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County to consider 5-cent gas tax again

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Nassau County Commissioners will hold a public meeting May 12 to consider reinstating of a 5-cent tax on gasoline.

The county budget office said the gas tax could generate \$1.5 million in annual revenue and that the money would be used to help fund roadway improvement projects.

"This is not routine maintenance, like filling potholes," said the coun-

ty's Budget Director Shanea Jones. "This includes projects that extend the life of the roadway."

The board voted unanimously at its meeting Wednesday to discuss the merits of a gas tax. The county had a 5-cent tax for a few years, but it was controversial when it was imposed and was ultimately eliminated after the election of 2006.

The county already imposes a 6-cent tax on gas to help pay debt on bonds purchased for road improvement projects.

Now, commissioners are looking at ways to fund a projected shortfall in next year's budget, which Jones estimates will be \$10 million to \$12 million.

While a 5-cent gas tax would not come close to covering this projected budget gap, commissioners have said they will consider all options when it comes to generating revenue. For now, this includes user fees and a property tax increase.

Commissioner Danny Leeper, who has previously supported user fees to spread the cost of running the county

among people who live, work or vacation here, said he would support a multi-year gas tax.

"Yes, I'm in support of possibly having one for three years," said Leeper. Leeper also wanted to know how many of Florida's 67 counties impose a gas tax. Jones told him 28.

Commissioner Pat Edwards said he would also consider a gas tax.

"I'd be willing to go five years," said Edwards. "But I'd like to know the sunset date."

Commissioners discussed a time

limit on the fuel tax, debating the merits of installing the tax for one, three or five years.

"Three to five is fine with me," said Commissioner Walter "Jr." Boatright. Jones recommended a three- to five-year consideration for the gas tax to help with long-term planning.

County Manager Ted Selby said a three- to five-year plan has another benefit.

"I don't know that you want to be

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'BUNNY HOP'



Southside Elementary School completed its first Walk-a-Thon, called the "Bunny Hop," as a "healthy approach to fundraising." Students in grades pre-K through second-grade walked, ran, hopped and danced 5,811 laps around a course. Participants included, above from left, kindergarten students Jimmy Engram, Mikaela Nichols, Andie-Kate Moeller and Jace Welch. Principal Cindy Olson and Assistant Principal Monica Cason lent bunny ears to the cause, right. Easter egg hunts, 5B. Easter Services 3B.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Waterslide at Main Beach?

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

If city commissioners approve it at a future date, an inflatable water slide will be located at Main Beach Park.

Savannah businessman Brent Palmer of Oceanus Slides LLC presented commissioners with his plan for the inflatable slide at a Tuesday meeting, but commissioners were not fully convinced of the plan's merits for the city.

Palmer said the inflatable waterslide would be open for business between May and September, and would be located in the north grassy area of Main Beach Park. The slide, which takes about 15 minutes to inflate, would be deflated at night, he said.

The slide, weighing 4,800 pounds, would cover an area about 180 by 50 feet, Palmer said, and would be run by two one-horsepower generators plugged into a regular electrical outlet.

Prices would be \$3 per slide, or two for \$5, Palmer said. An all-day unlimited pass would be \$25 and a season pass would cost \$150, with discounts available for local residents. The slide could also be rented for birthday parties and charity events in the off-season, Palmer said.

The city would provide water and electricity, which are readily available, in exchange for 20 percent of the gross,

Palmer said. Revenues vary from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a month during the season, he said. The waterslides, manufactured in St. Augustine, cost about \$65,000, he said, and the business would carry \$1.5 million in liability insurance.

Palmer said he would run the waterslide operation at Main Beach along with two other employees. One operator would be located at the top of the slide and another would be at the entrance to the slide, spraying down customers before getting on the slide.

Commissioner Charles Corbett said at Tuesday's meeting that an inflatable water slide would be "a good addition to the beach," and "a good idea to look into."

But Commissioner Pat Gass said she was "not so sure" about the plan, and asked for City Manager Joe Gerrity to do more research on it.

"I'm a little more tentative as well," said Vice Mayor Sarah Pelican. "We need to make sure we do our homework."

Mayor Ed Boner said he looked at Main Beach as greenspace, and that a vertical structure may have an impact on property owners nearby. He also noted many events are held at Main Beach such as the blues festival and barbecue cookoffs.

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PHOTO PROVIDED BY BRENT PALMER/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

An inflatable slide such as this one may be located at Main Beach Park, if approved by city commissioners. The proposed slide at Main Beach would not be on the beach, but in the grassy area of the park.

City to reconsider tree law

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

A new Tree Protection Working Group met for the first time April 8 at City Hall to help staff make changes to the city's tree protection ordinance.

According to City Planner and Arborist Kelly Gibson, the group was selected by city planning staff and includes Parks & Recreation Supervisor Kathy Russell; local arborist Early McCall; Carol Beck of the Amelia Tree Conservancy; Amanda Young of Young's Tree Service; landscape architect Rusty Footlick; and Judith Lane of the city Planning Advisory Board.

Gibson said the general public is also encouraged to participate in the discussion on changes to the city's tree ordinance. The public is invited to the group's next meeting Tuesday.

The purpose of the group, according to a city memo, is to make the city's tree protection requirements more consistent with the county's, and to review the ordinance for any other changes that may be needed in the city's Land Development Code.

As it is written now, the city's tree ordinance, which is part of the city's Land Development Code, describes protected trees as those that are existing, healthy and at least 5 inches in diameter at 4.5 feet, which is also known as DBH (diameter at breast height).

The city ordinance also seeks to keep the same number of trees within the city, to maintain a diversity of tree species, to protect mature growth native trees important to the tree canopy and to preserve the natural environment with native tree species.

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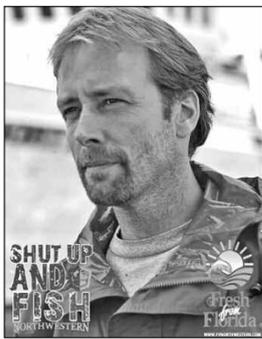
'Deadliest Catch' star to visit Shrimp Festival

For the News-Leader

Edgar, the youngest Hansen brother on the Northwestern, featured on Discovery Channel's No. 1 show, "Deadliest Catch," will be coming to the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival, courtesy of Fresh From Florida Seafood, part of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Deck boss and younger brother of Capt. Sig Hansen, Edgar began fishing at age 18 and came into his own on the deck of the Northwestern after only a few seasons. Sig considers his brother to be one of the most talented fishermen on deck. Over the past few years, Edgar has assumed the role of the boat's chief engineer, which means he's responsible for both the main and auxiliary engines, the hydraulic and fuel systems, as well as the sea water pumps.

Fresh From Florida Seafood created a well-received Florida seafood promotion called, "Florida's Tastiest



Edgar Hansen, deck boss of the Northwestern on the TV series, "Deadliest Catch," will be at the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival on Saturday, May 3.

Catch," where Sig Hansen was featured asking Floridians to support local seafood and our local economy.

"Fernandina Beach is the birthplace of the modern shrimping industry, so we are excited to have Edgar Hansen

be a part of the Shrimp Festival. I truly believe he understands the importance of our commercial shrimp industry and the value it brings to our Fernandina heritage, as well as our local economy," said Judie Mackie, a volunteer on the Shrimp Festival Committee.

Edgar Hansen will be all over the Shrimp Festival on Saturday, May 3. He will be signing Fresh from Florida posters and photographs during a meet and greet on the waterfront. He will be one of the judges for the Adult Pirate Costume Contest at 12:30 p.m., he'll pay a visit to the children in the Kids Fun Zone and will take the stage Saturday as the "Fresh From Florida Seafood" special guest.

Times will be announced at ShrimpFestival.com when confirmed.

The Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival is May 2-4 in downtown Fernandina Beach. The festivities kick off with the pre-festival Pirate Parade at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 1.

PET TOY WORKSHOP



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Nassau Humane Society Youth Group, ages 13-18, is sponsoring a dog and cat toy-making workshop on Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. The homemade toys will be given to the shelter animals not just for play, but to help relieve stress as an important part of their shelter enrichment while being kenneled.

Start saving plastic water bottles, T-shirts, cardboard paper towel tubes, sturdy pieces of fabric for braiding, all kinds of balls (tennis balls are especially good), socks, etc. There are many websites that offer ideas for do-it-yourself pet toys, so investigate and discover how you can participate in this fun, worthwhile event. Remember, bring all your toy-making materials to the NHS Dog Park, April 27 at 2 p.m. and let the toy making begin! So organizers can plan for refreshments, please RSVP to volunteer@nassauhumane.org.

Preserve celebrates Park Week

The Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Jacksonville's national park, will celebrate 2014 National Park Week with a range of activities April 19-27.

Throughout the country, visitors can enjoy the beauty and wonder of 84 million acres of spectacular scenery, historic places and cultural treasures without paying entrance fees.

Each year the president proclaims National Park Week for celebrating and recognizing the nation's national parks.

This year the event takes place Saturday, April 19 through Sunday, April 27 and the theme is "Go Wild!"

The park will offer a range of activities including Junior Ranger Day on Saturday, April 26, with special events just for kids. Events will be offered free of charge all week long throughout the Timucuan Preserve and include:

- Living history demonstrations of plantation era work at Kingsley Plantation, Monday through Friday at 2 p.m.
- A ranger guided nature and history hike at Cedar Point on Saturday, April 19 at 1 p.m. Call (904) 251-3537 for reservations and details.
- An opportunity to earn a Junior Ranger badge and special patch at Fort Caroline and Kingsley Plantation on Junior Ranger Day, April 26.

• A Compass Scavenger Hunt at Kingsley Plantation on April 26, available all day.

• Atlatl (a weapon used by the Timucuan) demonstrations on April 26 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Fort Caroline.

The Timucuan Preserve is located within the Jacksonville area. Come experience salt marshes, open stretches of river, wildlife, miles of trail access, cultural sites, and more.

Kingsley Plantation is located at 11676 Palmetto Ave., just off Heckscher Drive. Call (904) 251-3537. Fort Caroline National Memorial is located at 12713 Fort Caroline Road, call (904) 641-7155. Cedar Point is located at 9023 Cedar Point Road, call (904) 251-3537. Visit www.nps.gov/timu and friend them on Facebook and on Twitter @TimucuanPreserve.



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OBITUARY

Elizabeth Jean Billingsley Holland

Elizabeth "Betty" Jean Billingsley Holland, 85, passed away Monday, April 14, 2014, at The McGraw Center of Community Hospice of Northeast Florida.

Betty was born December 17, 1928, in Mobile, AL. She graduated from Murphy High School in 1945 and attended the University of Alabama. She married the love of her life, Roy, in 1948 and they resided in Jackson, AL. In 1957 they moved to Monroeville, AL where they were longtime members of First Baptist Church.

After raising her children, Betty went to work as secretary of First Baptist Church. She retired in 1987. She always loved to dance, was a creative cook, and an avid bridge player. She loved the Smokey Mountains and she and Roy would visit there often.

In 2012, Roy and Betty moved to Fernandina Beach, FL, to be close to their daughter.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Ira Billingsley, Sr. and Annette Hartley Billingsley.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Roy E. Holland of Fernandina Beach, FL, her sons, Steve (Rosemary) Holland of Jackson, AL; Scott (Karen) Holland of Pensacola Beach, FL; her daughter Sharon (Darrell) Blanton of Fernandina Beach, FL; her brother, Ira (Sandra) Billingsley, Jr. of Fairhope, AL; her sister, Barbara (Roy) Froom of Memphis, TN; 5 grandchildren, Heather (Hunter) Gwynn; Marybeth (Stan) Riley; Leah (Adam) Nichols; Amber (Nate) Burns and Neal (Kylie) Holland; 11 great-grandchildren, Alicia, Keaghan, Karsyn, Madison, Kennedy, Hayden, Mason, Brodie, Brock, Ellie and baby-to-be; and nieces Sana, Lee, and Anne.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, April 26, 2014, at 11 am at Pineville Road Cemetery, across from First Baptist Church in Monroeville, AL with Rev. Glenn Eubanks officiating.

If so desired memorial may be made in her name to Northeast Florida Community Hospice Foundation at 4266 Sunbeam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257 or www.waystogive.communityhospice.com.

Condolences may be sent to Roy at 96124 Marsh Lakes Dr., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 or you may leave condolences at www.oxleyheard.com.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

DEATH NOTICE

Nancy G. Scott, 71, Fernandina Beach, died on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, April 26 at 11 a.m. from First Baptist Church in Fernandina Beach.

Eternity Funeral Homes & Cremations - Nassau

Grief support ongoing

Grieving the death of a loved one is never easy, but support from others and sharing your loss can lessen the burden. To help, Community Hospice of Northeast Florida conducts bereavement support groups.

These support groups create a safe and comfortable environment where you can share with others who are grieving.

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

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

LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS

The Fernandina Beach Jaycees announced a free vehicle safety check in a bid to promote highway safety.

April 16, 1964

25 YEARS

Florida Commerce Secretary Jeb Bush formally recommended Nassau County for a \$4 billion atom smasher project.

April 16, 1987

10 YEARS

The school district faced cutbacks in its federal Title 1 program.

April 16, 2004

WEEKLY UPDATE

FSCJ registration

Registration is open for summer term classes at FSCJ. The 12-week summer session begins May 19 and ends Aug. 8. There are also six-week A and C session classes and eight-week B session classes. Classes that meet general education requirements for the Associates Degree will be offered. Contact Enrollment Services at 548-4432. The Betty P. Cook Nassau Center is located at 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Yulee.

