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County needs new 'Jaws'

Outdated extrication equipment

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

The equipment Nassau County Fire Rescue relies on to help free crash victims trapped in vehicles after a wreck does not always work.

Fire Chief Matt Graves sounded an alarm in a May 30 memo to County Manager Ted Selby.

"This equipment has failed on several occasions on scenes of motor vehicle accidents when patient extrication has been required," wrote Graves. "Failure to replace the equipment would put lives at risk."

The chief requested the immediate purchase of new equipment for Engine 30 in Yulee. Graves called it the "busiest" engine in the county.

Selby authorized the emergency purchase of extrication equipment, commonly called the "Jaws of Life," that same day. Under county purchasing guidelines, the county manager can approve emergency purchases under \$50,000.

The new equipment cost was listed as \$28,035.

In an interview Monday, Graves said that his fiscal 2014-15 budget proposal to the board would include a request for four new sets of vehicle extrication equipment.

The equipment includes a hydraulic pump, spreader, cutter and rams. The cost is expected to top \$100,000.

"Extrication is the most immediate need we have now," said Graves.

"Our air bags are not operating as efficiently or effectively as possible. These are lifts so we can get under cars or trucks. That's very important."

Station 30 is located on Pages Dairy Road in Yulee. The firefighter-paramedics who staff the station are the primary responders for many of the county's busiest roadways and intersections.

Their assignment includes the entire length of I-95 in Nassau County, from the state line to Duval County, as well as the A1A commercial corridor.

Over the last two weeks, Station 30 has responded to dozens of calls and two traffic fatalities, including the death of a woman pulling onto A1A



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Members of the Nassau County Fire Rescue Special Hazards Operations Team (SHOT) participate in extrication training to learn new techniques for freeing people trapped in vehicles. Chief Matt Graves said about 40 firefighters completed the Vehicle and Machine Rescue Course (VMR) held last month at AB&B Auto in Callahan. The St. Johns County Fire Rescue Special Operations Team conducted the program.

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MATT GRAVES
NASSAU COUNTY FIRE CHIEF

from the Target shopping center, and a fatal single-car crash on US 17 Saturday.

It is a demanding assignment for employees and their equipment.

At Station 30, the extrication equipment has been repaired by factory-certified technicians, said Graves.

The technicians determined in May that the tools could no longer be serviced and they recommended replacement.

"Staff has had the equipment serviced and tested in an attempt to delay the need for a purchase to no avail," wrote Graves in the memo to Selby.

Every engine in the department has extrication equipment, but some are better than others, said Graves in the phone interview.

The equipment at Station 50 in Callahan and Station 70 in O'Neil was upgraded in 2009 and 2011, said

Graves.

Graves said any time an extrication is needed, one of those engines is sent to the scene.

Has care to a victim been delayed because of Station 30's equipment failure?

"Time may have been lost," said Graves.

"It comes down to what is the cost of a life? Thirty seconds faster than the old gear, then it is worth the investment."

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommended upgrading extrication equipment almost 10 years ago because older models can't cut through the metal that is used in new cars and trucks.

"Exotic metals make cars lighter and more fuel efficient to meet federal standards. What we're dealing with is boron steel. It's thinner and lighter

than regular steel but much, much tougher," said Hal Eastman, who sells extrication equipment through his company, Rescue Systems Unlimited in Tallahassee. He is the vendor for Nassau County.

"This is (a concern) all over the U.S. and not just Florida or Nassau County."

Eastman is a battalion chief for the Tallahassee fire department and has been on the job for 25 years. He said he formed his company six years ago after the NFPA recommended extrication equipment upgrades.

Eastman said he competed in international extrication competitions for firefighters and earned the top prize at the world championship in 2001. He also said that automakers in Detroit provide him with new cars to try out the latest equipment.

"The equipment has a shelf-life of about 10 years. They don't last forever," said Eastman.

The county's fire rescue workers are part of Local Union 3101. President Curtis Bollinger recognized the department's equipment issues on Monday.

"Some of the equipment may be

FIRE Continued on 3A

After 4 months, still no details

MICHAEL PARNELL
News-Leader

More than four months after the shooting of a Fernandina Beach man in the North Hampton subdivision in Yulee, police reports are still being withheld by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Nassau County Sheriff's Office.

The investigation remains "active," said FDLE spokesperson Gretl Plessinger in an email Wednesday, and no details will be released until it is closed. The NCSO is withholding its reports until the state investigation is completed.

The News-Leader has requested a copy of the police incident report and narratives written by officers involved. These are routine reports used to write accounts of crimes that appear in the newspaper's police reports.

The newspaper also has asked for the various 911 calls that were made before the fatal shooting about 11 a.m. that Monday morning, Feb. 10. There were multiple 911 calls, with callers possibly suggesting a burglary was taking place even though the victim was wearing no shirt or shoes at the time.

The newspaper also seeks the Jacksonville Medical Examiner's autopsy report for Anthony Bartley, 21, shot dead that day. There were conflicting reports about how many shots the deputy fired, and at what proximity. That report also would reveal whether Bartley was under the influence of drugs, as has been suggested.

Deputy Wilfred "Bill" Quick, who returned to full patrol duty two weeks after the shooting, was the officer who shot Bartley. He was alone on the scene, and the incident reports would help explain how long it took Quick to arrive and how long before other offi-



Bartley

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FedEx driver delivers the goods with a smile

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

Jackie White is a hard-working guy. As a delivery driver for FedEx, he spends his days loading, processing and delivering packages and merchandise.

For over four years, White has hoisted packages into and out of his delivery truck and hauled them to businesses and homes.

"It is a lot harder than one would think. We constantly deal with not only the physical demands of handling packages but also time constraints and safe vehicle operation as well as getting the right packages to the right customers and the right counts with little or no damage," said White.

The days are long, starting about 6:30 a.m. as he sorts the day's deliveries and loads his truck. During

'I enjoy people's reactions when I deliver their paychecks. Their faces light up and some even do little song and dance steps. It makes me feel appreciated.'

JACKIE WHITE, FEDEX DRIVER

busy times, the days sometimes don't end until 8 or 9 p.m. But he has a quick and ready smile for his customers.

Some of the packages are heavy, occasionally weighing up to 100 pounds, but White takes it in stride and uses proper lifting techniques to save his back.

"You have to be in shape! People in Fernandina are so nice. Sometimes, they'll volunteer to help me with the big stuff."

One of his favorite things to do is

bring the payroll to businesses.

"I enjoy people's reactions when I deliver their paychecks. Their faces light up and some even do little song and dance steps. It makes me feel appreciated."

Originally from Greensboro, N.C., White moved to this area just over four years ago. He enjoys spending his leisure hours with his family and interacting with his four-year-old son, Matthew, and his special lady, Shonton Burton.

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"It's a long day and I'm tired when I get home at night, but I like it. I like the people in Fernandina Beach," says FedEx delivery driver Jackie White.



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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth A. Appleby

Elizabeth A. "Liz" & "Dodie" Appleby, age 59, of Fernandina Beach, passed away on Monday morning, June 2, 2014 at her residence.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, she was the eldest of five children born to C. Richard Bergner and the late Betsy A. Balmer Bergner. The family lived in Brooklyn, locating to Glenwood Landing, Long Island in 1962 before moving to Oyster Bay on Center Island, NY in 1996. Her father's career in the Commercial Airlines Industry moved the family to Miami in 1969.

Liz attended and graduated from Palmetto Senior High School, Class of 1972. In 1974, she married Bill Appleby, a Pilot with Piedmont Airlines and they made their home in South Miami. Liz followed in her husband's footsteps, earning her multi-engine rated Pilot's License. She and her husband launched and operated a charter service and pilot's school based at the Kendall Tamiami Airport, Miami, FL.

In the late 1980s, her husband was transferred to Jacksonville, which brought them to Fernandina Beach. Liz worked as a Paralegal for a local attorney before entering the banking industry with First Union. While with First Union, she worked in Jacksonville and Charlotte, NC, achieving the position of Vice President. Liz returned to Fernandina Beach in 2001.

She always had an eye and mind for the Arts and Literature. Liz enjoyed reading, writing poetry, drawing, painting and photography. She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Fernandina Beach.

Her mother, Betsy A. Bergner, preceded her in death in 2007.

She leaves behind her daughter, Emily Appleby, Fernandina Beach, FL, her father, C. Richard "Dick" Bergner, Fernandina Beach, FL, two brothers, Richard S. Bergner, Miami, FL, Clark T. Bergner, Miami, FL, two sisters, Betsy C. "Tootsie" Huysman, Palm Beach, FL, Merle B. Holland, McRae, GA, many nieces and nephews as well as her pets, Bubba and Tiny Taz.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am on Friday, June 27, 2014 at St. Michael Catholic Church with Reverend Father Jose Kallukalum, Celebrant.

Liz will be laid to rest at sea on Saturday, June 28, 2014, as was her mother.

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

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

John Franklin Cooner

John Franklin Cooner, 61, of Yulee, Florida passed away on June 10, 2014 at his home. He is preceded in death by his father, Norwood Cooner, and mother, Floye Marie Wingate.

Johnny is survived by his wife of 31 years, Brenda Cooner, his children Ashley N. Hill (Dustin) of Merritt Island, Joshua R. Cooner (Natassia) of Yulee, Chelsea L. Cooner of Yulee, Lonnie "Bubba" Polk of Yulee, and Tori Griffin (Dave) of Yulee. His grandchildren are Brady and Madison Hill, Ryan and Mayes Cooner, Dillon Polk, and Destinee and Tyler Griffin.

Johnny retired after 34 years with the Nassau County Road and Bridge Department and continued his passion by instructing others while they obtained their CDL license. Johnny loved the Lord and he loved his church, the River of Praise Worship Center. He loved spending time mullet fishing, and he had a special place in

his heart for Ma Burch. Johnny enjoyed watching Walker Texas Ranger, and he would always find time to eat some good ole Sonny's BBQ.

Johnny enjoyed and loved his family, friends and he will be truly missed by anyone who has ever met him.

Visitation will be today, Friday June 13, 2014 from 6-8 pm at the River of Praise Worship Center in Yulee, followed by a Celebration of Life on Saturday June 14, 2014 at 10:30 am, also at the River of Praise Worship Center with Pastor Larry Osburn officiating. Interment will follow at the Cooner-Wingate Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

Pallbearers are Phillip, Darren and Joey Cooner, Robert Haddock, Ethan Sever, Ethan Johnson, Bubba Burch, Jim Cooper, and Terry Price.

Family and friends are invited to join the family after the interment in the fellowship hall of the church for lunch and fellowship with the Cooner family. Please send all flowers to the church no later than 10:00 am on Saturday.

Eternity Funeral Home & Cremations-Nassau

Dennison P. Smith

Dennison P. Smith (Denny) died at his home in Grapevine, Texas, on March 15, 2014.

He was born in Boston, MA, on February 4, 1950, the son of the late Winslow and Mary Smith. After graduating from Scituate, Massachusetts high school, he served in the U.S. Navy in Adak, Alaska and began a lifelong fascination with aviation mechanics and technology, graduating from East Coast Aero Tech in Massachusetts.

He traveled the country to various air shows working for the Bede Aircraft Company and then worked for American Airlines until his retirement in 2013.

His memory will be cherished by his brothers, Captain Jan F. Smith, U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.) and his wife Jan of Fernandina Beach, and Peter J. Smith and his wife Mary of Huntsville, AL, as well as a niece and four nephews.

A memorial Mass will be offered today, Friday, June 13th at St. Michael Catholic Church, with the Reverend Gerald O'Shea officiating.

Thomas Tolxdorf

Thomas Tolxdorf, age 49, Executive Chef of The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, died in a car accident on June 7, 2014. He leaves behind a legacy not only as one of The Ritz-Carlton's most Celebrated Chefs, but as a beloved husband and father and an energetic leader in the community.

Thomas was born on May 17, 1965, in East Berlin, Germany. He graduated from the Berlin Culinary School. He met his wife Nathalie Wu at the hotel Gasthof Hirschen in Interlaken, Switzerland, where they both worked. They were married March 17, 1996 in Taiwan and have two boys, Philipp and Martin.

Thomas was named Executive Chef at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island in 2001, supervising all aspects of food and culinary operations. He participated in The Ritz-Carlton Culinary Advisory Board, and was considered one of the most successful Chefs within The Ritz-Carlton worldwide resorts. His greatest legacy was the development of the unique concept of the highly acclaimed restaurant Salt. He was featured frequently in the media, including numerous articles and live T.V. demonstrations.

Thomas enjoyed a life-long love for soccer. He wanted to be a soccer pro as a child, and continued to play soccer competitively through school and as an adult. His greatest joys were coaching and watching his boys play.

Thomas lived and worked in Berlin, Switzerland, Taipei, Singapore, and Fernandina Beach. He generously supported many charitable causes, including the Amelia Island Montessori School Chili Cook-Off, Amelia Island Restaurant Week, the local Farm to Table movement, the Legends Series with Jacksonville's Onspark, Delicious Destinations at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club to benefit St. Vincent's Community Outreach Ministries, Oceania's Cruise as Guest Chef, downtown Fernandina Farmer's Market, the Naples Winter Wine Fest, and played soccer with kids at the Boys and Girls Club. Most recently, he initiated the Chefs Move to Schools at Fernandina Beach High School, allowing culinary students to gain professional training and improving school lunch nutrition.

Thomas is survived by his wife Nathalie Wu and sons, Philipp, 16, and Martin, 13; his parents, Klaus Tolxdorf and Karin Brockmuller; a brother, Michael Tolxdorf, and his wife, Sneshanna; and an aunt, Edeltraut Kuschinski, residents of Berlin, Germany.

Thomas poured his heart and soul into everything he did. He became a chef because his uncle told him he should learn to cook if he was interested in traveling around the world. When asked what he found most satisfying part of his life's work, he said he most enjoyed creating something new every day and seeing people grow, learn and get fulfillment from their daily work and career.

Thomas recently ran a half marathon and was excited about his next adventure. He hoped to hike the Camino de Santiago in Spain for his 50th birthday. He loved to search for shark's teeth at the ocean and enjoyed the beach lifestyle. His favorite outdoor recreational activities included fishing, hiking, and biking.

Thomas had pieces of the Berlin Wall, which he retrieved when the Berlin Wall came down, opening up the world for him and other East Germans. He made the most of this new freedom, leading a very busy, successful and exciting life. Thomas contributed immeasurably to his family and community, and will be remembered for the way he touched the lives of all who loved and learned from him.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held at 1:00 pm on Monday, June 16, 2014 in the Talbot Ball Room of The Ritz Carlton Resort on Amelia Island, Florida.

His family will receive friends, at The Ritz Carlton, following the service.

In lieu of flowers, an account has been established to help with family and educational expenses. Donations can be made to the Thomas Tolxdorf Memorial Fund, c/o First Coast Community Bank, 1750 S. 14th St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 (across from Wal Mart.) Please visit the Thomas Tolxdorf Memorial Fund group on Facebook to donate via PayPal.

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

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DEATH NOTICES

Mr. Anthony Benny "Tony" Chaplauske, 75, Yulee, died on Friday, June 6, 2014. He will be laid to rest at 11:30 a.m. today in Jacksonville National Cemetery.

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Cara Jeanne Perkins, 49, of Live Oak, died on Friday, June 6, 2014. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, June 14 at 1 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Live Oak.

Feds advise: eat more fish

ATLANTA, Ga. – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have issued updated draft advice on fish consumption. The two agencies have concluded pregnant and breastfeeding women, those who might become pregnant, and young children should eat more fish that is lower in mercury in order to gain important developmental and health benefits.

The updated draft advice is consistent with recommendations in the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Previously, the FDA and the EPA recommended maximum amounts of fish that these population groups should consume, but did not promote a minimum amount. Over the past decade, however, emerging science has underscored the importance of appropriate amounts of fish in the diets of pregnant and breastfeeding women, and young children.

"For years many women have limited or avoided eating fish during pregnancy or feeding fish to their young children," said Stephen Ostroff, M.D., the FDA's acting chief scientist. "But emerging science now tells us that limiting or avoiding fish during pregnancy and early childhood can mean missing out on important nutrients that can have a positive impact on growth and development as well as on general health."

