOT's budget. Sadly, there doesn't seem to be any legislative juice left in our corner of the state, no matter how vital the issue or how paltry the cost.

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groups, with short-term goals, while they destroy what brought many of us here? Do we never think ahead? We like paradise.

Muffie Austin  
Fernandina Beach

### Outsiders

The Editor's piece ("Golden Geese") April 4 was a rare and welcome Editor's discourse on several issues of local concern. He correctly notes that our beach is our prime asset, that increased Cumberland Island access would be great but not at expense of this priceless Cumberland environment and that the downtown waterfront doesn't need anymore expensive architect pipedreams and million dollar parking rearrangements. Bravo!

On the other hand, why must we endure still another viewpoint from a distant state (Dick Polman, Philadelphia), this time extolling the advertised virtues of Obamacare? Such exhortations are readily available for those with the stomach on almost every media resource already, regardless of factual content. His lauding of adding 4.5 million new recipients to an already bankrupt Medicaid program and dissing of "older white people" for opposing Obamacare are simply ignorant. Further, this expert advises us that we need to heed a *New York Times* "conservative columnist" who decrees that it's all over and we better just get used to this ever-encroaching federal micromanagement of our lives.

Please, more of the local flavor and less of the outside "expert" opinions.

T. J. Robertson  
Fernandina Beach

### Centralized EOC

I read with interest the April 2 article on the Nassau County budget about the plans to build a \$10 million sheriff's complex and a \$4 million upgrade of the Emergency Operations Center. Since the funding is being planned for these two key projects, this is an ideal opportunity to think strategically and plan for the future to combine several Nassau County functions into one central EOC complex.

Most counties, including Nassau County, have the county Fire/Rescue chief, the Emergency Operations director, the 911 dispatch staff and the sheriff's complex in separate locations and the county commissioners/manager/Road & Bridge in different geographical places. A conference room or empty meeting area is pressed into service when an EOC is needed.

Nassau County needs a step by step, long-range plan to locate many of these key governmental functions around the sides of a central EOC. This EOC should be used routinely by the Fire/Sheriff/Disaster Recovery/911 dispatch folks to coordinate daily functions between departments. But when the big hurricane hits or other disaster hap-

pens, here is a fully functioning EOC with telephones, radio dispatchers, television, emergency generators, maps and charts — all the bells and whistles are set up and fully ready to go. And the regular offices of many of the key folks are close by.

The county commissioners and all the other key officials just walk into the EOC and take their seats and wham! — it is show time. No delays or preparations. Well, maybe to order some take out pizzas.

Larry Myers  
Fernandina Beach

### Unions

I am writing in regard to Marion O'Neil's viewpoint (March 26) and to the response letter April 2. The letter writer made the statement that "unions have outlived their usefulness and that unions have hurt our economy more than they have helped." To the contrary, history has shown that when workers are not organized, it leads to an unbalanced economy in relation to the rich and poor. In the last few decades union membership has declined, and so has the average earnings of families in the middle class. I work for the Nassau County School Board and presently make less money now than I did 10 years ago, when you factor in the cost of living. We do more work and are more productive with less pay than ever before.

The growth in unionization allows the worker to get a larger slice of the pie. It is very simple to understand that if 98 percent of the population begins to make more money, they will spend that money in their community, which is more beneficial than the 2 percent sitting on all that extra money. It never trickles down. In the School Board of Nassau County we have huge income inequality between the Administration and the Extra Support Personnel (ESPS). Unions have the ability to balance these wage discrepancies through collective bargaining for better wages, benefits and health care. We need to support the ability of the unions to grow along with the middle class in order to keep our economy growing. On a side note, I find it very irksome of the non-union members who sit on the sidelines complaining of poor wages and working conditions yet make the statement, "Why should I join the Union when I will automatically get everything that you bargain for?" Well, I am thinking of a word for these people, whose meaning is; a person or thing that lives or survives by dependence on or at the expense of another. Could that word be parasite? There is power in numbers! Please come to a meeting (even if you are not a member) and see what we do.

Julie A. Crews  
NESPA Member  
Fernandina Beach

### Quality and service

In a world of Internet shopping,

inexpensive prices from foreign exporters and fast-paced lifestyles, quality and service seem to have taken a back seat to instant gratification. Instead of shopkeepers greeting you with "Good morning" and a smile, you're inundated with people shouting "Finding everything OK" from all corners of the warehouse-style department stores. Having dinner in a quaint local restaurant has become tedious when a dinner conversation is relentlessly interrupted with "Is your food OK?" "Every thing OK?" "More sweet tea?" In this world, a complete sentence would be a pleasant change, let alone good service!

Every now and then however, you come across someone who stands out and gives you reason to hope that good service has not gone extinct. In this case I am referring to Kerri Duffy of Keller Williams Realty.

My father passed away last August. He and Mother were heavy smokers and as executor of my parent's estate, it was left to me to deal with the house and its contents. As I'm sure many of you have experienced, it is a roller-coaster ride of emotions as you sift through photos, mementoes and tend to all the necessary functions while still in the grieving process.

As my parents' home became more and more empty and less like the home I knew and loved, it became increasingly harder to go back there to finish up the last of what needed to be done.

My past experiences with realtors has been less than stellar and I expected nothing more than to list the house and then sit and wait for a buyer to show up. Or as a buyer was simply handed a list of MLS listings and told to "go find something" and let them know.

Kerri, much to my amazement, was different from the beginning. After her first inspection of the home, she not only advised me on the best course of action but arranged for power washing, carpet cleaning, duct cleaning and wallpaper removal. She solicited quotes from house painters and personally oversaw every step of the way. She dealt with repairmen, yard crews and countless other details. She even put out the trash on her many visits to the home.

Kerri understood my reluctance to return to the home and made sure everything was taken care of from the listing to the sale of the home just a couple of months later.

As a business owner myself, I know how hard it is to provide quality service in a world where time and money are more important. I was so impressed and moved by her attention to detail and genuine concern about the house and my grieving process.

Kerri Duffy is an endangered species but thankfully, not yet extinct!

Stephanie Medina  
Fernandina Beach

# COMMUNITY

## Respect for others begins with self-respect

Honor all men, love the brotherhood, fear God and honor the King. Love for the brotherhood is not possible without first having obtained sonship.

We are to honor or respect all men. However, love for the brotherhood, God's other children, is only possible for those who have entered into sonship through His beloved Son, to those who allow God to deal with them as sons.

Just because we have given birth to a baby does not mean that child will allow us to parent him later. God's sons and daughters voluntarily receive and accept God's love, discipline, correction, rebuke and endless mercy.

One of the ways God deals with us, His children, is to require us to love one another. This is more serious and demanding than the respect we must



**NOW AND THEN**

Maybelle Kirkland

show to all people because they are creations of almighty God.

When we show respect to all people, we show reverence to God. We do not say all people deserve to be respected, but the merely the fact that they were created by God gives them the right to be respected.

Respect for others begins with respect for oneself. If we do not respect ourselves, it will be challenging to respect others. God wants each of us to do both. Learn to distinguish between respect for all people and love for the brother-

hood. Without God's grace, we are unable to love the brotherhood. Where there is true brotherhood, there is pure sonship. Biblical brotherhood is a coming together around Christ for His purpose and plan.

Because of our sonship, let us learn to restore relationships to each other and to Him. The greatest honor we can bring to our King is to love one another as He has loved us. This is possible only because His spirit in us allows for our differences. "That ye are my disciples, if ye love one another."

Birthday wishes to Jybron Coleman, James Johnson, Joncier Smith, Javarius Johnson, Amos Melton Sr., Korwin Clayton, John Johnson Sr., Charles Ferrell, Alexis Blue, Leon Baker, Nathalie Jackson, Tarris Jones, Rodrick Bacon and Sydney Battle.

## Agencies team up to build ramp

JEFFREY MCDOWELL  
For the News-Leader

A number of local organizations came together recently to build a wheelchair ramp for a local man who was in the hospital having his leg amputated.

Mary Demchak of Nassauville greeted nearly two dozen volunteers from Rayonier, Memorial United Methodist Church, Council on Aging of Nassau County and neighbors on a cool Saturday morning recently. By early afternoon, the group had built a wooden wheelchair ramp, which made coming and going from the double-wide mobile home much easier.

According to Demchak, the ramp is helping her husband, Paul, in unexpected ways. Without it, he was going to have to attend rehabilitation, but he was able to come straight home from the hospital post-surgery.

"It's beautiful and I really want to thank Mac Morriss, the folks at Rayonier, Memorial United Methodist Church, Council on Aging and the United Way," she said.

This build was headed up Morriss, project manager of Builder's Care of Nassau County. This agency has built more than a 100 such ramps for people within Nassau County since 2007.

Frances Bartelt, volunteer coordinator for the Council on Aging, worked closely with Amy Dyar, manager of new business at the United Way, along with Erica La Spada to coordinate the project after contacting Rayonier for some volunteers to lend a hand.

