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DIVA'S DAY OUT



Mairead Farace, Bailey Anderson and Lyla Viriden, above right, admire each other's attire during Diva's Day Out on Saturday at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. Hosted by Mammamelia.com, the event was held to benefit Girl Power 2 Cure, which funds finding a cure for Rett Syndrome, a neurological disorder that strikes young girls. A group gathers around a booth selling hand-made art note cards, top; a portion of sales benefits the charity. Liam Farace, above left, waits patiently as his family peruses a booth. The event featured booths selling jewelry, makeup, relaxation treatments and home goods as well as fitness demonstrations and health information.

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FAA questions Humane Society lease of city airport land

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

According to a letter from the Federal Aviation Administration, the city must address a lease agreement between the Nassau Humane Society and Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport because the animal shelter is classified as a "non-aeronautical use."

The letter from FAA compliance specialist Deandra Brooks was in response to a complaint made by retired Air Force Col. Mickey Baity last year. Baity, a former chair of the city's Airport Advisory Commission, alleges numerous FAA violations by the city of Fernandina Beach, which sponsors the airport. The letter also includes excerpts from the city's response to the allegations.

Baity's complaint alleges the airport's violations involve "primarily failure to pay for use of non-aeronautical airport land and use of non-aeronautical airport land without FAA approval ..."

According to the letter, Baity's complaint also states that "airport property is or has been used for athletic fields, an animal shelter, a city waste dumpsite, advertising, charity and other special events."

'We are concerned that the lease rates for the (Nassau Humane Society) ... do not reflect the fair market value of the airport property.'

DEANDRA BROOKS
FAA COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

According to the FAA letter, the city in 2006 entered into a 20-year "nominal" ground lease with the Nassau Humane Society for 2.76 acres at the airport. The rental rate was established as \$1 annually, but the lease was amended in 2012 and increased to 40 years, with a 10-year renewal option.

The FAA letter alleges the airport is paid at a "below fair market value" for the land, and is asking the city "to correct this issue."

The Nassau Humane Society does not qualify as a "community use," according to the FAA definition, because the land it is using cannot be used by an aeronautical tenant in the foreseeable future, and therefore

is disqualified from below fair market rates.

The city has stated in its response that it has calculated a payment of \$106,000 annually for municipal use of the airport, but that the direct cost of police, fire and emergency services to the city is \$505,000, after deducting for use of the city airport for marina dredge spoil. The FAA, however, has repeatedly questioned the city's methodology in calculating such values.

"This office attempted to calculate the value of (the city's) municipal uses of airport property, but we are unable to do so at this time," the letter stated. "We are concerned that the lease rates for the (Nassau Humane Society) ... do not reflect the fair market value of the airport property."

The FAA had other concerns about the use of the airport for special events, specifically those that have no relation to aeronautics, such as the Ben Byrns 5K Runway Rally held last September.

"The FAA ... recommends that (the city) consider how it can use the airport's non-aeronautical events to better promote the aeronautical uses of the airport," the letter states. "It has been the FAA's experience

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Future of A1A: fewer trees, more concrete

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Fewer trees. More concrete. That is the future of A1A between I-95 and the Shave Bridge.

"A lot of the green is going away and it's going to become less bucolic and peaceful, even more than it already has," said County Attorney David Hallman. "I think people are going to be surprised."

The state is widening a 10-mile stretch of roadway starting this fall, increasing the number of traffic lanes to six from four.

The work will include removing trees and grass on the north and south sides of the roadway. There are also plans to add two more traffic signals and drop the speed limit along the entire stretch of roadway to 45 mph.

"It's going to be a lot of concrete," said Hallman. "The aesthetic is not going to be very scenic."

Hallman made these remarks earlier this month to the Planning & Zoning Board. He was clear to say that he was not for or against the expansion project. Hallman said he was simply asking members to be aware of the implications of development.

"In the future, when people ask if we thought about this, I want everyone here to say, yes we did," said Hallman.

The board appeared to understand the implications of destroying broad sections of green space along the county's shopping corridor.

"Once we have less trees, the visibility of the wires and power lines will be obvious," said board member John Stack. "We'll have a canopy of power lines."

There was no discussion about how to preserve trees or grass. But longtime board Chair Tom Ford acknowledged a missed opportunity in a decision made years ago.

"The biggest mistake this board made was ignoring a suggestion made by Jack D'Amato, the old county engineer, to put little retention ponds along either side of A1A, so when they finally six-laned the highway they could just take the ponds and leave everything else alone," said Ford. "I thought he was crazy at the time, but I wish we had had a little foresight."

A1A Continued on 3A

County, clerk feud boiling

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

They're still mad.

Nassau County Commissioners are still mad at Clerk of Court John Crawford for spending \$83,000 last year in legal fees over a lawsuit with the chief judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Donald Moran.

Crawford's case centered on a \$4,000 spending decision by the judge. Crawford objected to financing a divorce mediator with judicial funds. He lost in appeals court.

So, here's what the board did.

They unanimously agreed to change a resolution at the meeting Monday night to remove the clerk from having approval over the county's debt.

"You don't want to involve the chief financial officer?" said Commissioner Steve Kelley.

"No I don't," said Commissioner Danny Leeper.

Leeper says Crawford's lawsuit was financially reckless, and he doesn't like the clerk's repeated comments that he safeguards the taxpayers' money. Crawford has called himself the financial "watchdog."

"I don't know if that's the definition of hypocrisy or not," said Leeper.

Commissioner Walter "Jr." Boatright apparently doesn't want anyone to forget about the clerk's lawsuit. He made a plaque and showed it to his colleagues.

The plaque reads: "Presented to Nassau County Tax Payers as a consolation for the \$82,973 spent on a lawsuit."

The plaque holds a pen from Tallahassee law firm Greenberg Traurig. That's the firm Crawford used to represent him. Taxpayers paid his legal bill.

County Attorney David Hallman noted that the clerk's role was after the fact, and not before.

"He is not participating in policy," said Hallman. "There's a lot of confusion out there."

The change also removes the Office of Management and Budget and budget director, county manager, county attorney and the county's financial advisor.

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Crawford



Leeper



Boatright



Holloway



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OBITUARIES

Mother Mamie Delaney

Mother Mamie Delaney transitioned from labor to reward on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 1:20 P.M. at Nassau Baptist Medical Center.

Mother Mamie was born on September 28, 1929 to Sarah Lewis, who preceded her in death. Her only sibling – Minnie Simmons – and nephew John Henry Shephard also preceded her in death.

She attended Peck High School in Fernandina Beach, Florida.

She married her childhood sweetheart, James W. Delaney, III on June 16, 1958.

Mother Delaney held membership at First Missionary Baptist Church where she served in several capacities as President of Missionary Society, Deaconess Emeritus, devoted Sunday school attendee, Deaconess Representative to Seniors Ministry, President of District 2 for a number of years, member of the Kitchen Staff, very active in Vacation Bible School, and Pulpit Aide Board President.

She leaves to cherish her memory: husband of 55 years, James W. Delaney, III; children:

William R. Gass

William R. (Bill) Gass, 89, passed away peacefully Thursday morning, May 15, 2014 at his home on Bells River.

Mr. Gass was born on December 7, 1924 in Greene County, Tennessee. The son of the late Charles Hardin Gass and Hazel Casteel Gass, he was reared in Greene County where he was the eldest of twelve children. As the eldest son, he learned his great sense of responsibility and his strong work ethic.

He attended the Greene County School and when the war broke out he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was trained in the Medical Corps and served in France as a Medic in the 63rd Infantry division, 254th Regiment and served with the 3rd Battalion Medical Detachment. He was awarded two Bronze Stars for bravery in battle. Following his honorable discharge from the Army, he returned home from the war and soon married the love of his life, the former Beulah Mae "Boots" McIntosh of Greene County, Tenn. On March 25th of this year they celebrated 68 years of marriage.

They made their home in Chattahoochee, Tenn., where he worked in the hardware business as they reared their two sons and three daughters.

In 1963, the family moved to Fernandina Beach, Fla. where he became manager of Hardee Brothers Hardware on Centre Street. He managed the business for twenty-five years until the business closed 1987.

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. 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. Led by trained bereavement counselors, these sessions are ongoing and available to anyone who has experienced a loss.

Kenneth (Loice) Shephard, Jacqueline (Rev. James) Arthur, Ronald Shephard, Sara (Johnny) Knight, Marion (Parrish) Kirkland, Garry (Diana) Delaney; Grandchildren: Kenneth Jr. (Tangala) Shephard, Erick Knight, Monica (Rev. Timothy) Bessent, JeNell (Stanley) Marcel, Tameka (Paul) Simmons, Paula Knight, Dawn Arthur, Parrish Kirkland, James (Kathleen) Arthur II, William and Garris Delaney, Latoya Shephard, Keyona Dawson; 16 Great grandchildren; special family friends: Allean Gilyard and Corliss Brown; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many sorrowing friends; and a special niece – Betty Jean Lampkins.

Viewing will be held at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home, today, Friday, May 16, 2014, from 5-7 P.M. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 17th at First Missionary Baptist Church, 22 South 9th Street, Fernandina Beach, FL, Rev. Darien K. Bolden, Sr, Pastor. Burial will follow in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

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

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Mr. Gass retired to his home on Bells River where porch sitting and dock fishing was a ritual.

He loved his vegetable garden and spent many hours tending his vegetables and his citrus trees. When his grandchildren and great-grands were each born, he was like a new man. He loved them all equally and enjoyed sharing his love of fishing and boats with them.

His brothers Everette Gass and Duane Gass and his sister Christine Jenkins passed away several years ago.

Mr. Gass leaves behind his beloved wife Boots, his sons, William R. "Billy" Gass (Pat), Charles "Chuck" Gass (Sunhee), his daughters, Janette Parrish (David) of Blacksburg, Va., Connie Craver (Steve) of Welcome, NC, and Cindy Fetch (Ron) of Athens, Ga., his brothers, Phil Gass, Elizabethton, Tenn., Jimmy Gass, Marietta, Ga., Lewis and Michael Gass of Elizabethton, Tenn., and Bobby Gass of Charlotte, NC, his sisters, Joanne Miller, Alice Ramsey and Lois Schaff of Elizabethton, Tenn., and Thirteen Grandchildren and Fifteen Great-Grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 3:00 PM Sunday at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM Monday at the Original First Baptist Church on the corner of Fifth and Alachua Streets with Rev. Jeff Overton, officiating. Mr. Gass will be laid to rest in Bosque Bello Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite #300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

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., Fernandina Beach.

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.

Contact Joanne Bernard, LCSW, at 407-6811 or visit CommunityHospice.com.



SUBMITTED

Flying Ace Eddie Rickenbacker (played by local actor Brandon Herron) prepares to board the America's Heroes Express train in St. Marys, Ga.

Train rides celebrate heroes

ST MARYS, Ga. – Departing Theatre by the Trax in St. Marys four times each day on Saturday and May 24, "America's Heroes" Express will commemorate Memorial Day for two weekends in a most inspiring and memorable fashion.

Passengers aboard the open-air cars, locomotive and caboose will come face to face with some of America's most beloved heroes from every major war.

Actors from St. Marys Little Theatre will reenact the bravery of historic figures from generals to admirals to flying aces scanning five major wars as passengers travel through scenic woodlands and marshlands.

The local VFW will play a major role in both days' events, performing patriotic ceremonies at the midway point and honoring veterans on the train as well.

"America's Heroes Express" is a great way for people of all ages to honor those who serve our country," said Doug Vaught, train stationmaster and owner of Theatre by the Trax. "The train rides will be a very interactive experience, and I know people will walk away with the deepest sense of patriotism and a renewed love for our great nation."

St. Marys Express Entertainment Director Barbara Ryan encourages families to ride the train together so that children can learn about our great American Heroes. "This includes those who made history and the men and women who keep our nation safe today—they are all heroes and serve as great examples of bravery and outstanding character," she said.

"America's Heroes Express" will depart from Theatre by the Trax, 1000 Osborne St., in St. Marys, Ga., at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday and May 24. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$11 for children under 12 plus a \$3 processing fee. Children 2 and under ride free. Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.stmarysrailroad.com or call 912-200-5235. Group discounts are available.

Local Post 54 to host Memorial Day events

The Theodore H. Hernandez American Legion Post 54, located at 626 S. Third St., will be open to the public on Saturday, May 24 through Monday, May 26 in celebration of the Memorial Day weekend.

Saturday the Post will kick off the weekend with a home-style dinner of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans and roll served from 5-7 p.m. (or until the food runs out) for a suggested donation of \$8.

After dinner, listen and dance to the swinging sounds of the popular group The Backwood Boys, a local favorite.

On Sunday from 10 a.m. until noon, enjoy Mimosa or Bloody Mary specials for \$2.50.

The weekend concludes

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

on Monday with the annual Memorial Day Observance at the foot of Centre Street, beginning at 11 a.m. Following the ceremony, everyone is invited back to the Post for a cookout with burgers and dogs and all the fixings.

Everyone is invited to American Legion Post 54 during the weekend to meet and talk with the members and learn what the Post is all about. Contact them at 261-7900.

ConKerr Cancer plans pillowcase sewing bee

Lollipops Quilt Shop is hosting a workshop on Saturday, May 24, to benefit the local chapter of ConKerr Cancer – A Case For Smiles, it was announced today by Sylvia Hurst, Nassau County coordinator.

"We are so excited to have Lollipops help us provide fun, colorful pillowcases for children in our area who are facing serious illnesses.

To join in, all you have to do is bring your sewing machine or serger and basic sewing supplies to the shop at its new location at 1881 South 14th St., Suite 5, in Fernandina. We will be sewing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day."

Lollipops owners Laurie Malm and Mary Davis are not only sponsoring the event but are graciously providing fabric because, as Malm expressed it, "Mary and I want to give back to this community we love so much, not only to those in need or suffering from the loss of a loved one, but also to those who are facing difficult medical treatments, such as cancer. A pillowcase is a small comfort, but if it brings a smile to a child's face, then we have helped just a little bit to ease their pain. Each of us can make a difference in a child's life with just a few hours of our time. We welcome the opportunity to support ConKerr Cancer now and in the future."

Hurst added that "the kids absolutely love their pillowcases, and we do them in all sorts of designs – flowers, ladybugs, frogs, dogs, cats, horses, cars, cartoon characters, pirates, motorcycles, etc. Some cases have stripes, polka dots, or geometric designs; FSU, UGA, UF and Jaguar prints,

and even some girly-girly designs."

"It is amazing to me," Hurst added, "that ConKerr Cancer, a nonprofit organization, is now serving over 250 hospitals through 125 chapters around the world. To date, we have delivered over 890,000 pillowcases through a network comprised of all volunteers: volunteers who serve as coordinators for the 125 chapters; volunteers who sew pillowcases; volunteers who donate fabric and/or funds to purchase fabric; and volunteers to host events like this workshop that Laurie and Mary are doing."

Even more surprising is that ConKerr Cancer not only serves this huge geographical area, but does it with only four staff members – two incredible part-time paid employees and two volunteer staff members."

"In our local area, we provide pillowcases to children with cancer at Wolfson Children's Hospital, Nemours Clinic, UF Health (formerly Shands) and Pedscare. The pillowcases are gifts to the children – they take them home with them. We aim for 150-200 pillowcases a month," she added, "so this help from Lollipops Quilt Shop is so very much needed and appreciated."

Davis added that, "We would love to pack the store with people sewing that day for this wonderful cause. So, do come join us. There is extra parking on the side and rear of the building, and carpooling is always good."

For more information, call Sylvia Hurst at 753-1395 or Lollipops Quilt Shop, 310-6616.

Mobile pantries to deliver in May

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

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

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

Food is distributed on a "first-come, first-served" basis and consists of produce, dairy, bakery goods, etc. Distributions during May will be held at the following locations and dates at 11:30 a.m.:

Wednesday, May 21: Yulee, United Methodist Church, 86003 Christian Way.

Thursday, May 29: Fernandina Beach, Peck Center, 516 South 10th St.

LOOKING BACK

50 YEARS

First Presbyterian Church announced a ceremony to dedicate a centennial marker – 1858-1958 – at the sanctuary on North Sixth Street.