An FDA analysis of seafood consumption data from over 1,000 pregnant women in the United States found that 21 percent ate no fish in the previous month.

The updated draft advice recommends pregnant women eat at least 8 ounces and up to 12 ounces (2-3 servings) per week of a variety of fish that are lower in mercury to support fetal growth and development.

"Eating fish with lower

levels of mercury provides numerous health and dietary benefits," said Nancy Stoner, the EPA's acting assistant administrator for the Office of Water. "This updated advice will help pregnant women and mothers make informed decisions about the right amount and right kinds of fish to eat during important times in their lives and their children's lives."

The updated draft advice cautions pregnant or breastfeeding women to avoid four types of fish that are associated with high mercury levels: tilefish from the Gulf of Mexico; shark; swordfish; and king mackerel. In addition, the updated draft advice recommends limiting consumption of white (albacore) tuna to 6 ounces a week.

Choices lower in mercury include some of the most commonly eaten fish, such as shrimp, pollock, salmon, canned light tuna, tilapia, catfish and cod.

When eating fish caught from local streams, rivers and lakes, follow fish advisories from local authorities. If advice isn't available, limit your total intake of such fish to 6 ounces a week and 1-3 ounces for children.

Before issuing final advice, the agencies will consider public comments, and also intend to seek the advice of the FDA's Risk Communication Advisory Committee and conduct a series of focus groups.

The public can provide comment on the draft advice and the supplemental questions and answers by submitting comments to the Federal Register docket or by participating in any public meetings that may be held. The comment period will be open until 30 days.

The dates of any public meetings, as well as when the public comment period will close, will be published in future Federal Register notices at www.federalregister.gov.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Flag retirement

The flag of the United States is the nation's symbol of liberty and it must be treated with respect. Worn, tattered, and faded flags should be "retired" with dignity. The Amelia Island Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day, Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m. at the Fernandina Beach Fire Station No. 1, 225 South 14th St. The public is welcome. If you have a flag to retire, please bring it to the Fire Station on or before the day of the service.

Dog wash

Do you have a stinky dog? Bring him to Redbones Dog Bakery and Boutique, 809 S. Eighth St. in the Pelican Palms Shops, on June 14 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for their first free dog wash of the year, using only all natural hypo-allergenic shampoo.

James Weinsier also will hold a free book signing of his fun and exciting children's book, *Where do we go?* All donations will benefit Nassau Humane Society. For information call 321-0020.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. June 15; and 6:30 p.m. June 19 and 24. A basic with defensive tactics course will be held at 7:45 a.m. June 14 and 28. For details and additional classes and information, contact Belson at 491-8358, (904) 476-2037 or gbelson@bellsouth.net. Visit www.TheBelsonGroup.com.

Red, White & Black Gala

Kelly Lang and TG Sheppard will be the special country music star guests at the Red, White and Black Gala on June 21 at 6 p.m. in St. Marys, Ga. Tickets are currently on sale for The Salvation Army's first annual event. Proceeds will be used to build the new Salvation Army Resource Center and the remodel of the Salvation Army Store. For more information call (912) 882-2200.

Confederate sons

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Gen. Joseph Finegan Camp 745, meets June 16 at 7 p.m. at The Pig Barbeque. Jim Shillinglaw will present "Hampton Roads - 1862 - The Ironclads." The public is invited to this and all histori-

Master nutrition class forming

Would you like to develop expertise in the area of food and nutrition and share your knowledge with others?

A Master Food and Nutrition Volunteer program is being offered by the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. The program is designed to provide food and nutrition training for selected individuals in Florida.

Master Food and Nutrition Volunteer is a title given to individuals who receive in-depth food and nutrition training from County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agents. In return participants agree to give volunteer service to their local County Extension

Office during the next year.

Master Food and Nutrition Volunteer training will be held at the Duval County Extension office on Wednesdays, beginning Aug. 13, and ending Oct. 15, with follow-up assessment sessions. Training sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. and last until 3:30 p.m. and will include topics such as basic nutrition and health, food safety, food preparation and the latest food preservation updates.

There will be a charge of \$75 to cover references and lab supplies for the course.

For further information or an application, contact Meg McAlpine at 491-7340 or conor@ufl.edu.

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Alumni welcome Class 14

On June 10, Leadership Nassau Alumni Association held its spring social at San Jose Grill in Yulee. Many recent graduates of the Leadership Nassau program came for the tacos, but stayed for the camaraderie. President Patty Fentriss highlighted LNAA's ongoing support for Youth Leadership, a class project of Class 11, which helps build leadership skills in high school students.

One of the missions of the LNAA is to support the Leadership Nassau Program, sponsored by the AIFBY Chamber. The purpose of the LNAA is to provide a network and assist graduates in assuming active leadership roles in local organizations.

Past graduates of the Leadership Nassau program are encouraged to contact information@leadershipnassaualumniassociation.com to ensure they are on the mailing list for future events.

The next Leadership Nassau Alumni Association social is scheduled for the fall.

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\$72,000 tax refund for jobs

MARY MAGUIRE
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The Nassau County Commission has approved local participation in a state tax incentive refund program that will return \$72,000 over four years to a company that is promising to bring 12 manufacturing jobs to Nassau.

The mysterious project has the project code name, "Down East."

Officials said "Down East" involves a local business that is already up and running in Nassau County.

Under the state's Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program, the county board unanimously agreed to pay "Down East" \$3,600 for each

fiscal year between 2015 and 2018.

The state will pay "Down East" \$14,400 a year for four years.

According to the board's resolution, which is redacted in five places to omit the name of the business and its industry, a local manufacturing company is considering the purchase of a competitor that makes similar, but not identical, products.

If the deal goes through, the company is promising to relocate the business here and bring "at least \$400,000 in new capital investment resulting from an expansion of its existing facilities in Nassau County."

The redacted document suggests that the company to

be purchased is located in another state.

The project is expected to create a minimum of a dozen new jobs at an average wage of at least \$29,403.

This is 20 percent below the average annual Nassau County wage of \$36,755, according to the executive director of the Nassau County Economic Development Board.

"The company representing the sale wanted a letter of inducement," said Steve Rieck. "There's a limited window to get this deal done. It's less than 60 days. It is a private transaction."

The private transaction has now secured public funds. And, for now, taxpayers are not allowed by state statute to know

who is receiving the money.

Rieck said in an interview Monday that there are 20 manufacturers in Nassau County. He said the top 10 are listed on the NCEDB website, at expandnassau.com.

The NCEDB made the request for money from the state's Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program.

Under the program, the company must meet annual guidelines from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The NCEDB has previously secured QTI tax refunds for two companies, including Science First in Yulee and DTW Market Research on Amelia Island.

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FIRE *Continued from 1A*

outdated, but we are doing the best we can with the equipment we are provided," said Bollinger.

Saving money is important to the county commission. In a few weeks, the board will be balancing the fiscal 2014-15 budget and they've told by the

Office of Management & Budget that there is a projected \$10-12 million budget shortfall.

After the board meeting Monday night, Chair Barry Holloway said public safety is the local government's primary concern and he would support the purchase of the new equipment.

"If we need them to save lives, we need to get 'em," said Leeper.

Commissioner Danny Leeper, who retired as chief of the Fernandina Beach Fire Department, said after the meeting that extrication equipment is important.

"When you're cutting people out of a car, how do you

put a price tag on that?" said Leeper.

He also said he wants to take a closer look at the issue.

"We need to find out why they didn't work. Is it operator error? Equipment error? Let's find out," said Leeper.

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Protect yourself from skin cancers

Florida News Connection

TALLAHASSEE – Sun-loving Floridians take note: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, and a dermatology expert says early detection and prevention are critical to reducing a person's risk.

Lawrence Mark, associate professor of clinical dermatology, Indiana University Simon Cancer Center, says people with fair skin and lighter-colored hair and eyes are typically more prone to skin cancer, but that doesn't preclude it in those with darker complexions.

He lists several factors to consider when sizing up overall risk: "I used a tanning bed multiple times;" "I got multiple blistering, peeling sunburns;" "I have a family history of first-

degree relatives with melanoma." You compound those all together, and you get higher and higher levels of risk.

Reduce skin cancer risk by limiting direct sun exposure with simple, commonsense measures like wearing a hat and long sleeves, and using a sunscreen that protects against UV rays, the professor advises. And since the sun is at its strongest between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., he says that is when people should avoid being outdoors.

Mark adds that the sun should not be considered an enemy, because it helps the human body produce Vitamin D. However, it doesn't take much time outdoors to get

enough.

"Even if you are wearing sunscreen, you're actually not blocking 100 percent of the sun's rays when you do that," he notes. "So, if someone is out with sunscreen on, they're still producing vitamin D nonetheless."

Melanoma is the most dangerous form of skin cancer. Mark says while it accounts for less than 5 percent of all skin cancer cases, it also results in the most deaths. His advice is to check carefully for changes in your skin.

"Look out for an 'ugly duckling,'" he warns. "You may have some brown freckles, some rough spots here and there, but if you've got this 'thing' that is out of the ordi-

nary – it's not like any of the others, there's something odd – that should be a sign to say, 'I should have somebody evaluate that.'"

He says one way to know what to look for is to remember the 'A-B-C-D-Es' when noticing changes in skin color or texture: 'A' for asymmetry; 'B' for a ragged border; 'C' for color variability; 'D' for diameter; and 'E' if the spot is 'evolving' or changing over time.

Skin cancer information is available from the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

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Fatal shooting in 2010

The last police-involved fatal shooting in Nassau County occurred on Sept. 11, 2010 when a Callahan man was shot and killed during a traffic stop on US 1.

Franklin "Ray" Bodden, 39, was shot once in the chest and once in the arm by Deputy Ernie Cole after he was pulled over on US 1 in Callahan around 9:30 p.m. for driving his motorcycle 76 mph in a 45 mph zone, according to reports at the time. The incident was captured on the patrol car's dash camera.

According to a review by the State Attorney's Office in Jacksonville, Bodden was shot as his hand swung from behind his back holding a "shiny metallic appearing object."

According to a Florida Department of Law Enforcement review, the object in Bodden's hand was a plastic baggie containing 19.7 grams of marijuana, 0.3 grams short of being classified as felony possession.

Cole told the FDLE he thought the baggie was a gun.

Cole was placed on administrative leave, per Nassau County Sheriff's Office policy, and resumed work two months later after the review by the State Attorney's Office found his actions a justifiable use of deadly force by a law enforcement officer.

According to that review, "Deputy Cole was confronted with a situation where Mr. Bodden was acting nervous and uneasy. ... At the time of the shooting, Deputy Cole had reason to believe that deadly force was necessary to defend himself and Mr. Bright from imminent death or great bodily harm."

Bright was David "Bo" Bright, a newly hired county corrections officer who was on a ride-along the night of the shooting.

SHOOTING

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cers arrived to provide support. It is not unusual for sheriff's deputies to be spread across rural Nassau County, limiting their ability to respond in a timely fashion.

Police also said at the time there were multiple crime scenes, and the reports should reveal a timeline and details about what took place, and when, and whether Bartley was armed.

The patrol car's dash camera also should provide additional details about the shooting.

It is customary in officer-involved shootings for FDLE to investigate and withhold routine details of the crime scene until the investigation is complete. FDLE has completed investigations of two Nassau County deputies in the past decade for the shooting deaths of local residents.

It is not known when the FDLE report will be made available. Plessinger said in another email on Feb. 25, "The investi-

gation is active. It's hard to put a timeline on investigations because it depends on what we find during the course of the investigation. Generally, investigations take, at a minimum, several months to complete and some take years."

Police said in February, before declining further comment, that the early 911 calls suggested Bartley was burglarizing a home in the North Hampton subdivision, which is in unincorporated Yulee more than four miles from Fernandina Beach. According to the sheriff's office at that time, Quick used his stun gun in self-defense, but when that didn't have the intended effect he used his pistol to shoot Bartley, who died at the scene.

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

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

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Job search tips for new grads

JASON ALDERMAN
For the News-Leader

To the roughly 1.6 million college graduates in the class of 2014: You have my heartiest congratulations – and my sympathies. I graduated during the early 1990s recession when finding a decent job was very difficult, so I have an inkling of the challenges many of you now face.

Although the job-search technology available has changed considerably since then, as someone who is now on the other side of screening candidates, I can tell you many of the underlying principles for waging a successful search remain the same. Let me share a few:

Stand out from the crowd. You'll probably be competing with dozens, if not hundreds, of applicants for most jobs, so:

Tailor your resume and cover letter to highlight education, skills and experience relevant to the position – check out Monster.com's Resume Center for writing tips.

If your work history is brief, play up education highlights, volunteer or internship positions, awards, organizational memberships, etc.

Have strong references – and make sure they're willing to speak or write a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

Proofread everything carefully and ask a trusted acquaintance to review.

Before applying, research the company to make sure it's a good fit. If you do get called for an interview, kick it up a notch:

Make sure you understand the company's products, services and customer base.

Examine their business structure and how your potential department fits in.

Research competitors so you understand the business environment in which they operate.

Investigate their social media presence for clues on how they interact with customers.

Employers are forced to do more with fewer resources, so they seek employees who are focused, pol-

ished and willing to work hard. I've spoken to numerous hiring managers who say many candidates they see don't convey those qualities. A few tips:

Google yourself. Review your social media footprint and remove photos or other materials that portray you unprofessionally.

Show up – on time – for interviews dressed appropriately, with copies of your resume, work samples and any requested materials.

Be prepared to answer a barrage of questions about yourself and how you'd react in different situations. (Monster has a great list of potential interview questions.)

Make sure you can back up any claims made on your resume or during interviews.

Register with job search engines where you can apply for jobs and make yourself visible to potential employers and recruiters. Popular sites include Monster.com, Careerbuilder.com, LinkedIn, AfterCollege.com and LinkUp.com.

Landing a good job can take months or even years, so be per-

sistent and tap all available resources. For example:

Contact your school's career office to see which services are still available to you as a recent graduate. Many will help by reviewing your resume, conducting practice interviews and connecting you with alumni volunteers willing to meet for informational interviews.

Build and maintain a profile on LinkedIn. Many employers and recruiters go there first when looking for suitable candidates. Also, join LinkedIn groups for your field of interest and partake in their discussions.

Contact and join professional organizations in your field. Weddles.com provides links to thousands of professional organizations.

Bottom line: You worked hard to earn your degree. Unfortunately, you may have to work equally hard to get your career going, so take advantage of the available tools – and good luck.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

State Board of Education to meet at FSCJ

The Florida State Board of Education will meet Tuesday at the Florida State College at Jacksonville's Betty P. Cook Center in Yulee.

Highlights of the agenda:

- Adoption of proposed Financial Literacy Standards

- Adoption of proposed Access Points for students with significant disabilities in English language arts and mathematics

- Adoption of English Language Acquisition Standards for English Language Learners

- Approval of school district turnaround option selections.

The full agenda is at www.fldoe.org/board/meetings/2014_06_17/agenda.asp.

The Florida State Board of Education meeting is Tuesday at 9 a.m. at FSCJ, 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Building 30, Yulee. The meeting is open to the public.

For more information about the Florida Department of Education, visit www.fldoe.org.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



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Dr. Staci Suggs and Dr. Tanya Wall Nunn are board certified with specialties in pediatrics. Dr. Jila Majahan is an associate with the practice, and has worked as a pedodontist several years in the Jacksonville area. In business since 2004, the practice includes certified dental assistants and front desk staff who are very experienced with years in the field.

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A solemn oath for Flag Day

I have been paying more attention to our Pledge of Allegiance lately. Perhaps it's because I've been out of the country for a couple of weeks, but with Flag Day right around the corner on June 14, the significance of our pledge's single sentence has struck me once again.

I must admit that I have sometimes mindlessly recited the words while I let my brain wander into free-fall. I

was anxious to get this bit of busyness over with so things could proceed to the real reason I was there in the first place. My travels have reminded me that the reason I can

be there in the first place is this flag and what it stands for. Duh.