Volunteers needed

The Day Drop-in Center is looking for volunteers for Tuesdays and Wednesdays (9 a.m.-1 p.m.). Computer experience, though not required is helpful. The center serves people experiencing homelessness and those at high risk of becoming homeless. Services include showers, laundry facilities, a mailing address, assistance with acquiring needed documents and referrals to local service providers. The center is located at the Fernandina Church of Christ at the corner of 14th and Jasmine streets. For information or to volunteer, contact Ellen Miller at 556-2810.

Brick drive

Nassau Humane Society, 671 Airport Road, Fernandina Beach, is holding a fundraiser to complete its new shelter. Donate \$100 for an engraved brick as a gift, or as an honorarium or memorial for a beloved pet, friend or family member. All funds will help to build the new shelter. The goal is 100 bricks in 100 days. For details visit NassauHumane Society.com.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 6:30 p.m. April 23, May 1, 6 and 14. A basic with defensive tactics course will be held at 7:45 a.m. April 19 and 20, May 3, 4 and 17. For details and additional classes and information, contact Belson at 491-8358, (904) 476-2037 or gbelson@bellsouth.net. Visit www.TheBelsonGroup.com.

Confederate sons

The Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet April 21 at the Pig Barbeque Restaurant in Callahan. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. following a social hour starting at 6 p.m. This month's meeting will include a presentation by Hal Schemer titled "The Rebel Yell." The public is invited to attend.

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 April 24 at the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach.

Parkinson's support

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

Libraries closed

The Nassau County Public Library System will be closed Friday, April 18 in observance of the Easter holiday. The book drops will remain open.

Passport Day

The Fernandina Beach library will celebrate Passport Day with the Miami Passport Agency on April 19 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Appointments are encour-

aged, but walk-ins are welcome. Bring ID such as your driver's license; proof of citizenship, such as your birth certificate; and two checks for payment. Staff can also take passport photos.

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

Blood drive

The Fernandina Pirates Club will host a blood drive at The Loop, 869 Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach, on April 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For information visit www.igiveblood.com.

AIA trail

A corridor advocacy group has confirmed with the Florida Department of Transportation that AIA between the Shave Bridge in Fernandina Beach and the southern boundary of Jacksonville Beach has the potential to be a "Florida Scenic Highway."

If your business is impacted by AIA, they want to let you know about next steps in the designation process. Another meeting will be held at 3 p.m. April 21 in the Ibis Room, Racquet Park, Omni Amelia Island Plantation. RSVP to Margi at (904) 279-0885, ext. 161 or mmoehring@nefrc.org.

Recreation meeting

The Nassau County Recreation Commission will meet April 24 at 7 p.m. at the county Facilities Maintenance/Parks and Recreation Office at 45195 Musselwhite Road, Callahan. The public is invited. For information contact 548-4688.

Yard sale

Boy Scout Troop 817 is holding a huge yard sale Saturday April 26 from 8-2 in the parking lot of Amelia Coastal Realty, 608 S. 8th St., Fernandina Beach. All proceeds will be used to buy camping equipment and to pay for scout camp this summer.

FAMU meeting

The local chapter FAMU Alumni Association will meet April 26 at the Peck Community Center at 3:30 p.m. Information will be shared and updates given. All are welcome, alumni, students/parents of FAMU and friends. Contact J.M. Smith at 261-7906. Each one bring one.

Vietnam vets meet

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1088, Nassau County monthly membership meeting will be held April 28 at 7 p.m. at The ARK building, 85051 Hamilton St., Yulee. For information call 333-0147.

Driving class

An AARP Driver Safety Program will be held May 5 and 6 at St Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Class will begin at 8:45 a.m. Call 261-4293 to register. Class size is limited

Bridge classes

Peggy Higginbotham, an American Contract Bridge League certified director and teacher, will teach beginner bridge classes on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m. at the Osprey Village Fitness Center starting May 13 for eight weeks. Higginbotham is a Gold Life Master with almost 3,000 master points.

The cost is \$150 for the eight lessons, which includes the course book "Bidding in the 21st Century." Make checks payable to Peggy Higginbotham and send c/o Brenda Price, 49 Little Dunes Circle, Amelia Island, FL 32034. For information contact Price at 310-6106 or Jessica Styers at 206-1984.

Book fest meeting

The annual meeting of the Amelia Island Book Festival Membership will be held on May 14 at 4 p.m. at the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Directors for the coming year will be elected and members will hear a review of the 2014 festival. The 2015 Amelia Island Book Festival will be held Feb. 19-21.



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AMBASSADOR

Mayor Ed Boner reads a proclamation recognizing Felix Jones for reaching his 50th birthday despite overwhelming odds and for being a goodwill ambassador for Fernandina Beach during a Tuesday city commission meeting. Jones received a standing ovation from the crowd and entertained them with songs on harmonica following his acceptance of the proclamation.

ANGELA DAUGHTRY/NEWS-LEADER



TREE *Continued from 1A*

A tree removal permit is required to cut down any protected tree in the city. There are also regulations regarding the replacement of trees removed, and regulations regarding the types of trees allowed for replacement.

Residents can also choose to pay a fee that goes into the city's Tree Trust Fund when protected trees are removed. According to Gibson, the city plants trees at various locations every year using money from the trust fund.

"Sometimes these are new plantings at locations that don't currently have trees (or have very few trees)," Gibson wrote in an email, "and sometimes it's replacement plantings for trees that have died. Decisions for tree planting locations are based on an identified need by city staff, nonprofit groups and

Arbor Day celebration

The city will celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting at 1 p.m. April 27 at the Amelia River waterfront petanque courts, in coordination with the Petanque America group and the Amelia Tree Conservancy. Festivities will include a potluck lunch, live music and petanque games. For information visit www.fbfl.us or contact Kelly N. Gibson, senior planner and arborist.

For more information about Arbor Day visit www.arbor-day.org or call 1-888-448-7337.

citizens."

"The tree trust fund has approximately \$75,000 in the account," Gibson wrote. "Each year we budget an amount for tree plantings, Arbor Day, consulting needs and education/outreach activities. In this budget year, \$6,500 was set aside for those purposes."

The city also has another category of protected trees called "Heritage Trees," which are irreplaceable due to their

size or age, or due to their historic, aesthetic or cultural significance. Heritage trees must be indigenous to the region, in healthy condition, have a DBH of at least 36 inches and must be associated with a historic event landmark, or tribute, or have a significant value to citizens, among other criteria.

"Designated Heritage Trees" are another category of trees that can be located on private property, as evaluated

by city staff.

Gibson said she had not yet prepared a direct comparison between the Nassau County and the city tree ordinances, but hoped to have one prior to the group's next meeting, set for Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall, 204 Ash St. The public is invited.

According to Gibson, a live oak will be planted at the city's waterfront during an Arbor Day Celebration April 27 starting at 1 p.m. Located at the south end of the city waterfront, the event will include a pot-luck lunch, live music and petanque games.

For more information, contact Kelly Gibson with the Community Development Department at 310-3135 or kgibson@fbfl.org.

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SLIDE *Continued from 1A*

"I hate to turn revenue away, but I'm not ready to make a decision yet," Boner said. "If you asked me today, I'd say 'no.'"

Gerrity asked commissioners to submit their questions on the inflatable waterslide to him so it could be brought back as a resolution at the next meeting. As the proposal was not a resolution, the commission did not vote on it Tuesday.

A proposal to lease city property at Main Beach Park for a waterslide operation was approved by commissioners in 2007 but never got off the ground due to the economic crash of 2008. A waterslide on private property across from

Main Beach Park operated for many years but was dismantled when the property was to be sold for residential development, which also has yet to take place because of the economic recession.

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MOVING? LOOKING TO BUY? SELLING?

Pick up a copy of the News-Leader's monthly Real Estate magazine at local real estate office and area rack locations.

Blackrock Baptist Church

Easter Service Opportunities:

4/20 - SUNRISE SERVICE at Main Beach, Fernandina
6:30 am
Bring Your Own Chairs

4/20 - EASTER CELEBRATION Service, Blackrock Baptist Church 10:30 am

4/27 Christian Ventriloquist, Gene Cordova at Morning Service 10:30 am

"If you govern to try to get re-elected, you're ruining this county for future generations. You're not helping my grandchildren have a better county."

WALTER (JR.) BOATRIGHT
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

TAX *Continued from 1A*

debating this on an annual basis," said Selby.

The board has launched budget talks early this year because revenues are down, according to county officials.

The board has not raised taxes for the last six years, preferring instead to cut employees and defer or cancel projects, such as roadway improvements and vehicle replacements to ambulance supplies and a boardwalk for American Beach.

If commissioners decide to launch a gas tax, the earliest it would start is Jan. 1.

The plan requires a supermajority vote. This means that four out of five commissioners would need to vote yes for the new tax.

But this year, two commissioners are up for re-election, including commission Chair Barry Holloway and Commissioner Steve Kelley. For the gas tax to pass, at least one of them would need to vote yes. Both commissioners have taken a fiscally conservative approach to previous budgets, and Holloway made elimination of the gas tax a plank in his election campaign.

During discussion at the Wednesday meeting, Kelley asked if future county com-

missions could eliminate the tax, and County Attorney David Hallman told him yes.

"It makes this 5-cent gas tax become a political football," said Kelley. He defeated Mike Boyle in 2010, who was elected four years earlier on a pledge to eliminate the gas tax.

Kelley noted that Holloway promised to eliminate the county's previous gas tax as part of his campaign platform when he ran for the board. "That's how you got elected eight years ago," said Kelley.

Holloway agreed, and he further agreed that the gas tax could be a political football.

"It possibly could be, yes sir," said Holloway.

Edwards pointed out that every board vote comes with consequences.

"Anything we do will be used for or against us," said Edwards.

These comments appeared to irritate Boatright, and he offered this message to his colleagues.

"If you govern to try to get re-elected, you're ruining this county for future generations," said Boatright. "You're not helping my grandchildren have a better county."

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Haven Hospice along with other national, state and community organizations are raising awareness of the importance of advance health care decision-making. This includes completing an advance direc-

tive (also known as a living will) and appointing a health care power of attorney (someone to make healthcare decisions for you if you are unable to speak for yourself). However, equally important are the conversations with family and loved ones about health care preferences and choices.

When asked, most of us would answer that we would prefer to die in our homes, free of pain and surrounded by family and loved ones - Haven Hospice works to make this happen. But too often, the discussion about what to do when curative therapies and treatments are no longer feasible is often delayed. Timely access to the right care plan is important to maximize the quality of life, not to hasten deterioration.

National Healthcare Decisions Day focused on

encouraging everyone, including those who are healthy and in the prime of their life, to think about and document the care they would want before they were faced with a health care crisis, said National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization President/CEO J. Donald Schumacher.

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POLITICS IN BRIEF

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 Tuesday. 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.

Contact Larry Miller at 415-3142 for information.

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.

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City annexation of Parkway land takes detour

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

A proposal to annex into the city 24.34 acres adjacent to Amelia Island Parkway and South Eighth Street is becoming thorny for city officials and will now be separated into two annexations.

The annexation discussion among city commissioners, city staff and property owner representatives lasted several hours during a second reading of the ordinance Tuesday. A third public hearing is scheduled for May 20 to address legal issues brought up at Tuesday's meeting.

The area to be annexed includes the Gateway to Amelia shopping/office center, an elec-

trical substation, a gas station and Somerset residential units. Annexation is being proposed for these areas because most are already hooked into the city sewer system and because the area has become contiguous to the city.

City staff determined Somerset should be annexed separately from the rest of the area because it was never hooked into the city sewer system and because, according to City Attorney Tammi Bach, the Somerset annexation agreement was never recorded by the city.

Attorney Molly Garrett, representing Andy Alexander, owner of Somerset residential units, and Gateway to Amelia developer Ron Flick, argued

Tuesday that the annexation does not meet statutes because the present owners didn't know voluntary annexation was binding. She also said the annexation agreement was not recorded by the city in a way in which anyone would know how to look for it, and that property owners would suffer material injury with increased property taxes and stricter city regulations.

Garrett also argues that the boundary considered to be contiguous is only 2 percent of the entire boundary, which is not substantial enough for state statutes.

Attorney Harrison Poole argued during the meeting that the annexation creates an enclave because county emergency services would have to

travel through the city to reach county residents.

According to developer Flick, he and other property owners in the area asked to hook into city sewer services in 2000 but were denied, and were thus forced to construct their own lift station and hookups, which later failed. The city subsequently allowed the county properties to hook into its sewer system, which requires agreement to annex into the city at a future date.

"We were not reimbursed for all the hookups and extensions ... and we're not being provided a service (by the city) that never existed before," Flick said. He also noted that when he studied the area before developing it, "we felt we would never

be annexed without a much larger annexation," which would require a referendum.

"(Annexation) would be a detriment to our ability to sell this (property) or improve it," Flick said. "It was forced down our throats ... you're the public entity that has the duty to protect the public welfare."

"We didn't agree to a voluntary annexation," said Alexander, owner of Somerset. He said he bought the residential units because he is in the business and wanted to provide affordable, practical housing for residents. "By coming into the city, we are damaged by the tax issue," he said. "If we are ever forced to connect (to the city) it will have a devastating effect on our property values." He added

that he continued to spend considerable amounts of money to keep his own water/sewer system functional.

Bach recommended Somerset residential units be excluded from the present annexation approval, and also advised another hearing for the main annexation be held May 20. It was not clear when the Somerset annexation would be addressed.

Bach said later she did not know whether representatives had decided to file an appeal if the annexations are approved.

The annexation ordinance, exclusive of Somerset, was approved unanimously by commissioners at Tuesday's meeting.

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Museum to focus on shrimping

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

Brad Lee is a people person so volunteering as a greeter at the Fernandina Beach Maritime Museum and Welcome Center is the perfect spot for him.