In its 40th year of serving Nassau County Seniors, the nonprofit Council on Aging delivers services to seniors including Meals on Wheels, COA Transportation, In-Home Care, and Adult Day Health Care, and operates two senior recreation centers.

Jeffrey McDowell is marketing and communications manager for the Council on Aging of Nassau County.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Volunteers from the Nassauville neighborhood, Rayonier, Memorial United Methodist Church, Council on Aging and the United Way joined forces to help build a wheelchair ramp for a resident in need, top. The project took approximately six hours on a recent Saturday to complete. Without this ramp, above, the resident would have had to endure extensive rehabilitation before returning home after recent surgery.

## Child sex abuse survivor to visit local youth

Lauren Book, child sexual abuse survivor and nationally recognized child protection advocate, will visit local elementary schools and The Miller Freedom Center Boys and Girls Club today as part of her fifth annual 1,500-mile "Walk in My Shoes" walk from Key West to Tallahassee.

Book will be joined by Tax Collector John Drew, who promotes child safety and Lauren's Kids awareness and initiatives year-round. At the Miller Freedom Center, 942259 Old Nassauville Road, Lauren will talk about Internet and personal safety and empower youth to seek help if they have been victimized.

Statistics show that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5 boys will be the victim of sexual assault before their 18th birthday. Her talk will take place at 4:15 p.m.

The walk takes place in March and April, National Child Abuse Awareness and National Sexual Assault Awareness

Month, over 42 days in honor of the 42 million survivors of child sex abuse in the U.S. and to raise awareness about child sex abuse prevention, empower survivors and advocate for change in Florida law.

Book, founder and CEO of Lauren's Kids ([www.laurenkids.org](http://www.laurenkids.org)) and 2013 L'Oreal Paris "Woman of Worth," endured six years of abuse by her nanny. She launched the "Walk in My Shoes" campaign in 2010 to raise awareness of sexual abuse and encourage victims to speak about their experiences.

Following a kickoff in Tallahassee on March 11, the walk began March 16 in Key West and will end in Tallahassee on April 22 with a rally at the state Capitol.

Book's advocacy empowered Florida lawmakers to this year pass legislation closing loopholes in the justice system, mandating community supervision of sex offenders and increasing mandatory

minimum sentences for sexually violent predators and those who offend against people with developmental disabilities.

In addition, the legislative package has provisions that eliminate the statute of limitations for certain sexual crimes against a child under 16; require college campuses to notify students and staff about sexual offenders nearby; and expand identifying information offenders must provide to law enforcement.

Book took a detour from her 1,500-mile Walk on April 1, the first day of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, to participate in a bill singing with Gov. Rick Scott, writing the above measures into Florida law. Scott praised Book, saying, "A few people make everything happen. Lauren Book made this happen."

Learn about "Walk in My Shoes" 2014 and register to participate or volunteer at [laurenkids.org/2014Walk](http://laurenkids.org/2014Walk).

## BIRTHS

■ Jesse and Christina Peck of Fernandina Beach announce the birth of a son, Trevor Avery Peck, born at 8:09 p.m. at Memorial Hospital of Jacksonville. The baby weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces and measured 19 inches in length. He joins a brother, Cortland Peck, 3.

Paternal grandparents are Terry and Barbara Peck of Presque Isle, Wis. Maternal grandparents are Eddie Fuquay of Starke and the late Marian Finley of Jacksonville Beach.

■ Mark and Melissa Mari-

naccio of Los Angeles, Calif., announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Janice Marinaccio, born at 12:22 a.m. Oct. 8, 2013, at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Beverly Hills. The baby weighed 8 pounds and measured 20 1/2 inches in length. She joins a brother, Leo Marinaccio, 2.

Paternal grandparents are Len and Janice Marinaccio of Radnor, Pa. Maternal grandparents are Gary and Mary Palmer of Amelia Island. Maternal great-grandmother is Mary Nicole Williams of Carrollton, Ga.

## CAMPUS NOTES

■ Twelve Shorter University, Rome, Ga., students were recently inducted into Shorter's chapter of the Alpha Chi national honor society. The students represent the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors academically

across all disciplines.

Among them was Lauren Campbell of Fernandina Beach.

The students will be invited to the annual induction ceremony to celebrate with fall inductees later this year.

## 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 are students demonstrating 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; demonstrated good citizenship; clear juvenile/discipline status; full-time FSCJ enrollment in degree or technical certificate program.

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.

### 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](http://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 Thirk 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://nsfash.net/Default.aspx?pageId=1774468>. For information contact Shawn Arnold, 2014 NSFA Scholarship Committee, at 556-5531 or [ashawnarnold@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

## Passport Day at library

The Fernandina Beach library will celebrate Passport Day with the Miami Passport Agency and extended hours for passport application processing on April 19 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.

For adults the library can process first-time applications and renewals for passports if issued over 15 years ago. For minors under 16 they process first-time and renewals. They process all applications for those 16 and 17 as well. Has your passport been lost or stolen? Did you have a name change? They can do these as well. Don't forget, you can now get a passport

card in addition to the book.

You will need to bring 1) ID such as your driver's license; 2) evidence of citizenship such as birth certificate. It must be the original or a certified copy and 3) two checks for payment. Staff also can take passport photos.

Passport fees are paid to the U.S. Department of State; the \$25 facility fee is for processing the application. All the forms are available at the library. For details visit [www.nassaureads.com](http://www.nassaureads.com) or visit [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). Call 277-7365 for appointments or email [libraryinfo@nassaucountyfl.com](mailto:libraryinfo@nassaucountyfl.com). Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library will provide refreshments.



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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



# HOMES

## ISLAND MARKETS

Traders Hill Farms is the newest vendor to join the Amelia Farmers Market at the Spa & Shops at Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. Traders Hill grows fruit and vegetables on their own property using an aquaponic technique they are very proud of.

This one-of-a-kind system wastes nothing and allows produce to grow healthier, faster and to be significantly tastier. Their plan is to provide for local markets using 100 percent sustainable practices and to use their expertise to help other former chicken farmers in Nassau County.

Their facility is located on their farm in Hilliard, where they have transformed an old Tyson Chicken farm into their new home. The former chicken hoop houses have been modified to host tilapia. Through a gravity-fed system, the fish emulsion naturally enriches and fertilizes waterbeds of vegetables and herbs.

Traders Hill will have lettuce, tomatoes, celery, cucumbers, bok choy, pea tendrils, cabbage, okra, sugar peas, collards, purple top turnips and swiss chard greens. There will be heirloom and conventional varieties as well as basil, green onions, chervil, chives, hyssop and lovage.

Also at the market April 12 will be Nassau County's Coastal Shrimp. Working directly with local boat captains, Coastal Shrimp gets its seafood from the boat the morning of the market. They will have local shrimp, flounder, grouper and a captain's surprise "fish of the week."

Artisan Black Garlic, one of the only producers of black garlic in the U.S., will also be at the market Saturday. Black garlic started in Korea, where they perfected the art of fermentation. After the garlic has aged at least 30 days, it possesses a caramelized, savory richness. Artisan Black Garlic infuses aged balsamic vinegar with black garlic, creating Black Garlic Balsamic Vinegar.

Minorcan Datil Pepper has datil-infused mayos, mustards, vinegars and marinades, from extra hot to mild. Every Blooming Gardens has a large selection of flowering plants and shrubs every Saturday. If you don't see what you'd like, just ask Robert to order it for you. Simply Savory Gourmet Dips has over 30 different flavors, including the spicy Three Amigos – a blend of jalapenos, habaneros and ghost peppers. Best sellers include Roasted Garlic & Herbs and the new Sea Salt Caramel.

Jon of Meteor Street Produce sources his organic produce from small local farms, including his own garden. Every week he has vine-ripened tomatoes, ginger, garlic, Yukon gold and sweet potatoes, green onions, shallots, dino and red kale, portabella mushrooms, red beets, spinach, arugula and more, as well as herbs, organic teas and herbal tea blends. Orchid Legends also is at the market every Saturday and can help with questions about growing and repotting orchids.

Sign up for the E-Mail Newsletter at [www.ameliafarmersmarket.com](http://www.ameliafarmersmarket.com). The Amelia Farmers Market is open every Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Shops of the Omni Amelia Island Plantation. No pets, please. Call 491-4872 or visit [www.ameliafarmersmarket.com](http://www.ameliafarmersmarket.com).

Vietnamese egg rolls, Eastern European pastries, and Brazilian treats are just some of the ethnic flavors you can savor at the Fernandina Beach Market Place in downtown Fernandina Beach.

Rose Didion, from An Un-Believable Egg Rolls, has been offering handmade, Vietnamese egg rolls since 2000. As a child, Rose helped her grandmother make and sell egg rolls to neighbors and friends for extra money. Her grandmother's recipe was something made up as she went along, adding spices and seasonings when needed. Rose watched closely and learned her trade, knowing every ingredient that went into her famous



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egg rolls.

