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Soothing Ocean Breeze?



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Construction crews work to clear land Wednesday for the new Ocean Breeze subdivision north of the airport on Amelia Island, above. Paul Alexander of Besch & Smith in St. Augustine, below, said he has fielded complaints from neighbors.



Construction heralds 110 new homes

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Construction crews with earthmovers and dump trucks are clearing land for a new subdivision with 110 single-family houses on 32 acres north of Simmons Road on Amelia Island.

The Ocean Breeze subdivision between South 14th Street and Seminole Avenue was announced last year through public meetings. The developers are the owners of Johnny Myers Truck Service. The company and their house are located on the property.

In November, the county commission approved a request by engineer Nick Gillette of Gillette & Associates to eliminate a requirement for a left-turn lane into the development from South 14th Street.

Gillette pointed to a traffic study he commissioned that said the turn lane wasn't needed. The board said OK.

But now that trees are coming down, neighbors say they're surprised.

"Oh my lord, is that what they're doing?" said Maxine Haward. "Wow."

The development backs up to the Ocean Reach subdivision off Will Hardee Road where Haward said she has lived for the last 15 years.

She was in front of her house Wednesday morning with neighbors talking about the construction project where sounds from the equipment could be heard in the background.

John Joyce said his property backs up to the development.

"There's a vibration just this morning that loosened my draperies and they fell off the wall," said Joyce.

"No, I didn't call the sheriff, but I'll sign whatever petition they want me to sign to get it stopped."

A sheriff's deputy showed up at the construction site Wednesday morning and spoke with the project superintendent about noise and code compliance.

BREEZE Continued on 3A

City endorses lower tax rate

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

For the first time in years, the city's "rollback" millage rate will actually be rolling back instead of forward.

City commissioners on Tuesday approved a decrease in the total tentative operating property tax rate from 6.5080 mills for last fiscal year to 6.3663 mills for fiscal 2014-15.

The actual operating rollback rate is 6.1021, with a voter-approved debt of 0.2642.

That means property owners whose homes have not increased in value will see a 2 percent decrease in their tax bills next year. Those whose properties have increased may see a slight increase in their property taxes.

The rollback millage rate is required by state law to guarantee that property taxes will generate the same revenues as the previous year. It has been increased annually since at least 2008 because of declining property values.

Fortunately for city taxpayers next year, the city had a 3 percent overall increase in property values, according to numbers from the Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office. This increase resulted in a city staff recommendation to adopt the lower rollback rate.

According to calculations by the city finance department, that means for a property valued at \$100,000, there will be a decrease of about \$14.17 in annual property taxes if the home has not increased in value. If the property has increased in value by 3 percent (\$103,000), there will be an increase of \$4.93 in property taxes.

According to state statute, the millage rate can only be adjusted by ordi-

School board adopts rate

The Nassau County School Board adopted its tentative property tax rate and budget Monday night. The tentative local property tax rate is 5.068 mills, the tentative discretionary millage is 0.748 mills and the tentative capital improvement millage is 1.4 mills.

The tentative budget is \$155.8 million. Construction projects next year include a new elementary school in Yulee.

The final budget hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at the school district, 1201 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach.

nance, and once approved cannot be increased, but may be decreased.

Tuesday's unanimous vote by the four commissioners present came with no discussion. Commissioner Charles Corbett was absent.

In 2008, the rollback rate was increased to 3.9922 from the previous year's rate of 3.8359, to generate the same amount of income for the city as in the previous year. It has been increased annually by the city commission since then, until this year.

The city budget for 2014-15 must be finalized before the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Budget workshops, for commissioners to discuss specific details of the 2014-15 budget, are scheduled for Wednesday at 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 4 p.m.

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County to hire 3 firefighters

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Three new firefighters will join the county's Fire Rescue Department.

The county commission unanimously approved a plan at the Monday night meeting to hire the firefighters in an effort to avoid continued overtime costs staffing a tanker truck.

When the new hires would join the department was not set, but an official in the county manager's office said the goal was Oct. 1 and that the jobs may be advertised before then.

Under the agreement with Professional Firefighters Local Union 3101, the plan also calls for the department to promote three firefighters to engineer.

The board also agreed to hold a public meeting with leaders from Hilliard and Callahan to discuss agreements with the volunteer departments.

The meeting is scheduled for Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. and will be held at Hilliard Town Hall.

Officials said adding more staff will save money over the long term. Commissioner Danny Leeper asked for numbers.

Budget Director and Assistant County Manager Shanea Jones said it cost the county \$323,000 annually to staff the tanker with overtime personnel and \$220,000 to hire full-time firefighters.

"So, it's a savings of \$123,000 to have three full-time staff members," said Jones. Her husband, Grant Jones,

is an engineer with the county's fire department.

County officials said they have been spending more money to provide service on the county's West Side since ending agreements last October with the volunteer department. They say it is a necessity. Hydrants are virtually non-existent in Nassau County west of I-95.

Commission Chair Barry Holloway asked County Manager Ted Selby to weigh in on the matter.

"Clearly we need the water," said Selby. "If we want to have that water available 24/7 we need to have it manned by our people."

The county owns one water tanker and had been relying for years on volunteer departments to bring water to fires on their tanker trucks. Since the county ended agreements with the volunteers last year, Fire Rescue has had to staff the truck around the clock with staff on overtime.

The county currently maintains an agreement with one volunteer station. That's Nassau Oaks. But Selby told the board that he held meetings Monday morning with leaders at the Ratliff Road volunteer station and in the afternoon held meetings with volunteer leadership in Yulee.

"We're recommending that they both be in the reserve program," said Selby. He also said that while he is hopeful, he doesn't know at this point if things will work out.

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OBITUARIES

Betty Douglas Cochran

(August 1, 1930-July 26, 2014)

Betty Dorothy Douglas Cochran was born on August 1, 1930 in Telmore, Georgia. A lifelong resident of Waycross, Georgia she had been a resident of Savannah Grand in Fernandina Beach, Florida for the past 8 years.



Preceding her in death were her parents, James Wesley Douglas and Etha Elizabeth McClelland Douglas, and her children's father, Allen Buford Cochran, Sr.

Leaving behind to cherish her memories are her three children, Allen B. (Cynthia) Cochran, Jr., of Blackshear, Georgia, Douglas W. Cochran, Sr., of Yulee, Florida and Mary C. (Victor) Yates of Yulee, Florida.

Having learned the value of unconditional love and patience from her eight grandchildren, Tiffany (Daniel) Warren and Brandon (Hannah) Cochran of Waycross, Eric (Laura) Yates, Sarah (David) McEwen and Hannah Yates of Bryceville, Florida and Yulee, Florida, William Cochran Jr., Georgia and Wesley Cochran of Lusby, Maryland. They vividly recall all of the summers spent together at her house with recollections of much laughter, all of the good food, VBS, craft projects and yes, even discipline! She earned her angel's wings during these times!

Her six great grandchildren will bear witness to her love of family and they are Erica and William Yates, Sadie Warren, Kathryn McEwen, Sophie Cochran and her newest great grandson who is due to arrive in August.

She also maintained a very loving and friendly relationship with her two former daughters-in-law, Phyllis Cochran and Dawn Horn whom she wrote fondly of in loving appreciation for the gifts of giving her five of her beloved grandchildren. She loved and adored her son-in-law Victor who treasured her delicious Apple Spice Cake. She often remarked that he was the best, and definitely a keeper!

Affectionately called Betty Dorothy by her family and childhood friends, she was an active member of several organizations throughout her life, most notably being one of the driving members of Wacona High School Class of 1947's many class reunions - she was the glue that kept getting them all together during those years thru her meticulous record keeping and organization. She delighted in keeping in touch with everyone!

Betty retired from Southern Bell/AT&T in 1989 after more than 30 years of dedicated service. She was an active member of the Telephone Pioneer's Association and the CWA. During a break in her career in the 60's from the phone company she was employed as the switchboard operator at Waycross Memorial Hospital and in the billing office of W.B. Bates, MD. During that time she earned her Medical Assistant Certification.

She enjoyed her retirement immensely and spent those years traveling and especially enjoyed visiting Scotland & England with her daughter and granddaughter Sarah. In 2000 she delighted in traveling to the Badlands of South Dakota with Vic & Sissy's family and had an absolute ball.

An excellent and talented seamstress, she spent many hours sewing incredibly beautiful baby burp cloth & blanket sets under her personal label "Silly Goose Creations". She also was very artistic in her paintings, cross-stitching, crafting and poetry works.

She was a founding member of the Brooks United Methodist Church's charitable organization "The Busy Bees" and in later years a member of Winona Park United Methodist Church women's group, "The Sojourners".

She was a devoted daughter and an incredible mother. Her children and grandchildren knew they were loved immensely. She remained very close with her former husband's entire family. Aunt Betty Dorothy was greatly loved and admired by all of her numerous nieces and nephews and their spouses and always enjoyed being around them.

She passed peacefully and quietly on Saturday morning just as the sun was beginning to rise to the accompaniment of the sounds of nature and to the trilling of birdsong.

She was truly a remarkable and amazing woman and this world is a much better place because of her. So to each of her friends she has left behind and to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren she would want each and every one to have this, one of her favorite cross-stitched quotes:

"Wishing you Butterfly Mornings and Wildflower Afternoons!"

A funeral service celebrating the life of Betty D. Cochran was held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 28, 2014 at Winona Park United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Oakland Cemetery.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing online at www.milesodumfuneralhome.com.

Miles Odum Funeral Home
Waycross, Ga.



most precious Christmas gift.

Educated in the local public schools, she was employed for many years as a housekeeper.

Mrs. Stays was a member of First Missionary Baptist Church, 22 S. 9th St., Fernandina Beach, Florida, Darien K. Bolden Sr., Pastor, where she served faithfully on Usher Board #1 and the Pulpit Aid Board.

Those that remain to cherish her precious memories are two daughters, Hannah Carson and Beverly Gowen, devoted son-in-law, Curtis Gowen, 16 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, three nieces, one nephew, and a host of other sorrowing relatives and dear friends.

Her funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 2, 2014 at the above stated church. The family will receive friends at the Huff and Battise Funeral Home today, Friday, August 1, from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. She may also be viewed at the church on Saturday morning from 9:30 a.m. until the hour of service.

The funeral cortege will assemble 10:00 a.m. at 731 S. 11th St.

Interment will be in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

Huff and Battise Funeral Home

Dan Turner

Dan Turner, 86, formerly of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at his residence in Bella Vista, Ark.

The son of the late Dan and Demaris "Mary" Gibbs Turner of Darien, Ga., he was born in Darien on June 28, 1928. He attended schools in Brunswick and later joined the U.S. Army where he ran LCM landing craft for the military. Upon being discharged, he returned to working in the marine salvage industry.

He was known for the love of the water, tugboats and dredging. He worked on the Chesapeake Bay Tunnel project and in 1956, the Luxury Liner Andrea Doria sunk in the waters off the coast of Massachusetts. He was hired the following year to do salvage work on the ship. He was proud of the rescue of some oil workers trapped under water off the coast of Louisiana. He owned the salvage boat "Top Cat" and did work in the Amelia Island area for many years. He retired several years ago and moved Arkansas to make his home.

He leaves behind his wife, Joanie Turner of Bella Vista, Ark., his sons, Dan Turner, Jr. of Mayport, Fla. and Kenny Turner of Jamesboro, La., his daughter Joyce, wife of Steve Franklin of Chester, Fla., step son Doug Houston and his wife, Sherrie, of Bella Vista, Ark., his brothers Kenny Wilder of Yulee, Fla. and Frank Wilder of Nassauville, Fla., his sister Kathleen Cox of St. Louis, Mo., his nephew Robert Skipper and his wife, Teddie, of Nassauville, Fla., ten grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm Monday at the funeral home. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday at the Burgess Chapel. He will be laid to rest with his father in Palmetto Cemetery, Brunswick, Ga.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

DEATH NOTICES

Mr. Gary Lee Watson, 51, Fernandina Beach, died on Wednesday, July 30, 2014. Arrangements will be announced.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Kristina M. George

Ms. Kristina M. George, age 46, of Fernandina Beach, FL, passed away Tuesday morning, July 29, 2014.

Kristina was born on June 28, 1968, in Fernandina Beach FL and was the daughter of Mary Anne George and the late

Alfred B. George. She was a lifelong resident of Fernandina Beach and a 1986 graduate of Fernandina Beach High School. She attended Florida Junior College of Jacksonville, receiving a degree as a Registered Nurse. She was currently employed with a local residential cleaning company.

She loved cooking, swimming, boating, and fishing. She also loved to take care of those with special health problems and to rescue stray and mistreated animals.

Kristina leaves behind her mother, Mary Anne George, her brother Michael W. George, her nephew Dalton George, and her niece Alexis George, all of Fernandina Beach. She also leaves behind two aunts, Patsy Yawn of Ocala, FL, and Peggy Konopa and her husband, Joe, of Anderson, SC, and her Uncle Bill Smith and his wife, Marjorie, of Ocala, FL.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am today, Friday, August 1, at the First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach with Rev. Jeff Overton officiating. The family looks forward to receiving friends from 10:00 to 11:00 am before the service.

If so desired, memorials may be made in Kristina's name to the American Cancer Society, 1430 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207 or the Nassau Humane Society, 671 Airport Road, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

Please share her life story and leave condolences at www.oxleyheard.com.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Genevieve Reeder Bartley Stays

Mrs. Genevieve Reeder Bartley Stays, age 101, slept peacefully away on July 25, 2014 at Quality Health Fernandina Beach, Florida.

She was born in Fernandina Beach on December 25, 1912 to the late John B. and Mariah Allen Reeder. The middle child of 10, she was considered to be her parents'

WEEKLY UPDATE

Ferry Fest

Rock the Boat, the third annual Ferry Fest to support the St. Johns River Ferry, will be held Aug. 2 at the riverfront Jacksonville Port Authority property between Singleton's and the ferry office in Mayport. Enjoy live entertainment starting at 11 a.m., more than 24 local art tents and booths and more than 10 food trucks. Free ferry rides (cars and people) will be available from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Service ends at 11 p.m. Friends of the St. Johns River Ferry also will collect school supplies to be distributed by St. George Episcopal Church, Ft. George Island. For information, visit the group on Facebook.

and information, contact Belson at 491-8358, (904) 476-2037 or gbelson@bellsouth.net. Visit www.TheBelsonGroup.com.

Class reunion

Fernandina Beach High School Class of 1953 will celebrate its 61st year on Aug. 2 at Sonny's Barbecue in Fernandina Beach. For information call Theresa Mayer Megna at 277-2143 or Faye Cason Freeman at 261-3310.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 4, 8, 13, 22 and 24. A basic with defensive tactics course will be held at 7:45 a.m. Aug. 2, 16 and 17. For details and additional classes

Landscape matters

On Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. Master Gardener Joseph Smith will conduct a Landscape Matters class on vegetable gardening, at the Yulee Extension office. The session will review seasonal gardening for vegetables, including seeds and "starter" plants, container gardening of vegetables, as well as what vegetables to grow during different seasons. The session is free and open to the public. For more information visit

<http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/landmatters/landmatters.html>, or call the Extension office at 879-1019. Master Gardeners are on phone duty Fridays at 491-7340.

Alzheimer's support

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group for Nassau County meets the third Thursday each month. The next meeting will be held at the Council on Aging of Nassau County, Aug. 21 from 2:30-4 p.m.

This meeting is open to the public and everyone who has an interest is invited to attend. For further information call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, at 261-0717, 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.

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.

Tips to stay safe in lightning storms

JENNETT BAKER
CREED Executive Director

Protect yourself and your loved ones from lightning during a thunderstorm.

The weather forecast calls for a slight chance of thunderstorms, but you only see a few fluffy white clouds overhead. So you and your tennis partner head for the court. Then, wait! Is that thunder you hear? Was that a lightning flash?

What do you do? Keep playing until the thunder and lightning get closer? Go sit on the metal bench under the trees? Or get in your car and drive home?

Correct answer: If no substantial, non-concrete shelter is nearby, get in your car and wait out the storm.

Why? Because being outside when lightning is present is not something to take lightly, ever.

Although the odds of being struck by lightning in a given year are only around 1 in 500,000, some factors can put you at greater risk. Lightning most often strikes people who work outside or engage in outdoor recreational activities. Regional and seasonal differences can also affect your risk of being injured by lightning.

Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas have the most lightning deaths and injuries. Florida is considered the "lightning capital" of the country, with more than 2,000 lightning injuries over the past 50 years.

The consequences of lightning strikes are serious. Lightning is one of the leading causes of weather-related fatalities. During 2003-12, lightning caused an average of 35 deaths per year in the United States.

You can protect yourself from risk even if you are caught outdoors when light-

ning is close by.

Safety precautions outdoors

- If the weather forecast calls for thunderstorms, postpone your trip or activity.
- Remember: When thunder roars, go indoors. Find a safe, enclosed shelter.
- If you are caught in an open area, do NOT lie down. Lightning causes electric currents along the top of the ground that can be deadly over 100 feet away.

- Stay away from concrete floors or walls. Lightning can travel through any metal wires or bars in concrete walls or flooring.
- Although you should move into a non-concrete structure if possible, being indoors does not automatically protect you from lightning. In fact, about one-third of lightning-strike injuries occur indoors.

Safety precautions indoors

- Avoid water during a thunderstorm. Lightning can travel through plumbing.
- Avoid electronic equipment of all types. Lightning can travel through electrical systems and radio and television reception systems.
- Avoid corded phones. However, cordless or cellular phones are safe to use during a storm.
- Avoid concrete floors and walls.
- Lightning strikes may be rare, but they still happen and the risk of serious injury or death is severe. So take thunderstorms seriously.

Visit www.cdc.gov/features/lightning-safety/index.html.

The Coalition for the Reduction/Elimination of Ethnic Disparities in Health (CREED), 464126 SR 200 in Yulee, has the mission to educate the community concerning chronic and infectious diseases and the importance of early access to care. Call 556-3363.

Senior Expo set for Aug. 15

The Council on Aging of Nassau County and Baptist Health Hospital have joined forces to present the second annual Senior Expo and Health Fair on Friday, Aug. 15.

This event will bring together more than 40 state and local organizations that will present a wide variety of health and wellness information to county senior citizens.

The expo is free and will be held at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center's main auditorium, 2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. The goal is to edu-

cate and enlighten seniors, resulting in a longer, healthier life.

The Senior Expo and Health Fair will run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. While the information offered is geared for individuals age 60-plus, the public is invited to attend the free event. Health tests and screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure, bone density and glucose levels will also be offered at the expo free of charge. Influenza vaccinations will also be available through Walgreens Pharmacy.

Visit www.coanassau.com.

