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Mom arrested for leaving child in hot car

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

A Yulee mother of three was arrested Tuesday for child neglect after her 18-month-old son was apparently left in a vehicle for four hours.

According to police reports, Michelle King, 25, of 96023 Hawthorne Court, left her house Tuesday at 4:45 a.m. with her husband and three children to drive him to work in Jacksonville, arriving back at the residence about 6 a.m.

The child, one of a set of twins, was



King

reportedly discovered by his 6-year-old brother, who went to the vehicle around 10 a.m. to retrieve a toy.

The older child reportedly removed the toddler from his car seat located on the right rear side of the vehicle, carried him into the house, laid him on the carpet just inside the door and woke his mother, according to reports.

King called 911 after being awakened by her older son.

"One of my twins was outside. He got outside. And he's all sorts of hot. And he's just really tired looking," a tearful King told a dispatcher during her call to 911.

"He's still awake, I think he has heat stroke," she said.

"I don't know how he got out of the house," King said during the call. "I was sleeping with my other children. ... I should know better than to keep any doors unlocked ... it's so hot out there."

After being evaluated by rescue

**Transcript of 911 call, 3A
911 call available at
fbnewsleader.com**

workers, the child was found to be suffering from heat exhaustion and dehydration, and was transported to UF Health in Jacksonville, where he was in stable condition, according to reports.

The child had a temperature over 100 degrees when rescue personnel arrived, the report stated.

While interviewing King, her son and one of the rescue workers, police discovered that King had forgotten to get the third child out of the SUV when she returned home from Jacksonville.

According to a police report, "Mrs. King's failure to remove the child from the vehicle could reasonably be expected to result in serious injury and/or a substantial risk of death for the child."

"Through Mrs. King's failure to take prescribed medication, failure to remove the child from the vehicle, and

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TOP DOWN



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U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel meets Wednesday with personnel at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga. He thanked them for their service and warned that threats in the Mideast from a newly declared Islamist state created by rebels fighting in Syria and Iraq pose new dangers to the United States that will require continued military vigilance.



Low bids for sheriff's building, 911 center under \$10 million

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Nassau County accepted a bid Wednesday for the construction of a new sheriff's administration building and for the expansion of the Emergency Operations Center to house 911 dispatchers. The bids, totaling nearly \$10 million, were within county estimates.

Acon Construction Company of Jacksonville came up with the lowest price to design and build both projects. Here are the price tags:

Sheriff's administration building: \$7,756,000, 35,000 square feet.

911 Call Center: \$1,920,000, 5,000 square feet.

Design work gets under way in August and shovels are scheduled to get in the ground Dec. 22, according to county officials.

"Excited and anxious," said Sheriff Bill Leeper, who attended the opening of the bids Wednesday morning at the Robert M. Foster Justice Center in Yulee.

"We still have a long way to go but we're moving the process forward," said Leeper.

The sheriff and his staff operate out of a collection of trailers on A1A, just east of I-95. Plans for the construction of a new building have been in various planning stages for more than a decade.

"The 300 employees, reserve officers and volunteers affiliated with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office are excited and anxious to move out of our current trailer park facility into a modern-day operation," said Leeper.

In an interview after the bids were

'Bang for its buck'

In bid documents submitted to the county, Acon Construction Co., Inc. in Jacksonville said it has handled projects ranging in price from \$500,000 to \$6 million. They include renovation of the Emergency Operations Center for the city of Jacksonville, a drainage program for Baldwin, an Explosion Ready Room for Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga., an aircraft maintenance facility for Cecil Field and a fire department training room for the Naval Air Station (NAS) in Jacksonville.

"You don't do work for the Navy unless you're really good," said the county's Facility Maintenance Director Bob Knott. Knott is an engineer with certification to work in Florida and California. He spent 30 years with Anheuser Busch and worked for a consulting company for NASA's space program.

"The county is going to get a lot of bang for its buck," said Knott.

Officials say that construction should start in late December. As for completion dates, the 911 center should be done in July 2015. The sheriff's administration building should be completed in March 2016.

Knott said that Sheriff Bill Leeper will pick the building's finishes. "Once the (county commission) signs off, we'll get busy," said Knott.

open, Leeper said the new facility will help the community and the department.

"The new building will help us provide better service to the public and better conditions for our employees," said Leeper.

County Commission Chair Barry Holloway also attended the opening of the bids.

"Absolutely, I'm happy with the numbers," said Holloway.

"It's less than \$10 million and I think that will help us as a board make a decision on whether to write a check or look into financing the project."

Holloway said he is leaning towards borrowing the money.

"Of course in business you want to pay for something if you can with cash, but there are great advantages to borrowing the money," said Holloway.

"Rates are so low and there are tax advantages to consider as well."

The county board has set aside \$10 million for the construction project. The five commissioners have disagreed about whether to pay cash or borrow the money.

Commissioner Danny Leeper has previously said in public meetings that he would like to finance the construction.

Commissioner Steve Kelley has advocated "a pay as you go" approach. Commissioner Walter "Jr." Boatright has leaned towards financing.

Commissioner Pat Edwards has expressed a desire to pay cash. But, at the board's budget meeting on Monday, Edwards said he was plan-

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Reminder: A1A detour this weekend

A1A will be completely closed from 5:30 a.m. Saturday to 8 p.m. Monday at the railroad crossing between I-95 and U.S. 17 in Nassau County while the crossing is reconstructed. The detour routes are US 17 and I-95.

Motorists and pedestrians will be allowed to access businesses and residences on A1A but will not be allowed to cross the railroad tracks.

The existing railroad crossing, owned by CSX Transportation Inc., is

being replaced with a new concrete crossing. The area is also being resurfaced once the crossing is replaced. The Florida Department of Transportation is overseeing the construction and roadway resurfacing.

Skydiving on the beach?

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

A skydiving company wants to open in Fernandina Beach and land its tandem jumpers on the beach behind Slider's Seaside Grill at South Fletcher Avenue and Sadler Road.

"We're going to generate money," said John Hornsby, who attended the Nassau County Commission meeting Monday to ask for the board's support. Hornsby said he has been getting the "run-around" from Fernandina Beach officials, who would have to approve a plan for skydiving on a city beach.

Hornsby said he represents the company's owners, which include his brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Lisa Hornsby. He identified the business as Sky Dive Fernandina Beach.

Hornsby said the business could generate \$700,000, based on numbers at his brother's skydiving business in Aruba. Hornsby said 15 percent of the proceeds would go to the city, and that he already has a deal with McGill Aviation in Fernandina Beach to get the airplanes.

Hornsby said the business would employ five people who would do the "pushing."

That comment generated laughs

from the board and Hornsby corrected himself to say that no one would be pushed.

He said plans call for tandem jumpers every 10 to 15 minutes, with planes completing a round in 30 minutes. He did not say what days or hours the business would operate.

Hornsby told commissioners that the effort is a good marketing opportunity for Amelia Island. He said the jumpers would wear helmets mounted with video cameras that would at times point at four canopies stenciled with the words "Amelia Island."

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Amelia Island Photo Contest

www.AmeliaIslandPhotoContest.com



Take Your Best Shot for the Amelia Island Photo Contest

Show us Amelia Island Through Your Eyes (and Lens) for your chance to win over \$4,500 in prizes! Amateur and professional entries accepted through July 31st!

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SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON

2014 Nests: 73

2012 Nests: 189 Hatchlings: 14,096

Please turn off or redirect lights shining directly on the beach. For a detailed count see www.ameliainslandseaturtlewatch.com.



WEEKLY UPDATE

Guitars needed

Arts Alive Nassau is excited to report it plans to start a guitar program at Yulee Elementary in September as part of its after-school offerings. To do so, they need donations of acoustic guitars. Perhaps you purchased one with the idea of taking lessons or learning to play and never got around to it. If you have an acoustic guitar and would be willing to donate it to Arts Alive Nassau, they would be most appreciative. Contact them at info@artsalivenassau.org or 225-0575 during business hours. By donating, you give a young child the opportunity to learn to make music.

Arts Alive Nassau is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that provides free after-school arts classes for children ages 6-10 in Nassau County.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 6:30 p.m. July 15, 21 and 24. A basic with defensive tactics course will be held at 7:45 a.m. July 19. For details and additional classes and information, contact Belson at 491-8358, (904) 476-2037 or gbelson@bellsouth.net. Visit www.TheBelsonGroup.com.

GED help

In need of training (vocational or academic), your GED, or assistance in finding a job? The Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. (NFCAA) gives people the necessary skills they need to succeed. They offer help throughout every stage of the process.

Through the FSSP, or Family Self-Sufficiency Program, they provide: education, employment and financial literacy. Orientation will be held for low-income residents of Nassau County on Wednesdays, July 16, 23 and 30 from 11 a.m. to noon at 1303 Jasmine St., Suite 100, Fernandina Beach.

For information and to reserve your spot, call, 261-0801, ext. 202.

Circle of Support

Savannah Grand's Circle of Support meeting will be held on July 16 at 6 p.m. Speaker will be Jewell Taylor, LPN.

Savannah Grand resident care coordinator. The topic will be dementia care. Do you feel as though your loved one may be exhibiting some of the early signs of dementia? Are you caring for someone with diagnosed Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia? Ask some questions, get some answers and share with others going through similar experiences.

The meeting is open to anyone whose life has been affected by a loved one with dementia. For information call 321-0898. Savannah Grand is located at 1900 Amelia Trace Court, Fernandina Beach.

Alzheimer's support

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group of Nassau County will not meet in July. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 21 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

This will be a full support group meeting and is open to the public. Everyone who has an interest is invited to attend. For further information call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, at 261-0701, ext. 113.

Parkinson's support

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

'HOPE FOR WARRIORS'



HEATHER A. PERRY/NEWS-LEADER
With their rear wheels in the Pacific in Santa Monica, Calif., left, cyclists begin a cross-country trip June 5 to raise funds to benefit post 9/11 service members.

Completing a journey of more than 3,000 miles that raised more than \$15,000 for Hope For The Warriors, cyclists arrive July 8 at the Atlantic Ocean near Sadler Road, above. The national nonprofit organization assists post-9/11 service members, their families, and families of the fallen who have sustained physical and psychological wounds in the line of duty.

As they bicycled across the country, the group visited military bases, monuments and important American landmarks along the way. They have participated in park dedications for fallen heroes, a fireworks ceremony for Independence Day, and much more. Along the way, they have also had great conversations with citizens across the country.

SUBMITTED

Collaborative launches cancer resource guide

JACKSONVILLE – The Northeast Florida Cancer Control Collaborative (NFCCC) has launched the Cancer Resource Guide, a free online directory of cancer-related resources to help educate and empower patients, caregivers and healthcare providers on the First Coast regarding cancer prevention and treatment.

The guide, which is funded in part by the Centers for Disease Control, through the Florida Department of Health Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and the Northeast Florida Cancer Control Collaborative, is being coordinated by the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida.

This new resource will feature provider details as well as information on financial assistance, caregiving, community resources and much more. A section on smoking cessation is also included.

As a part of the new initiative, NFCCC is inviting local

organizations that provide cancer-related care or treatment to create a free listing in the guide to reach cancer patients, their families and caregivers in Baker, Clay, Flagler, Nassau, St. Johns, Putnam and Volusia counties.

Highlights of the NFCCC Cancer Resource Guide include:

The guide is the only online portal that offers a single comprehensive repository of information and resources in Northeast Florida, covering the full spectrum of cancer-related needs.

Organizations with a listing in the cancer guide will receive access to update their information.

The guide will be promoted throughout the region giving organizations a broad exposure.

Organizations can create a free listing in the Northeast Florida Cancer Resource Guide by visiting www.nfccccancerresourceguide.org/register.html.

AA MEETINGS

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

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

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

Saturdays at 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (open – discussion). Call 261-8349.

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

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

The Freedom Group holds AA meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:30 p.m. (candlelight) at 1014 South 10th St. The Fernandina Beach NA group meets at 8 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays (Step Speaker) and at 7 p.m. Thursdays at 1014 South 10th St.

DEATH NOTICES

Martin Alan Duggard, 69, Yulee, died on Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

Green Pine Funeral Home

Thomas "Tucker" McGrath, 56, Yulee, died on Tuesday, July 8, 2014. No services are planned.