After all, it's only 31 words. How long can it take?

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States ... this is my sincere oath of fealty to the symbol representing my country. It is, quite simply, my word of honor as a person and as a citizen to be loyal to this official symbol of my country. It is not an oath to be taken lightly.

... and to the republic for which it stands ... our first civics class taught us that we Americans do not live in a democracy, but in a republic. A republic is defined as a form of government in which the power resides in the peo-



ple. Instead of all of us converging on Tallahassee or Washington, D.C., we have elected men and women to run the state and the country the way we want it to be run. (Yes, I know there are several notable exceptions to this lofty statement, but I will let someone else address those issues in his or her own column or Viewpoint.)

... one nation under God ... We all know that a strong belief in the Almighty played an important role in the lives of the Europeans who settled here. Oddly enough, the original pledge did not contain "under God." President Eisenhower added them on Flag Day in 1954.

This Oval Office ceremony was the successful end of a long and difficult campaign started by Chicago attorney Louis A. Bowman to have them added. Bowman, along with several other people, claimed that these two words were in President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, although not all copies of that famous speech contain them.

... indivisible ... We had tried dividing the country into two parts 30 years before the pledge was writ-

ten. That social experiment didn't work out too well, and I suspect we were still a little sensitive about the whole thing. Since then, we have championed our strength as a united country.

... with liberty and justice for all. We Americans work on this concept every day. When you stop to think about it, our entire judicial system is centered on this phrase. We try to conduct our personal business according to this precept, and we work to teach our children to embrace this philosophy as well.

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, who was a Baptist minister. He designed it to be recited in 15 seconds by schoolchildren. It was first published in *The Youth's Companion* as part of that magazine's advertising campaign to salute the 400th anniversary of Columbus's arrival in the Americas.

Rev. Bellamy's version was slightly different from the pledge we recite today: I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for

all. It was first recited at that Columbus Day celebration sponsored by *The Youth's Companion*, and President Benjamin Harrison issued a proclamation making this oath the centerpiece of those celebrations.

The pledge remained unchanged for over 30 years, until the National Flag Conference changed the words "my flag" to "the Flag of the United States." A year later, they added "of America." This revised pledge was officially recognized by the U.S. Congress in 1942. Twelve years later, President Eisenhower made the second change and signed the bill making The Pledge of Allegiance our official oath.

So there you have it. I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

This Flag Day, I'll be at the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Fire Station Number 1 on 14th Street, which is always conducted by the Amelia Island Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The U.S. Flag Code states that the only proper way to dispose of an American Flag is by fire, and this June 14 will be a wonderful opportunity for you to join us around the fire barrel for a few moments. Don't forget to bring any of your worn or damaged American flags so you can add them to the fire.

See you there - God Bless America!

Mental Health First Aid training benefits all

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader



Mays

Whether it's a police officer trying to de-escalate a crisis situation during a domestic violence call, a pastor seeking to aid a distraught congregant, a teacher confronted by a highly agitated student or a family member faced with a suicidal loved one, Mental Health First Aid training benefits everyone in the community.

"The nice thing about Mental Health First Aid is that you don't have to be a trained professional. It could be someone in a grocery store who sees someone in distress. With the training that MHFA provides, they would be able to approach that person just out of genuine concern," said Carrie Anderson Mays, a senior behavioral health therapist at Starting Point Behavioral Health, who recently completed the eight-hour MHFA training course and has already used it in her personal life.

As a therapist, professional boundaries do not allow her to engage in counseling with friends or family members but Mays used the simple steps learned during MHFA training to help a bereaved friend who became suicidal after the death of her spouse.

These are just two examples of the ways in which the training can benefit any member of the community. In any given year, notes Mays, 20 percent of adults will experience mental health or substance use problems.

"With those numbers in mind, no one person can say that they are not affected by mental health or substance use."

Mays' interest in the field of social sciences began in high school when she wondered what made people behave and think the way they did.

"I found myself studying psychology and more specifically behaviorism to understand how our behaviors are developed and how they can be changed."

As a therapist, Mays chooses treatments based on practical experience in the treatment of real cases, the same kind of evidence used to create the MHFA program.

Studies have shown the program improves people's mental health, increases understanding of mental health issues and treatments, connects more people with care and reduces stigma.

According to Starting Point Director Dr. Laureen Pagel, the training offers a five-step action plan to assess a situation, select and implement interventions and secure appropriate care for the individual.

"For a number of reasons,

individuals experiencing mental illness and substance use disorders often have more contact with the criminal justice system than the general population

does. Thus, the better prepared officers and staff are to respond effectively and appropriately, the more likely the interaction will be a positive one," said Pagel.

"The program introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact and overviews common treatments. Thorough evaluations in randomized controlled trials and quantitative study have proved the CPR-like program effective in improving trainees' knowledge of mental disorders, reducing stigma and increasing the amount of help provided to others."

The course utilizes a mnemonic device to help trainees remember the sequence of events during a crisis: ALGEE - stands for Assess for risk of suicide or harm; Listen non-judgmentally; Give reassurance and information; Encourage appropriate professional help; and Encourage self-help and other support strategies.

Mays and Starting Point colleague Katrina Robinson are slated to begin making presentations in the community soon.

There are various designations within the MHFA training program. The first classes are planned for local law enforcement.

Starting Point also is reaching out to various veterans groups, churches, schools, hospitals and other organizations.

An open community training is planned for 1-5 p.m. Thursday, July 10 and Friday, July 11 in the community room at the Fernandina Beach Police Department, 1525 Lime St. Participants must attend both sessions to receive the 8-hour certification.

To register for the class go to www.mhfanassau.com and view the "class calendar."

To sponsor an individual or a class visit or call Starting Point at 225-8280.

For additional information on MHFA and to read success stories visit www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org.

Starting Point Behavioral Health is a nonprofit agency providing mental health and substance abuse treatment services to children, teens and adults in Nassau County.

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Is one-size-fits-all truly best?

Before I start, an explanation for being out of the paper for two weeks. My mother was in critical condition week one and then passed away. While circumstances will cause an occasional missed week, it has never been two. Thanks for understanding.

An article about a big public dealer group (Penske) test marketing one-price selling at a Toyota location in Arizona was food for thought. Penske owns 242 dealerships, most all operating in the conventional negotiation model. The operator at this location claims a slightly higher percentage of initial visit purchasers (27 percent) versus their prior 20-25 percent results.

Many dealers have attempted one-price selling, most with the end result being to revert back to negotiation. On the surface, it has its merits. Everyone is paying the same margin, which



KEFFER'S CORNER

Rick Keffer
give me a better offer."

It is not difficult to see that years of negotiated real estate and vehicle sales have ingrained a behavior. Many car buyers say they hate the pricing part of the purchase, but on the other hand, they can't let it go.

Auto financing is an area where qualifications affect the interest rate. There is increasing government involvement in vehicle financing that is intended to protect consumers being charged

some would deem as a fair end result. The big limitation is consumers still want to offer less than the one-price offer. Some feel "let the others pay that, and

too much. Should there be a standard rate for everyone? Most would say no, as those with a history of perfect payments are a better risk and deserve a better rate.

Where is the market headed? Probably to a lower spread of rates between the best and worst credit profiles. It is very penalizing to the credit-challenged consumer to pay several times as much interest in some cases. The punishment seems to outweigh the crime. If the lender is willing to advance a loan, then give them a better chance to pay by not adding so much to the payment. The banking industry would debate the need for rates in the double digits, and their points would be valid, but it is tough on consumers who had challenges.

If your credit has deteriorated, know that time and

good payments will dig you out. Don't stay in a never-ending cycle of high rates, as many do.

Could medicine in our country be headed to a one-plan-for-everyone model? Now it is time for the car guy to be careful. Just food for thought. The auto industry is always evolving, with trends worth watching. One-price car buying has been experimented with for a couple decades and we will keep an eye on it.

Do something nice for Dad this Sunday and remember the old saying, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach." A favorite meal, dessert or appetizer is a low cost, but effective gift for Dad. 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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POLITICS IN BRIEF

West Side Democrats

The Westside Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Nassau County Building on Mickler Street in Callahan. Guest speaker is District 4 Congressional candidate Paula Moser-Bartlett. Dinner and a brief business meeting will follow her presentation. Meetings are always open to the public.

GOP executive committee

The Nassau County Republican Executive Committee will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 19 at the Nassau County Building, 86028 Pages Dairy Road, Yulee.

Guest speaker for the monthly meeting will be State Sen. Aaron Bean. Bean currently represents Florida Senate District 4, which includes Duval and Nassau counties.

Bean served eight years in the Florida House of Representatives. Prior to election to the House, he

served as a commissioner and mayor of Fernandina Beach. A graduate of Jacksonville University, he currently serves as the relationship development officer for UF Health in Jacksonville.

Bean has received numerous awards and recognition for his conservative leadership. He currently chairs the

Senate Health Policy Committee, and serves on many other legislative committees including: Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Commerce and Tourism, Government Oversight and Accountability

and the Select Committee on Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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COMMUNITY



Members of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance and Spina Bifida of Jacksonville celebrate the donation of \$80,000 to the charity by the luxury car show's foundation.

A good year for Concours, area charities

JACKSONVILLE – The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization recently increased its annual gift to Spina Bifida of Jacksonville to \$80,000 for 2014, an increase of 33 percent.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2015, the Amelia Concours was founded in 1996 to serve charities on Florida's First Coast and to bring an award-winning, world class concours to America's east coast.

Founder Bill Warner's only condition upon creating the Amelia Concours two decades ago was that it benefit charity. Since its founding the Concours has donated more than \$2.5 million to such local pivotal charities as Community

Hospice, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Shop With Cops of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County and Spina Bifida of Jacksonville.

"This year we added Micah's Place, the only Certified Domestic Violence Center serving Nassau County, Florida to our roster of charities," said Warner, chairman of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.

"Today we were able to increase our annual giving to Spina Bifida of Jacksonville by a third," said Warner. "This is the primary reason the Amelia Concours exists. We don't measure success by the number of spectators, or car count, but by our giving. More and bigger checks to our charities tell us it's

been a good year."

The 2015 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance will be held March 13-15 on the 10th and 18th fairways of The Golf Club of Amelia Island at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. The show's Foundation has donated over \$2.5 million to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc. and other charities on Florida's First Coast since its inception in 1996. In 2013 the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance won Octane Magazine's EFG International Historic Motoring Event of the Year award.

For more information, visit www.ameliaconcours.org or call (904) 636-0027.

SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT



Outgoing Vaughan-Latham Society of the Children of the American Revolution president Camille Schnell welcomes new president Aislin Alexander as the society celebrated its first birthday on May 17. Other new officers include Adeline Bishop as Vice President, Landon Alexander as Chaplain, Caroline Pierce as Treasurer, Camille Schnell as Secretary, and Sarah Perkins as Chairman for C.A.R. Education. For information about joining, email vaughan-lathamsociety@gmail.com.

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Photo class with a ranger

Ever dreamed of getting the perfect shot of a great blue heron in flight or a bumble bee nestled on a flower? Join a photographer and nature enthusiast for a leisurely stroll on the Fairway Loop Trail on June 28 at 10 a.m. at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park, 11241 Fort George Road, Jacksonville.

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capture the beauty of the maritime forest and salt marsh on film. Please bring your own camera and photography supplies, sturdy shoes, bug spray, sunscreen and water. Space is limited to 10 participants. Please RSVP to the Talbot Islands State Park Ranger Station at (904) 251-2320. The program is free. Visit www.floridastateparks.org/littlealbotisland/Events.cfm.



TALBOT TREASURES

Alison Conboy of the Talbot Islands State Parks recently provided the Rotary Club of Amelia Island Sunrise an inside look at the activities and current happenings on parks. The club was thrilled to learn of the treasures, many unknown to most, the state parks have to offer Fernandina Beach residents who enjoy such close proximity to them. The Talbot Islands State Parks include Little Talbot Island, Big Talbot Island, Fort George Island, Amelia Island, George Crady Fishing Pier, Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve and Yellow Bluff Fort. Conboy reminded the group of all the fun activities that can be had within the parks, such as canoeing, kayaking, surfing, fishing, birding, Segway touring, picnicking, horseback riding, shelling and sunbathing. Further, there are several hiking trails. The Rotarians were inspired by the pride shown by Conboy in her love of her job and the state parks.

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Puttering & Other Good Ways to Savor Life

During my childhood, my father would often preface his trips to the garage with the announcement that he was going downstairs to "putter," often saying that he was "just going to putter around" in the garage. What he usually ended up doing for the next few hours was fixing broken toys, lamps or other appliances, or working on the cars. I distinctly remember looking up the word "putter" after hearing my father use the term, trust me, he "puttered" a lot, and chuckling when I read the definition: to occupy oneself with minor or unimportant tasks. But even then I knew that what my father was doing wasn't minor or unimportant. Seeing him fix broken stuff around the house was an important lesson on the value of resourcefulness, frugality, and helping others. Some of my most productive days now are those lazy Saturdays when I putter around the house, doing some housework perhaps between writing these short pieces, and then maybe going for a walk. We never know what we might find or how we might get inspired when we putter. You don't always need a prioritized list in order to get stuff done or to savor life in all its glory. Sometimes you just need to take the time to putter.

—Christopher Simon

"Praise the Lord,
my soul;
all my inmost being,
praise his holy name"

Psalm 103:1

SUMMER CAMPS

Theater camps

Fernandina Little Theatre announces registration for two summer theater camps for young children. Theatre for Kids, featuring theater for children performed by children, will have two sessions: Session 1 – June 19-29 for ages 5-7, fee \$24; and Session 2 – July 7-20 for ages 8-10, fee \$33. Sessions will meet in the evenings, generally 7-8:30 p.m.; there will be three public performances, with Sunday matinees. Registration forms are available at Miss Kate's Pre K, located at 1303 Jasmine St.; enrollment is limited. For more information, check the FLT web-site at ameliaflt.org or email ft-play@peoplepc.com.

City camps

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

- **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. Enjoy a snack, music and learning about the people, their history and cultures, all through art. June 23-27; \$100; kindergarten-second grade, 9 a.m.-noon, or third-sixth grades 1-4 p.m. Students must have completed kindergarten.

Summer programs

Early Impressions and The Vibe, A Youth Center, offer weekly summer programs for ages 3 and up. 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, through July 25 for ages 4-12. For ages 4-5, fee of \$125/week covers childcare, breakfast, snack and lunch. Children ages 6-12 have all meals covered plus three field trips per week for \$155/week. Registration fee applies. Visit www.fcaangels.com or call 321-2137.

B&G camps

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, through July 25. Sign up at the club or call 261-1075 for the Miller Club or 491-9102 for the Roberts Club.

4-H camps

The University of Florida/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service offers 4-H Summer Camps through July 17.

A weeklong camp June 23-27 in Madison for ages 8-13 allows kids to experience learning opportunities related to nature, science, shooting sports, kayaking, health and more. Fee is \$200 for 4-H members, \$225 for non-members, \$125 for adult chaperones.

Kids can learn about farms and cooking at "Farm to Table" day camp, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 8-11 at Yulee Full Service School for \$65. Lunch included. At "Frog Camp" from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 14-17 for ages 5 to 10 for \$50, kids discover the wonders of nature. Bring lunch and drink.

Contact Margaret Johnson, UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension, at 879-1019 or email msmargjohnson@ufl.edu or register at Nassau.ifas.ufl.edu.

FBCA camps

Fernandina Beach Christian Academy offers summer camps for children including Pirates and Princess, Science Explores, Photography Camp, Legos and Lego Robotics. Contact Shannon Hogue for information and registration forms at 491-5664.

Camp Kateri

Camp Kateri's "The Power of Friendship" 2014 camp season is open to all girls from first to 12th grade – not just Girl Scouts – and sits on a 550-acre facility with two lakes, hiking trails, equestrian center, archery range and more. Camp Kateri also offers sessions tailored to specific interests such as "Little Mermaids," "Mission Possible," "Showtime!" and "Kateri Games."

Camp Kateri is located at 183 Camp Shalom Trail, Hawthorne, and is ACA accredited. Visit www.campkateri.girlscouts-gateway.org.