Advance directives workshops in August

In collaboration with the Nassau County Bar Association, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid and the Northeast Florida Paralegal Association, the Council on Aging of Nassau County will host a two-session workshop to educate and execute advance directive legal documents.

This workshop will be held at the Nassau County Council on Aging's Senior Center in Hilliard, 37002 Ingham Road, on Friday, Aug. 8 and Friday, Aug. 22.

Besides educating seniors on advance directives, the documents designed to identify in writing their end of life plans and wishes to family and designated caregivers, this workshop will also offer seniors the services of local volunteer attorneys to draw up and execute durable powers of attorney, living wills, health care surrogate designations and designation of pre-ned guardians.

The attorneys will provide their services pro-bono, meaning there are no costs to participating seniors for these documents.

The workshop is a two-

part process. The first session, Aug. 8 from 10-10:45 a.m., consists of a short presentation outlining the purpose of each of the documents and answering any questions or concerns.

Appointments will be made at the conclusion for the next session, Aug. 22 from 1-4 p.m. At the second session, the attorneys and paralegals will create the documents free of charge. Seniors who would like to have documents created Aug. 22 must attend the informational session Aug. 8. At the conclusion of Aug. 22 session, seniors will leave with the legal documents they requested.

This workshop was created by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) in partnership with the Joint Public Policy Task Force of the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys and the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar, Florida Legal Services, and the Florida Senior Legal Helpline.

The first Nassau County event of this kind was held May 23. For information call 845-3331 or 261-0701.



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BREEZE*Continued from 1A*

Paul Alexander, who is overseeing infrastructure for Besch & Smith in St. Augustine, said he has fielded complaints from neighbors.

"I got grief from a couple of people," said Alexander in an interview on the site Wednesday morning.

He pointed to several houses surrounding the construction site.

"That house, that house, that one."

The one with the light green eaves?

"Yes. And the one next to it," said Alexander.

No one from the neighborhood showed up at the county commission meeting in November when the board approved the developer's request for removal of the left turn lane.

Myers had their engineer do the traffic study in hopes of getting the board's approval. A traffic study is pricey, but it is a lot less expensive than increasing traffic lanes and moving power lines that come with such development.

Another neighbor, Kit Snyder, a retired therapist who also resides in the Ocean Reach subdivision, offered a more practical view about the new development.

"It's inevitable," said Snyder. "These are small problems compared with other places."

Snyder referenced Israel, Gaza and Syria.

"What matters here now is that this project is well orchestrated and sensitive to the environment and the local people in the community. But stopping it? No, that's not going to happen."

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FIRE*Continued from 1A*

Fred Parker, the volunteer fire chief for the Yulee station, said his department wants to work out a deal with the county. He said he understands that the board did not think they were getting their money's worth from his department and acknowledged deficiencies, including recordkeeping.

"It wasn't that we mismanaged the funds. ... We didn't keep good enough records," said Parker, who promised commissioners that the department would do better.

The board also heard from Callahan Mayor Shirley Graham. She has been asking the board to meet with the volunteer departments on the West Side along with Hilliard Mayor David Buchanan.

The board has previously been reluctant and has said that if a meeting was held it would be at the commission

chambers in Yulee. But they relented and agreed to meet in Hilliard on Aug. 13.

There are conditions. Commissioner Walter "Jr." Boatright called for a workshop meeting and did not want any official votes taken.

His colleagues on the board agreed. The board also called for a professional meeting, conducted with civility.

"I'm not going over there to have an unruly meeting. They need to be warned this will be a friendly meeting," said Leeper.

Graham agreed, though she said she couldn't vouch for Hilliard. She said she is planning to leave office in November and would like an agreement to be signed by then.

"You will find that the council from Callahan is not so aggressive and boisterous," she said. "We're willing to work it out."

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Public may influence regional water plan

PALATKA - The St. Johns River Water Management District staff have completed the final draft District Water Supply Plan. It will be considered by the district's Governing Board at a public meeting on Aug. 12 in Palatka. Members of the public will have an opportunity to provide input at the board meeting.

The plan was developed as part of the district's work to ensure that adequate and sustainable water supplies are available to meet future needs while protecting the environment. The plan informs water users about the estimated future increase in water demand through 2035, sustainable withdrawal limits for water resources and related natural systems and the methods and means to supply water in a sustainable manner.

This plan is essential to the district's core mission for water supply - to implement a regional strategy to provide sufficient water for users and the environment.

The district's total population is expected to increase by almost 1.8 million people from 2010 to 2035, and total water demand is estimated to increase by 314 million gallons per day, assuming no reduction in per capita demand. The water demand estimate is conservative, illustrating the magnitude of demand that would occur without increased water conservation and reuse.

Fresh groundwater alone cannot supply all of the 2035 estimated increase in water demand without unacceptable impacts to water resources and related natural systems. The plan provides water users with a clear plan to meet water supply needs through the year 2035. Water demand can be significantly reduced by extensive implementation of additional water conservation and

reuse. In addition, the plan identifies alternative water supply development project options to supplement the additional water needed.

Additional information is available at floridaswater.com/DWSP.

She's passionate about food

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

Kim Lewis does a little bit of everything in the kitchen at Baptist Medical Center Nassau in a long day that starts about 5:30 a.m.

"Anything and everything pertaining to the dietary department, including preparing and cooking patient meals and for the retail café," said Lewis.

Lewis is passionate about cooking and has been working in the food industry since she was about 18 years old.

"I started out as a hostess and just went from there."

Preparing and cooking a new recipe and seeing people's reactions are the most fun parts of her job, she said.

Multitasking and trying to please so many different kinds of people are the most challenging things.

Recipes for the café and patient meals come from Sodexo, an institutional food company serving airports and school cafeterias that offers "mindful foods that balance nutrition with enticing flavors to create an indulgent way to enjoy health."

"We typically serve about

'I nominated Kimberly because of her passion for cooking. She is the backbone of the kitchen and is always looking for ways to improve things in the department. Kim will make a great manager or chef someday.'

**MATT CLAYTON, DIRECTOR
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES,
BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER NASSAU**

400-500 meals a day," said Dietary Director Matt Clayton.

Patient meals are different from the café foods because of various special diets, but all are very tasty and keep within special guidelines set by U.S. Department of Agriculture and supervised by the hospital dietician, Mary Snyder, R.D.

There are vegetarian choices and Lewis notes gluten-free requests are becoming more frequent.

Employed at BMCN for the past four years, Lewis works alongside her British husband, Craig. The two met while working at KP's, a popular eatery no longer in business.

The couple visited Craig's former homeland for his best friend's wedding in 2010.

"We went for about 10 days

and it was great. We went to London and then down to Plymouth where he's from. It was very nice. Everything's so old."

As a Navy brat, the Yulee native is used to travel, having lived all over including Rhode Island, Maryland, Texas and Massachusetts but she returned to her hometown 13 years ago.

She and Craig share their Yulee home with their children, Dalyn and Gareth. In addition to working full-time at the hospital and taking care of her family, Lewis is currently enrolled as a part-time student in the Culinary Management Program at FSCJ. Craig is also a student at FSCJ in computer networking.

"We're a very busy family!"



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Kim Lewis loves cooking for patients, staff and visitors to Baptist Medical Center Nassau.

she quips.

Amelia Breezes Café, located on the first floor of the hospital's main building, serves breakfast 7-9:30 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and dinner 4:30-6:30 p.m. seven days a week.

Baptist Medical Center Nassau is located at 1250 South 18th St. Phone 321-3500.

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Help before, after severe storms

PALATKA - The St. Johns River Water Management District's website provides easy access to flooding information and other resources that can help before, during and after severe storms. Hurricane season officially began June 1.

The web pages (floridaswater.com/storm) include links to flood statements and warnings, river stage and flooding data and local government emergency contacts. Also included are links to the National Weather Service, Florida Division of Emergency Management and the U.S. Geological Survey's interactive map of current conditions in the state.

Florida's many waterways and extensive coastline make the state especially vulnerable to floods. When hurricanes and other storms bring high volumes of rain in short periods of time, flooding can result. Partnerships between the pub-

lic and government entities are necessary to minimize flooding impacts, protect personal property and assist flood victims during and after storms.

The district works closely with local governments year-round to develop improved flood management plans and to help communities establish and implement strategies to deal with floods once they occur. Local governments are the primary entities responsible for emergency responses during storms, such as implementing state-of-emergency declarations, evacuations and rescue efforts during flood-related disasters.

In the event of a tropical storm or hurricane, the district assists local governments by issuing emergency orders that allow for the pumping of water to alleviate flooding when public health and safety are at risk. The district also issues emergency orders to authorize repair,

replacement or restoration of public and private property.

To prepare for hurricane season, which officially runs through Nov. 30, property owners can protect themselves and their property by:

- Keeping debris out of storm drains and ditches
- Reporting clogged ditches to local governments
- Cleaning out gutters and extending downspouts at least four feet from structures
- Building up the ground around the home to promote drainage away from the foundation
- Obtaining flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program.

The St. Johns River Water Management District is a regional agency of the state of Florida whose mission is to protect and ensure the sustainable use of water resources. Alachua, Baker, Bradford,

Brevard, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Lake, Marion, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Putnam, St. Johns, Seminole and Volusia counties.

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is 50!*

**INVITATION TO BID**

The City of Fernandina Beach will receive sealed competitive bids for their 2014/2015 annual requirements for the following until no later than 2:00 p.m., August 18, 2014.

ITB # 14-12 Polymer Concentrate

ITB documents and specifications are available to download from the City of Fernandina Beach website, www.fbfl.us/bids. Questions regarding bids can be directed in writing to Marshall McCrary, Deputy City Manager, at dmccrary@fbfl.org.

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**ITB # 14-13 Street Signage
ITB # 14-14 Street Patching & Paving
ITB # 14-15 Sidewalks, Ramps & Curbs**

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Final budget hearings are tentatively scheduled for Sept. 3 at 5:05 p.m. and Sept. 16 at 5:05 p.m. The final property tax rate would be adopted at that time.

All meetings will be held at City Hall, 204 Ash St., Fernandina Beach.

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Florida consumers are more confident

GAINESVILLE – Consumer confidence among Floridians rose in July to another post-recession high for a second consecutive month, according to a new University of Florida survey.

The last time Florida consumers were this confident was April 2007, prior to the recession, when the housing market was beginning to unravel.

Two of the five components used in the survey showed an uptick in confidence in the national economy since June. Survey-takers' trust in its performance over the next year and their expectations for the country's economic health over the next five years went up.

They also remain optimistic about whether this is a good time to buy major household items, such as a refriger-

ator.

Respondents, however, were slightly pessimistic about their own personal finances. Their perception of being better off financially now than a year ago and their expectations of enjoying improved finances a year from now both fell.

Floridians' increasing optimism is happening despite mixed economic signals. For example, the state's employment situation continues to improve, with the unemployment level declining one-tenth of a percent to 6.2 in July.

Record-high stock market prices in June were good news for both the employed population and retirees with equity investments. The state's housing prices were also up last month, with \$185,000 the median price of a single-family home.

Turbocharge it

An article about engine development at Toyota was the inspiration for discussing turbocharging in the marketplace. Toyota, the hybrid champion, has realized that over 97 percent of car buyers just aren't interested. They are in the midst of a huge commitment to engine development going forward, catching up to other manufacturers who have improved gas engines with direct-injection and turbocharging. The company is considering offering a 4-cylinder turbo option on its next generation Camry, possibly in lieu of a 6-cylinder.

Google didn't produce a lot of search data for sales numbers, but everyone is in the turbocharged game, from 4-8 cylinders, gas or diesel. One article speculated a 90 percent turbo sales rate in the future sounds optimistic. By definition, a turbocharger is a turbine-driven forced-induction device that increases efficien-



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Rick Keffer

cy and power by forcing extra air into the combustion chamber. A supercharger, by contrast, is a belt driven, crankshaft-connected device. As simply as can be stated, a turbocharger is a shaft with two propellers on opposite sides. Exhaust gas spins one propeller that causes the opposing shaft to force air into the combustion chamber. The motor is driven by a gas/air combination and extra air enhances or boosts the process. Simple, efficient, inexpensive and a 110-year-old system.

A little history – turbocharging was invented in 1905 by a Swiss engineer

working in research for a diesel engine company. In 1918, General Electric attached it to a 12-cylinder Liberty aircraft motor. Enhanced air at higher altitudes increased performance. Ships and locomotives began using turbocharging in the 1920's. It was widely used in aircraft in WWII. Commercial trucks are big users, and construction equipment. It is a staple in the modern engine world, and about to be much more mainstream in passenger cars and trucks.

Diesels and turbochargers are coming to the market, from economy offerings to the luxury market. They are there already to a larger extent than most realize. Don't shun the idea of a turbocharged car. It has been refined, just like today's diesels, and will be a big part of manufacturers meeting the mpg requirements that are fast escalating.

We are in an environment with more domestic fuel avail-

able and lower consumption. The miles driven by Americans is down 7 percent from 2007. The vehicles get improving mileage. The end result is in front of us at the gas pump – lower fuel costs. Not low enough, but improving.

Sometimes the best options to achieve goals are refining tried and true systems like turbocharging and diesel power. As always, it will be a goal to create awareness of our ever-changing industry and what it means on Main Street.

For those not linked to social media, our daughter Katie is engaged to a young man she met the first week of college. Great guy and all are very happy for them. 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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Donations to Meals on Wheels for Pets Nassau can be made through PayPal at mow4petsnassau.com, at First Coast Community Bank on South 14th Street or mailed to 17 S. Seventh St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

Animal Clinic of Nassau that provides deeply discounted services for MOWPN clients and Craig Clark of T.C. Industries, Inc. in Norcross, Ga., who provides the bags and boxes necessary to transport dog food.

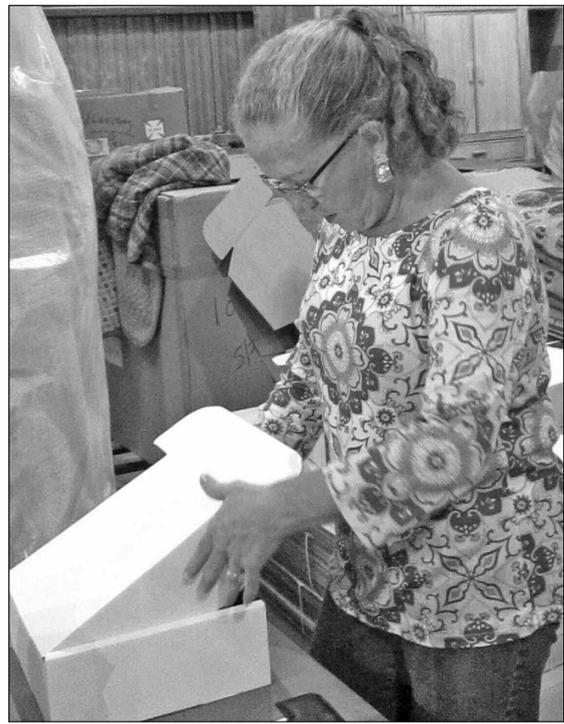
Watford is also deeply grateful to First Coast Moving and Storage for providing a safe, dry storage facility for the pet food along with the tools necessary to prepare the food for distribution.

"Without our program partners, we would not be in operation. And there are several members of our community who support us monetarily throughout the year. These friends continue to be the backbone of our program and without their support and attendance at events, the program would be unsustainable."

Several clients, who, for health reasons, had to surrender their animals, were able to find homes for their pets through MOWPN's working relationship with Nassau Humane Society.

The group holds two major fundraisers each year. The fall fundraiser varies in format.

"This year we are bringing back the John Denver Tribute Band on Oct. 24. Their per-



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Patsy Pennington marks a box of pet food for delivery to senior pets through the Meals on Wheels for Pets program, left. Volunteer Jane Bailey, right, said, "There's a real need for this. When elderly people start feeding their pets their own food, there's a problem." Below, Walter Houle and Mike Pennington prepare bags of cat food for delivery to seniors.

formance last year was well attended and received rave reviews from everyone. Tickets will be available in late August or early September," said Watford.

In February, St. Peter's Episcopal Church hosts a chili dinner fundraiser.

"Our volunteers do all the shopping, chopping, cooking, serving and cleaning up for this project, which is a huge undertaking," said Watford.

Information about the chili dinner will be out in late December or early January.

Watford said volunteers are always needed because the effort takes a lot of hands, and planning, preparation and production of special events is also a monumental task requiring many helpers.

Transportation to and from the vet's office in Callahan is an area of great need at this time.

Watford urges everyone to do what they can to help the elderly.

"There are so many elderly people who live alone and who are, for the most part, invisible. If you know someone who is in that situation, please reach out. They might need a ride to the store or to church or need help getting repairs done on their home. They might not be aware of services available to them and need

help finding their way through the paperwork maze. Or, and this might be the most important, they might just need someone to see them and listen to them. We can all do that."

Anyone who is interested in becoming a MOWPN volunteer should phone (352) 284-6106, visit mow4petsnassau.com or email mow4petsnassau@yahoo.com.

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POLITICS IN BRIEF

Realtors endorse candidates

The Amelia Island Nassau County Realtor Association screened candidates last week seeking election to public office in city, county and state elections. The candidates listed below are recommended by the Public Policy Candidate Screening Committee and approved by the board of directors.

- State Representative, District 11 – Janet Adkins
- County Commissioner, District 2 – Steve Kelley
- County Commissioner, District 4 – Barry Holloway
- City Commissioner, Group 2 – Tim Poynter
- City Commissioner, Group 3 – Robin Lentz

Primary elections are Aug. 26 (early voting Aug. 15-23), general elections, including the city elections, are Nov. 4 (early voting Oct. 21-Nov. 1).

West Side GOP

All Republican families are invited to attend the Westside Republican Club's meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the

Hilliard Community Center, 37117 Pecan St., Hilliard.

Nassau County Manager Ted Selby and Shanea Jones, director of OMB/Assistant County Manager, will present the "State of the County...a View from the Office of Management and Budget."

Low Country Boil

The Nassau County Democratic Executive Committee invites all to the annual Low Country Boil to be held on Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road, Fernandina Beach at 6 p.m.

Annette Taddeo, gubernatorial candidate Charlie Crist's running mate, will attend, as will the candidates for Attorney General and Secretary of Agriculture. Allison Tant, Florida's Democratic Party Chair, will be the speaker.

Tickets (\$50 each) are available from DEC members and at party headquarters located at Eighth and Date, phone 261-3364.

For information contact Carla Voisard at (904) 849-7076 or csvoisard@gmail.com.



Reese and Shamir Brown of Fernandina Beach were in attendance at the Jehovah's Witnesses Convention Program July 18-20 in Jacksonville at Veterans Memorial Arena.

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Witnesses honor God's Kingdom

Many Fernandina Beach residents were in attendance at the Jehovah's Witnesses Convention Program July 18-20 in Jacksonville at Veterans Memorial Arena. The theme of the program was "Keep Seeking First God's Kingdom."