Green Pine Funeral Home

Become an elder advocate

ElderSource, a nonprofit organization that works to empower elders, adults with disabilities and their caregivers in order to age with dignity and independence, is seeking volunteer members to its Advisory Council, specifically seniors who reside in Nassau County.

Duties for an Advisory Council member are to report on the needs of elderly and emerging issues in their respective counties; review and comment on the agency's Area Plan; study legislative issues and advocate on behalf of the elderly; and educate the public about the needs and the contributions of the elderly.

"Our Advisory Council members are an important asset to our organization," said Linda Levin, executive director of ElderSource.

"They are an active voice we need to hear in order for us to stay in touch on the senior issues affecting the communities in which they live."

Meetings are held the third Thursday of every other month from 12:30-2 p.m. at various locations, which are announced well in advance of the meeting. Advisory Council members are reimbursed for their mileage to and from the meeting.

For information about how to become an ElderSource Advisory Council member, please call (904) 391-6600 or email linda.levin@myelder-source.org.

ElderSource is a state designated Area Agency on Aging and Aging Disability Resource Center funded in part by state and federal grants, foundation grants and private donations.



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remove the child from the vehicle, and failure to determine if the child was absent from her presence for four hours, she followed a course of conduct which she reasonably should have known could have caused death or great bodily harm," a report stated.

There was no further information about the prescribed medication that the woman had failed to take. That information is exempt from public record by federal law but could be introduced in court during a criminal case.

"This course of conduct was further established by the fact that the child was found in medical distress by his unsupervised sibling and Mrs. King was not aware of the situation until she was awakened by her child."

King was arrested and charged with child neglect without great bodily harm, and police alerted the Department of Children and Families to evaluate the case, according to police reports.

King was booked into the Nassau County Jail on a \$10,002 bond. She posted that and was released from jail.

She has no previous arrests in Nassau County, according to Clerk of Courts records. According to the Duval County Clerk of Courts, King was arrested June 26 in Jacksonville on a criminal traffic charge of having a driver's license expired more than six months. She was fined \$141.25 in that case.

According to court records, Michelle Lee Clayton and Daniel Ronald King were married on Dec. 26, 2012.

911 call

Following is Michelle King's call to 911 Tuesday after her 18-month-old son was found by his brother in the family car. King's voice is shaky throughout the call and at times she moans or is inaudible. Her other children can be heard in the background.

Dispatcher: 911, what is your emergency?

King: One of my twins was outside. He got outside. And he's all sorts of hot. And he's just really tired looking.

(missing portion)

K: He's 18 months

D: OK, has he lost consciousness or anything?

K: No, he's still awake. I think he has heat stroke.

D: You said what?

K: I think he has heat stroke.

D: OK, is he responding to you?

K: No, no, no, ... yeah, he is, yeah.

D: OK, and is he able to talk to you normally?

K: No, he doesn't talk really yet. He's starting to fall asleep.

K: (King calls the baby's name) Get up. Get up.

D: OK, is he responding to you?

K: He's trying to sleep right now.

D: OK, and he feels hot to the touch?

K: Oh yes.

D: OK, has anything like this ever happened with him before?

K: No! No ma'am.

D: Alright. Has he had anything to drink? Or have you ...

K: I'm giving him water right now.

D: OK, just a second ... (typing can be heard)

K: Is that good or bad?

D: Well, normally we tell you not to give him anything to eat or drink before the paramedics get there but if you think he's overheated he may need something cool. Um, can you take his clothes off?

K: He already has his clothes off.

D: Alright. Another dispatcher is sending the paramedics, OK, so just stay on the line and I'll tell you what to do. I want you to remove his clothing.

K: OK, he doesn't have any on.

D: I want you to apply cool water to his skin.

K: OK. Like in the tub?

D: Yeah, you can put him in a cool tub of water,

um, you don't want it to be so cold that it upsets him, but if you can just put him in a cool tub of water, or, you know, or in the sink, wherever he will sit. Is the air conditioner on in the house?

K: Um, yes, the air conditioner is running.

D: Is anyone there with you?

K: I'm sorry?

D: OK. Is anyone there with you?

K: No. It's me and my three children.

D: OK, is your front door unlocked for the paramedics?

(King can be heard asking one of her children to please unlock the front door, then returns to the dispatcher.)

K: He's all red like he's got sunburn. I don't know how he got out of the house!

D: OK, was he outside by himself?

K: I'm sorry?

D: Was he outside by himself?

K: Um, yes ma'am. I don't know how he got out.

D: OK. Do you know how long he was out there?

K: Um, probably two hours.

D: OK. Where were you during this time?

K: I was sleeping inside with my other two children.

(audible whimpering and moaning)

D: How old are the other children?

K: Um, there is another twin and she's 18 months and I have a six year old.

K: You said cool water?

D: Yes.

(King can be heard directing one of her children to get a stepstool)

D: Did you have a fenced yard or something, is that where he was? Where was he outside?

Where was he outside by himself ma'am?

K: Um, he was out ... out ... out in the back.

D: Is there a fenced yard or ...?

K: Yes.

(The dispatcher can be heard typing)

K: He's acting real lethargic.

D: OK, well we've got the paramedics on the way, OK?

K: OK.

D: (more typing)

K: I'm from Las Vegas and I should know better than to keep any doors unlocked, especially while I'm sleeping. It's so hot out there and I know it's hot out here too.

D: Right.

K: Oh man.

D: OK, how's he doing right now? He's awake? He's asleep? Is he breathing OK?

K: Yes, he breathing fine. But when his eyes were open he was real lethargic. ... He's been out in the sun for a while.

(King can be heard talking to her other children and to the baby)

D: OK, the paramedics are outside.

K: OK.

D: OK, don't leave him in the water by himself.

K: Oh no, no, I will not.

D: Get a towel and take him to the door with you, OK?

(King can be heard telling her children the paramedics are there and asking one of them to turn off the water.)

She can be heard groaning and talking about a bottle of water.)

The paramedics arrive

K: Yes, come in.

Paramedic: Hi, what's going on?

K: Um, he's obviously very hot.

P: Where was he at?

K: Um, he was outside.

P: Where?

K: He got out.

P: He got outside?

K: Yes.

P: He crawled out?

K: Yes.

P: OK.

D: OK ma'am, I'm going to go ahead and hang up, OK?

K: Yes. Thank you!

D: Alright.

FPU to celebrate anniversary

Florida Public Utilities (FPU) will celebrate the 90th anniversary of its incorporation on July 18.

Established in 1924 as Palm Beach Company, the business was founded as a provider of gas energy, with a customer base of approximately 1,300. Today, FPU serves approximately 118,000 customers, and provides natural gas, electricity and propane gas service to growing residential, commercial and industrial markets throughout Florida.

After being acquired by Chesapeake Utilities in 2009, FPU has welcomed Central Florida Gas, Indiantown Gas, Crescent Propane and other businesses to its growing list of companies and affiliates. Within the last five years, FPU has taken steps to expand natural gas service to Nassau County, the city of Okeechobee and, most recently, Hypoluxo Island.

In 2014, the company

Rate increase

A customer service hearing on a proposed rate increase for local FPU customers is scheduled for 5 p.m. Aug. 20 at Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, 2500 Atlantic Ave. The proposed increase, if approved by the state Public Service Commission, would increase the bill for an average customer by \$6.12, or 4.62 percent, per month beginning next January.

acquired the natural gas operating and distribution system from the municipality of the city of Fort Meade, the first such purchase in the state of Florida.

FPU currently has more than 300 employees, and is expanding to operate today out of 10 locations throughout the state.

"We are proud to be part of a company that has served the community for so many years and look forward to continuing to serve as we grow," said Jeff Householder, president of FPU.

Florida Public Utilities Co. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities Corp. Chesapeake Utilities Corp. is a diversified utility company engaged in natural gas distribution, transmission and marketing, electric distribution, propane gas distribution and wholesale marketing, advanced information services and other related services.

Information about Chesapeake's businesses is available at www.chpk.com. More information on FPU is available at FPUC.com.

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The company, he said, is planning to purchase advertisements at the airport for \$26,500. Hornsby said he has secured a transponder beacon from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and approval from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to jump in an area where sea turtles are known to nest.

He said the EPA had "no issue with us and the turtles" from May to November.

Hornsby said the city and the county do not have to worry about liability issues because customers will sign liability waivers.

Board Chair Barry Holloway advised Hornsby to speak with local law enforcement agencies

as well as the county manager and county attorney. He was given business cards.

Hornsby invited commissioners to participate in a demonstration jump for the city commission.

"Unh, unh," said Commissioner Walter "Jr." Boatright. He said he has spo-

ken extensively to Hornsby about bringing skydiving to the area and supports the request, but he said he is not jumping out of a plane that's comfortably airborne.

"I thought it was ludicrous for someone to jump out of an airplane," said Boatright.

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SHERIFF

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ning to lease a vehicle for the lumberyard he owns in Yulee for the first time in 40 years of business.

The board needs to sign off on the proposal before work can begin. A vote is expected as early as next week.

Three Jacksonville-based companies bid on the sheriff's

building and two on the 911 center. The bids for the sheriff's administration building were:

- Acon Construction Co., Inc., \$7,756,000
- Batson-Cook Construction, \$7,879,000
- Perry McCall Construction, Inc., \$9,197,000

The bids for the 911 center were:

- Acon, \$1,920,000
- Batson-Cook, \$1,997,000



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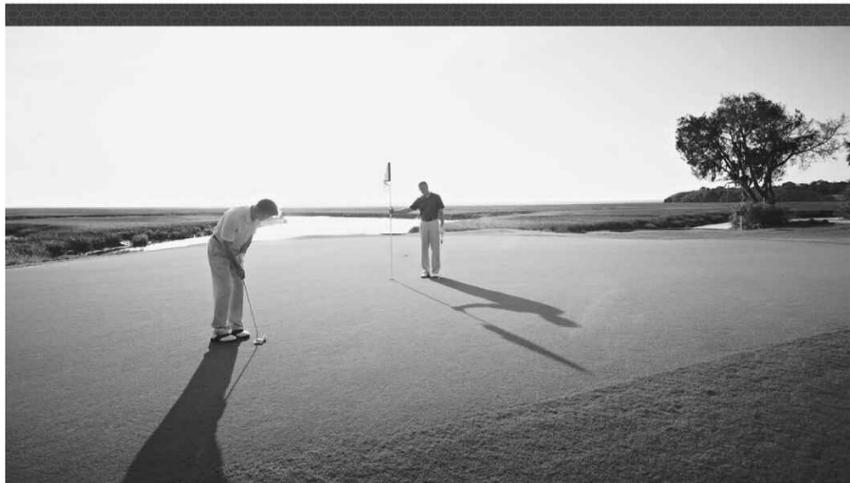
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Sincerely
Jay Crump O.D.,P.A.

Mid-year vehicle sales market report

Vehicle sales through June

Manufacturer	YTD	YTD 6/13	Change	YTD 2014 Market Share	YTD 2013 Market Share
General Motors	1,455,868	1,420,346	+3%	17.8%	18.1%
Ford Motor Co.	1,265,357	1,289,736	-2%	15.5%	16.5%
Toyota Motor	1,165,607	1,108,791	+5%	14.3%	14.2%
Chrysler Group	1,020,123	908,332	+12%	12.5%	11.6%
American Honda	739,436	745,578	-1%	9.1%	9.5%
Nissan N.A.	704,477	624,709	+13%	8.6%	8.0%
Hyundai-Kia	661,847	638,361	+4%	8.1%	8.1%
VW Group	288,073	303,894	-5%	3.5%	3.9%

This report is new vehicle sales in our country through June. The beat goes on for improved sales accomplishments in America, as those who follow national news are aware. The first half of the year saw sales of 8,168,888 vehicles, a 4 percent improvement over last year's 7,833,026. We have come back to what is considered a more typical volume, pre-recession.

Low rates and an aging fleet of vehicles on the road have combined to keep the momentum in place. As usual, the raw numbers in the nearby box are accompanied by some observations. We will again list the top seven manufacturers creating U.S. sales, after which there is a big volume drop-off.

I would call your attention to the middle column, the percent change in raw sales. If you didn't gain 4 percent in sales, you lost ground. Chrysler and Nissan were the clear winners,



KEFFER'S CORNER

Rick Keffer

each with above-market sales increases and nice market share gains. GM held on pretty well, despite having to play defense on recalls. Toyota picked up a tenth of share on a 5 percent sales bump. Ford lost a full

point of share on a 2 percent sales drop.

