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AT LOGGERHEADS



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A loggerhead turtle returns to the ocean after laying eggs on a city beach July 12. Unfortunately, many loggerhead hatchlings on city beaches this summer have become disoriented, apparently by nearby lighting, and lost their way and their lives. Story, photo, 6A.

Teacher's phone details 'porno'

MICHAEL PARNELL
SIÂN PERRY
News-Leader

"One digital photograph of the juvenile victim performing oral sex. Four digital photographs of the juvenile victim in the act of sexual intercourse. Sixteen digital photographs of the juvenile victim masturbating. Four digital photographs which depict the genitals of the juvenile victim in a lewd manner. . . .

"One video which displayed the juvenile victim performing oral sex. One video that displayed the juvenile victim during sexual intercourse. Six videos that displayed the juvenile victim during masturbation. . . .

"A video that was transmitted to the (juvenile victim) by the defendant in which he was masturbating."

These were found on an iPhone5 allegedly belonging to Daniel Wright, a Fernandina Beach High School teacher already in jail on charges of having sex with an underage student at FBHS. They are the basis of 34 child pornography charges filed last week involving a separate female victim in Hilliard, where Wright once taught.



Wright

The graphic descriptions of what is being considered pornographic behavior with a minor were written by a deputy in a police report released Wednesday by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office after a public records request by the News-Leader.

Assistant State Attorney Donna Thurson said the images were discovered after a search of the defendant's cell phone. According to the police, Wright admitted the phone was his.

Wright, 32, was charged a week ago with one count of transmission of material harmful to minors and 33 counts of possession of child pornography. These are in addition to the original charges related to his alleged sexual relationship with a 17-year-old student at FBHS, which prompted the search of his cell phone.

There may be additional victims, Thurson said earlier this week. "There were a lot of photos with a number of different young women," she said. "Some are sexually explicit. Some are just suggestive. We're in the process of trying to identify the victims."

Thurson asked that parents talk to their children and come forward with any information regarding Wright. "Anyone with any knowledge - particularly students and/or their parents - regarding inappropriate sexual conduct or inappropriate photos sent to or received by the defendant" needs to contact the appropriate police agency, said Thurson.

Those who live in the county should call the Nassau County Sheriff's Office at 225-0147 or 855-725-2630. If you live in Fernandina Beach, call the city police department at 277-7342.

"The investigation continues," said Thurson.

Each possession of child pornography count carries a five-year sentence if convicted, she said. That means on the 33 counts alone, Wright could face 165 years in prison.

Wright remains in Nassau County Jail and is being held without bond. Bond was revoked last month after he apparently violated one of the conditions of his earlier release, including that he have no contact with the Fernandina victim.

Wright, a media teacher and yearbook advisor at FBHS, was originally arrested June 16 after city police detectives said he confessed to an inappropriate relationship with a 17-year-old senior during the past school year. The student has since turned 18 and graduated. She told police the relationship continued after her graduation.

TEACHER Continued on 3A

City officials talk horse manure

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

If approved by commissioners at a future date, the city will be making changes to permits for firms that provide commercial horseback riding on city beaches.

A discussion on the matter among commissioners came about at their Tuesday meeting due to previous residential complaints of horse manure being left on the beach from groups of horseback riders.

Commissioner Johnny Miller said he had a problem with vendors coming from out of town to make money using city beaches, and then allowing horses to "defecate in tidal pools." He also said he was disappointed that he had not heard from

any of the vendors prior to the meeting.

"I expected to hear from some of the companies that were permitted," Miller said. City regulations require a special permit from the city manager for commercial vendors of horseback riding on city beaches.

City Police Chief Jim Hurley said at the meeting that when city officers first began addressing the issue last year, they found that many vendors of horseback rides did not have the proper city permits for riding on the beach.

"Some people claim the horses are leaving waste and (the vendors are) not picking it up," Hurley said, "or picking it up an hour later."

"(The vendors) don't necessarily

want to stop the horseback ride and pick up waste," Hurley said, "(but) it's difficult for officers out looking for horse waste. It becomes a question of priorities."

Hurley said that, after advising the half-dozen ride vendors of the need for permits, "we have not observed violations."

"We've been trying to gain compliance and educate (the vendors), which is typically how we like to handle it," Hurley said. "Once it's clear the attention is on them, compliance is guaranteed."

But Commissioner Pat Gass said she would like to see a visible sign on each horse, such as a tassel, that would designate the vendor had a current city permit. She also suggested horseback riding vendors

notify the city as to when they will be on the beach with riders.

Gass also suggested horses could wear a bag to catch droppings before they fall on the beach.

"Enforcement is never going to be perfect," City Attorney Tammi Bach said. She added she would begin working with Hurley on drafting new terms for the ordinance that addresses horseback riding on city beaches, for commissioner approval at a future date.

"Usually, what that does is show businesses we are serious," Bach said. She also noted the commission could expressly forbid horseback riding on city beaches.

"We shouldn't penalize every-

HORSE Continued on 3A

BACK HOME



ANGELA DAUGHTRY/NEWS-LEADER
Pauline Staten Cheese (Class of '48) also taught at Peck High School and retired to Atlanta in 1996. She attended the Peck High School reunion Saturday. Who else was there? Photos, 12A.

'Straw poll' may decide city spending questions

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

If approved by city commissioners at their Aug. 19 meeting, city voters will see at least three non-binding questions on the Nov. 4 ballot this year regarding city projects.

Commissioners suggested the "straw poll" Tuesday as a way to determine if there will be enough voter support for an actual referendum vote in the future.

The questions put to voters have to do with the city borrowing funds for large projects and the possibility of selling all or part of the city golf course.

One question, as suggested by commissioners, will ask voters if they support the city borrowing up to \$10 million for a commission-approved waterfront plan.

The second question - initiated by Commissioner Pat Gass - would ask voters if they are in favor of the city borrowing up to \$8 million for a downtown parking garage.

A third question, brought up by Commissioner Johnny Miller in a

previous discussion, will ask if voters are interested in rezoning part or all of the city golf course so it may be marketed to sell at a future date.

Another straw poll question considered by commissioners at Tuesday's meeting concerned the city borrowing up to \$17 million to complete citywide stormwater protection projects.

But Mayor Ed Boner said he was worried voters would only see how much money was being borrowed, and automatically vote "no." City Manager Joe Gerrity agreed, saying, "If you overload them with questions, you're just going to get 'no, no, no, no, no.'"

In the end, the straw poll question on stormwater projects did not make the cut.

Boner also said he would like to see a referendum question for vot-

"If you overload them with questions, you're just going to get 'no, no, no, no, no.'"

CITY MANAGER JOE GERRITY

ers that, if approved, would increase commissioner terms from three to four years. That question was put to city voters several years ago, but they voted against the term increase.

Boner said he would like to see commissioner terms increase so that city elections would be in alignment with the county's and because elections in odd years tend to have a smaller turnout.

But due to the deadline for a real referendum, it was considered too late to put Boner's question on the ballot.

According to City Attorney Tammi Bach, Aug. 26 is the deadline for ballot language to be ready for the Supervisor of Elections.

A question asking voters if they are interested in replacing electric

CITY Continued on 3A

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SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON
2014: 112 Hatched: 1675
2012 Nests: 189 Hatchlings: 14,096
Please turn off or redirect lights shining directly on the beach. For a detailed count see www.ameliainlandseaturtlewatch.com.

OBITUARIES

Walter Thomas Mierzejewski

Walter Thomas Mierzejewski, 87, of Fernandina Beach passed away suddenly on August 6th, 2014.

He was born on September 21st, 1926 in Bridgeport, Connecticut to Marcel and Lucy Mierzejewski. He had one brother; Henry A. Mierzejewski.

Walter graduated from the University of Alabama with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry, and was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He served in the U.S.

Army and was stationed at Camp Blanding. Walter moved to Fernandina Beach in 1952, when he was hired as a chemist at Container Corporation of America. He met his wife, Florence Partin, and they married on June 22nd 1952. He retired after 30 years as the Powerhouse Superintendent. After his retirement Walter and Florence enjoyed traveling with friends overseas. They also enjoyed their quiet getaways to Sanibel Island and Crescent Beach.

Walter enjoyed playing golf with the Lemonade Boys, he was also a member of St. Michael's Parish. But most importantly, spending time with his wife Florence and his family.

He is survived by his loving

Gladyce Miller

Mrs. Gladyce "Cindy" Miller, passed away at her home in Fernandina Beach on Friday morning, August 1, 2014 at the age of 90.

Born in Beverly, MA, she was the eldest of two daughters born to the late Robert and Gladys A. Fletcher Tyldsley.

After graduating from Beverly High School, Class of 1941, she attended Westbrook Junior College in Portland, Maine. After college she ran the Laboratory at the Joslin Diabetic Center in Boston.

In 1946 she joined Northeast Airlines where she worked as a Stewardess until 1950. In 1950 she married a Naval Aviator and Korean Veteran, Frank Hollingsworth Sheffield and lived in Pensacola and Jacksonville with his transfers within the U.S. Navy. In 1953, Mr. Sheffield perished in a tragic Naval training exercise in Jacksonville.