Reese and Shamir Brown are residents of Fernandina Beach who attended the convention program: "The convention highlighted the connection between family values and the teachings of Christ Jesus. My wife and I appreciated the focus on how to be better marriage mates and how to teach our children to love God's Kingdom," Reese said. "Those teachings help my family see that the solution to the problems we face today can be found by seeking God's Kingdom first in our lives."

One unique aspect of the convention

is that the Jacksonville location was one of 19 convention locations across North America tied in by video to an international convention located in Atlanta for several portions of the program including the release of several new publications.

The convention program was designed to explain what God's Kingdom is and how it can be a positive influence in people's lives. The program drew attention to God's Kingdom, not as an abstract idea that resides in people's hearts, but an existing government that is benefiting people even today. A core belief of Jehovah's Witnesses, based on biblical and historical evidence, is that Jesus Christ began to rule as the King of God's Kingdom in 1914. The convention program marks this year as the centennial of that event.

Frank Woodcock Jr., convention spokesman, said, "The Keep Seeking First God's Kingdom Regional Convention was an excellent program for Fernandina Beach residents because it featured advice from God's Word, the Bible, that, even though it was given thousands of years ago, can provide practical benefits in today's world, such as reducing anxiety in one's life or how to have a happier family life."

Approximately 10,100 were in attendance at Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. Jehovah's Witnesses in the United States plan to host 193 conventions in 71 cities. Worldwide, there are over 7.9 million Witnesses in more than 113,000 congregations.

More information on the organization can be found at www.jw.org.

More houses for sale as sales keep rising

JACKSONVILLE – June 2014 housing sales reports posted by the North-east Florida Association of Realtors on NEFAR.com reveal more home sellers are deciding to make their move as 3,056 new listings hit the market in June.

This figure is 9.5 percent more than June 2013 and a 13.2 percent increase year to date. Out of the 3,056 new listings, only 753 (24.6 percent) were lender-mediated properties, welcome news that reflects a strengthening market.

Months' supply of homes for sale is now 5.1, at the low end of the five- to six-months that is considered a balanced market. There were 12 percent of properties that sold for more than the original list price, indicative of the competition for available properties that currently exists in Northeast Florida.

Closed sales were strong, coming in at 2,131 – a 6.7 percent increase over last June and up 4.6 percent year to date. Pending

sales were 2,321, a 25.1 percent uptick from a year ago and a 11.3 percent year to date increase.

The median sales price notched upward to reach \$168,000 – 5.7 percent higher than a year ago and a 3.4 percent increase year to date.

Days on market was 82, the same as June 2013.

The percentage of overall sales that were lender mediated was 32.2 (688 lender mediated versus 1,443 traditional), a decrease from June 2013's 37.3 percent.

NEFAR President Linda McMorrow said, "The greater market confidence shown by more sellers listing their homes is exciting. On the opposite end of the hopper are robust sales, however, resulting in an overall inventory of only 9,947 homes."

For these and numerous other real estate market statistics, take advantage of the free market reports available on the Market Stats icon on NEFAR.com.

Fire in South Fletcher home

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A fire that originated in the kitchen of a house at 3655 S. Fletcher Ave. was extinguished by a total of 18 city and county firefighters around 7 p.m. Monday, according to a city press release.

Firefighters responded to an initial call from Nassau County 911 dispatch at 7:05 p.m. that heavy smoke was coming

from the three-story residence.

Through intense smoke and heat, firefighters brought hose lines into the residence in search of the fire's origins.

Flames were extinguished within 12 minutes after locating the fire on the first floor, the press release said. With assistance from Nassau County Fire Rescue, city firefighters extinguished all hot spots

within the house in under 20 minutes.

The home received heavy smoke damage, according to the press release, and fire damage was estimated to be several thousand dollars.

An investigation revealed the fire was the result of a grease fire in the kitchen. All occupants were outside the residence during the incident there were no civilian or firefighter injuries reported.

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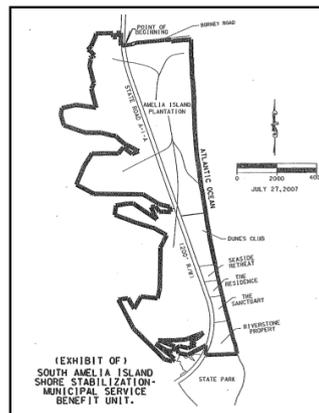
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider continued imposition of special assessments in the South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Municipal Service Benefit Unit, as shown above, to fund the capital costs of beach renourishment local improvements within the SAISSA MSBU. The hearing will be held at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on August 25, 2014, in the Nassau County Commission Chambers, at the James S. Page Governmental Complex located at 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the imposition and collection of the assessments on the ad valorem tax bill. All affected real property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County Clerk anytime prior to the public hearing. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of Court's office at (904) 548-4660, at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessment for each parcel of real property is calculated based on a combination of factors, including the property use, the just value of property attributable to the parcel and proximity to the beach. A more specific description of the project costs and the method of computing the assessment for each parcel of real property are set forth in the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2011-31), as amended by the Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2011-46). Copies of the Master Capital Project and Service Assessment Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution, the Final Assessment Resolution and the updated Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the office of the Nassau County Clerk of Court, located at 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill mailed in November 2014, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the real property which may result in a loss of title. The County Commission intends to collect the assessments in eight annual assessments, the first of which was included on the ad valorem tax bill mailed in November 2011 and the last of which will be in November of 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk of Court at (904) 548-4660, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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VIEWPOINT/DR. JESSICA SPENCER/ORLANDO

Vote No on Amendment 2

We reference the saying "the devil is in the details" when talking about Amendment 2 because of its broad, vague language.

Why? Because supporters of Amendment 2 would have you believe that it was created to help the "really sick," but in actuality it was created to facilitate full legalization of pot in Florida.

When you dig a little deeper within Amendment 2, five dangerous loopholes materialize – the pot for any purpose loophole, the drug dealer loophole, the pill mill loophole, the teenager loophole and the immunity loophole.

To start, the pot for any purpose loophole arises because of the "other conditions" catchall contained within Amendment 2. Those who want to gain access to pot will not need a prescription to do so, only a recommendation. This means pot isn't just reserved for those with "debilitating illnesses" but could also be recommended for "other conditions," such as backaches, headaches, trouble sleeping, stress and menstrual cramps. In states that have fallen for the "medical pot" scam, these qualifying symptoms have been used as a gateway to gain access to pot. In fact, states with medical marijuana laws report "pain" was listed for pot over 90 percent of the time.

Within the "caregiver" provision of Amendment 2, lies the drug dealer loophole,



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which provides a legal basis and broad constitutional protections for those dealing pot. It is important to note that the caregiver role outlined in the amendment only requires one qualification – the caregiver has to be at least 21. That's it. Caregivers are not required to have any medical training, they aren't required to take any tests or have a background check before they become a caregiver. This means that even drug dealers or former felons could become "caregivers." In other states with this provision it has been abused.

To further compound the caregiver loophole, the pill mill loophole will allow "pot shops" to set up everywhere. Since there are no provisions in Amendment 2 limiting where they can locate, expect pot shops to crop up near your neighborhood; thereby, allowing them to aggressively market pot to anyone who wants to buy it, including teens. Pot shops will be in your face and since no formal prescription is needed, we can expect this to be reminiscent of the pill mill crisis that ravaged Florida and destroyed families.

With no age limit on who can get pot, a guarantee of confidentiality and zero require-

ments for parental notification, Amendment 2 does nothing to protect children from pot. As Amendment 2 is currently written, teenagers could legally obtain pot on the basis of school-related stress, which we've seen in states that already have medical pot laws, like California.

Amendment 2 also grants sweeping immunity to those who distribute pot. This means that those patients injured by "medical marijuana," their families or third parties injured by someone using marijuana would have no legal recourse against caregivers, physicians, treatment centers or the employers of any individuals involved in this process, even if such individuals acted with negligence or committed intentional wrongful acts that caused harm.

Because this is a constitutional amendment, all other lesser, but more sensible laws would fall away. Unlike a bill making its way through the legislative process it cannot be amended or changed – it would be written into Florida's Constitution.

Voters cannot vote on supporters' after-the-fact claims of their intentions; voters can only rely on the words written in the amendment. The only way to fix Amendment 2 is to Vote No.

Jessica Spencer is director of the Statewide Coalition Vote No on 2 Campaign.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Legal shenanigans

Nassau County Attorney David Hallman baked a pie so Commissioner Barry Holloway could stick in a thumb, and pull out a plum, and say to his constituents "what a good boy am I."

Hallman told the county commission it is legal to take money collected for fire services in Yulee and use it for fire services in Hilliard. As a result, the Commission voted 4-1 to do so ("Money to service Yulee going to West Side," July 25).

Hallman has a history of ignoring Florida legal precedent in making decisions that fit the current political need. While nothing in section 163.31801, Florida Statutes, the "Florida Impact Fee Act," addresses the redirection of impact fees collected under that statute to purposes other than for what the fees were collected, in City of Dunedin, the Florida Court delineated the test to be applied in determining the validity of a locally imposed "impact fee." The court specified that: "the fees must be expressly earmarked and spent for the purposes for which they were charged." Thus, an impact fee, levied and collected for the express purpose of providing fire services in Yulee, must be spent for that purpose.

In the commission's discussion there was concern about the legality of the move, but in a deft bit of sleight of hand, Hallman made a "finding of fact" that a firehouse in Hilliard would help all of Nassau County thus the use of \$300,000 of Yulee money to build the Hilliard fire house is legal, he claimed.

The back story, of course, is that Commissioner Holloway, who represents Hilliard, seeks reelection. Getting \$300,000 for a Hilliard fire station will certainly help Holloway with the voters. Hallman's legal opinion, therefore, is a boon to Holloway.

Strangely, Commissioner Danny Leeper, despite his concern over Yulee's future firefighting needs, voted to move the money to the West Side, as did Commissioner Pat Edwards, who represents Yulee. There continues to be enormous growth in Yulee – home building has picked up with thousands of homes already permitted, a large movie house is going up and a three-story apartment complex has just been approved. The time is very close when Yulee's firefighting capabilities will need to be expanded. With the \$300,000 meant for Yulee gone to Hilliard, where will the money come from?

Commissioner Steve Kelley is the only voice of reason saying a long-term plan is needed, rather than the piecemeal approach to community planning.

But long-term planning doesn't win elections.

**Robert Weintraub
Amelia Island**

Sidewalks

Sidewalks have recently been completed for the Southside Elementary School and the Boys and Girls Club. The sidewalks include Lime Street, 11th Street and Jasmine.

When the new Fernandina Beach Boys and Girls Club was planned for Lime Street there was no city or county budget for sidewalks.

The Amelia Island Trail team had helped Emma Love grammar school get awarded a Safe Routes to School grant for a sidewalk the year before.



A Safe Routes to School grant paid for a new sidewalk linking Southside Elementary School and the Boys & Girls Club to neighboring streets.

Therefore, a Safe Routes to Schools grant was applied for by Southside grammar school, with support from city of Fernandina Beach, Nassau County and the local Amelia Island Trail team. These Safe Routes to Schools grants require the sidewalks applied for be part of a broader trail network. Construction was recently completed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Sorry about the construction delays that were caused by FDOT having to deal with drainage issues. Thanks to all that helped make this improvement happen and thanks to those who suffered through the change.

I recognize there are issues with each segment of the Amelia Island Trail network that is planned and constructed and we will try to address those issues as they arise.

We have recently worked with the county to develop an improved sign policy for the new south-end trail, which has been forwarded to FDOT for their review. If approved by FDOT we would be able to significantly reduce the south-end trail signage.

FDOT also constructed that trail segment after we were awarded a grant for that off-road trail. However, trail signage is based on FDOT policy and changes must be agreed to by FDOT. We believe trail signage can be significantly reduced and still comply with FDOT policy.

Our goal is for Amelia Island to become the best place in Florida to walk, run or bicycle safely.

We will need community support to reach that goal, recognizing there will be some problems along the way – which we will try to address.

**Phil Scanlan, CEO
Friends of Amelia Island
Trail, Inc.**

Jerusalem

Earlier this year our family made plans for our vacation in 2014. We wanted to select a place that would help inspire and allow our family to experience a life memory together. We decided that a family trip to the Holy

Land, Israel, would meet our goals.

Let me shed a little perspective on Israel, its people and why Jerusalem is so important to people throughout the world. As we watch events unfold with the rocket attacks and the battle over security, I am reminded of a conversation I had with a shopkeeper in Jerusalem. When I pointed out that it seems everyone gets along well, he said, "Yes, we are thankful for the peace. It is good for business; but it seems like we are overdue for another conflict."

We traveled Israel on a Holy Land Pilgrimage from May 27-June 4 this year. The Israelis call this sort of trip a "pilgrimage" because since 30 years after Jesus died people have been traveling to the Holy Land and taking the exact same trip to the same sites we toured.

Israel is a nation of around 8 million people; of this number 1.5 million are Arab Christians and the remaining majority is Jewish or Muslim. While the news reports display tragic violence, we were impressed at how safe the environment was and how serious they took their security as we traveled with our family, tour guide and driver. I was really amazed at the number of Americans you saw and that almost everyone spoke fluent English.

Israel is a nation that has several major sectors to its economy: military technology and weapons, tourism and agriculture. We saw many farms in the countryside. The Israelis have perfected farming technology to make efficient use of limited water supply; it only rains 22 days of the year so they use drip irrigation systems everywhere.

The trip from Tel Aviv to the Sea of Galilee was remarkable and we were able to see many of the sites illustrated and discussed in the Bible. Connecting the geography with the study of the Bible allows you to draw together how things unfolded in the time of Jesus. Once you have walked the shores of the Sea of Galilee and the River Jordan, your understanding of biblical stories is changed forever.

Our guide was an Arab Christian, credentialed by the state of Israel and very knowledgeable about the archaeology, Bible history and traditions. At every holy site we experienced, there was a church built to commemorate its historical significance. Again and again, we saw where the Byzantines had built churches to protect the places where Jesus performed miracles and conducted his ministry.

I would ask our tour guide, "How do you really know these are the sites?" She would tell me that people were with Jesus and did not leave these locations and the local folks knew exactly where these places were located. Granted, some of the locations perhaps are approximate; but others were

exact.

The Sea of Galilee was amazing and beautiful. As we sailed on the Sea of Galilee in the small wooden "Jesus Boat," our boat Captain David Samdar stood up and held out his arms and told us two-thirds of the gospels occurred between this space.

You could easily see that the natural walking path from Nazareth to Capernaum came through a valley. Once you have passed through the valley, the first city you come to is Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene. If you make a turn there you head to Capernaum where Jesus performed many miracles while in Galilee. There is a church built over the house of Peter where Jesus healed his mother-in-law and you can see remnants of the synagogue where Jesus would have taught.

We learned a great deal about Herod the Great and his building accomplishments in Caesarea and his focus on fortresses such as the one at the high plains of Masada. Herod was a paranoid man and a brutal king; but his engineering accomplishments would marvel engineers today at how he constructed water systems, ports and cities. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was the Temple Mount, the structure he built over Mount Moriah.

It is here that so much of our human history finds its foundation. The foundation stones, or herodian stones, are amazing accomplishments that form a wall around Mount Moriah. It is this platform that was used to build the temple, where the holiness of God would reside.

Today the Temple Mount is the center of so many faiths. There is strict security to gain entrance; you must go early in the morning to avoid long lines, cannot display any crosses, Bibles or items of worship, and must be dressed in long trousers that cover the knees.

The Temple Mount is filled with Islamic studies groups reading the Koran and conducting education classes all day. They spend every day in worship in this holy city. The Dome of the Rock is a famous site and has been fought over for many generations. This structure contains the rock that Abraham was to sacrifice his son Isaac; and is the location of the holy of holies where the Spirit of God is said to reside when the temple stood in this place. According to Jewish tradition it is said that God formed Adam from the dust on Mount Moriah.

The Western Wall is all that remains of the second temple in Jerusalem; and more than half of the wall is below the present day ground level. The Western Wall is still being excavated today and you can take a tour all the way down the wall in what is called the Western Tunnels. The constant worship and prayers offered in this place is significant. You can truly feel

God's glory at the Western Wall.

Prior to going to the Western Wall we sat on the steps of the Hulga gates which in Bible times would have been the steps used by Jesus to walk into the temple. When you sit on these steps and look out at the hills surrounding this area you are struck by the notion this is the same view of the hillsides that was present 2,000 years ago.

The weather in Jerusalem is amazing; the city is high in the mountains so it is cooler than the rest of Israel. It was simply beautiful weather while we were there and you could see why so many would call Jerusalem home. The Dead Sea, on the other hand, was extreme heat, as it was 342 feet below sea level.

Perhaps the greatest experience was the trip along the Via Dolorosa, or the path that Jesus took to Calvary, or Golgotha. There is so much history I would suggest reading the book *Jerusalem*, by Karen Armstrong, to gain some insight before going. When you arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre you are immediately taken back to a time when all of human history was changed forever.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre has been fought over for many years but there are several things here that are important to the faithful. As you walk up the stairs to Golgotha you know you are ascending a hill. The stairs are worn from thousands of people and you realized this is where Christ was crucified.

You descend the stairs and you are taken to the cave where Jesus was held while the cross was prepared. You are then shown the stone that was used to prepare the body of Jesus for burial where people would fall upon their knees and weep. The marble stone where Jesus was scourged and beaten is also in this holy site. The most important element in this building is the tomb of Jesus. The entire rock was carved away by the Constantine's mother, Saint Helena, and a special building within the building now stands in this place.

Entrance into the tomb itself is carefully controlled by the Greek Orthodox priests; they along with the Coptics claim to be the original protectors of the faith. You are not permitted to take a picture and can stay a few minutes in the tomb and then must leave. It is humbling to stand in a place where the foundation of so much human history can be found; you walk away very humble.

We finished our pilgrimage with a tour of the old City of King David which is still under archeological excavation. It was amazing to see the ruins of King David's palace, walk through the Canaanite tunnels and to finally sit on the steps of the Pool of Siloam. This is the pool where average citizens would come to purify themselves before entering the temple. The steps leading to the Pool of Siloam were 90 feet wide and traveled at least one-half mile in distance.

We finished our day with some shopping in the Old City of Jerusalem; the city is divided between the Jewish quarter, the Armenian Quarter, the Christian Quarter and the Muslim Quarter. These are distinct sectors of the Holy City and each has their roots deep in the history of this important land.

As we traveled through the hills surrounding Jerusalem on our way back to Tel Aviv to end our journey, we listened to the old Baptist gospel hymns and marveled at what we had seen and experienced. Truly Jerusalem is the center of the world for the Christian and once you have made this pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the Bible takes on a whole new perspective because you now can connect the place, its location, its weather and its people with the events described in the Old and New Testament.