May 14, 1964

25 YEARS

Fernandina Beach police confiscated a 9 mm Uzi and a .22 caliber handgun from two cars on 14th Street and arrested three Georgia teens after reports shots were fired.

May 14, 1987

10 YEARS

After boaters complained of hitting rocks at low tide, the county commission hired an engineer to review the new North End Boat Ramp on Amelia Island.

May 14, 2004

Call 261-3696 for special news and advertising deadlines for the May 28th edition.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Duplicate bridge

Fernandina Beach Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Wednesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the MLK Center, 1200 Elm St. Games are over by 1 p.m. and are open to anyone. Computer scoring, round clock timer and all the goodies are present; play with fun people. Contact Fred Stokes at (912) 576-8296 for more information. Game fee is \$7. Visit www.bridgeweb.com/Fernandina.

Networking lunch

Whether you have a business or an organization to promote, are hiring new employees or looking for a new job, have a request for volunteers or want to volunteer your expertise, join the Community Networking Lunch each Wednesday from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Journey Church. Bring your own lunch, network, share special events and view a short video each week regarding integrity and faith in the workplace.

Bring business cards, flyers or resumes to share. For information contact KarenWerling@TeamWerling.com.

Garage sale

Cats Angels will hold a Garage Sale on May 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 709 S. Eighth St. Choose from household items and decorations, furniture, books and more. They will be bargaining to move merchandise. Don't forget your aluminum cans for the recycle bin.

Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. It receives no government monies and relies solely on donations. Visit www.catsangels.com.

FAMU meeting

The local chapter of FAMU Alumni Association will meet May 17 at 3:30 p.m. at the Peck Community Center to share and update information. All are welcome, alumni, students/parents of FAMU and friends. Contact J.M. Smith at 261-7906.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. May 18 and at 6:30 p.m. May 19 and 23 and June 2. A basic with defensive tactics course will be held at 7:45 a.m. May 17 and 31 and June 14. For information, contact Belson at 491-8358, (904) 476-2037 or gbelson@bellsouth.net. Visit www.TheBelsonGroup.com.

Women's Day

The community is invited to Women's Day at Friendship Baptist Church on Minor Road, Yulee, on May 18 at 11 a.m. Speaker is Ethel Tucker of Jacksonville. For more information call 225-5627.

Confederate sons

Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet May 19 at 7 p.m. at The Pig Barbeque in Callahan. Peter Mullen will present "Memoirs from the Bluegrass – How I Became a Confederate Soldier." The public is invited.

NACDAC meeting

If you are interested in the prevention and elimination of underage drinking and other drug use within Nassau County, come see what NACDAC's meetings are all about, the third Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting is May 20 at 4 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Police Department Community Room, 1525 Lime St. Director of Prevention Services Kerrie Albert will talk about the Mental Health First Aid Program. Ashley Rich from Saint Simons by the Sea Hospital will be the guest speaker.

For information visit www.nacdac.org or call Susan Woodford or Kerrie Albert at 277-3699.

Driving class

An AARP Smart Driver Course will be held June 2 and 3 at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fernandina Beach. Class will begin at 8:45 a.m. in Jim Thomas Hall, 9 Sixth St. Call 261-3837 to register. Class size is limited.



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'I'm trying to prevent a roadside carnival.'

SHARYL WOOD

NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

A1A *Continued from 1A*

These remarks came at the end of a near two-hour discussion on how to make A1A more attractive by streamlining signage, including banners and electronic signs.

Here are the three ideas the board debated:

Let electronic signs change the message three times each day, from once a day; let car dealerships have three signs rather than one because they have large properties with large roadway frontage; and let's hang banners with bungee cords from a pair of foam posts disguised as brickwork because foam is cheaper than brick.

"I don't have big tears welling in my eyes for the dealers over cost," said board member Bruce Jasinsky. "As much as I understand the cost factor, I don't see it fitting in with the good-looking window we're trying to create from I-95 to the island."

Board member Sharyl Wood agreed. Aesthetics are important.

"I'm trying to prevent a roadside carnival," said Wood.

Board member Jeanne Scott supports electronic signs and frequent message flipping, calling digital displays the wave of the future.

"I'm not for bungee cord strapping, that would not be pleasing to the eye," said Scott. "Pleasing to the eye is signs that light up. It's the future. Evacuations. Amber alerts."

And, she said, electronic signs help tourists.

"GPS finds retail, but if you're a tourist signs with lights help," said Scott. "The tourists are not all old-timers. They're new-timers. I'm here to help retailers also."

Wood waved her cell phone at Scott.

"Yes, you can call the store," said Scott.

Ford also supports electronic signs and message flipping and said he does not want to further regulate their use.

"We're rapping on their rights. That's how he sells one more car or two more cars each month," said Ford. "I wouldn't vote for it."

Jasinsky, also a local realtor, asked Ford to consider the bigger picture, pointing to failed businesses along Blanding Boulevard in Jacksonville. He said the big, bold signs that line the ailing commercial corridor failed to attract customers.

"They failed because there were no limitations," said Jasinsky.

Growth Management Director Peter King said he met privately earlier Tuesday with representatives from local car dealerships as well as members of the chamber of commerce.

The suggestions to flip electronic sign messages three

times each day, add more signs for car dealers and use faux-brick posts in a standard size to create banner uniformity came out of the meeting, he said.

No one from the dealerships or chamber attended the public meeting Tuesday night.

"I am disappointed in dealerships and Chick-fil-A. They take up your staff time and then don't show up," said Ford. "Were they notified?"

King nodded his head, yes.

The board heard from local businessman Mike Zaffaroni. He owns Fast Signs in Fernandina Beach. They make everything from banners and decals to permitting and installation.

Zaffaroni also owns Fernandina Mulch and Stone in Yulee, and the now shuttered Pro-Line Motors on Amelia Island.

Zaffaroni said he was speaking on behalf of the chamber of commerce as its future board chairman.

"Drive-by traffic is the most effective marketing approach," said Zaffaroni, who also attended the private meeting with King earlier in the day.

"I do think we need to control signs, but we need a happy medium."

Zaffaroni stood at the podium for the entire discussion, and often answered questions from board members that were directed at King.

Local officials have been wrestling with the sign ordinance for months, though a new version was passed less than a year ago by the county commission. And it had the support of the Planning and Zoning Board.

"We just simply forgot about stuff," said King. "Political. Real estate signs. Construction signs need a definition."

He submitted revisions, including language that allows businesses with more than 400 feet of frontage to have a maximum of three signs spaced 100 feet apart.

"We felt like car dealerships should have opportunities for multiple signs," said King.

The Ron Anderson dealership is the only auto dealer along A1A (known for the purposes of government regulation as the A1A overlay district) with an electronic message board. No one else is getting one because they're not allowed under the existing sign ordinance. Yulee Baptist Church got a digital sign last year, squeaking in weeks before the ban. There is also an electronic sign in front of Burger King on South Eighth Street in Fernandina Beach that's been up for several years.

"There are a lot of nice electronic signs out there," said King. "It's just hard to regulate niceness."

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FEUD *Continued from 1A*

Resolution 2013-105, section 6.18 now gives sole debt approval to the county commission.

"We are the only body who can approve debt," said board Chair Barry Holloway.

"Best we clean it up and take out all players except us?" said Kelley.

"I have no problem with that," said Holloway.

Two public attendees,

including Michelle Kling of Fernandina Beach, objected to the resolution change and voiced support for the clerk, calling the ongoing battle between the board and clerk "insane."

Kling tried to give Boatright \$65 to cover the cost of the plaque.

Holloway objected.

"Don't give a commissioner money here in the chamber. That might even be illegal," said Holloway.

Waterfront park (parking) redux

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

'Everybody's confused. Every time there's a new meeting, there's a new version of the plan.'

ARCHITECT JOHN COTNER

In a classic case of "too many cooks," city officials on Tuesday went another round in a seemingly endless discussion on two similar but competing park plans for the city waterfront.

One plan (nicknamed the WAG plan for the Waterfront Advisory Group that worked on it) was approved by commissioners in 2012, but was set aside in the aftermath of the Forward Fernandina strategic plan that was abandoned last year.

The other plan by local architect Randy Rice was presented to commissioners last fall due to what Rice called a "vacuum" in the city's failed pursuit of a waterfront park, which has gone on for decades.

Tuesday's meeting was meant to address funding options for a modified version of the WAG plan, but there was confusion among commissioners as to where the money would come from and what exactly would be funded.

Local sailor and Florida Inland Navigation District Commissioner Lynn Williams presented figures showing the first phase of the WAG plan costing \$164,945, which included landscaping, sidewalks, lighting and other elements within a limited area of the waterfront.

Those figures, he said, were based on estimates from the city's former consulting firm Zev Cohen, which is no longer involved in the project.

City Manager Joe Gerrity, who appeared to grow increasingly frustrated with the commission's lack of focus, said impact fees could be available for some of the work, but City Attorney Tammi Bach reminded the board that impact fees can only be used for new capital improvements, and not for exist-

ing infrastructure.

Mayor Ed Boner said he was concerned about a private citizen buying land on Front Street and wanting road improvements instead of a park. (Property north of the city waterfront land originally purchased by a condo developer was recently resold to another Atlanta developer.)

"I don't think we can do nothing, waiting to see if someone will do something some time," Commissioner Pat Gass said in response to Boner's concerns.

"I think it makes sense to have WAG and Zev Cohen meet," Boner said, so they could "bring back some firm numbers."

But Eric Bartelt, who had worked on a modified version of the WAG plan, said he did not believe Zev Cohen was a friend to the city, and noted the city planning department had digital CAD files of Zev Cohen's work.

"Mr. Williams came up with \$165,000 (for the first phase of the WAG plan)," Commissioner Charles Corbett said. "We need a fairly solid number to put in the budget so we can do this."

But Gerrity noted that engineering would need to be done "before you have the numbers."

"My guess is with \$5,000 an engineer could look at what is required, and then could substantiate the numbers you're looking at," said Williams.

Rice threw a curveball into the discussion by making another brief presentation of his plan for the waterfront park, which primarily differs in the place-

ment of parking. In this presentation, however, Rice suggested the entire project could be privately funded, rather than have costs split in a public/private effort.

"I'm listening to you guys and I'm just kind of confused when Randy Rice is saying we can have a free park to build based on private funds," said resident George Morris, who operates a jet ski business from the city docks. "I'm confused about why this plan isn't being considered right now."

Gass noted that the reason the commission was favoring the WAG plan was because so many citizens had put so much time into it, and because it was already approved by commissioners in 2012.

"To me, seeing a plan in my lifetime would be a big deal," Morris said.

"The most important thing for me is we get a park," said Scott Moore, president of the Historic Fernandina Business Association. "People are arguing over their own plan. If we have a plan that doesn't need tax dollars, then why are we spending tax dollars?"

"Do you want to rescind the WAG plan? That's the only way we can (go with the Rice plan)," Corbett said.

"Yes, I'd like to talk about it," Commissioner Johnny Miller said. "I think it's something people need to hear. I'm hearing a lot of input that we should re-think that."

"Do we want to look at the engineering or talk about the alternative plan?" Boner asked.

"I think it's difficult when we keep going back and revisiting things."

"The last time Randy Rice presented this (plan) it was public/private financing," said local architect John Cotner. "There is not really a hard financing plan in place. Either way you cut the pie, there is going to be some public money involved."

Cotner, who has been involved with city waterfront plans since the 1980s, said in a phone interview later that "too many people are taking this (waterfront park plan) personally."

"We're really down to splitting hairs here," Cotner said of Tuesday's discussion. "The group that's trying to go the private route, it sounds very attractive, but no matter which plan you use, it will involve private, public and grant funds. ... (Commissioners) need to approve a plan and then adopt a funding method."

"It really revolves around parking," Cotner said. "Everybody's confused. Every time there's a new meeting, there's a new version of the plan."

"We have these aggregate budgets," Cotner said. "Someone needs to extrapolate that information. I don't know where everyone is getting their information, and what are they pricing?"

Both plans create park space in city waterfront parking lots A and B, but mostly differ in the number and location of parking spaces.

Gerrity said later he would be putting a resolution together for the next commission meeting to clarify what was decided Tuesday, because he was not clear about the direction he should take.

"We will have another discussion on this so we can at least lay some groundwork," Gerrity said.

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that this type of pattern may cause the general public to question the ongoing operation of the airport."

Baity also had a complaint about the use of airport funds for promotion and marketing of the airport by the Nassau County Economic Development Board. According to the city's response, the city provided \$6,250 to the NCEDB from the airport account.

The FAA letter states "this office is concerned that some of the NCEDB's activities focus on general economic development for the Fernandina area and are exclusive to the airport."

It further stated that "combining marketing efforts for the airport into a larger contract for more general marketing services makes it difficult to isolate efforts and costs that can be funded with airport revenue."

Another of Baity's complaints involved the use of \$10,000 in airport funds to pay a portion of City Manager Joe Gerrity's annual salary. Gerrity took over the role of airport manager when Richard Johnson retired from the position in 2012.

"I have no objection to this, in principal, since (Gerrity) retains the 'title' of airport manager," Baity wrote in his complaint. "However, this reinforces the argument for compensation from the city for use of airport land, making this process a two-way street."

Gerrity said in a phone interview he was not concerned

about Baity's allegations or the FAA's response.

"I didn't find any surprises in there," Gerrity said of the FAA letter. "I was pleased with the tone of the report. We have a good relationship with the FAA."

As to Baity's motivation for the complaint, Gerrity said it was based on Gerrity's "refusal to hire a full-time airport manager."

Gerrity also noted most of the allegations in Baity's com-

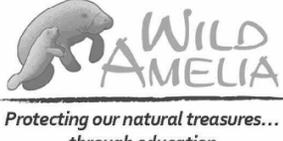
plaint existed during Baity's tenure as chairman of the Airport Advisory Commission.

"He took the approach of let's throw everything at the wall and see what sticks," Gerrity said, adding that the city would make every effort to make any changes requested by the FAA.

"It is the long-standing policy of the FAA that airport property be available for aeronautical use and not used for non-aeronautical purposes,

unless approved by the FAA. Use of a designated aeronautical facility for a non-aviation purpose, even on a temporary basis, requires FAA approval," FAA representative Arlene Salac wrote in an email.

"The FAA's primary objective is not to penalize airport sponsors but to make sure that airport sponsors are using aeronautical property for its intended purpose. The FAA works with airport sponsors to correct the deficiencies."



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China trends

There existed a train of thought for years that many trends in our country start in California. After some time they head east and we choose whether to get onboard. It could be fashion, technology, the latest fad or any consumer behavior pattern you can imagine. Cars, and their trends for most of 75 years, were rooted in the heartland – America's Motor City, Detroit. A world market has changed all that. While Detroit is still the world's most iconic auto town, trends and new product in our country are influenced globally.

I read this week that China, now the world's biggest new car market (around 20 million a year), has become an emerging SUV hotbed. SUV's were 4 percent of the market in 2000. In 2013, that grew to 19 percent. By 2020, there are anticipated to be 7 million SUV sales in China, tripling current numbers. GM, Ford and Chrysler are making big gains now, and are positioned to benefit the most. GM pledged to add 10 SUV's in the next five years, compared to a total product line-up of seven models in China now. Chrysler is about to ramp up three Jeep models in a production agreement with Guangzhou Automotive, the first arrangement of its kind. Ford crossovers helped a 49 percent sales surge last year, bumping Toyota out of fifth place.

Growing SUV sales are not a news flash, but for China they are. Chinese consumers are advancing in buying power, and want to do what we do here in the US – enjoy nicer, roomier vehicles. With the first gas spike here in the U.S. to \$4-plus a gallon, car sales jumped straight up. With fuel prices more predictable for now, consumers are buying SUV's and Crossovers in bigger numbers. Convention sedans



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Rick Keffer

are likely to give way to more medium to small vehicles configured with interior volume. We simply have to have space for passengers and gear. While international discussion is going on, let me interject what was going on at graduation last week at Clemson. We attended the first of three ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. Included were the engineering and more technical degrees. The initial graduates recognized were the doctorates and masters group. Our graduation program was fascinating in that the graduates' hometowns were listed. Let me share that China and India ruled the international group with advanced degrees. Probably 30 countries were represented among a few hundred recipients. How they all found their way to rural South Carolina intrigues me. Granted, Clemson has a good and growing reputation, but it still was eye opening. It reinforces that it is a shrinking world and that talent trains all over the planet. It just happens here the most, which hopefully is a good thing.