In 1954, she married a native Fernandian, Alexander Augustus Miller III; another Naval trained Pilot and Veteran of the Korean Conflict. The Miller's remained in Jacksonville until 1960 when they relocated to Miami with

wife of 62 years, Florence P. Mierzejewski. Daughters Lucy M. Kaufman, of Fernandina Beach, Florida; and Julie M. Yousif of Jacksonville, Florida; and Daughter in law Debbie D. Mierzejewski of Jacksonville, Florida. Granddaughters Kristyn Mierzejewski and Ameera Yousif, both of Jacksonville, Florida; great-granddaughter, Rylie Smith. Sister-in-Law Lillian Mierzejewski, Stratford, Connecticut, nephew Jim Mierzejewski (Nancy), great nephew Mark Mierzejewski of Milford, Connecticut; niece, Judy Berard (Rick), great nieces Alexis and Emily of Milford, Connecticut.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, infant daughter Helyn Mierzejewski, his son Walter T. Mierzejewski Jr. and his grandson Kelly T. Mierzejewski.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Tuesday, August 12th, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, in Fernandina Beach, Florida, with Reverend Father Dan Guindon, Celebrant. The family will receive guest on Tuesday, at the church, 30 minutes prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the building fund of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Please share his Life Legacy at leave your condolences and memories at www.oxleyheard.com.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

her husband's career as a Commercial Pilot. Mr. Miller passed away in 2012.

Since 1950, Mrs. Miller has been a homemaker to her family and mother to her five children.

In 1987 she returned to call Fernandina Beach her home.

She leaves behind, her children, Michael Robert Sheffield and his wife Jan, Marietta, GA, Holly Miller Friedman, Fernandina Beach, FL, Susan Elizabeth Corbett, Fernandina Beach, FL, twin sons, Keith Robert Miller and his wife Brynda, Miami, FL, Kevin Bruce Miller and his wife Anne, Tyrone, GA, her younger sister, Joyce Catherine DeFusco, Exton, PA, fourteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, two nephews and one niece.

Funeral services will be held at a later date. If so desired contributions may be made in her memory to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257 or to the Nassau Humane Society, 995 Piper Lane, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

Please share her Life Legacy and leave your condolence messages and memories of Mrs. Miller at www.oxleyheard.com.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

DEATH NOTICES

Mr. George William "Billy" Anderson, 61, Yulee, died on Thursday, July 31, 2014. Funeral services will be at noon on Saturday, Aug. 9 in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Wayne M. Arms, 68, Callahan, died on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2014. Services will be held at Jacksonville National Cemetery at a later date.

Green Pine Funeral Home

John William Cavallaro, 72, Fernandina Beach, died on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Steven D. Selig, 71, Amelia Island and Gilford, N.H., died on Monday, Aug. 4, 2014. No local services are planned. Green Pine Funeral Home

New benefit art show

The Plantation Artists' Guild & Gallery presents "As Time Goes By," a new show and reception, on Aug. 15 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Osprey Village and Amelia Island Montessori School are sponsoring a fundraiser with special food and wine pairings, a

raffle with a mini iPad as one of the prizes, and the gallery will have a photo booth. All donations go to the Montessori School; minimum donation is \$10 at the door.

The Gallery is located at 94 Amelia Village Circle at the Omni Spa & Shops.

Perils of pets in hot cars

With the summer months upon us, pet travel is at its height and it's time for a reminder about the dangers of leaving your pet in a parked car. Whether you're parking in the shade, just running into the store, or leaving the windows cracked, it is still NOT OK to leave your pet in a parked car.

The temperature inside a car can skyrocket after just a few minutes. Parking in the shade or leaving the windows cracked does very little to alleviate this pressure cooker.

On a warm, sunny day try turning your car off, cracking your windows and sitting there. It will only be a few short minutes before it becomes unbearable. Imagine how your helpless pet will feel. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows cracked can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. At 110 degrees, pets are in danger of heatstroke. On hot and humid days, the temperature in a car parked in direct sunlight can rise more than 30 degrees per minute, and quickly become lethal.

Stanford University School of Medicine conducted a study to measure the temperature rise inside a parked car on sunny days with highs ranging from 72 to 96 degrees. Their results showed that a car's interior can heat up by an average of 40 degrees F within an hour, regardless of ambient temperature. Ambient temperature doesn't matter – it's whether it's sunny out. Eighty percent of the temperature rise occurred within the first half-hour. Even on a relatively cool day, the temperature inside a parked car can quickly spike to life-threatening levels if the sun is out.

Further, the researchers noted that much like the sun warms a greenhouse in winter; it also warms a parked car on cool days. In both cases, the sun heats up a mass of air trapped under glass.



Precautions such as cracking a window or running the air conditioner prior to parking the car were found to be inadequate.

"If more people knew the danger of leaving their pets in their parked car, they wouldn't do it," states Kim Salerno, TripsWithPets.com president and founder. "Pets are very susceptible to overheating as they are much less efficient at cooling themselves than people are" adds Salerno. The solution is simple – leave your pets at home if the place you are going does not allow pets.

Dogs are designed to conserve heat. Their sweat glands, which exist on their nose and the pads of their feet, are inadequate for cooling during hot days. Panting and drinking water helps cool them, but if they only have hot air to breathe, dogs can suffer brain and organ damage after just 15 minutes. Short-nosed breeds, young pets, seniors or pets with weight, respiratory, cardiovascular or other health problems are especially susceptible to heat-related stress.

Signs of heat stress include: heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting or a deep red or purple tongue. If a pet becomes overheated, immediately lowering their body temperature is a must.

• Move the pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water all over their body to gradually lower their temperature.

• Apply ice packs or cool towels to the pet's head, neck and chest only.

• Allow the pet to drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes. Then take the pet to the nearest vet. Animal Services officers or other law enforcement officers are authorized to remove any animal left in an unat-

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tended vehicle that is exhibiting signs of heat stress by using the amount of force necessary to remove the animal, and shall not be liable for any damages reasonably related to the removal. The pet owner may be charged with animal cruelty.

Creating greater awareness is the key to preventing pets from this unnecessary suffering. TripsWithPets.com offers some tips to help spread the word:

• Let friends know about the dangers of leaving their pets in a parked car and remind them to keep their pets at home on warm sunny days if they'll be going anywhere pets are not allowed.

• The Humane Society of the United States has posters available for a nominal fee that store managers can post inside their windows to remind shoppers that "Leaving Your Pet in a Parked Car Can Be a Deadly Mistake." They also have similar hot car flyers.

• Get involved. If you see a pet in a parked car during a warm sunny day, go to the nearest store and have the owner paged. Enlist the help of a local police officer or security guard or call the local police department or animal control office.

Named best pet travel site by Consumer Reports, TripsWithPets.com's mission is to offer resources that ensure pets are welcome, happy and safe while traveling.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Free fishing

The George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park invites visitors to enjoy fishing on the bridge at no cost on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 7 a.m. to noon. Located on A1A in Jacksonville, this one-mile fishing bridge spans Nassau Sound and provides access to one of the best fishing areas in Northeast Florida.

For additional information contact the ranger station at 251-2320. For more information about Florida State Parks, visit www.floridastateparks.org.

Dinner, iPad raffle

The American Legion Post 54 Auxiliary will hold a pork loin dinner on Aug. 9 from 5-7 p.m. Dinner includes pork loin, two sides and dessert for an \$8 donation. The public is welcome. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54 also is raffling two iPad Minis (16G each), with a separate drawing for each. Tickets are a \$1 donation each. The drawing will be held on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. during Roadkill Bingo. See the bartender or an auxiliary member for tickets.

Nature photos

Ever dreamed of getting the perfect shot of a great blue heron in flight or a bumblebee nestled on a flower? Join a photographer and nature enthusiast for a leisurely stroll on the Fairway Loop Trail and learn techniques to help capture the beauty of the maritime forest and salt marsh on film on Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. Bring your own camera and photography supplies, sturdy shoes, bug spray, sunscreen and water. No reservations are necessary and the program is free. For information contact the Talbot Islands Ranger Station at (904) 251-2320.

Shark teeth

Why are we fascinated with monsters and the mysterious? They creep into our dreams and thoughts; we seek out souvenirs and keep our eyes on the horizon for a glimpse of them. Join a park ranger for a discussion on the different types of shark teeth found on the area's beaches on Aug. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free. Contact the Talbot Islands Ranger Station at (904) 251-2320.

Pink Ribbon Ladies

The Pink Ribbon Ladies, a support group in Nassau county for survivors of breast and other female cancers, will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 11 in the conference room at Baptist Medical Center Nassau. This meeting will be a time for discussion and sharing and a time of support for members and guests. Contact Joyce Karsko at 261-2976 or Isobel Lyle at 321-2057.

EABC meeting

The European American Business Club will meet Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Amelia River Golf Club. Come and meet guest speaker, Capt. Harvey L. Guffey Jr., commanding officer of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in Georgia and learn about the economic impact the base has on local small businesses. Find out what the base is all about and how it affects the area. There will be a drawing at the end of the night. Admission of \$12 includes food prepared by the club's chef. There is an open bar and coffee, tea and soft drinks are available. Visit www.eabcnetwork.com for information.