"People come here from everywhere and I like telling them about Fernandina Beach," said Rogers, who has been volunteering two or three days a week for almost a year at the small elevated building on the waterfront.

Lee recently had a lengthy conversation with visitors from Australia and says he always enjoys answering questions about his hometown.

"Usually they want to know about meals and the fort," said Lee.

Visitors often ask where the locals eat and Lee offers suggestions about his favorite nearby dining spots.

There's a lot to see in the little museum, starting with a video about the island's history. Kids can try on historical cos-

Shrimping museum

"After reassessing this little museum, we have decided to give it more focus by highlighting something that is uniquely Fernandina. We are currently in the process of changing this museum into the Fernandina Beach Shrimping Museum in honor of Fernandina as the birthplace of the modern shrimping industry," said Amelia Island Museum of History Director Phyllis Davis. "Completion is anticipated by June 1."

tumes and families can peruse posters about navigating by the stars, see pictures of Fort Clinch or learn more about sea turtles.

Lee keeps a tally of visitors, points out racks filled with brochures for points of interest, steers people to the displays of maritime antiques and suggests visits to the Amelia Island Museum of History.

The Fernandina Beach Maritime Museum is run under the auspices of AIMH, a non-profit whose stated mission is to foster community and visitor appreciation of Nassau County's unique history within the broader context of Florida, national and world history.

Director Phyllis Davis said the city of Fernandina Beach approached the museum in 2010 to take over a welcome station located at the marina at the foot of the downtown area.

additions to his little domain. The 1992 Fernandina Beach High School graduate is the son of Brad and Sylvia Lee. He is also a short-order cook at Beef O'Brady's and spends his Sundays off hanging out with his six children after attending services at Emmanuel Empowerment Temple in Kingsland, Ga.

The Fernandina Beach Maritime Museum and Welcome Center is located at 17 Front St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Phone 277-7234 or visit the website at www.fbmaritimemuseum.org.

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Lee is looking forward to the

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Incredibly busy week in Tallahassee

Week six of the legislative session was incredibly busy. In Tallahassee, I have lots of lists. I have lists of budget priorities, lists of bill amendments, lists of committee references, lists of members I need to collaborate with and lists of upcoming meetings. At the beginning of the week, I met with Jim Adams, my legislative aide, to review my priorities for the week. This ensures that we are both working from the same list.

I, again, made my drive to the Capitol on Monday afternoon in time for the Rules and Calendar meeting. This is the committee that approves the special order calendar, which details the bills to be heard on the floor in the coming days. I had already received the call earlier in the day that one of my bills would be on second reading on Wednesday. I knew that HB 1047, dealing with the termination of pregnancy post-viability, could be an emotional issue for members and so I

spent considerable time in preparation for the floor.

But first, I would need to present HB 647, Infectious Disease, in Healthcare Appropriations on Tuesday morning. This meant I needed to craft another amendment to the bill. At each committee stop, you work to reduce the fiscal impact and resolve any other concerns that have been expressed. I started out on this bill working to increase public awareness of treatment-resistant bacterial threats by requiring the Florida Department of Health to document any outbreak on their website. This seemed like a fairly reasonable thing to require of the department; after all, they are responsible for other outbreaks like tuberculosis. How difficult could it be to require them to do the same for this emerging threat?

Apparently, it is a big deal because they gave the bill a fairly large fiscal. While the bill passed the second committee



STATE REP.

Janet Adkins

The bill now requires the Department of Health to conduct a study relating to treatment-resistant bacterial threats and provide recommended actions by Jan. 1, 2015. This would allow further legislative action next session. I will continue to press and work hard on this issue, as it is estimated that 23,000 people die each year as a direct result of these infections.

One of my goals for the

week was to get HB 1105, dealing with Sexual Offender and Sexual Predator Absconders, on the agenda for the Judiciary committee. This bill would require the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to create a strike force to address the issue of absconders who have committed sexual offender or sexual predator crimes. These are individuals who are on probation or are required to have community supervision, but have absconded and the Department of Corrections does not know where they are. I was pleased when I received word that the bill would be heard Friday morning, and even more pleased when it passed with a bipartisan, unanimous vote.

While HB 1047, dealing with viability, was a bipartisan vote, it was not unanimous. It ultimately passed the Florida House with a vote of 70 yeas and 45 nays on Friday afternoon. The bill codifies decisions by both the U.S. Supreme Court

(Planned Parenthood vs. Casey) and the Florida Supreme Court (in re T.W.).

In both cases, the courts ruled that the state has a compelling interest to protect life beginning at the point of viability. Viability is defined as the point in which the baby can survive outside the mother's womb.

Traditionally, viability was determined to be in the third trimester. However, with new medical technology, that time frame is sooner. Some states, such as Texas, have selected a given point in time, such as 20 weeks or five months, to prevent the termination of pregnancies. This "assumes" viability occurs at this point in time for each child. Currently, 21 states have placed limits on terminating a pregnancy once viability is reached.

HB 1047 does not attempt to determine such a time frame, but requires the physician to determine viability on a case-

by-case basis. This approach recognizes the uniqueness of each pregnancy and allows the doctor to look at things such as weight, lung development, gender, age and plurality of fetuses to determine viability. Once a baby is determined to be viable outside the womb with "standard medical measures," the pregnancy could not be terminated except to save the mother's life or avert a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function, other than a psychological condition.

We concluded our work on the House floor around 4:15 p.m. and I gladly began my three-hour drive home to Fernandina Beach. It had been a long and tiring week, but one filled with success.

State Rep. Janet Adkins of Fernandina Beach represents Nassau County and a portion of Duval County in the Florida House of Representatives.

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The future of minivans

Branding is an interesting science. Great branding of a product or service gives it standing as a viable option for consumers. After that, the product or service has to deliver. In the world of advertising/branding, the auto industry has 100 years of history. Positioning of a product makes all the difference.

Let me say "station wagon." From the '30's to the '70's, they enjoyed a great spot in the general market. How much do you hear about station wagons today? Around zero. Some think the minivan is headed for that plight. Market share for minivans



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Rick Keffer

peaked at 8 percent, and fell to 3.7 percent in 2013. Sales were 793,335 in 2007, and just 518,473 last year. Is it time to stick a fork in minivans?

In 2014, sales are picking up a bit for those still offering minivans. Comparing the first quarter of 2014 to 2013, Town and Country is 28,994 versus

26,765. Caravan is 32,025 versus 26,490. Odyssey is 27,832 versus 26,233. Sienna is 26,087 versus 29,052. These are the big players, while Nissan and the Koreans are still interested in the segment, despite low volumes.

If minivans were a stock, I would like it as a good contrarian pick. With gas still taking a big part of discretionary incomes, and the CAFÉ (mandated automaker gas mileage) standards about to spike dramatically, minivans make sense. They are on a car chassis, get good mileage, accommodate seven passengers and have elevated seating. Visibility is superb, unlike so many new crossovers. Fold down the seats and they have the capacity of a pickup. Onboard entertainment for kids in the rear seating works wonders. Price starts in the mid-20K's, well below the average vehicle price of \$32K.

So, what has happened? For one, minivan as an identifier has to go. It doesn't have the pizzazz of "sport utility vehicle" or "crossover," the modern station wagon. Look for the model to be prominent. What sounds better – Honda Odyssey or Honda minivan. "Mini" infers you can't quite have a standard size – the opposite is true. "Van" has no positive connotation. Makes one think of moving and hauling boxes. Time to scratch minivan from everything but the dictionary.

These versatile, affordable vehicles will morph into something not called minivans, and young moms will drive them without any stigmas, maybe even with a little swagger. Can't happen soon enough. U.S. new vehicle sales in the first three months of 2014 were 3,745,480. A healthy sign for the industry and our economy. Have a good week.

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Changing identity after retirement

When a friend retired five years ago, the company he worked for hired a new chief financial officer to take over. He kept thinking his successor would need to call him with questions that only he would know the answer to. He was there for 18 years.

You couldn't possibly replace an 18-year veteran with someone new and not expect a little turmoil. But the call never came. The company operated just fine without him. It turns out he was not indispensable.

For many Americans, retirement is the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Yet the sense of dread when retirement becomes a viable option can be paralyzing.

How does a CEO of Citicorps handle retirement? *Janice Clarkson*

How does a New York nurse handle retirement? How does a D.C. bureaucrat handle retirement? No matter what the position you retire from, many retirees share the same problem of not yet finding a new identity with their new lifestyle. You can spot them because they speak in terms of what was rather than what is. Their conversations are sprinkled with, "When I ran the department of the county," or "When I was chief executive officer at AT&T."

I have met retirees who for the first time in their lives have developed problems with alcohol. I have met men and women who pretend to be employed. I have met men, who after a lifetime of monogamy, are looking for younger women who can make them feel young again. I have met retirees who say that finding something to do

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each day is hard work. The thing about a job – it is still the easiest way to feel good about yourself. Some individuals need a job to feel good and find it hard to find something meaningful. Sure, it can be a thrill when you first retire to just relish the fact that you do not have to go to work anymore. But sooner or later, you are going to need more.

If you are a new retiree, you might do things you have always wanted to do like fishing, shopping or golfing all day. This is fun for a while, but eventually most people will feel like they have lost their purpose. For the long term, you need something more substantial than just the absence of work.

Transitioning into retirement:

When people ask you what you do, they ask, "Who are you?" After you retire, you have to create a new identity. While it can be scary to walk away from the identity you carried for so many decades, there are some excellent ways you can avoid a serious identity crisis.

Many people return to work after retirement because the transition is too jarring. Working part-time or consulting gives you a chance to figure out retirement and what to do with all of those unstructured hours.

Volunteering provides numerous well-researched health benefits – particularly for people older than age 60. A 2006 study found that depression over the loss of their former social roles and relationships can spur older

adults into volunteering, which amplifies the physical and mental health benefits in ways that younger volunteers or paid workers do not experience.

Of course there are retirees who are comfortable with the time they have to travel and to be with their grandchildren. I know many people who in their retirement are now shop owners, travel agents, teachers, financial consultants, volunteers in their church or temple, campaigning for their favorite candidate, participating in local government, increasing their museum – and theater going, becoming active in their professional organizations, pursuing athletic interests, learning a new language, writing a book, picking up an instrument and learning photography and or pursuing their one great passion. They have found a network of people who have replaced their work families and have given them a purpose outside of their job and the positive feedback they once had. You do not need a paying job to help someone accomplish something important.

The idea here is – retire to something and not just from something. And finding your way can be an interesting journey. Perhaps in searching for the way, the person who is most likely to benefit is you.

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St. Peter's Episcopal Church

2014 Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Wednesday (April 16) 6pm - Instructed Eucharist
Maundy Thursday (April 17) 6pm
Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist

Good Friday (April 18)
Choral Offering of The Great Litany
11:30 am Stations of the Cross
(begins at the cross outside)
12:00pm The Good Friday Litany
6:00 pm Choral Offering of the Great Litany

Holy Saturday (April 19)
Eggstravaganza (Children's celebration)

EASTER DAY

6:00 am The Great Vigil of Easter – Bring a BELL!
8:00 am Easter Celebration Breakfast
9:00 am Festival Choral Eucharist indoors
9:00 am Outdoor service (Flowering of the Cross)
Runs concurrently in the Courtyard
11:00 am Festival Choral Eucharist

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The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the **Heron Isles Community Development District** will be held on **Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at the office of Compass Group, Inc., 961687 Gateway Boulevard, Suite 201M, Amelia Island, Florida 32034.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from Heron Isles CDD, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office.

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Hit delete, not send

In the age of technology, it's too easy to be churlish. Take email, the modern convenience no one seems to be able to live without. Email turns normally nice people into buttheads. You know what I'm talking about.

It happened to me yesterday. I pride myself on being sensitive to other people's feelings. I have sense of fairness that whops me upside my noggin when I'm unfair. Call it Catholic guilt, if you will. But yesterday, my lesser angels descended on me in droves and did something that has left me with regret all day today.

During an exchange of emails disagreeing with someone about something, I let my discourse take a turn for the nasty. It became the online equivalent of what used to be called a poison pen letter. With each exchange, I upped the anger ante while the person on the other end, to his credit, tried to play fair.

I also did the unforgivable. I went viral and cc'd everyone on the email tree for that particular discussion. Instead of being a gentleman and politely disagreeing with the other person in private, I fired off multiple nasty grams for all and sundry. My self-righteous indignation won out over reason and calm discourse. My mean angels cheered and hooted me on. My better angels wept and hung their heads in sorrow. I mean, when you're right, you're right. Right? So, HA! Take that! Or to quote the infamous Bernie Goetz, "You don't look so bad. Here's another."

Except that I wasn't right. Not on anything.



CUP OF JOE

Joe Palmer

This morning, when I woke up and checked my emails, thinking the battle royale might be continued, I was gobsmacked, as the Irish say, by the big, hard fist of reality. As was so quietly and respectfully pointed out to me, not only was I wrong, but I'd been wrong at the tops of my lungs, technologically speaking. Way wrong. Dead wrong. Wrong on all counts. Cometh the aftermath.

The spiteful angels that yesterday filled me with so much venom and rancor departed my slumping shoulders and flew back to their evil abode, jeering, mocking and catcalling at having laid me low. My first cup of joe tasted bitter. My second cup tasted like bile in my mouth. And I knew what I was about to taste next was going to be the worst of it all, the foul smelling, putrid taste of crow, served up in heaping helpings.

Eat it, my better angels advised, pushing the plate toward me. It will taste nasty and make your stomach roil for a bit, but in the end, you'll feel better for it. And don't sick it up or we'll just serve you some more.