Some suggest Ford and Honda, which also went backwards, are not chasing numbers. They are focused on profit margins instead. The Korean brands are a factor, but have retreated from big gains to more of a typical market performer. VW says it lacks product as a justification of the sales drop.

The Jeep division of Chrysler continues to be on fire, up from 229,405 units last year to 332,802 units, a 45 percent gain. In the high-line arena, gains are above market. Mercedes leads with 163,107 sales, up 8 percent. BMW is a close second, with 157,382 sales for a 12 percent gain. Lexus is third, with 138,689 sales and a 17 percent gain. Buick (113,472), Audi (84,349), Infiniti (59,341) and Lincoln (44,542) all enjoyed sales upticks in the teens.

Collectively, a healthy market with an expectation for a strong rest of the year. Those that have helped the automotive rebound – thank you. Those that haven't – we invite you to get on board. New or used, it sure helps our economy. 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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Monkey Barrel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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County's Economic Development Board director to retire

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Steve Rieck is retiring as executive director of the Nassau County Economic Development Board (NCEDB) after seven years on the job.

Rieck said that his last day would be Sept. 30.

He made the announcement in a June 20 letter to the organization's board of directors. County Manager Ted Selby said his office did not receive a copy.

"I typed it up and put a stamp on it," said Rieck. "I'm still one of the people who uses the U.S. mail."

In an interview last week, Rieck, who turns 65 in August, said he plans to spend time with family, including his wife, two adult children and his three-year-old grandson.

"The first thing I'm going to do is kick back and take it easy," said Rieck. "But I have a lot of work to do between now and then."

At the top of his "To Do" list, said Rieck, is setting the agenda for the organization's strategic planning retreat. The board and its investors are meeting Sept. 23 at White Oak conservation center in Yulee to map out a plan for the future.

Rieck said he would work with the NCEDB's executive committee to find a replacement. The committee includes the board's four officers and three investors from the local business community.

"I wanted to give them time to find someone who can continue the goals we have established and move the mission forward," said Rieck.

NCEDB member Helmut Albrecht, who is expected to serve on the search committee, said the organization benefited from Rieck's professional leadership.

"We are grateful to have Steve working for us," said Albrecht. "One of his biggest accomplishments is Nassau Tomorrow."

Nassau Tomorrow is a five-year strategic plan to generate jobs in Nassau County. The program focuses on achieving goals in five areas, including business recruitment and marketing, business retention and workforce development, government affairs, communications and investor relations.

The NCEDB said that in its first year, seven projects brought in 567 new jobs and \$97 million in capital investment.

Rieck is also credited with working with county officials to establish the county's first tax incentive program. The economic development grant was established almost two years ago and is currently providing thousands of dollars in tax rebates.

Among the companies to receive local grants are Science First, ALM Technologies, Vystar Credit Union and DTW Marketing.

"Steve helped open the door for us," said Nassau County Commission Chair Barry Holloway, adding that the community has benefited from Rieck's professional experience.

"He showed us what to do and got us moving in the right direction. We will miss his leadership."

Rieck has also been instrumental in helping Rayonier



Rieck

market its Crawford-Diamond industrial park on the county's West Side. The 1,800-acre site has been approved for manufacturing, assembly and distribution. Rieck helped organize a ceremonial opening in 2012 with Florida Gov. Rick Scott.

"We don't have a taker yet, but we're going to and when we do we will give thanks to Steve," said Holloway.

When Rieck started working for the county in 2007, the economy was robust. When the recession arrived, Rieck said he used the time to establish business-friendly ordinances and visit companies around the country as well as overseas.

"One of the silver linings in the recession was that business did not rapidly expand and we used that time to make sure that Nassau and its municipalities were ready to catch the next wave of economic growth," said Rieck.

In addition to helping the county, Rieck also has partnered with officials within the city of Fernandina Beach to increase economic development.

"Steve gets credit for bringing people together and showing us the importance of building alliances when it comes to economic development," said Fernandina Beach Mayor Ed Boner.

Rieck spent the bulk of his 40-year career in Atlanta, managing civic organizations, including the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce. He also did private consulting in business development, strategic planning and finance.

Rieck, who lives with his wife in O'Neil, said he is leaving his job but is staying in Nassau County.

"I'm staying here," said Rieck. "It's a great place to work, live and, as I'm soon going to find out, retire."

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'Pilot program' for food trucks

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Serve now. Regulate later. When it comes to food trucks, the Nassau County Planning & Zoning Board says let's get cooking.

At the meeting July 1, the board told Growth Management Director Peter King to stop working on a food truck ordinance and issue three permits now for service at county parks.

Board Chair Tom Ford called it a "pilot program."

"Address it in a year's time and then look at regulations after that," said Ford.

Board member Pat Keogh agreed.

"Don't start with a regulation," said Keogh. "Observe it, and Peter gets back to us."

King said after the meeting that the county commission will need to sign off on the plan.

During board discussion, Keogh said he owns property in the District of Columbia that he rents to the owners of three food trucks.

"It works great," he said. "Why are we regulating this?"

There are many factors to

'It works great. Why are we regulating this?'

PAT KEOGH

NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

consider, as the board knows.

They each have a copy of the draft ordinance King has been writing and revising for weeks. The reasons are in there.

King has suggested starting with the definition of a food truck because that's important.

Some questions to consider: Is it self-propelled? On a trailer? Does it need a sink to sanitize equipment and wash hands? Who supplies utilities?

And nailing down the definition of a food truck is only a start. There are many more considerations.

The eight-page proposed ordinance lists them.

Location, permitting, signage, noise, hours of operation, waste requirements for water and trash, licensing, permits, service on private property, insurance, violations, fines, enforcement and deciding the steps it would take to revoke a

permit once it's issued.

While there was brief discussion about garbage cans and signage, the Planning & Zoning Board did not dwell on operational details.

Keogh wanted to know why the proposed ordinance limits the number of food trucks to one per acre.

"That makes no sense at all,"

He said Austin, Texas allows 8 to 10 food trucks to congregate in one place.

"It's kind of an exciting concept," he said.

Here's what board member Jeanne Scott wanted to know about permits.

"Why limit to three?" said Scott.

Keogh said three is a good indication, and then made the motion to approve the three-permits plan. The motion was seconded by board member Jeff Gray.

There is one person who has

been pushing the food truck agenda. That's Mario Manganaro, who ran Pompeo's Italian restaurant in downtown Fernandina Beach for 25 years before closing and retiring about three years ago.

"We should concentrate on parks," said Manganaro.

"You just want to open up at county parks?" said Ford.

"Exactly," said Manganaro.

Ford suggested a lottery for the permits.

"I'm not gonna spend \$100,000 on a lottery," said Manganaro, who implied that's how much the investment on a food truck would cost him.

Keogh suggested parking food trucks in downtown Fernandina Beach.

"I want to be on record that I'm very, very against this," said Manganaro, who told the board that he does not want to compete with storefront dining establishments.

Ford asked Manganaro what he would sell?

"What do you want?" said Manganaro.

Ford's reply: "I want to see crabs."

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New software for Property Appraiser

Nassau County Property Appraiser Mike Hickox announced this week that his office has selected a new software vendor to host the over \$9.6 billion worth of property his office assesses.

Vision Government Solutions has been selected to implement the CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) system, a process that will take roughly 12 months to administer.

Vision is a leading supplier of land parcel management software technology to local government organizations, enabling efficient assessment and mapping procedures while also effectively administering property exemptions, according to a press release issued by the Property Appraiser's Office.

Vision's CAMA software is currently installed in over 400 assessing offices across 10 states, with installations ranging in size from 300 parcels to more than 1 million parcels. Nassau

County currently has approximately 48,000 parcels.

Hickox said that the current system has been in place since the late 1970's and has not shown signs of improvement. "Technology is a big part of this office and we need to focus on ways to make the process more efficient and easier to manage," he said. "The partnership with Vision will help us reach the level of technology we need to accurately appraise all 48,000 parcels in Nassau County."

The current assessment software does not cooperate with the website and causes many issues for customers, and Hickox said he feels the new software will eliminate redundant work by staff, saving time and tax dollars. Conversion is expected to begin very soon.

"We expect to go live next summer, allowing us to submit next year's roll using the new system," he said. "This is an exciting improvement for our office."

Town Hall

Nassau County Property Appraiser Mike Hickox will host a pair of town hall meetings to discuss 2014 property values and answer any questions concerning property assessments and exemptions.

This will be an opportunity for property owners to learn more about the valuation process, receive updates about the office and ask questions to help them better understand their assessments prior to receiving their notice of proposed taxes. New 2014 values will be posted on the Property Appraiser's website by July 15.

The Callahan Town Hall will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23 at the Nassau County Building, 45401 Mickler St., Callahan.

The Fernandina Town Hall is set for 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31 at the Amelia Island-Nassau County Association of Realtors, 910 S. 14th St.

For more information regarding the town hall meetings, contact Justin Taylor at 491-7304 or jtaylor@nassaupfa.com.



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Did they really say that?

Our kids were all working late today so Oma and I picked up the three grandkids from daycare and took them all to our house for supper. My 3-year-old granddaughter, Lora Leigh, is the precocious one of the group. In fact, if you look up precocious in the dictionary, you'll see her grinning face beside it.

So, our conversation in the car on the way home went like this: "Papa, where's mommy?" she inquired. She's at work, sweetie, I replied. "Oh, Papa, where's daddy?" she wanted to know. He's at work, too, darling, I answered. "Oh, But Papa, where's Uncle Richard?" she persisted. He's working late tonight, short stop, I explained, knowing whose name was coming next. "Papa? Where's Auntie Em?" she asked. She's working in New York this week, Lora Leigh, I told her.

Long pause. And then: "Papa, don't you go to work?" she asked. No, baby. Papa's retired, I explained. And then the most candid, empathetic answer ever: "Poor Papa. I'm real tired, too." If I hadn't been driving, I'd have been bent over double on the side of the road slapping my knees and laughing myself sick.

For those of you who are parents, what are the things that you look back on when your kids are grown that you remember most vividly? The little handprints in watercolor sent home from the daycare center? The singsong ABC's all the way through, including the ageless character Elliminopee? The A+ on the science project that you did while your child watched? OK. Those are important milestones. But I've got to be honest here. And y'all know me well enough by now to know that I never



CUP OF JOE

Joe Palmer

flinch at addressing the sometimes off-color things of life. The things that give me the most laughs about my kids and grandkids are the verbal foibles, gaffes, nonsequiturs and cobbled together mumbo-jumbo that often-times passes for answers or explanation. And chief among these sometimes embarrassing innocent utterances that usually fells me the hardest is a young'un's observations about some bodily functions. A teacher friend of mine once told me that the quickest way to get a whole roomful of four- to six-year-olds to laugh in unison is for one of them to pass gas loudly. Kids love commenting on farts. If you don't believe it, do it around one and wait for the results. We were in the kitchen several weeks ago when I accidentally and suddenly made a startlingly loud sound of that sort. "Papa Fartied!" my precocious one screamed gleefully. Dean, our 4-year-old grandson is the more serious and stern of demeanor of the two. Shaking his finger and frowning he responded: "We don't say that word, Lora Leigh. We say tooted." Well hell's bells. That's all it took. "Farty! Farty! Farty!" My sweet little granddaughter chanted, capering around the kitchen. And then Dean decided not to be left out. "Tooty! Tooty! Tooty!" he sang along. Did Papa apologize and correct his young charges? Nope. Did Papa lean on the counter

and laugh himself silly? Bet your bottom dollar he did.

And it isn't just my own. We were at our youngest son and daughter-in-law's house for a cookout awhile back and one of our grandson's little neighborhood friends was there. She looked like a sweet little pixie but it didn't stop her from running through the house giggling and shouting to everyone present – and to her father's great embarrassment – "Peeee-Youuu. Diddy tooted out his buttttttt!"

Several weeks ago, Dean and Lora Leigh wandered into the bathroom as I was applying deodorant. Whatcha doing, Papa, they asked, craning their necks for a better look. Putting on deodorant, I answered. Why, Papa? Because it makes your armpits smell better, I answered, bereft of a better explanation. Ewwww, Papa has stinky armpits! And that was all we heard the rest of the evening, all the way through supertime, tubbies and bedtime stories. Now, if I want a great photo of my grandkids with great big laughs and grins, I don't say cheese. I just yell "Stinky armpits!" Try it sometime. No more frownie photos, I promise you.