Please pray for peace in the Holy Land; and when you decide to plan your next adventure, make certain you consider a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. I can assure you it will exceed your expectations and your life will be changed forever.

**Doug Adkins
Fernandina Beach**

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COMMUNITY

Health Care Symposium set for Aug. 16

Sometimes sickness, disease, weakness and frailties may all be designed and assigned to us to test how cool our courage is in an attack. We spend a lot of time and expense dealing with the attacks. We even try to prevent them, but still they come. Let us view our response in another light instead of focusing on trying to avoid or eliminate problems, we should make sure our spirits are strong enough to endure despite them.

To educate and promote healthier living in our community, the First Missionary Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach presents its second Health Care Symposium.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, come join this event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the FMBC Emma B. Delaney Fellowship Hall, 20 S. Ninth St. You will receive free heart health screening in addition to hearing speakers on nutritional, breast and behavioral health, AIDS and much more.

This Health Care Symposium is being sponsored by FMBC Nurses Guild Ministry, District #3 and in collab-



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oration with Baptist Medical Center Nassau. We are the church in the heart of the city with the desire to be in the heart of all people. The Rev. Dr. Darien K. Bolden Sr. is pastor. For more information please email FMBC2059@gmail.com and guesswhomee@yahoo.com. The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity. However, the kind of nourishment we provide to our infirmity is not intended to cause it to flourish and remain; it is designed to nourish it with the greatest weapon we have and that is cool courage.

If we demonstrate courage that is cool, calm and collected when the devil has unleashed his arsenal of infirmity, the devil, the infirmity and all demonic forces are thrown into a tailspin. When the forces of hell start their

war against our bodies and minds, they will see many believers cowering in the face of fear. However, they now realize that they have lost the battle because we really believe our spirits are always ready, not for battle but to endure hardship to the end.

The families of the late Bro. Adaryl Owens and Mother Geneva Stays acknowledge that their hearts are full of love and gratitude to you, their family and friends for the many acts of kindness shown to them during their hours of bereavement. They pray God's blessings upon each of you.

Birthday wishes to Andrew White Sr., Ilona Preliou, Jennifer Attwater, Kadeem Williams, Randy Daniels, John H. Williams, Virginia Mealing, Rev. Stanley Palmer, Demetrius Jones, Craig Brown, Vincent Jones Sr. and Annette Green. Nikita and Rebecca Deter spent their honeymoon, Craig and Maybelle Brown spent their anniversary, in Nassau, Bahamas and Felicia Green, Derika Benson and Xavier Morris traveled along for the celebration, returning back home on Monday.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Chastine

Chastine

John and Linda Chastine of Fernandina Beach recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married on July 27, 1964 in Atlanta, Ga.

Their children are Rachel and William Van Epps, Claire and Al Gregoire and John and Laura Chastine. They have four grandchildren.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Tax holiday

Florida's Back to School Sales Tax Holiday runs today through Aug. 3. Select "back to school" items will be available to purchase, tax-free, including clothing (excluding watches, jewelry, umbrellas and handkerchiefs), footwear (excluding skis, swim fins, roller blades and skates), wallets and bags (excluding briefcases, suitcases and other garment bags) that cost \$100 or less. School supplies that cost \$15 or less per item are exempt.

Also exempt is the first \$750 of the sales price for personal computers and related accessories purchased for noncommercial home or personal use. This includes tablets, laptops, monitors, input devices and non-recreational software; however cell phones, furniture and devices or software intended primarily for recreational use are not exempt.

You do not have to be a student to enjoy the savings.

Freshman bash

The Yulee High School Freshmen and New Student Bash will be held today from 9-11 a.m. for students with last names A-L, and from 1-3 p.m. for students last names M-A. An Open House will be held Aug. 21 at 6 p.m.

Band yard sale

The Fernandina Beach High School Band Parents Association will host a yard sale on Aug. 2 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the band room of the high school. Proceeds will help support the band program. The public is welcome.

School physicals

The Coalition for the Reduction/Elimination of Ethnic Disparities in Health (CREED) is asking the community to help provide school supplies for this year's back to school event on Aug. 2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St.

CREED will provide free school physicals from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. to students in kindergarten through grade 12 who are making their initial entry into a Florida school.

For students transferring to a Florida school from another state, a physical completed within one year is acceptable if completed on a form comparable to Florida's standardized School Exam Form (DH3040). Sports physicals also are provided.

Supplies needed include wide-rule notebook paper and composition books, college rule notebook paper and composition books, pens and pencils, crayons, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, folders and backpacks.

Please take supplies to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, 1200 Elm St., 310-3351, or contact John Coverdell or Jennett W. Baker at 556-3363 for pick-up.

Meet & greet

Emma Love Hardee

FBCA marks five years of growth

For the News-Leader

Fernandina Beach Christian Academy will celebrate its fifth anniversary of the school opening on Aug. 6.

The school, which is located on the campus of First Baptist Church, started with just one student, Eli Johnson, five years ago. Gwen Milam founded the school on a leap of faith. Gwen, a Georgia native, has since retired.

Frank Vacirca has been principal/head of school for the past year and has been part of the school's substantial growth. "We closed last year with 38 students. This upcoming school year, we will welcome 84 students," he said. Fernandina Beach Christian Academy has

added two kindergartens, two third grades, and two fourth grades.

Mr. Frank, as the children refer to him, credits the school's phenomenal growth to Christian principles, outstanding teachers and partnership with parents who have high academic expectations.

The school's curriculum is supervised by Shannon Hogue, lead teacher. Though aligned with the state of Florida standards, the curriculum is highly innovative, emphasizing small class sizes and lessons that are purposeful and relational and fun.

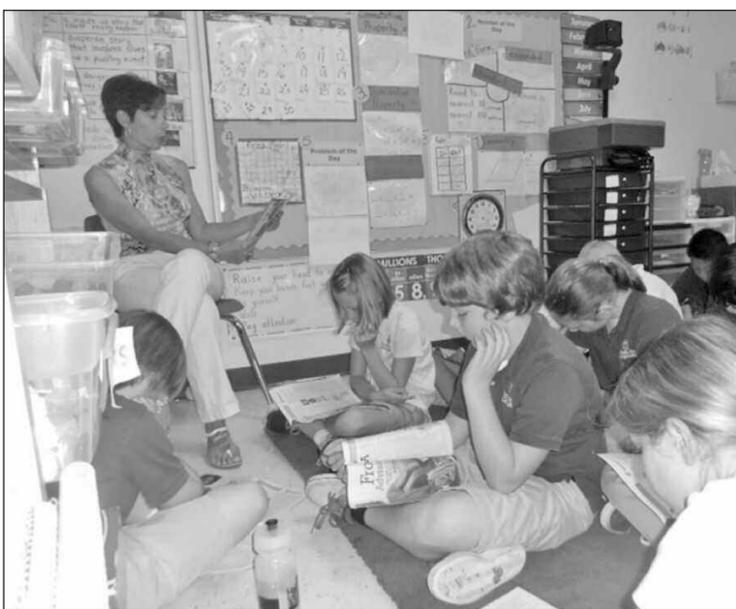
"We strive daily," Vacirca said, "to see the future every day in the potential of our students." The quality of the future depends significantly on strong, intelligent and compassionate Christian leaders.

This past year, third graders took the Terra Nova Assessment Test. On average, the class scored 5th Grade/8th month in math and 6th Grade/8th month in reading.

Vacirca indicated that it is only one test and articulated that his teachers teach to the student, not to the test. Along with challenging and rewarding academic classes, Fernandina Beach Christian Academy offers a full range of enrichment courses.

Students participate in Art, Music, Foreign Language, Physical Education and Bible Studies. Throughout each term, students take computer literacy courses and actively participate in Lego Education.

Mr. Frank has been in education for 42 years. His career has ranged from



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Students at Fernandina Beach Christian Academy participate in Art, Music, Foreign Language, Physical Education and Bible Studies, in addition to regular course work.

teacher to principal to superintendent. He has also taught graduate courses in educational administration and has served as an educational consultant. Fernandina Beach Christian Academy plans to add one grade annually.

The Board of Directors, chaired by Debbie Johnson, has established a

steering committee to evaluate future growth and expansion.

This school year marks the fifth anniversary of the school with a parents and friends of FBCA cookout scheduled for Friday evening, Aug. 22.

Learn more at fernandinachristianacademy.com or call 491-5664.

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Robustness & Resiliency

There are two ways to enhance our chances of survival: robustness and resiliency. Robustness is a measure of how much damage can be done to an organism and it will still function. Plants are robust because they can lose their leaves and the majority of their limbs and yet survive. Resiliency refers to the ability of an organism to adapt to changing circumstances. A tropical plant may be robust, but it won't survive in a harsh environment such as a desert. Human beings are hardly because we combine robustness with resiliency. We are robust in so far as we can survive without our teeth, could lose a few limbs, and some of our vital organs are paired, such as the kidneys and lungs, allowing us to survive with just one of them. Though not as robust as plants, we are more resilient, since we adapt well to change, as evidenced by our living in virtually every environment on the planet. Religion is one of the tools that help us to adapt. The Bible is full of advice on how to get along under trying circumstances. The early Israelites were enslaved in Egypt and then had to survive in the desert, and even once they were established as a nation, they were surrounded by hostile neighbors. This remains true for them today, and there is a lesson here on the value of resiliency and robustness. Increase your robustness by staying healthy and increase your resiliency by being adaptive.

- Christopher Simon

Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave.

Exodus 18:20

Nature walk set for Aug. 4

Wild Amelia will hold a guided nature walk for aspiring Junior Naturalists on Aug. 4 at 8 a.m. at Goffinsville Park, 95001 Goffinsville Road, just off Nassauville Road, with a rain date of Aug. 6.

Forester Dave Holley will lead the walk. Children will complete an activity in the newest Junior Naturalist booklet, The Maritime Forest. It is available for \$5 at the Book Loft, Books Plus, Atlantic Rec Center, Coastal Trader II, the Fort Clinch Visitor Center and Kayak Amelia, and the day of

the walk. There is no charge for the walk itself.

The walk is limited to 15 children; to register or for information, email Robyn Nemes at robynemes@comcast.net.

Children should insect repellent and water and wear sturdy shoes with toes covered. Children may bring a snack to enjoy following the approximately one-hour walk. Meet in the small parking lot at 8 a.m. If the event is postponed due to weather, children will be notified via email by 5 p.m. the day before.

School starts Wednesday – safety is top priority

Sheriff Bill Leeper and the Nassau County Sheriff's Office want to remind everyone that students will be returning to school in Nassau County on Wednesday.

"Your child's safety is our number one priority," Leeper said. "I encourage you to take a few moments to think about and review back-to-school safety with your child."

If your child walks to school, make sure there are sidewalks and crossing guards along the way. If you are not able to walk with your child, remember there is safety in numbers so have your child walk with siblings or other neighborhood children. Being hit by a car is by far the greatest threat to any child walking to school.

Make sure your kids stay on the sidewalk and only cross at crosswalks. Remember to

remind your children to never, ever stop to talk to strangers on the way to and from school and, most importantly, never to get into any vehicle with a stranger. These could potentially be life-threatening situations.

Children peddling to school on bicycles must wear bike helmets – it's the law. Helmets are the single most effective devices for cyclists, greatly reducing the risk of death or critical injury. Your children should ride their bicycles on the right side of the road and obey stop signs and traffic signals.

Children who ride the bus should never misbehave. And remember, no bullying. It's important for children to remain seated at all times, keep hands and feet inside the vehicle and never throw anything inside or outside of the bus. When exiting the bus, children should always

cross in front of the bus – never from behind.

Drivers need to remember that Florida law prohibits passing a school bus that is stopped with its flashing lights activated. Drivers must also remember to slow down in school zones. Driving slowly and carefully through school zones sharply reduces the risk of a tragic accident.

High schools and middle schools in Nassau County have a school resource officer or deputy. If your child is experiencing trouble with others or feels they are being bullied, contact the school's administrative office and ask to speak to the officer or deputy.

"By keeping safety in mind, we can work together to make the 2014-2015 school year a safe and successful one," said Leeper.

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Q: What is needed to obtain a Florida Marriage License?

A: In order to become legally married in the state of Florida both bride and groom must apply for a marriage license in person. Applicants must bring their driver's license and their Social Security number at the time of application. If either applicant was previously married, the date the prior marriage ended by divorce, annulment, or death is required. However, if either party has divorced within the last thirty days a certified copy of the final divorce decree is required.

Q: Is there a waiting period for the Marriage License to become valid or effective?

A: Yes, there is a three day waiting period for those Florida residents who opt not to take the premarital course. The marriage license will be issued on the day you apply, but it will not be valid until three days after issuance (the effective date is always indicated on the marriage license next to the expiration date).

Marriage License Information

*Both applicants must be at least eighteen years of age to apply without parental consent.

*If either applicant is under the age of eighteen years but at least sixteen years of age, a birth certificate and notarized written consent of the parents or guardian are required.

*Applicants under sixteen years of age must obtain a determination from a County Court Judge.

*A blood test is not required.

*A \$93.50 fee is required with the marriage license application.

* If a valid certificate of completion from a premarital course conducted by a registered course provider is submitted, the application fee shall be reduced to \$61.00 (a printed copy of the premarital course completion certificate must be presented to the Clerk to receive the fee reduction).

* The license must be used within sixty days of issuance.

* The license may be used in any county in the State of Florida.

*The marriage license must be returned to the Clerk's office in which it was issued for recording within ten days after the marriage is performed.

*Civil ceremonies can be performed at the Clerk's office for an additional \$30.00 fee. Weddings are performed between 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m. and from 2:30p.m.-4:00p.m. Monday through Friday (appointments are preferred).

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Beware password scam

CHUCK SHEEHAN
For the News-Leader

The latest scam making the circuit demonstrates the importance of protecting your media devices with passwords. Thieves will electronically enter your iPad, cell phone or computer and will set their own passwords. This prevents you from using your device without entering that password. Shortly thereafter you will receive an email asking you to "buy" the password for \$25 or \$50 using some form of untraceable payment. If you

don't pay them your device will be rendered unusable as you will not be able to open it without their password.

The way to prevent this from happening is to set a password on your electronic media which prevents the scammers from getting in in the first place. It is a little cumbersome to type in your password but it is better than having your equipment held hostage by the bad guys.

Passwords for your iPad and phone don't have to be long and complicated. Four or five numbers should be sufficient. Passwords for your IRA, bank

account or savings account should be eight or more characters and contain numbers, letters and symbols. The more important your information, the harder your password should be.

Seniors versus Crime is a Special Project of the Florida Attorney General whose objectives are: 1. Educate the public about frauds and scams. 2. Assist people with small civil, monetary issues. Contact number: (904) 310-3226.

Medical identity theft can be deadly

JASON ALDERMAN
For the News-Leader

By now, most people know about the perils of identity theft, where someone steals your personal or financial account information and makes fraudulent charges or opens bogus accounts in your name.

Lately, a not-so-new twist has been getting a lot of attention – medical identity theft. That's where someone gains access to your health insurance or Medicare account information and uses it to submit phony insurance claims, obtain prescription drugs or medical devices, or get medical treatment in your name.

Besides its high cost, medical ID theft also can have deadly consequences: Suppose someone poses as you and gets an appendectomy; if you later entered the hospital with abdominal pain, your medical file would show that your appendix was already removed and you could be tragically misdiagnosed.

Here are a few tips for avoiding medical ID fraud and steps to take if it happens:

Your medical files are often full of information ID thieves crave: account numbers for Social Security, health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, contact information, email address, etc. All it takes is one stolen employee laptop or an intercepted piece of mail or email to leave you vulnerable.

Sophisticated thieves will also hack computer networks of insurance companies, pharmacies, medical equipment suppliers and others who have access to your medical records. And unfortunately, the black market for stolen information is so tempting that employees have been known to steal data.

Common signs of medical identity theft include:

Provider bills or insurance Explanation of Benefits (EOB) forms that reference medical services you didn't receive. (Verify all dates, providers and treatments and look for duplicate billing.)

Calls from debt collectors about unfamiliar bills.

Medical collection notices on your credit report.

Just as you shouldn't hesi-

tate to ask your doctor or nurse whether they washed their hands, so you should feel free to ask what security precautions their business office takes to protect your information. Here are a few preventive measures to take:

Never reveal personal or account information during unsolicited calls or emails.

Be suspicious if someone offers you free medical equipment or services and then requests your Medicare number.

Never let people borrow your Medicare or insurance card to obtain services for themselves. Not only is this illegal, but it could be disastrous if your medical histories become intermingled (think about differing allergies, blood types, etc.).

Regularly check your credit reports for unpaid bills for unfamiliar medical services or equipment. This could indicate someone has opened a new insurance policy using your identity and is running up charges.

If you suspect or know your information has been compromised, ask for copies of your medical records from each doctor, hospital, pharmacy, lab or health plan where a thief may have used your information. Also request a copy of their "Accounting of Disclosures" form, which lists everyone who got copies of your medical records.

Next, write them all by certified mail explaining which information is inaccurate, along with copies of documents supporting your position. Ask them to correct or delete all errors and to inform everyone they may have sent records to (labs, other doctors, hospitals, etc.). Keep copies of all correspondence and logs of all phone calls or other related activities.

You can also file a police report and contact the fraud units at the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. You may want to place a fraud alert or freeze on your accounts. Visit the Federal Trade Commission's Identity Theft site for more information (www.consumer.ftc.gov).

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

You're Invited...

Saturday, August 2nd

Fernandina Harbor Marina

Fishing Hours: 6:30am to 5pm

Weigh-in: 2pm-5pm

Bar-B-Que & Music: 5pm to 8pm

Awards / Raffle Drawing / Silent Auction: 7:30pm

Vendor Booths & Boats on Display

1st Place
Kingfish Division \$10,000
10 Places Paid
All Cash
(Based on 100 Paid Boats)

1st & 2nd Place
Single Engine Boat
Lady & Youth Angler
All Cash
(Based on 100 Paid Boats)

Kayak Division
5 Slam Prizes
3 Species Prizes
All Cash
(Based on 50 Paid Kayaks)



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Mandatory Captains Meeting is Friday, August 1st at 7pm

Rules and Registration Forms at www.nsfafish.net

Tournament Director: John Hartrich 904-206-0817



City premieres new golf greens

Fernandina Beach Golf Club – managed by Billy Casper Golf, the largest owner-operator of golf courses, country clubs and resorts in the U.S. – will host a grand re-opening celebration today through Sunday to showcase renovated greens on its South Course.