AARP meets

The local chapter of the

AARP will meet Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. at the Council on Aging, across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau. Guest speaker Nan Voit, Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation director, will talk about current and future events at the department. All chapter members and the public are invited.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 13, 22 and 24. A basic with defensive tactics course will be held at 7:45 a.m. Aug. 16 and 17. For information, contact Belson at 491-8358, (904) 476-2037 or gbelson@bell-south.net. Visit www.TheBelsonGroup.com.

Lunch & learn

The Greater Nassau County Chamber of Commerce will host a "Lunch & Learn" event on Aug. 14 at noon at The Meeting Place in Hilliard, catered by R&R Wings. Cost is \$15. Guest speakers will be Chuck Sheehan, Nassau County manager of "Seniors-vs-Crime" and Bobby Franklin of "Net F2." For information call the chamber at 879-1441, email Info@greaternassaucounty.com or visit Greaternassaucounty.com.

Senior expo

The Council on Aging and Baptist Health will present the second annual Senior Expo and Health Fair Aug. 15. More than 40 state and local organizations will present a variety of health and wellness information to county senior citizens.

The expo is free and will be held at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, 2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Influenza vaccinations will be available through Walgreens Pharmacy. Visit www.coanasau.com.

Free spay/neuter for county pets

The SpayNassau II program applies to all pet dogs and cats owned by Nassau County residents, as well as feral cats in Nassau County. Any income level qualifies for this grant. Call First Coast No More Homeless Pets at (904) 425-0005 to make an appointment and information on the surgery.

Bring your pet's current license tag to the appointment. If your pet does not have a current license tag, you must purchase one at a cost of \$10 for each pet. Please bring picture

ID and proof of residence in Nassau County to your surgery appointment.

All cats will have spay/neuter surgery and receive a rabies shot. Feral cats (those arriving in a humane trap) will also receive an FVRCP shot. Pet cats can receive an FVRCP and flea/worming treatment for \$5 each. If you need a trap, assistance with feral cats or add-ons for pet cats, please call Cats Angels at 321-2267 for more information.



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School 'Striving for Excellence'

HEATHER A. PERRY
News Leader

When Rebecca Smith received the call advising her she'd been appointed new principal at Southside Elementary, her first thoughts were, "Wow! This has been my lifelong goal and I get to live it out right here, right now!"

Smith chose a career in education as a first grader, because of her teacher, Miss Doehr.

"I was a very poor reader and she just took me under her wing and made sure I was a good reader. She was a very good teacher whom I wanted to emulate when I was older."

Firmly dedicated to her chosen career, Smith would come home from school each day and teach her stuffed animals the concepts and skills she had learned in class.

"I had an easel chalkboard that my mom and dad bought me and my mom said, 'Those are going to be the smartest stuffed animals!'"

After obtaining her teaching credentials at Frostburg State College in the mountains of

'We want our school to be the place where teachers love to come teach, students love to come to learn and parents/community members love coming to support us.'

REBECCA SMITH
SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL



west Maryland, Smith worked at School #260 Frederick Elementary in the inner city of Baltimore, teaching a third grade class that turned into a split third/fourth grade.

She obtained her master's after returning from teaching in California.

While visiting a friend there on a spring break, she was offered a teaching position but wasn't sure she wanted to accept it because she didn't want to move all the way across the country from Maryland.

Returning home, she sat down with her parents who reviewed the pros and cons and urged her to spread her wings while reminding her she could

always come home.

"My parents had the biggest positive influence on me as far as the way you treat situations, the way you stay calm and try to look at all aspects, not just what pertains to you."

Smith applies those concepts now in her new role. At a recent staff meeting, she and the teachers chose their school vision as Striving to be Excellent Schoolwide (SES), based on Jon Gordon's book *The Energy Bus*.

"In the book he encourages everyone to choose a word that will be their driving force for the year so our staff has taken this vision and have each created a single word that will be

their driving force for their year."

These words are displayed on a chalkboard in the conference room where staff meetings are held on a regular basis.

"We want our school to be the place where teachers love to come teach, students love to come learn, and parents/community members love coming to support us."

A Nassau County resident since 2007, Smith was a Title I Resource Teacher at Yulee Elementary before serving as assistant principal at Emma Love for two years.

Her parents moved here two years after she did and she and her dad team-teach sixth grade religious education classes at St. Michel Catholic Church.

Leisure activities for the busy principal involve relaxing at the beach.

She has three children, Hannah, Emma and Noah, and a golden retriever named Maggie. She is engaged to Tom Bruchman.

Southside Elementary School is located at 1112 Jasmine St. Phone 491-7941.
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TEACHER

Continued from 1A

According to a city police report after his first arrest, Wright's involvement in a potential crime was broached in April when a parent of two FBHS students told police of a rumor regarding Wright and a student. Both Wright and the student denied an inappropriate relationship when questioned by a detective, the report stated.

On June 12, police received more information regarding the relationship from the accused teacher's wife and her sister, also a teacher at Fernandina Beach High School. Wright reportedly admitted to his wife that he had become involved in a relationship with the student and acknowledged having sexual relations with her, but said the relationship occurred after the girl's 18th birthday.

The student confirmed the sexual relationship with Wright began in February and told police two sexual encoun-

ters occurred before her 18th birthday.

Wright's wife filed for divorce on July 2, two weeks after his initial arrest, according to Nassau County Clerk of Courts records.

Wright was a TV production and digital design teacher at Fernandina Beach High for the past two years, and formerly taught at Hilliard High School.

Wright is the second FBHS teacher and yearbook advisor arrested on sex charges in the past five years. Stephen Brian Turner, 48, a journalism teacher and newspaper and yearbook advisor, remains incarcerated after his 2010 conviction for having sex with a student who was a minor.

Turner was sentenced to seven years in prison in September 2010 and ordered to register as a sex offender after pleading guilty to a charge of unlawful sex with a minor stemming from a relationship with a student that began when she was about 15.

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Main Beach lights aid turtles

The city of Fernandina Beach, in partnership with Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch and with a grant from Florida's Sea Turtle Conservancy, has completed modifications and upgrades to the lights at Main Beach Park. These lighting changes will protect sea turtle nesting without compromising the public's safety at night, the city said in a press release.

Additional benefits of the

upgrades include energy savings and significant reduction in greenhouse gases, the city said.

The project both reduced the height of light poles and installed Certified FWC LED lighting fixtures at the Dolphin Avenue and Main Beach parking lots. The GTE Companies of Jacksonville provided project planning assistance. The fixtures were purchased from

LEDTronics of Torrance, Calif., and installed by Vanguard Electric of Jacksonville. The city's maintenance crew also played a key role.

Funding was provided by the Sea Turtle Grants Program with proceeds from the sale of Florida's "Helping Sea Turtles Survive" specialty license plate (www.helpingseaturtles.org).

For more information, visit www.fbfl.us.

Turtle grant for Amelia South

Amelia South Inc., was awarded a partial grant in the amount of \$8,000.28 on June 1 from the Sea Turtle Conservancy through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to purchase 142 wall-mounted cylinder lights and amber LED bulbs to provide sea-turtle

friendly balcony lighting.

Amelia South is a condominium complex on South Fletcher that has 92 balconies facing the ocean.

Amelia South matched the grant in the amount of \$6,980 to pay Jeff Hamilton Electric for installing the cylinders and

bulbs.

Sea turtle hatchlings are attracted to artificial lighting, which disrupts their natural inclination to head for the ocean. The amber LED lighting and the cylinders are designed to prevent that attraction for the turtles.

HORSE

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body for some breaking the rules," Commissioner Charles Corbett said. "We just want to make sure everyone on the beach has a permit."

City regulations allow hors-

es on city beaches south of Sadler Road from May through October, from sunrise until 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. until sunset. Horses are allowed on city beaches south of Sadler Road any time from November through April.

While on city beaches, hors-

es must travel in single file and stay west of the mean high water line and away from dunes and vegetation. A special permit is required for commercial horseback riding operations and, as with dog owners, animal waste must be removed from any public areas.

CITY

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poles with underground utilities also did not make the cut at Tuesday's meeting, because more research is needed on the costs.

Commissioners will review for approval the three questions for the straw poll at their Aug. 19 meeting, and could possibly add more questions, according to Bach.

The straw poll for voters

must be approved by resolution or ordinance, Bach said, before being added to the ballot. Questions for voters on the city ballot are limited to 75 words.

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Trucks are hot, small is not

Driving down I-95 yesterday, I was admiring the new Chevrolet Suburban – what a great redesign. A day earlier, I read where Suburban sales, along with Cadillac Escalade and GMC Yukon, are on fire. It proves that product drives sales. The combination of big SUV successes, and an article in *Automotive News* about mini-cars struggling in the U.S. market, caused me to dig a little deeper.

Truck sales (pickup, sport utility and minivan) are leading the way in 2014. Comparisons will be July 2014 YTD vs. 2013. Truck sales are up from 4,471,766 to 4,894,821. This is a gain of 9.46 percent and 423,055 units.

Cars are up from 4,676,526 to 4,709,873. This is 0.71 percent gain on 33,347 units. It appears rising economic expectations and lower gas prices have caused Americans to buy more vehicle, size-wise.

The super-small offerings, Smart For Two and Scion IQ, with 73.5- and 78.6-inch wheelbases, are not selling at all.



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Rick Keffer

making it the little vehicle of choice right now. Chevy Cruze at 166,264 vs. 159,136 is in the discussion also.