These Vietnamese egg rolls are perfect as appetizers or as an entree. Keep a dozen or so in the freezer to serve company or to bring to a party, you're Chinese take-out or with a stir-fry.

Mina Banjac is originally from Sarajevo, Bosnia, and she brings authentic Mediterranean and Eastern European desserts and pastries to the farmers market such as kiwi strawberry, sour cherry and pineapple, and raspberry chocolate cakes. Try a sample of her baklava, Dulce de Leche, apricot strudel, honey cake, almond cookies or other sweets she features each week, all made from scratch.

Many of her recipes have been passed on to her from family members and she has some notebooks that are really old. Mina is always adjusting and experimenting with her recipes. After years of encouragement to sell her pastries, now you can try them for yourself.

Rosa Ferreira is from Brazil and Rosa's Brazilian Treats is one of the newest vendors at the Market Place. Rosa loves to share her heritage and the wide range of treats she brings to the market, including confections and desserts, and an oh-so-moist pumpkin corn cake.

Along with her son, Kyle, they recently moved to Fernandina Beach to enjoy a slower pace and a friendly atmosphere.

The farmer's market is located on North Seventh Street and open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., rain or shine. The Market Place will not be open on Saturday, May 3 due to the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival. Visit [FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com](http://FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com) or call 557-8229.

The Fernandina Beach Arts Market is now open on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., adjacent to the farmers market on North Seventh Street, providing a place for nearly 30 vendors to sell their hand-crafted items, including fine jewelry and art.

"Re-cycle, re-purpose and re-use" is a chant heard around the Arts Market with vendors like Fun Gems, which makes unique jewelry from the pull-tabs of aluminum cans. Fernandina Finds turns discarded window panels into creative works of art, and Beeing Crafty makes hanging candle-holders from recycled wine bottles.

Purses, pillows, plastic bag holders, dog collars and leashes, table runners and golf seat covers make wonderful gifts, and are beautifully designed by exhibitors like Jillows, Finishing Touches, Mary Ann Bator-Gray and Pawsitively Purrfect Pet Accessories.

Knitted collars, beach cover-ups and scarves are created by hand by Knit 1 Merle 2 and Sonia C Designs. Local musician Jennifer Burns will provide entertainment for both markets Saturday.

The Fernandina Beach Arts Market still has space for a few more vendors. Visit [FernandinaBeachArtsMarket.com](http://FernandinaBeachArtsMarket.com) or call 557-8229 for information.

## Tools for every task at garden show

The Amelia Island Garden Show is pleased to announce that Horizons LTD will join the 2014 show, April 19 and 20 in Central Park, as a new vendor specializing in gardening tools for every season and every task.

Horizons LTD has been offering top quality home and garden products for over 20 years and focuses marketing their products at home, flower, garden and outdoor recreational shows throughout the world. In their travels, they have gathered what the show believes to be the highest quality products at the best prices. Horizons LTD will have a large variety of gardening products at the show, from rakes, pruners, loppers, shoes, gloves, hand tools, hats, plant stands, plant markers, knee pads, weed trimmers, garden tools, feeders, augers, garden seats, and more.

Mark your calendar for the third weekend in April when Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Event, the Amelia Island Garden Show, celebrates its fifth



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year at Central Park. For two days, April 19 and 20, Mother Nature shows off her brightest colors in a vast array of botanical wonders from nurseries and growers showcasing a full assortment of flowers, plants, trees, native plants, herbs, container gardens, shrubs and

more complemented with garden accessories such as pottery, wall and fence décor, framed outdoor art, furniture and more.

For both days, on-site experts will answer your questions about gardening challenges and how to green your

home, yard and garden.

Stop for an up close and personal 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, native and migratory birds of prey. ARC is dedicated to raptor rehabilitation, education and research, and increasing public awareness of Florida's magnificent 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 2-day pass for both Saturday and Sunday is \$5. Admission for Sunday only is \$4. Children under 12 are free and please, no pets. For details, visit [www.ameliagarden.com](http://www.ameliagarden.com). Call 491-4872 or visit [www.ameliafarmersmarket.com](http://www.ameliafarmersmarket.com) to sign up for the email Newsletter for details about the Amelia Island Garden Show.

## HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

### Wild Amelia

Wild Amelia is accepting online registration for the Nature Photography Classes and Ecotours of the eighth annual Wild Amelia Nature Festival, May 16-18 at venues on and around Amelia Island. One photo workshop will be a "Behind the Scenes Photo Opportunity at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens."

For descriptions of the classes and locations visit [wildamelia.com](http://wildamelia.com) or call Dawna Moore, coordinator, at 556-4880.

### 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 [dnjbailey@mindspring.com](mailto:dnjbailey@mindspring.com) or 261-9884.

### Turtle Watch meeting

The Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch, Inc. will hold its organizational meeting on April 16 at 6 p.m. in the Media Center of Fernandina Beach High School, 435 Citrona Drive. Anyone interested in volunteering for the 2014 sea turtle nesting season monitoring program is welcome. For information call 583-1913. Visit [www.ameliainslandseaturtlewatch.com](http://www.ameliainslandseaturtlewatch.com).

### Native plants

Florida Native Plant Society, Ixia Chapter, will meet April 17, 6:30 p.m., at the Regency Square Library, 9900 Regency Square Blvd., Jacksonville. The

program will be a panel presentation and discussion on, "Starting a Small Native Production Nursery at Home." The meeting is free and open to the public. Visit <http://ixia.fnpschapters.org/> or call (904) 655-2550 for information.

### Storm workshop

Local homeowners are being sought to participate in the "BRACE for the Storm" workshop 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 projects to strengthen their homes against Florida's next hurricane or during floods, wildfires and other disasters.

To register or for information visit [www.BeReadyFlorida.org](http://www.BeReadyFlorida.org).

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## Parrish family is FDSL's 'first family of softball'

"Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer Him and say, 'Lord, when did we do all of these things,' and the King answered them saying, 'When you did this for the least of these, you did it to me.'"

Through the 25th chapter of the book of Matthew, Jesus gives a great model of how we should take care of one another.

Glenn and Joy Parrish live out this model every day as it seems each year they have participated in the Family Driven Softball League, they have been helping other families or taking in someone who is in need.

Glenn, who is from Jacksonville, met Joy (from Clinton, Ind.) on a blind date in 2003. Before getting married, they were both content to remain single parents. But God intervened. Glenn said, "There is truth to love at first sight."

Glenn, who works in Jacksonville for PDM, Inc., and Joy, who is employed by Dr. Edward Tribuzio in Fernandina Beach, have six children between the two of them — Amanda, 27; Wade, 26; 20-year-old twins Jessica and Angelee; Garrett, 19; and Jordan 18.

The twins currently play alongside mom and dad for Springhill Baptist Church

although the family attends The Journey Church.

Currently they are helping to raise Glenn's four nephews, Brandon, Donovan, Gabe and Marcus, who are all under the age of 14.

The Parrish family is an absolute joy to watch play the game of softball. They are constantly poking fun at one another and having fun and even the twins will sometimes call mom and dad out on a bad play. But it is always done with love.

Glenn and Joy are great examples, as over the years they have provided a home for numerous children and teenagers. When living in Indiana, Glenn and Joy were coordinators for an outreach called "Christian street invasion."

Glenn said, "We opened the doors for kids in the surrounding six counties and had an opportunity to share God's love with as many as three hundred kids."

Each week they would reach these kids through Christian music, face-to-face evangelism and a weekly message. They are currently beginning a project God has laid on their hearts, which once again involves teenagers and young adults.

Glenn and Joy remain prepared to go wherever God leads them and this is why the Parrish family is the 2014 "First Family of Softball."

In softball action last week, Journey One defeated Yulee Baptist 14-3. Coach Taylor Massey hit three-for-three for Team One.

Celebration defeated MUMC 21-9. Chris Spivey hit



The Parrish Family, the Family Driven Softball League's "first family of softball."

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four-for-five with a home run and a double.

Journey Three defeated Our Lady of Consolation 16-12. Sabrina Campbell hit two-for-three for Team Three.

First Baptist Gold beat Yulee Baptist 13-1. Darius Prentice hit three-for-three with a home run and a triple.

Yulee/Live Oak got its first

win of the year behind women's player of the week Sarah Roy as they won the contest 14-4 over The Anchor Church of God.

Springhill defeated Fernandina Beach Church of Christ 10-5. Sean Gossett hit two-for-three with two triples.

Coach David Keay won men's player of the week hon-

ors as he came off the bench to rally his MUMC troops to a victory over Journey One 23-22. This was also the FDSL's game of the week.

Journey Two got its first win of the year, beating First Baptist Gold 17-12. Mike Mathis and Wes Hinton hit three-for-three.