Golfers can play any time today through Sunday for \$30 – includes lunch and range balls – and compete in daily on-course contests for prizes. Additional weekend activities include:

- Today – Demo the latest equipment from Nike and Callaway
- Saturday – Watch 30 of the biggest hitters in golf compete for \$10,000 in prizes in the First Coast Classic Long Drive Competition

“Our loyal golfers will play on new greens which, hands down, are now arguably the best in the area,” says Josh O’Brien, general manager of Fernandina Beach Golf Club. “This is the first time in Fernandina Beach Golf Club history that full-scale renova-

tions were done to improve playing conditions.”

Champion Bermuda grass – the same used by Pinehurst Resort, host of this year’s men’s and women’s U.S. Open Championships – now covers Fernandina Beach Golf Club’s South Course putting surfaces that have been closed since mid-May. In addition, select bunkers received facelifts and distressed areas were grown in.

Today, Fernandina Beach introduces special late-summer, 18-hole rates:

- 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. – \$20 and cup of coffee
- 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. – \$25 with range balls and cup of coffee
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – \$30 with range balls and lunch
- 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. – \$25 and sports drink
- 3 p.m. to close – \$20 and sports drink

The course offers 27 distinctive holes consisting of North, West and South nine-hole layouts of varied difficulty and design.

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Basketball training

Genetic Potential Academy will host process basketball training, a cutting-edge ball handling clinic and offensive clinic, arming players with innovative drills, concepts and footwork they never experienced before.

Players will learn stationary and full court ball handling, dribbling 2-3 basketballs, court awareness, secret to jab step, advanced finishing at the rim options, perfecting shot off the dribble and elusive moves. The ball handling clinic is Aug. 2 and offensive moves Aug. 3 at the Peck Center. Cost is \$40 per player per session (early registration). Register for both for \$65. Walk-up is \$50.

Age groups include 8-11, 12-14 and 15 and up. Five hours per group per session. Elite group is \$50 per session (early), \$85 for both, \$60 walk-up.

For information, contact Zach Rocheleau at 321-6783 or email geneticpotentialacademy@gmail.com.

Golf camp 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 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. 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.

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. For information, contact President Wayne Peterson at 753-1663.

Register for soccer

Registration for the Amelia Island Youth Soccer’s fall season is open. Visit www.aiyosoccer.com to register or contact Lee Burchett at burchett380@gmail.com. Amelia Island Youth Soccer has partnered with Soccer Made In America and the Chicago Blast Soccer Club.

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.

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 spots available in the basketball and volleyball camp July 28 through Aug. 1. Stop by the McArthur Family YMCA on Citrona Drive or email jscott@firstcoastymca.org.

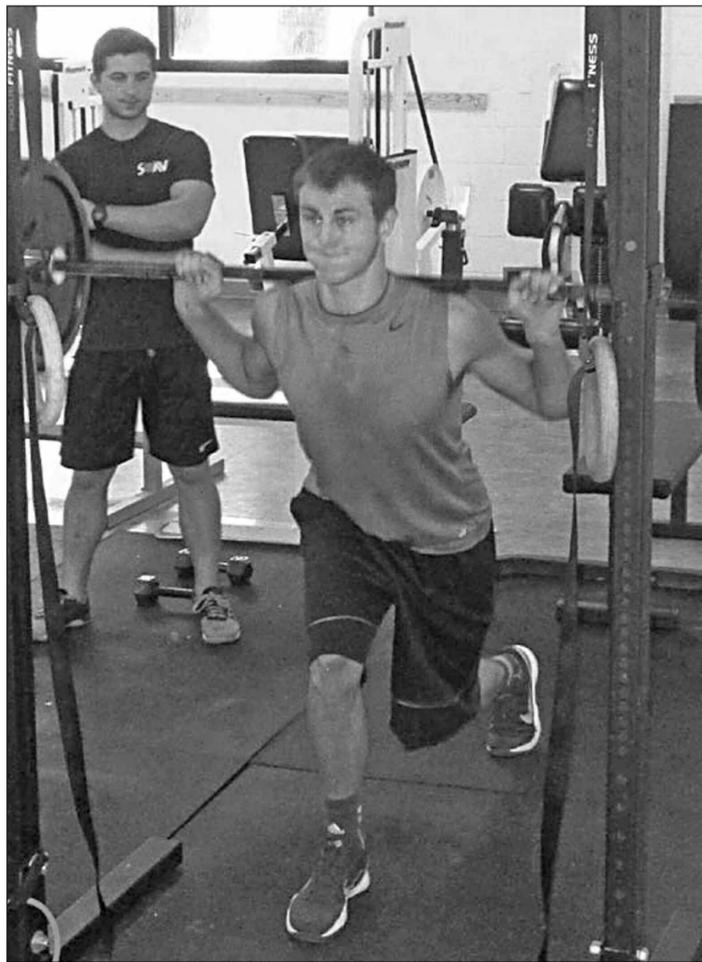
Sailing Club meets

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

Auxiliary meets

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Amelia Island Flotilla 14-1, meets the first Thursday in the Amelia Island Lighthouse Cottage, located on O’Hagan

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“I want to help people maximize what God has given them,” says Zach Rocheleau, performance coach. Left, Rocheleau keeps an eye on Webber University athlete Fabian Petravic as he works out at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. “He’s helped me get stronger on and off the court,” says Adrian Akins, varsity basketball at FBHS, right.

Excel in sports, excel in life

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

When people ask Zach Rocheleau what made him decide to open yet another gym in a city where several others already exist, the 22-year-old entrepreneur is ready with his answer – but it’s not a short one.

“Growing up, all I wanted to do was play sports. I played every sport my parents would let me play. I finally decided that basketball was my sport.”

The 2010 Fernandina Beach High School graduate sums up his career as a point guard saying, “I ended up having a pretty successful high school career due to playing with a great team.”

He garnered enough notice to be offered basketball scholarships from more than one college, ultimately choosing Ave Maria University near Naples, Florida.

“I thought I knew it all because I had made it to college on a basketball scholarship but little did I know that I would be in for a surprise,” he recalled.

“My freshman year did not go as planned, to say the least. I was not prepared even the slightest for what the college game had in store from the two-a-days, weight room sessions



GPA’s mission is to lead, direct and inspire athletes to reach their athletic goal or even their genetic potential.

ZACH ROCHELEAU

and a full slate of classes.”

The grueling schedule left the young athlete tired and sluggish with no idea what to do about it.

His athletic prowess suffered, due in part, he believes, to a typical college diet of pizza, French fries and other “low quality food choices.”

His performance continued to be adversely affected by diet and lifestyle, and toward the end of sophomore year, he suffered an injury that eventually ended his college basketball career.

Once he got through the inevitable “why me?” and “what could I have done to prevent this?” discussions with himself, Rocheleau began doing serious research into anatomy and physiology, biomechanics, nutrition, sleep and various other factors that combine to impact performance.

“Over the past two years, through countless hours of research, internships and guidance from experts, trial and error, and coaching numerous

athletes, I have developed a foundation of knowledge and experience I want to share with athletes or anyone who wants to learn.”

Rocheleau worked as head strength and conditioning coach for men’s basketball at Ave Maria University, coaching 30 athletes.

He also had 25 clients at Genetic Potential Academy, which he began in Naples in December, moving the business to Fernandina upon graduation in May.

He worked with both the Fernandina Beach Middle and FBHS basketball teams.

Rising FBHS senior Adrian Akins, varsity basketball, found almost immediate results from working with Rocheleau.

“The first week I met with Zach, we had open gym and I just felt so much stronger on the court and I felt like I could jump higher. Every single time I work out with him, I just keep getting better.”

Rocheleau teaches the art of proper biomechanic integrity he believes will allow practitioners to maximize every activity in which they participate.

Once young athletes learn to move properly, strength training will enhance their abilities to play their chosen sports, said Rocheleau.

“Every time I see a young athlete, I think of all the time I wasted during my middle school and high school years where I could’ve set the foundation for the rest of my athletic career.”

Rocheleau’s concerted study of biomechanics, anatomy and physiology made him realize the extent to which his own lack of directed hard work during those years impacted his athletic ability.

“We are only as strong as our foundation and if this foundation is established at a young age, you set the tone for a very successful athletic career and/or a long/healthy life.”

Undoing a bad habit takes 3,000-5,000 reps but instilling a good habit only takes 300-500 reps, notes Rocheleau.

“So better to do it right to begin with, right? Strength training is a tool for an athlete. It’s a means to an end to enhance their athleticism.”

Sharing what he has learned with young athletes brings a profound

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PERFECTION



Team Fernandina Stingrays swim team finish the season with a perfect 6-0 record, outscoring final opponent Rolling Hills by a score of 684 to 360. Both Christian Purdy (18) and Taylor Radcliffe (13) took advantage of the last swim of the season, and set new team and pool records in their age groups in the 100 Free. The final event of the season is River City Championships where the Stingrays hope to again place in the top 10 teams. Top left, Girls 11-18 Medley Relay pulls out first place; Jade Beasley, MaryKate Kaywork, Rachel Pittman and Taylor Radcliffe. Top right, grabbing second in the 11-12 Girls Medley Relay, mustaches and all - Emily Pittman, Lauren Shelton, Abby Thomas and Mary Ferguson. Above left, Jared Hutchinson (11), James Oakes (12), Nolan Boner (13) and Jared Hutchinson (14) add up to a great Boys 11-18 Relay team. Above right, outgoing Stingray coaches Patty Purdy, Val Scarberry, Rachel Christian, Beckie and Bob Christian and Corinne Priest are honored.

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Girls 10 & Under Medley Relay Team members Katie McAbee, Savannah Readdick, Ashley Horton and Madison Hill, above. Logan Oakes flies to a first place 'A' time in the 50 fly at his last meet in the Stingray pool, below.

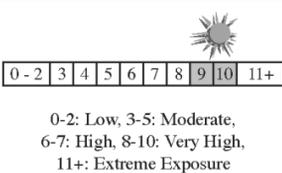


The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Scat'd T-storms 88 / 76	Saturday Scat'd T-storms 89 / 76	Sunday Scat'd T-storms 88 / 75	Monday Scat'd T-storms 87 / 75	Tuesday Scat'd T-storms 88 / 76	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 92 / 76	Thursday Mostly Cloudy 90 / 78

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

Are small raindrops shaped like teardrops?
Answer: No, they are spherical in shape.

Weather History

Aug. 1, 1989 - Hurricane Chantal made landfall along the upper Texas coast about sunrise. Chantal deluged parts of Galveston Island and southeastern Texas with eight to 12 inches of rain. Unofficial totals ranged up to 20 inches.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	4:25-6:25	3:55-5:55	Tue	7:44-9:44	7:14-9:14
Sat	5:11-7:11	4:41-6:41	Wed	8:41-10:41	8:11-10:11
Sun	5:58-7:58	5:28-7:28	Thu	9:41-11:41	9:11-11:11
Mon	6:50-8:50	6:20-8:20	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 8/3	Fri 6:44 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	11:41 a.m.	11:31 p.m.
	Sat 6:44 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	12:35 p.m.	Next Day
	Sun 6:45 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	1:31 p.m.	12:08 a.m.
	Mon 6:46 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	2:29 p.m.	12:48 a.m.
Full 8/10	Tue 6:46 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	3:29 p.m.	1:33 a.m.
	Wed 6:47 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	4:28 p.m.	2:23 a.m.
	Thu 6:47 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	5:27 p.m.	3:20 a.m.
				New 8/25

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days					
7/22	86	73	90/75	0.00"	7/22	30	7/26	34
7/23	88	77	90/75	0.00"	7/23	32	7/27	37
7/24	95	77	90/75	0.00"	7/24	36	7/28	38
7/25	93	77	90/75	0.00"	7/25	35		
7/26	91	77	90/75	0.00"				
7/27	95	79	90/75	0.00"				
7/28	97	79	90/75	0.00"				

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

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach					St. Mary's Entrance				
Day	High	Low	High	Low	Day	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	12:40 am	6:34 am	1:11 pm	7:02 pm	Fri	12:04 am	6:31 am	12:35 pm	6:59 pm
Sat	1:20 am	7:16 am	1:54 pm	7:55 pm	Sat	12:44 am	7:13 am	1:18 pm	7:52 pm
Sun	2:04 am	8:05 am	2:41 pm	8:52 pm	Sun	1:28 am	8:02 am	2:05 pm	8:49 pm
Mon	2:53 am	8:59 am	3:35 pm	9:52 pm	Mon	2:17 am	8:56 am	2:59 pm	9:49 pm
Tue	3:48 am	9:56 am	4:36 pm	10:51 pm	Tue	3:12 am	9:53 am	4:00 pm	10:48 pm
Wed	4:49 am	10:55 am	5:40 pm	11:49 pm	Wed	4:13 am	10:52 am	5:04 pm	11:46 pm
Thu	5:53 am	11:54 am	6:42 pm	None	Thu	5:17 am	11:51 am	6:06 pm	None

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Meteor Season Upon Us

The summertime heralds the increase of meteor activity which coincides nicely with our desire to spend more time outdoors. I have lots of fond camping memories during these warmer months. My friends and I would specifically choose a dark location, often in New England, to view shooting stars. The evening hours before midnight were literally a hoot. A bright shooting star would flash without warning, and pockets of cheers and screams from observant campers would echo against the black dome of the star-filled sky. Gradually, as the hours ticked away, the campground hoopa would slowly fade, so that by 1 a.m., it was normally just my friends and I who were still watching. We were usually in silent competition to see who could observe the most meteors. The nights were always very dewy, so plastic covering our sleeping bags and air mattresses, as well as a ground tarp, were a must; and if we were imaging the sky, some type of battery operated, dew-busting heater around the lens was mandated. Chemical hand warmers left over from the winter months, now serve as lightweight, nonelectrical substitutes. Just remember to bring along rubber bands for their snug attachment. A tripod and a cable release or intervalometer are also necessary. Unfortunately, the biggest meteor shower of the summer, the Perseids, will be highly curtailed by a nearly full moon this year. The best nights are on August 11/12 and 12/13. The moon is full late on August 10; but still, don't be discouraged. By the end of July, during new moon week, there are five minor streams that are active, in addition to the Perseids, which are just beginning to heat up. Early Perseids have a reputation for producing memorable fireballs. The Perseids are radiating from the NE, while the other meteors are spilling outward from the south. A clear, moonless night in a rural setting should yield hourly rates of at least 10-20 shooting stars after 1 a.m. Much success! www.astronomy.org

LARGEST IN THE WORLD

EverBank Field, home of the Jacksonville Jaguars, unveiled approximately \$63 million in enhancements to the public Saturday with one of the more memorable moments in the history of the city and stadium.

In addition to new video displays and a new two-level plaza area, the featured element of the project is two enormous video boards, spanning 60 feet high and 362 feet long, making them the largest in the world.

To celebrate Saturday's unveiling, the Jaguars hosted a friendly soccer match between London-based Fulham Football Club and D.C. United of Major League Soccer, followed by a concert by country music superstar Carrie Underwood.

"We are truly excited about Saturday's unveiling because it will give our fans an idea of how great the in-stadium experience will be when the Jaguars take the field here next month and well into the future," Jaguars owner Shad Khan said before the event. "Our vision from the beginning was to make EverBank Field a destination, to give our fans the best game day experience possible, and to keep and attract world-class events to downtown Jacksonville and the surrounding community. I am confident that all of these goals will be met." It took a virtual army of workers and numerous companies to complete the work on time, including Daktronics, Hunt + Elkins, Haskell, Populous and Troika.

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sense of fulfillment to Rocheleau.

"I want to help them not make the mistakes I made. I want to give athletes the best chance to reach their athletic goals and excel in their respective sport and more

importantly, life."

Rocheleau says his business is based around helping people/athletes figure out how to live healthier lifestyles that allow them to not be limited by their functionalities.

"I want people to be able to go rock climbing if they

want to or go learn how to surf without being limited by either their weight, health or any other functional limiters."

He is certified by USA Weightlifting as a Level I Performance Coach and is in the process of obtaining additional credentials.

Although initially aimed at

young athletes, Rocheleau points out his business is also for weekend warriors and anyone who wants to lead a healthier lifestyle.

Genetic Potential Academy operates from the fitness center at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, 2500 Atlantic Ave.,

Fernandina Beach. Business hours are by appointment.

For information, contact Rocheleau at 321-6783 or email geneticpotentialacademy@gmail.com. Visit the website at geneticpotentialacademy.com.

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Opened in 1957, the par-35, 3,094-yard North nine is the oldest course on Amelia Island. The West nine plays to 3,683 yards and is home to the signature, 607-yard, par-5 No. 2. The South nine was the last to open in 1972 and is considered the most scenic with its 3,316-yard course winding through native Florida foliage.

In addition to a fully stocked pro shop, the course features a practice area with a driving range and putting green. A dining room and lounge area is a perfect spot to relax and enjoy time with friends and family.

More information: www.fernandinabeachgolfclub.com.

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

Founded more than 20 years ago in cooperation with golf legend Billy Casper, the company is the largest owner-operator of golf courses, country clubs and resorts in the U.S. with more than 150 properties in 28 states. Headquartered in Vienna, Va., with regional offices across America, Billy Casper Golf directs all aspects of course and property maintenance, staffing and training, clubhouse operations, food-and-beverage, merchandising, golf instruction, marketing and public relations, special events and financial management.

More information: www.bil-lycaspergolf.com.



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"Our new greens are now arguably the best in the area," says Josh O'Brien, general manager of Fernandina Beach Golf Club.

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Lane on Lighthouse Circle. Call 261-1889 for information.

Rugby championship

The Jacksonville Axemen 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 pre-sale tickets are \$8 online.

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 in the National Championship.

The national championship game will then see the Northern Conference champion face the Southern Conference champion to see who is the best in the nation.

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

Visit www.jaxaxe.com/national-championship. Stay up to date with the USA Rugby League at www.USARL.com. Like the Axemen on Face-book at www.facebook.com/JaxAxemen.

Bassmasters meet

Nassau Bassmasters, associated with the Florida Bass Federation, the Bass Federation and the FLW, meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Pig Bar-B-Que restaurant in Callahan at 7 p.m.

Membership into the club is open to anyone 16 and older. Call Bob Schlag at (912) 729-2282 in Kingsland, Aaron Bell at (904) 545-5092 in Callahan or Tim McCoy at 261-3735 in Fernandina Beach for information.

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Green anole Wild Amelia's poster critter

Wild Amelia has announced that the green anole has been selected as the "critter of the year" for festival year 2015 and the ninth annual Wild Amelia Nature Festival, scheduled at venues on and around Amelia Island from May 15-17.

Each year, the festival has highlighted one Amelia Island animal in its educational programs; past years have honored the painted bunting, the North Atlantic Right Whale, the gopher tortoise, the American alligator, the great egret, the bobcat, the horseshoe crab and the manatee.