I'm a big believer in a way of living that goes like this: Step 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all. Step 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible,

except when to do so would injure them or others. Step 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

And so I did. Very publicly. Not only to the person I so viciously slammed in my fit of pique, but to all the innocent bystanders who got splattered by the poo I flung. My conscience would settle for no less. It was embarrassing — is embarrassing — but it had to be done and I'm glad that I had the courage to do it. The person I wronged was gracious and accepting of my apology. I received supportive phone calls from several others who received the email telling me not to fret too much over it. But I do anyway. It's in my nature. What I did was dishonorable. A person comes into this world with precious little but honor and self-respect. No one can take that away but oneself and when it's gone, it's mighty hard to retrieve.

Email makes it too easy to do crappy stuff like this. In the old days, you had to write a letter. Then you had to find an envelope to put it in. Then you had to find a stamp. The process was cumbersome enough that it often deterred mailing that poison pen letter and allowing cooler heads to prevail. Plus it was a real hassle and expense to carbon copy everyone with it.

Today you just hit send and make a complete ass of yourself. Take a deep breath. Don't be that guy.

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COMMUNITY THANKS

Three cheers for volunteers

The time has come to tell the tale of another successful FOL book sale. We stand up and shout and give three cheers for a group of the very best volunteers. They sorted, they organized, they moved each book. You would not believe how much work it took. And where did all this toil lead? Well, the folks in town have great books to read. And our library for these folks will as the winner prevail when FOL donates the money that it made at the sale; new books, new movies and other items too to make the library a better place for you. So stand up and shout and give three cheers for a group of the very best volunteers.

And the volunteers are: Verne Samson, Jeanie Taylor, Pat Henderson, Jerry Torchia, Gigi Feazell, Judy Forristal, Rosemary Skidmore, Stephanie Brown, John Brown, Linda Peasante, Dora Yelk, Craig Nelson, Mary Michaels, Curtis Branscome, Ileen Bilek, Maddy Franchi, Lois Callahan, Bonnie Werner, Ann King, Jean Haines, Anne Showalter, Lisa Whiteman, Betty Silkunis, Anne Branscome, AnnaBranscome, Judy Nelson, Marina Pestana, Nancy Inboden, Toby Atkinson, Shirley Raines, Jean de Tarnowsky, Joanne Helenborok, Lynda Rajfer, Jean Taylor, Debby Arnold, Loraine Bauchmann, Jane Bailey, Ann Feltnier, Kathleen Porter, Kay McCaffrey, Penny Sansbury, Teresa Dawsey, Nancy Ryan, Donna Cavanaugh, Evi Mobbs, Bonnie Crowe, John Crowe, Susan Kaye, Susan Kosciulek, Cathy Pierce, Nicholas, LeBlanc, Isabella Hower, Jeremy Fischer, Betty Dickson, Dee Stalcup, Mary Lynn Torchia, Sue Gottesmann Jarzyna, John Allen Frank Acquino, David Cox, Freddy Cox, Myrna Amos, Tom Forristal, Gale Ulmer, Rachel Woodcock, Kathryn Davis, Ron Kosciulek, Lee Weiner, Mary Miner, John Miner, Cynthia Griffin, Buddy Newman, Matt Emerson, Joseph Miranda, Dave Taylor, Warren Buchanan, Mary Libby, Steven Silkunis, Harvey Taylor, Patricia Richardson, JoAnn Leimberg, Helen Trufaro, David Raines, Cheri Lang, Wilma Allen, Joan Sheppard, Bruce Morrison, Marsha Dean Phelets, Debbie Price, Mary Alice Southwick, Mark Cooner, Dawn Bostwick, Janet Loveless and members of the community from the Nassau County School Board, Nassau County Sheriff's Office, Parks and Recreation of Fernandina Beach, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Memorial United Methodist Church, Amelia Park and the entire FOL Board of Directors.

Relax each day and enjoy your reading. We hope you found all the books you were needing. As a final act please save the date: The fall 2014 book sale is Nov. 6, 7, 8.

Annie Sparkle
FOL Book Sale Chair/Board Member

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Outside opinions

Re: "Outsiders," April 11.
Historically totalitarian regimes keep outside feedback away from the public. A steady stream of insider news keeps the population from considering unwanted, possibly disturbing, opinions. I hope the *News-Leader* does not fall for that trap. No one is compelled to read an opinion that displeases him or her. Not to have that option is frightening.

Jo Merman
Amelia Island

Stamp out Hunger

Saturday, May 10 marks the 22nd anniversary of one of America's great days of giving — the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food drive.

Letter carriers walk through the community every day, often coming face to face with a sad reality for too many, hunger.

So, each year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food donations. These donations go directly to local food pantries, like Barnabas, to provide food to people in Nassau County who need our help.

Last year, the letter carriers collected over 74 million pounds of food nationally, feeding an estimated 30 million people. Over the course of its 21-year history, the drive has collected well over 1 billion pounds of food, thanks to a postal service universal delivery network that spans the entire nation.

The need for food donations is great. Currently, 49 million Americans (1 in 6) are unsure where their next meal is coming from. Sixteen million are children who feel hunger's impact on their overall health and ability to perform in school. And nearly 5 million seniors over age 60 are food insecure, with many who live on fixed incomes often too embarrassed to ask for help.

The post office food drive's timing is crucial. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the holiday seasons. By springtime, many



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pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

How can you help? Just leave a non-perishable food donation in a bag at your mailbox on Saturday, May 10 and your letter carrier will do the rest. I invite you to join in

America's great day of giving and help us in the fight to end hunger.

Mary Pitcher
Community Relations Manager
Barnabas Center, Inc.



BILL DAY/CAGLE CARTOONS

The party of talk radio?

So what does the Tea Party want this fall? A repeat of 2010, or a repeat of 2012? The Tea Party succeeded spectacularly in 2010.

Its principled enthusiasm put Republicans back in charge of the House of Representatives and, if the Tea Party hadn't been so stupid in several races, it should have given the GOP control of the Senate.

In 2010, Tea Party favorites Marco Rubio, Rand Paul and Mike Lee won primaries and went on to win senate seats in Florida, Kentucky and Utah.

But the Tea Party also won several other Republican primaries with candidates that turned out to be total embarrassments.

Remember Christine O'Donnell in Delaware?

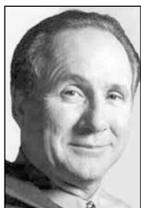
She defeated U.S. Rep. Michael Castle in the GOP primary for an open Senate seat. Then she had to spend all fall explaining to voters why she was not a witch.

Castle would have won that seat in a walk. But O'Donnell was almost laughed out of the state, losing 56-40 percent and handing Democrats a Senate spot they should never have had.

In 2010, two other shaky Tea Party-backed primary victors, Sharron Angle in Nevada and Ken Buck in Colorado, suffered similar fates in the general election.

In 2012 it was the same dumb story — rousing Tea Party primary victories that thrilled conservative talk-show hosts in May but guaranteed GOP losses in the fall.

Yes, Ted Cruz won big in Texas. But only four of the 16 Senate candidates backed by the Tea Party won in the fall.



MAKING SENSE

Michael Reagan

tanked.

Now we're getting ready for 2014 and the Tea Party still hasn't learned how not to shoot itself in both feet. It's still putting up primary candidates who clearly are not ready for prime-time — or any time.

In Texas the Tea Party ran Rep. Steve Stockman in the March primary against sitting Sen. John Cornyn.

Stockman, who gave up his House seat and barely campaigned, will be remembered most for giving away barf bags for every \$10 contribution.

A few people may have thought that was cute or funny stuff, but all it did was make the Tea Party — and the GOP — look incompetent and foolish. Especially when Cronyn won by 58-19 percent.

Then there's Kentucky, where Matt Bevin is the Tea Party candidate challenging incumbent Sen. Mitch McConnell in the May 20 primary.

It wasn't pretty in 2012.

After the Tea Party primary GOP incumbent Sen. Dick Lugar of Indiana, its candidate Richard Mourdock went on to say some really stupid things about abortion and got his butt whipped in the fall, 50-44.

And of course who can forget the great Todd Akin, the Republican House member from Missouri who was going to defeat Sen. Claire McCaskill — until he started blathering about "legitimate rape" and his campaign

Last week, after he was "caught" speaking at a rally meant to build support for legal cock-fighting in the state, Bevin defended himself by saying he was there because it was a state rights rally and he didn't know it was a cock-fighting rally.

OK, so he's either lying or really stupid. In either case, he's a lousy candidate and the Tea Party should ask him to do the Free World a favor and quit.

The Tea Party zealots who haven't learned from their mistakes in 2010 and 2012 are trying their best to screw up the GOP's chances to win the Senate this fall.

Where does the Tea Party find these people to run in primaries? Most important, why do they offer them up as legitimate Republican candidates?

The Tea Party bosses have been listening to too much talk radio. They seem to think that what makes a good Republican candidate is someone who sounds like a talk radio host.

But talk radio is all about bombast and attracting callers, not about winning elections.

If Republicans are going to win general elections in 2014 and beyond, we've got to put up principled conservative candidates who sound like senators, congressmen and governors — not kooks.

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COMMUNITY

'OLIVER!' IN REHEARSALS



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"Oliver!" rehearsals are running on schedule on the Fernandina Beach Middle School stage and now it's time to purchase tickets. Tickets are on sale at Fernandina Beach Middle School in the main office and at Amelia Awards, 817 S. Eighth St. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Performances are May 15, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. With a community cast of over 140 from ages 6-65, performances will sell out fast, say organizers. This production, directed by Judy Tipton, will benefit Communities in Schools of Nassau County.

FSS series looks at child welfare services

Family Support Services of North Florida (FSS) will focus on child welfare and family preservation services in Nassau County at the Breakfast Learning Series, Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Staff from FSS, the Department of Children and Families and Jewish Family and Community Services will discuss how the agencies work together to provide services and resources that help stabilize and strengthen local families in crisis.

FSS offers the free educational program at its Nassau County office, 96016 Lofton Square Court in Yulee.

Networking and continental breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m.; program from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Register to attend at FSS.BLS.Nassau@fssnf.org or 225-5347.

Guest speakers will explain what happens from the time a call is received by the Florida Abuse Hotline, to the case assignment, including the investigation process. In addition, an overview

of prevention services will be provided.

Speakers will also discuss how local agencies work together to help keep children safe, and strive to prevent the need for children to enter foster care.

The FSS Nassau Office is located in the Lofton Square shopping center at SR 200 and Amelia Concourse.

The Breakfast Learning Series is offered by FSS the fourth Tuesday each month. The free program features a speaker who shares information and insight into social services issues and topics of value to parents and families.

FSS is the lead agency for foster care, adoption and family preservation in Nassau and Duval counties. FSS serves Nassau County as a local resource center for child protection and family preservation services by partnering with other agencies, such as Children's Home Society, Micah's Place and Jewish Family and Community Services.

Town Hall meeting

Family Support Services of North Florida will hold a town hall meeting from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Lewis "Red" Bean Technical Center at Florida State College at Jacksonville's Yulee campus.

Speakers include the Chief Executive Officer Lee Kaywork of Family Support Services; Department of Children and Families Regional Director David Abramowitz; and Chris Compton, director of the Nassau Service Center.

A brief overview of Family Support Services will be provided as well as a discussion of community collaborations specific to Nassau County, followed by questions and answers. Finger foods provided. For more information call 225-5347.

WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS

Netherland-Darby

Crystal Jeanne Darby and Tyler Elias Netherland, both of San Diego, Calif., were married at 10 a.m. Jan. 11, 2014, on Jekyll Island, Ga., with Rick Lee officiating. The reception followed at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel.

The bride is the daughter of Evan and Connie Darby of Fernandina Beach.

The bridegroom is the son of Mark and Lynette Netherland of San Diego, Calif.



Mr. and Mrs. Netherland

Johnson-Popham

Megan Lynn Johnson and Andrew Cauley Popham Jr., both of Fernandina Beach, will be married at 3 p.m. April 19, 2014, on St. Simons Island, Ga., with Pastor Rob Goyette officiating. The reception will follow at Epworth By the Sea, St. Simons Island.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Angela Johnson and Michael Johnson, both of Fernandina Beach.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of Sandra Morgan of Fernandina Beach and Andrew Popham Sr. of Folkston, Ga.



Miss Johnson, Mr. Popham

BIRTHS

■ Kristen Mercedes Clark and Michael Harold Mann of Callahan announce the birth of a son, Logan Michael Mann, born at 10:25 p.m. March 13, 2014, at Baptist Medical Center. The baby weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and measured 19 inches in length. He joins a brother, Jade Ichiro Upchurch, 3.

Paternal grandparents are Phillip Mann of Oregon and Cheryl Lynn Norton of Enid, Okla. Maternal grandparents are Mardou Brian Locke of Fernandina Beach and Donald and Kelly Clark of Salinas, Calif.

■ Raleigh and Emily Green of Fernandina Beach announce the birth of a son, Major Raleigh Green, born at 5:55 p.m. Feb. 5, 2014, in Jacksonville. The baby weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and measured 22 inches in length. He joins a brother, Forrest Green, 1.

Paternal grandparents are Ralph Green and Cathy Lewis of Fernandina Beach. Maternal grandparents are Danny and Terry Bryant of Yulee. Great-grandparents are Carl and Sippie Green of Fernandina Beach and Clara Bass of Yulee.

Plantation Ladies give to The Cummer

The Plantation Ladies Association hosted a luncheon on March 11 at the Amelia Island Club.

The Plantation Ladies Association of Amelia Island provides social and cultural enrichment programs for its members and encourages civic projects that benefit the community.