Five Points handed

Christwalk its second loss of the season with a 17-7 victory. Sean Perkins and Luke Grissett both hit three-for-three.

First Baptist Blue defeated Living Waters 17-5 as Phil Hawkins hit four-for-five.

For information on the FDSL, contact President John Culbreth at (904) 705-3045.

## STUDENTS WIN ON THE COURSE



More than 100 players "Energized The Future" of the children of Communities In Schools through their participation in the 2014 golf tournament presented by Florida Public Utilities. The outing was hosted by the Omni Resorts Amelia Island Plantation. The winning team, sponsored by Rick Keffer, are students from Fernandina Beach High School and include, above, John Edwards, Hunter Wells, Harrison Wells and Drew Rountree. Second place went to the Florida Public Utilities Team One, right, including Jorge Puentes, Mark Cutshaw, George Speerin and David Richardson. To discover how you can join in energizing our youth by surrounding them with a community of support, visit [www.cisnassau.org](http://www.cisnassau.org) or call Terrie DiSalvo, director, Community Connections, 321-2000.

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## Hughes crowned women's champ

The Women's Golf Association of The Amelia Island Club held its women's stroke play club championship March 27-28. Eighteen women in three flights competed in the two-day tournament.

Elizabeth Hughes captured the overall title of club champion with two rounds of 80 and 83 for a 163 gross total. This was her second consecutive stroke play title at Long Point.

Finishing second to Hughes and capturing the championship flight low net title was Claudene Lindberg with a two-day total of 151. Second place low net in the championship flight was Melonie Murphy with a two-day total of 152.

Carol Kimmel won the A division flight with a two-day net total of 154 and Amy Pace captured the second-place low-net honors in the same flight with a total of 155.

In the B division flight, Sheila Braddock won with a total low net score of 141 over the two days and Virginia Ardia captured the second-place low-net honors with a score of 151.

In the nine-hole division, Sue Keith won the club championship with a 67 low net score. Dora Yelk finished second.

### 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



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Elizabeth Hughes, Amelia Island Club women's champion.

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](http://www.gp2c.org/penny-briggs).

## Sign-ups starting Monday for Boys & Girls basketball camp

Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County is offering a basketball camp to be held at the Miller Freedom Club on Old Nassauville Road. Boys and girls in grades 2-9 with a minimum of one season experience playing on an organized basketball team may register at either local club beginning Monday.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon daily under the leadership of Jacob Nantz, basketball coach at Fernan-

dina Beach High School.

Registration fee is \$40 but registration will close after the first 40 players apply.

The club will also offer a summer camp for ages 6-18. Arts, sports, technology lab, field trips and special projects will be capped by the annual summer carnival. This camp is offered at the Nassauville location and in Fernandina Beach on Lime Street.

Visit either club or call 261-1075 or 491-9102.

# TIGERS AND TINY TIGERS



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Pak's Karate Academy of Fernandina Beach held quarterly Tiger and Tiny Tiger belt promotions Feb. 28 at the facility in Fernandina Beach. Students were quizzed on their monthly life skills and safety topics as well as their self-defense techniques, and broke a board with a back pivot kick. Tigers and Tiny Tigers are pictured with Master Bryan Peeples and black belts from the Fernandina Beach school. For Tiny Tigers, left, promoting to white/green tip: Avery Lentz, George Taylor, Pierce Alexander, Aubrey Alexander, Nicholas Bazarian, Nicholas Fallon, Landon Zoss, Paul Duffy; promoting to white/blue tip: Logan Morse, Fiona Alfrey, Connor McBeth; promoting to white/red tip: Matthew Crane; promoting to white/orange tip: Ryan Hanson; promoting to white/black tip: Lexi Chester. For Tigers, right, promoting to white/yellow stripe belt: Dean Rathmann, Cody Mooney, Zoey Mooney, Daniel Kennedy, John Addington, Benjamin Adams, Gabrielle Gillespie, Carra Bean, Lilly Hilliker; promoting to white/green stripe: Morgan Ott, Shayden Zona, Brandon Fallon, Wyatt Blair, Willow McQuarry; promoting to white/blue stripe: Nathaniel Kallstrand, Nicholas Martino, Ellie Bruder, Ethan Cacciatore; promoting to white/brown stripe: Jace Lacoss, Miranda Crane, Matthew Suhr; promoting to white/red stripe: Gray Sladek, Carmen Agricola, Alex Bazarian, Avery Richardson; promoting to white/black stripe: Mackenzie Carlson; promoting to orange/black stripe: Ashton Eslinger and Nevaeh Alexander.

## 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](http://www.MyFWC.com/fishing).

### Nassau County Government Day

The Property Appraiser's Office, in conjunction with the Tax Collector's Office and other county departments, will host Nassau County Government Day from 3-6 p.m. April 19 at the Yulee Sports Complex, featuring a charity softball game to help raise awareness and money for some great organizations.

This inaugural event will include refreshments sponsored by the Farm Bureau and Coca-Cola, music, bounce house, an Easter egg hunt for kids 2-8 years old and many other exciting activities. The event will be free to attend with small donations suggested. The

complex is located at 86142 Goodbread Road, Yulee. For information, email [jtaylor@nas-saufpa.com](mailto:jtaylor@nas-saufpa.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](http://www.jaguars.com) for information.

### 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 ringside seats are \$10, also available at FBMS. A portion of the proceeds go to FBMS athletics.

### Boating clinics

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 "Powerboating 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## Colebourne named USTA Florida volunteer of month

Not long after Scott Colebourne assumed the position of director of tennis at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation in 2012, subsequently running junior tennis tournaments and giving private lessons, he wanted to do more to make tournament tennis a better entry-level experience for youth and families.

Reaching out to the USTA Florida Section office, he began a journey that has taken him into the heart of restructuring junior tennis in Florida to best serve young players working their way up the competitive ranks.

"In 2012 I decided that I wanted to give back to the game and become more involved in the USTA," said Colebourne, the former driver of tennis camps in Vermont that earned consecutive Top 3 Camps in the country status. "I reached out to the USTA and was put in touch with (USTA Florida associate executive director) Andy McFarland, who recruited me to join the 10 and under Tennis Committee.

"From that point I jumped right in, assisting with as many events and programs as I could. (USTA Florida director of recreational tennis) Jason Gilbert invited me in late 2013 to join a committee to discuss ways to ensure that our junior players had the best possible first tournament experience, and that they began playing in the correct events for their abilities. This opportunity to assist with positive additions to the USTA's junior tournament program excited me."

Those discussions were the beginning of the USTA Florida Earned Advancement Pathway, which addresses beginning juniors entering competitive system in a changing age, but in a tournament system itself that has changed little over the years.

"Tennis is facing strong competition for families recreation time, while that recreation time available is also shrinking," he says. "To com-

pete, junior tournament tennis needs to make some changes, and I think that the recommendations of our Earned Advancement Committee, along with the Entry Level Tournament Committee, will create positive change for a child's first years of tournament play. Florida has always been one of the strongest areas of the world for junior tennis, and our recommendations won't have any effect on that. They will, however, ensure that our beginner players compete in the appropriate events, and have a great first tournament experience so they'll want to return."

Colebourne is certified in adult and junior development with the PTR and junior programming with the USTA. He is a national tester and tournament director and has coached nationally-ranked juniors, sectional-winning USTA adult teams and traveled the country playing and teaching. As a junior he was nationally ranked in the Top 5 in New Zealand. The experience has left him with an affinity for introducing youngsters to the game.

"My first role as a coach was in 2001, and fortunately we were using red balls and 21-inch rackets to teach beginner 5-year-olds," says Colebourne of the Youth Tennis kid-sized equipment that has become popular in the U.S. over the last five years. "From that point, I have been an advocate for beginning tennis with this equipment. My personal opinion is that this philosophy makes the game easier for beginner younger players, by making it easier at this crucial age. I believe our junior participation numbers will increase dramatically over the long term."

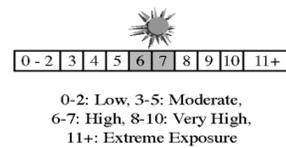
USTA Florida named Colebourne the March Volunteer of the Month for his involvement with junior tennis at the USTA Florida Section level, and as a Youth Tennis advocate at the local level in the Amelia Island area.

## The News Leader Weather Summary

### Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny 73 / 60	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 74 / 61	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny 74 / 62	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Cloudy 76 / 62	<b>Tuesday</b> Scat'd T-storms 74 / 60	<b>Wednesday</b> Scat'd T-storms 77 / 61	<b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy 78 / 56

### Local UV Index



### Weather Trivia

In what year was the first official tornado warning issued?

**Answer:** The first public tornado warnings were issued in 1953.

### Weather History

**April 11, 1965** - Severe thunderstorms in the Upper Midwest spawned 51 tornadoes, killing 256 people and causing more than 200 million dollars in damage. Indiana, Ohio and Michigan were hardest hit in the outbreak.

### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	9:50-11:50	9:20-11:20	Tue	---	11:38-1:38
Sat	10:34-12:34	10:04-12:04	Wed	12:28-2:28	12:58-2:58
Sun	11:20-1:20	10:50-12:50	Thu	1:21-3:21	1:51-3:51
Mon	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00			

[www.WhatsOurWeather.com](http://www.WhatsOurWeather.com)

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
<b>Full 4/15</b>	Fri	7:01 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	4:43 p.m.	4:44 a.m.	
	Sat	7:00 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	5:37 p.m.	5:18 a.m.	
	Sun	6:59 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	6:33 p.m.	5:52 a.m.	
<b>Last 4/22</b>	Mon	6:58 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	7:31 p.m.	6:28 a.m.	
	Tue	6:57 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	7:07 a.m.	
	Wed	6:56 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	7:48 a.m.	
	Thu	6:55 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	10:31 p.m.	8:34 a.m.	

**New 4/29** **First 5/6**

### Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
					Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
4/1	79	52	74/55	0.00"	4/1	16	4/5	21
4/2	77	54	74/55	0.00"	4/2	16	4/6	20
4/3	81	59	74/55	0.00"	4/3	20	4/7	20
4/4	86	61	74/56	0.00"	4/4	24		
4/5	79	63	74/56	0.00"				
4/6	77	64	74/56	0.00"				
4/7	77	64	75/56	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.

### Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance				
Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low
Fri	6:43 am	12:22 am	Fri	6:07 am	12:19 am	Fri	6:36 pm	12:39 pm
Sat	7:30 am	1:11 am	Sat	6:54 am	1:08 am	Sat	7:22 pm	1:23 pm
Sun	8:15 am	1:58 am	Sun	7:39 am	1:55 am	Sun	8:05 pm	2:05 pm
Mon	8:58 am	2:41 am	Mon	8:22 am	2:38 am	Mon	8:46 pm	2:45 pm
Tue	9:40 am	3:23 am	Tue	9:04 am	3:20 am	Tue	9:27 pm	3:24 pm
Wed	10:21 am	4:05 am	Wed	9:45 am	4:02 am	Wed	10:09 pm	4:04 pm
Thu	11:04 am	4:47 am	Thu	10:28 am	4:44 am	Thu	10:53 pm	4:45 pm

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Bolero: Mood Music to Watch an Eclipse

I get a lot of music majors in my Moravian astronomy classes, and a few weeks ago after ending a unit on eclipses, I played for my Monday/Wednesday group, Bonnie Tyler's "Total Eclipse of the Heart." I also considered Carly Simon's, "You're So Vain," a song where she is mocking former beau, Warren Beatty, and perhaps others. After his horse wins in Saratoga, he flies his "Learjet up to Nova Scotia to watch the total eclipse of the sun." That was a real event back in the summer of 1972. It was the only total solar eclipse that for me was clouded out, but in Nova Scotia, it was clear. That got me to thinking about what music should be playing in the background while watching the total lunar eclipse during the morning hours of April 15, and the only melody that made any sense was Maurice Ravel's, "Bolero." Now look folks, I'm not stupid. If you ever saw the feature film "10," starring Bo Derek and Dudley Moore, you know exactly what "Bolero" was used for, so I'm not advocating anyone to watch this lunar eclipse under a blanket unless it is for warmth. But the music, as everyone knows who has heard it, builds to a rousing climax, in just the same sequence as any lunar or solar eclipse. In this lunar eclipse the moon makes contact with Earth's shadow at 1:58 a.m., EDT. One hour, eight minutes later, the eclipse reaches its crescendo as Luna is completely immersed in the Earth's shadow. For the totality portion of the eclipse, when the moon takes on a variety of different hues, such as yellows, oranges, reds, and browns, you'd have to play Bolero's climax over and over again. This is the best part of the show; but what would you do for the egress, when the moon is emerging from the shadow? My suggestion would be to play "Bolero" backwards. It would sound awful, and you wouldn't want to hang around to listen to it. That's what most people do after totality ends. They simply leave and go home. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

## 2014 SCHEDULES

School	Event	Date	Time
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Varsity Baseball	April 18	FIRST COAST 6:00
	at Hilliard	6:00	
	at Atlantic Coast	6:30	
	BATTERY CREEK, S.C.	6:00	
	April 21-24 DISTRICT 4-4A	TBA	
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Softball	April 12	Sectional at Baker County
	April 14-17 District 4-4A at West Nassau		
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	Varsity Baseball	April 11	6:00
	BALDWIN	6:00	
	SUWANNEE	7:00	
	ST. JOSEPH	6:00	
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	Softball	April 12	Sectional at Baker County
NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOLS	Flag Football	April 15	5:00
	WNHS-FBHS at Hilliard	6:00	
	Hilliard-Yulee	6:00	
	Hilliard-WNHS at FBHS	5:00	
	FBHS-Yulee	6:00	



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## Exploring life on the ACT stage

MARYLEE LONG  
For the News-Leader

"Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music," by Lee Blessing, continues its run on Amelia Community Theatre's main stage. Blessing, one of America's most well-known and gifted playwrights, offers



a premise that "no matter what path we may pursue, we will always encounter a moral challenge, causing us to decide who we are. And who we are will change."

"In Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music," Blessing takes a funny, but serious look at a handful of characters caught in the act of finding who they want to be. And it is not about country music, or dancing or nice people.

Eva June is a not-so-young-any-more woman from the upper Midwest. After a chance meeting in a Texas airport with a rough-looking, tough-talking cowboy from Houston, Eva June makes a split second decision to leave her husband – a professor of Latvian studies back in Minnesota – and go to Houston to make a new life with Jim Stools, a man about whom she knows precious little, a fact she hopes to change.

Jim Stools owns a wide-open biker bar, full of beer-swilling real men who shoot pool and maybe guns and who listen to loud country music which probably isn't very good and who probably aren't nice people. What is missing in his life that draws him to a woman he has only just met, and a northerner, at that? And, oh yes; she has a teenage son with an attitude.

Eva June's son Jason wants to get away from Texas where everyone talks like Gomer Pyle and where he is not free to do what he wants. And he specifically wants to get away from

ACT Continued on 2B



**Pam Helton, minister of music at Amelia Baptist Church, encourages her singers in preparing for the special Lenten musical to be presented at 7 p.m. at Amelia Baptist Church on Good Friday, April 18. This is the sixth year that Helton has organized a community choir to present a Lenten musical as a gift to the community.**

## Good Friday musical a gift to the community

The community is invited to Amelia Baptist Church on Good Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m. for a special Good Friday service.

The centerpiece of this year's service is a new Lenten musical called "In My Place."

This new cantata is a poignant musical journey following Christ to the cross. Craig Courtney's masterful compositions and Pamela Stewart's inspired narrative illustrate the events of Holy Week in a compelling and beautiful way.

The music is a distinctive blend of original melodies and creative hymn settings. The narrative by Stewart focuses on the observations of five first-hand witnesses to Christ's final hours: Judas, Peter, the thief on the cross, the Roman centurion, and a crowd member who called for Christ's death.

This special Good Friday service is being presented by 55 talented singers from the community representing several area churches. The choir will be accompanied by an ensemble of strings, woodwinds, brass and piano comprising instrumentalists from the Northeast Florida community, under the direction of Pam Helton.

Holy Communion will be offered as the music and narration communicate the meaning of the cross.

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

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

## Music, fine art, auctions & more at Big Band Bash

Given a couple who have performed nightly on three different cruise ships through several continents and much of the world since early November, one might assume that Les DeMerle and Bonnie Eisele would be ready for less work and more relaxation at home.

Nevertheless, they feel like they're just getting warmed up as they head back to the island next week for the third edition of the Amelia Island Jazz Festival's Big Band Bash, a dinner/dance set for April 19, 6:30-10 p.m. at the Omni Resorts Amelia Island Plantation. The popular benefit gala dinner/dance will present The Dynamic Les DeMerle 17-piece Orchestra, featuring singer extraordinaire Eisele and special guests in a salute to America's legendary big bands.

"Since the AI Jazz Festival last fall, we've sailed the seas around Australia/New Zealand, Brazil and now the Far East," the festival's Artistic Director and drummer DeMerle commented from their latest port aboard the Regent Seven Seas Voyager in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

"Our musicianship is at its peak, and my full big band is very excited to get back and swing on island time," he added. The band will feature such notables as Jim Malmgren – lead trumpet, Dr. Bill Prince – lead alto sax, Al Waters – alto sax, Don Zentz – lead tenor sax, Clarence Hines – lead trombone, Doug Matthews – piano, and Eisele on vocals plus 10 other great musicians.