April was another solid month for U.S. new vehicle sales. Let's hope real estate momentum can be achieved to go along with car sales. When they are both in a healthy position, the economy has a chance to make strides. Have a good week.

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

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MARION MANN
For the News-Leader

The Partnership for a Healthier Nassau is supporting an initiative to encourage walking to improve your health. Walking is one of the easiest and most flexible exercises. It can be done anywhere, anytime, anyplace. Unless you have major health problems, anyone can walk. There is no age limit and there is no special training. Other than a pair of good walking shoes, no fancy equipment, special clothing or expensive

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Walking is good for your heart. A good level of fitness can be obtained walking three times a week for just 30 minutes. Studies have shown that walking regularly can reduce your risk of high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Walking burns calories and increases your metabolic rate. Your muscles get a great workout – especially your legs. And with vigorous arms swings, your arms, back and shoulders get toned. This can help you lose weight.

On Saturday at 9 a.m., a few dedicated neighbors and friends are going to be walking (informally) in their neighborhoods looking for people who are interested in walking and who are looking for walking buddies.

In Marsh Lakes, a neighbor is going to start walking at the tennis courts.

In Isle de Mai, a neighbor is going to start at the pool.

A neighbor who lives on Barnwell Road is going to start at the Lowe's parking lot.

At North Hampton, there will be neighbors walking on

North Hampton Club Way, Sagonack, Amagansett, Bostick Woods and Shinnecock Hills.

Walking is fun! Invite a friend to walk with you or form a group to walk with you in your neighborhood. Setting a definite day and time to walk with others helps you be more accountable.

For more information, call the Nassau County Health Department at 548-1853 and visit us our Facebook page – Walk With Me Nassau – to find out how you can start a group and earn incentives.

SCIENCE FIRST

Nancy Bell, president of Science First, a manufacturer of portable planetariums, science education equipment and environmental sampling equipment located in Yulee, announced that her company enjoyed the most successful trade show in its history April 3-6 at the National Conference on Science Education in Boston. Its double booth heralded the launch of a new line of dataloggers from the company's partner in France. Throngs of teachers attempted a boxing bag experiment, which measured their force of impact, speed, heart rate and oxygen value of breath simultaneously to indicate their level of physical fitness, demonstrated here by Frances Darling of Science First. Also featured was the company's STARLAB, the first-ever portable planetarium.

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Finally, the legislative session is over

The 116th legislative session is finally over. While there were a total of 1,812 bills filed in both chambers, there was only one bill that the Legislature was constitutionally required to pass: the General Appropriations Act.

Florida's budget for 2014-15 totals \$77.1 billion, an increase of 3.7 percent over last year. We are thankful that Florida's economy is improving; and yet, the pain of budget shortfalls is still fresh in our memory. My grandfather would tell me as a child, "A penny saved is a penny earned" and "In order to have it when you need it, you must save it when you have it." The Legislature made budget reserves a priority by maintaining \$3.1 billion in reserves to prepare for a rainy day.

This year's budget also includes the largest tax and fee cut of its kind in over a decade: over \$500 million in tax relief. Approximately \$400 million of this is a reduction in vehicle registration costs. The amount of savings will vary based on the weight of the vehicle, but will range from \$25.05 to \$18.55 per vehicle.

The tax relief package also includes several sales tax holidays. From May 31 to June 8, Floridians can buy hurricane preparedness supplies such as fuel tanks and flashlights and their purchase will be tax-free. From Aug. 1-3, clothing and shoes priced at or below \$100 will be tax free, along with school supplies priced at or below \$15 and the first \$750 towards personal computer equipment. Finally, a sales tax holiday on the first \$1,500 spent on energy-efficient and water-efficient appliances will occur from Sept. 19-21. It is the Legislature's hope that putting these dollars back into the pockets of Florida's taxpayers will improve their quality of life and our economy as



STATE REP.

Janet Adkins

The largest total education funding in history: \$20.7 billion. Our state colleges and universities will also see funding increases, including \$200 million set aside for performance funding to reward state universities that help students get jobs after graduation. It is time to place our focus on skill sets and jobs, not only on framed degrees.

This year's budget fully funds the transportation work program at \$9.2 billion to focus on strategic transportation projects which connect major markets and increase our state's viability in the national and global economies.

The health care appropriation totals \$31.9 billion and includes funding for 33,089 authorized positions. The largest portion of this is allocated to health care costs for an anticipated 3.7 million Medicaid beneficiaries. It also funds the Florida Kid Care program, which is expected to serve roughly 270,000 children in this budget year. This line item also includes over \$2 billion in payments to hospitals for the low-income pool funding. These dollars are important to hospitals that serve a disproportionate share of low income Floridians.

On a local level, we were fortunate to have funds allo-

ated to various projects within our community. The budget includes \$1 million for infrastructure improvements to the St. Johns River Ferry. Many of you have shared with me the importance of this transportation link and these dollars will allow for improvements to the docking slips. Other local line items are \$200,000 for Hilliard Sewer Rehabilitation and \$567,000 for Nassau County Thomas Creek Flooding Assistance. Project SOS, other student mentoring programs, South Amelia Island Beach Nourishment and Duval County Shore Protection were all allocated grant monies as well.

The General Appropriations Act passed with bipartisan support of 102 yeas and 15 nays in the Florida House. In the Florida Senate, the vote was unanimous, with no dissenting votes. Next, the budget will be delivered to the governor.

One bill (SB 392) that received a great deal of press coverage was the bill to increase the speed limit. Actually, the bill does not increase the speed limit, but instead, gives the Florida Department of Transportation the ability to increase the speed limit. This bill won the award in the Florida House for having the most interesting and suspense-filled debate all session long. The debate lasted for quite some time, with heated debate on both sides. When the final vote was taken and the board was lit with green for members voting yes, and red for members voting no; you could not tell which side had won the day.

When the board was finally closed and the vote tally revealed, I found myself in the minority. Fifty-eight members of the Florida House voted "yea" and 56 members voted

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"nay." The margin in the Senate was quite larger with 27 yeas and 11 nays. For me, I don't believe that the Legislature should abdicate its authority to a state agency. I believe this is a dangerous precedent to establish. I must also admit that having a 15-year-old daughter also weighed into my thinking. When crafting laws, it is important to remember that the language applies to all Floridians, including our most inexperienced drivers. This bill will now go to the governor for his approval or veto. Gov. Scott will veto this bill.

Another bill that spurred intense debate was SB 1030 dealing with Medical Marijuana. This legislation allows certain patients whose Florida licensed physician registers them with the Florida Department of Health to use low-THC cannabis under certain limited circumstances. The bill defines low-THC cannabis as 0.8 percent tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and at least 10 percent cannabidiol (CBD).

Despite the fact that the use, possession and sale of marijuana are prohibited by state law, Florida courts have found that circumstances can necessitate medical use of marijuana and circumvent the application of criminal penalties.

Currently 20 states and the District of Columbia have some form of law that permits the use of marijuana for

medicinal purposes. These state medical marijuana laws conflict with federal law. The Federal Controlled Substances Act lists marijuana as a schedule 1 drug with no accepted medical uses. Under federal law possession, manufacturing and distribution of marijuana is a crime. Although a state's medical marijuana laws protect patients from prosecution for the legitimate use of marijuana under the guidelines established in that state, such laws do not protect individuals from prosecution under federal law.

While these state laws conflict with federal law, the U.S. Department of Justice has issued a memorandum which makes clear that the USDOJ considers small-scale marijuana use to be a state matter which states may choose to punish or not. While larger operations would fall into the purview of the USDOJ, those operations that adhere to state laws legalizing marijuana in conjunction with robust regulatory systems would be far less likely to come under federal scrutiny.

THC is the major psychoactive ingredient of marijuana and the potency of marijuana, in terms of psychoactivity, is dependent on its THC concentration.

Cannabidiol is another cannabinoid that is found in marijuana and although THC has psychoactive effects, CBD and other cannabinoids are

not known to cause intoxication.

The bill allows a Florida-licensed physician to order low-THC cannabis for a patient suffering from a physical medical condition, or treatment for a medical condition, that chronically produced symptoms of seizures or severe and persistent muscle spasms. The physician may only order low-THC cannabis if:

- The patient is a permanent resident of Florida;
- The physician has treated the patient for his or her symptoms for at least two months;
- The physician, along with a second physician for patients under the age of 18, determines the risk of ordering low-THC cannabis is reasonable;
- The physician registers as the orderer for the names patient on the registry, updates the registry with the order's contents and deactivates the patient's registration when the treatment is discontinued;
- The physician maintains a patient treatment plan that includes the dose, route of administration planned duration, and monitoring of the patient's symptoms and other indicators of tolerance or reaction to the low-THC cannabis; and
- The physician submits the treatment plan quarterly to the University of Florida's College of Pharmacy for research on the safety and efficacy of low-THC cannabis.

After much debate, the Florida House voted to approve the legislation with a vote of 111 yeas and 7 nays. I voted "yea."

It is a great honor to serve you in the Florida House of Representatives. Please let me hear from you. God bless you. janet.adkins@myfloridahouse.gov

Callahan teacher shines in Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott recognized nine outstanding educators for their contributions to learning with the Governor's Shine Award. The Shine Award is presented to Floridians who have positively helped children through education. The teachers were recently named District Teachers of the Year for their respective counties. "Teachers provide our students with the framework for success inside and outside the classroom. With this foundation, Florida's students are among the best and the brightest in the nation, and are prepared for a career. I am pleased that our 2014-2015 District Teachers of the Year could join us today as we celebrate their commitment to education," Scott said.

Shine Award recipients included Brianna Johnson of Callahan Elementary School. Johnson is a pre-K ESE teacher with 12 years of teaching experience. Her leadership role at her school includes supervising field experience students, facilitating or co-facilitating numerous workshops and committees at her school such as writing, vocabulary strategies,

curriculum standards and science. Johnson's teaching reflects scaffolding on a masterful level, which is especially critical for her student population of pre-kindergarten exceptional education students. In her classroom, lessons culminate with her young students being able to connect their learning to real-world settings and stating so in individually crafted "I can ..." statements.

Each of Florida's 67 school districts selects a Teacher of the Year who is then considered for statewide recognition. The Florida Teacher of the Year is chosen from 192,000 public school teachers throughout the state by a selection committee representing teachers, principals, parents and the business community. Florida's top educator is selected on the basis of the superior ability to teach and communicate knowledge of the subject taught, professional development, philosophy of teaching and outstanding school and community service. The most important qualification is the teacher's ability to inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities.

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 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.

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 (note this is the third Tuesday, rather than the usual fourth Tuesday.)

Doors will open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6:45 p.m. A cash bar will be available.

Speaker for the evening

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will be Ben Wilcox, research director for Integrity Florida, a nonpartisan, nonprofit research institute and government watchdog founded in 2012 whose mission is to promote integrity in government and expose public corruption. He will provide attendees with an update on the recently concluded Florida Legislature session.

Reservations for the dinner are requested. To reserve, please send a check for \$16 payable to DCAI to: DCAI, PO Box 16022, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035, or drop off a check at Democratic Headquarters at the corner of Eighth and Date streets in Fernandina Beach.

For more information, or to reserve by phone or email, contact Penny Reid at (509) 294-3708 or reipe19@msn.com.

West Side Democrats

The Westside Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Nassau County Building on Mickler Street in Callahan. Hydrogeologist Joey McKinnon will present "Fracking in Florida."

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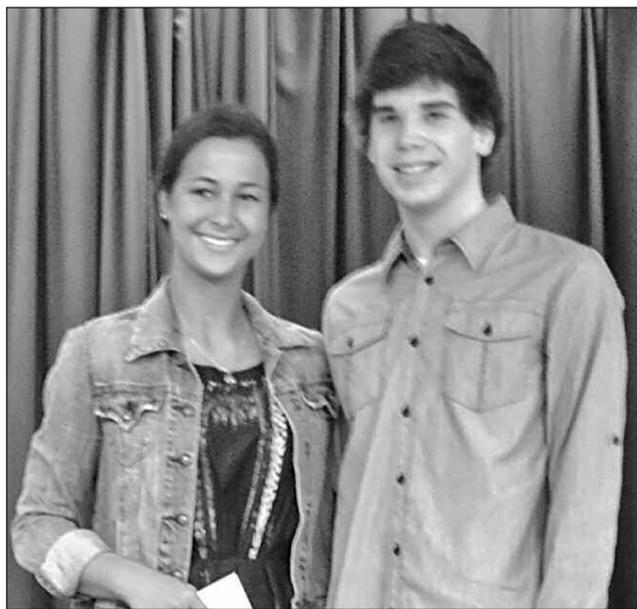
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The American Island Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution presented the winners of the Chapter DAR American History Essay Contest with a certificate and a monetary award at an awards reception April 16. The competition was open to fifth through eighth grade students in Nassau County. This year's theme was "The Lives of Children during the American Revolution" and 107 students entered the contest. DAR American History Chairman Gloria Jones is pictured with Joshua Hebert, above. Joshua, a home-schooled student, read his winning essay at the award ceremony. Essay contest winners, at right, from left, include Berenger Burkhardt from Fernandina Beach Middle - first place sixth grade; Samuel Gray from St. Michael Academy - second place sixth grade; Riley Justyna Tuggle from Hilliard Middle-Senior High - second place eighth grade; Joshua Hebert from Hebert Academy - first place seventh grade; Anthony Llerandi from St. Michael Academy - first place fifth grade, posing with Amelia Island Chapter Regent Marie Santry. Not pictured are Adam Cazell from Fernandina Beach Middle - first place eighth grade; Knox Richardson from St. Michael Academy - second place seventh grade; and Nathan Bowers from Emma Love Hardee Elementary - second place fifth grade.



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The Kiwanis Club of Fernandina Beach is proud to present a \$2,000 scholarship to Kenzie Porter of Fernandina Beach High School. Kenzie is planning to go to University of South Florida where she will study to be a nurse. From left are Kenzie's mother Kristi, Kenzie Porter and Mike Pallen of the Kiwanis Club scholarship committee.



The Fernandina Beach Men's Golf Association, through its Scholarship Trust Fund, a 501c3 non-profit, has been granting scholarships to Fernandina Beach High School graduates for more than 30 years. Its rating criteria has always been financial need first, then academic achievement, community service and personal character. There is no requirement to know a driver from a putter. This 30-year history has only been achieved through the generosity of the members and that of Fernandina merchants and businesses. This year's recipients of the two \$6,000 scholarships were Erin Joyce and Wade Sparkman.

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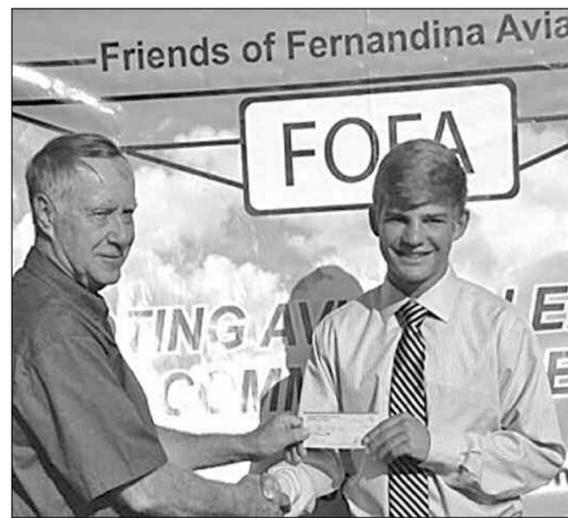
The Fernandina Beach Rotary Club recently welcomed Fernandina Beach High School Interact Club President Katy Lawson, Treasurer Cheyenne Roth and Secretary Tessa Pirkola, shown with Club President Shannon Brown, who shared an update on their club's activities this year.