MILITARY NEWS

■ Air Force Airman 1st Class Bradley W. Bunch graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

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

Bunch is the son of Rebecca D. and Jim Spalding of St. Augustine and Steven R. and Susan Bunch of Fernandina Beach and grandson of

Stanley and Shirley Bunch and Kathleen and William Zetterower, all of Fernandina Beach.

He is a 2010 graduate of Fernandina Beach High School.

■ U.S. Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Skyler C. Whitaker graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

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

Whitaker is the son of Kym L. and Steve L. Whitaker of Callahan.

Deadline for wedding information and photos is 3 p.m. Tuesday prior to publication Friday. Call the News-Leader at 261-3696 for information.

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Doggone chickens

Pity the poor chicken. Like Rodney Dangerfield, he or she gets no respect.

In Fernandina Beach, city fathers and mothers voted down an ordinance that would have allowed backyard chickens on private property, even though they may let folks take their dogs out to dinner. Of course, the pooches must stay outside with their owners, who'll be eating on one of those patios or porches designed for diners who enjoy the company of mosquitoes and love bugs.

But can someone take his pet chicken to dinner? Not even mentioned.

Fernandina Beach Commissioner Pat Gass apparently realizes that chickens are discriminated against. "We shouldn't make it so difficult to have a chicken," she said in a meeting considering the fate of feathered friends of Fernandina.

Amen to that, commissioner.

Jacksonville approved a pilot program that would allow backyard chickens, but people wanting permits were required to go to chicken school. (Chickens are slow learners, so they were excused from classes.) Is school required for people wanting to raise dogs or cats? Of course not.

Well, you might argue, chickens can be annoying, getting up at the crack of dawn to announce the arrival of another day when you're trying to sleep in. But have you ever heard an insomniac dog bark early in the morning? Which sound is more annoying?

Even the great state of Texas, home of some of my closest friends, apparently discriminates against chickens. Consider, for example, the concern over building a private rocket launch site east of Brownsville. Opponents argued that the launches would endanger some already-endangered species, mainly two individual cats of the ocelot or jaguarundi variety.

These cats could be lost, they said, despite the launch company's plan to post warning signs along the road leading to the site.

How many cats do you know that can read? They're just ahead of the chicken on the list of slow learners.

Was anybody around Brownsville worried about the blastoffs frightening the chickens? Apparently not.

By the way, the launch site was approved, thanks to those all-important signs warning endangered cats to stay clear, not to mention promises from the company to adopt a three-mile section of the beach and participate in beach cleanups. But chickens have never been big on getting a tan, so you don't find chicken litter on beaches.

Don't get me wrong. I love dogs. I have owned a dog — or he owned me — most of my life. Dogs are great friends and dinner companions. I have dined outside with the golden retriever and goldendoodle from next door. They have excellent manners. They do not talk with their mouths full. They do not pick their teeth under the table.

But, doggone it, it's time someone spoke up for lowly chickens. They have been discriminated against long enough. Maybe they and their owners should hold a sit-in, or set-in, at a fancy restaurant with an outside patio.

And order corn on the cob with love bugs.

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No crematorium

Please! No crematorium in our neighborhood!

Have you ever heard of the old saying, "Just because you can doesn't mean you should." I am sending this request to our county manager, the heads of the variance board, building and zoning and all other county departments involved and our county commissioners who will be reviewing an application for a "crematorium" request to be built off Miner Road on a private residence drive/easement in Yulee.

This crematorium is requesting a variance and approval by our county to be built directly in front of, behind and beside homes. The proposed crematorium is asking to be located across from Hickory Village subdivision, Yulee Middle School, Yulee High School, Yulee/Amelia Island Care Center and next to Celebration. I am asking the county to not approve this crematorium for this location amongst our homes, neighborhoods and students.

I would also like to ask all county officials involved in this process, while you are performing your due diligence in making your decision on this matter, to drive to the proposed site off Miner Road and look around this area. You will see for yourself the crematorium will be amongst working families, residents using the sidewalks for walks, runs, bike rides, children walking to school (when in session) and playing in the neighborhoods. Please also ask yourself, "Is this crematorium location the appropriate location for this commercial business?"

Please also consider the past growth and some of the past zoning changes from OR to R-2 of 65 +/- acres on Miner Road for future homes in this area, along with remembering that most of the unchanged zoning in this area is from the 1970's (I was told this by zoning department employee) and most of all, please don't forget all the families, homes and the two new schools in our area.

I would bet the farm that with a crematorium comes decreased home values, decreases in possible foot traffic for home sales, because let's face it, there is not anyone I know that would go into a real estate office and say, "I want my house next to or near a crematorium." Let's not forget about the pos-

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sible safety issues, fire issues, storage of bodies, transportation of bodies from other counties, increased traffic and I am sure a multitude of other issues that I can't even comprehend at this time.

By way of this letter to the editor, I would like this to serve as my notification to the public of the impending possibility of a crematorium being constructed in a neighborhood near you. Yes, a crematorium to be built amongst/between and surrounded by a multitude of families, children and students.

I would like to ask all citizens of Nassau County to call and email our county officials and heads of departments and our county commissioners at 491-7380 and at www.nassaucountyfl.com and voice your opinion, because I know that no one thinks a crematorium is appropriate when placed in an area of a multitude of family homes and several schools. Your voice is needed, please call and email.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Thomason
Yulee

Immigration

The Statue of Liberty has a portion of a poem which says, "Give me your tired, your poor/Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free/The wretched refuse of your teeming shore/Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me/I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" My chest swells with pride every time I see or hear those words. I believe wholeheartedly that anyone who is willing to come to America should have the opportunity to do so with certain conditions while keeping in mind that we were the first illegal immigrants.

There should be priorities and special considerations, a pro and con list to help in the screening process: (1) Join our military and serve at least two years and receive a discharge other than dishonorable, including their immediate families and consideration of elderly or disabled dependents. 2) Those who have specialized skills and can contribute immediately. 3) They should be required to

learn English within a set period of time and be able to contribute to our free market society. 4) There is plenty of room and resources enough to ease the restrictions on immigration to allow those who are willing to comply with our laws. 5) In order to receive government subsidies of any kind there should be some way to have them just classified as non-citizen workers and required to pay taxes. 6) Severe punishments should be considered if employers hire immigrants with no approved or temporary status and these laws should be enforced by securing the border in the long term.

There will always be those who will still come here illegally but we must enforce the law regarding any immigration reform package. We have the military personnel to protect the borders at least until this matter is satisfactorily remedied, this would take an act of congress in and of itself.

Elton Bynum
Fernandina Beach

VIEWPOINT/FLORIDA TAXWATCH

Florida's budget invests well

Gov. Rick Scott signed the state budget for fiscal year 2014-15, which includes many smart investments for Florida. The budget returns money to Florida's hard-working taxpayers while increasing spending for state priorities such as education, economic development and innovative government spending.

"The state budget provides historic levels of funding for children, families and K-12 education, which helps to invest in Florida's future growth," said Dominic M. Calabro, president and chief executive officer for Florida TaxWatch, the independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit taxpayer research institute and government watchdog. "Overall, Florida taxpayers should be pleased with the investments our state will be making in the new year."

"Florida's fiscal discipline in passing a balanced budget is on display today," said Florida TaxWatch Chairman John B. Zumwalt, III. "The governor's and Legislature's commitment to maintaining Florida's fiscal strength has helped Florida pay down its debt and increase its bond rating, making Florida a great place to live, work, and build a business, while the federal government's financial health has steadily deteriorated."

Education spending

The budget contains more than a 2 percent increase in per-student funding and provides for the largest overall education budget in Florida's history. Also included in the education budget is \$600 million in PECO funding to improve maintenance and construction of the state's educational facilities, and \$200 million for university performance funding, a Florida TaxWatch recommendation which will put Florida's universities one-step closer to pre-eminence.

"Florida's historic education budget will help meet the needs of many Florida students, and better prepare those students for success in either college or their career of choice," said Bob Nave, director of the TaxWatch Center for Educational Performance & Accountability.

Economic development

In economic development spending, the state provided more than \$74 million to attract visitors to Florida, which has incredible positive economic growth according to a 2013 Investing In Tourism report from Florida TaxWatch.

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There are also important funds to grow Florida's 15 seaports in preparation for the 2015 expansion of the Panama Canal. Expanding capacity at Florida ports will help Florida increase its global competitiveness and solidify our place as a global trade hub.

"The governor and Legislature should be applauded for making critical investments to ensure Florida is an attractive place to grow businesses — large and small alike," said Jerry D. Parrish, Florida TaxWatch chief economist and director of the TaxWatch Center for Competitive Florida. "The \$233 million for economic development in the budget will help Florida accelerate its path to continued economic diversification and growth."

Health care investments

Despite supporting \$3 million in Alzheimer's research, Florida missed an opportunity to improve health outcomes when the Legislature passed on legislation to expand telemedicine statewide. Though three telemedicine pilot initiatives intended to serve rural Florida patients were included in the budget, they were removed following the governor's action. Telemedicine, or telehealth, links patients and doctors digitally to provide affordable and local care, according to Critical Connections to Care, a 2014 report from TaxWatch.

"As Florida's health systems have become more reliant on technology to provide quality care, it is time our state fully embraces all that this technology can offer, including huge savings potential," said Tamara Y. Demko, director of the TaxWatch Center for Health & Aging. "TaxWatch will continue to actively work to advance telemedicine for better and healthier outcomes and cost savings for Florida families, businesses and taxpayers."

Efficiency improvements

The budget also contains key spending to improve efficiency in Florida, including many recommendations from the Florida TaxWatch Center for Government Efficiency. A \$9 million appropriation to begin the process of replacing the Florida Accounting

Information Resource (FLAIR) system will help lay the foundation to reduce the cost in Florida.

"The Legislature prudently funded the first step to replace FLAIR, an outdated financial management system which costs taxpayers billions in inefficiencies each year," said Robert Weissert, chief research officer and general counsel for Florida TaxWatch. "This is one of many cost-savings recommendations from the TaxWatch Center for Government Efficiency included in this good budget that will help taxpayers reduce their tax burden and reduce government spending."

Criminal justice spending

The 2014 budget funds smart justice initiatives aimed at substance abuse rehabilitation, vocational training and re-entry assistance. Beefing up these programs will reduce recidivism and decrease future prison admissions and costs. TaxWatch consistently calls for Florida to fund more cost-effective ways to prudently reduce Florida's prison population.

Vetoes

Before signing the budget, the governor exercised his constitutional line-item veto responsibility to remove \$68.9 million of spending in individual appropriations. The line-item veto is a constitutional responsibility intended to hold the Legislature accountable for the costs incurred on behalf of Florida's hardworking taxpayers. However, the governor returned only \$58.9 million to state General Revenue reserves and Trust Funds, since one \$10 million trust fund sweep was vetoed, reducing General Revenue reserves by \$10 million.

Recently, TaxWatch released the 2014 Florida TaxWatch Budget Turkey Report, which asked the governor to closely review the identified appropriations to evaluate their merit and promote more accountability and integrity in the budget process. The governor vetoed 23 of the identified Budget Turkeys worth \$14 million of the taxpayers' hard-earned money.

"The purpose of the Florida TaxWatch Budget Turkey Report

is to uphold integrity in the budget process," said Kurt Wenner, vice president for Tax Research at Florida TaxWatch. "TaxWatch provides the Budget Turkeys to the Governor to ask that he determine the projects are valuable. We hope that appropriations appearing in the Turkey Report that were not vetoed are ultimately in the best interest of the taxpayers who are required to pay for them."

Though the new budget funds key services, it missed opportunities to address important issues facing Florida, such as reducing the Communications Services Tax, which would have provided much needed tax relief for Floridians on their home and cell phone bills, and their cable and satellite services. The budget also does not include e-fairness implementation, which would have been able to further reduce taxes or increase key investment into necessary state services, but it does contain many individual member projects.

"The state budget provides key services for vulnerable Floridians and invests in Florida's future growth, this budget missed several opportunities to further reduce the tax burden and continue to provide key services more efficiently," added Calabro.

Many appropriations in the budget are funded through trust fund sweeps, a practice TaxWatch argues can be detrimental without proper consideration. The 2014 report, Putting The Trust Back In Trust Funds recommends each sweep be approved in a separate bill. However, the governor vetoed the sweep of the State Economic Enhancement & Development Trust Fund, which reduces General Revenue reserves by \$10 million and, while protecting Trust Fund revenues, does not save taxpayers any additional money.

Florida TaxWatch is a statewide, non-profit, non-partisan research institute that over its 33-year history has become widely recognized as the watchdog of citizens' hard-earned tax dollars. Its mission is to provide the citizens of Florida and public officials with high quality, independent research and education on government revenues, expenditures, taxation, public policies and programs and to increase the productivity and accountability of Florida state and local government.

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Inaugural surf program for Special Olympics athletes

Six athletes and five coaches kicked off Nassau County's Special Olympics surfing program June 3 at Peter's Point Park.

Accompanied by family, friends and spectators, the athletes received encouragement and support in preliminary water safety, how to gear up and "pop-up" and wrapped up their pre-water session with stretches. It was then into the salt for some wave riding with their skilled coaching partners.

"Although the day was beautiful and the winds reasonably light, many of the waves were close-outs right on the beach, which made for a challenging session," said Kirk Mitchell, co-head coach with Steve Mehas.

But nothing seemed to diminish the spirit and "never-give-up" attitude of the Special Olympic surfing athletes with each surfer quickly getting up after each wave ready to take on the next set.

Tom Christenson, county director for Special Olympics Nassau County, said, "I'm so excited about bringing this new and popular seaside sport to our athletes. Everyone is really stoked about the schedule and the level of coaching and volunteer participation has been tremendous."

The inaugural program currently has eight registered athletes and more than six coaches and assistants. Athletes interested in participating must have a current medical and Special Olympics waiver on file and must be able to demonstrate his or her ability to swim 50 yards unassisted.

This year's introductory program would not be possible without the involvement and support of the athletes, their immediate family and friends, coaches, volunteers and Driftwood Surf Shop for providing the deeply-discounted rash guards and loaner soft-sided



Special Olympics athletes and their coaches prepare for the surf season. Pictured, front row from left, Vincent Wolski, Emma Venerdi, Stephanie Willaford, Kristopher Mitchell, Weston Terry and Jake Martin; back row, Freddie Peake, Betsy Harris, life-guard Logan Peake, Kirk Mitchell, Steve Mehas and Jack Martin.

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surf boards for our initial session, according to Mitchell. Additionally, the team was recently awarded with a grant from the Special Olympics Foundation, which resulted in the team receiving three new soft-sided surfboards from Ron Jon Surf Shop, the official

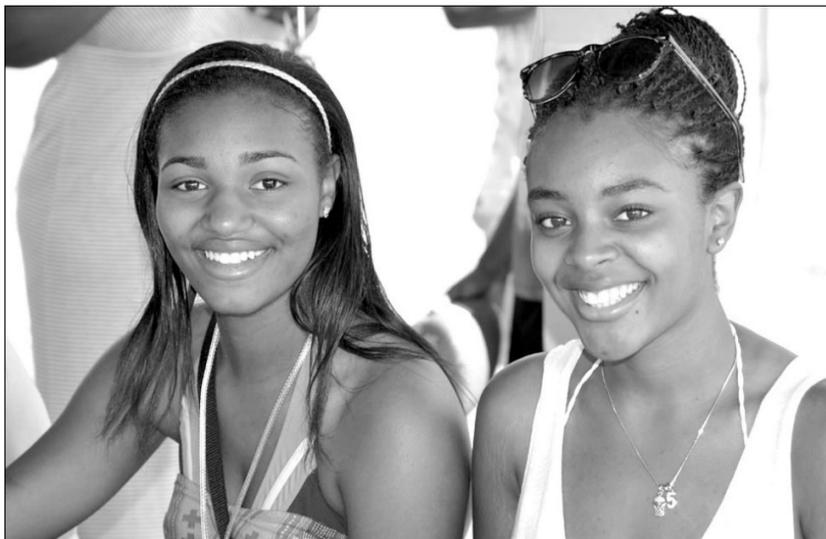
state sponsor of Special Olympics Florida Surfing.