This year, Wild Amelia – with input from its members – has chosen to highlight the green anole, an arboreal lizard whose saga tells a cautionary tale about habitat loss and invasive species.

The green or Carolina anole is a native species, most abundant from southern Virginia through the Atlantic coastal plains to Florida and the Caribbean, as well as along the Gulf Coast to Texas. Not chameleons, green anoles can nevertheless change color as camouflage from brown hues to bright green.

From five to eight inches long at maturity, with a slender body and long pointed head, the green anoles have eyes that can move independently. They have adhesive pads on



Wild Amelia has chosen the green anole as "critter of the year"; this male green anole is displaying his red throat fan. He often does this when courting or defending his territory.

their feet to assist with climbing. Males have a red throat fan or dewlap, exhibited when courting or when claiming territory; females

have a white throat fan.

Green anoles prefer high humidity and moist forests, swamps and woodlands as habi-

tat, but they are often seen perched on backyard areas adjacent to foliage, including railings, steps and porches. Curious animals, they are diurnal; their activity peaks in spring and fall.

They subsist on insects, grasses, and water from dew. They love to bask in the sun. They mate in spring and summer, with the males engaging in elaborate courtship rituals, including head-bobbing, pushups, and throat fan display. Their eggs take 30-45 days to incubate, usually two eggs at a time, but up to 10-15 clutches in a season. Their young are left to be solitary at birth. Green anoles can regenerate their long tails, often lost to predators; their enemies include skinks, birds, snakes and invasive brown anoles!

Though still abundant in Florida and the southeast and not a threatened species, many biologists believe the invasive brown anole and possibly the Cuban green anole – now making its way north from south Florida – both aggressive lizards, present a theoretical threat to the survival of the green anole in the future. Already many believe the brown anole has driven the native green anole from the ground to the trees for survival. Although the male green anoles will fight for their territory,

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ACTeen presented "Alice in Wonderland" this year, above, and the previous year they performed Rogers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella." This season's show will be announced at the teen lock-in Aug. 9-10 at ACT, 207 Cedar St.

'Teen Theatre Lock-In' at ACT

LINDA MCCLANE
For the News-Leader

If you are a teenager between the ages of 13 and 18 and are interested in theater, then Amelia Community Theatre is the place to be from 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 to 7 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Imagine 12 hours devoted just for teen theater. The lock-in will be in ACT's Main Stage Theatre at 207 Cedar St.

The night's activities will include workshops on audi-

tion preparation, monologues, scene work, character analysis, improvisation, stage make-up and hair design, and how to make it through a dance audition when you don't think you can dance.

Plus, ACT will show a film that follows four theater troupes and their journey to the largest high school theater competition in the world.

To register or ask questions, teens or parents

TEEN Continued on 4B

Boardwalk Bash to benefit YMCA

For the News-Leader

Meet Kerrie Albert, a local mother of three young children who relies on the YMCA for childcare and for her children to enjoy after-school activities, summer camp and youth sports.

"What many people do not know about the YMCA," explains Member Experience Director Karina Grego, "is that we have a social responsibility to make sure everyone in our community has a place to belong by making our services available to all, regardless of financial ability. We want people of all ages to learn, to grow and thrive.

"Our Give to the Y Campaign is how we are able to do this – through the generosity of the people in our community, including Omni Amelia Island Plantation

(AIP)."

The McArthur Family YMCA – Nassau County's YMCA branch – is thrilled to partner with Omni AIP for the Aug. 8 Boardwalk Bash from 5-8 p.m. at Omni's Spa and Shops.

"Omni AIP is so generous to share the proceeds of this event with our Give to the Y Campaign," said YMCA Board Director Melanie Ferreira. The Boardwalk Bash will be a fun family affair with bounce houses, face painting, carnival games, an outdoor movie, live music, food and beverages.

"Last year we had so much fun at the Boardwalk Bash. It's neat because there is something for each member of the family," said Ferreira. "Please mark your calendars

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Mom Kerrie Albert, with Dani, Braydon and Easton, relies on the YMCA for childcare and for her children to enjoy after-school activities, summer camp and youth sports.

McGraw bike raffle to aid ARK of Nassau

JOHN SCHERER
For the News-Leader

Imagine ... owning a 2007 Harley Davidson Road King Motorcycle, completely and professionally restored from the ground up, and personally signed by country music "superstar" Tim McGraw. Well, your ride has just arrived here

in Nassau County. Whether you're a newbie, a rider or just a "wannabe," this is your chance to make it happen. This is not only an opportunity to own a "one of a kind Cruiser," maybe get it out on the "Big Slab," show it off or turn heads downtown, and maybe just feel like "The King of the Road," but also support a local nonprofit organization that has

been an icon in Nassau County since 1970 for disabled adults.

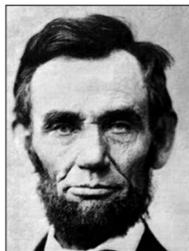
This benefit event supports the needs of the Transportation Section, a vital link of the services offered at the ARK, by providing funding to operate the three vans that transport the disabled adult

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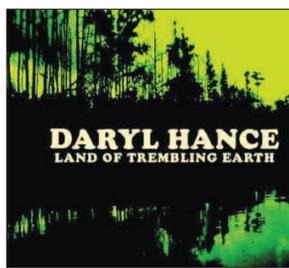
OFF & ON THE ISLAND

BROWN BAG LUNCH

The Amelia Island Museum of History invites you to its next Brown Bag Lunch on Aug. 6 at noon. Special guests Jim Longacre and Ed Johnson will present Ten Things You didn't know about Abraham Lincoln. The duo will explore the fascinating and enigmatic life or the 16th president. This program is free and open to the public. Seating is first-come, first-served. For more information contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or gray@ameliamuseum.org.



music on Aug. 9 at the Palace Saloon, 117 Centre St. Doors open at 8 p.m. and show starts at 9 p.m. Admission is free. Hance will perform songs from his new album, Land Of Trembling Earth, due out Aug. 5 on Pine Tar Recordings. Visit www.darylhance.com. Call 491-3332.



'BINGO! THE WINNING MUSICAL' CRUISES

Amelia River Cruises Charters and Amelia Community Theatre will offer five "Bingo" cruises in celebration of ACT's upcoming production of "Bingo! The Winning Musical," Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m., through Aug. 27. They will include a game of scavenger hunt-style bingo, "called" by

the captains and crew and moderated by cast members. During the 1-hour cruise, the crew and passengers will look for sights often seen on the cruises, get a sneak preview of some lines and maybe even some characters from the play and mix and mingle with the cast/crew. BYOB and bring your lucky charm.

ACT's "Bingo" cast members will keep track of the sights pointed out by the captains and crew and are therefore eligible to be crossed off the bingo cards. The first and second passengers to correctly call bingo will receive two tickets each to see the show Aug. 14-31. Tickets for the cruises are available at www.ameliarivercruises.com or 261-9972 and are \$25 each.



Political Rally for Mike Boyle

August 7th, 5-7pm
Atlantic Ave Recreation Center
Come Join Us & Enjoy Food & Beverages

Political advertisement paid and approved by Mike Boyle (Rep) for Nassau County Commission District 2



OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

Today from 5:30-7 p.m. at American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach, Big Red will serve prime rib dinners with garlic mashed potatoes and salad for a \$14 donation.

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A radio-controlled model boat fun sail and exhibition will be held Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at Amelia Island Plantation. All model boats welcome, working or static, finished or not, except gas powered. Spectators, including supervised children, are especially welcome. Call Hal Mather at 261-6420 for details and to arrange for a pass at the security gate.

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Sons of the American Legion Squadron 54 will sponsor a blood drive on Aug. 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Legion Post, 626 S. Third St., and donors will be inside the meeting hall. All donors will receive a coupon good for \$1 off the S.A.L. fish fry from 5-7 p.m. that day in the meeting hall. Fish dinners will have two sides and be available for an \$8 donation to anyone wishing to purchase a meal. Come save a life and support the Sons of the American Legion.

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The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 4351 will host a brunch on Aug. 3 at 11:30 a.m. for an \$8 donation, or \$5 donation if you bring three non-perishable items for Hope House. Breakfast includes biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon, cheese grits and more. For more information call 432-8791.

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The Dunes & Tunes Arts and Music Festival and amateur sand sculpting competition will be held on Aug. 16 at Main Beach. Join the city Parks and Recreation Department and the Sand Lovers sculpting team in a competition, held in conjunction with the art and music festival. Registration opens at 11 a.m. and the competition runs from noon to 3 p.m. Fee is \$10 solo 12 and under, \$15 solo 13 and up and \$30 per team. For information contact Jay at 310-3361 or jrobertson@fbfl.org.

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The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Police Department, 1525 Lime St.

Guest speaker Peter Mullen will present "Memoirs from the Bluegrass - How I Became a Confederate Soldier," a dialogue in living history format reflecting 19th century attire, language and correctness.

The story of R.M. Heater from Kentucky is based on Heater's own memoir, *How I Became a Confederate Soldier*, published by Andy Turner, Gatehouse Press,

2013. As a civilian, Heater was arrested for treason and offered freedom if he joined the Union Army, but he refused. He escaped from the Union Army prison, evaded Union patrols and eventually made his way to Tennessee where he joined the Confederate Army.

Peter Mullen is a native born Kentuckian and a graduate of the University of Louisville and Western Kentucky University, earning degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science. He currently lives in Callahan and is a professor at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

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Billie McCray, fiber artist, and April Moseley, yoga instructor, invite you to join them for an evening of Yoga & Art, relaxing through meditation and medium (fiber art) on Aug. 22 from 5-8 p.m. at the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Admission is free, but please bring a canned good for the Barnabas food bank.

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The fifth annual Great Southern Tailgate Cook-off is Aug. 22-23 at Main Beach in Fernandina Beach.

Sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society, the event includes professional barbecue competition teams competing for cash prizes. Admission is \$5 per person and the event features free live entertainment, including Beach Street Blues Band and more. For information, visit www.gstailgatecookoff.com.

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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.ameliaccon.com.

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The Amelia Island Charity Group will host a Navy Seal Foundation Patriot's Day Ladies Fashion Show Luncheon on Sept. 11. Lunch is 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 are a \$25 donation and all proceeds will benefit the Navy Seal Foundation. Online registration is available at: www.ameliainslandnavysealfoundation.org/events or mail a check payable to the Navy Seal Foundation to P.O. Box 15698, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

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

THEATER

Amelia Community Theatre will hold Actors Night Out at 7 p.m. tonight in the main stage theater lobby at 207 Cedar St.

Adults interested in auditioning or volunteering for a production are invited to attend to learn about upcoming shows such as Always a Bridesmaid, Collected Stories, Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol, and Grease. The event, for ages 18 and over, is an informal opportunity to meet the directors and read scenes aloud, while enjoying light refreshments. For more information, call 261-6749 or email actheatre@att.net.

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Join the Rendezvous Film Festival for a ribbon cutting, hors d'oeuvres and jazz to celebrate the new film, music and gaming festival commemorating the important history and cultural contributions of Evan's Rendezvous in American Beach on Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. at the Ocean Front Lawn, The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 4750 Amelia Island Pkwy. For information contact info@rendezvousfestival.com or visit www.RendezvousFestival.com. The event is free and open to the public.

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Fernandina Little Theatre announces the start-up of "The Readers Troupe" for actors interested in performing on stage, but not memorizing their lines. The initial gathering is set for Aug. 9 at 3:15 p.m. at FLT, 1014 Beech St., to prepare for a staged reading of a comedy in October.

Rehearsals will typically be Monday and Tuesday evenings, 7:15-8:30 p.m., beginning in September and three performances are set for Oct. 3-5.

Any questions, contact Kate at fitplay@peoplepc.com. For information about FLT activities or events, visit ameliaflt.org.

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Amelia Musical Playhouse presents The Art of the Monologue: An Acting Course with Sinda Nichols on Aug. 12, 19, 27 and Sept. 2 from 2-4 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. The class is limited to 10 actors and is open to adults 18 and older with stage and/or classroom experience. Actors are encouraged to bring 1- to 2-minute monologues.

To enroll, email nichols.sinda@gmail.com. Registration fee is \$40. For information email or call Nichols at (910) 616-5148. Amelia Musical Playhouse is located at 1955 Island Walkway, Fernandina Beach.

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Fernandina Little Theatre's "Poetry Canteen," a monthly gathering of people who love poetry and who are looking for an opportunity to share and learn in a relaxed environment, will meet Aug. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at FLT, 1014 Beech St. Attendees (poets, people interested in poetry or just the curious) are encouraged to bring a poem to share: one that speaks to you or one you have written. Each selection should not exceed 5 minutes.

You, or one of the folks attending, will be invited to read the poem you bring. This is a gathering to celebrate the joys and possibilities of poetry, in a positive and casual setting, with Marilyn Wesley and Nola Perez facilitating. For information about FLT activities or events, visit ameliaflt.org.

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Tickets are on sale at Amelia Community Theatre for "Bingo, the Winning Musical." A Florida hurricane won't stop best girlfriends from playing bingo in this energetic, upbeat musical comedy.

The audience gets to join in the fun with bingo games and prizes too. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Aug. 14-16, 21-23, 27-30 and at 2 p.m. on Aug. 24 at 207 Cedar St.

Adult tickets are \$20 and student tickets through high school are \$10; purchase at ameliacommunitytheatre.org or call 261-6749.

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Amelia Community Theatre will hold auditions for "Always a Bridesmaid" at 4 p.m. on Aug. 17 at 207 Cedar St. Six women are needed for this comedy by the playwrights who brought us "The Dixie Swim Club." Performances are in October on ACT's main stage, and the show is directed by Linda McClane.

For complete character descriptions, visit [## Sounds on Centre](http://ameliacom-</p>
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Sounds on Centre, presented by the Historic Fernandina Business Association, will host the next concert of the 2014 season from 6-8 p.m. tonight in downtown Fernandina Beach, on Centre Street between Front and Second.

Jimmy Beats, reggae artist, will play Caribbean soulful beats. Residing in Northeast Florida, Jimmy is a fixture on Amelia Island.

Sounds on Centre is a free event, fun for the entire family. T-shirts will be available for purchase. Raffle drawings will be held throughout the event with prizes donated by local community businesses and retailers. All proceeds go to advertising efforts of the organization.

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 amerbeachevents@aol.com.

Tea dance

The Morocco Shrine Band has a Big Band Tea Dance the first Sunday of each month in the Activity Building behind the Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road South (half mile south of Beach Boulevard). The dance is from 3-6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

Dance to the sounds of Les Brown, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Johnny Long and other big band artists. Music of the 40's and 50's is provided by the 16-piece Morocco Shrine Band.

Dress is dressy casual (no shorts, blue jeans, or walking shoes). Bring your dancing shoes.

Proceeds are for the benefit of Morocco Shrine Band and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

Blues concert

Jacksonville singer/guitarist Daryl Hance will perform his brand of funky, bluesy, rock and roll music on Aug. 9 at the Palace Saloon, 117 Centre St. Doors open at 8 p.m. and show starts at 9 p.m. Admission is free. Hance will perform songs from his new album, *Land Of Trembling Earth*, due out Aug. 5 on Pine Tar Recordings. Visit www.darylhance.com. Call 491-3332.

Rock and blues

The Florida Theatre in downtown Jacksonville presents the Third Annual Rock "N" Blues Fest Tour on Aug. 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available from the Florida Theatre Ticket Office, located at 128 East Forsyth St. in downtown Jacksonville, 904-355-ARTS (2787) or floridatheatre.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.ameliainslandbluesfest.com or call (404) 784-7687.

Country jam

Backwoods Country Jam will be held Sept. 27 at the Callahan Speedway, headlined by Justin Moore, ACM 2014 New Country Artist of the Year, with Jason Michael Carroll, Jon Langston, Amber DeLaCruz and more.

Backwoods Country Jam and its team members will help nonprofits in North Florida and South Georgia fundraise through ticket sales and involvement in the event.

Gates open at 3:30 p.m. Moore takes the stage at 9:30 p.m. The will be food, merchandise and drinks. Tickets are \$40 at facebook.com/backwoodscountryjam, Gone Gorgeous (Yulee) and Tasty's (Fernandina), at ticketmaster.com July 1-3 (presale) and then July 14 or call (904) 451-8072. Email backwoodscountryjam@gmail.com.

Dulcimer group

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

Community band

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

munitytheatre.org. Call 261-6749 for more information or to check out a script.

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Amelia Community Theatre announces that tickets are now on sale for "Hair, the American Tribal Love Rock Musical."

Performances are Sept. 19 at 8 p.m.; Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. on the main stage at 207 Cedar St. All tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at

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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 courtyardpuband eats for information on special events including appearances by "The Usual Suspects" with Pam and Davis Turner on Sunday evenings from 7:30-10 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 purchase albums. Disc jockeys JG World and Jim play an eclectic mix from their personal collection of thousands of records. Call 321-2324.

Hammerhead

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

Instant Groove

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

Pablos

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

Palace Saloon

The Palace Saloon, 117 Centre St., presents live music. Call 491-8999. 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. Starting July 24, Sheffield's will host a weekly country night on Thursdays with a dance floor and country music DJ. Call 491-8999. 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 karaoke on the deck, Mondays at 7 p.m. and live music on the deck from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Call 261-5711 or email lisa@lickwidmarketing.com. Join them on Facebook and check out the entertainment calendar at www.thesurfonline.com.

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For complete character descriptions, visit [meliacommunitytheatre.org or by calling 261-6749. This landmark musical premiered on Broadway in 1968. The show contains adult language and situations and is rated R. Call 261-6749 or email \[actheatre@att.net\]\(mailto:actheatre@att.net\).](http://ameliacom-</p>
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The Regions Bank Summer Movie Classics Series is at the Florida Theatre, downtown Jacksonville, every Sunday at 2 p.m. until Aug. 31. Aug. 3

will feature "Caddyshack." Tickets are \$7.50 each. Visit www.floridatheatre.com or call (904) 355-ARTS.

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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.

RELIGION

Cats, worship and a place at God's Feet

Every time she does it, I must say, I still get a little annoyed. Even though on several occasions God has used her to speak to me, her style rubs me the wrong way. Nonetheless, she usually gets what she wants. I'm talking about our cat. It seems just when I'm heading out the door, there she is. Her persistent push to get her food is hard to stop. She's like a seasoned NFL quarterback weaving and rolling through a defensive line trying to score a touchdown. Before I know it, she's in the kitchen; expecting her food.

What's even more annoying, especially when I'm running late, is the way she gets up under my feet while I'm trying to help her. Every step I take, there she is; rubbing her



PULPIT NOTES

Pastor Rob Goyette

reminds me of as I'm stumbling over her on my way out the door.

A place at God's feet – now that's a topic. Though space here does not

allow for the entire can of food to be put on the dish, there are two main points worth mentioning. At God's feet is a place of worship as well as a place for hearing His word. Like our cat, if we want what God has to offer, we have to put forth some effort to be where He is.