In March, The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens was invited, as a local organization of interest, to attend The Plantation Ladies Association luncheon.

Maggie Reynolds shared a slide show of John Singer Sargent. He was born in Florence, Italy to American parents and during his career created about 900 oil paintings and more than 2,000 watercolors.

Sargent's most ambitious Broadway canvas was the ravishing Carnation, Lily, Lily Rose. The painting's display at the Royal Academy in 1887 assuaged the doubts of English critics, and its acquisition for the British nation augured well for his career in London. He had established a solid reputation as a water-colorist.

The Plantation Ladies Association was proud to present Reynolds with a donation of \$1,055 that will be used to support The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens' Education Department, which provides children with a docent guided tour of the galleries and gardens, a hands-on art project in the studios and time in the children's creative play area.

For many of the students this is a first-time trip to Jacksonville. In partnership with Cummelia, a Nassau County affinity group of the museum, 800 third-



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The Plantation Ladies Association welcomed staff from The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens at its luncheon last month. Above are Betsy Millen, president of the PLA, Maggie Reynolds, guest speaker, and Mary Christianson, head of community outreach for the PLA.

grade Nassau County students tour the museum annually. The museum is located at 829

Riverside Ave., Jacksonville. For information visit www.cummer.org or call (904) 356-6857.

ART WORKS

Kids' art

The Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach, will offer free art classes for children:

April 21 - Preschool Art, ages 3-5, with an adult, 10-11 a.m., led by Diane Hamburg

April 26 - Middle School Art, ages 10-13, 1-2:15 p.m., led by Anne Howden

April 26 - Children's Art, ages 6-9, 10-11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m., led by Anne Howden

Register at the gallery, 18 N. Second St., 261-7020. Classes are free and all materials are furnished. Classes held at the Education Center, adjacent to the gallery.

Guest artist

The Plantation Artists' Guild and Gallery will feature the works of guest artist Susan Hitchcock. The exhibition of Hitchcock's paintings runs from May 11 through June 14. On Friday, May 23, from 5:30-8 p.m., the gallery will host a reception marking

the opening of a new collection of works by its member artists, which will include Hitchcock's watercolors. Hitchcock's watercolors celebrate the beautiful native and migratory birds that inhabit Florida's coastal waters and marshes. The gallery is located in The Spa and Shops at Omni Amelia Island Plantation.

Art classes

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

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

JOY grants

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

Applicants must demonstrate interest in their field of study while being good citizens and who may not otherwise be in position to focus on such a program without aid.

Students must: be a U.S. and Nassau County legal resident; have an outstanding attendance record; passing grades in all courses; documented involvement in activities outside of school; demonstrate good citizenship; full-time FSCJ enrollment in degree or technical certificate program. Each high school will coordinate submissions. The grants are for tuition and books.

NSFA

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association will award the "Johnny Thirsk Memorial Scholarship" to a graduating senior attending a Nassau County high school. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding senior.

Applications must be post-marked by April 20.

The certificate will be presented at the recipients' Senior Awards Program. They and their family will also be invited to a NSFA social meeting as guests. For applications visit <http://nsfafish.net/Default.aspx?pageId=1774468>. For information contact Shawn Arnold at 556-5531 or ashawnarnold@hotmail.com.

Music scholarship

Dave Turner Plumbing is accepting applications for the 2014 Dylan McCormick Memorial Music Scholarship in memory of Dylan McCormick, who accidentally drowned in March 2012. His love of the guitar inspired his parents, Phillip and Valerie McCormick, to offer this \$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. Mail applications to Dave Turner Plumbing, 474390 State Road 200, Fernandina Beach, FL 32041. Deadline is April 30.

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Good News Bible
Psalm 91:14-16

"The Bible tells us that, "the Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that He has made." (Psalm 145:9) Also, "when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saves us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy." (Titus 3:4-5) What comforting words these are, for us to know that God loves us and that He is merciful. And even though we sometimes may be negligent and forget about His tender, loving concern for us, he is always there with his power to assist us in all of our needs. We are called to be God's presence in this world and enjoy the life that he has given us. However we should always be mindful of our need for his generosity and compassion. God wants us to be a joyful people and to be comfortable with ourselves by keeping a happy heart and a cheerful disposition. God our Father knows the desires of our hearts and he always wants what is best for us. In return, He asks for our love and trust in Him.



HOMES

ARBOR DAY



ANGELA DAUGHTRY/NEWS-LEADER

Mayor Ed Boner presents a proclamation to Mike Spicer of the Amelia Tree Conservancy naming Sunday, April 27, 2014 as Arbor Day in the city of Fernandina Beach during the April 1 city commissioner meeting.

HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

Wild Amelia tours

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

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

Advanced class

On May 15 from 8 a.m. until noon, County Extension Director Becky Jordi and Duval County Commercial Horticulture Agent Erin Harlow will conduct the Advanced LCLM and Lawn & Ornamental class, which provides 2 CORE CEUs and 2 Lawn & Ornamental CEUs. Topics will be Identification of Invasive Plant Species and Management for the first 2 hours. The second 2 hours will include current information about thrips. Registration fee is \$20 and the deadline is May 12. Register online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/may-2014-advanced-lclm-and-lo-training-tickets-10843795083>. For questions, call 879-1019.

Earth Day cleanup

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

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

Photo outing

Ever dreamed of getting the perfect shot of a great blue heron in flight or a bumblebee nestled on a flower? Join a photographer and nature enthusiast for a leisurely stroll on the Fairway Loop Trail and learn techniques to help capture the beauty of the maritime forest and salt marsh on film, April 19 at 10 a.m. at Fort George Island Cultural State Park.

Bring your own camera and photography supplies, sturdy shoes, bug spray, sunscreen and water. Space is limited to 10 participants. RSVP to the Talbot Islands State Park Ranger Station at (904) 251-2320. The program is free.

Lawn games

Want to find out how to lawn bowl or play croquet? Join a ranger on the green to learn about these fun outdoor games on April 19 at 2 p.m. at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free.

For information contact the Talbot Islands Ranger

Station at (904) 251-2320. Visit www.floridastateparks.org.

Butterfly release

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

Recycle day

The city of Fernandina Beach is sponsoring a "Hazardous Waste Cleanup & Recycle Event" on April 26 at the city utility yard, 1017 S. Fifth St., from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Residents can also dispose of hazardous household waste at the Home Depot parking lot in Yulee from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. that day, where the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Keep Nassau Beautiful will be on-site collecting items.

A paper shredding service will be available at the utility yard, and free pine mulch also will be available courtesy of Rayonier, while supplies last.

For more information, call Todd Duncan with Keep Nassau Beautiful at 261-0165 or the city Maintenance Department at 310-3315, or visit www.fbfl.us/recycle.

Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day with a park ranger at the Talbot Discovery Table on April 26. Learn interesting facts and get a hands-on experience through environmentally themed games. A table will be set up in the North Beach parking area at the end of the boardwalk from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come test your knowledge to see how much you know. The park is located at 12157 Heckscher Drive. Visit www.floridastateparks.org/lit-tletalbotisland.

Turtle program

Join a park ranger and learn about the lifecycle of the sea turtle and the importance of these creatures on April 26 at 2 p.m. at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free. For information contact the Talbot Islands Ranger Station at (904) 251-2320. Visit www.floridastateparks.org.

Mitigation class

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

During the two-hour workshop participants will meet experts with valuable information on how homeowners can undertake one or more mitigation projects to strengthen their homes against the hazards that threaten Florida such as hurricane force winds and other disasters. Participants will also learn how to save money on the windstorm portion of their homeowner's insurance premium.

To register and for information visit www.BeReadyFlorida.org. Join the conversation on Twitter @FLSERT.

CONTAINER GARDENING



PHOTOS BY JOANNE THOMPSON/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Master Gardener volunteer Carol Ann Atwood explains the steps to creating beautiful containers for your landscape, above. Nassau homeowners were eager to learn how to make the perfect mixture of container plants.

Left, Martha Cochrane of Yulee was all smiles since she won the container plant designed by Atwood. Atwood has been teaching about container planting for several years now through the Nassau Extension office.

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



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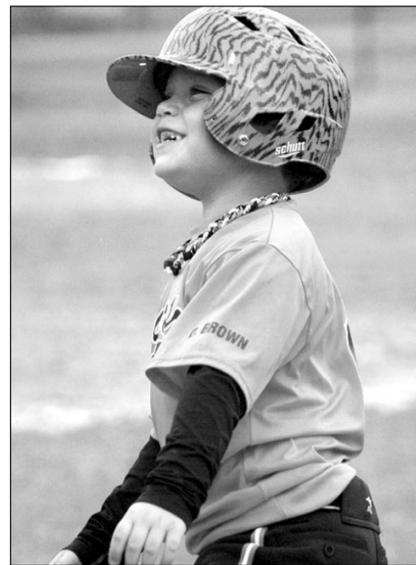


TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME ...



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

The Buccaneer Sports Complex was hopping Wednesday night with games on all four Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth League fields. Elm Street Little League will hold opening ceremonies at 11:30 a.m. at Charles L. Albert Field and next week the Fernandina Beach High School baseball team hosts the District 4-4A tournament, starting Monday. Raines and Andrew Jackson play at 4 p.m. and the FBHS Pirates take on Ribault at 7 p.m. West Nassau plays the Raines-Jackson winner at 4 p.m. Tuesday and Yulee takes on the FBHS-Ribault winner at 7 p.m. The championship game is slated for 7 p.m. Thursday. Admission is \$6.



MEMBER-GUEST CHAMPS



SUBMITTED

Amelia National Golf & Country Club held its sixth annual Member-Guest Tournament over the weekend. It featured the biggest field ever and guests came from all over the country to compete and socialize. The winners, in a dramatic six-team shootout, were Amelia National member Joe Straub and guest Joe Bresette from North Hampton. Among the highlights of this year's event were back-to-back holes-in-one on the first day of the tournament by Roy Gross and Bill Wall, a glass breaking contest and an awards gala featuring the band, "Working for Crazy."

ADULT SOFTBALL

FERNANDINA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

For more information, log onto www.fbfl.us.

SUMMER ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE registration now through May 2 at the Atlantic Center. \$350 team fee due May 2. Each team's players must wear matching colored shirts with visible numbers. 12-person roster limit. All games played at Peck Gym on Mondays and Thursdays (possibly some Wednesdays). Season begins May 19. For more information, call/email Jay Robertson (310-3361, jrobertson@fbfl.org)

SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES. Registration for Recreational Co-ed, Men's, and Women's Leagues from April 28-May 19. \$275 team fees (all leagues) due May 19 at the Atlantic Center (\$25 late fees added to team fees received after May 19. Team fees will not be accepted after May 20). \$72 two-game forfeit fees (Recreational Co-ed and Men's Leagues) and \$48 two-game forfeit fees (Women's League) due May 30 at the Atlantic Center.

Captains' Meeting - All leagues: May 22, 6:30 p.m., Atlantic Center Auditorium.

10-game regular season and single-elimination tournament in each league. Recreational Co-ed: games on Mondays. Men's: games on Thursdays. Women's: games on Thursdays. Season begins: Rec Co-ed June 2; Men's and Women's June 5.

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

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

OPEN INDOOR SOCCER at Peck Gym Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. \$2 City residents, \$5 Non-City.

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

SUMMER WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT CO-ED 1-PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE registration from April 28-May 19. Combination of ASA and

USSSA rules. 6/4 male-to-female ratio. 15-person roster limit per team. Men must use ASA-approved bats. Women may use ASA-approved or USSSA-approved bats. 8-game regular season and double-elimination tournament. Games have 45-minute time limits. \$220 team fees due May 19 at the Atlantic Center (\$25 late fees added to team fees received after May 19. Team fees will not be accepted after May 20). \$48 two-game forfeit fees due May 30 at the Atlantic Center. Captains' Meeting: May 22, 6:30 p.m., Atlantic Center Auditorium. Season begins: June 4.

SPORTS SHORTS

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. Bring the whole family for a fun event and help benefit some great charities. The complex is located at 86142 Goodbread Road, Yulee. For information, email jtaylor@nassaufpa.com.

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.

Thirsk memorial scholarship

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

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

As in past years, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded directly to an outstanding graduating high school senior. This scholarship is a renewable scholarship, paid for two consecutive years for a total of \$2,000 per recipient.

To be eligible for consideration this year all completed applications with all required forms

and information included, must be post-marked by April 20.

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

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

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association, founded in 1983, is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, created to develop and promote salt-water fishing in the Nassau County area while adhering to state, federal and local regulations, to encourage compliance with rules of water safety by club members and the general public and to promote youth related community and other civic minded activities.

For information on the scholarship, contact Shawn Arnold at 556-5531 or ashawnarnold@hotmail.com.

Elm Street Little League

Elm Street Little League will hold opening day ceremonies at 11:30 a.m. Saturday for the 2014 season, which is dedicated to the late Brenda Peterson.

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.

Sailing Club meets

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

Sports association

Nassau County Sports Association meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday at the county building, Yulee. Call 261-1075 or 277-1609.

JUNIOR CAMPS

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 Fernandina 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.