Surf practices are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Main Beach. The county competition will be held in late July with the area competition schedule for Aug. 2 in Volusia County. The

state surfing competition will be held in Cocoa Beach Sept. 13.

Anyone interested in participating or volunteering for Special Olympics Nassau surfing should contact Mitchell at pkmitchell@bell-south.net.

BASKETBALL AWARDS



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Pictured, clockwise from top left: Coach Jacob Nantz and 14U team MVP Erica Foote; Jayla Monroe, left, and Shanaya Thompson; Coach Nantz and 17U team MVP Jennie Powers; Coach Nantz and daughter Karri Nantz (17U offense award); and Anna Arato, 14U defensive award winner.

Girls recognized for successful season in AAU

The Fernandina Beach-based AAU girls organization, Basketball Club of Florida, held its second annual awards banquet recently at Peters Point. The gathering included the 14U and 17U Head Coach Jacob Nantz, Assistant Coach Randy Lindberg and their families along with all the players and their families. The awards ceremony capped off a successful season by BCF with the 14U team reaching the AAU Florida State Championship Final 4.

AAU Director and Coach Jacob Nantz, "The progress by the 14U team in one year has been unbelievable. I can not imagine what they are capable of if they stay together for the next few years. The 17U team struggled some because of injuries and a brutal schedule of games but every player saw great improvement and understanding of the game that will carry on into their school basketball seasons. Both me and Coach Lindberg are very proud of the girls and their progress."

After the awards ceremony, the teams and families spent the day at the beach together.

"We held the banquet last season at the same spot and everyone loved it not being the typical 'sit indoors and get dressed up' type of ceremony. It actually gave everyone a chance to hang out on the beautiful Fernandina beach, dress down and enjoy the day," Coach Nantz said. "They all begged to have it the same way this season and it worked out great again."

The BCF organization started last year with two teams and added a fifth-grade girls team this season. BCF is looking to expand girls teams in



Pictured, back row from left, Anna Arato, Jayla Monroe, Julie Fournier, Shanaya Thompson, Erika Kristensen, Casee Yarborough, Jenny Powers, Rachel Collins, Gracie Lindberg and Karri Nantz; front row, Alexis Schulz, Lizz Lai, Montana Walker, Erica Foote and Marissa Moore.

Fernandina by having coaches step up and put new age groups together with local girls.

"The goal has always been to have at least four or five teams in different age groups to travel around together and play other teams across the state," Coach Nantz said. "If someone is interested in doing this, they can go to our website at www.bcfhoops.org and contact me to get involved."

Jennie Powers received the 17U rebound awards and was named the team's most valuable player. Karri Nantz received the 17U offensive award; defensive award went to Julie Fournier.

For the 14U girls, the rebound and team MVP awards went to Erica Foote. Alexis Schulz received the offensive award and Anna Arato was given the defensive award.

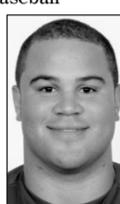
BASEBALL

Stewart adds pair of honors

FSU outfielder garners honors as second team All-American

Florida State's D.J. Stewart added to his postseason accolades in 2014 taking home second team All-American honors from both Baseball

America and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers' Association, as announced by the two organizations on Wednesday.



Stewart

Stewart, who garnered All-ACC honors for the second year in a row, became the seventh Seminole in school history to garner player of the year accolades earlier this year. He has also been recognized as a second team Louisville Slugger All-American by Collegiate Baseball, a third team Capital One Academic All-American, a semifinalist for both the Golden Spikes Award and Dick Howser Trophy and was named to the NCAA Tallahassee All-Region team all in 2014.

The sophomore outfielder currently ranks in the top 10 in the ACC in eight offensive categories while leading the league in average (.351) and on-base percentage (.472). He also ranks in the top 50 nationally in six categories including base-on-balls per game (.75, 27th), on-base percentage (30th), doubles per game (.36, 39th), doubles (19, 41st), base-on-balls (40, 42nd) and runs batted in per game (.94, 48th).

Stewart finished league play hitting .388 with 11 doubles, four home runs and 30 RBI in 26 games. The Yulee native finished the season tied for the team lead with 20 multi-hit games and second with 13 multi-RBI games. He recorded a career-high four hits three times in 2014.

Stewart also finished the season reaching base safely in 52 of the 53 games in which he played.

Stewart represents his country this summer as a member of the USA Collegiate National Team. Competition starts June 21 with the Red, White and Blue Tour through various cities across the U.S.

PAK'S KARATE



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Pak's Karate Academy of Fernandina Beach held its quarterly belt promotion for beginner students June 4-5 at the facility in Fernandina Beach. Students were quizzed on their terminology words, life skills and were required to demonstrate their required belt level techniques for Masters Bryan and Carolyn Peebles. Students are pictured with Master Instructor Bryan Peebles and black belts from the Fernandina Beach school. Left, promoting to yellow/white stripe are Cheyenne Griffin, Stanley Keene, Cole Dover, Destiny McAlaster, Katherine Kavanaugh, William Kavanaugh, Philip Norman, Ashton Eslinger and Kyle Day; promoting to yellow belt, Gabrielle Kennedy, Sara Frederico, Elijah Rosson, Will Harvey, Sonny Abercrombie and Aaron Chester. Right, promoting to yellow/black stripe are Cooper Sines, Kasen Dubberly, Maxwell Burch, Charlie Muldoon, Christopher Norman, Gwen Ernst, Logan Baker, Ashley Sznakowski, Ryan Taylor, Aaron Sznakowski, Jase Sznakowski, Charlene Allfrey, Nickolas Saldana and Andrew Burch, promoting to green/white stripe, Athalie Agricola, Jacob McBeth, Ethan Solomon, Samuel Burch and Harper Minor, promoting to green belt and joining the Black Belt Club, John Martin, Aidan Carter, William Frederico, Meg McAlpine and Steven Henderson.

Early entry registration for fishing rodeo Aug. 2

The 32nd annual Fernandina Beach Fishing Rodeo will be held Aug. 2 at the Fernandina Harbor Marina. There is a kingfish division, inshore/offshore division and kayak division. Fish both the kingfish and inshore/offshore divisions during the Fishing Rodeo. The North Florida Kingfish Championship "Tournament within a Tournament" competition will also be added this year. It will be tied into the kingfish tournaments held in St. Augustine and Jacksonville and the local rodeo as a three-stop tournament "trail" type event. Online registrations are encouraged but checks will also be accepted. Tournament

organizers will need 10 days to process a check if it is mailed in, so send them early to receive the early registration fee rate. See the registration instructions at nsfafish.net for more details. Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover credit cards are accepted. The early entry deadline is July 18. Early entry fees are \$350 for kingfish division, \$100 apiece for North Florida Kingfish Championship and inshore/offshore divisions; \$50 for kayaks. For information on the fishing rodeo, visit www.nsfafish.net or call Tournament Director John Hartrich at 206-0817.

Pop Warner

Fernandina Beach Pop Warner football and cheerleader registration is now open for the 2014 season. Visit www.leaguelineup.com for additional information.

Free swim lessons

This summer Safe Kids Northeast Florida, led by The Players Center for Child Health at Wolfson Children's Hospital, is offering a limited number of free swim lessons to children four and up whose families might otherwise not be able to provide them this year. Free swim lessons are available to those who qualify in Northeast Florida. Call the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center at 310-3358.

SPORTS SHORTS

Children who complete their swim lessons with a participating swim instructor will receive a Safer 3 certificate for a free ice cream cone from McDonald's. To find a participating swim school, visit wolfsonchildrens.org/watersafety. Visit safekids.org or wolfsonchildrens.org/safekids for information.

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. Addition-ally, 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 AmeliainlandRunners.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). 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. **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.

JUNIOR CAMPS

Soccer Made in America

Amelia Island Soccer Club is partnering with the Chicago Blast Soccer Club to host a summer camp with Soccer Made in America June 23-27 from 9 a.m. to noon and instructed by coaches Aleks Mihailovic and Steve Lennon. Professional soccer training, covering technical and tactical skills, for players of all skill levels. Open to boys and girls ages 4-17. Each participant will receive a certificate of achievement and camp T-shirt. Special contests throughout the week, including Most Creative Player; Shoot Out; and Juggling. All participants should bring soccer balls, water, and shin guards. \$155 first family member, \$145 second family member. Register at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center through June 21. For information, visit www.smia.com.

to work with professional coaches to improve their golf skills. Sessions are 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. Call the pro shop at 277-5907, email mblock@omniho-tels.com or visit OakMarshOceanLinks.com.

Gymnastics

Fantastic Gymnastic summer camps are June 23-26 and July 21-24 from 9 a.m. to noon for ages four and up. Discount offered if attending both camps. Cost is \$85 for registered gymnasts and \$95 for non-registered. Visit Fantasticgym.com, email Fantasticgym1@hotmail.com or call 225-0022. The gym is located at 96070 Chester Road in Yulee.

Boys & Girls Clubs

Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County is offering 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.

Golf at Omni

Omni Amelia Island Plantation will hold a Junior Golf Academy summer series with six weekly sessions available for the children ages 8-17, who will have the opportunity

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.

Lady Pirate softball

The Lady Pirate Softball Camp will be held at Fernandina Beach High School from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 23-25 for ages 6-15. Register at first day of camp. Campers should bring a hat or visor, towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, bat and glove. Cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt. For information, contact coach Luke Powell at (904) 545-7450 or coach Cris Holland at 753-3123.

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

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Friday T-storms 87 / 72	Saturday T-storms 88 / 72	Sunday T-storms 87 / 73	Monday Mostly Sunny 86 / 73	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 87 / 71	Wednesday Mostly Sunny 85 / 71	Thursday Partly Cloudy 90 / 74

Local UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	---	11:47-1:47	Tue	3:42-5:42	4:12-6:12
Sat	12:48-2:48	1:18-3:18	Wed	4:35-6:35	5:05-7:05
Sun	1:48-3:48	2:18-4:18	Thu	5:27-7:27	5:57-7:57
Mon	2:46-4:46	3:16-5:16			

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Weather Trivia

What is known as the "Dust Bowl"?

Answer: In the mid-1930s, hot and dry weather devastated the central United States.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 6/19	Fri 6:22 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	9:04 p.m.	6:56 a.m.
	Sat 6:22 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	7:59 a.m.
	Sun 6:22 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	10:51 p.m.	9:05 a.m.
	Mon 6:22 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	11:37 p.m.	10:12 a.m.
New 6/27	Tue 6:23 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	No Rise	11:18 a.m.
	Wed 6:23 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	12:20 a.m.	12:22 p.m.
	Thu 6:23 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	1:00 a.m.	1:25 p.m.

Weather History

June 13, 1984 - Severe thunderstorms struck Denver, deluging the city with five inches of rain and leaving up to six feet of water in some places. Softball size hail smashed windshields and ripped through metal cars. Snowplows had to be called out.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
					Date	Degree Days
6/3	81	72	86/70	0.00"	6/3	26
6/4	86	70	86/70	0.00"	6/4	28
6/5	90	70	86/70	0.00"	6/5	30
6/6	90	73	86/71	0.00"	6/6	32
6/7	86	72	86/71	0.00"		
6/8	88	73	86/71	0.00"		
6/9	91	73	86/71	0.00"		

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance			
Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low	Day	High
Fri	9:33 am	3:21 am	Fri	8:57 am	3:18 am	Fri	9:31 pm
Sat	10:26 am	4:10 am	Sat	9:50 am	4:07 am	Sat	10:24 pm
Sun	11:20 am	4:59 am	Sun	10:44 am	4:56 am	Sun	11:16 pm
Mon	12:16 pm	5:49 am	Mon	11:40 am	5:46 am	Mon	None
Tue	12:45 am	6:43 am	Tue	12:09 am	6:40 am	Tue	12:35 pm
Wed	1:38 am	7:39 am	Wed	1:02 am	7:36 am	Wed	1:32 pm
Thu	2:33 am	8:36 am	Thu	1:57 am	8:33 am	Thu	2:30 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Clear Skies Guaranteed for Saturn Conjunction

It has never rained on my birthday. That fact was told to me by my mother about 20 years ago, and since then, I have observed that she has been correct. That doesn't mean that conditions on every birthday have been sunny and mild, but wherever I have been, it has never rained—not a drop. So against very good odds, I'm predicting that you will see a relatively close conjunction of the nearly full moon and the planet Saturn on Tuesday, June 10. Of course, you'll have to be where I'm located, and that datum has yet to be revealed. Actually, the concept of a conjunction is fairly simple. It is the alignment of two solar system objects when positioned at the same celestial longitude. In a terrestrial analogy, that would be like saying Philadelphia and Easton, PA are in conjunction because they are both positioned at 75 degrees west longitude or 75 degrees west of Greenwich, England. However, Philadelphia and Easton will always be in conjunction because they do not move relative to the Earth's surface. The solar system is dynamic, meaning that conjunctions come and go and repeat themselves in predictable patterns. Also, since the sun, moon, and planets are essentially in the same plane called the ecliptic, a conjunction means that the participants will always be in close proximity to one another; but the term really has a much broader implication and is associated with the concept of two celestial objects simply being near each other. So a planet and a star, other than the sun, located near the ecliptic, such as Regulus, Spica, Antares, Aldebaran, and others can be said to be in conjunction with the planets, sun, moon, and even asteroids. On Tuesday evening, use binoculars to enhance Saturn and the moon, even though they will be visible to the unaided eye and remember: the weather is guaranteed to be at least rainless, but hopefully perfect, because this conjunction will occur on my birthday. www.astronomy.org

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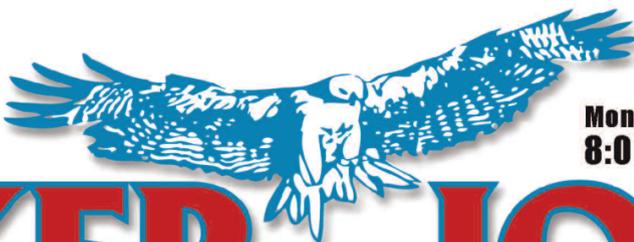
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**30
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**39
mpg** **New 2014**

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**35
mpg** **New 2014.5**

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**31
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**37
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**31
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Featured Special **\$21,995**

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**27
mpg** **New 2014**

Dodge Charger
Featured Special **\$23,995**

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**23
mpg** **New 2014**

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Singer/songwriters are fugitive poets

MARK KAUFMAN
For the News-Leader

The name that Tom Kimmel, Kate Campbell and Pierce Pettis chose for their band – The New Agrarians – is only fitting, once you understand the reference.

In the early 20th century, the Southern way of life was roundly criticized by H.L. Mencken, celebrated essayist for the *Baltimore Sun*. A response emerged from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, where a collection of literary figures – including the likes of Robert Penn Warren and John Crowe Ransom – bemoaned what they viewed as a threat of modernism to Southern culture.

Poets,” the group later became known as “The Southern Agrarians,” producing a collection of essays in 1930 titled “I’ll Take My Stand: The South and the Agrarian Tradition.”

Though some interpreted their work as defending slavery and religiosity, the core message of the Southern Agrarians confronted the widespread and rapidly increasing effects of modernity, urbanism and industrialism on Southern culture and tradition.

A key quote from their book refers to an agrarian society and agriculture as “a form of labor that is pursued with intelligence and leisure.”

Considering the songwriting success and performance schedules of Kimmel, Campbell and Pettis, “leisure” is hardly

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Tom Kimmel, Kate Campbell and Pierce Pettis are The New Agrarians, will perform on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Burns Hall at St. Peter’s Episcopal Parish, 801 Atlantic Ave. A \$20 donation, 100 percent of which goes to the artists, is appreciated. Make reservations by email to EveningofStoryandSong@gmail.com or call 415-1388 for more information.