Mid-size models and compacts are doing fine. Camry, Corolla, Accord, Civic, Altima and Sonata are all up, most marginally. The biggest volume car is always a mid-size sedan, and will be for the near future. The ride, handling and styling of a car are still hard to beat.

The first half of this year, the Smart sold 4,647 units and Scion IQ 1,227. It seems the minimum recipe for the market is a 90-inch wheelbase, a usable back seat and at least 40 mpg.

In a brisk market, Fiat is down from 23,892 to 20,550. Mini Cooper is down from 25,532 to 17,159. The Nissan Versa is up from 72,768 to 83,570,

Those in the market for a pickup should not have far to go. The seven-month sales volumes are F150 at 429,065, Silverado at 282,776, Ram at 252,056 and Sierra at 110,679. By contrast, the imports have a limited presence in full-size trucks – Tundra at 68,299, Titan at 7,488 and Ridgeline at 9,246.

Maybe U.S. experience with pickups gives our domestic product an advantage, just like our lack of history with small cars caused us to play catch-up. Just a theory.

The empty nest has hit home. Christopher being halfway across the country and Katie being engaged has caused it to sink in. It is mostly a positive feeling of satisfaction, with a little void sprinkled in. Life moves on. 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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"It's a joy to be part of such a fine community," says Tara Levitt of Vystar Credit Union.

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HEATHER A. PERRY
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Levitt actively involved with her church and spending free time with her children, Samara and Melanie.

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Tourism in Florida generates more jobs

TALLAHASSEE – Investment in Florida's tourism industry resulted in nearly 76,000 jobs created in 2013, according to a new Florida TaxWatch report. The independent analysis shows that the state should meet the goal of attracting 100 million visitors to Florida by 2015, which has a significant impact on job creation in the state.

"Florida's thriving tourism industry provides extraordinary opportunities for economic growth," said Dominic Calabro, president and CEO of Florida TaxWatch, the independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit taxpayer research institute and government watchdog. "By increasing the number of visitors to Florida, the state is on track to reach this important milestone, providing jobs to hardworking taxpayers along the way."

The report reveals that the number of visitors to Florida increased by more than 2.8 million in 2013 alone, continuing a trend of steadily increasing vis-

itor numbers. In the new report, the nonpartisan, business-oriented watchdog group identified that due to this increase, Florida added 38,389 tourism-related jobs, which is expected to induce or indirectly result in an additional 37,382 non-tourism industry jobs for Floridians. Tourism expansion in 2013 is attributed to the creation of more than 75,771 jobs with an average annual salary of more than \$43,000.

"Florida's tourism industry is responsible for far more than lowering the tax burden for the state's residents," said Jerry D. Parrish, chief economist for Florida TaxWatch and director of the TaxWatch Center for Competitive Florida. "Expanding tourism has a direct impact on job creation in the state, and the economic impact can be felt in many of Florida's other industries."

Visit Florida, the state's official tourism marketing corporation, reports quarterly visitation and tourism industry employment figures to the

State Economist's Office. The latest figures from the first quarter of 2014 showed that 26.7 million visitors came to Florida in January-March and 1.1 million Floridians are employed in the tourism industry. This represents the largest quarter for visitation Florida has ever experienced, exceeding the previous high of 26.2 million in the first quarter of 2013.

The average number of direct travel-related jobs in the first quarter of 2014 was also a record high, up 3.5 percent from the same period in 2013.

"Coming off of three consecutive record years for visitation and employment, and experiencing the largest first quarter for the industry in our state's history, proves the power of tourism as a way to sustain Florida's economic growth," said Will Secombe, Visit Florida president and CEO. "With Florida tourism maintaining this type of strong momentum, we are well on our way to welcoming 100 million

visitors and making Florida the No. 1 travel destination in the world."

While increased investment in tourism is understandably creating new tourism-related jobs, the additional 37,000 non-tourism related jobs created are in industries such as retail trade, administrative services, construction and transportation and warehousing.

Jesse Panuccio, executive director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity said, "Even as Florida's economy sees job growth across industry sectors, tourism remains a critically important part of our future. After two record years of tourist visits to the Sunshine State, we are on pace to reach Governor's Scott's goal of welcoming 100 million visitors in 2015. This trend, combined with many other positive economic indicators, shows that Florida's economy is resurgent."

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County gives pay raise to beach cleanup firm

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

The Nassau County Commission agreed at its meeting Wednesday night to boost its annual beach and parks cleanup contract with Rollins Snelling Beach Services by \$12,480.

The company hasn't had a raise in six years and board members say it deserves one now.

"Everything that I have heard from everyone is that he's doing a great job," said Commissioner Danny Leeper.

The vote was 4-1. Commissioner Pat Edwards said no.

During board discussion, Edwards said he was concerned about increasing the amount of a contract that has already been approved. He said it could open the door for other contractors to ask for more money after the deal is signed. The agreement with Rollins Snelling is already under way.

"Does this send a message?" said Edwards.

"It's certainly possible," said Commission Chair Barry Holloway. "The man has done an excellent job. But I tend to agree with Commissioner Edwards that we need to be careful."

Holloway questioned why the company signed contract paperwork in May by checking a box that said it did not want a pay raise, then returned in June with a letter asking for an increase.

"Which takes precedence?"

"Everything that I have heard from everyone is that he's doing a great job."

COMMISSIONER DANNY LEEPER

said Holloway.

Leeper said he held conversations with company officials about this. He said they expressed concern about jeopardizing their contract with the county. He said there were questions about whether asking for more money would cancel the contract and force the county to hold a new round of bids for beach cleaning.

"I told him I'd bring it up and see if there was any way we can help him out," said Leeper.

Leeper said the TDC also shares some of the cost, and that tourists are paying for the beach cleanup through a "user fee."

Leeper, who is chairman of the Tourist Development Council (TDC), implied that the money is coming from the 4 percent nightly bed tax imposed on hotels, vacation rentals and bed and breakfast operations on Amelia Island and in the city of Fernandina Beach. There is no bed tax for hotel accommodations off the island.

Commissioner Walter "Jr." Boatright said he called TDC Executive Director Gil Langley for his opinion about the quality of Rollins Snelling's work.

"He assured me this guy

has been above and beyond," said Boatright.

Each summer, tourists who visit local beaches around the Fourth of July holiday routinely leave behind debris, such as tents, poles and folding chairs. People have said that leaving the gear on the beach each night is easier than lugging it back to the car when a return trip to the oceanfront is planned the next morning.

Last year, the county and the TDC agreed to distribute a brochure encouraging people to leave only their footprints in the sand.

It didn't work. The board made it clear that Rollins Snelling is not to blame. The contract doesn't allow the company to dispose of personal items, according to the board.

Holloway said he has spoken with leaders in other beachfront communities, including those on Florida's Gulf Coast, about how to handle the situation. He said their suggestion was a nightly sweep of the beach.

"They just have one truck and every night they clear it and take it to the dump," said Holloway. "Now their beach debris is gone."

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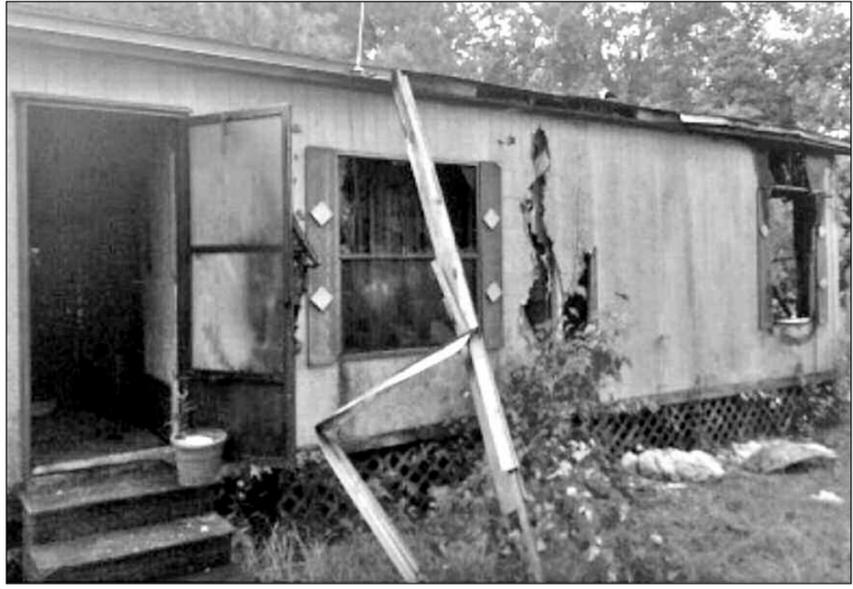


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A Callahan man died Wednesday when his mobile home caught fire.

Man dies in house fire

KATHIE COLGROVE
Community Newspapers

A man was found dead in a doublewide mobile home after it caught fire in Callahan Wednesday morning. No one else was injured in the blaze.

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office called in investigators from the State Fire Marshal's Office to determine if the fire was accidentally or intentionally set, according to NCSO Criminal Investigations

Division Narcotics Lt. Dave Griffith.

A positive identification and the cause of death of the man, believed to be about 61 years old, were pending the results of dental records and a report from the Medical Examiner's Office, Griffith said.