The late, great Art Linkletter was famous for featuring and interviewing kids on his radio and television shows. His experience with the brutally candid speech of children lead him to write a series of books called "Kids Say the Darndest Things."

And they do, too. We got a new one on us just the other night: Donkey balls. Still laughing.

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Marina is 'a silt trap, and that is the crux'

Sometimes, you can't just keep turning the other cheek.

After reading Steve Nicklas' column (July 9), I cannot just sit there and let a veiled character assassination continue to haunt me. In his column Steve wrote: "The marina looks and operates better than before. The Westrec dockworkers are courteous and professional." He then continues by adding "While the mounds of silt are hardly Westrec's fault, they confound marina operations..."

Well, let's start with the "Westrec workers." I agree that the workers are courteous and professional, but let's get the facts: four out of the seven present employees worked for the city before Westrec took over (dockmaster Kevin Little, maintenance worker Jay Williams, dockhands Roger Dittbenner and Roy Pirkle). Those guys were professional and courteous, back when I was there, and no offense to the present manager Joe Springer (who I think has done a great job, by the way), but I find it more than a bit insulting to suggest that only with the Knight in Shining Armor – aka Westrec – coming in, that out marina staff is courteous and professional.

Next, why does Westrec get a bye because "the mounds of silt are hardly Westrec's fault, they con-



OPINIONS FROM THE GOLDFISH

Coleman Langshaw

found marina operations" yet the city is vilified for mis-managing things with the same set of circumstances? I agree that Westrec has a steep hill against it, considering the siltation issue, but that was a clear and known fact when they bid on the operational contract, so it is not like they inherited some problem our previous management created.

And what Westrec also has over the former city management, is an apparent open checkbook, and amazing patience and support from the city commission. When we turned over control to Westrec, we were in the last days of the Great Recession, yet we still handed over a recently dredged facility. Yes, it was not perfect, and it still had high spots, and there was a huge debt service (all things we had to battle during our tenure), but to say that things are so much better now than before is turning a deliberate blind eye to the reality that is the marina, and has plagued us for decades. Also remember, that the city

(that's you and me, folks) is still paying for the maintenance, the dredging, the employees, their FICA and federal taxes – and paying Westrec \$100,000 to do exactly what the city did for many years.

Additionally, Westrec benefits greatly from the renovated dockhouse. Yes, they paid for the renovations, and kudos to them for that, but that came with important concessions from the city.

First, when we used the building, we had a small retail area; because we also had to provide for a dockmaster's office, combined with a staff breakroom, and a storage/workshed. Westrec was given permission to move the dockmaster's office out of the dockhouse and combine it with the manager's office and the bookkeeper's office in the old dockhouse that was previously leased out to the charter boat association (which brought in \$10,000 year). Additionally, the new administrative office by the boat ramp, which was used by the city (it housed the director and bookeeper's office) is now being used as a glorified storage room, allowing more valuable retail space in the dockhouse instead of consuming it with storage. And lastly, when we asked to sell beer and wine in the dockhouse (a good revenue generator), we were denied.

The water injection concept is the only game-changer in town.

So Steve is not being accurate or fair comparing apples to oranges, in any sense of the matter.

But instead of trying to make Westrec look good by kicking the old dog yet again, let's take the facts as they are: regardless of who is managing the marina, it is a silt trap and that is the crux of it all.

As I have stated publicly ad nauseam, the water injection concept is the only game-changer in town. And regardless of the ill-informed naysayers who refer to the silt as "muck," which it is not (please look up the definition – it does not contain filth or manure – it is a naturally occurring part of our local ecology. Jeez, I wish people would know what they are talking about!).

I will be glad to debate the merits of the water injection concept with anyone, and I doubt anyone can refute my claim that the background turbidity rationale is flawed. Just go down to the river on a strong west wind and look at the water. Better yet, put on a mask and jump in and go three feet below the surface (yes,

I have done it), and see what you see (or what you can't see). The turbid cloud mass is so concentrated that you can barely see any light, much less anything else.

Mother Nature is performing agitation dredging and water injection all the time, transporting the cloud continually, allowing it to settle in one spot, only to be stirred up again, re-suspended and transported elsewhere. It never ends.

Isn't about time we stop playing politics, continually making hay on the favorite whipping boy (the former city management of the marina), at the cost of the taxpayers? If we want Westrec to succeed (and believe me, I am one who does), then let's stop just patting them on the back, giving the same old excuses "the silt, the silt, the silt." Instead, let's push ahead on the only economically viable option that we have – water injection technology.

Times' a-wasting, and so are our tax dollars!

Coleman Langshaw is the former city marina director.

VIEWPOINT/HARRY SIMMONS/AMERICAN SHORE & BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

As sea rises, we must rise above politics

New climate change studies just released brought new interest in how sea level rise will impact on our coastal cities and communities. That's good, whatever your thoughts on this hot-button issue.

Why? Because the first step in being prepared is being aware – and any coastal manager or resident who knowingly ignores a potential threat to the community and interests is not being a good steward for those interests. Saying it could happen is not necessarily saying it will – but to deny even the chance of catastrophe is a fool's game.

The good news is that, in cities from Miami to Manhattan, Seattle to Old Saybrook, people are looking at how vulnerable their community could be if seas start to rise more rapidly. In some areas, this is not an abstract interest. For instance, some areas of Miami Beach and Honolulu flood at slightly higher than normal high tides today, a problem that calls for action – especially when this flooding is a new development in the past decade.

Other cities, particularly those with major infrastructure within the tidal or storm surge zone, are looking at the lessons of coastal catastrophes such as Sandy to see what steps could be taken today to make this infrastructure withstand whatever tomorrow has in store. Given the price tags some cities could be facing, starting this process early is wise since it's always easier to adapt over time than to make up for lost

ground all at once when trying to recover from a coastal disaster.

What's the key to being prepared? Looking at your vulnerabilities today so they don't become liabilities tomorrow.

Look at coastal areas that are prone to trouble in normal conditions – low spots that flood quickly; hot spots that erode quickly; vital infrastructure such as roads, utilities and public areas that are most likely at risk in any storm or weather event. What can you start doing today that will make them safer tomorrow?

Look at properties that are most vulnerable or have made your repetitive-risk list thanks to multiple damage claims. Can you plan to do something that will lower that risk, or can you work to move those structures away from future risk (or eventually remove them altogether)?

Look at your community. Does it have a realistic view of coastal conditions, a desire to proactively address problems (coastal and otherwise)? Or does it lurch from crisis to crisis, addressing problems only when they become nearly unmanageable or major threats to public safety? Smart communities anticipate disaster (as much as possible, of course), rather than allowing a crisis to set the local agenda. How? By being prepared.

When it comes to sea level rise, pundits and policy makers may have the luxury of debating or delaying because it is abstract issue for them, but people with something at stake –



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such as coastal residents and managers – had better be prepared for whatever might be ahead.

That doesn't mean coastal interests should embrace the worst case scenario – whatever this week's iteration of that looks like. Nor does it mean those who care about the coast should let their ideologies override their interests, so their

opinion about sea level rise closely follows their voting record.

It means you have to keep an open mind and an adaptable attitude, to be willing to respond to what you see and what can scientifically be proven in a way that keeps you and your community ahead of the game in preparations. And it means looking for weakness and vulnerabilities

before they put people at risk, and doing the necessary thing even if it's not politically easy.

Harry Simmons is president of ASBPA, which advocates for healthy coastlines by promoting the integration of science, policies and actions that maintain, protect and enhance the coasts of America. For more information visit www.asbpa.org.

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COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING SUMMER



The Newcomers Club of Amelia Island held a cocktail party at the North Hampton Club House on June 21, the official start of summer, with entertainment by Larry LeMier.

Clockwise from top left are Beth Gaudiana and Pam Park; Gloria Furr and friend John; Dolores Jaynes, Linda Campbell and Diane Kart; Lary LeMier and Marcia Williver; Signe and Greg Lupfer; Pat Randa and Pam Wise; and Marcia and Gerry Simmons and Susan Walsh.

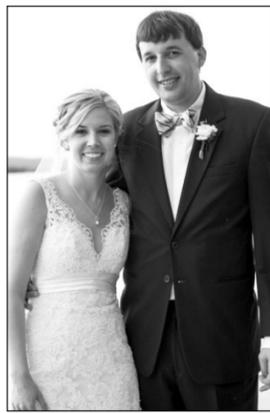
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WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



Miss Allen, Mr. Jones



Mr. and Mrs. Kublbock

Allen-Jones

Rebecca Lindsey Allen and Stephen Daniel Jones, both of Hilliard, will be married at 5 p.m. Aug. 23, 2014, at Walker's Landing, Fernandina Beach, with Bill Lenard officiating. The reception will follow at Walker's Landing.

The bride-elect is the daughter of John and Ruth Allen of Callahan. The groom-elect is the son of Steve and Darlene Jones of Hilliard.

Kublbock-Parsons

Meredith Len Parsons and Christopher Ryan Kublbock, both of Jacksonville, were married April 11, 2014, in Fernandina Beach.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dean Parsons of Macon, Ga., formerly of Fernandina Beach. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph Kublbock of Fernandina Beach.

Become a master of food and nutrition

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 connor@ufl.edu.

Breakfast learning series set for July 22

Family Support Services of North Florida (FSS) will highlight the impact of trauma on women and girls at the FSS Breakfast Learning Series, Tuesday, July 22 at 9 a.m.

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

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

Speaker Corrie M. Avila, MSW, RCSWI, behavioral health counselor with Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare, will discuss how women and girls react to trauma and how they can be helped to cope with the affects.

She will also provide an overview of services available locally through the Needs of Women - Today (NOW-Today) program, including focused attention on mental health.

NOW-Today is provided in

Nassau County as a collaborative effort of Starting Point (formerly Sutton Place Behavioral Health), Barnabas and Micah's Place.

The FSS - Nassau Office is located in the Lofton Square shopping center at A1A and Amelia Concourse.

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

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



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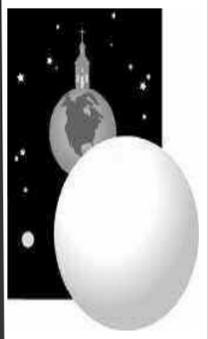
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The View From Space



Seeing images of Earth from space can induce a variety of powerful feelings, from awe over its beauty to fear over its apparent fragility. Ours is a living, breathing planet and at least so far, we haven't found any others where life occurs. Seeing pictures of the Earth from outer space is one thing; actually seeing the Earth from outer space is almost invariably a life-changing experience. Consider what various astronauts have said about their view of our planet from space. James Irwin remarked "That beautiful, warm, living object looked so fragile, so delicate, that if you touched it with a finger it would crumble and fall apart. Seeing this has to change a man, has to make a man appreciate the creation of God and the love of God." Edgar Mitchell observed "Suddenly, from behind the rim of the moon, in long, slow-motion moments of immense majesty, there emerges a sparkling blue and white jewel... rising gradually like a small pearl in a thick sea of black mystery. It takes more than a moment to fully realize this is Earth... home." Mitchell says elsewhere that "My view of our planet was a glimpse of divinity." Finally, consider what Taylor Wang felt upon seeing Earth from space: "A Chinese tale tells of some men sent to harm a young girl who, upon seeing her beauty, become her protectors rather than her violators. That's how I felt seeing the Earth for the first time. I could not help but love and cherish her." Earth is our home and is entrusted to us for its protection.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

Psalm 19: 1



Nassau NAMI offers many support groups

Nassau NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a local support and advocacy group for individuals with a mental health diagnosis or suspected diagnosis.

The Nassau NAMI affiliate offers the following services:

- Telephone helpline: 277-1886

- Bimonthly support group for family members/caretakers/friends of a loved one with a mental illness.

These meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Journey Church, 95707 Amelia Concourse in Yulee. The next meeting will be on July

- Weekly support groups



for individuals with a mental health diagnosis on Fridays at 11 a.m. at the Council on Aging building, 1367 South 18th St., Fernandina Beach (across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau).

- Monthly business/advocacy meetings.

These meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, 1303 Jasmine St., Fernandina Beach.

For information email NassauNAMIFlorida@gmail.com or visit nassauanami.org.