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SECOND SATURDAY ARTWALK



Gallery C will host a reception as part of the Second Saturday Artwalk, June 14 from 5-9 p.m. Paintings by artist Carol Winner will be on view, as well as jewelry, mixed media, handbags and other one-of-a-kind handmade items. Gallery C is open from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. every day, closed Wednesday, at 218-B Ash St. Call 583-4676 and visit carolwinnerart.com.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Nouveau Art show

The Island Art Association announces the opening of a new, judged Nouveau Art show, themed “Monochromatic.” The reception is June 14 from 5-7 p.m., when winners will receive their awards. Michael Van Horn, owner of the frame and antique shop Harbor Lights, judged the show. It will be on exhibit through July. The gallery is located at 18 N. Second St. Call 261-7020 or visit www.islandart.org.

On June 21 the IAA will host Children’s Art for ages 6-9 from 10-11 a.m. and 11:15-12:15 p.m., taught by Diane Hamburg. Middle School Art for ages 10-13 will take place from 1-2:15 p.m. To register, call the gallery at 261-7020.

Artist of the month

Barb Wylie is the artist for the month of June at the Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St. The theme of her show is “a point in time.” Wylie works in both two and

ART Continued on 5B



The works of contemporary landscape artist Sharon Haffey will be on display as the featured exhibit at the Blue Door during the Artrageous Artwalk June 14 from 5-8 p.m. The theme of Sharon’s s newest collection is “Waterside,” a series of whimsical acrylic and oil paintings inspired by the view from the coastline, on Amelia Island and from more distant locations. Haffey’s work is best known for its color and energy intentionally created to be playful. “With so much darkness in the world, we need all the brightness and uplifting experiences possible.” Her studio in the Blue Door is located at 205-1/2 Centre St. in downtown Fernandina Beach.

A time to remember

Cummer commemorates Civil Rights movement

JACKSONVILLE – The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens presents “A Commemoration of the Civil Rights Movement: Photography from the High Museum of Art.”

This exhibition, on view through Nov. 2, contains 22 black and white photographs selected from the High Museum of Art, Atlanta’s collection of Civil Rights photographs and documents.

Their collection contains works by an array of photographers, journalists, artists and activists, who documented the societal struggles that swept the nation during the 1950s and ‘60s.

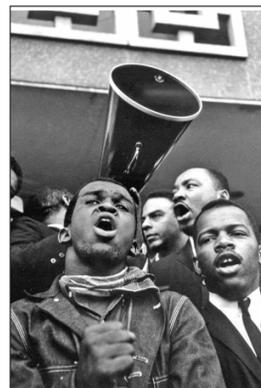
The exhibition at The Cummer, 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville, includes photographs by Bob Adelman, Morton Broffman, Bill Eppridge, Leonard Freed, James Karales, Builder Levy, Danny Lyon, Charles Moore, Steve Schapiro, and Ernest Withers.

The individuals captured in these photographs embody perseverance, courage and determination. They are individuals who were not willing to accept the status quo, and changed the direction of the country through the strength of their convictions and a philosophy of nonviolence.

The activists who had the courage to stand up for what they believed in are not the only ones being celebrated in this exhibition. None of these images would be available if not for the committed artists, activists and journalists, who risked injury, arrest



Unknown photographer, Rosa Parks being finger-printed, Montgomery, Alabama, February 22, 1956, Gelatin silver print. Purchased with funds from Sandra Anderson Baccus in loving memory of Lloyd Tevis Baccus, M.D., 2007.113.



Steve Schapiro, Andrew Young, Martin Luther King Jr., and John Lewis, Selma, Alabama, 1965, gelatin silver print, left. Purchased with funds from the H.B. and Doris Massey Charitable Trust, 2007.219. (c) Steve Schapiro.

and even death to make sure this moment in American history was documented. The individuals on both sides of the camera, with their dedication and passion, continue to inspire people a half-

century later. “The Cummer is thrilled to present this impressive photographic collection from the High Museum,” says Holly Keris, chief curator at The Cummer.

“The courage and determination captured in these historic images continues to be inspirational today, as our

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OFF & ON THE ISLAND

‘THE FOREIGNER’

Amelia Community Theatre presents “The Foreigner,” a comedy set at a fishing lodge in Georgia. The foreigner referenced in the title is Charlie, a shy and depressed Englishman who pretends he cannot understand English to avoid conversations with the other guests. Charlie overhears secrets and plots that are gathering momentum and realizes it will be up to him to save the day, without revealing his own secret. Performances are at 8 p.m. tonight and June 14, 19-21 and 26-28 and 2 p.m. June 22. Adult tickets are \$20, student tickets through college are \$10, at www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org or 261-6749.



PARTY IN PARK

NACDAC will host a Party in Central Park on June 17 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to thank its community partners for their hard work in supporting NACDAC’s mission. Enjoy a relaxing lunch meeting and awards presentation.

RSVP to Kerrie Albert at (904) 994-2502 or finsfan99@bellsouth.net.

NACDAC seeks to eliminate drug, tobacco and alcohol use among youth/young adults while at the same time reducing criminal behavior associated with substance abuse.

FLORIDA CATTLE RANCHING

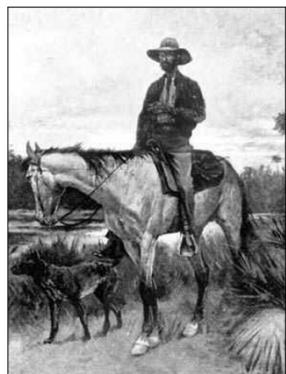
The Amelia Island Museum of History – with support from the Florida Humanities Council – invites you to its 3rd on 3rd Street presentation



June 20 at 6 p.m., when Bob Stone will talk about “Florida Cattle Ranching: Five Centuries of Tradition.” Cattle were introduced into the present-day United States when Juan Ponce de León brought Spanish cattle to Florida in 1521.

Stone’s multimedia presentation explores and celebrates the nation’s oldest cattle ranching state from the colonial period to the 21st century.

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.



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OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Nassau County Library System announces an E-Book Big Read.

Through June 18, Nassau County library cardholders can download the e-book, *A Pedigree to Die* by Laurien Berenson with no limit to simultaneous checkouts. So, cardholders throughout the county can read the same book at the same time.

Visit the library's e-book page at nassaureads.lib.overdrive.com and join in the fun. Library cards are free to residents.

For details visit www.nassaureads.com or call or visit your local library: Fernandina, 277-7365; Yulee, 548-4467; Bryceville, 266-9813; Callahan, 879-3434; Hilliard, 845-2495.

Rendezvous Festival, formerly Amelia Island Film Festival, is accepting film submissions for its debut International Film and Music Festival to be held June 5-13, 2015 on Amelia Island and American Beach.

Submissions will be accepted in the following categories: U.S. Shorts, U.S. Features, U.S. Documentaries, International Shorts, International Features, Animation Shorts and New Category Music Videos.

For rules, regulations, submission dates and fees visit www.rendezvousfestival.com.

Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary invites the community to the popular \$5 Jewelry Sale in the boardroom at the hospital from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. today.

The Auxiliary will offer new items from a new vendor. This is the perfect shopping opportunity for upcoming birthday gifts for children and adults, graduations, weddings, in fact, any occasion. All items are \$5 plus tax and can be purchased using cash, checks and/or major credit cards.

For information call the Auxiliary office at 321-3818.

The Mens Auxiliary of the VFW Post 4351 will host a Steak Night June 14 at 5:30 p.m. for a \$12 donation. Dinner includes steak, baked potato, corn and salad. Karaoke to follow at 7 p.m. For information call 432-8791.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54 will serve a pork loin dinner with two sides, roll and dessert on June 14 from 5-7 p.m. for an \$8 donation.

Dinners will be served in the Meeting Hall at 626 S. Third St. and to-go boxes will be available.

The Auxiliary is also holding a July 4th raffle, which includes a grill and two baskets filled with goodies.

Tickets are \$1 donation each or six for a \$5 donation. All proceeds go into programs sponsored by the Auxiliary.

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. June 17 at the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Police Department, 1525 Lime St.

Guest speaker Kay Gilmour will present "Using Social Media in Genealogy." Tools such as Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and Google Plus can aid in researching, saving and sharing genealogical data. Don't be intimidated! These sites and others will be covered, and a handout will be available with many other Internet sites of interest to help forge ahead with family history. Public welcome.

On June 19, and every Third Thursday during the summer, Books Plus, 1743-A S. Eighth St., will host Authors in The Round with up to 20 authors of all genres, and a free wine tasting from 5-6:30 p.m. A list of authors is available upon request at BooksPlus.com and at www.booksplusamelia.com.

Nassau Health Foods will offer a free lecture on "Beautiful Skin from the Inside Out" on June 19 from 7-8:30 p.m. Certified nutritionist Julia McRae has been in the nutrition consulting business for over 20 years. She will discuss: What your skin may be telling you; premature aging; acne; psoriasis and eczema; nourishing foods for your skin; nourishing supplements and more.

The Friends of the Peck Community Center Library will sponsor a flapjack breakfast at Applebee's on Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach, on June 21 from 8-10 a.m. Tickets are \$10. Contact Mrs. Albert at 261-4113 or the library at 310-3355, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Funds raised will go to support the library.

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. The Bald Eagle catamaran has open decks and excellent views. Depart at 7 p.m. sharp for a two-hour cruise. Tickets are \$28 plus sales tax. Bring snacks and your favorite beverages to share. Purchase tickets online at www.ameliarivercruises.com, at 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 Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library and the Amelia Island Museum of History present "An Evening with Larry Baker," nationally known writer of notable Florida novels, on June 24 at 6 p.m. at the museum, 233 S. Third St. Admission is free. Following the talk, autographed books will be available for purchase.

Baker is the critically acclaimed author of several notable Florida novels, including *The Flamingo Rising*, which Hallmark filmed in St. Augustine and aired in 2001. His new novel, also set in northeast Florida, *The Education of Nancy Adams*, was released nationally on June 1, and the Florida library tours will mark the beginning of his national tour.

For information on membership or events, email FernandinaLibFriends@gmail.com or visit www.nassaureads.com and click on Friends of the Library.

The Hemmings Motor News Great Race presented by Hagerty will make an overnight stop in Jacksonville on June 28. Welcome the racers as they stop at The Landing starting at 5:25 p.m. for about two hours.

The event is in conjunction with the Historic Springfield Main Street Cruise, a classic car cruise in that draws hundreds of cars downtown every fourth Saturday of the month.

The Great Race spans more than 2,000 miles each year. See the pre-1972 cars and trucks, which are battling for \$150,000 in prize money. More than 100 vehicles are competing in this year's race, with the oldest being a 1915 Hudson. The event is free to the public. Visit www.greatrace.com.

New York Times best-selling author Mary Alice Monroe will read and sign the second book in her Lowcountry Summer Trilogy at The Book Loft on Centre Street, Fernandina Beach, on July 1 at 4 p.m.

The Summer Wind follows the first installment of the series, *The Summer Girls*. The second novel continues the complex relationships of three estranged sisters who come together at their grandmother's request to her summer home on Sullivan's Island, S.C. as they struggle to find direction and rediscover their connections to one another.

Through her development of parallel plots and emotions with animal and human characters, Monroe draws attention to the troubling circumstances surrounding Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins. Approximately 50 percent are ill (in part from the morbillivirus), and Monroe's sensitive presentation of Delphine creates a sincere empathy in the reader for these brilliant creatures.

Join Nassau Health Foods on July 7 from 4-6 p.m. for an interactive, demonstration cooking classes at The Mustard Seed Café, located inside the store, that will make students feel like they're in a live cooking show. Learn, taste and take home the recipes.

Chef Bill Thompson of the Amelia Island Culinary Academy will demonstrate modern Middle Eastern cooking, including Organic Carrot Humus with Dukkah Spiced Whole Wheat Pita, Baby Kale and Watercress Salad with Pomegranate Vinaigrette, and Crispy Fried Chickpeas with Mint and Preserved Organic Lemons.

Fee is \$35. Prepay with cash/checks at the store in advance to hold your spot.

THEATER

Tickets are on sale for the Alton Brown Live – Edible Inevitable Tour, set for Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Florida Theatre, 128 East Forsyth St., Suite 300, Jacksonville.

Famed Chef Brown brings his brand of quirky humor and culinary-science antics to the stage. The two-hour show is a unique blend of live on-stage cooking, stand up comedy, food experimentation, talk show antics, multimedia lecture and for the first time, live music. Tickets are \$39/\$49/\$69/\$125. Call the ticket office at (904) 355-ARTS.

The ogre you love to love is in Jacksonville as the Alhambra Theatre &

MUSIC NOTES

Music in park

The St. Marys Convention & Visitors Bureau will host the next Stary Nights, Music in the Park series on June 21 from 6-8 p.m. at the St. Marys Waterfront Park amphitheater, featuring The Just Jazz Quartet, a Jacksonville group that combines years of experience to create a sophisticated nostalgic performance.

You'll hear classics like Duke Ellington and Miles Davis. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and settle in for a relaxing evening. For information call the St. Marys Welcome Center at (912) 882-4000.

Jazz under stars

American Legion Post 174 will host "Jazz under the Stars" on June 27 at the Post 174 lot on the corner of 12th and Beech streets. The community is invited to come and share in a night of jazz, food and fun starting at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be for sale.

Sheryl Crow

From humble beginnings as a jingle and back-up singer, Sheryl Crow has reached the pinnacle of professional solo success. The artist will play The Florida Theatre in Jacksonville on Sept. 14. Her debut album, the 7-time platinum Tuesday Night Music Club, hit No. 3 and earned three Grammys for the classic "All I Wanna Do." The album also featured "Strong Enough," "Can't Cry Anymore," and "Leaving Las Vegas." Visit TicketsNowJax.com or call 855-502-3520 for information.

Susan Boyle concert

Grammy nominated singing sensation Susan Boyle is embarking on her first U.S. tour in October, with a stop at Jacksonville's Times-Union Center's Moran Theater on Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale June 16 at 10 a.m. through the FSCJ Artist Series, the official presenter of the Jacksonville show. Call 1-888-860-BWAY or visit www.artistseriesjax.org.

Dulcimer group

The Yulee Dulcimers meet the second Saturday of each month at New Vision Congregational Church, 96072 Chester Road, Yulee. Members play all types of dulcimer music from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please bring several copies of your favorite music to share. Beginners welcome. For more information call 849-1616.

Community band

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

Music cruises

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

Caseys Bar

Caseys Bar, 852426 US 17, Yulee. Call 225-2000.

The Courtyard

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

David's

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

Dining stages the Tony Award-winning "Shrek the Musical" as its 2014 summer family show.

"Shrek the Musical" runs through July 27 and features special family pricing at \$148 for four tickets. Regular pricing starts at \$35 and includes dinner, show and parking. Call the box office at (904) 641-1212 or visit www.alhambrajax.com.

Amelia Musical Playhouse, Fernandina's newest theater, will hold auditions for "The Laramie Project" today at 7 p.m. and June 14 at 11 a.m. at 1955 Island Walkway, Fernandina Beach. Jeff Goldberg will direct, with performances in September.

The play is based on the real-life murder of Mathew Shepard in 1998, the victim of this hate crime because he was gay. The script is based upon interviews with members of the community who knew Mathew when he attended college in the town. It contains adult themes and language.

There are 67 speaking parts, most of which are monologues, for men and women ages 18-70's. Some actors will read several parts. A 1-minute dramatic monologue (not from the play) is appreciated but not necessary. Contact Jeff Goldberg at jeffg5757@comcast.net if you

Florida House

Florida House Inn, 22 S. Third St., hosts "Open Mike Night" each Thursday from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the Mermaid Bar hosted by local musician Terry Smith. Musicians perform and the audience gets to hear new talent. Appropriate for the whole family. No cover charge. Call Smith at (904) 412-7665.

Green Turtle

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

Hammerhead

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

Instant Groove

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

Pablos

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

Palace Saloon

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

Salty Pelican

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

Sandy Bottoms

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

Seabreeze

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

Sheffield's

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

Sliders

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

The Surf

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

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Wednesday, June 11
Solution

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

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

This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday like clockwork and lasts approximately one hour.

Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105 or Thea@ameliamuseum.org for more information.