A passerby called 911 between 6:30 and 7 a.m. and when Nassau County emergency responders arrived, the two-bedroom doublewide at 450516 Old Dixie Highway near

Quail Road was fully involved. The man was believed to be the landlord of the property that also housed another residence nearby, according to Griffith.

According to the Nassau County Property Appraiser's website, the property is owned by Sammy Ray and Terri Lynne Ratley.

Griffith said it is customary for the NCSO to request the assistance of State Fire Marshal's Office investigators in any cases involving fire.

Contract stipulations

The county's annual contract with Rollins Snelling Beach Services totals \$104,097 and calls for cleanups at all beaches, parks and public restrooms every day and twice on holiday weekends.

The company provides cleaning materials as well as liners for 184 trashcans. Trash must be emptied a minimum of three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, plus all holidays. And the company is also asked to respond on an emergency basis every day around the clock.

Rollins Snelling is not allowed to remove personal items from the beach but must bury dead animals found on the beach, including sea turtles (after they have been marked), birds and large fish. The contract does not include removing beached whales or large sea creatures.

Service areas include the walkover on the south end of Amelia Island, Burney Park, Peters Point, Scott Road beach access, the North End Boat Ramp and Dee Dee Bartell Nature Center, Main Beach Park, Seaside Park and North Beach Park.

The contract calls for higher payments in the peak season from March 15 to Sept. 15, and lower ones in the off-season between Sept. 16 and March 14.

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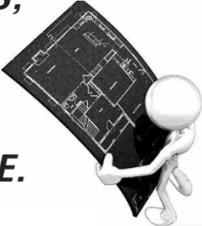
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Sea turtles making tracks in the wrong directions

PAT LEARY
For the News-Leader

The soft sands of Amelia's beaches serve as a figurative Rosetta Stone recording the activities of multiple denizens of the seashore. Each dawn exposes a myriad of freshly created impressions etched on the sand's surface by all creatures great and small. Most conspicuous of all are the tractor-like crawls of female sea turtles that lead directly up to their high beach nest sites and back to the sea. Within days all traces of such crawls are erased by wind and tide and, were it not for the markers erected around such nests, there would be no evidence of this ancient and critical ritual and the promise of new turtle generations concealed beneath the sand. If the nests escape exploitation, inundation or

erosion, some 55-75 days later, the hatchling turtles will break free of their shells, absorb their energy-laden yolks and initiate a collective burst of activity to dig out of their buried nursery, rush to the ocean and swim seaward for 24 continuous hours. As with their mother preceding them, the only evidence of this nocturnal event will be an array of tracks etched in the sand leading from the nest toward the sea. At least this is what occurs on pristine beaches, but something very different and disturbing too often occurs on developed beaches like Amelia.

Early morning of Aug. 1, Kevin Leary noticed a cluster of vehicles near beach access 16. Presuming these to be associated with a scheduled turtle nest excavation, Kevin hiked out the boardwalk to observe the event and found a small crowd gathered around a loggerhead nest.

Approaching the group, he noticed a series of diminutive trails (evocative of toy train tracks) leading south down the beach and, recognizing them as the trails of hatchling turtles, he proceeded to follow their path. Curiously, while some angled toward the water, others continued down the high beach for several hundred yards leading to another marked nest near access 18. What Kevin found there was ominous and disturbing. Centered in the small triangle of stakes was a shallow depression and a broad swath of larger tracks leading directly west away from the nest toward the primary dunes. Not one track led east toward the sea. Almost twice the width of the loggerhead tracks, it was evident these were created by Leatherback hatchlings – Amelia's largest and most rare nesting species.

Tracing the cluster of fresh tracks, Kevin soon noted numerous whirling patterns and peculiar spirals etched in the soft substrate as though formed by remote-controlled toys spinning wildly out of control. Hundreds of feet distant from the nest, a confused pattern of tracks crisscrossed in every direction, with many leading inland toward the beachfront homes, while others angled south down the beach, emulating those of the disoriented loggerhead hatchlings he first traced south from access 16. A number of tracks lead to the base of one residential boardwalk and beneath a pile of beach furniture, kayaks and other materials piled there. One horribly disoriented hatchling traveled as far south as the Sadler Road beach access before climbing into the dunes to a certain death.

Two Amelia Island Turtle Watch volunteers were also present at the chaotic scene and attempted to locate lost hatchlings hours after they should have been miles offshore burning their limited energy reserves to reach pelagic nursery grounds. By mid-morning, only a handful



Sea turtle hatchlings have to negotiate human obstacles among other perils facing them.

ANN WELLER/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

of exhausted and expired hatchlings were located in the dense vegetation behind the primary dunes. Even those hatchlings fortunate enough to eventually wander into the ocean consumed precious energy aimlessly meandering across the broad expanse of beach.

(Consultation with Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch Director Mary Duffy revealed that another volunteer made a chance discovery of the disoriented hatchlings shortly after midnight on Aug. 1 and attempted to track down many of the wayward turtles spread across the dark beach and place them in the ocean. This fortuitous discovery and rescue somewhat mitigated the otherwise disastrous event and it should be noted that Turtle Watch volunteers seldom walk the midnight shore. The nocturnal rescuer departed hours prior to dawn and the arrival of those referenced in this article.)

What unknown circumstance could possibly compel these "hard-wired" hatchlings to deviate from eons of instinctive behavior and adaptive evolution to turn their backs on the sea and place their survival in extreme jeop-

ardy? Kevin Leary's return visit to the area the following night offers important clues. He found a number of residences near the Leatherback nest conspicuously illuminated well after midnight with some casting bright light over the low dunes toward the beach. Most of the hatchling's tracks lead directly toward one residence due west of the nest site. The adverse impacts of artificial lighting on hatchling turtles are now well documented with thousands of Florida's young turtles lost to disorientation every year. Like "moths to a flame," young turtles hatched in subterranean darkness will emerge from the sand and orient toward certain types of lights if they are too close to nesting habitat or otherwise interfere with the turtles critical orientation process.

Although all sea turtle species are now federally designated as endangered, there are no federal or state laws regulating beach lighting, however, certain beach renourishment projects require permit holders to implement beach-lighting regulations. Fernandina Beach is one such entity and has an ordinance addressing this issue. Some prior violators have been cited. Nassau County also has a beach lighting ordinance but Duffy suggested that it is not as restrictive as the city's and monitoring and enforcement are a concern.

Fernandina has made important strides toward reducing unnatural hazards to nesting turtles and ordinances requiring the removal of beach furniture after dark are well reasoned and supportive of turtle conservation. Given the tragic events conveyed in this report, it would seem obvious that the city needs to reexamine its lighting ordinance for efficacy and impact. Other sources have revealed that certain areas of city beach are known to be prone to disorientation events and one can only wonder why such conditions are allowed to persist? Ironically, yet another

Loggerhead nested a short distance south of the Leatherback nest the night of its emergence. Some eight weeks hence, if nothing is done to address the lighting issue, there is a high probability of those hatchlings repeating the chaos of the leatherbacks. A day following the leatherback disaster, Kevin reported another disorientation associated with a cluster of loggerhead nests near Alabama Avenue and a dead hatchling was found on the west side of AIA opposite the nesting area.

A report of yet another significant disorientation event this week on the ocean beach of South Amelia State Park reveals how widespread this problem has become and includes the county beaches. In the same manner that the county has been negligent in addressing beach furniture, cavities and hazardous materials left on the beach after dark, it appears that they have also neglected the serious lighting issue.

With each passing year, Amelia Island's natural heritage is impacted and burdened with more residents, guests and tourists. If we wish to maintain, protect and conserve the island's diminishing natural resources and functions, it is imperative to adopt well-conceived and vigorously enforced regulations. Otherwise, countless more turtle hatchlings will emerge from the sand to frantically whirl and spin while "making tracks in all the wrong directions" versus enter the sea like preceding generations unencumbered by mankind's cruel and thoughtless impacts.

Note: Excellent web sources for more information on Sea Turtle conservation and beach lighting are:

- www.fws.gov/caribbean/es/PDF/Library%20Items/LightingManual-Florida.pdf
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Here's looking at you, kid

After years of having crappy distance vision in my left eye and practically no reading vision in it at all, I can now see up close, far away and even in between out of it. The jury's still out on the right eye, which sees OK distance but blurry close up. But I'll be getting the verdict on that soon.

But, thanks to cataract surgery a couple of weeks ago, I've now been acquitted of dang near-blind status in my left eye. Not only that, my night vision suddenly got better and I'm told it should improve even more after I get the right eye fixed. I thought everyone saw halos around headlights and taillights at night but apparently I was wrong. And not only are the halos gone, I can now judge how far away the headlights and taillights are. Before, because of the halo effect, they all seemed to be in the same general area — too close. Which meant that at night I was scared to turn if I could see headlights and if I saw taillights in front of me, I slowed down to a crawl. Who knew?

Being the big chicken that I am and given my familiarity all summer long with emergency rooms and doctors, owing to a spate of clumsiness — 21 stitches in my head after losing a wrestling match with our garbage can, a seriously pulled butt muscle from a klutzy move on my surfboard early in the summer, a hairline fracture of a bone in my left hip I got from running on a deck in flip-flops and my latest spaz attack, a torn right bicep muscle I got sailing, which makes my right arm look like



CUP OF JOE

Joe Palmer

weather warms back up.