READY TO RUMBLE



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Chris Vendola, 42, of Fernandina Beach, far left and far right, will be taking on Eugene Hill, 35, of Galveston, Texas, in a World Boxing Foundation elimination match Aug. 23 in at the convention center in Galveston. The winner heads to Australia for his next bout. The pair are pictured, left, with sponsor David Capps, owner of Caribbean Breeze. "I fought last year and had an embarrassing loss," Vendola said. "I wasn't mentally focused. I said I was going to do it again. I fought one of the guys and beat him. I fought again three weeks ago and had a really good win. The phone started ringing and was offered a big money fight in Texas. Sponsors started jumping on." The prize purse started at \$50,000 and has jumped to more than \$60,000. If television picks up the airing rights, Vendola said the fight could move to Jacksonville.

JUNIOR CAMPS

Gymnastics

Fantastic Gymnastic summer camp is July 21-24 from 9 a.m. to noon for ages four and up. Cost is \$85 for registered gymnasts and \$95 for non-registered.

Visit Fantasticgym.com, email Fantasticgym1@hotmail.com or call 225-0022 for information. The gym is located at 96070 Chester Road in Yulee.

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.

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.

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 darius-nextleveltraining.com or call (904) 290-3320.

Golf at Omni

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

skills. Sessions are 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@omnihotels.com or visit OakMarshOceanLinks.com.

SPORTS SHORTS

Elm Street Little League

Elm Street Little League will hold its annual sports awards banquet at 3 p.m. Aug. 3 at the MLK Center. Players, parents and sponsors are welcome. For information, contact President Wayne Peterson at 753-1663.

Pop Warner

Fernandina Beach Pop Warner football and cheerleader registration is now open for the 2014 season. Visit www.leaguelineup.com for additional information. Registration will also be held at the field house, 11th and Beech streets, from 5:30-7 p.m. July 14.

YMCA summer sports

The McArthur Family YMCA is registering for Fall volleyball and soccer. Registration runs through Aug. 10 and the season will begin the week of Sept. 2. There are also still spots available in the basketball and volleyball camp July 28 through Aug. 1.

Stop by the Welcome Center at the McArthur Family YMCA on Citrona Drive or email jscott@firstcoastymca.org.

Open house at boat club

Boat Club will hold an open house at their location at Jurlington Creek Marina, 12807 San Jose Blvd. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 26. The boat club will be giving free boat rides and refreshments. Everyone is invited to come out and see all that Freedom Boat Club has to offer.

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.

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. Visit wolfsonchildrens.org/watersafety or wolfsonchildrens.org/safekids.

Rugby national championship

The Jacksonville Axemen are have released tickets and packages for the 2014

USA Rugby League national championship game. The game will be held at the University of North Florida Aug. 23 and early pre-sale tickets are being offered for just \$8 online. There are also ticket, T-shirt and hotel packages for two on offer.

The visiting New Zealand Blue Thunder take on the Presidents Barbarians in a curtain raiser prior to the main event. The Blue Thunder are the visiting Police Rugby League team from New Zealand which will also play the USA Pioneers a week prior (Aug. 16) in DeLand. The Presidents Barbarians team will consist of the Overseas Import Players from all teams across the USA Rugby League who are not competing in the National Championship. It will allow those players from Australia, United Kingdom, Papua New Guinea and other nations a chance to compete on behalf of and say thanks to the USA and the teams who have hosted them for the season.

The national championship game will then see the Northern Conference champion face the Southern Conference champion to see who is the best Rugby League team in the nation and be crowned USA Rugby League National Champions.

In addition to the most Elite Rugby League action, the event will feature performances from the JaxArrest.com Jacksonville Axe Maidens, include a featured performance of the National Anthem, offer some awesome prizes in the \$1 Half-Time Raffle and a live performance of the world-renowned HAKA from the New Zealand Blue Thunder. There will also be a free official post-game party for all fans and supporters who attended the event.

Children 15 and under will be admitted free and merchandise and concessions will be sold at reasonable prices.

The Axemen are also looking for interest from potential Jacksonville-based companies that would like to become the title/naming rights sponsor for the event as well as a presenting level sponsor. Interested companies may email INFO@jaxaxe.com.

For full ticket options visit www.jaxaxe.com/national-championship. Stay up to date with the USA Rugby League at www.USARL.com. Like the Axemen on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JaxAxeme.

Sports association

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

TENNIS CAMP



SUBMITTED

Kraft Tennis Partners on Amelia Island held a Quick Start Summer Tennis Camp for 56 future tennis players age 5-14 under the direction of Susie DeMille and Liz Kaweck. Volunteers from Kraft Tennis Partners provided instruction over a four-week period.

ADULT SOFTBALL

FERNANDINA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES SUMMER 2014	
RECREATIONAL CO-ED LEAGUE	
June 30	
San Jose Collision/AIM South	16
Logic Mountain	10
Diamond Cutters	15
Green Turtle Tavern	13
KraussCare Krushers	16
Logic Mountain	10
Halftime Sports Bar	17
Green Turtle Tavern	10
Avengers	11
Bad Company	8
KraussCare Krushers	14
Halftime Sports Bar	8
July 7	
Diamond Cutters	7
Avengers	0 (forfeit)

STANDINGS	
KraussCare/Krushers	6-1
San Jose Collision/AIM South	6-1
Diamond Cutters	4-1
Avengers	4-2
Halftime Sports Bar	2-3
Green Turtle Tavern	2-5
Logic Mountain	0-5
Bad Company	0-6

All games played at the Ybor Alvarez Softball Fields, 3243 Bailey Road. For statistics and schedules, log onto www.league-lineup.com/fb/softball.

RECREATION ROUNDUP

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For more information, log onto www.fbfl.us

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

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

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

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

FITNESS AREAS
• Weight Room/Cardio Area at Peck Gym. Free weights, selectorized equipment, Star Trac treadmills, Precor elliptical machines, Schwinn bikes. Ages 13 and up (ages 13-15 with adult supervision; ages 16-17 unsupervised but with waiver signed by parent or guardian). Open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday and Friday from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

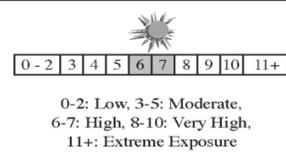
• Atlantic Fitness Room at the Atlantic Center. Precor treadmills and elliptical machines, Star Trac bikes, Hammer Strength plate loaded fitness machines, and Magnum Fitness Biangular Series machines. Ages 13 and up (ages 13-15 with adult supervision; ages 16-17 unsupervised but with waiver signed by parent or guardian). Open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	Temp
Friday	T-storms Likely	88 / 76
Saturday	Scat'd T-storms	90 / 75
Sunday	Isolated T-storms	89 / 75
Monday	Isolated T-storms	90 / 76
Tuesday	Scat'd T-storms	93 / 73
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	91 / 72
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	95 / 74

Local UV Index



Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00	Tue	2:26-4:26	2:56-4:56
Sat	---	11:31-1:31	Wed	3:20-5:20	3:50-5:50
Sun	12:31-2:31	1:01-3:01	Thu	4:12-6:12	4:42-6:42
Mon	1:30-3:30	2:00-4:00			

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
Full 7/12	Fri 6:31 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	7:45 p.m.	5:38 a.m.	New 7/26
	Sat 6:32 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	8:39 p.m.	6:44 a.m.	
	Sun 6:32 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	9:29 p.m.	7:53 a.m.	
	Mon 6:33 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	10:15 p.m.	9:01 a.m.	
Last 7/18	Tue 6:33 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	10:58 p.m.	10:09 a.m.	First 8/3
	Wed 6:34 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	11:38 p.m.	11:14 a.m.	
	Thu 6:35 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	No Rise	12:18 p.m.	

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
Date	Degree Days		Date	Degree Days				
7/1	88	77	89/74	0.00"	7/1	32	7/5	32
7/2	88	79	89/74	0.00"	7/2	34	7/6	30
7/3	97	73	89/74	0.00"	7/3	35	7/7	30
7/4	90	73	89/74	0.00"	7/4	32		
7/5	88	75	89/74	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.			
7/6	86	73	89/74	0.00"				
7/7	88	73	90/75	0.00"				

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance					
Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low	
Fri	8:16 am	2:07 am	Fri	8:55 pm	2:10 pm	Fri	7:40 am	2:04 am	8:19 pm
Sat	9:12 am	2:59 am	Sat	9:49 pm	3:04 pm	Sat	8:36 am	2:56 am	9:13 pm
Sun	10:08 am	3:50 am	Sun	10:42 pm	3:57 pm	Sun	9:32 am	3:47 am	10:06 pm
Mon	11:04 am	4:39 am	Mon	11:35 pm	4:51 pm	Mon	10:28 am	4:46 am	10:59 pm
Tue	12:00 pm	5:30 am	Tue	None	5:45 pm	Tue	11:24 am	5:27 am	11:52 pm
Wed	12:28 am	6:22 am	Wed	12:55 pm	6:43 pm	Wed	12:19 pm	6:19 am	None
Thu	1:20 am	7:16 am	Thu	1:50 pm	7:45 pm	Thu	12:44 am	7:13 am	1:14 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Moon Illusion: Not as Big as You Think

This is an excellent week to watch the moon blossom into fullness as well as approach and squeak past the bright planet Mars on Saturday July 5, and then rendezvous with Saturn two days later on Monday, July 7. Both events will occur just after darkness low in the SSW part of the sky. Then, as the moon approaches its full phase on Saturday the 12th, you may want to partake in a test that is called the Moon Illusion. Everyone has seen a full or nearly full moon on the horizon and noted its larger size. The rising moon appears much larger than when it is higher in the sky. Actually, you can prove that the moon really does not change in size by holding a dime at arm's length and using it to hide the moon when it is in or near its rising position. The fit will be tight. Wait a couple of hours until the moon has gained some altitude and appears smaller. Repeat the experiment, occulting the moon with the dime, and you will notice that the fit will be just as tight as when the moon was close to the horizon. What is happening to convince the mind that the moon appears larger when nearer to the horizon is a conflict between the rational and intuitive parts of the brain. The intuitive brain sees the sky as a flattened dome, believing that objects closer to the horizon are more distant than objects located overhead. In most cases this is true. Puffy clouds offer a good example of this effect. Clouds nearer to the horizon are farther away and appear smaller and foreshortened than clouds which are above an observer. This mindset is transferred to our perception of the sky at night. Because the moon is far away in comparison to terrestrial objects, its size remains basically unchanged. Our rational brain perceives no alteration in the size of the moon whether it is in a rising position or high in the sky. This cerebral conflict causes the brain to interpret the horizontal moon as closer than it actually is, and imagines it to be larger in size. www.astronomy.org

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Hornet heads up 2014 all-Nassau County baseball

BETH JONES
News-Leader

It was a successful season for the Yulee Hornets but it didn't start out that way. "We started off, got no hits and lost 8-0," Yulee High School junior second baseman Zack McCue said. "We were beat pretty bad by Sandalwood.

"We went to practice the next day and Coach Dean told us not to worry about that game. We started hitting the ball a lot better. And pitching. My boy Lake (Bedell)."

The Hornets rebounded to ride a seven-game winning streak. And in a rematch with Sandalwood, Yulee turned the tables on the larger school.

"We can't lose to this team twice," McCue said. "We beat them. It was a good game. That was pretty fun for me. I like the close ones."

The Hornets didn't fare so well in their first encounter with McCue's former team, the West Nassau Warriors.

"It was a big game for me because it was my old team and I wanted to beat them more than anything," he said. "We were winning and we blew it."

But again, Yulee avenged a loss, beating West Nassau in the district championship game later in the season.

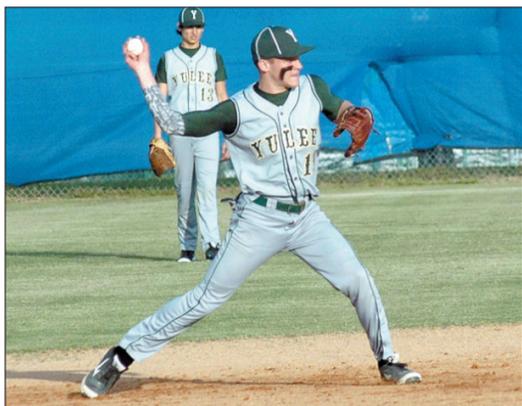
McCue transferred to Yulee last year to be closer to Florida State College at Jacksonville's Yulee campus, where he takes part in the dual enrollment program.