The 40-plus Interact Club members learn the importance of leadership, service and fellowship through numerous local and international projects, Lawson said. This past year, club members worked with Keep Nassau Beautiful and the Fernandina Beach Rotary Club on trash pickup around the high school and on the Amelia Island Parkway. Roth said Interact members were up before dawn putting out the boots of fallen soldiers for the Boots on the Ground Traveling Memorial. International projects included the International Children's Hospital in Russia and Project Christmas Child in Africa.

Interact also undertook several fundraising events - selling Krispy Kreme donuts and manning the concession booth at the Harlem Ambassadors game - to pay for the 14th Annual Kid's Fun Day, a carnival in Central Park for more than 200 children.

At the close of their presentation, Lawson, Roth and Pirkola presented the Fernandina Beach Rotary Club with a \$227 check - money raised through the sale of candy - for Rotary International's End Polio Now program.

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SUBMITTED

Friends of Fernandina Aviation President Jerry Kawecki presents a scholarship check to Jacob Savage, a graduating senior at West Nassau High School. Jacob will be attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in the fall.

CAMPUS NOTES

■ Nassau County students Jared Collins and Caleb Fahlgren received honors at the Duke Talent Identification Program Seventh Grade Talent Search Florida recognition ceremony held at the University of North Florida May 5, 2014.

Duke TIP is a major leader in identifying academically talented students and providing innovative programs to support the development of their educational potential. Students eligible to participate in the Duke TIP talent search register to take the ACT and/or SAT in seventh grade.

Collins and Fahlgren qualified to receive recognition by

either scoring 21 on the ACT English, math, reading or science or as a result of scoring a 20 on three out of four of the sections on the ACT.

Collins is a seventh grade student at Callahan Middle School. He plays soccer for Callahan Middle School and Callahan Soccer Club and is a member of the CMS Junior Beta Club and Wind Ensemble Band.

Fahlgren is a seventh-grader at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School. He participates in cross country, basketball and track, is the reporter for Callahan Country Kids 4-H Club and participates in the Teens 4 Me Leadership program.

BIRTH

■ Jesse and Christina Peck of Fernandina Beach announce the birth of a son, Trevor Avery Peck, born at 8:09 p.m. March 2, 2014, at Memorial Hospital of Jacksonville. The baby weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces and measured 19 inches in length. He

joins a brother, Cortland Peck, 3.

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

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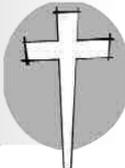
Charitable Giving Is Up!

From the fruit of his mouth
a man eats what is good,
but the desire
of the treacherous
is for violence.

Proverbs 13:2

Imagine a newscast every evening with headlines such as "Crime Is Down" and "Charitable Giving Is Up" and "People Are Helping Others Everywhere." Miracle of Miracles, that is indeed the case in many places around the world, but you wouldn't know it from watching the news. But, perhaps one way to put all of this good news in perspective is to realize that people helping others is such a commonplace practice that it doesn't make the news unless it's something really extraordinary. Likewise, the millionaires and billionaires who give generously have become so commonplace that they even have their own club and well over a hundred have signed onto a pledge, the so-called "Giving Pledge," which commits them to give away the bulk of their fortunes. People who perform horrific acts of cruelty or commit heinous crimes are pretty much the exception to the rule of people acting decently, and that is why their heinous crimes make the news. It's just too shocking to ignore. So, perhaps we should remind ourselves every day of the Good News that is all around and spread the word to others.

- Christopher Simon



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Learn more about the Army Corps

If you're involved with anything federal along the coast, you're well acquainted with the Corps – the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. If there's a federal finger in a coastal navigation, flood damage reduction or "flood control and coastal emergencies" project – which is the heading under which most federal coastal projects are filed, regardless of purpose – that finger is probably attached to someone with the Corps.

With this big of a coastal role, it pays to know more about the Corps:

The Corps totals some 36,500 civilian and military personnel, making it one of the world's largest public engineering, design, and construction management agencies. With its broad scope and major projects both domestically and internationally, it's also a pretty big target for criticism, scrutiny and, occasionally praise.

The Corps obviously is part of the Department of Defense as a branch of the U.S. Army – but both civilians and enlisted personnel are involved. The top civilians from a coastal perspective are Assistant Secretary of Civil Works Jo Ellen Darcy and Director of Civil Works Steve Stockton. The top military person is the Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Thomas Bostick, who reports to the Assistant Secretary and is approved by Congress. These folks and many more are located at Corps headquarters in and around Washington, DC.

The first Chief of Engineers was appointed in 1775, and the first Corps was formed in 1779. But the agency we know today really

dates from 1802, formed to found and operate the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Over time, more and more duties have been added to the Corps' roster – first roads, and canals, then navigation and surveys, then construction and more.

That roster now includes hydroelectric power (it owns/operates 24 percent of the U.S. hydropower capacity), dams (more than 600), harbors (more than 900), navigational channels (some 12,000 miles), and is the nation's No. 1 federal provider of outdoor recreation. Then there's the military construction aspect – which between 2006 and 2013 totaled approximately \$44.6 billion, the largest construction effort since World War II.

Financially, coastal efforts make up a small part of the total civil works budget – just \$28 million in the \$4.561 billion requested by the administration for FY 2015. In reality, the figure is much higher in any given year – but it's still just a few buckets in the ocean that is the Corps' responsibility.

The Corps is organized geographically into eight permanent divisions (by geography) and one provisional division (to support overseas efforts). Within each division, there are several districts, which are defined by watersheds for civil works projects (which is where coastal projects are kept). The districts are where most local coastal entities interact with the Corps for projects and permits, although some issues end up at the Division Headquarters and occasionally the headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Coastally, there are two other Corps centers to be aware of: The Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), as the name says the R&D arm for both the Corps and others; and the Institute for Water Resources (IWR), where planning and policies support is based. For ERDC, the coastal branch is its Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory in Vicksburg, Miss.; find out more at <http://chl.erdcd.usace.army.mil/>. For IWR, its Virginia headquarters is the main coastal center; more at <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/>.

Another coastal resource to note is its National Planning Center of Expertise for Coastal Storm Damage Reduction, formed in 2003 and based out of the North Atlantic Division (NAD) in New York. There, virtual teams consult on storm damage and environmental restoration issues nationwide. Obviously, they've been busy in recent years in their own back yard with the Sandy recovery effort.

Acronyms rule in Corps-speak, so do your homework so you don't get lost. We've included a couple of the favorites in the descriptions above, but depending on how deep you dive into the Corps you will soon find yourself immersed in an alphabet soup of agencies and arms.

Harry Simmons is president of the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association, founded in 1926 as an advocate for healthy coastlines. For more information on ASBPA, go to www.asbpa.org.

president@asbpa.org

COMMUNITY THANKS Volunteer Center

On April 24, hundreds of supporters of volunteerism gathered at the Nassau County Volunteer Center's 29th annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon to honor Nassau County volunteers. The theme of the event was "Spring into Action - Volunteer!"

The event, sponsored by Rayonier, featured awards to outstanding community volunteers. Awards were presented by the Amelia Island/Nassau County Association of Realtors, the city of Fernandina Beach, Greater Nassau Chamber of Commerce, Town of Hilliard, Fernandina Beach Optimist Club, Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, RockTenn and Rayonier.

The tremendous success of this event is due to the outpouring of support for volunteerism in our community by businesses, civic groups, churches, nonprofit agencies and governmental groups who purchase tables, half-tables, small business and general admission tickets and by volunteers who donate their time, talents, energy and resources. Since the first luncheon in 1985 over 250 volunteers have been honored for their service.

Full tables: Advanced Disposal, Amelia Island/Nassau County Association of Realtors, Baptist Medical Center Nassau (2), Barnabas Center, Board of County Commission (2) donated by RPM Lumber and Kelley Pest Control, Boys and Girls Club Foundation of Nassau County, Burns Family, CBC National Bank, Century 21/John T. Ferreira Insurance, Chris and Bill Bryan, City of Fernandina Beach (2), Council on Aging-Nassau, Family Support Services of Northeast Florida, News-Leader, Fernandina Beach Optimist Club, First Coast Community Bank, First Presbyterian Church, Florida Public Utilities, Friends of the Library, Greater Nassau Chamber of Commerce, McArthur Family YMCA, Micah's Place, Mike Bowling Enterprises, Nassau County School Board, Nassau County Sheriff's Office (2), Omni Amelia Island Plantation, Publix Super Market Charities, Rayonier (2), The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, RockTenn and the Town of Hilliard.

Half-tables: Amelia Island Museum of History, ARK of Nassau, Bank of America, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Courson and Stam, CPA, Davis, Martin & Bernard, P.A., Edward Jones Investments, First Federal Bank of Florida, Friends of Nassau, Kiwanis, Myers Tractor Services, Nassau County Community Development Corporation, Nassau Humane Society, Oxley-Heard Funeral Home, Poole & Poole, PA, VyStar Credit Union and Wild Amelia.

Small business tickets:
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In-kind donations: Harris Teeter Supermarket (lemonade); Omni Amelia Island Plantation (cookies); Bill Dickson (photography); Mark Deaton Resort

Talents (entertainment); Nancie Crabb (program); First Presbyterian Church (pitchers); Larry Miller, Island Flower & Garden (greenery).

Special thanks: Mary Ferreira (head table centerpiece); Pastor Beth Fogle-Miller, Memorial United Methodist Church (invocation), Ed Cook (National Anthem), the Fernandina Beach National Honor Society and RockTenn volunteers (set-up, decorations, service and cleanup); and our faithful volunteers.

More special thanks go to the News-Leader for its excellent coverage of the event and the city of Fernandina Beach for its support of the event, including staff of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

And special appreciation to Rayonier for sponsorship of the luncheon.

Gail Shults, Executive Director
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Watch out for birds, sea turtles

We're sailing into summer, prime beach time around most of the country. People will be flocking to the shore to spend some time on the sand – and so will some critters. There's room for everyone, but human beachgoers need to understand why – depending on where their beach is located – they need to watch out for other species such as birds and turtles.

For both of these, a beach is not a place to recreate, but to procreate – a place where nests are made, eggs are laid and the next generation is born. For birds, beaches also serve a rest stop on their way back to their seasonal home, a crucial way station on a very long trip.

Each has their own needs and things we humans can do to protect them, and each beach location has its own unique set of rules to allow for safe interaction between humans and animals.

For nesting or resting birds, keep kids and pets away from those areas so the birds don't have to fly unnecessarily or fragile nests are not imperiled by running feet. Of course, don't leave trash on the beach that could imperil

birds – in fact, just don't leave trash on the beach, period.

For turtles, there are more considerations in play:

- During nesting season, shield all sources of light visible from the beach – including flashlights. No lighting should be directly visible from the beach and nesting areas. Use 25-watt yellow bug lights or amber LED lights outdoors when possible, and close blinds/curtains after dark to eliminate light spilling out to the beach.

- Remove all beach furniture and equipment from the beach each night. Level all sand castles and fill any holes; they pose a hazard at night both for females coming ashore and hatchlings trying to reach the water.

- In many areas, driving on the beach in a motorized vehicle is prohibited during nesting season – or any season. Fires on the beach may also be prohibited and should be avoided in nesting areas.

- Stay clear of sea turtles and any marked nesting areas. It is a federal offense to disturb

or interfere with a nest. It is also against the law to have in your possession eggs or any part of a turtle, or to retain any threatened or endangered sea turtle hatchlings.

- If you encounter a sea turtle, keep a respectful distance (at least 150 feet) and watch quietly.

- Keep the beach and water free of litter. Sea turtle deaths have been caused by the ingestion of trash that they mistake for food.

- Honor the leash law if your beach has one – and keep an eye on your dog even if it doesn't. In areas where dogs are allowed, keep them on a leash and away from nesting turtles or hatchlings.

With a little common sense and common courtesy, there's room for everyone at the beach this summer – whatever kind of critter you may be.

Ken and Kate Gooderham,
Executive Directors
American Shore & Beach
Preservation Association
Fort Myers

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Signs

I'm driving down I-95 and see that FDOT has a flashing sign telling me the road conditions. I turn on to SR 200 and see a flashing sign telling me Blackrock Road is closed. I cross the bridge and see a flashing sign telling me how fast I'm going. So the state government can have a flashing sign, the county government can have a flashing sign, but a private citizen can't. Interesting.

Steve Bean
Fernandina Beach

Sara Benzel

Dr. Sara Stokes Benzel, a long-time supporter and mentor in the Take Stock in Children Nassau program, died on April 13. She was an outspoken advocate for the program, even serving as the chair of the Leadership Council.

Benzel, who was born in Atlanta, Georgia on April 4, 1934, graduated from Georgia State University in Atlanta with B.S., M.S., and Ph.D degrees in clinical psychology. She taught part-time at Georgia State University for number of years and also at Kennesaw College.

Sara and her husband James ("Benny") moved to Amelia Island in 1996. Shortly thereafter, she completely immersed herself in the community – Sara was involved in the



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Daughters of the American Revolution, the Newcomers Club, Take Stock in Children and more.

"She had many priorities in life – chief of which were family and her pets, who were also like family. But

education was very high on her list," said Jackye Rubin, longtime friend. "That's why she was so involved with Take Stock."

Benzel mentored several children during her time with the Take Stock in Children program. One of those students, a West Nassau High School and University of Florida graduate, returned to Nassau County to work full-time for the organization.

Sara was ecstatic when I told her that I had accepted the position as the new director of Marketing and Development for Take Stock in Children. She was my personal mentor in the Take Stock in Children program for more than six years. She watched me grow through the course of the program and obtain a college degree in a field I was deeply passionate about. We kept in touch almost weekly via email and Facebook for quite some time. We became really good friends. She had made such a huge impact on my life, and every time we spoke, I thanked her. I thanked her for her time, her compassion and for just listening. She was a great listener.

Deanna Gartenbush
Director of Marketing and
Development
Take Stock in Children Nassau



DAVID FITZSIMMONS/THE ARIZONA DAILY STAR



Kids fishing clinic May 31 at Fort Clinch

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Fort Clinch State Park is partnering with the Friends of Fort Clinch, Inc., Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and Fish Florida to conduct a Kids' Fishing Clinic May 31 to teach lessons on knot tying, fishing ethics, tackle, habitat, casting and more.

The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the state park pier.

The clinic is open to children ages five to 15 and will be held on the Atlantic Fishing Pier at Fort Clinch State Park. The first 500 kids will take home their own rod and reel combo. A free hot dog lunch will be provided to every participant. Bring your family to enjoy a fun day of saltwater fishing.

For additional information, contact the park at 277-7274 or visit www.floridastateparks.org.

National Safe Boating Week starts Saturday

Boating safety advocates across the U.S. and Canada are teaming up to promote safe and responsible boating, including consistent life jacket wear each and every time boaters are on the water, during National Safe Boating Week, held from May 17-23.

National Safe Boating Week is the official launch of the 2014 North American Safe Boating Campaign. This yearlong campaign promotes safe and responsible boating and the value of voluntary life jacket wear by recreational boaters through the national theme, Wear It!

"Every day I hear about the grim consequences of not wearing a life jacket while boating," said Rachel Johnson, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council, the lead organization for the Wear It! campaign. "You can still have fun on the water while choosing to always wear a life jacket and boating responsibly."

The National Safe Boating Council created a new public service announcement, "Love the Life!," sharing the experience of two families and a dog as they spend the day boating and fishing. It was produced at the Eckerd College Waterfront Program in St. Petersburg, with the support of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-2, Division 7. Watch the PSA at <http://www.youtube.com/user/OutreachNSBC>.

U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in almost three-fourths of recreational boating fatalities in 2012, and that 85 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

"Accidents on the water happen much too fast to reach and put on a stowed life jacket," said John Johnson, chief executive officer of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. "It's important that everyone consistently wears a life jacket while on the water and always boats responsibly."

The North American Safe Boating Campaign (Wear It!) unites the efforts of a wide variety of boating safety advocates, including the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, Canadian Safe Boating Council and many members of the National Safe Boating Council. The campaign is produced under a grant from the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. Share your boating story at SafeBoatingCampaign.com, and follow Wear It! at twitter.com/BoatingCampaign and facebook.com/SafeBoatCampaign.