But seriously, if you've been told you need cataract surgery, for Pete's sake, get it. There are basically two kinds these days and both of them are quickie procedures. One of them is the standard procedure, which most decent medical plans cover entirely, and the Cadillac of cataract procedures, which essentially restores your vision to what it was before you started having to wear lenses. You'll go into your piggy bank for that one but it's the one I finally opted for. That one restores close up, far away and even in-between vision. With the standard procedure, you might still need to wear reading glasses. With the more comprehensive procedure, the goal is no glasses at all.

I hate wearing glasses because they're

always getting smudged or sweaty or dirty and sliding down or lost. I switched to soft contacts for a while and liked them much more but they came with their own set of issues. They're the dickens to get in and out. And being that I'm blessed with fingers the size of Vienna sausages (you're a Bubba if you know what those are and have partaken) and deep set, beady little eyes, getting them in and out was a never ending lesson in the study of fine profane languages. And sore, bloodshot eyes. My wife started doing it for me but then I'd get lazy and not take them out for days on end — a really bad idea you who wear contacts probably know all about. So when my eye doc said it was time for cataract surgery, I was actually relieved.

They do the non-dominant eye first and follow up with the dominant eye several weeks later. I got mine done at the hospital. Where they make you get nekkid and wear the trademark backwards-fitting hospital gowns. I don't know why but they do. The worst part is the prep. Nothing to eat or drink after midnight and then jonesing for coffee all morning. I got antsy waiting for mine and the anesthesiologist sang me a pretty little lullaby. You could've plucked the dang thing out and I wouldn't have cared.

On Aug. 21, I get the right eye done. I'm stealing a line from Bogie: Here's looking at you, kid.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Free ride

The recent letter to the editor entitled "Legal shenanigans" was very informative as to how fire service impact funds are transferred from Yulee to Hilliard. Real estate taxes are also being transferred from all of Nassau County to provide free fire protection for both Hilliard and Callahan. How you ask? If you look at your tax bill, there is an item that is labeled "Municipal Service Fund" that pays for county fire protection. All Nassau County residents except those in the city of Fernandina Beach, who provide their own fire protection, and residents of Hilliard and Callahan must pay this tax. Hilliard and Callahan residents receive their fire protection from Nassau County, but they don't have to pay the "Municipal Service Fund" taxes to support the Nassau County Fire Department.

Now, we find out that four of the county commissioners, with only Steve Kelley dissenting, want to reward Hilliard with a new firehouse from Yulee impact funds. What a sweet deal. Residents of Hilliard don't pay fire taxes, but get a new firehouse and fire protection from other taxpayers without paying a dime. County commissioners should not be discussing tax increases when residents of certain towns are getting a free ride.

Norman Heubeck
Fernandina Beach

Local shrimp?

I am a native of Fernandina, raised there, graduated from there and got married there. Naturally, I was excited to see that the Shrimp Festival was going to be on the Food Network on national TV. I watched it and was so disappointed. The show was wonderful and the host was funny and kept things lively on the show.

What disappoints me is that I have always understood and been told that ALL food vendors had to use local seafood. As a matter of fact, I have family that tried to get into the festival with a food/tea booth and were told that you had to be local. So, what was the thing that disappointed me about this TV show? Nothing! It was the local contest among the food vendors. I was totally shocked to hear on national television that there was someone from another state cooking and the shrimp that they were using were from Mississippi, not Florida. Not only were they highlighted but they won the contest. A sad day for this islander. Just wanted to put this out there. What happened to the LOCAL Isle of 8 Flags Shrimp Festival?

Lynn Crumney
Stockton, Ga.

'Poop on the beach'

It pains me to write about the same issue many others already have, but relieve myself I must (no pun intended)!

We blame tourists/beachgoers for the conditions they leave our beach in, yet our own residents feel they are exempt. Is there anyone still not familiar with "walking your dog in public place" etiquette? Such as, clean up after your dog? I stood in disbelief as a woman kicked a few grains of sand over her dog's deposit. Pity the family

who sets up their blanket over that spot, or worse yet, steps into it. I will take unsightly canopies any day over poop on the beach!

Hanna Cochran
Fernandina Beach

Ironman Triathletes race to the altar

Jacksonville athletes Maggie Crotty and Matt Anderson plan to start their wedding day with a big finish at the Jacksonville Sprint Triathlon at Main Beach Park on Amelia Island on Aug. 9.

Most brides wake up on their wedding day with an agenda of hair and nail appointments. Ironman athlete Maggie Crotty has other plans for her big day. Maggie is planning to marry her fiance, Matt Anderson, on Aug. 9, but not until after she finishes her last triathlon as a single lady. Maggie and Matt will both race to the finish line of the Jacksonville Sprint Triathlon before they race to the altar.

This Iron-couple got engaged after training for and completing Ironman Florida in 2013. They knew their relationship could survive anything after pushing their bodies and emotions to the limit during six months of training. They have been competing in triathlons for several years and their time swimming, cycling and running together has made their relationship iron-strong. Together they have completed more than 20 triathlons, on top of the dozens of marathons and half marathons under their race belts. Their sport is so important to them that their wedding invitation features his and her bike graphics.

Maggie met Matt before she moved to Europe to study abroad in 2008. Despite the time zones separating them, they managed to stay in touch across the globe and kindled a romance when she moved back to the USA in 2009. They have been practically inseparable since then, except when it comes to serious races. This couple puts the relationship aside until they cross the finish line. They have even been known to place wagers on who will finish first.

Their competitive spirit almost cost Maggie the ring. Matt planned to propose at the Ironman Florida finish line last November. He had even contacted the race directors to help plan for the big finish. Matt's mom was holding onto the ring that day so that he would have it at the finish line where he planned to be waiting when she finished. After a long hot day covering 140.6 miles in over 14 hours, Maggie finished ahead of him and was already making her way through the crowd before he could pop the question. He waited until weeks later and proposed to her at the Southernmost Point in Key West.

Congratulations Matt and Maggie on your triathlon accomplishments and your wedding. I hope Matt can keep up with his swim, bike and runaway bride!

To cheer for these athletes, watch the race at Main Beach Park, Fernandina Beach, on Aug. 9 at 7:30 am.

Follow their race results at DRCsports.com.

Matt and Maggie don't know that I am sending this out — I am a good friend and fellow triathlete hoping to surprise them with a little extra attention on their special day. Their love for

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triathlons is second only to their love for each other.

Beth DeArment
Jacksonville

Coming soon to a tunnel near you

They have spread like locusts into every nation on the planet. Their aim is to kill every American, Christian and Jew and are succeeding in other countries. They have different names like Hamas, Isis, Al Qaeda, etc., but their mission is the same. These militants have different beliefs than us and our God is not the same as theirs; check the Koran. They move here and everywhere and in their schools in the USA they teach their children to hate us and how to kill us.

If Russia or another country committed an act of war on the USA, would we not fire back? Why is Israel being condemned for defending themselves?

The Israeli government gives the Palestinians free medical care, jobs, food and money, yet these people allow and abet these militants to hide weapons and missiles in their mosques, schools and homes. Tunnels are used to invade homes of innocent Israelis and the whole family is slaughtered. Tunnels are dug to destroy antiquities. Buildings are erected over every type of biblical history; example, Dome of the Rock. Their cemeteries are on

the Mount of Olives and in front of the Eastern Gates to prevent Jesus from entering the gates as written in scripture at His second coming.

Palestinians are not a true blood people that belong to the area; they are Arabs that fled their homeland and later were forbidden by their countries to regain entry. The name Palestine was given to the area by a man in history that wanted to insult the Jews.

New York Twin Towers, Boston, etc. The locusts keep coming — and to a tunnel near you.

Barbara Freeman
Fernandina Beach

Tim Tebow time

As *Times-Union* columnist Gene Frenette wrote recently about the Jaguars stadium, EverBank, "It has everything! Jumbotrons, one at each end, a pool, a great sound system, gourmet food courts. Now all it needs is a winning football team."

That list should include spirituality — something coaches like Tony Dungy instill in his Tampa Bay Bucs simply by his presence and leadership.

College coaches like Bobby Bowden inspired their teams through their own deep faith and leadership. The Seminoles had many winning championship seasons.

Spirituality is desperately needed on the Jaguars team. Otherwise, it will

be just another team, dotted by drugs, injuries, failed efforts at winning.

But the right leader is needed. That leader could be Tim Tebow.

Tim is a hometown guy, a businessman and co-owner of two Jacksonville PDQ (Pretty Darn Quick) restaurants.

If Dave Caldwell, the Jaguars' general manager, would snap Tim up, there would be a huge difference at EverBank Field.

Tim wants to remain a quarterback. He has a very teachable spirit. Just ask his former coach of the Gators, Urban Myer, who led Tim and the Gators to two championship seasons and a Heisman trophy for the winning quarterback.

Since Tim graduated from UF, however, he hasn't had a really good teacher.

Jedd Fischer could be that teacher. He's the Jags' quarterback coach, highly respected by the other coaches and loved by the players.

So what if Tim's throwing arm had a wind-up habit instead of a quick release, like say, a Dan Marino. Tim could be taught to have a quick release throwing arm.

For God's sake, Dave Caldwell, give Tim a chance!