The event will also present exciting live and silent auctions featuring original paintings created by official 2014 Grammy Award artist Marcus Glenn and original artwork by Tim Yanke, among others from the prestigious Park West Gallery, the world's largest art dealer and now a major AIJF sponsor.



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**Les DeMerle and Bonnie Eisele.**

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# OFF & ON THE ISLAND

## STORY & SONG

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



## SWING INTO SPRING

The Fernandina Beach High School bands will hold their Swing into Spring fundraiser on April 12 at 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the school, 435 Citrona Drive. The Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Bands will perform. Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner and one entry for a drawing. The grand-prize is a Samsung 43-inch plasma TV. Extra tickets for the drawing are \$5 each. Also enjoy a silent auction.

For tickets and information contact Teresa Wilson, BPA vice president, at tebewilson@comcast.net or 206-3088. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The FBHS BPA is a nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Proceeds will support all FBHS bands.



## AMELIA ISLAND GARDEN SHOW

Mark your calendar for April 19 and 20 when the Amelia Island Garden Show celebrates its fifth year at Central Park. Enjoy botanical wonders from nurseries and growers, complemented by garden accessories such as pottery, outdoor wall and fence décor, framed outdoor art, furniture and more. On-site experts will answer your questions, and enjoy a personal encounter with the popular raptors presented by ARC, the bird of prey rehabilitation center. Enjoy gourmet foods and the Picnic Bench Dining Court, from fresh pastries and a coffee for breakfast to a full lunch. A two-day pass is \$5. Admission for Sunday only is \$4. Children under 12 are free and please, no pets. Visit [www.ameliagarden.com](http://www.ameliagarden.com). Call 491-4872 or visit [www.ameliafarmersmarket.com](http://www.ameliafarmersmarket.com) to sign up for the email newsletter.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Presented by Mayo Clinic, the 10th Annual Katie Ride is April 12, benefiting the Katie Caples Foundation's organ donor registration and awareness programs.**

The fully supported cycling event for riders of all levels has 100-, 62-, 36- and 18-mile routes with an Off-Road Ride, Family Fun Ride, 7K Walk and 7K Fun Run. The nine-island coastal ride begins at the Atlantic Recreation Center and courses through Ft. Clinch, Timucuan Preserve, Ft. Caroline and the Talbot Islands.

Register at [www.katieride-forlife.org/register/](http://www.katieride-forlife.org/register/). Fees range from \$10 to \$45. Minimum fundraising commitments apply for most events. Organizers also need volunteers to help the day of the ride.

Sign up at [www.katieride-forlife.org/take-action/volunteer/](http://www.katieride-forlife.org/take-action/volunteer/) or call 491-0811. A volunteer coordinator will call with details.

**The American Legion Auxiliary will serve pork loin dinners with two sides, roll and dessert for an \$8 donation on April 12 from 5-7 p.m.** Dinners will be served in the meeting hall at 626 S. Third St. and to-go orders are available.

The public is invited to join in the dinner. All proceeds benefit veterans and the community.

**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 introduction 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 [clinch-historicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:clinch-historicalsociety@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 numer-

ous organizations and presents lectures on the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War.

**The Property Appraiser and Tax Collector offices and other county departments will host "Nassau County Government Day" April 19, featuring a charity softball game.**

Enjoy refreshments sponsored by the Farm Bureau and Coca-Cola, music, bounce house, an Easter egg hunt for ages 2-8 and more starting at 3 p.m. at the Yulee Sport Complex, 86142 Goodbread Road. The event is free, with small donations suggested. The egg hunt is at 3:30 p.m. and game time is 4 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Katie Ride for Life, United Way and the James Page Scholarship Fund.

The Easter egg hunt is coordinated by members of the Nassau County School Board, with 1,000 eggs with prizes inside. Bring your own baskets. For information contact Justin Taylor at 491-7304 or [jtaylor@nassauflpa.com](mailto:jtaylor@nassauflpa.com).

**The Amelia Island Culinary Academy presents demonstration classes with Chef Bill Thompson. The next class is April 19 from 1:30-3 p.m. at 232 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach, featuring "Pasta in Tuscany."**

Chef Bill will demonstrate 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@ameliacooking.com](mailto:info@ameliacooking.com).

**The 29th annual Nassau County Volunteer Center's Volunteer Awards luncheon will be held April 24 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center from noon until 1:30 pm.**

Awards will be presented by the city of Fernandina Beach (the Elsie Harper awards for service to youth, seniors, community enrichment and social services), the Nassau County Commission, the Amelia Island/Nassau County Association of Realtors, the town of Hilliard, the Rayonier Foundation, the Fernandina Optimist Club and the Greater West Nassau Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets for a table of eight (\$160); a half-table of four (\$85); business tickets (\$35), and individual tickets (\$15) may be purchased by calling the Volunteer Center at 261-2771 or visiting [www.volunteernassau.org](http://www.volunteernassau.org).

**The Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library present a "Love at High Noon" luncheon on May 9 at noon at Cafe Karibo fea-**

turing *New York Times* and *USA Today* best-selling romance author Brenda Jackson. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Fernandina Beach Library on North Fourth Street by May 5.

## 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. Purchase in person at the Florida Theatre Box Office, 128 East Forsyth St., Jacksonville, at (904) 355-ARTS, or at any Ticketmaster outlet ([www.ticketmaster.com](http://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 more information, visit [www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org](http://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 is geared for all levels. Taught by Sinda Nichols, each session is limited to 10 adults age 18 and over. The afternoon sessions are from 2:30-5 p.m. and evening sessions from 6:30-9 p.m. at 207 Cedar St. Tuition is \$70. To register call the box office at 261-6749 or at the ACT Online Store, [www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org](http://www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org).

For information contact Nichols at [nichols.sinda@gmail.com](mailto: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 are Oct. 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26, 31 and Nov. 1. Roles are for males and females ranging from 15-60. The production is based on the Broadway version, not the movie. Auditions for lead roles will consist of two minutes of one of the following songs: Worst Pies in London, Pretty Women, Green Finch, Kiss Me, The Contest, Epiphany, or Pirelli's Magical Elixir and a one-minute monologue of your choice. Chorus auditions entail a one-minute of song of your choice.

Visit Facebook and [www.ameliamusicalplayhouse.com](http://www.ameliamusicalplayhouse.com).

To schedule a private audition, email [jilldill@msn.com](mailto:jilldill@msn.com) before April 13.

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

The award-winning documentary films will be shown at FLT, 1014 Beech St., Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., concluding on Earth Day, April 22. Remaining films are:

- Tapped – April 15 – looks at the big business of bottled water, and how it has bamboozled the public and damaged Earth.

- Gasland Part II – April 22 – an in-depth examination of the dangers of fracking, now occurring on a global level in 32 countries.

Tickets are \$6 per screening and available at The UPS Store in the Fernandina Public shopping center. A portion of proceeds benefits the U.S. Green Building Council, North Florida Chapter. Visit [ameli-aftt.org](http://ameli-aftt.org).

## MUSEUM

**One ticket, four pubs, a wealth of historical information about downtown Fernandina and a good time for all.**

Join the Amelia Island Museum of History Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. to tour four of the town's most popular, notorious or otherwise historic pubs

## 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](http://jaxsymphony.org), like them at [facebook.com/JaxSymphony](http://facebook.com/JaxSymphony) or follow them on Twitter @jaxsymphony.

### 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.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 [courtyardpubanddeats](http://courtyardpubanddeats) 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

## BAND *Continued from 1B*

The gallery's director, Morris Shapiro, will be on hand to present the paintings and act as auctioneer. "I am so excited to be a part of the festival's efforts this year. The work Les and Bonnie are doing in bringing music and culture to young people in the area is critical in moving the arts forward into future generations," Shapiro said. "Park West Gallery and myself are honored to be a part of this effort. And the winning bidders for these treasures will not only be helping a great cause, but will also be going home with some of the coolest art I've ever had the pleasure of auctioning!"

The Big Band Bash schedule will kick off with a meet and greet the orchestra including complimentary champagne at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and music will begin at 7

## ACT *Continued from 1B*

Jim Stools, but not before he succeeds in annoying him to the point of violence. Unlike his mother, Jason is not enamored with either Jim Stools or the life of a barkeep, both of which require long hours of hard work and an open mind. What he does like, however, is the nickname that Jim has given him. Maybe he feels that he belongs when Jim calls him JayBob.

The other two characters in the play are Roy Manuel, an honest-to-goodness barfly who fills in as Jim's confidant and assistant, and Catherine, Eva June's niece. Roy is on extended sick leave on account of being deprived of oxygen while working at his underground utility service job. Being in the trenches, as he calls it, may have colored his view of the world, causing him to give unwa-

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](mailto:Thea@ameliamuseum.org).

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

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](mailto:bill@thepalacesaloon.com).