World Golf Hall of Fame putting championship

The 11th annual World Golf Hall of Fame Putting Championship will be held over the weekend at the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Qualifying rounds are from 3-6 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Finals are Sunday with match play starting at 11 a.m.

To register and select a tee time go to www.WorldGolfHallofFame.org.

The event benefits The First Tee of St. Johns County. Set on the Hall of Fame's 18-hole, natural grass putting course, guests will have a chance to compete for prizes.

Guests can participate in the adult division (\$30), junior division (12 and under, \$15) or adult/child team (\$40 per team). Prizes include lunch.

Prizes include golf rounds at Slammer & Squire golf course; a variety of PGA Tour Academy lessons; Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village package; Golf Grand Resorts Hammock Beach stay and play package; Golf Grand Resorts Innisbrook stay and play package; Dicks Sporting Goods certificates; Friends of the Hall of Fame membership; putting tournament championship brick; Web.com tickets; World Golf Hall of Fame tickets; World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX Theater tickets.

COUNTY TRACK MEET



Callahan Middle School hosted the Nassau County track and field meet April 24. The CMS Rambler boys and girls won the meet. PHOTOS BY AMANDA REAM/COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS



Smith crowned Nines champion

GOLF NEWS

The Fernandina Beach Golf Club was the setting May 5 and 12 for the Fernandina Beach ladies Nines Annual Club Championship. Twelve women competed in the event. Winning the overall championship, including the enviable parking space, was Jan Smith. The A flight winner was Janet Hardy-Gill. Nabbing the B flight winner's spot and the low net place was Ann Rotatori. Jean Sydnor was the winner of the C flight. The trophy for most improved went to Marcia Grubeskysky.

Queen of Clubs

B.J. Murphy was crowned as the Queen of Clubs for 2013-14 of the Amelia River Ladies Golf Association. Murphy won in a shootout May 7 over the other eight monthly queens, which included a sudden death playoff with second-place winner Kathleen Walker. The other monthly queens were Dolly Chang, Johnnie Enter, Leslie Geiger, Alice Messina, Nancy Carpenter, Linda Scott and Anna Keay.



Murphy



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Jan Smith won the ladies' Nines Annual Club Championship at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club.

310-3175 or 277-1886 or email inquiries to NassauNAMIFlorida@gmail.com.

North Hampton invite

The Golf Club of North Hampton will be hosting the North Hampton Invitational July 26-27. The 36-hole event will be a two-person team gross format. Saturday will be a best ball of two and Sunday is a two-player scramble. Flights will be established based on the total team handicap. All handicaps will be verified at your club.

Proceeds of this event will benefit the Yulee High School boys and girls golf teams and help with their needs for golf bags, equipment and uniforms.

Greens fees, cart fees, practice balls, flight prizes, proximity contests, a skins game and players cookout are included in the \$300 per team entry fee. Stop by the North Hampton golf shop for an entry form. For additional information, call 548-0000.

Kelly Dikun at (904) 477-6692 or Tammy Peacock at (404) 402-9173.

SPORTS SHORTS

Free boat rides in Jacksonville

River City Eco Fest is offering free boat rides this weekend. Freedom Boat Club is an official partner of the River City Eco Fest, which takes place May 17 at Metropolitan Park Marina from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. As a partner, Freedom Boat Club will provide free 15-minute boat tours of Downtown Jacksonville every hour on the hour, starting at 10 a.m. with the last boat ride at 4 p.m.

The River City Eco Fest is an annual environmental music festival and paddle sports race which benefits the River City Eco Foundation. The day is filled with family-friendly entertainment including seven bands, kayak, canoe and SUP races and a cornhole tournament. There will also be local food from a variety of Jacksonville food trucks and craft beers. For information, visit www.rivercitychallenge.com.

Community tour to Fernandina

The North Florida Bicycle Club will host a sanctioned ride from Wonderwood and A1A to Fernandina Beach via the St. Johns Ferry May 18. The distances will vary from 17-50 miles, depending on how far each rider would like to travel. The Cabot Gratitude Grille will be located at the southside of the ferry at noon to provide lunch for ECG riders and St. Johns Ferry Ambassadors (all volunteers). Menu includes mac and cheese, salad and dessert. Visit www.cabotcommunitytour.com.

YMCA summer sports

The McArthur Family YMCA is now registering for basketball, swim team, swim lessons and sports camps for the summer. Contact Jenna Scott at jscott@firstcoastymca.org or 261-1080, ext 109.

Independence 5K

On July 4, the Vida Race Series sixth annual Independence 5K will take place at Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. A favorite of runners, participants can race, run or walk through the shaded, tree-canopied resort. Additionally, a one-mile Youth Fun Run will be held immediately after the 5K is finished, so pint-size junior family members can join in the fun. This year's race will be chip timed.

The courses will begin and end at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Racquet Park parking lot, next to the Verandah Restaurant at 6800 First Coast Highway.

Check-in and day-of-registration is from 6:45-7:45 a.m. The races begin at 8 a.m. Youth Fun Run begins at 9 a.m.

Awards will be given out to the top overall male and female and the top three male and female winners in 14 age categories. All children in the fun run get an award for finishing.

Pre-register by mail (forms can be found on AmeliaIslandRunners.com); in person (forms are available at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Health & Fitness Center and the McArthur Family YMCA); or register directly online at Active.com.

Cost is \$25 per adult; \$15 per child (12 and under). Make checks out to Vida Fitness. Pre-registration closes July 3 at 9 a.m. Day-of registration checks and cash only will be accepted. All pre-registered participants receive a goody bag, which will include one race T-shirt and surprises from race sponsors.

Organized bike rides

There are organized bicycle rides Thursdays starting at 9 a.m. and Saturdays starting at 8:30 a.m. All rides start from Main Beach. Park near the miniature golf course. Cyclists of all abilities are welcome. Riders of A (18-21), B (14-17), C (up to 14 mph) and S (social ride, speed of the slowest rider in the group) all participate. The ride will be around 30 miles with rest stops along the way and loops back to the starting point at around 10 miles before continuing on the remaining 20 miles of the route. Anyone who joins the group will not be left behind. Lunch is optional.

There is also a regular ride Mondays for experienced road cyclists starting at 9 a.m. at various locations on Amelia Island and in Nassau County. The starting points and distances for these rides will be announced.

Helmets and a bicycle in good working condition are mandatory. Call 261-5160 or visit www.ameliainlandcycling.com, www.sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/sriders or www.nfbc.us.

Bowling leagues

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

Kids fishing clinic

The Florida Wildlife Commission will offer a kids fishing clinic at Fort Clinch State Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 31. Lunch will be provided. Visit www.MyFWC.com/fishing.

NAMI golf tourney

Nassau County affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness and Fernandina Beach Golf Club announce the fourth annual Doug Morris Memorial Golf Tournament at 9 a.m. June 21.

The tournament is open to all players or teams, men and ladies. The cost is \$80 per person and includes cart, green fees, range balls, food, raffle and prizes.

Special contests and prizes include a \$1,000 putting contest, Nike Distance Challenge and Southpaw Long Putt.

The proceeds from the fundraiser will go to provide educational services, support groups, emergency medication assistance, toiletries, shoes and advocacy services to residents in Nassau County with a chronic mental health diagnosis.

For information on the tournament, call

JUNIOR CAMPS

Pirate basketball

Coach Matt Schreiber and his players and coaches will host the annual Pirate Basketball Camp from 9 a.m. to noon June 9-12 in the Fernandina Beach High School gym for boys and girls entering grades 2-9 next year. Camp fee is \$80. Register from 8:30-8:55 a.m. on the first day of camp.

Camp objectives are to improve each camper's skill level; to enhance each camper's knowledge of the game; and to teach each camper the importance of good sportsmanship.

For information, contact Schreiber at (904) 635-2612.

Boys & Girls Clubs

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.

Volleyball

Fernandina Beach High School will be hosting an annual summer volleyball camp from 9-11 a.m. June 2-4 for upcoming fourth-eighth graders at the FBHS gym.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. in the gym lobby on the first day of camp.

Cost is \$45 and includes a camp T-shirt. Checks should be made payable to Nassau County School Board.

Pirate baseball

The 32nd annual Pirate Baseball Camp will be held June 2-6 for ages 6-15. The camp will be held at the Fernandina Beach High School Baseball Complex from 9 a.m. until noon. Registration will be June 2 starting at 8:15 a.m.

Camp cost is \$85 and includes the camp T-shirt. Information and applications may be found at www.fernandinahigh.com/sports/baseball or at the school office.

Call 261-5713 or Coach Roland at 556-1163 for information.

YHS softball

The Yulee High School Lady Hornet all-skills softball camp will be held June 5-6 from 9 a.m. to noon at the YHS softball field, behind Yulee Middle School on Miner Road.

Registration fee is \$50 and includes a camp T-shirt. Camp is open to ages seven and up.

Register the first day, starting at 8:30 a.m. For information, call 753-3057.

Cheerleading

D.M. Roland's Cheer Camp will be held June 2-6 in Building 22 at Fernandina Beach High School, behind the middle school.

Preschoolers ages 3-4 will attend from 9-11 a.m. and the cost is \$70. School-age children go from 9 a.m. to noon and the cost is \$80, cash only.

Register the first day of camp at 8:30 a.m.

Donovin Darius football

A two-day football camp, directed by former all pro NFL player Donovin Darius will be held from 6-8 p.m. July 14-15 for ages 5-14 at the Yulee Sports Complex.

Register online at dariusnextleveltraining.com or call (904) 290-3320 for information.

Golf at Omni

Omni Amelia Island Plantation will hold a Junior Golf Academy summer series with six weekly sessions available for children ages 8-17, who will have the opportunity to work with professional coaches to improve their golf skills.

Sessions are June 3-6, June 17-20, July 1-4, July 29-Aug. 1, Aug. 12-15 and Aug. 26-29. Cost is \$200 per week, \$75 per individual day.

Camp runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Campers will work on full swing and short game with on-course playing and video analysis. Snacks will be provided. Miniature putt championship challenge on the final day. Hat and shirts are provided for campers.

Students may bring their own clubs but clubs will be provided. Students walk the course; a lightweight carry bag is required. Students must bring their own golf balls for the course; range balls will be provided for practice.

For information, call the pro shop at 277-5907, email mblock@omnihotels.com or visit OakMarshOceanLinks.com.

Yulee cheer camp

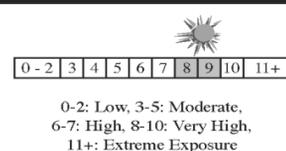
The Yulee Cheer Camp for beginners and experienced cheerleaders ages 5-15 will be held from 6-8 p.m. July 14-15 at the Yulee Sports Complex. For details, visit www.yeahornets.com or call

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Mostly Sunny 78 / 57	Saturday Sunny 78 / 64	Sunday Sunny 79 / 65	Monday Mostly Sunny 79 / 66	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 80 / 68	Wednesday Sunny 81 / 69	Thursday Sunny 85 / 71

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

How fast does the average hurricane move? **?**

Answer: Hurricanes usually travel between 15 to 20 miles per hour.

Weather History

May 16, 1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced severe weather in the south central United States. Thunderstorms spawned 20 tornadoes, and there were 180 reports of large hail and damaging winds.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	1:03-3:03	1:33-3:33	Tue	4:54-6:54	5:24-7:24
Sat	2:02-4:02	2:32-4:32	Wed	5:47-7:47	6:17-8:17
Sun	3:01-5:01	3:31-5:31	Thu	6:39-8:39	7:09-9:09
Mon	3:59-5:59	4:29-6:29	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 5/21	Fri 6:29 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	10:20 p.m.	8:11 a.m.
	Sat 6:29 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	11:16 p.m.	9:11 a.m.
	Sun 6:28 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	No Rise	10:14 a.m.
	Mon 6:28 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	12:08 a.m.	11:19 a.m.
New 5/28	Tue 6:27 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	12:55 a.m.	12:23 p.m.
	Wed 6:27 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	1:38 a.m.	1:27 p.m.
	Thu 6:26 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	2:19 a.m.	2:29 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days			
5/6	90	64	81/63	0.00"	5/6	27
5/7	84	64	81/64	0.00"	5/7	24
5/8	82	68	81/64	0.00"	5/8	25
5/9	82	70	81/64	0.00"	5/9	26
5/10	81	73	81/64	0.00"	Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.	
5/11	84	72	82/65	0.00"		
5/12	82	68	82/65	0.00"		

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance			
Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low	Day	High
Fri	10:45 am	4:29 am	Fri	11:14 pm	4:29 pm	Fri	10:09 am
Sat	11:35 am	5:16 am	Sat	None	5:17 pm	Sat	10:59 am
Sun	12:05 am	6:06 am	Sun	12:27 pm	6:10 pm	Sun	11:51 am
Mon	12:57 am	7:00 am	Mon	1:22 pm	7:09 pm	Mon	12:21 am
Tue	1:52 am	7:57 am	Tue	2:20 pm	8:13 pm	Tue	1:16 am
Wed	2:49 am	8:57 am	Wed	3:20 pm	9:20 pm	Wed	2:13 am
Thu	3:50 am	9:55 am	Thu	4:24 pm	10:25 pm	Thu	3:14 am
							4:26 pm
							5:14 pm
							6:07 pm
							7:06 pm
							8:10 pm
							9:17 pm
							10:22 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Moravian Hounds Build a Comet

It's hard to get students to read assignments, so when senior Anika Riaz came to me last month asking if we could make a comet, I asked her the origins of her wish. "Why from your book in the section on comets," she retorted. I hadn't even assigned that material, so how could I refuse her? On May 2 Anika and friends gathered in the commons area between PPHAC and Collier, and we did it. Comets were formed from the primordial leftovers of the solar system, far from the sun's heat where ices, mainly water, but including carbon dioxide, ammonia, and methane, along with silicate grit, and even complex organic compounds existed. So the basic recipe wasn't very complicated: 1/3 gallon of water, a dapple of ammonia, a fistful of sand, a handful of dirt for the organics, and about five pounds of pulverized dry ice (frozen carbon dioxide). The dry ice at -110o F was the toughest commodity to acquire and maintain, so thank you, Dr. Carl Salter, for providing helpful suggestions and a storage container. A large bowl lined with insulating newspaper and layers of plastic from a garbage bag helped to form the general round shape of the comet. We added the water, ammonia, sand, and dirt and mixed the contents through the plastic bag. Another interesting aspect was pulverizing the pellets of dry ice. This was a task that the females of the group seemed to relish the most. In fact no guy volunteered. It just seemed to be too dangerous as mallets came smashing down on the towel covering the dry ice. Once the women were pulled away, the dry ice was slowly poured into the water, and quickly kneaded to mix all of the contents. Amid the hissing sounds and vapors spewing from the bowl, an icy, sputtering ball emerged. A little more water to form a crust, and voila, Comet Anika was born. Complete photo documentation can be found at www.astronomy.org. Click on the comet banner and enjoy the photos.

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ED HARDEE
For the News-Leader

Imagine being able to enjoy specialties from more than a dozen great local restaurants, all in one place, with a wine or beer specially chosen to complement each dish. Add live music, raffles, and a live auction hosted by a TV personality, with thousands of dollars worth of items available.

Put it all together and you have the second annual Taste & Toast, Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the courtyard of the Florida House Inn, 22 S. Third St. It's one of the most important fundraisers of the year for the Nassau Humane Society, and all proceeds will benefit



dogs and cats at the shelter, awaiting their forever homes.

You can create your own meal from among the many choices, and probably find new favorite tastes that you've never tried before. "The food, wine and beer portions are generous samples, and with so many restaurants participating, there should be enough food that no one will leave hungry or thirsty," said Ann Marie

TOAST Continued on 2B



Scenes from last year's Taste and Toast at the Florida House Inn, above. Nick Loren, inset, of First Coast Living will conduct the live auction.

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The cast of "The Good Body," opening May 23 at Amelia Community Theatre, includes front row, from left, Cynthia Riegler, Laura Swaim, Christie Miklas and Susan Raab. Back row are Michele Giltmier, Buffy Wells and Diana Herman.