You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Including a winning season.

Willyne Blanchard
Fernandina Beach

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COMMUNITY



The Corporate Volunteer Council of the Nassau County Volunteer Center reveals some of the school supplies gathered through its G.O.K.I.D.S. campaign. From left are Wesley Hurlock (VyStar), Iris Berrios (VyStar), Pam Austin (First Federal Savings Bank), Gail Shults (Nassau County Volunteer Center), Tom Keenan (RockTenn) and Carol Cason (CBC National Bank). Not pictured are representatives of Rayonier, First Coast Community Bank and Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Supply drive collects over \$10,000 worth

The Corporate Volunteer Council of the Nassau County Volunteer Center has announced that the 14th annual G.O.K.I.D.S. school supply donation campaign, held in July and August, was once again very successful.

According to Gail Shults, executive director of the Nassau County Volunteer Center, "G.O.K.I.D.S. raised \$10,000 worth of actual school supplies – all of which was distributed to Nassau County schools for children and families in need. Once again, the people of Nassau County have come through and responded to the call to help their neighbors."

Over the last 12 years, the G.O.K.I.D.S. campaign has raised over \$150,000 worth of school supplies for the children of Nassau County.

Twenty-five civic and community organizations, businesses and government entities – along with hundreds of their volunteers – participated in the collection over a six-week period.

"G.O.K.I.D.S. is a great example of



School supplies collected through the G.O.K.I.D.S. campaign are ready for distribution to students who need them most.

what can be accomplished by partnering business, nonprofit organizations and government agencies," said Shults, "and we are proud of this campaign, and we make sure all donations remain in

Nassau County."

For information about all of the programs of the Nassau County Volunteer Center, visit www.volunteernassau.org or the center's page on Facebook.

BLUEBERRY FIELDS

Boys & Girls Clubs Summer Camp programs are all filled with fun and learning for the youngsters who attend; and once in while some adventure is added.

Recently, 23 kids from the two local Boys & Girls Clubs took a field trip to The Blueberry Ranch in Yulee. There they discovered the enjoyment and satisfaction of picking blueberries. These blueberries are extra-special, grown without use of any pesticides.

After brief instructions from the ranch experts, and monitored by club staff, each youngster set out with a gallon bag, searching for the bluest berries they could find and, of course, tasting berries to make sure they were as good as they looked. Each picker had something special in mind when their bag was filled. Pies, waffles, smoothies, pancakes, muffins and cupcakes topped the list. The kids looked forward to helping create their favorite – and to eating it. Letting the children pick blueberries is one way to help them to have a sense of ownership when it comes to their food choice.

It was a fun outing. When next summer arrives, perhaps your child should sign up with Boys & Girls Clubs Summer Camp and join in.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Randa

Randa

Donald and Patricia Randa of Fernandina Beach celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married July 25, 1964, in Menomonee Falls, Wis. She is the former Patricia Roesler.

The Randas have a son, David Randa of Fernandina Beach, and two grandchildren.

MILITARY NEWS

■ Navy Seaman Recruit David Walker Jr., son of Glenda M. Jackson of Kingsland, Ga. and David L. Walker Sr. and stepson of Mauricia Walker of St. Marys, Ga., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Walker completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet.

"Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Walker is a 2013 graduate of Camden County High School of Kingsland, Ga.

CAMPUS NOTES

■ Local resident Jamie Lynne Dill received her pin for medical laboratory techni-

cian from Florida State College at Jacksonville on July 25, 2014.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Join Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Nassau County is seeking girls in grades K-12 to join Girl Scouts. They will have recruitments at the Girl Scout Hut at 25 South 13th St. in Fernandina Beach on Aug. 11, 12 and 14 from 4-8 p.m. each night. Come out and find out "What a Girl Can Do in Girl Scouts." They also are looking for adults to lead troops. Please contact 335-7571 for more information.

Boys & Girls Clubs

Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County are now open for registration for the 2014-15 school year. The clubs will open on Aug. 11. Call 491-9102 for information and enrollment of your youngster at the Roberts Club on Lime Street in Fernandina Beach, or call 261-1075 for information and enrollment at the Miller Club in Nassauville.

Yulee recruitment

Girl Scouts of Nassau County is seeking girls in grades K-12 to join Girl Scouts. They will hold recruitments at the Miner Road Volunteer Fire Department in Yulee on Aug. 12 and 14 from 6-8 p.m. each night. Come out and find out "What a Girl Can Do in Girl Scouts!" They also are looking for adults to lead troops. Please contact 335-7571 for more information.

Bring a friend event

Girl Scouts of Nassau County will have a recruitment event at Fernandina

Party-and-Play, 1852 Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach, on Aug. 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This is a "Bring a Friend" event and currently registered Girl Scouts that bring a friend who registers as a Girl Scout will receive half-price admission for both girls and a "Bring a Friend" patch. All new girls that register as Girl Scouts will receive a wristband good for admission to Party-and-Play on a later date. Call 335-7571 for more information.

YHS open house

Yulee High School will hold an Open House on Aug. 21 at 6 p.m.

Donate your guitar

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

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

Women's forum to tackle breaking the 'triangle'

JACKSONVILLE – The Women's Services Coalition of Northeast Florida will present an educational forum for individuals who work in, or are interested in, women's services in Northeast Florida.

The event will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 26 from 9-11 a.m. at WJCT in the Community Room. Cost is \$15 for members of the coalition and \$20 for non-members.

Continental breakfast and two CEU's are available for licensed mental health counselors, licensed clinical social workers, licensed nurses and are included in registration cost. For more information or to register call (904) 722-3000, ext. 0.

Presenters will include: Cheryl Anthony, LMHC, CAP – Women's Center of Jacksonville; Alice Conte, MA, PD, NCC, CAP, private practice and consultant to Gateway Services; and April Liddle, LCSW, therapist,

Betty Griffin House, shelter for domestic violence.

Panelist will focus on the prevalence of addiction, mental health and violence, as a result of trauma and the typical pathways to treatment. They will address the special challenges of identifying and treating women with addiction, mental health and violence issues and explore current best practices on how agencies can work together to best serve women that are "trapped in the Triangle."

The Women's Services Coalition of Northeast Florida is a newly formed coalition of women-serving agencies with a mission "to build capacity of organizations and individuals to better serve women through trauma-informed, gender-responsive education, collaboration and advocacy."

This is the first of two to three training seminars that will be held yearly.

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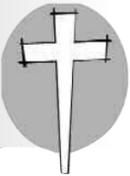
Blessed are the Poor in Spirit



Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

James 4:9-10

It may seem odd that the very first of the beatitudes bestows a blessing on the poor in spirit and promises that the kingdom of heaven is theirs (Matthew 5:3). Should we not seek spiritual riches rather than spiritual poverty? One chapter later we are told to store up treasure in heaven, for "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). The blessing for the poor in spirit is not meant to denigrate spiritual treasures but rather to elevate the spirit of poverty and humility. Jesus says repeatedly that he did not come to call those who are already saved, but rather to save the lost. The healthy do not need a doctor, but the sick do. We would do well to remember here that the scribes and Pharisees were paragons of virtue, rich in spirit and proud of their piety, but, didn't seem to need or heed Jesus's message. Jesus had vastly more to offer the weeping adulteress who was thrown at His feet than he did to her accusers. And He had more respect for the impoverished widow who humbly put her two small coins in the temple treasury than the wealthy who made a show of putting in larger amounts. God loves the poor, and those who are poor in spirit even more, so we should count it a blessing when we are feeling lowly and humbled.



Gracie's Kitchen even brighter place now

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

"We're here because people are hungry. It's as simple as that," said Gracie's Kitchen co-coordinator Darrell Heun.

Marking four years in September of feeding the hungry in Yulee through the Interfaith Dinner Network at Gracie's Kitchen, Heun and wife, Jeanne, and co-coordinator Maryellen Collavo head 13 teams of volunteers who feed folks in need at the former Yulee Middle School on Pages Dairy Road.

When local designer Tiffany Hinton of R&E Designs approached them about remodeling their dining room, they were thrilled.

"It was such a wonderful thought and she did a wonderful job," said Jeanne Heun.

Hinton's company is only a year old, but at the outset, she determined she wanted to perform community service.

"I wanted to use my gifts and talents to benefit others but I wasn't really sure how to make that happen so I created a division called The Rebuild Project and this was the first project."

The name is based on Isaiah 58, which reads, "You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of your past. You'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again."

Hinton and her crew of volunteers cleared out the dining room, gave the entire room a good scrubbing, repainted walls, doors and blackboards, hung new curtains, painted donated dining room sets and added colorful touches throughout the room.

They also washed down the outer hallway and repainted benches where folks wait before dinner, creating a cheerful atmosphere that welcomes those facing various hardships.

"Guests eat at Gracie's Kitchen for a variety of reasons," said Darrell Heun. "People come here because they're homeless. They come here because they're working two jobs trying to get out of debt. There's people here with families who have lost their



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Local interior designer Tiffany Hinton welcomes guests through the bright yellow door to the dining room at Gracie's Kitchen in Yulee, left. Hinton's Rebuild Project, a division of R&E Design, donated time and talents to remodel Gracie's Kitchen, a branch of the Interfaith Dinner Network. Right, co-coordinators Darrell and Jeanne Heun and Maryellen Collavo, from left, join Hinton. Guests at Gracie's Kitchen will enjoy freshly painted walls, colorful donated dining room sets, bright curtains and cheerful placemats, below.