Yes, I know that God is everywhere, but that doesn't mean that we are positioned to receive what He has for us.

Take for instance the story of Mary and Martha in Luke's Gospel chapter 10: 38-42. Both of them were with Jesus, but only Mary was sitting at His feet hearing His word. Though her sister Martha was working hard to serve the Lord, only Mary was in a place to receive her daily bread. For her, sitting at Jesus'

feet, and hearing His word, was life itself. I have to confess, the contrast between Mary and Martha's approach is one I've often wrestled with in my own life. I think that's why the Lord has made our cat such an early morning preacher. It seems that her persistent assault on my feet always happens as I'm racing out the door, like Martha, to go serve the Lord. When our cat begins her daily routine, I'm instantly reminded of my own. I too must spend time at the Master's feet if I want the things that the Master has.

The place at God's feet also represents a place of worship. Interestingly, the same Mary just mentioned is the same one that we find pouring out her costly perfume at Jesus' feet just prior to His cruci-

fixion. (John 12:3) Though those watching her misunderstood her extravagant devotion, Jesus rose to her defense. I have found, when I put spending time with Him first, He does the same thing for me. The psalmist describes it well. "Give high honor to the Lord our God, worshipping at His feet; holy is He." (Psalm 99:5)

At the end of the day, or better yet at the beginning, learning to sit at the feet of Jesus is, by far, life's most rewarding experience. Not only are we personally fed and encouraged, but from there our lives can become a blessing for others.

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

RELIGION NOTES

Supplies needed

The three essential items always needed at The Salvation Army Hope House to put in its Emergency Food Bags are peanut butter, jelly and yes, toilet paper. Right now, they also need bottled water to help keep our Nassau neighbors in need hydrated and insect repellent to help the homeless sleeping under the stars sleep without having to swat the mosquitos, gnats and no-sees-ums all night long. Hope House thanks you for your compassion. Please bring your gifts to 410 S. Ninth St., at the corner of Ninth and Date streets.

Children's music

Devin and Elizabeth Clevenger of Clevenger Creations Musical Theatre Company are the new children's choir directors at Amelia Baptist. They have worked with children's musical theater in several states.

Children in grades 1-5 will experience a Christmas musical, "The Light Has Come," to perform at Amelia Baptist Church for family and friends. The musical contains high-energy songs, beautiful ballads and a fun and quirky script. The children will focus on the essentials of musicals: stage acting, healthy singing technique, acting through song and self-confidence.

This is a free educational opportunity on Wednesdays, starting Aug. 6 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. at Amelia Baptist. Contact Pam Helton at 261-9527 or phelton@ameliabaptist.org for details. The church is located at 961167 Buccaneer Trail on Amelia Island.

'Godspell'

The Gospel of St. Matthew will receive a rockin' contemporary spin when Apex Theatre Studio presents "Godspell" tonight and Aug. 2 in Taliaferro Hall at St. John's Cathedral, 256 East Church St., Jacksonville.

Proceeds will benefit Church Without Walls, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida that reaches across social boundaries to create community, connection and meaning.

An instant hit when it was produced Off-Broadway in 1971, "Godspell" offers a variety of musical styles and theatrical formats to make the Gospel of St. Matthew accessible to today's audiences. Its much-loved score includes the hits "Day By Day" and "Prepare Ye The Way."

The cast includes students from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and Stanton College Preparatory School. The role of Jesus will be performed by visiting teaching artist Jonathan Mousset, who is completing a bachelor of music at FSU in musical theater.

Show times are tonight at 8 p.m. and Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Taliaferro Hall at St. John's Cathedral. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Visit apextheatrejax.com.

UU summer services

Welcome the Rev. Linda Hart Green to the pulpit of the local Unitarian Universalist congregation on Aug. 3. Her message, "Renew, Transform, Grow," will address elements from the Progressive Christian tradition that resonate with the book Living Deeply that the congregation is currently exploring.

Green served for over 35 years in American Baptist Churches in New Jersey and Massachusetts and is currently a member of the pastoral care team at Baptist Medical Center Nassau.

This service is part of a special series of services for August. All presentations take place on site in Fernandina in the usual location at the Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St., at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome. For more information email eastnassau@uujax.org.

Jazz Vespers

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will again host a Jazz Vespers service on Sunday, Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. Some of the favorite musicians will participate. Blue Muse musicians for the service are Sarah Lee, trumpet, Ernie Ealum, bass, Tony Steve, vibraphone, Rick Kirkland, drums, and Jonah Pierre, piano.

St. Peter's has hosted three Jazz Vespers services in the last year. It

also hosts Blue Muse annually for its All Saints celebration, which will be held Nov. 2 at the 9 a.m. service. The church is located at 801 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach.

A free will offering will be taken. For information contact Jan Pitts Smith at 261-4293 or jsmith@stpetersparish.org.

Tuesday worship

The Salvation Army Hope House holds a worship service at noon each Tuesday. Jesus said what? What does that mean? Join Hope House on Aug. 5 to read and explore one of the perplexing statements made by the Son of God found in the Gospel of John, Chapter 6. For more information, call 321-0435 or stop by the Hope House, located at 410 S. Ninth St.

Free backpacks

Yulee United Methodist Church, 86003 Christian Way, will distribute free backpacks and school supplies for Nassau County students on Aug. 5 from 4:30-7 p.m. Supplies are limited and will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Men's conference

Men throughout North Florida are invited to attend an all-day conference sponsored by the Diocese of St. Augustine's Center for Family Life, on Aug. 23 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Wyndham Riverwalk in Jacksonville.

Speakers include prominent Catholic personalities: Father Larry Richards, founder and president of The Reason for our Hope Foundation; Jesuit Father Mitch Pacwa, TV and radio host on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and founder of Ignatius Productions; Doug Barry, founder of RADIX, whose mission is to encourage and inspire people to recognize our God-given gifts, and Bishop Felipe J. Estevez of the Diocese of St. Augustine will start off the day celebrating Mass.

The conference is open to all men of high school age and older. In addition to Mass, confession will be offered throughout the day. Cost includes lunch and is \$40 until Aug. 10 and \$50 beginning Aug. 11. For

information call Deacon Larry Geinosky, (904) 551-2619.

RCIA – is it for you?

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or are a Catholic who would like to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at St. Michael's Catholic Church on Tuesdays, from 6:45-8:15 p.m., starting on Aug. 26. For more information, call 261-3472.

Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 Atlantic Ave., across from Fort Clinch, holds a service of traditional worship and communion on Sundays at 9 a.m. Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study are at 10:15 a.m. and praise worship and communion at 11 a.m. The Rev. Ida E. Iverson is pastor.

Playgroup

Mom, me Playgroup for moms and infants-preschoolers meets every Thursday morning in Noah's Place at First Presbyterian Church, 9 N. Sixth St. in downtown Fernandina Beach. Noah's Place is open from 9 a.m.-noon for moms to gather, socialize and network while children grow and learn through play and interaction. All are welcome. If you have questions, call the church office at 261-3837 or visit www.first-presbyterian-church-32034.org.

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.

FOOD HELP

Dinner networks

The Interfaith Dinner Network provides a hot, nutritious dinner four nights a week at the Salvation Army Hope House, Ninth and Date streets, for the island's homeless and needy. The IDN comprises 11 local churches. The group is looking for more churches that would like to serve dinners one night a month. Small churches can partner with others. Call Ailene Wood at 491-4900 for information.

The Yulee Interfaith Dinner Network, sponsored by the Coalition for the Homeless of Nassau County, serves a healthy dinner to anyone in need every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7 p.m. The Yulee IDN is located behind the Old Yulee Middle School, at US 17 and Pages Dairy Road. Look for the banner and signs. For information or to volunteer, call 556-2496 or visit their website, www.clicked.com/yuleeidn.

YBC pantry

Yulee Baptist Church Food Pantry, 85971 Harts Road in Yulee, is open to everyone to assist with food needs. Hours are Mondays from 1-4 p.m. For information call 225-5128.

Emergency pantry

O'Neal Memorial Baptist Church, 474257 SR 200 East, offers an emergency food pantry for families and individuals in crisis. No income eligibility required. For assistance call 277-2606 or 261-4186.

Food donations

The Fernandina Beach Church of Christ is collecting items for people in need. A barrel is located at Amelia Island Storage for donations. Canned, dry and boxed food as well as personal items such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc., are needed. Call 261-9760 for more information.

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Jazz Fest duo wears many hats on cruise

Since early May the Amelia Island Jazz Festival's Artistic Director Les DeMerle and his wife, singer Bonnie Eisele, have been swinging their way through a multiple cruise contract in the Baltic Sea. Simultaneously and on a daily basis, the couple takes charge of the many details needed to plan the AIJF, set for Fernandina Beach on Oct. 16-19. They began the latest 14-day cruise Saturday, June 21 in South Hampton, England, on the Celebrity Eclipse. Recently DeMerle wrote the News-Leader with an insider look at their work and travel days.

As guests from all over the world arrived, we were excited to greet them as they began a voyage on this incredible ship.

The opening night of the cruise we were at sea and my band played three sets, the first in the Grand Foyer where several decks can see and hear the band in full swing. Then we moved to the Ensemble Lounge, the Jazz Club on the Celebrity Eclipse, for guests to experience the energy and the passion of the band playing our original arrangements featuring Bonnie's vocals, Johannes Bjerregaard on piano, Chris Luard on bass and my drumming and singing. We continued, as usual, with our late nights sets, until about midnight and as always, the real jazz fans hung on to the very last note of the evening.

Sunday, June 22 we were in port at Zeebrugge, Belgium, the gateway to Brussels and Bruges. This was the first time Bonnie and I were at this port so, just like the passengers, we explored the town, took in the history and spent several hours in port on the Internet taking care of Amelia Island Jazz Festival business. This is really where I have to wear two hats: I might be finalizing an artist agreement with a jazz superstar that will be headlining or trying to work out hotel accommodations for an 8-piece Latin band. Bonnie is always right there with me every day helping to make decisions and to make all of this happen. Then we checked our watches and realized we have a show in a few hours so we headed back to the ship to prepare for the night's performance.

Monday, June 23 was another sea day as the ship sailed to Warnemunde, Germany the gateway to Berlin. This was our day to get a lot of business done. It was a "formal night" on the ship so our repertoire for that evening was going to be "high gloss": Sinatra, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Ellington and Basie plus many jazz classics. By now, we developed a strong fan base with passengers from the UK, Canada, USA, Australia and more, so the Ensemble Lounge was packed, and the fans were really there to listen and enjoy an evening of jazz—in style.

On Tuesday, June 24, we arrived in Warnemunde at 9:30 a.m. and we got off the ship early. "Early" for a jazz musician is around noon, and we headed to the



Les DeMerle and Bonnie Eisele at the seaside resort village of Warnemunde, Germany.

beautiful, quaint village where Bonnie and I have our favorite restaurant/cafe and where there is a crew discount with great coffee and efficient wi-fi. There we proofread our Sponsorship Brochure that was submitted by our current Board of Directors: Carl Meaux, Ken Kneisel and Suzanne McLeod. This very strong and dedicated board truly keeps things moving to promote the Amelia Island Jazz Festival while we're away. And Bonnie and I never fail to mention Fernandina Beach, Amelia Island, and our festival at every performance we give at sea. Again, we checked the time and ran back to the ship to prepare for the night's show.

This cruise continued to Copenhagen, Denmark where Bonnie and I have a meeting with our good friend, jazz impresario Soren Friis, producer of the Copenhagen Jazz Festival. Soren and I both exchanged our latest CDs, and he took time out from his busy schedule to discuss the details for the shows that he is producing in Copenhagen. There, we began another cruise and said farewell to an entire ship of passengers, many of whom are new friends and fans. As they disembarked, a whole new group of the same joined us. Together, we explored and discovered several new ports.

A highlight came in Reykjavik, Iceland, where Bonnie and I visited the Blue Lagoon natural hot springs. Although it is very cold in Iceland, bathing in the therapeutic natural blue water was the perfect way to start the day. On the way back to the ship, we wrote AIJF-related emails to musicians and venues before resting up for the night's show.

Also, on this cruise, as usual, I was

asked to present my History of Big Band Jazz Lecture – but instead of the smaller 200-seat Celebrity Central Theatre, I presented it in the 1,300-seat Eclipse Theatre. The exposure of this presentation brought hundreds of jazz fans to our nightly SRO performances in the Ensemble Lounge where we always promote the Amelia Island Jazz Festival to our many new fans.

We get a huge kick out of welcoming our "cruise fans" to Amelia Island, and I can happily report that we are now in high gear for this year's AIJF. I would like to invite the entire community to learn more about, attend and enjoy this exciting world-class festival.

At this year's festival, the headlining shows will be outstanding, featuring nine-time Grammy winner and trumpet master, Randy Brecker, plus the exciting and critically acclaimed jazz organist, Tony Monaco; a Horace Silver Celebration; El Niño and the Latin Jazz Knights; my band with Bonnie Eisele and Bill Prince plus many new faces including saxophonist, Hunter Diamond; Jilla Webb and our youth presentation featuring our 2014 AIJF Scholarship winner, 18-year-old Luke Stribling; plus the U.S. Navy Band Southeast, and much more.

"We plan to arrive home from our current cruise contract in the Baltic on Sept. 7. At that time, as we do every year, we will immediately begin working with several area schools to teach jazz techniques and inspire the kids to practice and strive to become better musicians.

In order to keep this event of world-class jazz healthy on Amelia Island, we also must bring in sponsors. The aforementioned Board of Directors is presently arranging meetings and presentations to reach out for AIJF support. Dedicated volunteer Lynne Ruppel is also very hard at work, along with Ken Kneisel, 2014 Sponsorship Chair, and her Jazz Festival marketing team selling ads for our festival program and promoting our various sponsorship levels. As an AIJF sponsor, the festival offers many amenities including the invitation to our Oct. 13 Sponsors Party (at the Bronze Sponsorship level and above) at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort, where you can meet many of the musicians and experience the talent of our 2014 scholarship winner.

I invite the community to visit our website at www.ameliainslandjazzfestival.com and begin to experience America's true art form, jazz. Let's keep jazz alive and swinging on Amelia Island!

Please consider becoming involved with this year's AIJF to enjoy the fun, the energy and all the surprises that our festival delivers. I promise you that it will be swinging, and you will hear music that will live in your hearts forever.

We look forward to our return and to seeing everyone Oct. 16-19 at the 2014 Amelia Island Jazz Festival.

All the best from the Baltic,
Les DeMerle and Bonnie Eisele

BASH *Continued from 1B*

and come out and join us for the fun! The entire community is invited!"

"The Y is so much more than a gym," explains volunteer and board member, Laura Coggin. "The Y is a not-for-profit organization that is committed to making Nassau County an even better spot on the map. What does this mean? We offer swimming lessons and summer day and overnight camp for kids; we open our doors to isolated seniors who come in for social interaction; and we help to develop interpersonal skills in our kids through team sports that end in friendships that last a lifetime. The best part is nobody is turned away due to lack of finances. The generosity of donors like Omni AIP make this possible."

"The Boardwalk Bash is also our 'I

Heart Art' event, which will provide kids with art supplies for enrichment activities throughout Nassau County. Come with an art supply donation and receive unlimited access to the bounce house and all you can eat popcorn! Additionally, there is no joining fee when you sign up for a Y membership," explained Grego.

For the Albert Family, the YMCA helps the entire family to succeed and this is the beauty of the Give to the Y Campaign.

"The staff excels in every way, exceeding our expectations for child care," explained Kerrie Albert. "As two working parents, it makes us feel so good to know that every challenge, every boo-boo, every life lesson from courage to honesty is taken care of with love and dedication. From the swim lessons, to arts and crafts, field trips, and

academic assistance, our children have grown in social skills, confidence and truly learned the importance of friendship and education. Dani, Braydon and Easton love all of their experiences at the YMCA and the awesome staff. As parents we appreciate the compassion and commitment to our family and our children's success."

The Y is a powerful association of men, women and children from all walks of life joined together by a shared passion: to strengthen the foundations of community. With a focus on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Y nurtures the potential of every youth and teen, improves the nation's health and well-being and provides opportunities to give back and support neighbors.

Visit www.firstcoastymca.org for

BIKE *Continued from 1B*

students to and from the ARK each day. Transportation is essential in the operation of the facility, being a necessity for most of the disabled individuals.

The ARK of Nassau is raffling a 2007 Harley-Davidson Road King motorcycle on Friday, Aug. 8, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to support their ever expanding transportation services.

You need not be present to win. The Road King, with its strong 1584cc V-Twin-cam engine, front and rear disc brakes, low and lean good looks and beautiful paint, were brought about by a full professional restoration. The cycle was donated to the ARK of Nassau by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office by NCSO Charities.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20, suggested donation. Donations are completely tax deductible. Purchase tickets at The ARK, 86051 Hamilton St., Yulee or with a credit card by calling 225-9355, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

The ARK, as we all know it today, was originally organized as Hands & Hearts in the early 1970's by family members, community leaders, civic organizations and educational professionals to support individuals with disabilities. In 1981, the current ARK of Nassau facility was built on land donated by Rayonier and established the permanent roots of the ARK of Nassau.



On Aug. 8 the ARK of Nassau will raffle this Harley-Davidson Road King motorcycle signed by country music star Tim McGraw. SUBMITTED

Through the years, many new services have been developed to keep pace with the changing needs of our disabled residents.

Today, the ARK of Nassau offers adults with disabilities ranging from downs syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism, various mental disabilities and many other maladies, educational and vocational programs and services, from personal care to job skills development in the community. These programs and services offer specialized educational and motivational positive possibilities to disabled adults that support their active participation in all aspects of life.

Candy Holloway, executive director of the ARK, advised, "The staff of the ARK diligently and professionally promotes daily life skills training and employment opportuni-

ties for our adults enrolled in our Day Training Program by providing skill sets, cooking classes, safety programs, field trips, arts and music appreciation and an annual Talent Show."

Holloway added, "One of the very important partners of the ARK is the Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist Section, a part of the Nassau County School System. The department's positive approach, along with other educators, is to work with students with disabilities to succeed in their studies and form positive independent living skills, make them ready to seek employment, manage their own lifestyles, to move forward with their education and be productive in their personal surroundings, the community they live in, and most of all, to live with positive self-esteem and respect. Upon

departing high school, many young adults are referred to the ARK of Nassau.

"Another important partner is the Nassau County Disabilities Transition Team, which does an excellent job in opening many doors to individuals for additional education and employment opportunities."

The vision of the ARK is to grow, nurture and expand their ability to continuously provide a full array of necessary programs and educational services to adults of all ages with developmental disabilities. This mission will be accomplished by establishing site-based, client-run businesses with quality training opportunities and long-term employment; providing scholarships for individuals; increasing fundraising activities and building community partnerships.