Exploring issues of image on the ACT stage

LINDA MCCLANE
For the News-Leader

"When I was a little girl people used to ask me - what do you want to be when you grow up? Good, I would say. I want to be good." And so begins Eve Ensler's play "The Good Body," which Amelia Community Theatre will present on its Studio 209 stage at 8 p.m. on May 23 and 24 and 2 p.m. on May 25 at 209 Cedar St.

The San Francisco

Chronicle described the show as "passionate, funny, frank, revealing, even shocking, and genuinely committed to improving life on this planet."

In the play, Ensler, author of "The Vagina Monologues," questions what it actually means to have a good body. With humorous and poignant stories of women of all cultures and backgrounds, she examines their attempts to change their image to fit soci-

ACT Continued on 2B

Patriotic concert sure to thrill

TED PRESTON
For the News-Leader

The annual Memorial Day weekend Let Freedom Ring concert, sponsored by ARIAS, will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Fernandina Beach.

The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra will present a revised program including marches and Americana music, together with a special feature that will provide a living review of our country's armed forces and a glimpse of their history.

As another extra, ARIAS is subsidizing attendance by the schoolchildren of Nassau County, to treat them to the music of an outstanding symphony orchestra in the context of the history of our armed forces.



Let Freedom Ring will be held at First Baptist Church, 1600 S. Eighth St., Fernandina Beach, on Thursday at 7 p.m. Tickets \$15 adults and \$5 for children 18 and under. Tickets can be purchased at The Book Loft; Front and Center; Fernandina Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau; The Golf Club of Amelia Island; and Fernandina Beach Golf Club. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the night of the concert, starting at 6:30 p.m.

We all know that there is a need to support music and the arts in today's world, and ARIAS has consistently helped to provide music education to our schoolchildren through its

Instrument Zoo, and by bringing ensemble players from the Jacksonville Orchestra to the county's many school

FREEDOM Continued on 2B



Grammy artist creates poster for Amelia Jazz Fest

This original artwork by Marcus Glenn, depicting a jazz quartet with Les DeMerle on drums and a self-portrait of Glenn playing the saxophone, will serve as the poster art for the 2014 Amelia Island Jazz Festival Oct. 16-19.

The artwork was created especially for the AIJF. Glenn, represented by festival supporter Park West Gallery, was the artist for the Grammy Awards in January.

DeMerle announced the headliners for this year's AIJF at April's Big Band Bash fundraiser. "For 2014 we are thrilled to present superb jazz trumpeter and composer Randy

Brecker, a multiple Grammy Award-winner, along with the Brecker Brothers Tribute Band and monster jazz organ player Tony Monaco, with more artists to be announced," said DeMerle.

"Additionally, we owe a great debt of thanks to Morry Shapiro and Park West for their generous support. We look forward to a fruitful relationship with them for many years to come," he added.

The nonprofit Les DeMerle Amelia Island Jazz Festival distributes proceeds to a scholarship program. Call 504-4772 or visit www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com.

OFF & ON THE ISLAND

A WILD AMELIA WEEKEND

Wild Amelia, in partnership with the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, will host a sea turtle release today at 11:30 a.m. at Main Beach to kick off the 8th annual Wild Amelia Nature Festival, held at venues on and around Amelia Island.

Mint, the first sea turtle rescued in 2014, was found cold-stunned in Florida waters and was rehabilitated at the Georgia Sea Turtle Center on Jekyll Island: like other rehabilitated turtles, Mint will be released back into native waters.

The sea turtle release is free and open to public. It will occur near mid-tide. Parking is available, but limited, at the various Main Beach parking lots. Visit www.wildamelia.com and georgiaseaturtlecenter.org.

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The 2014 Wild Amelia Nature Festival, today through May 18, invites residents and visitors to experience the wild side of Amelia Island. Visitors can enjoy numerous nature tours, nature

photography workshops as well as a nature-based green business expo, the "Kids Niche," nature-based activities for children, critters from the Jacksonville Zoo and more on May 17 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. For tickets and information, call 251-0016 or visit www.wildamelia.com.

THIRD ON THIRD

The Amelia Island Museum of History, with support from the Florida Humanities Council, invites you to its 3rd on 3rd Street Presentation at 6 p.m. tonight. Dr. Roger Smith will discuss Spies, Schemes, and the Sons of Liberty: The Shadier Side of East and West Florida during the American Revolution. Following the lecture, the museum will unveil its newest exhibit, Recreation on Amelia Island.

Did you know that the British royal governor of East Florida accused prominent men in the colony of holding a Sons of Liberty meeting? Or that during the American Revolution the British



put plans in motion to literally steal the Mississippi River? These and other wild escapades of treason, revolutionary land schemes, spies, and espionage fill the annals of East and West Florida history throughout the Revolutionary War period. This discussion will introduce you to the shadier side of British occupation in Florida and how those instances impacted the nation's fight for independence.

This program is free and open to the public. Seating is first-come, first-served. Contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or gray@ameliamuseum.org.

FREE CONCERT

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival will present a free concert, Masterworks from Vienna and Leipzig, on Saturday, May 17 at 1 p.m. at the Nassau County Courthouse on Centre Street, downtown Fernandina Beach. The Beth Newdome Fellowship Artists will perform works by Mozart, Beethoven, and Schumann.

For more information, see the Music Notes listing, 2B.



OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Men's Auxiliary of the VFW Post 4351 will host a Surf and Turf night on May 17 at 5:30 p.m. for a \$12 donation. Dinner includes steak, shrimp, baked potato, corn and salad. Karaoke to follow with Eddie Carter. All members and their guests are welcome. Call 432-8791.

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. May 20 at the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Police Department, 1525 Lime St. Jim Vearil will present "Using Social History Approaches in Family History Research." Social history studies the lives of ordinary people - history from the bottom up, not the top down. Learn to use social history as a tool to place ancestors into proper historical context. Primary sources used by historians, and the use of scholarly secondary sources (such as community studies) also will be discussed. Public welcome.

The Amelia Island Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will have the chapter's annual business meeting on May 21 at the Golf Club of Amelia, with sign-in starting at 10 a.m. and a Memorial Service by Chaplain Ruth Ellis. Florida State Society DAR awards will be presented to the chapter committee chairmen and individuals for outstanding work in meeting goals for the past year. Janet Lukaszewicz, hospitality chairman, is taking reservations at janluke@yahoo.com or 386-5767.

Join Nassau Boomers, a group of single Baby Boomers (born between 1946-64), for line dancing and fun on May 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Sandy Bottoms, 2910 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Please RSVP by May 20 to NassauBoomers@yahoo.com so they can make reservations.

On June 21 at 7 p.m. join Nassau Boomers for an Amelia River Cruises Adult Twilight Cruise. Enjoy your favorite beverage and listen to local entertainers onboard. Tickets are \$28 plus tax. Bring snacks and your favorite beverages to share. Purchase tickets at www.ameliarivercruises.com, the ticket kiosk at 1 N. Front St., or call 261-9972 for information. Email NassauBoomers@yahoo.com to RSVP. Interested boomers may have dinner afterwards.

The Amelia Island Museum of History will host a special presentation with Dr. Berta Arias on May 30 at 6 p.m., the first of a two-part series in which Arias will discuss the causes and events leading up to the Cuban Revolution and explore the role that Fernandina played in

the struggle.

Arias is the author of *Mango Rain*, a novel of discovery, passion and intrigue as twin sisters separated at the beginning of the Cuban Revolution as infants find each other as adults.

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

Fashion Fantasy will host "An Evening of Elegance" featuring the latest in this season's casual, sportswear and formal attire modeled by community youth. The show, at 3 p.m., May 31, inside the Ashley Auditorium of the Peck Center, 530 South 10th St. in Fernandina Beach, will benefit the Peck High School Library. Emma Noble, coordinator and executive producers, Peggy McPherson, executive commentator and Elaine Roberts are presenting the program.

THEATER

"Oliver!" 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 tonight and May 17 at 7:30 p.m. and May 18 at 2 p.m. With a community cast of over 140 from ages 6-65, performances will sell out fast. This production, directed by Judy Tipton, will benefit Communities in Schools of Nassau County.

Amelia Community Theatre will hold auditions for "Bingo, the Winning Musical" at 4:30 p.m. May 17 at 207 Cedar St. Six women and one man are needed for the cast of this musical comedy directed by Jennifer Webber, with Diane Demeranville as musical director. Performances are on the main stage in August.

Please prepare a one-minute solo and bring sheet music for the accompanist. Dress comfortably for the movement portion of auditions and be prepared to read from the script. Plot and character descriptions are on the audition page at www.ameliacomunitytheatre.org. For information or to check out a script, call 261-6749 or email actheatre@att.net.

Fernandina Little Theatre, 1014 Beech St., welcomes back Mad Cowford, Jacksonville's premiere improv group, to Fernandina for one show only, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who has spent an evening with this wacky troupe of gifted performers will testify to their talent and creativity. Tickets are \$7 and are available in advance at The UPS Store in the island Publix shopping center.

Mechetti's finale

Celebrate JSO Conductor Fabio Mechetti's Finale today and May 17 at 8 p.m. in the Robert E. Jacoby Symphony Hall, with Elise Quagliata, mezzo-soprano, the women of the Jacksonville Symphony Chorus and Jacksonville Children's Chorus presenting Mahler's Symphony No. 3. Tickets are \$25-72. Call (904) 354-5547 or visit JaxSymphony.org.

Starry Nights

The Starry Nights free concert series is held in the waterfront park, downtown St. Marys, Ga., the third Saturday of the month from 6-8 p.m., May through September. May 17 will feature the heartfelt vocals and saxophone tunes of Michael Hulett. Bring a picnic, a blanket or chairs. Call the St. Marys Welcome Center at (912) 882-4000.

SpringFest series

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival's SpringFest series will feature Anne Akiko Meyers and Anton Nel on May 18 at 5 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach.

With 28 acclaimed albums to her credit, Anne Akiko Meyers is a sought-after violinist. Pianist Anton Nel is renowned for his Beethoven interpretation, having performed the full concerto cycle in venues around the globe. They will perform works of Beethoven, Ravel, Faure, and Corigliano. There will be a 7:30 p.m. post-concert dinner at España, 22 S. Fourth St. Reservations recommended.

Upcoming performances include violinist Susie Park of the Grammy-nominated Eroica Trio as well as a trio of "violin divas," including Sarah Charness on her hot pink, six-string electric violin. Call 261-1779 or visit www.aicmf.com.

FBMS concert

The Fernandina Beach Middle School chorus and bands will hold a Spring Concert on May 20 at 7 p.m. in the FBMS auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

Folk Festival

The Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park will host the 62nd Annual Florida Folk Festival Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25, on the banks of the Suwannee River. Gates open daily at 8 a.m. Advance tickets are \$25 per day or \$50 for the weekend for adults and \$30 per day or \$60 for the weekend at the gate. Children under six admitted free. Tickets are \$5 for ages of six to 16 for the entire weekend. Call Elevate Ticketing at 877-569-7767 or visit www.FloridaFolkFestival.com. Call 1-877-635-3655 or visit www.floridastateparks.org/stephenfoster.

Jazz at beach

The American Beach Property Owners' Association presents the May jazz series concert featuring Akia Uwanda on May 31 from 4-7 p.m. at Burney Park of American Beach. Bring your lawn chairs and come out ready to have some fun. Donations accepted for future jazz series. No alcohol.

Chicago in park

See the 1960's band Chicago perform their hits alongside the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra at "Starry Nights at Metropolitan Park" on May 31. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets, and listen to the entire orchestra collaborate with these pop greats. Visit TicketsNowJax.com

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Wiseman, who helped originate the event for NHS. "Last year many people said they were getting full after sampling only five or six restaurants."

Providing the delicious dishes will be Arte Pizza, Brett's Waterway Cafe, Cafe Karibo, Ciao Italian Bistro, the Crab Trap, Florida House Inn, Happy Tomato Courtyard Cafe, Hola Cuban Cafe, Horizons, Island Time Frozen Yogurt, Jack and Diane's Cafe, Kelley's Courtyard Cafe, Osprey Village, Pablo's Mexican Restaurant, Pepper's Mexican Grill and Tasty's Burgers.

"The participating restaurants can present a new menu item or highlight a special item served at their establishment," said NHS volunteer coordinator Kelly Monti, who is spearheading this year's event. The eclectic items are set to include seafood casserole with fresh local shrimp and crab, mini chicken and waffles, pulled pork, marinated seafood salad, chimichangas, fajitas, pasta salad primavera, mojo pork empanadas, stuffed pork loin, mahi burgers, lamb burgers and vegan/gluten-free Moroccan Noodle Salad.

Live music by Don Voll and Michele will add to the party atmosphere. A live auction will feature actor and singer/songwriter Nick Loren, who also co-hosts First Coast Living on WTLV-TV 12 and has appeared in many films as stunt double and stand-in for John Travolta. Live auction items will include a private tour of White Oak for up to 8 guests, and a Pampering Pooch Package that includes a lifetime membership to the NHS Dog Park.

Four prize packages will be raffled off. The grand prize raffle basket, valued at more than \$1,200, features four Disney one-day Hopper Passes and a two-night stay at Gaylord Palms in Orlando.

"The Taste & Toast food and beverage

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or call 855-502-3520.

The Courtyard

The Courtyard Pub & Eats, 316 Centre St., John Springer on the piano Thursday-Saturday from 6:30-10 p.m. and the piano styling of Steve "Fingers" on Saturday afternoons. Call 432-7086. Join them on Facebook at courtyardpubandbeats for information on special events including appearances by "The Usual Suspects" with Pam and Davis Turner on Sunday afternoons.

David's

David's Restaurant and Lounge, 802 Ash St., presents Aaron Bing Friday and Saturday nights. Call 904-310-6049.

Florida House

Florida House Inn, 22 S. Third St., hosts "Open Mike Night" each Thursday from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the Mermaid Bar hosted by local musician Terry Smith. Musicians perform and the audience gets to hear new talent. 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. Call 321-2324.

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.

Salty Pelican

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

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.

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.

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.

pairing is a little bit of an analogy for what the Nassau Humane Society does every day," Wiseman said. "We bring people and pets together, and create a pairing of an individual or family with a pet well matched for them."

All funds raised will go directly to the NHS shelter for operating expenses. Several pets from the shelter will be on hand Saturday night to meet and greet guests.

Tickets are \$50 per person and available online at NassauHumaneSociety.com, at the NHS Second Chance resale store, 1002 South 14th St., and at the NHS Dog Park, 641 Airport Road, through 3 p.m. Saturday. Tickets can also be purchased at the door, subject to availability.

Raffle tickets will be \$10 each, or three for \$25, and will be available at the event. Details on the prizes being offered, and rules, are at the NHS website.

"Taste & Toast was designed for the Nassau Humane Society to connect with local businesses and together offer a fun event for the local community to support the shelter," Wiseman said. "It is a win-win-win for everyone involved. The shelter gets much-needed support to operate, local businesses get to showcase something special that they are known for, and the attendees get to come out for a fun night of great food and wine or beer, and enjoy the party and win prizes."

"We are very fortunate that so many local businesses have donated their time and resources to help the Nassau Humane Society not just for Taste & Toast, but all of our events each year," she said. "Of course, the success of an event like this also depends on our loyal supporters who attend. We hope to see you there, and we think you'll really enjoy the evening."

The event is presented by the Florida House Inn and Osprey Village. Visit NassauHumaneSociety.com.

FREEDOM

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buildings. And while this is the 13th year that the orchestra has come to Fernandina Beach for Let Freedom Ring, this time there is a special effort to bring the schoolchildren to the orchestra.

Tickets for schoolchildren under 18 have been set at just \$5, an extraordinarily low amount for such an event, providing a strong incentive for parents to come with their kids. And, with a special feature recognizing the respective branches of the armed forces, and some of the marches that Americans consider their favorites, it will be a grand evening for all ages to appreciate our heritage.

The concert will open with the Star Spangled Banner, sung by Bob Quinby of Amelia Island. This is something that Bob has been doing for the last 60 years at events.

He started singing as a boy soprano soloist in New York City, and appeared on the TV program "Ford Festival Theatre." Bob has sung with Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra, Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic, and for the last 10 years with the chorus of the Jacksonville Symphony. Quinby reminds us that our national anthem was written to celebrate a victory of our armed forces during the war of 1812.