ADULT SOFTBALL

FERNANDINA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES SPRING 2014

RECREATIONAL CO-ED LEAGUE

Team	Games
Yulee Chili's	17
River Rats	4
KraussCare Krushers	13
Martex Services	5
Scared Hitless	18
Logic Mountain	7
Yulee Chili's	14
KraussCare Krushers	12
Scared Hitless	13
Martex Services	7
Diamond Cutters	14
Tasty's Burgers	7

Scared Hitless	16
Tasty's Burgers	3
Martex Services	10
River Rats	8

Team	Games
Martex Services	20
Tasty's Burgers	4
Diamond Cutters	13
Logic Mountain	3
Diamond Cutters	16
River Rats	10
Yulee Chili's	20
Scared Hitless	9
KraussCare Krushers	19
River Rats	3
Logic Mountain	7
Tasty's Burgers	0 (forfeit)

STANDINGS

Martex Services	17
Logic Mountain	2
Yulee Chili's	26
Tasty's Burgers	12
Scared Hitless	17
River Rats	16
KraussCare Krushers	17
Diamond Cutters	4

KRAUSSCARE KRUSHERS	7-1
DIAMOND CUTTERS	7-2
YULEE CHILI'S	6-2
MARTEX SERVICES	6-3
SCARED HITLESS	4-5
RIVER RATS	3-7
TASTY'S BURGERS	2-8
LOGIC MOUNTAIN	1-8

All games played at the Ybor Alvarez Softball Fields, 3243 Bailey Road. For statistics and schedules, log onto www.leaguelineup.com/fbflsoftball.

2014 SCHEDULES

Team	Game	Time
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 21-24 DISTRICT 4-4A	TBA

Team	Game	Time
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Weightlifting	April 12	Sectional at Baker County

Team	Game	Time
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	April 18	FIRST COAST 6:00

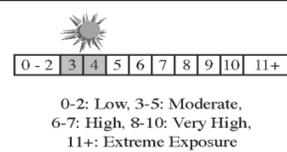
Team	Game	Time
NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOLS Flag Football	April 22	Hilliard-WNHS at FBHS 5:00 FBHS-Yulee 6:00

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	Temp
Friday	Showers Likely	69 / 58
Saturday	Mostly Sunny	70 / 62
Sunday	Mostly Sunny	71 / 61
Monday	Mostly Sunny	71 / 60
Tuesday	Partly Cloudy	72 / 59
Wednesday	Mostly Cloudy	69 / 58
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	71 / 55

Local UV Index



Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	AM	PM
Fri	2:16-4:16	2:46-4:46
Sat	3:13-5:13	3:43-5:43
Sun	4:10-6:10	4:40-6:40
Mon	5:07-7:07	5:37-7:37

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	6:53 a.m.	7:56 p.m.	11:30 p.m.	9:25 a.m.
Sat	6:52 a.m.	7:56 p.m.	No Rise	10:21 a.m.
Sun	6:51 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	12:27 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
Mon	6:50 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	1:21 a.m.	12:22 p.m.
Tue	6:49 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	2:10 a.m.	1:26 p.m.
Wed	6:48 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	2:55 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Thu	6:47 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	3:38 a.m.	3:33 p.m.

Weather History

April 18, 1953 - A dust devil near Dracut, Mass. lifted a small child three feet into the air, and rolled two other children on the ground. Fortunately none of the three were hurt. The dust devil was accompanied by a loud whistling sound as it moved westward.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip
4/8	79	63	75/56	0.00"
4/9	75	54	75/57	0.00"
4/10	72	52	75/57	0.00"
4/11	77	57	75/57	0.00"
4/12	79	59	76/57	0.00"
4/13	79	59	76/57	0.00"
4/14	79	66	76/57	0.00"

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance			
Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low
Fri	11:49 am	5:31 am	None	5:32 pm	Fri	11:13 am	5:28 am
Sat	12:16 am	6:20 am	12:37 pm	6:22 pm	Sat	12:01 pm	6:17 am
Sun	1:07 am	7:14 am	1:29 pm	7:20 pm	Sun	12:31 am	7:11 am
Mon	2:02 am	8:13 am	2:27 pm	8:24 pm	Mon	1:26 am	8:10 am
Tue	3:02 am	9:15 am	3:30 pm	9:32 pm	Tue	2:26 am	9:12 am
Wed	4:07 am	10:15 am	4:37 pm	10:38 pm	Wed	3:31 am	10:12 am
Thu	5:14 am	11:14 am	5:43 pm	11:42 pm	Thu	4:38 am	11:11 am

StarWatch By Gary Becker - April 15: Curtain Call for a Great Lunar Eclipse

The morning and day of April 15 may call for a couple of 5 hour ENERGY drinks. April 15 begins with a total lunar eclipse which occurs between the hours of two and 5:30 a.m. It may very well end with a trip to the post office to file your income tax returns. "Must all astronomical events take place at some inconvenient time?" a student once queried me. My answer was a simple "yes," but obviously that's not the case. They happen when they happen, but often it is "no gain without pain." During the next year and a half, the East Coast will be privy to the opportunity of seeing two additional total lunar eclipses. On Wednesday morning, October 8, 2014 we see a lunar eclipse that becomes total during twilight. After that it is onto the evening total lunar eclipse of September 27, 2015. When you add the probability of cloudy skies occurring at the time of any sky phenomenon, at least half of all events are ruined by the weather. That makes the April 15 eclipse even more noteworthy if you have never seen the moon slip through the Earth's shadow. The eclipse starts at 1:58 a.m., but I would advise sleeping until around 2:30 a.m., when the moon will still be bright enough to be easily found, but only about 20 minutes from being totality eclipsed by the time you're dressed and outside. Luna will be in the SSW a little more than one third of the way above the horizon. Use binoculars to watch as the Earth's shadow gobbles up the last vestiges of the sunlit moon. Binoculars will also enhance the colors which are often most vibrant near the shadow boundaries, but there will still be plenty to see without binoculars. Visually you will easily notice blue white Spica below and to the moon's right, and even brighter, ruddy Mars above and right of the eclipsed moon. Go to <http://www.astronomy.org>/StarWatch/April/index-4-14.html#4-13-14 to view images of the last total lunar eclipse on December 21, 2010. www.astronomy.org

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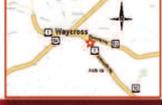
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Talented trio at helm of pageant

JUDIE MACKIE
For the News-Leader

The master of ceremonies for the 2014 Miss Shrimp Festival Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by The Hampton Inn and Suites Harbor Front Hotel on Amelia Island, will be Action News Reporter Russell Colburn.

Colburn joined the Action News team in February after spending three years working as a weekend sports anchor and reporter in Mobile, Ala., for WALA, the Fox affiliate.



Colburn

Colburn's Jacksonville career will give him the opportunity to see what the beaches of east Florida have to offer, since he graduated from the University of Central Florida and grew up in Destin.



Molchan

"The pageant will have 19 Nassau County juniors and seniors, ranging in age from 16 to 18," said Pageant Coordinator Crystal Molchan. The young ladies will compete on the Riverfront Stage for the Miss Shrimp Festival 2014 title and a \$1,000 scholarship at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 2 at the 51st Annual Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival.



Conner

This is Molchan's first year coordinating the pageant for the Shrimp Festival. Molchan, a local actress, pirate, costumer and hairdresser, participated in the Miss Teenage America Pageant as one of 60 semi-finalists, and she was first runner-up in the Miss Continent Pageant.

Playing an extra in local

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF AMELIA ISLAND GARDEN SHOW/ARK
The raptors of ARK include, clockwise from top left, Lucy the Eastern Screech Owl, Callie the American Kestrel, Mrs. P. the barred owl and Miko, the short-tailed hawk.

Raptors set to steal the show Garden Show this weekend

Meet Lucy, Callie, Miko and Mrs. P of the ARC Raptor Experience Exhibit at the Amelia Island Garden Show, set for Saturday and Sunday in Central Park.

The fifth annual event brings together an array of nurseries, growers, farmers, artisans and more selling everything from plants, flowers and trees of every kind to garden art, hard-to-find tools and accessories. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

Every year the ARC Raptor Experience is among the most popular exhibits of the show. Mrs. P., a barred owl, is native to North America and best known as the Hoot Owl for her distinctive call. Getting an up-close look at Mrs. P. is always a thrill, particularly if she feels like baring her ears and feet!

Accompanying Mrs. P will

be ARC's Eastern Screech Owl, Lucy. This is Lucy's first visit and a rare opportunity to see where those mysterious nighttime thrills come from. Common east of the Rockies, Eastern Screech Owls are highly camouflaged birds that hide out in tree nooks and crannies during the day.

With only 200 pairs in the state, short-tailed hawks are often hard to find although they breed throughout central and south Florida. ARC's dark phase short-tailed hawk, Miko, will be at the show.

Miko arrived at ARC in 2009 as an immature bird with a gunshot injury to his left wing. This damage to the follicles of the wing prevents typical growth of feathers and compromises his ability for normal flight.

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MUSIC AND ART AT BIG BAND BASH

These colorful painted cymbals are among the artwork that will be auctioned off at the third annual Big Band Bash on Saturday from 7-10 p.m. in the ballroom of the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort.

The gala event, a fundraiser for the Amelia Island Jazz Festival's scholarship program for aspiring young musicians, will feature the Dynamic Les DeMerle 17-piece Orchestra with vocalist Bonnie Eisele and special guests in a salute to America's legendary big bands. A Meet and Greet the Musicians cocktail party begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes a complimentary glass of champagne. The evening also will feature the auction of an original piece of jazz art donated by Park West Gallery. Dress is semi-formal.

Tickets are \$75 and available at www.ameliaislandjazzfestival.com, the UPS Store, 1417 Sadler Road, or at the AIFBY Chamber Of Commerce, Gateway to Amelia. Call (904) 504-4772 or email info@ameliaislandjazzfestival.com for information.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF AMELIA ISLAND JAZZ FESTIVAL



Plans under way for Day of Prayer May 1

ALLEN LENNON
For the News-Leader

The local leadership team for the National Day of Prayer has announced that planning for the 2014 observance of the day in our community is well under way. The local event will be held Thursday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. The Journey Church at 95707 Amelia Concourse will provide the location for this interdenominational service.

Eighteen years ago a local NDP Leadership Board was formed from a group of men from various local churches, called The Watchmen, who have met faithfully each Wednesday morning to pray for our nation, our community and our families. Again this year, Nassau County will be part of the 63rd annual nationwide observance of the National Day of Prayer.

The 2014 theme for the National Day of Prayer is "One Voice - United in Prayer." The keynote speaker for the local observance will be Dr. Frank Wright, CEO of the National Religious Broadcasters.

"We are very fortunate to have a person of Dr. Wright's background and experience to bring our keynote message this year," said Norm Purdue, the local NDP coordinator. "Dr.

Dr. Frank Wright has served as the president and Chief Executive Officer of the National Religious Broadcasters, a position he held for the past 11 years. Having managed the world's largest Christian media association, Wright has significant and wide-ranging experience in the electronic media marketplace, including active engagement in the regulatory and public policy processes centered in Washington, D.C.



Wright has had a distinguished career in Christian broadcasting and media, and we are fortunate to have him speak to us about the battle in the modern media for the hearts and minds of our young people," said Purdue.

"We are also very excited to hold this service off-island at The Journey Church this year, and we hope people from all across Nassau County will be

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OFF & ON THE ISLAND

THIRD FRIDAY

Join the Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St., for the next 3rd on 3rd Street presentation April 18 at 6 p.m. Special guest Coleman Langshaw will deliver a presentation on "Cumberland Island ... From Tomachichi to Today." Langshaw, part of the fifth generation of the Carnegie family to live in the area, will take the audience back to Cumberland Island's pre-Carnegie days, discuss the arrival of his family and give his personal insights on Cumberland today. This program is free for members, with a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members. Seating is first-come, first-served. For information contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or gray@ameliamuseum.org.



and enjoy it to the max. There are lots of neat upcoming events to know about. Fun folks from Auto Legends Amelia will tell you all about auto trends and what's happening in the auto industry. Stop by see the unique "automobilia," say hello and meet motoring folks and hardware you just won't see anywhere else. Rain cancels.

GOVERNMENT DAY

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@nassaupla.com.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS LUNCHEON

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.

For tickets for a table of eight (\$160); a half-table of four (\$85); business tickets (\$35), and individual tickets (\$15) call the Volunteer Center at 261-2771 or visiting www.volunteernassau.org.



OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

A pancake breakfast fundraiser for Relay for Life will be held at Applebees in Fernandina Beach on April 19 from 8-10 a.m. This fundraiser will be for the team of Doctors Joyce, Luke and Peters. Breakfast is \$8 and servers will be Dr. Robert Joyce, Dr. Annette Bell and Beverly Michael, PA. Come out to support your favorite server in this "Celebrity Challenge." For tickets or information contact any server or call Joni Reid at 556-6767.

America's Youth will host a bike rodeo on April 19 starting at 10 a.m. at 907 South 11th St., Fernandina Beach. The event is sponsored by the Fernandina Beach Police and Utilities departments and will teach kids basic bicycle safety skills. Enter for a chance to win prizes and enjoy free hotdogs and drinks. If you have a bike, please bring it.

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@amelia-cooking.com.

Carlos Garland, from season 10 of Fox's So You Think You Can Dance, will be a part of the dance workshop at the McArthur YMCA April 19. Fee is \$40. See www.danceonamelia.WEBS.com for the schedule or sign up at the Y. Anyone ages 3-18 is welcome to attend, but space is limited.

Kings Bay, Ga., RC Modelers will hold their second annual Public Field Day and RC Air Show on April 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (weather permitting) at Oakwell RC Airfield (end of Clarks Bluff and Oakwell Road). Visit www.kingsbayrc.com for details.

Remote control planes will be on display and flight demonstrations begin at 11 a.m., including a candy drop from a 1/4 scale Citabria, an RC glider tow-up by a giant-scale Piper Pawnee, an RC skydiver drop from a 1/4 scale Cub, an RC aerobatic flight by a giant-scale Decalathon, a Quad-rotor flight, a 3D flight demonstration and an aerobatic RC helicopter demonstration. If there is interest, a night flying demonstration with mini LED parachute drop will be held at 9 p.m. Bring a chair and enjoy a bonfire. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 for a ready-to-fly quad-rotor copter with camera.