MUSEUM

One ticket, four pubs, a wealth of historical information about downtown Fernandina and a good time for all. Join the Amelia Island Museum of History Thursdays

RELIGION

RELIGION NOTES

Bug spray needed

The three essential items always needed at The Salvation Army Hope House to put in its Emergency Food Bags are peanut butter, jelly and, yes, toilet paper. Right now, they also need insect repellent for the homeless population as well as all types of non-perishable food to restock the Emergency Food Pantry. So this week, they ask for these three items, along with any other nonperishable foods you find on sale or in the "two for one" bin. Bring your donations to 410 S. Ninth St.

Bible study

Yulee United Methodist Church announces a new summer adult Bible study class on the Book of Romans at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday, taught by Linda Jones. Phone 225-0231 for details.

Parking Lot Sale

To celebrate the annual feast for which the parish is named, Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Amelia Park in Fernandina Beach has planned a weekend of celebration and service. On June 14 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., the parish will host a Parking Lot Sale of items donated by parishioners to raise money in support of ministries to Cap Hatien, Haiti. All items not sold will be donated to Purple Dove to benefit of Micah's Place.

On Trinity Sunday, June 15, services are at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with a parish cook-out following the 10:30 a.m. service. The community is invited. For information call 491-6082 or visit holytrinityanglican.org.

Father's Day breakfast

Prince Chapel A.M.E. Church will host a pre-Father's Day breakfast at the MLK Center beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 14. Come and discuss fatherhood and enjoy breakfast. Come one, come all. The Rev. Godfrey Taylor is pastor of Prince Chapel A.M.E.

Tuesday worship

Join the Salvation Army Hope House on Tuesday, June 17 at noon for the weekly worship service as they begin their journey through the Gospel of John. For more information, call 321-0435 or stop by 410 S. Ninth St.

Wine & design

If you think a nice glass of wine would enhance your ability to paint a picture, or if you always wanted to try painting, but were afraid to try; the next Wine & Design class at Burns Hall of St. Peter's Episcopal Church on June 20 is your opportunity to give it a go.

This class is a step above "paint by numbers" in that there are no numbers; however the resident artist provides a rough sketch of the scene to be completed and directs you through the process. Bring your favorite wine, a creative attitude, the fee of \$35 and enjoy an evening of fun. Easels, paint, brushes and canvases provided. The number of easels is limited; to reserve an easel contact Rich at 261-4293 or rsmith@stpeterparish.org.

Homecoming

Solid Rock Church of God by Faith, 86138 Palm Tree Drive, Yulee, invites everyone to attend a "Homecoming Celebration" on June 22 during morning worship at 11:30 a.m. The theme is "Honoring the Past: Celebrating the Present, Looking forward to the Future. 59 Years." A draft letter is available to invite former members for this special celebration. To purchase an ad in the souvenir program booklet contact Minister Mary Calhoun at 225-5456.

Women's Day

Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Kings Ferry will hold their Annual Women's Day Program on June 22 at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Minister Betty Williams of St. Paul Baptist Church, Baldwin. All are welcome to attend.

Summer hours

St. Peter's Episcopal Church's summertime schedule is Sundays, 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. breakfast; and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist. The second Sunday of each month at 6 p.m., Holy Eucharist is held at Main Beach. The fourth Sunday of the month features a Celtic service at 6 p.m. at the church, 801 Atlantic Ave.

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.

Volunteers needed

The Drop in Center is looking for volunteers for Tuesdays and Wednesdays (9 a.m.-1 p.m.). The center serves people experiencing homelessness and those at high risk for homelessness. Services include showers and laundry facilities, a mailing address, phone and computer use, and assistance in acquiring needed documents and referrals to local providers. The center is located at the corner of 14th and Jasmine streets.

To volunteer contact Ellen Miller at 556-2810.

RESCUE MISSION



On a cleanup day June 5, a mother duck was found nesting on top of eight eggs at the foot of the cross in the circle at the main entrance to Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Obviously suffering from the heat and direct sunlight, parishioners placed potted plants around the nest for cover and comfort, providing a large bowl of cold water and also erecting an umbrella for shade. Another parishioner rigged a hose to provide a fine spray of fresh water from which the mother duck eagerly drank as the water dripped from a potted fern now extending over its head.

Parishioners continue to eagerly provide for the mother duck's welfare, rigging a more permanent umbrella to provide shade during this week's heat wave. The public is invited to visit, but asked to please keep a reasonable distance in order to not disturb the mother duck.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church is located at 1830 Lake Park Drive, across from the YMCA. For information call 491-6082 or visit <http://holytrinityanglican.org>.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS & MORE

First Baptist

All children ages three years through grade four are invited to join First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach as they become "Agency D3" special agents: Discover! Decide! Defend!

Kids will be challenged to collect and log evidence about Jesus. D3 is an investigative agency organized to discover if Jesus is really who He claims to be and if the Bible is true. The VBS 2014 theme verse is 1 Peter 3:15: "But honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you."

VBX 4x4 (grades five-six) will feature fun and games like the ones played by the guys on the popular "Duck Dynasty." If you got 'em, wear camo shorts, bring a fake beard and come ready to party! Agency D3 VBS and VBX 4x4 is June 16-20, 9 a.m.-noon.

The VBS/VBX Kickoff is June 14 from 10-11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 1600 S. Eighth St. Enjoy fun for the whole family. Register online at www.FBFirst.com. Click Agency D3 for kids 3-fourth grade and VBX 4x4 for fifth and sixth grade completed.

Five Points

Five Points Baptist Church, 736 Bonnieview Road, Fernandina Beach, will host a Vacation Bible School June 16-20 from 6-9 p.m. nightly for grades K-6th grade. The theme is 3-D Agency, Discover-Decide-Defend. Call the church office at 261-4615.

Amelia Baptist

Children ages three through fifth grade, enjoy a fun-filled week at Amelia Baptist Vacation Bible School June 23-28 from 9 a.m. to noon. As special agents for

Agency D3, children will discover if Jesus is really who He claims to be and if the whole Bible is true. A bicycle rodeo will be held on Saturday after the VBS closing program. Register at Amelia Baptist Church, 961167 Buccaneer Trail across from Harris Teeter. Call 261-9527 for information.

Yulee United

Yulee United Methodist Church announces its Vacation Bible School - "Faith Under Construction" - will take place from 6-8 p.m. July 7-11 for students in pre K-sixth grade. Call to register with your child's name, age and phone at 225-5381.

Memorial United

Grab a hammer, find a paintbrush and put your thinking cap on! It's time for VBS at Memorial United Methodist Church, 601 Centre St., downtown Fernandina, July 14-18 from 8:30 a.m.-noon. All rising kindergarteners through rising sixth graders are welcome to attend and discover the Workshop of Wonders where the ordinary becomes the extraordinary with God. Sign up at cokesburyvbs.com/MemorialUMC or call 261-5769 with questions.

Playgroup

Mom, me Playgroup for moms and infants-preschoolers meets every Thursday morning in Noah's Place at First Presbyterian Church, 9 N. Sixth St. in downtown Fernandina Beach.

Noah's Place is open from 9 a.m.-noon for moms to gather, socialize and network while children grow and learn through play and interaction.

All are welcome. If you have questions, call the church office at 261-3837 or visit www.first-presbyterian-church-32034.org.

'Faith Shapes' series at New Vision

For the News-Leader

How does faith take shape in a person or a community? How do we come to be the people of faith that we are? What is the role of our culture, language and customs in the development of our religious consciousness?

When the Dalai Lama was asked why the world has so many different religions, he answered, "there are many illnesses, therefore there are many medicines." These words point to the meaning that can be found

in the different "shapes" and expressions of faith among the world's religions.

And, the Dalai Lama's words can open our minds to more questions. When asking how faith develops, or takes shape, there are some natural questions that come up for almost anyone who begins a quest for faith.

These questions and more will be explored in a six-week summer series at New Vision Congregational Church, UCC on Sundays at 10 a.m. The first three ses-

sions will be held July 15-July 29 and include the topics Between God and Humankind, Creation Accounts and Sin and Reconciliation. The second three sessions will be held July 27-Aug. 10 and explore the topics of Mystics and Spirits, Peace and Justice and Birth, Death and Re-birth.

All are invited to join New Vision for creative and engaging discussions that make it clear that questions are a vital part of faith.

Billy Thomas, Jr. is the guide for this summer series.

Thomas teaches World Religions at Florida State College at Jacksonville and openly engages his students about the questions and wisdom of the world's faith expressions.

New Vision is a new church start of the United Church of Christ and worships each Sunday at 10 a.m. at 96072 Chester Road. To learn more about New Vision, find them on Facebook, visit www.NewVisionCongregationalChurch.org, or contact The Rev. Mary Kendrick Moore at (904) 238-1822.



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AROUND SCHOOL

Take Stock grads earn special recognition

Take Stock in Children Nassau is proud to graduate bright and successful students from its scholarship and mentoring program. Through their academic achievements and involvement in the local community, 21 of the 42 high school graduates have been given special awards and recognitions in addition to their four-year prepaid college scholarship from Take Stock in Children.

Fernandina Beach High School
Nick Volpitta – Class of 1952 Scholarship of \$1,000

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ic scholarship and \$6,345 football scholarship from SW Baptist University in Missouri

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Anthony Baisden – Senior Class Officer-Treasurer

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Haleigh Bradberry – French Honor Society Award

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Brandi Cunliffe – Spanish Honor Society Award, AVID program com-

pletion

Heidi Hetzel – Amelia Island DAR Good Citizen Award, A/B Honor Roll, Bright Futures.

Blake Merritt – French Honor Society Award, A/B Honor Roll

Ashley Ponce – Bright Futures, AB Honor Roll

Marlana Quesada – French Honor Society Award

Caleb Wood – AA from FSCJ

To learn more about the Take Stock in Children Nassau program, visit www.TakeStockNassau.org or call Sharon Collins, executive director, at 548-4464.

SCHOOL PICTURES



Step By Step Learning Centers I and II held their annual VPK graduation ceremonies on May 16 at The Journey Church with 110 graduates participating.

VPK A from Center I included, front row from left, Joshua Arnold, Jada Davis, D.J. Gros-Ventre, Summer Akerley, Jude Kennedy and Mariah Franklin. Back row, Mya Knapp, Griffin Paetsch, Rob Clemons, Jean Marco Madrigal, Braxton Pachmayr, Justice Turner and Jasmine Keller. Teachers are Ms. Tania and Mrs. Josefa.



VPK B from Center I included, front row from left, Joshua Winters, Makayla Williams, Alikah Mitchell, Devon Nowak, Makayla Carnley and Racer Kramer. Back row, Rayna Autry, Sean Whitfield, Charley Richards, Keith Whigham, Rayvo'N Blair, Makiyah Strange, Ivan Rodriguez and Carter Clemons. Teachers are Ms. Laurie and Mrs. Josefa.



Step by Step Learning Center II VPK graduates include Classes A and B, front row from left, Nataleigh Griffith, Hope Jones, Asher LaChapelle, Paisley Broussard, Alyson Tucei, Allen Mosley, Aislinn Sewell, Gabriel Hawk, Ethan Johnson, Ashton Koenig and Ava Harding. Back row, Tiffany Graves, assistant teacher, William Reschke, Sierra McCoy, Destiny Royal, Ethan Ray, Evie Wissinger, Kyree Wilson, Jaiden Pollard, Jennings Mullis, Chandler Clemons and Samantha Hart, lead teacher. Not pictured is Madeline Henry.



Class C, front row from left, includes Grace Thompson, Maeleigh Roth, Addison Ryals, Lila Zaccaro, Addyson Palecek, Rylee Swartz, Jett Sresovich, Landon Zoss, Colby Olive and Gavin Wright. Back row, Heather Paulk, assistant teacher, Alexa English, Nicholas Fallon, Kayden McFall, Brooklyn Russo, Nicco Corsi, Ryleigh Albritton, Isabella Corsi, Lillian Audette, Tanner Ferguson, Brandon Sapp and Joan Sullenger, lead teacher.



Class D, front row from left, includes Aric Dauble, Aaden Hunt, Morgan Pafford, Chloe Carrero, Kilee Davis, Daya Hempstead, Jacey Graybill, Owen Zacot and Augustina Monaco. Back row are Ethan Williams, Lexi Pettit, Timir Stroman, Evan Larson, Evie Larson, Gunnar Herbert, Jacob Hutcherson, Dylan Gregg, Karleigh Talley and Inez Pinkney, lead teacher. Not pictured are Trinity Cartrette, DJ Dawson and Justine Christopher, assistant teacher.



Class E, front row from left, includes Abby Lowe, Ayden Dopson, Benjamin Bozin, Selena Hatton, Gavin Stotts, Kayla Davis, Leah Villacres, Kayne Loehmer, and Bryce Adams. Back row are Heather Shaw, assistant teacher, Ryan Bachmann, Owen Yakunovich, Chayce Drury, Kaylin Zimmer, Jackson Raby, Lincoln Pertkiewicz, Aubree Johnson, Mia Good, Alisa Linville, Mason Randall and Diana Senter, lead teacher.

CLASS NOTES

Fizz, Boom, Read!

Join the Nassau County Library System in celebrating reading and science by participating in the annual summer program, "Fizz, Boom, Read!" Programs are planned for children Pre-K through sixth grade as well as other events for the entire family. This summer's theme, "Fizz, Boom, Read!", includes science topics about space, the planets, weather, colors, bubbles, balloons, juggling, animals, and more. The programs are free and open to children of all abilities. Programs are divided by age appropriateness and run for seven weeks, ending July 17. The grand finale will be family programs featuring Mrs. Bubbles so dress for water games. Mrs. Bubbles will be at Ewing Park, in Callahan on July 15 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and at Central Park on Atlantic Avenue in Fernandina Beach on July 17 at 11

a.m. and at 2 p.m. All summer programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Visit www.nassaureads.com for details.

Summer programs

Summer programs are held every second and fourth Tuesday at Books Plus, 1743-A S. Eighth St. Books Plus will have story hour reading by Ms. Verasha for children under 6 years old and every second and fourth Friday children over six will complete science and arts projects. Both programs begin at 11 a.m. for one hour and are free. Contact Books Plus for information at 261-0303.

Dare to Dream

Renowned illustrator Mark Wayne Adams will present the first in an exciting line-up of programs offered by The Book Loft's Dare to Dream... program on June 16. Adams, whose

passions include creating books, inspiring others, and promoting reading and writing, has won multiple awards for his books. Contributing the artwork for popular books such as *Polly and Her Pigtales*, *The Sock Fairy*, *The Knot Fairy*, and *Jilli, That's Silly*, Adams is the President Elect for FAPA (Florida Authors & Publishers Association).

At 4 p.m. on June 16, Adams will give youngsters tips on writing and illustrating. All children ages 6-11 and their parents are invited to attend. A \$2 donation is suggested, but not required. Contact The Book Loft, 214 Centre St., at 261-8991 for information.

Peck Head Start

Peck Head Start is 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, is offering a summer enrichment program for students in kindergarten, first and second grades. Hours are 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Tuition is \$130/week plus registration and includes breakfast, lunch, snack and field trips. The academy is also accepting VPK enrollment for the next year. Call 432-7078 or contact www.thafernbeach@yahoo.com.

SONG *Continued from 1B*

a word that comes to mind. But their songs capture the heart of Americana tales with country-folk tunes. As described by Pettis, the New Agrarians are very much "like a rootsy version of Peter, Paul and Mary."

Pierce Pettis, a Southern folk poet, is best known for his Americana vocals and strong roots guitar. Garth Brooks, Joan Baez, David Wilcox, Art Garfunkel, Tom Kimmel, Dar Williams, and Claire Lynch (among others) have all covered his songs. He has received many honors & awards for his songwriting, including a

"Country Music" award from ASCAP for his song, "You Move Me," recorded by Garth Brooks.

Kate Campbell is not only one of the premier country, folk and gospel songwriters, she's an eloquent storyteller. With over 11 CDs, she's worked with some of the biggest names in the business. With her compassionate tone and sometimes-quirky approach, she's made a musical niche for herself telling stories, exploring the topics of race, religion, history and human relationships.