The music selected for the concert will include two favorites that are quintessentially American: selections from the Rogers and Hammerstein favorite, "Oklahoma"; and Gershwin's An American in Paris. There will be lots of other traditional Memorial Day music, including marches. And, of course, one of the marches will be by a certain Mr. Sousa, a must for the occasion.

Central to the program is a piece titled "Armed Forces Medley," arranged by Lowden. This piece includes the well-known songs of each of the armed forces branches, and those in attendance who served will be invited to rise when their song is played.

This year we will have an extra local attraction, namely representatives of the armed services branches, each of whom will wear his uniform from the time of retirement, and will present the flag of his branch during his song. Each of these men is a resident of Amelia Island. They are:

- Mike Baxter, Navy, active duty from 1969 to 1979 and then from 1979 to 1994 in the reserves. Retired with rank of Navy Captain. Mike saw duty as a helicopter pilot, and served in San Diego and with the Pacific fleet.
- Gene Brisach, Army, West Point graduate. Gene had 28 1/2 years of active duty as a Combat Engineer and Personnel Management Specialist, retiring as a colonel. He served in Germany, Southeast Asia and in and around the Pentagon.
- Gen. Frank Cardile, U.S. Air Force. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in June 1963; was promoted to brigadier general in 1988; and retired from the Air Force Aug. 1, 1992. He was a command pilot with more than 4,200 flying hours, and was awarded two Silver Star Medals for his service in Vietnam.

• Paul Gosnell, U.S. Air Force. Graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1968. He spent four years as an intelligence officer, and flew the F-4 in the UK and the F-15 in Okinawa and Japan. He retired from the Pentagon as a Lt. Col. in 1991.

• Robert McFarland, Coast Guard. He has been in active service for 27 years. He is a Chief Warrant Officer, CWO-4. Still active, his marine inspections cover St. Marys, Ga. to Ponce Inlet in Florida.

• Calvin Atwood, the Marines. Calvin, who is now 90, is a World War II veteran. He served as a corporal in the Marine Corps and is a veteran of two Iwo Jima campaigns. He is the president and a board member of the Amelia Island Museum of History.

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ety's ideals, whether through Botox, bulimia, implants or other means. The show contains adult language and subject matter.

"The Good Body" cast includes Michele Giltmier, Diana Herman, Christie Miklas, Susan Raab, Cynthia Riegler, Laura Swaim and Buffy Wells. Director Toni D'Amico says, "This powerful piece of theater is about all of us learning to love the body we live in. The story of 'The Good Body'

is you and it is me."

The Friday, May 23 performance is a benefit for Micah's Place, Nassau County's only certified violence center.

The \$30 ticket, which includes a pre-show reception in the theater's main-stage lobby at 207 Cedar St., is purchased directly from Micah's Place at either the Purple Dove Resale Center at 474311 East SR 200 in the Amelia Market Shopping Center, or by calling 491-6364, ext. 102.

Items on Micah's Place wish list will

be collected at all three performances. View the list at www.micahsplace.org.

Tickets for May 24 and 25 are \$15 and are available at ameliamuseumofhistory.org or by calling 261-6749. There will be a talk back session after the May 25 matinee, and everyone who stays will be treated to a bowl of ice cream. Why ice cream? You'll understand when you see the show.

Doors open one hour before curtain; seats are not assigned. Call 261-6749 for more information or email actheatre@att.net.

RELIGION

Koi fish, patience and not losing hope

Koi fish – in Japan and China, they're a symbol of strength. At my house, they've come to mean something else. Ever since I dug a pond in my front yard, I've had one interesting experience after another. When I decided to add some colorful Koi fish, I was clueless as to what I was in for.

It started when my neighbor told me I could have the two huge ones that were swimming in his pond. When I say huge, they were at least 30 inches long and well fed. That sounded great until I tried to move them. The thought of an easy transfer swam away as quickly as they did. I had no idea they could move so fast. I tried cast-netting them, seine netting them, I even went as far as to build a trap. Nothing



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Pastor Rob Goyette

being so small. I must say that waiting for those little Koi to grow was painfully slow. Truth is, the day my three-year-old grandson and I

worked. So, I moved to plan B – grow my own.

Actually, it was another neighbor's idea. Though the ones she bought me were only three inches long, she offered to raise them in her tank until they would be safe to release in my pond. The few largemouth bass I have would easily gobble them up, released them in our pond, their size was questionable. The fact that they disappeared and I didn't see them again spoke for itself.

Determined to not be defeated, I came up with a different approach. I bought a large plastic storage bin, drilled some holes in it, put a brick inside, bought some new Koi, daily fed them, and put the lid on to keep the birds out. Unfortunately, I hadn't thought about the raccoons. No joke, they popped the lid at night and got them both. After one other attempt, that I won't even try to explain, I finally decided to just let it go and focus on more important stuff.

Shortly after that is when it happened. While walking around the pond one day, I saw him – a beautiful

Koi fish about 13 inches long. I was in shock. Two days later, I saw the second one. A good six months had passed since my grandson and I had released the two small Koi that my neighbor had grown. Because I hadn't seen them, and because the bass looked real happy, the conclusion seemed obvious. Boy, was I wrong.

The entire time I was feeling like I was losing the battle, God was growing things in the dark murky places just beyond my view. The day they suddenly appeared, the Lord seized the moment to talk to me. "Your labors are not in vain," He said. "I've been working in the secret places of your life, and in time, you're going to see what I've been doing and greatly rejoice." Immediately this scripture came to

mind. I hope it speaks to you like it did to me.

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which has great recompense of reward. For you have need of patience, that, after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not delay. Now the just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." (Hebrews 10:31-39)

Robert L. Goyette is pastor of Living Waters World Outreach Center.

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RELIGION NOTES

Help needed

Some of the Salvation Army Hope House volunteers are heading north for cooler temperatures and they need to replace them. If you have a heart for people and time to spare this summer, call Tara to see where you might serve. In addition to volunteers, they are in desperate need of men's shoes and clothing. With respect to food and hygiene, they need: 1) Bottled water 2) Sunscreen 3) Jelly 4) Canned meals, stews and soups 5) Dried beans and peas 6) Ramen noodles and mac & cheese. To serve or donate, call 321-0435 or stop by 410 S. Ninth St., on the corner of Ninth and Date.

Church anniversary

New Zion Baptist Church is celebrating its 14th anniversary this week. Tonight at 7 p.m. is New Zion Family Praise & Worship Night. Sunday, May 18 at 11 a.m. is morning worship with guest Preacher Jim Tippins, senior chaplain at Baptist Medical Center Nassau. At 4 p.m. May 18 the closeout service will feature Pastor Jeffrey K. Rumlin of Dayspring Baptist Church in Jacksonville. For information call 261-0010.

Taizé prayer service

The St. Michael Taizé ensemble invites the public to attend a 40-minute musical service that includes simple chants sung repeatedly, a time of blessed silence and reflection, a scripture reading and prayers of praise and intercessions. Taizé prayer started in World War II by the monastic community from Taizé, France and continues to this day. Feel free to take a little time to feel the power of His love in communal song and prayer at St. Michael's Taizé prayer service on May 19 at 7 p.m. in the church.

Tuesday worship

How do we bring glory to God when we are persecuted? Join The Salvation Army Hope House for worship on April 20 at noon as the Apostle Paul answers the charges brought against him and uses his captive audience to share the Good News in Acts Chapter 24. For more information, call 321-0435 or stop by 410 S. Ninth St.

Free dinner

Springhill Baptist Church will serve meals for individuals and families in need in the area on Thursday, May 22 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the church, 941017 Old Nassauville Road. Meals are served on the fourth Thursday of each month. The church also delivers meals to those who cannot come. For information call 261-4741.

Grub and 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.

Stella's Voice

New Life Christian Fellowship invites you to a special service on June 1 at 10 a.m. with Philip Cameron, founder of Stella's Voice, a ministry dedicated to rescuing orphaned children from sex trafficking in Moldova. Stella's Voice was named after a 19-year-old handicapped orphan who died from AIDS after being trafficked. Come and hear stories of hope and redemption from many of the young lives rescued through Stella's Voice and hear how you can make a difference. For information visit www.nlcf.org. New Life is at 2701 Hodges Blvd., Jacksonville.

FAMILY CONCERT SUNDAY



SUBMITTED

The Nassau Community Band will perform a concert the whole family will enjoy on Sunday from 6-7:30 p.m. in Memorial United Methodist Church's Maxwell Hall, north of the church, 601 Centre St., downtown Fernandina Beach. Special guests will include musicians from the Emma Love Hardee Elementary Band. Admission is free. Enjoy jazzy tunes perfect for dancing, selections from children's classic movies and songs for everyone. Learn more at info@nassaucommunityband.com and on Facebook.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

VBS at the Chapel

Vacation Bible School at Amelia Plantation Chapel will be held June 9-13 from 10 a.m.-noon each day. This year the theme is a Jungle Safari. Each day will be filled with Bible stories, music, refreshments, arts and crafts with an African flair, presented by a talented artist and art teacher. The children will even be visited by some unique animals from the Omni Nature Center.

The chapel has a Super Safari planned for the children. Call the church office at 277-4414 to enroll. The chapel is located behind the

Omni Shops and Spa at 36 Bowman Road, Amelia Island.

Springhill Baptist VBS

Springhill Baptist Church 2014 VBS will be June 9-13 from 6-8 p.m. with the theme SonTreasure Island. Treasure seekers will play island games, create colorful crafts and enjoy tropical snacks and discover the rich treasure of God's love through the life of Jesus Christ.

SonTreasure Island VBS is open to kids entering first through sixth grade the fall

of 2014. Register your child online at www.springhillbaptistfb.org or the night of VBS in the Family Life Center between 5:30-5:45 p.m. Parents must bring their children in to register and to sign in each night for their security. Call the church office at 261-4741.

Spy Academy

Grab your secret decoder ring and put on your rearview mirror glasses and join New Life Christian Fellowship for International Spy Academy, where you'll uncover clues that will lead you to the one true God and Creator of all and where you

will learn to know, love and live for the one true God! This will be an action-packed and fun-filled week with games, crafts and snacks, June 16-20 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10 per child, kindergarten to fifth grade. For information and to register visit www.nlcf.org. New Life is located at 2701 Hodges Blvd., Jacksonville.

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 Amanda Reeder at 491-5401.

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City camps

The Fernandina Beach Parks & Recreation Department is offering several summer camps. Visit fbfl.us or call the parks office at 310-3364:

- Camp Amelia, ages 4-12. Daily snacks; 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.

- The MLK Summer Learning Camp is June 2-Aug. 1. Only the first 100 accepted. Lunch provided. Mandatory meeting May 29 at the MLK Center at 6 p.m.

- 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 just for girls. Snacks provided. June 9-13; \$100; kindergarten-second grade, 9 a.m.-noon, or third-sixth grade, 1-4 p.m.

- Island Life Art Camp. 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.

- 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. June 23-27; \$100; kindergarten-second grade, 9 a.m.-noon, or third-sixth grades 1-4 p.m. Students must have completed kindergarten.

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 dance recital May 24 at 6 p.m. at Fernandina Beach Middle School. Everyone is welcome. Visit www.earlyimpressionsfl.com, call or come by.

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.

Camp S'Mores Fun

Join Faith Christian Academy for Camp S'Mores Fun Camp Adventures, May 28-July 25 for children ages 4-12. For ages 4-5, the all-inclusive price covers childcare, 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 applies. Visit www.fcaangels.com to download a brochure or call 321-2137.

Sewing design class

Custom Fit Alterations will hold Sew Much Fun sewing camp for children and teens in 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. For information call 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-Friday, June 9-July 25. Sign up at the club or call 261-1075 for the Miller Club, 491-9102 for the Roberts Club.

Book Loft programs

The Book Loft, 214 Centre St., will hold the "Dare to

Dream..." summer program for ages 6-11, June 16-July 26. Do you ever daydream?

Books can take us to places we have never been or allow us to imagine things differently than they really are. A lineup of authors, illustrators and presenters will inspire kids to be creative. All programs begin at 4 p.m. Call 261-8991 or stop at the shop to register.

There is a \$20 fee for the two-part "Dare to Dream... About Nature" program, due at registration. A \$2/participant donation is suggested for all other programs. Seats are limited to 10 at "About Nature" and 20 at all other programs. Walk-ins will be accepted if seats are available.

June 16 is "...About Magical Creatures" with illustrator Mark Wayne Adams who will demonstrate how he creates magical creatures for his books. Participants will get a chance to create, too. June 21 is "... About Nature: Make a Difference" Part 1. Wild Amelia members will help kids create lap-books about wildlife on Amelia Island. Complete the homework assignment and bring it to Part 2 for a book discount.

June 28 is "...About the Past." Jane Wood, author of Adventures on Amelia Island, will share pirate stories and help make pirate posters. The Amelia Island Museum of History is also scheduled to make an appearance. July 12 is "...About Going on a Safari." Take an imaginary safari with author Patsy Smith Roberts. What animals will you see along the way? July 14 is "...About Making Your Own Comics." Graphic novel writer and illustrator Josh Ulrich will demonstrate how to build a 4-panel story. Take a shot at drawing your own.

July 19 is "...About Nature: Make a Difference" Part 2. Learn even more about what you can do to help Mother Nature. Bring your lap-book from Part 1 and share what you discovered. July 26 is "...About a World You Create." Michael Regina will explain his process for creating and telling stories and then guide the group in developing a story together.

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4-H camps

Camp opportunities offered by the UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service include a week-long overnight camp in Madison, June 23-27 for ages 8-13. The campers experience learning opportunities related to a variety of topics like: nature, science, shooting sports, kayaking, health, and much more.

Day camps offered by the Nassau County agents include "Frog Camp" for ages 5-10 and a cooking camp, "Farm to Table," for ages 9 and up. The Nassau County 4-H agents are partnering with the Nassau County School Board for a two-week STEM camp for students entering ninth and 10th grades. This camp includes one week of Robotics activities and one week of Forensic Science activities.

Camp dates and registration information can be found at nassau.ifas.ufl.edu or call the UF/IFAS Extension office at 879-1019.

FBCA camps

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.

SCHOOL PICTURES



Band victorious

Fernandina Beach Middle School's band recently participated in the Music USA Band Competition in Orlando, where it earned a Superior rating, the highest attainable. From left, above, from back, are Adam Cazell, Josh Taylor, Liam Kiernan, Jacob Schenecker, Cade Alexander, Nick Hower, Beau Fleming, Kyle Silva, Amanda Reed, Lauren Aiello, Emma Shafer, Addie Guenther, Casey Puentes, Conner Clem, Kierston London, Brandon DeVane, Emily Pittman, Alex Braddock, Caleb Teague, Director William Jernigan, Shemayah Preliou, Aaron Volpitta, Madeline Windham, Olivia Price, Emily Flint, Isabella Shell, Hannah Clark, Samantha Maltagliati, Courtney Gill, Amelie Nichol, Parker Harris, John Brown, Allison Cornelius, Maya Hernandez, Kaylee Plews, Jenna Lusardi, Rilee Robbins, Taylor Nestle, Myla Karpel, Avni Dutta, Jonah Schwend and Nick Foster. Not pictured is Sam Boswell. Left, the band celebrates at Universal Studios in Orlando.

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America's Youth activities

America's Youth Inc. has been busy this spring offering services to local youth at no cost. The not-for-profit organization at 902 South 11th St. has been accepted in the 2014 Northeast Florida-Southeast Georgia Regional Combined Federal Campaign. Recently, America's Youth held a Bike Rodeo organized by the city Utilities, police and Community Development departments and the North Florida Bike Club, which donated four bikes. Additional financial support came from Sourcing Interest Group, Dawn Evans and the Cycling and Fitness Center. One young girl was taught to ride a bike for the first time.

America's Youth Camp America summer session starts May 26 for ages 5 to 17. Camp America also will be active in the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency's Data Busters summer job program. Needed are field trip sponsors, volunteers and camp mothers and fathers to man the center one or more hours every afternoon. Contact John Gilbert Sr. at americasyouthinc@comcast.net or 624-5383.

CLASS NOTES

'Oliver!'