"It's just five minutes from campus," he said.

Academics are a priority for the most valuable player on the 2014 all-Nassau County high school baseball team.

"I get in trouble if I get bad grades," the honor student said. "I haven't gotten a C in high school."

McCue boasts a 4.1



Yulee junior second baseman Zack McCue is the most valuable player on the 2014 all-Nassau County high school baseball team. This story was published Wednesday with the incorrect photo.

PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

weighted grade point average and this fall will be taking one class at the high school and three college courses at FSCJ.

McCue got his start in the sport at the age of four. He's pretty much always been a middle infielder.

"I used to catch a little but I don't like catching," he said.

Second base seems to be his niche. He hit .323 this spring for the Hornets with a .429 on-base percentage. He scored 19 runs and knocked in 18. The speed devil recorded 24 stolen bases.

"I got thrown out just one time," McCue said. "Guess what team did it? West

Nassau. The one team I didn't want to get thrown out by."

McCue has one goal for his senior season at Yulee.

"I want to win state," he said. "We're at workouts every day not because it's fun."

Coach Mark Dean will be happy to take that ride with his second baseman.

"Zack McCue is a high-character individual," Dean said. "He has an unbelievable work ethic and has his life priorities set."

"This season for Zack was impressive; he was the table setter. Zack led most of the offensive categories for Yulee this past year. He has great

baseball instincts and a strong desire to win. He was a key component to this year's success.

"Zack McCue has earned all that comes his way. I'm extremely proud of him."

McCue is the son of Mike and Mandy McCue of Callahan.

The 2014 all-Nassau County high school baseball team includes:

- Zack McCue, junior second baseman, Yulee. The upcoming senior hit .323 with a .429 on-base percentage, 19 runs scored, 18 RBI and 24 stolen bases.
- Tyler Gilliam, senior pitcher and outfielder, West

Nassau. Gilliam was 5-3 on the mound with a 1.06 ERA. He had 53 strikes in 46.1 innings. He also had a .295 batting average, five extra base hits, 12 RBI and 21 runs. Gilliam accepted a baseball scholarship from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

- Austin Jones, senior catcher, Fernandina Beach. The three-year letterman hit .304 for the Pirates with 16 RBI and a home run. He will be attending Florida State College at Jacksonville.
- Lake Bedell, sophomore third baseman and pitcher, Yulee. He hit .333 with a .397 on-base percentage. Bedell

scored 10 runs, had 12 RBI and, on the mound, went 6-1.

- Drew Carter, junior designated hitter and first baseman, Hilliard. Carter had a .413 batting average with 27 RBI.

- Reagan Wright, senior catcher and outfielder, West Nassau. Wright had a .309 batting average, five extra base hits, 11 RBI and 18 runs. He accepted a football scholarship to Jacksonville University. This is his second appearance on the all-county team.

- Mike McKenna, senior outfielder, Fernandina Beach. He hit .270 with 11 RBI. "An excellent defensive outfielder and left-handed pitcher," FBHS Coach Ken Roland said. McKenna signed to play baseball at Volunteer State Junior College.

- Bailey Moore, senior first baseman and pitcher, West Nassau. Moore had a .273 batting average, six extra base hits and 18 RBI. Moore accepted a baseball scholarship from Paine College.

- Jaron Hanifee, senior shortstop, Yulee. He hit .315 with a .471 on-base percentage. He scored 11 runs and had 12 RBI.

- Cody Dubberly, senior center fielder, Yulee. The Hornet hit .321 with a .377 on-base percentage to go along with 12 runs, 12 RBI and seven stolen bases.

- Wyatt Petrey, senior first and third baseman, West Nassau. Petrey had a .281 batting average with four extra base hits and 13 RBI. He will attend South Georgia State College on a baseball scholarship. This is his second appearance on the all-county team.

Honorable mention: Zack Mellin, Carter Chancey, Fernandina Beach; Garrett Delano, Dalton Delano, West Nassau; Daniel Vroman, Colton Mullis, Hilliard.

INDEPENDENCE 5K



PHOTOS BY AMY TOMPKINS/SPECIAL

Close to 500 participants ran or walked July 4 in the Vida Series Race Independence 5K and youth one-mile Fun Run. Bob Quinby began the morning with a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Many celebrated our country's freedom with cheering and dressing in red, white and blue. The best overall male was Caleb Watson (16:15). The best overall woman was Eleanor Baker (18:38). The three best fun run milers were Drew Jabaley, Bradley Hungerbuhler and Nicholas Boev. For race results, go to <http://www.milestoneraceauthority.com>. Shirlene Ostrov, left, in celebration colors with an approving shaka for the race and the day. Second from left, seven-year-old Josh with mother Karen Saturday, finishing a great 5K. Drew Jabaley, third from left, won the youth run in a time of 7:50. Right, best overall female Eleanor Baker posted a time of 18:38.



Some of the 16 members of the Saturday family running another great Vida Race, right. Start of youth one-mile Fun run, above.

Playhouse alive with the Sound of Music

KATE HARRIS
For the News-Leader

What is your "Sound of Music" story? Vocal director Mary Williams took a junior high field trip to the "city" movie theater in Denver and has been "hooked on musical theater ever since."

Children's Director Arlene Filkoff stopped in Salzburg on her first trip to Europe and "literally twirled around in those hills." Closer to home, Loren Tyler, who plays Liesl, was apparently already "older and wiser" when she first saw the movie at the age of 6: "I remember pointing at Liesl and saying: 'Don't fall in love with him! It's not going to work out for you!'"

New memories will be made this week when the perennial favorite opens at Amelia Musical Playhouse, where "The Sound of Music" will run for three weekends. The show opened on Thursday.

The production features two groups of Von Trapp children, who alternate on different performance nights. According to Musical Director Jill Dillingham, "Having so many children who can all sing on pitch is amazing." Another amazing highlight of the show is the appearance of the nuns, a 12-woman chorus who expertly sing six-part harmony - in Latin.

According to Michelle Reaves (one of the 12), "Most

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"The Sound of Music" is at Amelia Musical Playhouse, 1955 Island Walkway, at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday and July 17-19 and 24-26 and at 2:30 p.m. July 13 and 20. For tickets visit ameliamusicalplayhouse.com or call 277-3455. Gregg and Jill Dillingham, seated second row, fourth and fifth from right, respectively, founded AMP with the goal of providing the community more musical theater.

Amelia's newest playhouse

A couple with a vision and a cadre of volunteers make new theater a reality

SIÂN PERRY
News-Leader

To say that the new Amelia Musical Playhouse is a labor of love would be a vast understatement.

The couple behind it wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's very much a collaboration," said Jill Dillingham, who along with her husband Gregg purchased the former Midtown bar off Island Walkway in June 2013. They've been busy renovating the space ever since - along with more than 100 volunteers.

"Jill is really the driving factor behind this theater," said Gregg during a recent interview as crewmembers, cast and musicians prepared for the current show, "The Sound of Music."

About AMP

Amelia Musical Playhouse is located at 1955 Island Walkway in Fernandina Beach. Visit ameliamusicalplayhouse.com or call 277-3455 for more information.

On stage now is "The Sound of Music," with shows at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday and July 17-19 and 24-26. Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. July 13 and 20.

"She has brought in so many younger people who are talented," said Gregg, who is not only Jill's partner in life and in business, but also her No. 1 fan.

A piano teacher with a master's in music who taught for 30 years in the Florida Keys as well as at Nova and

Barry universities, Jill's passion is musical theater. Down south she regularly put on shows with middle school kids and was twice in the Who's Who Among American Teachers, noted Gregg.

"I love going to Fernandina Little Theatre - I love their shows. I've done a bunch of shows at Amelia Community Theatre. But there's a bunch of people who want to sing," said Jill.

At first the couple held gatherings at their home on North Tarpon Avenue. "We ended up with 30 people in our living room and there wasn't enough room," said Gregg, who jokes that he works full-time as a refrigeration mechanic to support his theater habit.

"We had these huge numbers of people (eager to perform) and ACT is

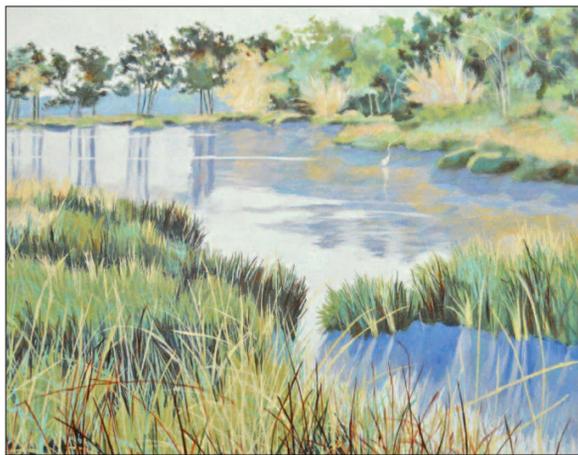
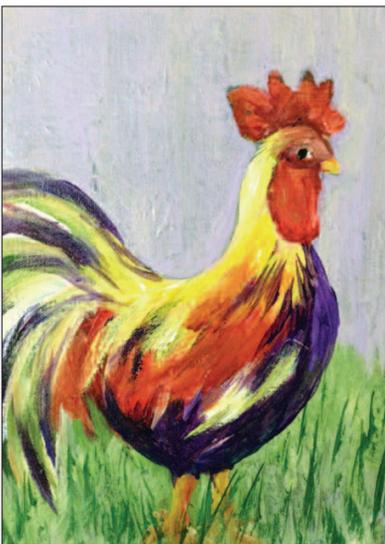
jam-packed, both theaters are, and we had all these people and nowhere to put them," said Jill.

So the couple began searching for properties where they could open their own theater with an emphasis on musical shows and embracing anyone and everyone with a genuine interest in being on stage or working behind the scenes.

They finally landed on the former Midtown bar, with its distinctive octagonal shape. They liked the location in a commercial district and the ample parking. But, they admit, "We walked into it a little naive."

Because the building had been empty for a year - ABC Fine Wine & Spirits had purchased it for the liquor license but had no interest in locating

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

A marsh scene by Gallery C owner Carol Winner, above. Left, a colorful rooster by Blue Door watercolor artist Sharon Badenoch.

Second Saturday Artwalk

Join Sharon Badenoch, July's featured artist at the Blue Door Gallery on Saturday from 5 until 8 p.m. Sharon, an accomplished watercolorist, hails from LaSalle, Ill., and moved to Amelia Island in 1991 with her husband Jim. She loves the small-town atmosphere of Fernandina and finds inspiration for her paintings in the local scenery as well as in the roosters found on the Midwestern farms. She is happy to be able to pursue her passions on this beautiful island and says, "Watercolor is as challenging as golf!" The Blue Door is located at 205-1/2 Centre St. in downtown Fernandina Beach.

New paintings by Carol Winner will be on display at Gallery C during the Second Saturday Art walk, July 12

from 5-9 p.m. Also on display are lots of new mixed media angels, wire birds, jewelry, handbags and other one-of-a-kind items. Gallery C is at 218-B Ash St. and is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. every day, closed Wednesday. Call 583-4676.

The Plantation Artist Guild & Gallery is adding a Flower Sale on Saturday to their summer show of "Romancing the Summer." The show includes fine art paintings and photography by local artists. Come buy flowers at the gallery store at the Omni Shoppes, 94 Amelia Village Circle. Regular hours are Tuesdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays starting with the farmers market at 9 a.m., open through 5 p.m.

OFF & ON THE ISLAND

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY

The Amelia Island Museum of History presents its fifth annual Community Appreciation Day on July 12. Enjoy the lazy days of summer bouncing around in a free bounce house, listening to free live music, eating delicious free food, playing free games, making free crafts, winning free prizes and transforming your face



into a work of art for free. All activities begin Saturday, July 12 at 10 a.m. and last until 2 p.m. and free admission to the Amelia Island Museum of History from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information about this program email Charity Robles at charity@ameliamuseum.org or visit www.ameliamuseum.org.

ADOPTION EVENT

A thousand pets will be looking for homes at the Mega Adoption Event July 18-20 at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds, organized by First Coast No More Homeless Pets, PetSmart Charities and area rescue agencies, including in Nassau County.

Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Adoption fee is \$25 for all pets and includes spay/neuter, microchip, vaccines and license. Adoptions are free for military with ID. Parking is free. For information visit www.fcnmhp.org or call (904) 425-0005.



'THE GOOD BODY'

Amelia Community Theatre is bringing back Eve Ensler's "The Good Body" for two more performances at 8 p.m. on July 18 and 19 in its Studio 209 at 209 Cedar St. This show does contain strong adult language and situations. All tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at ameliacommunitytheatre.org or by calling 261-6749. Doors open at 7 p.m., with open seating beginning at 7:30 p.m.



Call 261-6749 or email actheatre@att.net for more information.

THIRD FRIDAY

Join the Amelia Island Museum of History for its next 3rd on 3rd St Presentation on July 18 at 6 p.m. when Billy Burbank and Nick Deonas dis-



cuss growing up in Fernandina and reminisce about the legacies and contributions of their respective families to local history. Billy Burbank III is owner of Burbank Sports Nets. His fami-

ly has been fishing and making nets in Fernandina since the early 20th century and today they supply nets to sports facilities and shrimpers all over the world. Nick Deonas is the son of Jimmy Deonas and the grandson of Mike Tiliakos, Greek boat builders who helped establish the tradition of world-class boatbuilding in Fernandina.

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

OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

Big Red will serve prime rib, garlic mashed potatoes and salad from 5-7 p.m. tonight at American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St., for a \$14 donation. Call 261-7900 to check on daily lunch specials.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54 will serve pork loin dinners on July 12 from 5-7 p.m. For an \$8 donation you get pork loin, two sides, roll and dessert. The public is welcome to eat in the meeting hall at 626 S. Third St. or get your dinner to go. All proceeds benefit veterans and the local community.

The Men's Auxiliary of VFW Post 4351 will host a Steak Night July 12 at 5:30 p.m. for a \$12 donation. Dinner will include steak, baked potato, corn on the cob and salad. Karaoke to follow with Eddie Carter. For more information call 432-8791.

The Pink Ribbon Ladies, a support group in Nassau County for survivors of breast and other female cancers, will hold its annual pool party at the home of a member on July 14 at 6 p.m. Pizza will be served and members are requested to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share along with the beverage of their choice. For more information, contact Joyce Karsko at 261-2976 or Isobel Lyle at 321-2057.

Join The Duncan Lamont Clinch Historical Society for Amelia Island – Then and Now, on July 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Amelia Island Museum of History. Rob Hicks will talk about his new book that looks at how the town grew during the mid-20th century and expanded to other parts of the island away from downtown.

Hicks is a native of Amelia Island and a local historian. He and his wife, Kim, also native to the island, are raising their two children here. He earned degrees from the University of Florida and works as a guidance counselor at his alma mater, Fernandina Beach High School. Refreshments will be served. Email clinchhistorical-society@gmail.com.

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. July 15 at the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Police Department, 1525 Lime St. Guest speaker Gloria Toomey will present "The Durbins of Hab-Nab-at-a-Venture: Using Early Maryland Records," a case study tracing the life of Thomas William Durbin who settled in Harford County,

Md., in the late 1600's. The methodology described can be adapted for research in any of the original 13 colonies. A handout will include a bibliography of books, websites, databases, blogs, and microfilms used. RootsMagic software was used to store the data and its capabilities will be explained. In addition, using the research to qualify for a lineage society will be demonstrated. Public welcome.

The Amelia Island Book Festival (AIBF) will take place Feb. 19-21 with an expanded "Teen Fest" and new authors. As a prelude to its February festivities, the festival presents Angelspeake by Trudy Griswold at a wine and cheese reception Aug. 1 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at a private home on Amelia Island Plantation.

Author of four books, Griswold's first, *Angelspeake*, is now in its 23rd printing (Simon & Schuster). She has been featured on Good Morning America, CBS-TV and a PBS-TV national documentary of her workshops. Griswold will show you how easy it is to contact your own angels to receive their guidance, love and support. Her books will be available for purchase and personal inscription. Guests also may make a private consultation appointment with Griswold.

Tickets are \$35. Make checks payable to AIBF, P.O. Box 15286, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035. For information call (706) 499-0796 or email info@ameliaislandbook-festival.com.

The first-ever Amelia Con will be held at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center and the Woman's Club on Sept. 5-7. This event is Amelia Island's anime, comic book, animation, video game, fantasy, sci-fi, and pop culture convention. The day of fun features celebrity and comic book guests, cosplayers, artists, writers, Q&A's, films, exhibits and more. Tickets start at \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.ameliacon.com.

The Amelia Island Charity Group will host a Navy Seal Foundation Patriot's Day Ladies Fashion Show Luncheon on Sept. 11.

Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road. Fashions will be shown from Lori & Lulu's. State Rep. Janet Adkins will be the keynote speaker.

Tickets for the luncheon are available for a \$25 donation and all proceeds will benefit the Navy Seal Foundation. Online registration is available at: www.ameliainlandnavy-sealfoundation.org/events or mail a \$25 donation payable to the Navy Seal Foundation

Jazz at the beach

The American Beach Property Owners' Association will sponsor their last Summer Jazz Series of the year on Aug. 2 from 4-7 p.m. at Burney Park at American Beach. Smooth jazz saxophonist Pierre Kendrick will perform. Bring your lawn chairs and come hungry and ready to relax and enjoy the music and atmosphere. Kendrick has performed all over the United States and abroad. For information email amer-beachevents@aol.com.

Blues Festival

The fourth annual Amelia Island Blues Festival will return back to the ocean breezes of Main Beach Sept. 12-13. Friday night will feature the Fernandina Beach High School "Blues in School Band" under the direction of Johnny Robinson and Roger "Hurricane" Wilson, followed by The Mojo Roots. On Saturday, the festival will continue with performances from a variety of artists, including headliners Curtis Salgado, John Primer, Samantha Fish, Bernard Allison, Ben Prestage and more. For a full line-up of entertainment and to purchase tickets, visit www.ameliainlandbluesfest.com or call (404) 784-7687.

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 evenings at 7:30 p.m. You never know who may show up and join in the fun.

David's

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

Florida House

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

Green Turtle

The Green Turtle, 14 S. Third St., presents Vinyl Record Night every Tuesday from 7-11 p.m. Listen to LPs played on high-end turntables, talk about the medium and pur-

to P.O. Box 15698, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

Contact Carol Carter with any questions at 261-9193. Registration deadline is Aug. 31.

THEATER

Coastal Georgia Film Alliance is seeking volunteer extras to participate in a film called "The Race," to be filmed by Tandem Media on July 12 in St. Marys, Ga. People of all ages are welcome to play the roles of spectators or runners in a race organized by the city fathers as part of the plot for this family-friendly production.

Filming begins at 6 a.m. and participants should be at the Howard Gilman Memorial Waterfront Park near the amphitheater before then. Do not wear clothing with brand logos. Bring coolers, blankets, hats, sunscreen and beach chairs – what they would normally bring to watch a race or run in one.

Email barbara@stormers-marketing.com or just show up before 6 a.m. Saturday. Families encouraged.

Mrs. Kate" Carpenter announces auditions for her newest CD project, Lightning Bug Lullabies. Talented young singers, ages 7-11 are invited to audition in Callahan on

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chase albums. Disc jockeys JG World and Jim play an eclectic mix from their personal collection of thousands of records. Call 321-2324.

Hammerhead

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

Instant Groove

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

Pablos

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

Palace Saloon

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

Salty Pelican

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

Sandy Bottoms

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

Seabreeze

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

Sheffield's

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

Sliders

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

The Surf

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

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

Aug. 16. Applications and complete information can be found at www.MrsKate.com. The deadline for applications is Aug. 14.

"Mrs. Kate" Carpenter is a performing songwriter from Callahan.

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 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

The Regions Bank Summer Movie Classics Series returns to the Florida Theatre in downtown Jacksonville every Sunday at 2 p.m. until Aug. 31. July 13 will feature "Goonies." Not only are the classic movies be shown in a historic venue, but they are actual 35mm film shown on a 1927 projector. Tickets are \$7.50 each. For more information visitwww.floridatheatre.com or

call (904) 355-ARTS.

A comedy hypnosis show featuring Larry Silver will be at Theatre by the Trax, 1000 Osborne St., St. Marys, Ga., on Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at Once Upon a Bookseller in St. Marys or reserve will call at (912) 729-1103.

Commemorating the 58th anniversary of Elvis Presley's 1956 engagement at the Florida Theatre, two of the world's most acclaimed Elvis Presley impressionists will perform at the Florida Theatre, 128 East Forsyth St., downtown Jacksonville, at 8 p.m. Aug. 9.

From his sexy sneer to his gyrating guitar playing, Scot Bruce is one of the world's finest "Young Elvis" impersonators, while Mike Albert presents a stunningly accurate and respectful portrayal of the latter-day "Vegas" Elvis. performers will trace one of the 20th century's most beloved entertainers. Tickets are \$39.50/\$29.50.

Did you attend one of Elvis' 1956 Florida Theatre concerts? Like the Florida Theatre on Facebook and share your photos for a chance to win tickets for the Elvis Anniversary Bash. Call the ticket office at (904) 355-ARTS.

taken: At 10 she played the role of Brigitta, and this is her second time playing Maria.

Morris has found that "the most fun is working with the kids and seeing how they grow their characters, starting at the first day of rehearsal."

Children and adults who see the show and go away with a bit of the theater bug can be assured that Amelia Musical Playhouse plans to produce more productions with large casts and young singers in the future.

As Mary Williams puts it, "the more voices, the better."

'We listen to everyone – we don't need to have meetings. ... If you think you've got something that will float, bring it.'

**JILL DILLINGHAM,
CO-OWNER, AMELIA
MUSICAL PLAYHOUSE**

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there, said Gregg – everything had to be brought up to current code. Then there was the trash, and the wax.

"The wax on the floors was so thick!" Jill recalled, holding her thumb and index finger three inches apart to indicate just how bad.

"We spent the first few months cleaning and hauling out trash – kegs that were still half-full, bottles of liquor, garbage," she said. Next they removed walls, pulled up carpet, renovated bathrooms, converted a utility closet into the box office, painted, decorated, built a stage and installed seating to transform the space into a theater.

"My husband can fix anything – he can build something out of stuff he finds in the Dumpster," said Jill. Working 24/7, "we had a lot of help from a lot of volunteers," she said.

"Now people walk in and say, 'I didn't realize it was so nice,'" said Gregg. "We wanted it to be welcoming, not austere." In fact the space is elegant, fresh and fun, including a "piano bar" that opens to reveal a hidden trove of bottles inside. Each show features free refreshments and sangria, with donations welcome, and works by local artists grace the walls.

"It's become a community," said Jill. "We have kids working for minimum wage adjusting their schedules to be in a show. We have a large military presence and the talent that walks in from that is amazing."

Added Gregg, "We have such a mix of socio-economic backgrounds and ages and they all call each other by their first names," from retired judges to the tax collector to 20-something waiters. "We're all in here for the purpose of a common goal."

Even though she and Gregg are funding this venture, "we listen to everyone – we don't need to have meetings," said Jill, who eschews the board of directors model in favor of a free-flowing, creative back and forth. "We are open to people's ideas. If you think you've got something that will float, bring it."

That means multiple shows are in rehearsal at any time, and everyone makes it work, she said. The general plan is four big productions a year, four revues and then smaller variety shows in between. Currently the schedule is booked through this time next year.

"We're on a learning curve – we're finding out what we can and cannot do," said Jill, who has plans more "cutting edge" entertainment as well.

"It's been extremely time consuming. We haven't walked on the beach in so long, but we figured it would take a year or two," added Gregg.

That's saying something for a couple with seven children between them. Only one remains at home full-time, but the kids and their friends still frequent the duplex Gregg and Jill converted into a single-family home since moving here from the Keys.

No doubt that's been good training for the rigors and challenges of theater – especially the highly collaborative venture the couple envisions.

"Our strong point is our adaptability and we listen to everyone," said Jill. "People have been so generous. It's my job to pick up the garbage and clean the toilets, but people dive right in," she said, her eyes wide with amazement.

She credits much of that to the goodwill her husband has created, noting, "Gregg has all these skills and he does things for people all the time."

Before she can finish, Gregg begins a laundry list of Jill's generosity and good works, but she quickly cuts him off and deflects the praise.