Food and drink will be available on site.

Walkin' Nassau will hold a walk of the Fernandina Beach Golf Course on April 22 at 5 p.m. Meet at course clubhouse on Bill Melton Road off Fletcher to sign in. The group will walk one of the courses. Dinner will follow for those interested at a nearby restaurant. For information and to RSVP, contact Jane Bailey at dnjbailey@mind-spring.com or 261-9884.

Nassau Boomers will hold a Meet-n-Greet and Dinner at Pablo's Mexican Grill and Cantina, 12 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach on April 24 at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to nassaboomers@yahoo.com by April 17. Enjoy dining together in the outdoor courtyard at a huge table reserved just for the Boomers. Invite your single amigos and don't forget to RSVP. Nassau Boomers is a group for single Baby Boomers (born between 1946-64). They meet monthly.

The Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St., invites you to its next Brown Bag Lunch on May 7 at noon. Nancy Dickson will discuss the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) on Amelia Island. Part of FDR's New Deal, the CCC was a public relief program from 1933-42 that provided jobs for young men related to the conservation and development of natural resources in rural lands owned by federal, state and local governments — like the restoration of Fort Clinch. This program is free and open to the public. For information contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or gray@ameliamuseum.org.

The Newcomers Club of Amelia Island will host its monthly coffee on May 8. Women interested in joining the club and who reside in Nassau County (no matter how long they have lived here) are welcome to attend. For further information contact Lucy Bryan at (904) 430-0119 or Lcybryn@sonic.net, or visit www.newcomersofameliaisland.com.

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

The third annual Divas Day Out to benefit the Amelia Island nonprofit Girl Power 2 Cure will be held May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Atlantic Rec Center auditorium, 2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Admission is a \$3

donation per person; kids 6 and under admitted free.

Enjoy 30 vendor booths featuring jewelry, home goods, beauty products, health and fitness and more, entertainment including adults' and kids' fashion shows, fitness demos, a makeover reveal, women's self defense demonstration and dances. Kids' events include a "Diva Dress Up" booth, hair styling and make-up, cupcake decorating, free learn-to-play tennis clinic, a Mother's Day craft and more.

A portion of every purchase supports Girl Power 2 Cure's mission to bring an end to Rett Syndrome, the most severe form of autism. For information about the event, go to Mamamelia.com or email Tiffany Wilson at info@mamamelia.com. Visit www.girlpower2cure.org.

The Humane Association of Wildlife Care & Education (HAWKE), a nonprofit charity that rescues and rehabilitates orphaned wild birds, mammals and reptiles, will hold its 20th annual "Dine on the Wild Side" fundraising dinner at The St. Augustine Alligator Farm on May 17. The event features an open house from 5-9 p.m. Award-winning composer Jamie DeFrates will provide musical entertainment.

Dinner is 6-7:30 p.m. and includes barbecue chicken and vegetarian options. Advance tickets are \$45 for ages 12 and up or \$30 for kids 5 to 11. Admission ages 4 and under is free if they share an adult's meal. Send a check and a self-addressed stamped envelope to HAWKE, P.O. Box 188, Elkton, FL 32033 (indicate "veggie" or "BBQ"). A limited number of \$50 tickets will be available at the door. Purchase tickets online until May 15 at www.hawkewildlife.org. Call (904) 692-1777.

THEATER

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 final award-winning documentary film, Gasland Part II, will be shown April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at FLT. This film is an in-depth examination of the dangers of fracking, now occurring on a global level in 32 countries.

Tickets are \$6 and available at The UPS Store in the Fernandina Beach Public shopping center. A portion of proceeds benefits the U.S. Green Building Council, North Florida Chapter. Visit amelii-afit.org.

The national tour of the new musical "The Addams Family," based on the bizarre and beloved family of characters created by cartoonist Charles Addams, will make its Jacksonville premiere on May 2 at 8 p.m. at the Times-Union Center's Moran Theater. Tickets start at \$32 and are available at the FSCJ Artist Series Box Office, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, at (904) 442-BWAY (2929) and online at www.artistseriesjax.org. Discounts available for groups of 10 or more at (904) 442-2947 or groupsales@fscj.edu.

MUSEUM

One ticket, four pubs, a wealth of historical information about downtown Fernandina. Join the Amelia Island Museum of History Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. to tour four of the town's most popular, notorious or otherwise historic pubs and bars. One ticket will get you one drink at each establishment and an earful of colorful tales about the places you visit as well as those you see along your way. It's a great way to see Fernandina and learn about its history. Tickets are \$25 per person (must be 21, must show ID); tour begins at the historic train depot in downtown Fernandina Beach. Reservations required. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105 or Thea@ameliamuseum.org.

MUSIC NOTES

Firebird' concert

Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents "The Firebird" April 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. with Shizuo Z Kuwahara, conductor, and Stewart Goodyear, piano. Enjoy the "fun side" of Soviet-era music. Stravinsky's vividness, Prokofiev's energy, Khachaturian's rhythms and Shostakovich's humor.

Tickets are \$25-\$72. Call (904) 354-5547 or visit JaxSymphony.org for more information.

Youth concert

The Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra presents a year-end concert on April 28 at 7 p.m. with Scott C. Gregg, JSYO music director and principal conductor

This is the season finale concert of the JSYO Overture, Foundation, Encore and Premiere string ensembles. Tickets are \$5 (child) and \$10 (adult). Call (904) 354-5547 or visit JaxSymphony.org for information.

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. The next one is April 28 from 6:30-9 p.m. The events are free. Light refreshments will be served. For information call 477-7268.

Community band

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

Music cruises

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

Caseys Bar

Caseys Bar, 852426 US 17, Yulee will host Blistur on Saturday, April 26 at 9 p.m. Call 225-2000.

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 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 tal-

ent. Appropriate for the whole family. No cover charge. Call Smith at (904) 412-7665.

Green Turtle

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

Hammerhead

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

Instant Groove

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

Palace Saloon

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

Salty Pelican

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

Sandy Bottoms

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

Seabreeze

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

Sheffield's

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

Sliders

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

The Surf

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

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Miko would not have the stamina required to hunt, evade larger predators or otherwise survive in the wild and therefore must live in captivity where he can be provided food and assured of his safety.

Callie, a female American kestrel, returns to the show representing one of the smallest falcons in North America and she loves being admired!

Be sure to stop and see the feathered visitors at the ARC booth where you will learn about the natural history of the birds and their importance to us and our environment.

ARC focuses on the physical reconditioning of raptors that have been inactive for an extended time while recovering from illness or injury. They use falconry techniques to evaluate a bird's chances of survival in the wild after recovering from an injury and to teach nestling birds how to hunt. Visitors will learn how these techniques are used so the bird can be successfully released.

While at the show, also be sure to visit the

SHRIMP *Continued from 1B*

films such as "Preserve," "Eye of the Hurricane" and the "Diary of Preston Plummer," featuring Trevor Morgan and Rumor Willis, Molchan has a consummate flair for theatrics and will undoubtedly do a fantastic job organizing the pageant.

Choreographer Kristin Conner will have the girls kicking up their high-heels, wearing glamorous evening gowns to an entertaining number loaded with smiles and pivot turns.

Conner began studying dance under her

on-site experts who will answer questions about gardening challenges and how to green your home, yard and garden. Enjoy gourmet foods and the Picnic Bench Dining Court, whether it's pastries and a coffee for breakfast or 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. Free parking is available across the street from the show, and preferred parking is \$5. Boy Scout Troop 152 will offer a tote and carry service by delivering plants to a pick-up area where they can be loaded into your car. Shoppers are welcome to bring their own wagons, too.

For more information visit www.ameliagarden.com.

The Amelia Farmers Market, open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Shops of Omni Amelia Island Plantation, will be open normal hours Saturday so shoppers can stop there before the garden show. Call 491-4872 or visit www.ameliafarmersmarket.com.

grandmother, Joan Bean, at the age of three at Fernandina's Bean School of Dance. She continued her education in dance at Florida State College at Jacksonville and was invited to dance with the Ka'mia Contemporary Dance Theater in 2009.

This year's Miss Shrimp Festival Scholarship Pageant is sure to be a hit with this talented trio at the helm.

The Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival is May 2 - 4. Festivities kick off with the pre-festival Pirate Parade at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 1.

Visit www.shrimpfestival.com.

Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual national day of prayer. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

Last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations.

For more information contact Norm Purdue at napurdue@bellsouth.net. To volunteer for the choir email allenlennon@comcast.net.

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able to attend," said Perdue. Don Edwards, minister of music at Amelia Plantation Chapel, is organizing a community choir comprising singers from several local churches to provide special music and lead the praise and worship time.

People interested in singing for this service should come to a rehearsal at Amelia Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29. (Amelia Baptist

Church is at 961167 Buccaneer Trail at the South Fletcher roundabout.)

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of the national heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the people in the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting and prayer" in 1863.

In 1952, a joint resolution by

RELIGION

Asparagus, neighbors and God's garden

Her waving hands caught the corner of my eye. If I hadn't been almost finished, I'm sure I would have stopped immediately. My momentary delay only made her more determined to get my attention. By the time I spun the mower around, her yells overcame the sound of the engine.

I have some wonderful neighbors. Often, when I'm not around, Eric, Cheryl's husband, cuts my grass. Though I don't get a chance to do his much, every now and then, I do. On the day I went whipping across their back yard, and Cheryl came frantically out the back door waving her hands, I had a hunch what it was about. "The asparagus," she said in desperation. As I throttled the engine down, she sighed with relief. Finally, she had my full



PULPIT NOTES

Pastor Rob Goyette

attention. "Don't go over there," she pointed and repeated herself. "I've still got asparagus in the ground." My smile back and thumbs up brought a visible wave of peace to her face. Anyone who knows my neighbor Cheryl knows how much she loves her garden. To run over it with a lawn mower would be a huge mistake. Truth is, it could even be fatal. Allright, I exaggerate slightly, but not much. Thankfully, as passionate as she is about growing her garden she is equally about giving it

away at harvest time. I find that same thing to be true with God.

If you don't know, you should. God is a gardener. I suppose there's no better time to talk about that than now. Not only is it springtime and everything is in bloom, but it's Easter, the time when all over the world untold millions celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

From the Garden of Eden to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed in agony before His cross, God has always been interested in gardens. Why? I think it's because they provide the perfect picture of what God is looking for in each of us. Let me explain.

Gardens are where things are planted, watered, fertilized, pruned

and ultimately grow and produce fruit. That's exactly what God has in mind for each of us. I'm sure that's why on the day they buried Jesus, they buried Him in a garden tomb. It's also no doubt why the apostle Paul referred to Jesus in His resurrection as the "First Fruits" of them that slept. (1Corinthians 15:20)

When you take all that, and throw in the words of John the apostle concerning Mary Magdalene weeping at the garden tomb, things get even clearer.

"Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?' Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, 'Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.'" (John 20:15) Little did Mary know that Jesus in fact was

the gardener and that He was there to harvest her as His first convert after His resurrection. Since that time, multitudes have followed her example.

For me, the good news is, like my neighbor Cheryl, God cares passionately about His garden, and that garden is us. Though from time to time He may throw some manure around us, and even cut and prune a few things away, the bottom line is He's working all things together for our good.

As we celebrate Easter this year, it's my prayer that, like Mary Magdalene, our eyes will be opened to see Him as He is - the living, loving savior of the world!

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

RELIGION NOTES

Food needed

The Salvation Army Hope House is working to replenish its emergency food supply. It needs: 1) Canned meats 2) Canned fruit 3) Peanut butter & jelly 4) Breakfast foods like cereal, granola bars, oatmeal, grits, etc. 5) Pastas and starches - macaroni & cheese, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, rice, noodles - ramen, spaghetti, egg & elbows 6) Boxed meals 7) Canned prepared dinners 8) Dried beans and canned baked beans 9) Condensed soup 10) Toilet paper 11) Clothes detergent. Thank you for your generosity and for bringing your donations to 410 S. Ninth St.

Tuesday worship

The reading of the Word is profound; the questions and discussion lively. Join the Salvation Army Hope House as they continue their journey through Acts on Tuesday, April 22. For more information, call 321-0435 or stop by the Hope House, located at 410 S. Ninth St.

Divine Mercy service

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, there will be a veneration of the Divine Mercy image with prayers, including recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Jesus promised through Saint Faustina that if we go to (prior) confession and attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, all previous sins, no matter how serious, will be forgiven.

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 obser-

vance 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.

Songspinnners concert

New Vision Congregational Church will host the Songspinnners in concert on May 5 at 7 p.m. Enjoy a fun and eclectic variety of songs sure to razzle dazzle your spirit. The concert will feature selections including the show tunes Razzle Dazzle from "Chicago" and As Time Goes By from "Casablanca," an upbeat gospel version of Music Down in My Soul, a medley of Irish blessings, Summertime and others.

The Songspinnners is a volunteer women's choral group open to any woman who loves to sing. The group, under the direction of Jane Lindberg, began with 20 members in 2006 and has grown to 47 voices. As volunteers, their mission is to bring music and pleasure to the hearts of those they encounter. A reception following the concert is held in appreciation of the Songspinnners and the service they pro-

vide to our community.

Admission to the concert is free. Donations will be accepted for the Nassau Humane Society building fund. New Vision workshops each Sunday at 96072 Chester Road in Yulee. Visit www.NewVisionCongregationalChurch.org, find them on Facebook or contact the Rev. Mary Kendrick Moore at 238-1822.

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.

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 hand-outs 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.