Tom Kimmel's business card facetiously reads, "Overnight Success," but the truth is far from it. After graduating

from college, he worked odd jobs, from a short order cook to a lab technician, but soon was on his way to establishing himself as an award winning songwriter (Johnny Cash, Linda Ronstadt, Shawn Colvin, Waylon Jennings, Joe Cocker, Randy Travis and a host of others) and critically acclaimed performing artist (seven albums).

Though each of the three has extensive experience as a solo artist or member of another band (Kimmel also performs with The Waymores and The Sherpas), when they come together on stage, you'll get a true taste of the cultural foundations of the South.

CIVIL *Continued from 1B*

country prepares to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the landmark Civil Rights Act."

The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville, will present a "Commemoration Celebration" on

Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act, The Cummer will host the gospel ensemble, The Sanders Singers featuring Mama Blue.

Enjoy a special musical performance, including a rendition of Lift Every Voice and Sing, as well as inspiring words

about the importance of the visual arts during this unsettled period in American history.

This performance is in connection with A Commemoration of the Civil Rights Movement: Photography from the High Museum of Art, on view at The Cummer through Nov. 2. The event is free.

ART *Continued from 1B*

three dimensions in watercolor, acrylic, oils, colored pencil, pastels, charcoal and graphite on both paper and canvas. Her largest piece in this show is 3 by 4 feet. Her gourd is done with wood burning with acrylics and markers as she uses color and value to achieve her goals. For information visit www.islandart.org or call 261-7020.

Watercolor show

The Plantation Artists' Guild & Gallery, at the Omni Spa & Shops, is featuring works by guest member artist, Anthony Whiting of Jacksonville, along with a new summer show by the members, called "Romancing Summer." It includes oils, pastels, watercolors, acrylics and photographs of many sizes and subjects. The gallery is open through Saturday. For information call 432-1750.

Beaches art fest

The Beaches Art Fest 2014 is a juried event set for Oct. 4, presented by The Beaches Museum & History Park and Driftwood Jacksonville Beach at Pablo Historical Park, 425 Beach Blvd. Prizes will be awarded to top artists. Apply at www.beachesartfest.com, art-sjolynjohnson@bellsouth.net or pick up an application at Driftwood, 415 Pablo Ave., Jacksonville Beach. Deadline is June 30.

The Beaches Museum & History Park is offering free admission through Labor Day weekend.

Summer show

Join the Georgia Coastal Artists Guild members for a July 4th weekend holiday celebration in the Pier Village, offering original art in all mediums and a raffle prize, "Calypso," an oil painting by Carly Hardy to support the Safe

Harbor Art program at Glynn Art Association.

The event is July 5 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and July 6 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the lighthouse on St. Simons Island, Ga. Admission is free. Visit www.georgia-coastalartistsguild.org.

HeART show

Area artists of various mediums are invited to join the Golden Retriever Emergency Assistance Team (G.R.E.A.T.) Rescue of N.E. Florida, Inc., in its annual Show Some HeART event, set for July 19 from 6-9 p.m. at The Shim Sham Room in Jacksonville Beach.

Artists are encouraged to contribute dog-themed and dog-inspired art (Golden Retriever-specific art is a plus!) that will be displayed as part of the event's silent auction. All proceeds from art sales will benefit G.R.E.A.T., an organization dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and re-homing Golden Retrievers and Golden Retriever-mix dogs.

Art applications are available at www.GreatRescue.org. Submission deadline is July 11. For information, call Janet at 904-529-9951 or email janet@greatrescue.org.

Photo contest

The Amelia Island Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) has launched an Amelia Island Photo Contest, inviting visitors and residents to submit original photography depicting what they think best portrays Amelia Island as a "legendary island with a southern accent." A panel of local celebrity judges will judge the submissions and award a variety of prizes to the winners.

Submit original photos to www.ameliainlandphotocontest.com. There are categories for professionals and amateurs

and a range of themes, including beach, nature, lifestyle, dining, history/heritage, cultural, activities and artistic. All entries will be reviewed and judged after the final submission date of July 31. Prizes include cash awards, hotel and bed and breakfast stays on Amelia Island, a digital camera and a \$1,000 amazon.com gift card.

Final winners will be announced in early August and selected winning images will also appear in the fall issue of Atlanta Magazine.

Visit www.ameliainlandphotocontest.com, www.ameliainland.com and the Amelia Island Facebook page for details.

New show

Southlight Gallery, a volunteer-based artist collaborative at 201 N. Hogan St., Jacksonville, is showcasing plein air and landscape artists in a show that runs through June 27. The gallery is open Tuesdays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Call (904) 438-4358 or visit www.southlight-gallery.com.

An open invitational show, "Hot Time, Summer in the City," juried by Southlight Gallery members, opens July 2 with a reception from 6-9 p.m., featuring live blues by Linda Grenville. The show runs through July 30.

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. Call 261-8276. Visit www.maurerfineart.com.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS**Birthday Express**

Ride the America's Birthday Express train in St. Marys, Ga., on June 28 and July 4.

On both days, the public is invited to help set a Guinness World Record of "Most People on a Train in a Sing Along."

Celebrate the birth of a nation with historical characters and great entertainment as you ride through scenic woodlands and marshlands. Trains leave from Theater by the Trax, 1000 Osborne St., St. Marys, Ga., at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on June 28, and noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on July 4 following the 4th of July Parade. An all-day festival is featured July 4th. Get tickets at www.stmarys-railroad.com or call (912) 200-5235.

Freedom Fest

The city of Fernandina Beach Stars & Stripes Freedom Festival will take place at Main Beach on July 4 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., offering music, arts and crafts, service vehicles, food trucks, water slide, bounce houses, face painting, cool treats and more.

From 6-8 p.m. enjoy a Sounds on Centre concert on Centre Street between Front and Second streets, featuring the music of Island Vibe. At 8 p.m. the Nassau County Community band will perform at the Depot on Centre Street at 8 p.m., followed by a July 4th fireworks show at 9 p.m. For information visit www.fbfl.com.

Red, White and Deep Blue

Celebrate Independence Day at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island with a barbecue on the Ocean Front Lawn featuring a buffet including, seafood, barbecue favorites, sides and desserts. Participate in games and enjoy live music in the evening, followed by fireworks at nightfall.

Tickets are \$25 for children and \$93 for adults. For details and reservations, call 277-1100 or visit www.ritzcarlton.com/ameliainland.

Omni Plantation

The Omni Amelia Island Plantation will host its annual



Independence weekend celebration July 4-6 with fun for all. Weekend options include the Freedom Fest in Canopy Park, with yard games and family activities, as well as the Boardwalk Bash and the Steak Out at the Shops event, both located at the Shops of Omni Amelia Island Plantation. For information visit www.omniameliaisland-plantation.com.

Summer of Lights

The city of Jacksonville, in partnership with The Jacksonville Landing and Pyro Shows, presents Summer of Lights. The series will light up the night sky over the St. Johns River as residents and visitors are invited to enjoy a fireworks spectacular on July 4 and Aug. 2. Each show will begin around 9:45 p.m.

The fireworks will be launched from two barges on the St. Johns River – one in front of the Jacksonville Landing and the other east of the Main Street Bridge. Spectators can view the shows along the Northbank Riverwalk and at Friendship Fountain Park on the Southbank.

For information visit jax-happenings.com and jaxsonvillelanding.com.

Union Garrison

A Union Garrison will be held at Fort Clinch State Park July 5-6. See how the soldiers lived during the Civil War. 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.

Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-noon Sunday. Call 277-7274.

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HOMES

Geocache Bash set for June 21

JACKSONVILLE – Bring the family and your handheld GPS-enabled device for a fun-filled day of geocaching at Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park, 13802 Pumpkin Hill Road, on June 21 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

This is a real-world, outdoors treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Most smart phones are now GPS-enabled devices, making this game accessible to many. Players navigate to a specific set of coordinates to find hidden caches, enjoying the fresh air and the thrill of the hunt.

This pristine park offers over 4,000 acres of natural Florida uplands with miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails and canoe/kayak access to the salt marsh.

Meet at the Main Parking lot of Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park at 9 a.m. for a breakfast and meet and greet. Then, gather at 9:30 a.m. to learn the basics of this activity from an expert in Geocaching 101. Afterwards, try your new skills out searching for 30 new caches along the trails. Learn about the park's plant and animal species as you explore themed caches and collect clues to find the super secret Pumpkin Hill Final cache.

Water, snacks, insect repellent, layered clothing, sturdy shoes and a camera are recommended. For more information, visit www.floridastateparks.org or www.geocaching.com.

HYPERTUFA POTS



PHOTO BY TOM LOHMAN/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Master Gardener volunteers recently enjoyed learning how to make hypertufa pots. This do-it-yourself project allows you to make plant containers that look like stone but are not heavy and very inexpensive.

Hypertufa is a mix of water, Portland cement, peat moss or coconut fiber, and either sand, perlite or vermiculite. Planters made from hypertufa are porous and drain well, so they make a perfect home for succulents and rock garden plants. It is necessary to wear masks during this process to protect against the dust. For more information how to make your own hypertufa pots, see a step by step how-to at <http://nsvmg.org/uncategorized/hypertufa-how-to>.

Above, Master Gardener volunteer Joanne Roach and her fellow master gardeners get to work making the hypertufa pots. Roach hosted and instructed her colleagues.

ISLAND MARKETS

Pastries by Andrea has added several new gluten-free, dairy-free and organic products to her lineup at the Amelia Farmers Market. Already known for her delicious gluten-free dessert pastries, she has now added a line of savory products such as organic, gluten-free croissants, organic, gluten-free corn muffins and gluten-free herbal focaccia bread. This bread is homemade with Andrea's secret recipe, organic olive oil and fresh thyme. She has also added an organic shake and bake mix made with gluten-free rice and corn flour combined with herbs, onions and garlic. Use this to toss your favorite meat, vegetable, or meat alternative and bake. Andrea has also added some new sweet items like her organic, gluten-free donut holes, organic fruscion cake, and organic strawberry baby cakes.

Ten Mile Creek will offer their certified organic blueberries. Located in Southeast Georgia, Ten Mile are certified organic blueberry growers who have devoted 33 acres of their 240-acre farm to provide pesticide-free berries, with varieties native to the area. Eat them fresh or get tips about freezing so you can enjoy them later.

Also at the market June 14 will be Coastal Shrimp. These Nassau County natives have been working with local boat captains for several years to bring you the freshest, local seafood available. They offer shrimp, flounder, grouper and usually a captain's surprise. Artisan Black Garlic offers three balsamic vinegars. Black Garlic Balsamic vinegar is the best seller and one taste will show you why. Also available are 9 Spice and Lemon Ginger white balsamic vinegars.

Traders Hill Farms of Hilliard is the newest vendor to join the market, growing fruit and vegetables using an aquaponic technique. They have transformed an old Tyson Chicken farm and chicken hoop houses to host tilapia. Through a gravity-fed system, the fish emulsion fertilizes waterbeds of vegetables and herbs. Available are lettuces, lettuce mixes, fresh herbs, leaf cabbage and Swiss chard. Coming soon are tomatoes, celery, cucumbers, Bok choy, pea tendrils, okra, sugar peas, collards and purple top turnips.

Jon of Meteor Street Produce is the perfect stop for anything organic. Jon is offering organic peaches while they last, local, organic produce and organic herbs by the whole plant or cuttings. Also available are his organic, herbal teas and other organic dry goods.

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. No pets, please. Call 491-4872 or visit www.ameliafarmersmarket.com.

In addition to the lineup of healthy seasonal produce, hand-crafted soaps, fresh baked breads, honey, plants, jerky, goat cheese, beef, flowers and other vendors, the Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers' market will be joined by country singer

Patrick McGill, Peterbrook Chocolates and the Fernandina Pirates Club on June 14.

Known locally for his Evil Seed Hot Sauce booth, most people don't know co-owner Patrick McGill is also a talented musician. With his music getting lots of airplay, not only will Evil Seed offer their sauces Saturday, but Patrick will entertain with his musical talents, too. Every sauce from Evil Seed has to live up to the high quality standards set by their original, award-winning recipe. Their Big Evil BBQ sauce is the perfect complement to meatloaf, burgers, chicken, and dips with its sweet style and mild bacon flavor.

Local brick and mortar business owner Sandy Carroll will have samples of her Peterbrook chocolate-covered popcorn. Learn about Chocolate Camp 2014. "Be a Chocolatier for a Day" classes will be offered every Tuesday and Wednesday through July 23, for campers ages eight to adult.

Invading the market will be not-for-profit organization, the Fernandina Pirates Club, Inc., to promote their upcoming membership drive. Learn about the pirates, what they do in the community and how you can join them.

New to the market is White Hawk Farms from Yulee, where Jamie cooks up cupcakes and cookie mixes, while Andy tends to their goats. Returning vendors include owner and Chef Adam Sears of Merge Restaurant, and Rose with her Vietnamese egg rolls.

The Fernandina Beach Market Place is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, rain or shine, on North Seventh Street. Well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome. Visit FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com or call 557-8229.

The Fernandina Beach Arts Market sets up adjacent to the farmers' market on North Seventh Street, downtown Fernandina Beach, the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

Just in time for Father's Day, find the perfect gift among the booths filled with local artists presenting their mixed media artworks, photography, ceramics, digital art, sculptures, wood, paintings, glass, fiber, jewelry, textiles and more.

Will's Wood Works offers handcrafted creations like small tables, dining tables, bars and stools, head and foot boards, bird houses, bat houses and fish carvings. Looking for something custom? Show Will Grant a picture and he will re-create it for you.

A regular vendor is Jillows. Jill brings her unique purses and pillows to the market from a variety of popular styles including modern maritime motifs, favorite sports-team colors, and 2014's popular trend towards chameleon décor.

If you are looking for something more personal, The Mermaid's Walk jewelry booth carries custom jewelry, glass art, beads and sterling silver charms.

The Fernandina Beach Arts Market is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 14. Visit FernandinaBeachArtsMarket.com or call Joe at 557-8229 for information or booth availability.

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HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

Master Gardener program

Applications for the Nassau County Master Gardener volunteer program are now available online. The deadline is June 27. For an overview of the Master Gardener program, an application and to complete the pre-test, see http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/mg_nassau.html. For additional questions, contact the Extension office at 879-1019, or Rebecca Jordi at rjordi@ufl.edu.

Coffee with ranger

Bring your coffee and camera with you and join a park ranger to watch the sun rise over the Fort George River, get answers about park resources and get some amazing photos on June 14 at 7 a.m. at the Ribault Club

on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary.

Nature photography

Ever dreamed of getting the perfect shot of a great blue heron in flight or a bumble bee nestled on a flower? Join a photographer and nature enthusiast for a stroll on the Fairway Loop Trail and learn techniques to help capture the beauty of the maritime forest and salt marsh on film on June 14 and 28 at 10 a.m. at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. Bring your camera and photography supplies, sturdy shoes, bug spray, sunscreen and water. Space is limited to 10. RSVP to the Talbot Islands State Park Ranger Station at (904) 251-2320.

To Place An Ad, Call (904) 261-3696. The Classified Ad Deadline for Wednesdays is 5:00 p.m. Monday and for Fridays is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 102 Lost & Found FERRET - found on Citrona near Middle School. (904)677-0853 If You Have Lost Your Pet - please check the Nassau Humane Society facility located at 671 Airport Rd. next to the airport (904)321-1647 & the Nassau County Animal Shelter, 86078 License Rd. in Yulee next to the drivers license building (904)491-7440. I FOUND SOME TOOLS - in the middle of the road Tuesday 6/10 in the vicinity of Burger King. Would like to return them to their owner. If you can describe them, call (904)556-1911.	201 Help Wanted COSTUMED SIGN HOLDER - for Great Clips Salon. \$10 per hour. Call (904)514-1796. ALL ABOUT YOUR HAIR AND NAIL SALON - is currently seeking 1 professional hair stylist and a nail tech. Booth rent or commission are available. Please contact Marie @ (904)261-2778 all inquiries will be confidential. SERVER OR GRILL COOK WANTED - Please apply in person at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club or email mroberson@fernandinabeachgolfclub.com. 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