"I'm not being shy, but I do work really hard, but everyone else does too," said Jill. "We couldn't do this without our volunteers."

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of us have been in choirs, but for half of us it is the first time we have been in a musical. Now we all have a greater appreciation for actors."

Director Geoffrey King feels that "we are very fortunate to have all of this musical and choreographic talent. I hope that as the months and years go by that partly, because of the show age spectrum we're developing a pool of talent that will mature and go from being young ingenues to teenagers."

That is the journey Sophia Rose Morris has

RELIGION

Long drives, plants and remembering life's important stuff

Lake City, Florida. Nowadays it's where my dad lives. After suffering a massive stroke some 12 years ago, he eventually landed there in the V.A. nursing home. Every couple of weeks my mom and I load up the van and head that way to take him out to lunch. His being there has been a bit-sweet thing. Bitter because I hate not having him closer; sweet because I'm glad he's still alive. They said at best he'd only last three years. But God! Though it's hard having to watch him do life from a bed and a wheelchair, even there God has given us many wonderful times together. Every day is a gift.

Once we got over the initial grief of his stroke, and decided to move forward with what we had, things got better. Since then, every step has



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Pastor
Rob Goyette

had missed while growing up. Take for instance her love for plants. Though I knew she spent her early years on a farm, her deep apprecia-

brought a new appreciation for life and for each other – not to mention the faithfulness of God who turns bitter things into sweet.

One unexpected blessing has been the three hours of driving back and forth to Lake City with my mom. I've really gotten to know a lot about her that somehow I

tion for plants was something I hadn't fully understood. Thanks to Maxwell all that changed. Maxwell you might ask. Yes, Maxwell. Maxwell is the plant man on the side of Hwy. 90 not far from the V.A. nursing home. Right there in the middle of what seems like nowhere, Maxwell has beautiful plants lining the roadway. Every time we pass by his house, my mom tells me to slow down. The fact that the plants are for sale sometimes makes the slow down a complete stop. On one particular day, unknowingly, Maxwell handed me a simple reminder that I'll never forget.

"There's three things ya gotta pay attention to," he said in a voice equal to the pace of the town where he lived. "The soil, the fertilizer and the

bugs." Though he continued to explain himself, my mind drifted somewhere else.

Where we are planted, what we are fed and how we deal with the stuff that comes to eat up our bugs are by far some of life's most important issues. To ignore them, is to despise our God given potential.

On the topic of good soil, and where we put down our roots, the Bible has this to say: "They that are planted in the house of the Lord; they shall flourish in the courts of our God." (Psalm 92:13)

Along the same line, when it comes to our need for fertilizer, the apostle Peter puts it like this: "Desire God's pure word as newborn babies desire milk; then you will grow in your salvation." (1Peter 2:2)

As far as bugs are concerned – to me they represent the things that are constantly eating at us, often in the realm of our thoughts – it's clear we are the ones who have to pull them off. "And we tear down every proud idea that raises itself against the knowledge of God. We also capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ." (2Corinthians 10:5)

In the end, Maxwell the plant man has a bigger garden than I'm sure he realizes. Not only has he provided some beautiful plants for my mom and our family, but has helped me stay focused on the stuff that matters most.

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

RELIGION NOTES

Food needed

A total of 168 bags of food and 59 Comfort Kits were given out in June. The Salvation Army Hope House thanks the community for helping to stock its Emergency Food Pantry month after month. Once again, the month begins and they need every kind of canned good and nonperishable foodstuff. Ideas for canned goods include: peanut butter & jelly, meats, stews, raviolios, vegetables and fruit and soups of all kinds – both ready-to-eat and condensed. Drystuff ideas include: macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, boxed stuffing, grits, instant potatoes, boxed helper meals and crackers. Also needed are: bottled water, insect repellent, sunscreen and bath towels. Bring your donations to 410 S. Ninth St.

Unity Isle of Light

The July 13 Unity Isle of Light service will feature special music provided by Megan Kaufmann, of the Friese Music Studio in St. Marys, Ga., and John Zimmerman. Marcia Brown will speak on the inspiring words of the 23rd Psalm. The service will include a time for meditation.

Unity Isle of Light meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Sunday of the month at the American Beach Community Center located at 1600 Julia St. on Amelia Island.

Unity Isle of Light is a start-up spiritual community on Amelia Island with a positive, practical and progressive approach to Christianity. All are invited and children are welcomed. The American Beach Community Center is ADA compliant. To learn more contact Marcia Brown, spiritual leader and coordinator, at 415-0822.

UU summer services

The local Unitarian Universalist congregation has

Round the clock reading

The community is invited to join Living Waters World Outreach Center as they host the 12th annual around the clock Bible Reading beginning Monday, July 28 in the church sanctuary at 96282 Brady Point Road, located off A1A just west of the Shave Bridge.

The Bible will be read verse by verse beginning with Genesis 1:1 at 6 a.m. Monday and ending with Revelation 22:21 late Thursday afternoon. People of all ages will read from the Word of God in 15-minute intervals. Anyone interested in reading should call the church office at 321-2117 or stop by to sign up. People interested in listening to the reading of God's Word should feel free to come whenever time allows.

The entire reading will be streamed live on the Internet, which will allow viewers around town and around the world to experience the Word of God being continually read. Simply log onto www.livingwatersoutreach.org on Monday, July 28 and select the homepage link to the Bible reading.

a special series of services planned for July and August. All presentations will take place on site in Fernandina in the usual location at the Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St., at 10:45 a.m.

July 13 begins the exploration into the book Living Deeply: The Art and Science of Transformation in Everyday Life. Services will continue with minister lead services alternating with further explorations into the

O'Neal Memorial

O'Neal Memorial Baptist Church, 474257 SR 200 E, will convene Vacation Bible School July 14-18 from 5-7 p.m. nightly.

The Bible school theme, "Keeping Your Space Clean and Green," guides a study on Christian stewardship. Each lesson, using the creation story, emphasizes that human beings bear responsibility to care for the world God created, to protect the environment and to preserve the land and its resources for future generations. Students will gain practical steps to enrich their personal walk with God, while learning how to serve God by taking care

of the Earth.

The community is invited join in this engaging week of edification in the word of God. Students age 5 through adults are welcome.

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 kindergartners 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.

St. Peter's

St. Peter's Episcopal Church invites all children to gear up at Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God Vacation Bible School. Explore and experience how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God. The fun begins July 21 and ends July 25, from 9 a.m. to noon each day at 801 Atlantic Ave. The adventure includes music that will wow your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, hands-on mission work, delicious snacks, great games and more. To be a part of all the excitement at

Workshop of Wonders, call Gaye Pappas at 261-4293 or visit <https://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/stpetersepisopalchurch> to register online.

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 261-3837 or visit www.first-presbyterian-church-32034.org.

book. For more information email eastnassau@uujax.org.

Tuesday worship

Salvation Army Hope House holds worship services every Tuesday at noon. Join them July 15 as they listen in and learn from Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus found in the Gospel of John, Chapter 3. For information, call 321-0435 or stop by the Hope House at 410 S. Ninth St.

Prayer breakfast

The Deaconess Auxillary of First Baptist Church of Yulee, the Rev. William Goode Jr., pastor, will sponsor a Fellowship Prayer Breakfast at 9 a.m. July 19. A fine program is planned. Everyone is invited to come and fellowship. For information, contact Sis. Nancy Johnson at 225-5570 or Sis. Laura Rhodes at 225-5226.

'Save the Children'

O'Neal Memorial Baptist Church, 474257 SR 200 E, will celebrate "Save the Children Day" at 3 p.m. on July 20. The youth department and Black

Male Mentors invite the community to attend as they continue to highlight the importance of nurturing self-esteem in children.

This year will recognize school support staff as role models who provide a valuable and essential service to the community.

If you would like to recognize anyone employed as a support staff member of a school, please send the individual's name and mailing address to oneilchurch@bellsouth.net and write "Save the Children" in the subject line.

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.

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., Fernandina Beach.

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 Fernandina Beach Church of Christ at the

corner of 14th and Jasmine streets.

To volunteer or request further information, contact Ellen Miller at 556-2810.

Help needed

The all-volunteer Yulee Interfaith Dinner Network needs the community's help to continue to provide hot, healthy meals to adults and children experiencing hunger in our community. Just \$25 provides enough meat to serve a hot meal to 50 people. To help, contact the network at info@chnassau.com, 556-2496, or send donations to The Coalition for the Homeless, P.O. Box 16123, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035. Please put YIDN in the memo line.

Elm Street COG

Elm Street Church of God, 502 South 11th St., Fernandina Beach, Pastor Bishop Jimmy Campbell, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m., Morning Worship at 11 a.m., Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and prayer Monday through Friday at noon. Call 261-7194.



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HOMES

RAISED BEDS

Master Gardener volunteer Joanne Templeton, right, top right, helped provide a tour of the four raised beds installed in the Fruit Demonstration Garden at the Yulee Extension office. The beds were installed to provide the right soil composition and drainage for the lemon, grapefruit and orange trees. County Extension Director/Horticulture Agent Becky Jordi led the Landscape Matters class on raised bed gardening. Jordi shared that raised beds can provide more control for home gardeners and can benefit flowers, herbs, shrubs and trees. For more information on raised bed gardening, see <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep472>, or call the Extension office at 879-1019.

Below right, the UF/IFAS Nassau County Fruit Demonstration Garden is located at the Yulee Extension office. The garden has a collection of pear, peach, nectarine, blueberry, grape and citrus trees. In 2011, Master Gardener volunteers installed two raised beds for the orange, lemon and grapefruit trees. Today, there are four raised beds, made of different materials, to demonstrate various options. For information on the plants, shrubs and trees installed in the Fruit Demonstration Garden, see: <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/fruit/fruitlist.html>.



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The Fernandina Beach Arts Market on Saturday will feature three unique vendors; one works with Italian marble and tile, another has found a practical way to re-purpose wine bottles and the third is a family that works together creating hand crafted pottery. Other booths include jewelry, woodcrafts and signage, photography, apparel, hand-crafted soap products, pet accessories and more.

Arts market set for Saturday

The Fernandina Beach Arts Market has rapidly gained traction on Amelia Island. Local artists and designers set up their booths on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month with a wide assortment of arts and crafts. Featured this week are three unique vendors; one works with Italian marble and tile, another has found a practical way to re-purpose wine bottles and the third is a family that works together creating hand crafted pottery.

Artist Tricia Fanelli of Giulia's Treasures blames her Italian heritage for her love of tile and marble. She creates coasters, matchboxes, frames, custom tiles, cheese plates, tile servers, trivets and more with seaside decorations like mermaids, seahorses and shells. Her lovely beach inspired nightlights and wreaths are decorated using locally sourced materials.

Uncorked Lighted Bottles are designed by Joyce who re-purposes used wine and liquor bottles into unique, practical and effective electric lighting

options. These beautiful pieces are works of art that make great gifts as well as perfect centerpieces for your next special event!

Fernandina Clay is a family-operated pottery business based in Fernandina Beach. They make pottery and prints that celebrate coastal life. Their creations are pleas, calls to their users to slow down and notice the details that make life precious. The family makes art because, "We think there is beauty in the most mundane of things and we encourage everyone to find it."

Other booths at the Arts Market include fine jewelry, woodcrafts and signage, photography, apparel, aprons, hand-crafted soap products, pet accessories and more.

The Fernandina Beach Arts Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday adjacent to the Fernandina Beach Market Place on North Seventh Street. Visit FernandinaBeachArtsMarket.com or call Joe at 557-8229 for information or booth space availability.

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Tortoise talk

Find out from a park ranger what a gopher is, where they live and why they are so important on July 12 at 2 p.m. at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free. For information contact the Talbot Islands Ranger Station at (904) 251-2320. Visit www.floridastateparks.org.

Energy workshop

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Forest certification

The Florida Forest Service and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) are offering education opportunities for anyone interested in forest certification.

Join the class on Aug. 14 to learn all about forest certification in Florida. The workshop will be held at the UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension office, 543350 US 1, Callahan, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A \$15 fee includes materials and lunch.

Society of American Foresters (SAF) Continuing Forestry Education credits for this workshop are approved for 3.5 hours of Category 1 CF. Register at fcp-workshop-callahan.eventbrite.com or call 879-1019.

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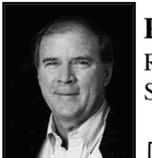
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