Lifeline VBS

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

EASTER SERVICES

Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Anglican Church will hold a prayer vigil followed by the Stations of the Cross liturgy at 6 p.m. tonight. 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 by a celebration Mass at 10:30 a.m. with the children's Easter pageant and baptism. Holy Trinity is located at 1830 Lake Park Dr, in Amelia Park. The public is invited.

First Presbyterian

Easter Sunday, April 20, break the fast at the annual Pancake Breakfast in Jim Thomas Hall of First Presbyterian Church, following the Sunrise Service at Ft. Clinch. Celebrate the resurrection in worship at 8:30 or 11 a.m. Nursery available. Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.

Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 Atlantic Ave., will hold a Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7 p.m. tonight. April 20 at 6:50 a.m. is Easter Sunday, celebrated with a Sunrise worship beginning outside (with Holy Communion), including breakfast and children's Easter egg hunt at 8:30 a.m. and worship with Holy Communion at 10 a.m. 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, will hold an Easter Sunday service at 11 a.m. April 20.

Stations of the Cross

Memorial United Methodist Church welcomes all to "Pray with Your Feet" and walk the self-guided Stations of the Cross in its Sanctuary. The Stations of the Cross will be open from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. daily through April 19. Children may experience the stations with parents. MUMC is located at 601 Centre St. Call 261-5769.

Prince Chapel AME

Prince Chapel AME Church, 95189 Hendricks Road in Nassauville, will observe Easter Sunrise Services beginning at 6 a.m. April 20, with breakfast following. All are welcome to come and worship. The Rev. Godfrey Taylor, pastor. Bro. Charles L. Albert, Pro Tem.

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 begin at 9 a.m. followed by Easter worship at 10:15 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 1600 S. Eighth St. Visitors welcome. Join First Baptist in a renewed celebration of Christ's love. Visit FBFirst.com.

Legacy Baptist

The community is invited to a sunrise service at 6:45 a.m. on Easter, April 20, at Goffinsville Park off Old Nassauville Road, presented by Legacy Baptist Church. Pastor Jeff Whitaker invites everyone to attend. Please bring a chair. Donuts will be served at the church, 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. Call 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 "poolside" 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. 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.

The 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/Amelia.Plantation.Chapel or visit www.ameliachapel.com. All are welcome.

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AROUND SCHOOL

Take Stock to honor 42 at graduation celebration

YULEE – On Tuesday, Take Stock in Children Nassau will host their 18th annual Graduation Celebration to honor the 42 high school seniors who have successfully completed the program.

These students originally joined Take Stock during their middle school years and signed a contract pledging to maintain a 2.5 GPA, attend school regularly and comply with federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Twenty-seven Take Stock scholars will be staying local and attending

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) after high school graduation. Several others will be traveling to different cities to attend schools like Flagler College, Florida International University, Florida State University, South West Baptist University, University of Florida, University of South Florida and Valencia College. One student has even chosen to join the armed services and has since signed up for the Marine Corps.

Nassau County's Superintendent of Schools, Dr. John Ruis, will join Take

Stock on this evening to reprise his role of delivering the Commitment Ceremony. Ruis will be swearing in 30 new inductees to the Take Stock in Children Nassau program. These students were screened, interviewed and selected from a group of over 76 students who applied for scholarships during the 2014-15 fiscal year. Callahan Middle, Fernandina Beach Middle and Hilliard Middle Senior High are represented with seven students each, while Yulee Middle School contributes nine of this year's incoming students.

The event will take place in a new location this year, as attendance has been so great over the years that the Nassau Room at FSCJ's Nassau Center has become too small. Yulee High School has graciously offered their auditorium to be used for the Graduation Celebration.

Incoming students and program graduates are requested to arrive no later than 6 p.m. The ceremony will begin promptly at 7 p.m. with Arlene Filkoff, chair of Take Stock's Board of Directors, delivering the welcome

speech.

Chef Bill Castleberry and his students from FSCJ's Culinary Program will be coordinating the refreshments, which will be served before the event begins. Cake will be served to the graduating seniors immediately following the ceremony.

For more information on this event, or to view the event's program and list of speakers, visit the Take Stock website at www.TakeStockNassau.com.

SUMMER CAMPS

City camps

The Fernandina Beach Parks & Recreation Department is offering several summer camps:

- Camp Amelia, ages 4-12. Daily snacks provided. Activities include swimming; arts & crafts; indoor and outdoor activities; weekly field trips; and daily walking trips. Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Camp begins May 27. Visit fbfl.us for information. Call the parks office at 310-3364.

- The MLK Summer Learning Camp is June 2-Aug. 1. Only the first 100 kids will be accepted. Lunch provided. Mandatory meeting May 29 at the MLK Center at 6 p.m. Call (904) 310-3351 for information.

- Girls Just Wanna Have FUN! Art Camp will offer drawing, painting and creating with watercolors, acrylics, pastels and glitter. Each girl will paint a canvas, create a mixed media collage, sculpt with clay and create art projects made just for girls. Snacks provided. June 9-13; \$100; kindergarten-second grade, 9 a.m.-noon, or third-sixth grade, 1-4 p.m. Visit fbfl.us for information. Call the parks office at 310-3364.

- Island Life Art Camp is inspired by Amelia Island's rich history and abundant wildlife. Kids will create with paint, clay, pastels, watercolors and more, June 16-20; \$100; snacks provided; kindergarten-second grade, 9 a.m.-noon, or third-sixth grade 1-4 p.m. Visit fbfl.us for information. Call the parks office at 310-3364.

- Art Around the World! Travel to far-off lands and learn about their world by creating art inspired from Australia, Japan, Russia and Italy. Draw, paint and sculpt your way through these exciting countries. Enjoy tasting a snack, listening to music and discovering all you can about the people, their history and their cultures, all through art. June 23-27; \$100; kindergarten-second grade, 9 a.m.-noon, or third-sixth grades 1-4 p.m. Students must have completed kindergarten. Visit fbfl.us for information. Call the parks office at 310-3364.

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.earlyimpressions-fl.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.

Camp S'Mores Fun

Join Faith Christian Academy for Camp S'Mores Fun Camp Adventures from May 28-July 25. Children ages 4-12 may attend. For ages 4-5, the all-inclusive pricing covers child care, breakfast, snack, and lunch for \$125/week. Children ages 6-12 have all meals covered plus three field trips per week for \$155/week. A registration fee also applies. Weekly themes such as Food Fight, Water Wars and Dance Party will make your kids feel like they've been to camp without leaving town. Questions? Visit www.fcaangels.com to download a brochure or call 321-2137.

Sewing design class

Custom Fit Alterations announces the upcoming Sew Much Fun sewing camp for children and teens. Classes

will be held mid-July for one week at Amelia Office Suites. For information and to reserve a place on the waiting list, contact Linda at (904) 874-8944.

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, bird watching and preparing their daily snack. Every day will be packed with activities that simulate the daily life and recreation of a Timucuan child on Wild Napoyca (an old name for Amelia Island). For information 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 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.

UNF camps

The UNF Department of Campus Recreation will offer Youth Sports and Fitness Camp and EcoCamp this summer. Registration is open at www.unf.edu/recreation/camps/. Or call (904) 620-2998, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., UNF Student Wellness Complex, Building 61. UNF Youth Sports and Fitness Camp runs 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. June 9-Aug. 8 for ages 5-14. Each day offers something different. Cost is \$185 per week per camper for the general public or \$120 per week for UNF students, \$140 per week for UNF USPS employees and \$150 per week for UNF A&P employees.

EcoCamp is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 9-Aug. 1 for ages 6-14. Cost is \$200 per week for the general public and \$185 a week for UNF faculty, staff, students, active military and multiple children.

SCHOOL PICTURES



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Beautification project

Sheriff Bill Leeper and high school students T.C. Salis and Cody Mitchell stand in front of the new and improved sheriff's office sign on A1A in Yulee, above. T.C. and Cody are two of the 4-H youth from the 4-H Club called County Council, whose motto is "Serving those who Serve." As their latest service project, Nassau high school students with the County Council worked on beautification of the signage area at the sheriff's office, below.

4-H clubs are Nassau County Extension programs. For information on how parent volunteers can help form a club in Fernandina Beach or Yulee, contact 4-H Agents Amanda Thien or Margaret Johnson at the Extension office, 879-1019.



Cottontail Express just in time for Easter

ST. MARYS, Ga. – Children of all ages can enjoy the antics of Peter Cottontail and other storybook characters on a special Easter season train excursion Saturday.

On a journey through picturesque woodlands and marshlands, train passengers will be immersed in a nostalgic world where some of childhood's most beloved figures come to life.

The Tooth Fairy, Jack Frost and others will be on a mission to rescue Peter Cottontail so he can deliver Easter baskets to all the boys and girls. As the train's locomotive reverses directions at the midway point, an enchanting story unfolds as Peter Cottontail boards the train for the return trip. Each excursion (10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.) will culminate with an Easter Egg Hunt at Theatre by the Trax, the boarding station for all train rides.

According to event organizers, the St. Marys Express has enjoyed constant sold-out events because each excursion is much more than a just train ride.

"Volunteers for St. Marys Little Theatre create engaging scenarios that get the passengers involved before, after and during the train ride," said Barbara Ryan,

director of tourism for St. Marys, concurred.

"The St. Marys Express train rides are giving people who have never come to St. Marys a reason to visit," Wigger stated. "And it gives us an opportunity to introduce a whole new market to our other destination assets including Cumberland Island, our museums, our waterfront park and the many historic features of our town."

The Peter Cottontail Express departs from Theatre by the Trax, 1000 Osborne St. in St. Marys, at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$11 for children 12 and under plus a \$3 processing fee. Children two and under ride free. Tickets can be purchased at www.stmarys-railroad.com or by calling (912) 200-5235. Special group discounts are available for groups of 10 or more by calling (912) 729-1103.

Future St. Marys Express excursions slated for this year include America's Heroes Express, America's Birthday Express, an authentic Steam Locomotive Express and the popular Santa Express returning for the holidays. A complete train schedule can be found at www.stmarys-railroad.com.



CLASS NOTES

Kids' art

The Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach, will offer free art classes for children:

April 21 – Preschool Art, ages 3-5, with an adult, 10-11 a.m., led by Diane Hamburg
April 26 – Middle School Art, ages 10-13, 1-2:15 p.m., led by Anne Howden

April 26 – Children's Art, ages 6-9, 10-11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m., led by Anne Howden

Register at the gallery, 18 N. Second St., 261-7020. Classes are free and all materials are furnished. Classes held at the Education Center, adjacent to the gallery.

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, Fernandina Beach. 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 children and adults.

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 on 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.

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.

FSCJ aviation students

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

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Singers representing at least five different churches in the community are presenting a Good Friday musical service at 7 p.m. tonight at Amelia Baptist Church. This special service of music and narration that tells the story of Holy Week in an unusual and inspiring way is free and open to the public. The choir will be accompanied by an ensemble of local instrumentalists under the direction of Pam Helton, minister of music at Amelia Baptist, second row, sixth from right, above. The church is located at 961167 Buccaneer Trail, at the intersection of Buccaneer Trail, A1A and South Fletcher Avenue (at the roundabout).

ON THE STAGE NOW AT ACT

The cast of Amelia Community Theatre's "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music" includes, from left, Brandee Edwards, Mark Pollack, Toni D'Amico, James Mabe and Brian Gilvey. Remaining performances are at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday and April 24-26 at 207 Cedar St. Call 261-6749 for ticket information.

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EASTER FUN

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.

Yulee United Methodist Church, 86003 Christian Way, invites the community to its annual EGG-stravaganza on April 19 at 10 a.m. Enjoy an egg hunt, face-painting, prizes, arts-and-crafts and more. This free event is open to community. Contact Ann Barber at 225-3146 with questions.

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.

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.

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 or visit www.ameliachapel.com.

Children of all ages can enjoy the antics of Peter Cottontail and other storybook characters on an Easter season train excursion April 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.

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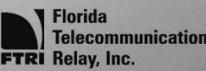
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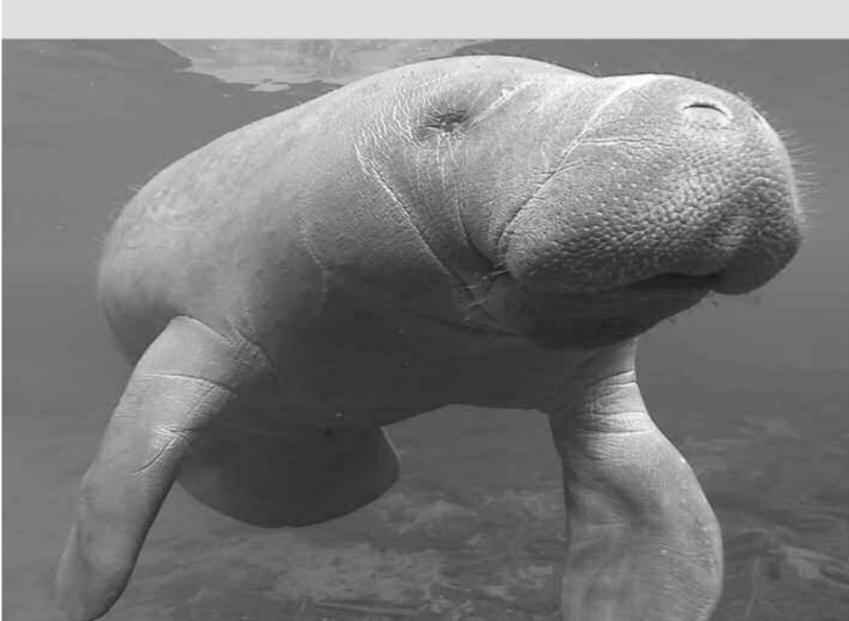


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