### Instant Groove

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

### Pablos

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

### Palace Saloon

The Palace Saloon, 117 Centre St., presents live music. Call 491-8999 or email [kellie@lickwidmarketing.com](mailto:kellie@lickwidmarketing.com). Join them on Facebook or visit [www.thepalacesaloon.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:kellie@lickwidmarketing.com). Join them on Facebook or visit [www.thepalacesaloon.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:kellie@lickwidmarketing.com). Join them on Facebook or visit [www.thesurfonline.com](http://www.thesurfonline.com).

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Wednesday, April 9  
Solution

This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday like clockwork and lasts approximately one hour. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave.

Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105 or [Thea@ameliamuseum.org](mailto:Thea@ameliamuseum.org) for more information.

# RELIGION

## Learning to go to our knees

Crack. When I saw it coming, I knew all eyes were on me. I've never seen a softball hit so hard. Had it been in the air, it easily would have gone over the fence. Seeing it on the ground, and knowing I was right in its path, had my middle age body on full alert.

This year, the church I pastor joined the Family Driven Softball League. Though we've not won much, we've had a great time being together as a congregation. That, coupled with a chance to fellowship with other churches, is why I signed up. On the day when the torpedo-like softball came scorching across the earth right at me, my reason for being there seemed unclear. As the ball whistled between my legs, just under my glove, my heart sank. So did my team's.

Apart from a few internal conversations about why I hadn't put my glove lower, all I could hear was the voice of my coach. "When the ball is coming fast on the ground, go to your knee." His words ran in a loop over and over in my head as I chased after the ball. Later it dawned on me. Knowing when to go to your knee is a really important thing. Spiritually speaking, it's a lesson I had to learn in much the same way.

Over the years, I can't begin to tell you how many times I've missed the ball because of not going to my knee in prayer. It's been especially true when life has come at me fast and hard. For some reason, in those moments, finding time to stop and bow the knee seems illogical.

There are other more practical ways to fix the problem — or so it seems. In the case of me with the softball, I thought I could handle things while staying on my feet. Boy was I wrong. The bottom line is this: In times of pressure, our posture matters.

For me, one thing is clear. Though we often don't under-



### PULPIT NOTES

Pastor Rob Goyette

stand the power of our prayers, the devil does. Acts chapter 16:16-17 is a great example. "As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.'"

I don't know if you caught it, but in the verse just mentioned, the apostles were on their way to prayer when an evil spirit tried to stop them. Notice the spirit's strategy. It actually promoted them as great men of God who were carrying a message of salvation. I find that fascinating. In essence, the evil spirit was appealing to their pride in order to get them to hold a meeting in their own strength and without having spent time on their knees in prayer. The devil knows such prayer-less gatherings are void of the power and presence of God. Said another way, what evil spirits fear most is not our good deeds, but our good deeds that flow out of our personal relationship and dependence on God. It's those deeds that have the power to make a difference for time and eternity.

Though having a softball go screaming under my glove was quite embarrassing, I'm grateful for the reminder I got from my coach that day — both the one here on Earth as well as the one in heaven.

Robert L. Goyette is pastor of Living Waters World Outreach Center. [rgoy@livingwatersoutreach.org](mailto:rgoy@livingwatersoutreach.org)

### Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Anglican Church will observe Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday Masses on April 13 at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The daily Masses of Holy Week will be said at 12:15 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. At 6 p.m. on

Thursday, the Maundy Thursday Mass will be celebrated, along with foot-washing and establishing an Altar of Repose, followed by a prayer vigil. On Friday, the prayer vigil continues followed by the Stations of the Cross liturgy at 6 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 20, the first Mass of Easter will be at 8 a.m. with a blessing of the red Easter eggs, followed with a celebration Mass at 10:30 a.m. beginning with the children's Easter pageant and baptism.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church is located at 1830 Lake Park Dr. in Amelia Park, right across the street from the YMCA. The public is warmly invited to participate.

### First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian's Easter events include: Palm Sunday, April 13, worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and an ecumenical gathering at the courthouse on Centre Street at 10:40 a.m., ending with a processional to each church. 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.

### Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 Atlantic Ave., offers several Easter 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. April 17 at 7 p.m. is the Maundy Thursday service featuring "Into Your Hands" (an enactment of the

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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/AmeliaPlantationChapel](http://facebook.com/AmeliaPlantationChapel) or visit [www.ameliachapel.com](http://www.ameliachapel.com). All are welcome.

### Maundy Thursday

First Presbyterian Church and Memorial United Methodist Church will present a joint worship experience on Maundy Thursday, April 17, in Maxwell Hall at MUMC.

After a short communion service beginning at 7 p.m., celebrated actor Brad Sherrill will share his dramatic performance of Exodus. Based on the Old Testament story

of Moses and Israel's epic journey, Exodus includes an original 2013 visual presentation from Egypt, Sinai, Jordan and Israel created by his collaborator Mark Hickman.

Sherrill is an off-Broadway actor and member of the Georgia Shakespeare Theater Company in Atlanta who devotes eight months of the year to touring his faith-based theater work. Nursery available for infant pre-K at both churches. Call 261-5769.

### Stations of the Cross

Memorial United Methodist Church is offering a unique Holy Week experience. All are welcome to "Pray with Your Feet" and walk the self-guided Stations of the Cross in Memorial's Sanctuary.

The Stations of the Cross will be open April 17-19 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Children may experience the stations with parents.

Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 601 Centre St., downtown Fernandina Beach. Call 261-5769.

### Sunrise celebration

First Baptist Church's 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. Visit [FBFirst.com](http://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 attend. Please bring a chair. Donuts will be served at Legacy Baptist, 941328 Old Nassauville Road, following

the service at 8:30 a.m. Call (904) 753-0731.

### Fort Clinch service

All are welcome to the annual Easter Sunrise Service at Ft. Clinch, April 20 at 6:45 a.m. The Rev. Anthony Daniels, pastor of the Macedonia AME Church, will preach.

### 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, breakfast will be served at the church's Gabriel Means Fellowship Hall. 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 begins at 10:30 a.m. on the grounds. Easter buckets will be on hand for those who forget to bring a basket. Bring flowers or greenery to weave onto the wooden cross in front of the chapel.

Amelia Plantation Chapel is located at 36 Bowman Road, just outside of the main security gate of the Omni Resort. Call 277-4414, find them on [facebook.com/AmeliaPlantationChapel](http://facebook.com/AmeliaPlantationChapel) or visit [www.ameliachapel.com](http://www.ameliachapel.com). All are welcome.

## RELIGION NOTES

### 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 at The Barn in Yulee, 850918 US 17, one block north of A1A at the corner of Pages Dairy Road. Call 477-7268.

### 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 April 12 from 2-4 p.m. The staff would love to see you or meet you for the first time. Come to 410 S. Ninth St., at the corner of Ninth and Date streets in Fernandina.

### Passover Seder

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

### Hope House

The Salvation Army Hope House will celebrate Passover & Easter April 15 at noon. Join them as they honor God and testify to His unsurpassed power and mercy throughout the ages. Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St. Call 321-0435.

### Dental help

The Northeast Florida Baptist Association will bring the Mobile Dental Unit to the Yulee office, 851035 US 17, for one week of free

dental care for those without insurance. Medical, financial screening and appointments for clients will be held April 15 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Patients must be 18 or older and must show up in person. Services include fillings and extractions only.

### Christian lunch group

The Community Network Lunch Group is open to anyone that would like to promote their business or organization. It meets Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. April 16-May 7

it will meet at the Chamber of Commerce on Amelia Island.

The group has been a venue for hiring, finding volunteers and employment. There is no cost. Just show up, bring business cards and marketing material for handouts and your lunch. There is time for everyone to present their company or organization and there is a short video each week from the "Genesis: The Business Workshop" regarding keeping integrity and faith in the workplace. For information contact [KarenWerling@Bellsouth.net](mailto:KarenWerling@Bellsouth.net).

# Worship this week

## at the place of your choice...

**Springhill**  
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# AROUND SCHOOL

## 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](http://www.earlyimpressionsfl.com).

### 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. For information contact Sharon Collins, executive director, at 548-4464.

### Book sale

The Nassau County Home Educators ninth annual Book Sale will be held on April 25 at Springhill Baptist Church at 941017 Old Nassauville Road. The sale will be open to the community on Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be curriculum, manipulatives, games, movies and books for all ages.

### 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](http://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.

### Southside orientation

It's the Southside Elementary annual orientation for parents and students enrolling in kindergarten for the 2014-15 school year. The orientation meeting is April 28 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Classroom visitations will follow. Your child must be five or before Sept. 1, 2014 to enroll in kindergarten. Documents to bring for enrollment include: Original or certified copy of the child's birth certificate; up to date immunization record; physical examination record; Social Security card; and proof of address, utility bill or other mail with address.

Registration begins April 28 for the new school year; parents, please register as soon as possible. Call 491-7941 for information.