ART WORKS



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Summer Flowers

The Plantation Artists' Guild and Gallery presents Summer Flowers, above and right, a members' show in a special show corner, through Aug. 9. See floral works by gallery members. The gallery is located at 94 Amelia Village Circle at the Spa & Shops of Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. Hours are Tuesday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 432-1750.



Youth art classes

Youth art classes will be held at the Island Art Association Educational Center on Aug. 30, including Children's Art for ages 6-9, 10-11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; and Middle School Art for ages 10-13, 1-2:15 p.m. Classes are led by Diane Hamburg. Pre-register at the Island Art Association Gallery, 18 N. Second St., 261-7020.

Wildlife exhibit

The sixth annual St. Augustine Nature and Wildlife Exhibit takes place through Aug. 31 at the St. Augustine Art Association, 22 Marine St., St. Augustine. Fernandina Beach artist Theogenes Jose Garcia-Luina is featured in the juried show. For information contact tegalagent@gmail.com. The gallery is closed on Mondays.

Children's exhibit

The Amelia Island Plantation Artists' Guild & Gallery presents Progeny, a children's art exhibit, Aug. 12-Sept. 20. The paintings and drawings installed in the "corner" gallery will be from the gallery members' children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. This collection will hang for only a limited time so be sure to take a look at the original works of art from budding young artists. The gallery is located at 94 Amelia Village Circle at the Omni Spa & Shops.

Open Tuesdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Solo exhibit

Fernandina Beach artist Julianne French is holding her first solo art exhibition, *Ruin*, at the Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum, 101 West 1st St., Jacksonville. Twenty-three of her charcoal and ink drawings of ancient and modern architecture will be on display until Aug. 29. Museum admission is free and hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

French investigates architectural design and how designs from specific cultures and periods can convey universal meaning. She teaches Humanities, Art History, Literature and the Arts and Art Appreciation to gifted students in grades nine through 12 at Fernandina Beach High School. French's work may also be viewed at www.juliannefrench.com.

WILD *Continued from 1B*

the invasive anoles appear much more aggressive.

Combined with habitat loss due to land development and the diminution of the trees and shrubs of the maritime forest, this threat of the invasive anoles creates a bleak future scenario for green anoles. Wild Amelia recognizes this threat and has chosen to highlight this small reptile

this year.

Wild Amelia is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate residents and visitors about the wild places and wildlife of Amelia Island.

For more information about the upcoming programs of Wild Amelia and the ninth annual Wild Amelia Nature Festival in May 2015, visit wildamelia.com and Wild Amelia on Facebook.

TEEN *Continued from 1B*

should email tonidamico@gmail.com. The only fee is \$5 for pizza and beverages. Teens are welcome to also bring individual snacks, and need to bring a pillow and sleeping bag or bed roll. There will be ample adult supervision the entire 12 hours. Space is limited, so don't delay signing up.

Amelia Community Theatre has an active teen troupe, ACTeen, and the lock-in program will include a discussion about troupe auditions that are at 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 17 in ACT's Studio Theatre at 209 Cedar St. This past season, ACTeen

presented Alice in Wonderland and the previous year they performed Rogers & Hammerstein's Cinderella. This season's show will be announced at the lock-in.

The teen troupe meets on Sunday afternoons during the school year and learns about all aspects and jobs in the theater. They attend professional plays in Jacksonville as a group, and their big fundraiser each year is selling Shrimp Festival parking passes for the ACT parking lot. For general information on ACTeen, contact leader Toni D'Amico at tonidamico@gmail.com or call the theater at 261-6749.

Rethreaded's Freedom Film Series: 'Sex and Money'

JACKSONVILLE – Rethreaded, a local nonprofit that believes every individual can experience self-worth and value to communally change the world we live in, will present their quarterly Freedom Film Series on Thursday. The film "Sex and Money" will be shown from 7-9 p.m. at the Sun-Ray Cinema, 1028 Park St., Jacksonville.

This documentary uncovers the truth about domestic minor sex trafficking and the modern-day abolitionist movement fighting to stop it. Since September 2009, the filmmaker

er has traveled to over 30 states and conducted more than 75 interviews with federal agents, victims, politicians, activists and psychologists, among others.

"Sex and Money" provides information and awareness to the local community regarding the sex trade and human trafficking happening right here in the United States. Ticket sales from this event will provide training to new Rethreaded employees.

Tickets are \$10 at Sun-Ray Cinema, <http://goo.gl/RK1SEH>. Visit rethreaded.com.

HOMES

Wild Amelia announces sea turtle programs

For the News-Leader

Wild Amelia has announced two August programs for aspiring Junior Naturalists on "Amelia Island Sea Turtles" – right in the midst of the sea turtle hatching season.

The first – a PowerPoint presentation on sea turtles by Fort Clinch sea turtle volunteer Sandra Baker-Hinton, followed by a beach walk to check out a turtle nest due to hatch at that time – is set for Monday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Fort Clinch Visitor Center.

The second – a turtle patrol walk with an Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch volunteer to check for turtle tracks and nest hatchings – is scheduled for 7 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17. Both programs will include required activities or elements of the Junior Naturalist "Seashore" component.

For the Fort Clinch program on Aug. 11, families will be given a pass for free admission to Fort Clinch for educational purposes. The rain date for the program will be Tuesday, Aug. 12. If there is inclement weather on the 11th that requires rescheduling, an email will be sent to registrants by 4 p.m. on the day of the event. The children who attend are encour-

aged to bring their Junior Naturalist "Seashore" booklets.

These booklets will be available for purchase (\$5) on the day of the event, or they can be purchased before the event at the Atlantic Recreation Center, the Book Loft, Books Plus, Kayak Amelia or Coastal Trader II. Attendance at a sea turtle nest excavation is a requirement of the Junior Naturalist "Seashore" experience, and children attending this program will be given credit for this activity. It is suggested that children attending bring water and a camera, if desired; they should wear tennis shoes and a hat.

The Aug. 17 turtle walk at sunrise will include a brief presentation on the sea turtles of Amelia Island and their tracks, a two-mile roundtrip walk to look for those tracks and check on nests ready to hatch. Attendees will also be asked to carry litter bags to pick up any beach trash along the way. Participating in a beach cleanup is also a requirement of the "Seashore" Junior Naturalist program. Registrants will meet at beach access 40 at Bill Melton Road (across from Fernandina Beach Golf Course) just after sunrise; they should wear beach attire and have sunscreen and/or insect spray



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Sea turtles – their tracks, their nests, and their hatchlings – will be the subject of two Wild Amelia Junior Naturalist programs on Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. at Fort Clinch Visitor Center and beach and on the beach at access 40 on turtle patrol on Aug. 17 at 7 a.m. Immerse your children in the magic of the turtle season on Amelia and register soon. These leatherback hatchlings were released back into the sea from Amelia Island's first nest excavation of the season on July 25. To see the list of island turtle nests and the schedule for excavations, please visit ameliaislandseaturtlewatch.com.

applied in advance. Bags and gloves will be provided.

To register for either or both of these programs or for more information, email Robyn Nemes at robynemes@comcast.net. Once registered, par-

ticipants will receive additional details about the events.

Wild Amelia is a nonprofit educational organization whose mission is to educate residents and visitors about the wildlife and wild places of Amelia

Island. The Junior Naturalist program for children between 7 and 15 years of age is one of those educational efforts: Junior Naturalist curricula on "The Seashore" and "The Maritime Forest" are now in print and

available for purchase. The nine annual Wild Amelia Nature Festival is set for May 15-17, 2015. For information about all of Wild Amelia's programs, visit wildamelia.com and Wild Amelia on Facebook.

ISLAND MARKETS

The Amelia Farmers Market, aka the Fernandina Farmers Market, is proud to introduce its newest vendor, the Savory Market, which will bring wild Alaskan sockeye salmon, wild sea scallops from Maine and a variety of other locally made products to the market.

The Savory Market specializes in local and U.S.-made and grown products and strives to bring their customers only the best. A crowd favorite will be returning Aug. 2: Dolcissimo Desserts, owned and operated by Magdalena, who has been making rum cakes since 1985 from an "heirloom" recipe handed down through nine generations originating in Italy. Each cake is a work of art and is uniquely decorated. Taste samples of the chocolate pound cake saturated with rum. Dolcissimo offers three sizes of cakes in two flavors – original and hot and spicy.

At Bottega by Liz Grenamy, pick up entrees and side dishes that just need to be put into the oven or microwave and are ready in no time. All dishes are made with only the finest, freshest ingredients and the entrees change weekly. The menu often includes espresso-crusted pork tenderloin, grilled salmon with mango chutney and southern shrimp and creamy grits.

Winter Park Honey is at the market every Saturday with their regular honeys and four-pack samplers. Their most popular is the local wildflower honey that includes pollen from all over the United States for all seasons, which may help allergy sufferers. The award-winning honey is produced unheated and unprocessed. The bees are never treated with pesticides or antibiotics.

Orchid Legends will have a large selection of orchids and other houseplants and can help with questions about growing and repotting your orchid. Pastries by Andrea recently added several new gluten free, dairy free and organic products to her line-up such as croutons and corn muffins and herbal focaccia bread. She also has an organic shake and bake mix made with gluten free rice and corn flour combined with herbs, onions and garlic.

Robert of Ever Blooming Gardens is at the market every week with many varieties of flowering plants and shrubs now in bloom. Questions about what can grow here on the island? Robert's your guy, attending the market for 8 years, he has a vast knowledge of what does and does not grow on the island.

The Amelia Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Shops of the Omni Amelia Island Plantation. No pets, please. Call 557-4202 or visit www.ameliafarmersmarket.com for information and to sign up for the E-Mail Newsletter.

Beach Market Place farmers' market brings something new to find, and each booth has something different. The market is a cornucopia of fresh, seasonal produce as well as a variety of cheese, meats, seafood, spreads, dips, breads, sauces, flowers and more.

Finding and trying a new vegetable that you have never seen before is a personal experiment in your culinary palate. Have you tried a Pattypan Squash or a Kohlrabi? How about a Zucchini Cobbler or chips made from eggplant or kale? Well, you don't have to go far to try something new, simply ask any vendor in the farmers market, "What is the most unusual thing you sell and how do you cook it?"

Coming to the Market Place on Aug. 2 is Olive My Pickle, a small family adventure that started with the market in Fernandina Beach back in 2010. With a non-GMO Project Verification status, owners Shai and Charlotte are thrilled to have earned Vegan Action Certifications and the Fresh From Florida logos, too. "Our affiliations with these organizations say more about us than we could ever write on the side of a pickle jar," Charlotte said. Specializing in brine fermented pickles, you will find a variety of olives, flavorful hummus and tasty stuffed grape leaves among their Vegan deli customer favorites.

Another customer favorite at the farmers market in Fernandina Beach is Amelia Pasta. Their unique, hand-crafted pasta flavors are made with real vegetables and hand-milled spices. There is no cholesterol, no artificial ingredients and no fillers. This pasta is all natural and absolutely delicious – especially without sauce.

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Join these and a couple dozen other vendors Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., rain or shine. Joel Vendetti will be strumming the classics and be sure to check out the fish being weighed in at the 32nd Annual Fernandina Beach Fishing Rodeo. The market is located on North Seventh Street, between Centre and Alachua streets, downtown Fernandina Beach. Like them on Facebook, visit FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com or call 557-8229.

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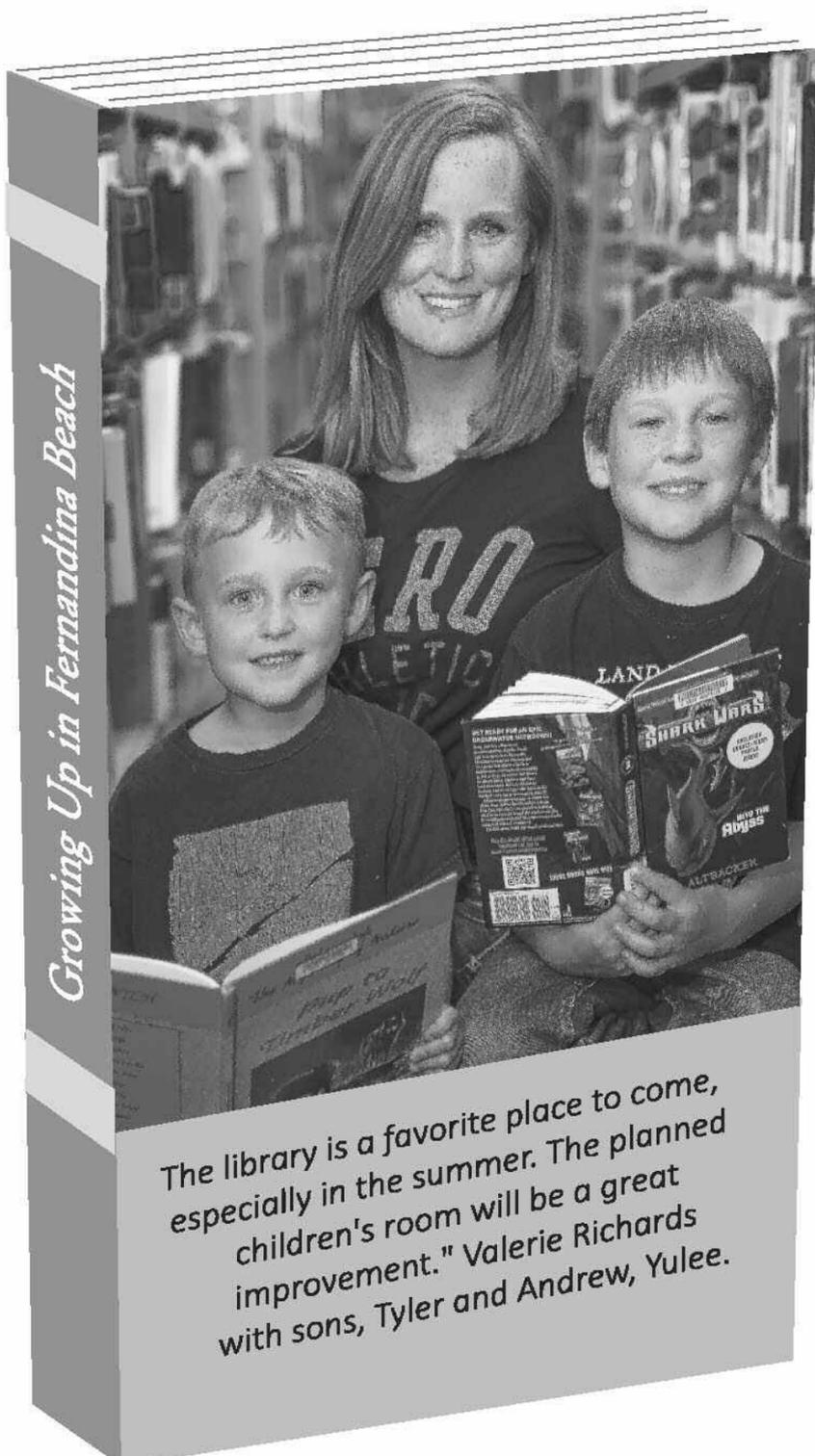
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NEWS-LEADER PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE

Post office warns businesses not to use mailboxes for free

The post office has notified a couple of dozen local businesses that they could be in violation of federal law by using mailboxes for advertising without paying postage.

Federal law states, "Whoever knowingly and willfully deposits any mailable matter such as statements of accounts, circulars, sale bills, or other like matter, on which no postage has been paid, in any letter box established, approved, or accepted by the Postal Service for the receipt or delivery of mail matter on any mail route with the intent to avoid payment of lawful postage thereon, shall for each offence be fined under this title."

Postal inspectors say "it's a violation of federal law to intentionally circumvent paying postage in order to realize personal gain."

The certified letters sent to violators from the Fernandina Beach post office note the fine could be in excess of \$5,000.

The post office charges mail advertisers \$200 for an application fee, \$200 for a permit fee and 27 cents per piece of mail delivered. Fernandina Beach has 17,052 possible deliveries including post office boxes and mailboxes.

The certified letter was sent to several local restaurants, lawn care and pest control services and other businesses that were suspected of putting advertising circulars in mailboxes without paying postage for them.

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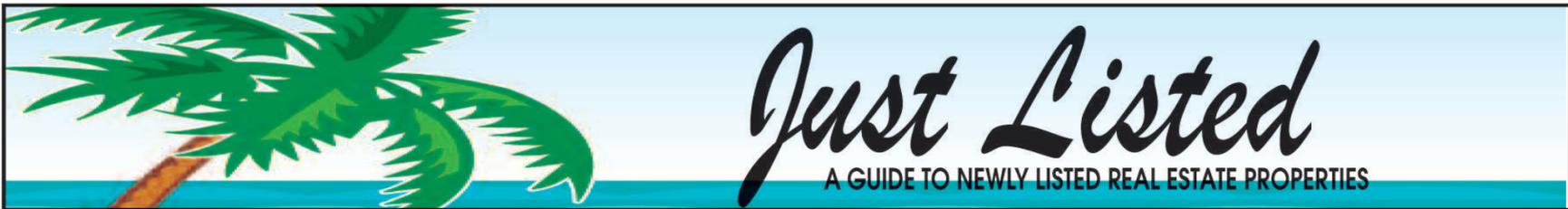
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\$119,500
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2192 CALAIS LANE
This lake front beauty shows like a model home and is walking distance to the beach! The open floor plan has wood floors throughout main living areas, new stainless GE Profile appliances and solid surface counter tops. The stately stone fireplace is gas or wood burning. This beautiful park like yard is irrigated by a separate deep well. Owner's love and attention shows with many custom touches including surround sound, beautiful crown molding, and a year-round 425 sq. ft. Florida room that over looks the lake. This home is a must see! PRICE JUST REDUCED \$10,000!!

\$341,000
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2977 PARK SQUARE PLACE
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1537 PERSIMMON CIRCLE NORTH
Simon's Cove and pond frontage too! This 4/2 is a great starter or retirement home. Convenient to beach, shopping and municipal airport. Enjoy the nature of a back yard pond and lots of privacy in this Island Home!

\$275,000
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Sea Castles Unit #12
\$250,000
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G-2 AMELIA SOUTH
Gorgeous Ocean Front condo! This unit is located in the center of Amelia South. The master suite has a full ocean view and a sliding door for additional access to the spacious patio. The bathrooms and master closet have had \$25k worth of updates this year! Such a comfortable home away from home! The furniture is included so you can let the enjoyment begin the day of closing. This property has a nice rental history, approx \$20-\$35k annually for the past 5 years. Your message is ready to be sent with

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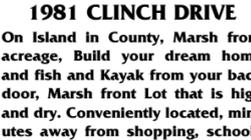
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