"Oliver!" 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 tonight and May 17 at 7:30 p.m. and May 18 at 2 p.m. With a community cast of over 140 from ages 6-65, performances will sell out fast. This production, directed by Judy Tipton, will benefit Communities in Schools of Nassau County.

FBMS chorus

The Fernandina Beach Middle School chorus and bands will hold a Spring Concert on May 20 at 7 p.m. in the FBMS auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

Kids' art

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

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- May 24, Middle School Art for ages 10-13, 1-2:15 p.m., led by Sharon Haffey.

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.

NACDAC meeting

If you are interested in the prevention and elimination of underage drinking and other drug use within Nassau County, come see what NACDAC's meetings are all about, the third

Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting is May 20 at 4 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Police Department Community Room, 1525 Lime St. Director of Prevention Services Kerrie Albert will talk about the Mental Health First Aid Program. Ashley Rich from Saint Simons by the Sea Hospital will be the guest speaker.

For information visit www.nacdac.org or call Susan Woodford or Kerrie Albert at 277-3699.

Peck Head Start

Peck Head Start is now enrolling in Fernandina Beach/Yulee for children ages 3-5 years old. For more information contact Brenda Haffner at 491-3631 or 491-3630; *se habla espanol.

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.

Summer program

Tree House Academy, 2120 Will Hardee Road, Fernandina Beach, is offering a summer enrichment program for students at least five years old in kindergarten, first and second grades. Class size limited to 12.

Curriculum will include the Beyond Centers and Circle Time curriculum and the book Amelia A to Z by local authors Rob and Kim Hicks. Hours are 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Tuition is \$130/week plus registration fee and includes breakfast, lunch, snack and field trips in state approved van with individual seatbelts. The academy is also accepting VPK enroll-

ment for the next school year. Call 432-7078 or contact www.thafernbeach@yahoo.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.

Young writers

The Nassau Youth Writers Program meets the third Tuesday of each month at The Peck Center, Fernandina Beach. For more information contact nassauyouthwriters@gmail.com.

Clothes Closet

Nassau County Families in Transition operates the F.I.T. Clothes Closet at 86207 Felmor Road, to help students in need with clothing and other items. Donations of gently used and new clothing and any financial contributions are appreciated. Contact the Nassau County School District Homeless Liaison Angie McCellan at 277-9021 for additional information.

Troop 89

Boy Scout Troop 89 meets each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m., at the Adam Kelley Scout Hut, South 13th Street. Troop 89, sponsored by Fernandina Beach Rotary Club for 75 years now, has a strong record of helping mold boys through team work in camping, canoeing, hiking, backpacking, bicycling and individual endeavors in communications, personal fitness and other life-skill areas. Contact Scoutmaster Dan Matricia at 277-9611 or come to the Scout Hut during meeting times.

BLUE DOOR



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The Blue Door Artists are featuring the contemporary artwork of Elizabeth Dion during the month of May. Liz's paintings are rich in color and energy, a true reflection of the artist herself. The Blue Door Gallery & Studios are located at 205 1/2 Centre St. in downtown Fernandina Beach. Regular hours are Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

ART WORKS

Bird life

The Plantation Artists' Guild and Gallery will feature the works of guest artist Susan Hitchcock through June 14. On 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. A Fernandina Beach resident, 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.

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'Mostly About Water'

The Island Art Association's featured artist for the month of May is Joyce Karsko. Her show is titled "Mostly About Water." Karsko paints in all three mediums. She enjoys painting the beautiful landscapes of water and land found here on Amelia. She uses intense colors to capture the elegant variations found here and in her imagination. After a long career as a professor of Psychology she enjoys finding the depth of feeling derived from color and kinesthetic experiences while creating her paintings.

Art classes

Artist Bill Maurer holds sketch classes every Thursday at 10 a.m. Meet at Amelia Island Coffee Shop, then have fun sketching around town. Fee is \$40. Call Bill at 261-8276 for more information. Maurer holds watercolor classes Fridays from 1:30-4 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Room 201. Cost is \$210 for six sessions or a \$40 drop-in fee. All levels welcome. Learn to paint in watercolors with Maurer, author of Sketches of Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach. Call 261-8276. Visit www.maurerfineart.com.

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National Day of Prayer a healing time

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On Thursday, May 1 the local chapter of the National Day of Prayer held its 12th annual gathering of citizens of Nassau County, joining with over 42,000 other such gatherings from around the nation offering prayers and petitions to God for the protection and healing of our land.

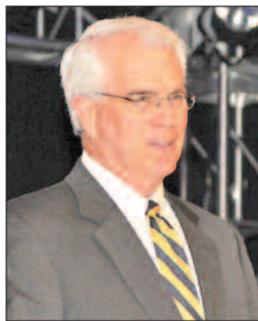
This year the event was held at The Journey Church, 95707 Amelia Concourse. The keynote speaker, Dr. Frank Wright, president and CEO of the National Religious Broadcasters, Washington, D.C., delivered a stirring message on the need for our nation to turn in prayer to God, to repent and seek His truth.

Wright said, "The nature of prayer is a practical expression of what we believe and who we believe." He quoted Pope Pious the 12th, who said, "A man without prayer is like a tree without roots. That prayer is the means to receive God's grace."

Wright went on to say, "That we are all made in the image of God and there needs to be respect of others who differ with us but at the same time we must defend the truth, even as we connect with others. But in defense of the truth, we dare not accept evil. There is much opposition to truth today. Our calling is to bear witness to the truth."

And how do we bear witness to the truth? Wright says that "we are to present the message of the gospel of Christ. To take biblical truth to every segment of our culture. Revival is breaking out all over the world. We must stand for Christ together in unity."

Wright closed his message with this challenging question: "Will we stand for Christ, not on our feet, but on our knees,



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Dr. Frank Wright, president and CEO of the National Religious Broadcasters, Washington, D.C., delivers a message on the need for the nation to turn in prayer to God, to repent and seek His truth, at the National Day of Prayer service May 1.

and be One Voice United in Prayer?"

Maj. Gen. Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin, USMC (Ret.) offered prayers for active duty military and veterans. Nassau County Tax Collector John Drew prayed for local officials, police, firefighters, first responders and our schools. Emily Kunzelmann prayed for our courts, nation and national elected officials. Capt. Clyde Morris, USN (Ret.), led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A community choir made up of singers from many local churches, under the direction of Don Edwards, assistant pastor and director of music at Amelia Plantation Chapel, led the congregation in songs of praise and worship.

The National Day of Prayer is always held the first Thursday in May. For more information contact Norm Purdue, coordinator for the Amelia Island/Nassau County NDP, at 206-0588 or napurdue@bellsouth.net.



Speakers at the local National Day of Prayer included, top, from left, Nassau County Tax Collector John Drew, Capt. Clyde Morris, USN (Ret.), Emily Kunzelmann, Maj. Gen. Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin, USMC (Ret.), Norm Purdue, NDP coordinator and emcee, and Dr. Frank Wright, keynote speaker.

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ISLAND MARKETS

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers' market on North Seventh Street in downtown Fernandina will be open May 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., rain or shine.

Here is a little more information about just three of the over 30 vendors who come week after week to bring you seasonal produce, fresh baked pastries and breads, honey, beef, cheese, dairy and more.

Harlows All Natural Products are created by locals to Fernandina Beach, Jacob and Sarah Harlow. Their products include vegan, organic and all-natural home and personal care products made with essential oils, butters, salts, sugars, waxes and other natural ingredients. This husband and wife team combines their knowledge of chemistry, massage therapy and aromatherapy to make products without harmful preservatives and additives such as deodorants, liquid and bar soaps, lip balm, body balm, bath salts, scrubs, home and personal sprays and more.

Wook's Beef Jerky comes to Amelia Island from Lakeland. Their jerky flavors include Teriyaki, made with a naturally brewed soy sauce and a little wine, sugar and spices; Hickory, made with smoke flavor, herbs and a little lime juice; Pepper - loaded with black pepper flavor; and Spicy Cajun, made with Cayenne and red peppers. These vacuum-packed treats are a wonderful snack to keep handy for the kids or guests.

Shepperd's Farm of Callahan grows peppers that Joy Shepperd uses to create amazing flavored jelly combinations such as a hot pepper and orange, sweet pepper and mango, or tangerine and jalapenos. Each week she creates a new flavor combination and she'd love for you to stop by her booth and try a sample.

The Market Place is open on Saturdays, and well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome. Visit FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com or call 557-8229.

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It's Garden Day on May 17 at the Amelia Farmers Market, which will feature two of Florida's best nurseries. Both were at the recent Garden Show and are now back by popular demand.

Country Meadows Nursery will have a wide variety of beautiful blooming plants from their nursery in Fairfield and will high-

light plants such as plumerias, trumpets and succulents. They will also have several varieties of interiors, blooming baskets and more.

Also featured will be Ever Blooming Gardens. Robert, a third-generation grower, is at the market every Saturday with new, dazzling plants. He will have drift roses, lilies of the Nile, bougainvillea, Texas sage, and all kinds of other varieties.

Clean Ridge Soap introduces a new line of organic soap made from 100-percent USDA Certified Organic ingredients. Unlike some lines that include a small percentage of organic ingredients, Clean Ridge Organics are made with classified organic or USDA Certified Organic ingredients. Clean Ridge offers organic bars in lavender, peppermint or eucalyptus at \$6.50 per bar, and liquid soaps in lavender, peppermint or eucalyptus for \$10 per eight-ounce bottle.

Pastries by Andrea are back every Saturday. Using all organic ingredients she offers a gourmet line of breads, muffins, fruit bars, cupcakes, pound cakes and more, and a specialty line for gluten free shoppers.

The freshest coffee is at the market every Saturday at Flagship Coffees, a micro-batch coffee roaster of 100 percent organic Arabica coffee beans from Direct Trade or Certified Fair Trade farms only. Make sure to try their "Isle of Eight Flags" coffee, created with Amelia Island in mind. All About U.S. features wild Alaskan Sockeye Salmon from Bristol Bay, available by the whole side fillet and hot and cold smoked along with wild Alaskan weather-vane scallops.

Jon of Meteor Street Produce will have organic produce including vine-ripened tomatoes, ginger, garlic, Yukon gold and sweet potatoes, green onions, shallots, dino and red kale, portabella mushrooms, red beets, spinach, arugula and more. Jon also has a selection of organic teas and herbal tea blends and fresh herbs, available as starter plants or "on the spot" cuttings.

Sign up for the E-Mail Newsletter at www.ameliafarmersmarket.com. The Amelia Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Shops of the Omni Amelia Island Plantation. Call 491-4872 or visit www.ameliafarmersmarket.com.

Native plant tour set

Local plant enthusiasts will lead an informative botanical tour of Cary State Forest in Bryceville on May 24 from 9 a.m. until noon. Explore natural areas of the forest where rare, threatened and endangered plants thrive.

The tour is an opportunity for up-close viewing of beautiful orchids like the large rosebud, grass pink or snowy orchids. Several species of carnivorous plants may also be blooming including the hooded pitcher plant, sundew and various butterworts and bladderworts.

Other components of the tour include the exhibition of specialized wildland firefighter tools and equipment, a discussion of Cary's timber management and prescribed fire programs and an aerial perspective of the forest from the top of the 80-foot Cary fire tower. Join the North Florida Trail Blazers for a hiking experience through the longleaf/slash pine flatwoods after the tour.

Bring your camera, bug spray and close-toed shoes. Water will be provided. Bring a lunch and enjoy it under the tall pines. The event is free and the day-use fee will be waived for tour-goers. Contact Devon Mcfall at (904) 266-5021 or Devon.McFall@fresh-from-florida.com to register and for meeting locations. The tour is limited to 25. Cary State Forest headquarters is located at 7465 Pavilion Road in Bryceville.

HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

Plant clinic

On May 19 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Jordi will conduct a Plant Clinic at the Nassau County Extension Yulee Satellite Office, 86026 Pages Dairy Road, Yulee. Jordi will identify and offer solutions for problems in the landscape. Bring plant samples for free pH testing. Free and open to the public. Call (904) 879-1019. Master Gardeners available on Fridays at (904) 491-7340.

Hazardous waste workshop

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Northeast District, in partnership with the Northeast Florida Regional Council and the Nassau County Hazardous Waste Program, will hold a free workshop May 19 on handling of commercial hazardous waste and the storage of used oil, at the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center, 77150 Citizen's Circle, Yulee, from 10 a.m.-noon. Space is limited. To register, contact Eric Anderson at eanderson@nefrc.org or 279.0880, ext. 178. For information visit www.dep.state.fl.us/northeast/waste/hw.htm.

World War II event

Fort Clinch State Park will hold a Memorial Day weekend program May 24 and 25 in honor of the men and women who served in World War II. Explore military displays, view memorabilia and learn about the uniforms, weapons, vehicles, and lifestyle of those who were part of the war during the 1940s. Hours are May 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch or call 277-7274.

Walkin' Nassau

Walkin' Nassau will hold a walk at Fort George and Kingsley Plantation on May 24. Meet at 10:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Ribault Club to sign in. From Amelia Island take A1A south to the Kingsley Plantation sign, turn right. After passing the blinking light at Huguenot Memorial Park, the turn for Kingsley Plantation is 8/10th of a mile on your right. Follow the signs, the road leads directly to the Kingsley Plantation parking lot. Following the lunch those who wish will have lunch at the Sand Dollar restaurant. To RSVP for lunch contact Jane Bailey at 261-9884 or dnjbailey@mindspring.com.

Commercial class

There is a Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance (LCLM) class on May 29, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The six-hour class is required for landscape professionals to sit for the Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance test. Once they pass the exam, this license will allow them to apply pesticides such as glyphosate (Round-up), fungicides and insecticides to ornamental flower and shrub beds. All landscapers who apply pesticides to ornamental plants, even horticulture oil, are required to have this state license. This class is required in order to take the LCLM test. Six CEUs will be provided. The LCLM test can be taken directly after the class.

The class will be held at the Yulee Extension office, 86026 Pages Dairy Road. Registration fee is \$30; make checks out to Nassau County Extension. Deadline for registration is May 23. Register online at www.eventbrite.com.

www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch or call 277-7274. For questions, contact Rebecca L. Jordi at 879-1019. The following books are available through the IFAS Bookstore: Applying Pesticides Properly, \$20: <http://ifasbooks.ifas.ufl.edu/p-104-applying-pesticides-correctly-a-guide-for-pesticide-applicators-core.aspx>; and Ornamental and Turfgrass Management, \$20: <http://ifasbooks.ifas.ufl.edu/p-108-ornamental-and-turfgrass-pest-management.aspx>.

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.

Plant sale

Nassau County Master Gardeners will conduct their spring plant sale on May 31 from 9 a.m. until noon - or until all plants are sold. Plants that have been propagated by Master Gardeners will be on sale at the James S. Page Governmental Complex in Yulee, rain or shine. Come early for the best selection. For information visit <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/plantsale.html> or call the office at 879-1019. Master Gardeners are on phone duty Fridays, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 491-7340.

Cumberland trip

Walkin' Nassau will hold a walk on Cumberland Island, Ga., of the south end trail, including the ruins, on June 7. Participants must check in for the ferry by 11:15 a.m. Ferry departs at 11:45 a.m. and returns at 2:45 p.m., or continue on the island and take the last ferry. Reserve your seat by calling the National Park Service office in downtown St. Marys, Ga., at (912) 882-4335 or 877-860-6787. Fee is \$20 adults/\$18 seniors. Park user fee is \$4, paid the day of the event. There is no food or drink on the island so bring bottled water and a snack. The walk will be about 3 miles and the terrain can be rugged. For information contact Jane Bailey at dnjbailey@mindspring.com or 261-9884. Please email Jane if you want to carpool. An email will be sent so drivers and passengers can connect over the time and place to meet.

Union garrison

Union Garrison at Fort Clinch State Park will be held June 7-8. History interpreters recreate life at Fort Clinch during the War Between the States the first weekend of every month. Activities may include powder artillery demonstrations, medical demonstrations and soldier drills. Additionally, soldiers and civilians offer a glimpse into garrison life by taking up duty in the laundry, infirmary, barracks and kitchen. For times and details, call 277-7274 or visit www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch.



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