### Ag Extravaganza

All third grade youth are invited to the annual Agriculture Extravaganza May 8-9 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Northeast

Florida Fairgrounds in Callahan. This field trip opportunity teaches youth about agriculture through hands-on experiences. From chickens to peanuts, they will sample food, play games and engage in hands-on learning.

Register your child or learn more by calling the Nassau County Extension Service at (904) 879-1019. The fee is \$7.

### Museum camp

The Amelia Island Museum of History summer camp program for children ages 7-10 is June 9-20 at the museum. Campers will transform themselves into Timucuan Indian children, live in a council house and participate in clan activities like bow hunting, fishing, pottery and clothes making, sand casting and bird watching. 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 call Liz at 261-7378, ext. 100.

### B&G camp

Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County invite all youngsters, ages 6-18, to sign up for the 2014 Summer Camp program. It includes arts, sports, technology lab, field trips, special projects, and is capped by the annual Summer Carnival. Summer Camp is held at both the Miller Freedom Center on Old Nassauville Road and the Roberts Learning & Achievement Center on Lime Street in Fernandina between 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 9 to July 25. Sign up at the club or call 261-1075 for the Miller Club, 491-9102 for the Roberts Club.

### 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.

### Theater camp

Amelia Community Theatre is registering campers for its two-week Broadway musical theater camp July 14-18 and July 21-26. Tuition is \$120 for ages 8-12 who attend from 9 a.m.-noon, and \$150 for ages 13-17 who attend from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. "Once On this Island, Jr.," this summer's production, is based on Hans Christian Andersen's tale of The Little Mermaid. Kristin Sakamoto, who directed last summer's "Honk, Jr.," returns as camp director. Register online at [ameliacommunitytheatre.org](http://ameliacommunitytheatre.org) or through the box office at 207 Cedar St. Box office hours are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Call 261-6749 for information or to check camp availability.

## SCHOOL PICTURES



### Special day

March 21 was World Down Syndrome Day and the Early Impressions center at 464073 SR 200, Unit 16 in Yulee celebrated in a special way, above and left. "Each year from the inception of Early Impressions, since 2007, I have had at least one child with a disability," said Karen Boney in an email. "This year we have a little girl name Lillian Brown with Down Syndrome. With World Down Syndrome Day on Friday, March 21, and Lillian now in kindergarten, The Vibe, my after-school program, got together and put on a party for Lillian to celebrate this day. We all wore the world colors of blue and yellow, we had party games and blue and yellow cake and took time to make her feel extra special just as she is. She is a very bright loving child and all the children love to play with her."

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### Sea World trip

Thursday, March 13, the gifted classes of Bryceville Elementary, Callahan Elementary, Callahan Intermediate and Hilliard Elementary traveled with their teacher, Tracy Cruce, to Orlando. The classes spent the day at Sea World as part of their study of the ocean.



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### On your mark, get set, go!

Callahan Elementary Run/Walk Club students took part in the Gate Junior River Run in Jacksonville March 15. PE teacher Alma Bailey took 28 students in the one-mile race. They trained every Wednesday after school. Bailey is very involved in promoting a healthy lifestyle for CES students. Run/Walk Club is just one of many ways kids are learning to be active and stay fit. Doug Alfred, race director and owner of 1st Place Sports, donated leftover race T-shirts to CES for a mock river run at the school for students who could not attend the official race. Bailey is excited about the upcoming event! Thank you 1st Place Sports, Jacksonville.

## EASTER FUN

Children of all ages can enjoy the antics of Peter Cottontail and other storybook characters on an Easter season train excursion April 12 and 19 at Theatre by the Trax, 1000 Osborne St., St. Marys, Ga. 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. Tickets are \$17 adults and \$11 children 12 and under plus a \$3 processing fee. Children two and under ride free. Purchase tickets at [www.stmarysrrailroad.com](http://www.stmarysrrailroad.com) or (912) 200-5235. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or at (912) 729-1103.

Enjoy the grand re-opening of Orange Hall in St. Marys, Ga., on April 12 from 1-4 p.m. with an Easter Egg hunt, Easter bonnet contest and a chance to win a reproduction of the Faberge Orange Tree Egg while experiencing the restored beauty and history of the antebellum mansion. Orange Hall supporters will host a city spring potluck picnic, providing hot-dogs. Bring a covered dish to share. Orange Hall is located at 311 Osborne St. in downtown St. Marys, Ga.

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.

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.

Fernandina First Baptist Church invites you to come to the "EGG"-Stravaganza 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-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](http://www.FBFirst.com).

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 1-10. The event will feature a hot dog lunch following the egg

hunt. For information call 753-0731. The church is located in the former volunteer fire station, 941328 Old Nassauville Road.

The Kiwanis Club of St. Marys will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 from 9-11 a.m. at the Howard Gilman Memorial Waterfront Park in downtown St. Marys, Ga. The hunt is for ages 12 and under. Those wishing to participate must arrive at 9 a.m. Games and activities will follow the hunt. For information contact St. Marys Kiwanis at [smkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:smkiwanis@gmail.com).

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/ameliaisland](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/ameliaisland).

Crooked River State Park in St. Marys, Ga., will host an Easter Egg Hunt for ages 5 and under on April 18 at 8 p.m., followed by a flashlight family egg hunt at 8:30 p.m. The park's nature trail winds through forest and salt marsh. A nature center features fish, snakes, turtles and other animals native to coastal Georgia. The park also will feature an Easter basket craft April 18. For information on these events, camping or cabin rentals, call



(912) 882-5256 or visit [www.georgiastateparks.org/crookedriver](http://www.georgiastateparks.org/crookedriver).

An Easter Garden Brunch with chilled Mayport shrimp, prime rib, eggs Benedict station, local fish, grilled jumbo shrimp, roasted leg of lamb and dessert station will be held 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. Seatings are at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Price is \$95 per person and \$25 children ages 5-12. Call 277-1087 or visit [www.ritzcarlton.com/ameliaisland](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/ameliaisland).

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.

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

## Second Saturday Artwalk

### Blue Door Artists

The Blue Door Artists, 205 1/2 Centre St., downtown Fernandina Beach, are pleased to highlight the works of Georganna, a longtime resident and artist of Fernandina Beach, during the April 12 Second Saturday Artwalk. On display will be an exhibition of her landscapes and still lifes, bottom right, many of which are inspired by the Amelia Island scenery and reflect the beauty in nature through Georganna's use of spontaneous and colorful brushwork. Her studio, as well as those of the other eight artists "at the top of the stairs," will be open for touring and for visiting from 5 until 8 p.m.

### Gallery C

Carol Winner, artist and owner of Gallery C, will host a reception of new paintings, including "Beach Umbrellas," top right, April 12 from 5-9 p.m. as part of the Second Saturday Artwalk.

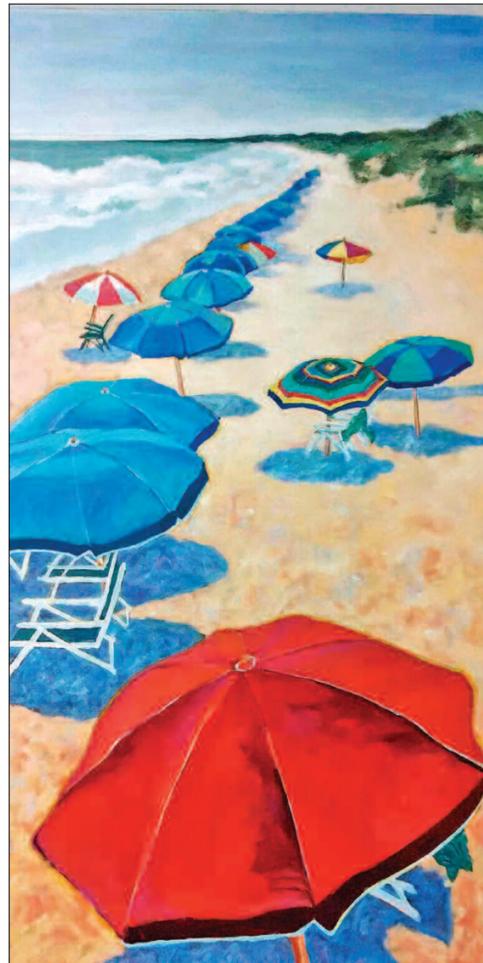
Winner also has her new jewelry, handbags, mixed media and more on view. Gallery C is located at 218-B Ash St. and is open every day from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 583-4676.

### Island Art Association

The Island Art Association announces the opening reception for the latest Nouveau Art Show on April 12 from 5-7 p.m. (the gallery stays open until 8 p.m.) at the gallery on 18 N. Second St., downtown Fernandina Beach. The theme of the show is "Glorious Outdoors."

The judge is Lily Kuonen, assistant professor of Foundations & Drawing at Jacksonville University. Winners will be announced at the reception.

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### 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.

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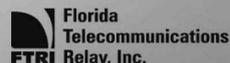


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