Dinner schedule

The Interfaith Dinner Network serves dinner Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7 p.m. and the second and fifth Friday at Gracie's Kitchen in the old Yulee Middle School on Pages Dairy Road. To donate or ask about dinner contact Maryellen Collavo at (412) 977-0683.

job and they're trying to get back on their feet."

During July, volunteers at Gracie's Kitchen served more than 1,400 meals.

"That's a big jump," said Collavo. "During the entire year of 2012, we served 3,005 meals."

The challenge, said the co-coordinators, is finding new resources. Food is purchased through Feeding Northeast Florida and Nourishment Network (formerly Second Harvest).

"Through donations, we have expanded our refrigeration capacity, our kitchen workspace and our cooking capacity."

Thanks to Hinton's remodel-

ing donation, the dining room is cheerful and inviting.

"The enhancements help us get the job done but the fact remains that our financial and human resources are stretched and we must create awareness for what we do and why we do it," said Collavo, who estimates that the team can serve nutritious meals for about 43 cents a plate.

Donations are handled by the accounting firm of Courson and Stam, LLC, 2398 Sadler Road, FL 32034. Donors are asked to identify the gift as being for Gracie's Kitchen, Interfaith Dinner Network. A tax-deductible receipt will be sent by mail. Call 261-4620 for information.



POLITICS IN BRIEF

Low Country Boil

The Nassau County Democratic Executive Committee invites all to the annual Low Country Boil to be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road.

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 keynote speaker.

Tickets (\$50 each) are available from DEC members and at party headquarters in Fernandina Beach (261-3364). For information contact Carla Voisard at (904) 849-7076 or cvoisard@gmail.com.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF) will hold a public meeting on August 14, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. located at:

City Hall
204 Ash Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

In 2012, the City was awarded \$700,000 in CDBG Small Cities Grant funding from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The City is utilizing those funds to carry out its Rehabilitation and Replacement Housing Program. The City is not accepting applications for the Program at this time. Interested parties may appear at said hearing and be heard as to the advisability of any action, which may be considered.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADA, ANY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING ACCOMMODATIONS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY SHOULD CONTACT 310-3135 OR THE FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE AT 711 AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO REQUEST SUCH ACCOMMODATION.

NOTICE

The Florida Public Service Commission announces a customer service hearing to be held in the following docket to which all interested persons and parties are invited to attend.

Docket No. 140025-EI

Application for Rate Increase by
Florida Public Utilities Company.

DATE AND TIME:
Tuesday, August 19, 2014
5:00 p.m. CDT

PLACE:

Jackson County Agriculture Conference Center
2740 Pennsylvania Avenue
Marianna, FL 32448

The hearing will begin as scheduled and will continue until all witnesses have been heard. If no witnesses are present, the hearing may be adjourned. All persons desiring to present testimony are urged to appear at the beginning of the hearing since the hearing may be adjourned early if no witnesses are present to testify.

PURPOSE:

To permit members of the public to give testimony regarding the electric rates and service of Florida Public Utilities Company. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony. Any person requiring accommodations at this hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Office of the Commission Clerk at 850.413.6770 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 800.955.8771.

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Athlete Emma Venerdi catching a wave with assistance from Coach Betsy Harris, top left. Weston Terry and Kristopher Mitchell compete in heat four, top right. Jake Martin completes one of his rides in heat two of the competition, above right. Above left, front row from left, are Jake Martin, Alisa DiDomenico, Emma Venerdi, Camaron Revenell, Vincent Wolski, Melody Baeza (judge); back row, Bradley Brown (judge), Stephanie Willaford, Phoenix Bridges, Kristopher Mitchell, Weston Terry and Bobbi Lum (judge).

Special Olympic athletes compete in inaugural surf competition

Nine Nassau County athletes competed in the inaugural Special Olympics County Surfing Competition Saturday. The mid-morning event was held at Main Beach with optimal surf conditions and favorable winds and was the highlight of the morning for family members, friends and spectators present to cheer on the athletes.

Saturday's competition provided the athletes an opportunity to demonstrate their acquired surfing skills after successfully completing eight one-hour practice sessions.

Athletes competing in this year's event were Phoenix Bridges, Alissa DiDomenico, Jake Martin, Kristopher Mitchell, Camaron Revenell, Weston Terry, Emma Venerdi, Stephanie Willaford and Vincent Wolski.

The athletes' surfing proficiency was due in large part to the skilled instruction and coaching staff of Steve Mehas, Betsy Harris, Freddie Peake, Ivan McMullen, Jack Martin, Matt Bellar and Kirk Mitchell with exceptional assistance from Jonah Harris and David Montgomery. Lifeguarding services have been provided throughout practice and competition by Logan Peake.

"The success of Saturday's event was a direct result of our coaching staff, supportive sponsors and volun-



Coaches include, front row from left, Matt Bellar, Betsy Harris, Jonah Harris, Jack Martin, David Montgomery and Freddie Peake; back row, Kirk Mitchell, Steve Mehas and Ivan McMullen.

teers who came out to judge, time, assist in staging and provide moral support and encouragement to each and every athlete," says Kirk Mitchell, co-head coach with Steve Mehas.

There were four 10-minute heats with each Special Olympic athlete required to catch at least four waves. But this was not a problem as each and every athlete surpassed the minimum four-wave count with a few

athletes notching a seven-wave count.

Judging Saturday's event were Bobbi Lum of P5 Productions, Melody Baeza of Rayonier and Bradley Brown of Driftwood Surf

Shop. Judging was based on five objective, compulsory goals combined with the judge's discretionary score based on maneuvering the board, significant recovery and other creative surfing components.

Saturday's extensive equipment and staging set-up could not have been completed without the devoted support of Curtis Hensyl of Rayonier and Tom Christenson, Special Olympics Nassau County director.

The team will continue practice sessions Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Main Beach, leading up to the Special Olympics Florida State Surfing Festival scheduled for Sept. 12-13 in Cocoa Beach at the Alan Shepard Memorial Park.

All athletes competing in the county event Saturday are eligible to compete at the state level, which is hosted by Ron Jon Surf Shop.

Special Olympics Florida Foundation provided Special Olympics Nassau with a grant to purchase three soft-sided surfboards and two Fernandina Beach resident standup paddle boarders made a generous financial donation, enabling the team to purchase a 10 1/2-foot board for larger surfers.

For information on becoming involved, contact Kirk Mitchell at pkmitchell@bellsouth.net.

SPORTS SHORTS

FBHS cheerleading

Fernandina Beach High School will be offering two cheer programs for girls and boys ages of 3-12 (cannot turn 12 before September).

Little Pirate Mascots ages 3-11 will cheer one quarter at the high school games. There will be two clinics to learn cheers. Price is \$100 plus uniform.

Beach Elite for ages 4-12 is a competition program. Cheerleaders will be put on teams based on age and ability. Price is \$125 plus uniform and competition fees.

Registration will be Aug. 12 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the FBHS cheer building (behind the middle school). Coaches will be available at registration to answer questions.

Pop Warner registration

Fernandina Beach Pop Warner football and cheerleader registration is now open for the 2014 season. Register online at www.leaguelineup.com.

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.

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

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 for campers.

Students may bring their own clubs but clubs will be provided. Students walk the course; a lightweight carry bag is

required. Students must bring their own golf balls for the course; range balls will be provided for practice.

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

Rugby championship

The Jacksonville Axemen are have released tickets and packages for the 2014 USA Rugby League national championship game. The game will be held at the University of North Florida Aug. 23 and early pre-sale tickets are \$8 online. There are also ticket, T-shirt and hotel packages for two on offer.

The visiting New Zealand Blue Thunder take on the Presidents Barbarians in a curtain raiser prior to the main event. The Blue Thunder are the visiting Police Rugby League team from New Zealand which will also play the USA Pioneers a week prior (Aug. 16) in DeLand.

The Presidents Barbarians team will consist of the Overseas Import Players from all teams across the USA Rugby League who are not competing in the National

Championship. It will allow those players from Australia, United Kingdom, Papua New Guinea and other nations a chance to compete on behalf of and say thanks to the USA and the teams who have hosted them for the season.

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

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

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

The Axemen are also look-

ing for interest from potential Jacksonville-based companies that would like to become the title/naming rights sponsor for the event as well as a presenting level sponsor.

Interested companies may email INFO@jaxaxe.com.

Visit www.jaxaxe.com/national-championship. Stay up to date with the USA Rugby League at www.USARL.com.

Like the Axe-men on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JaxAxemen.

Sailing Club meets

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

Register for soccer

Register for the Amelia Island Youth Soccer's fall season at www.aisysoccer.com 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.

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.

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

NATIONAL TOURNEY



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Pak's Karate Academy of Fernandina Beach had 24 students participate in the 2014 United Tang Soo Do Federation National Championship Tournament in Jacksonville July 19. Students competed in forms and/or sparring divisions. More than 800 competitors from across the U.S. participated. Pictured with their trophies are Jacob Mcbeth, second forms and second sparring; Alex Duncan, second sparring; Ian Head, first forms and third sparring; and Jordan Ankersen, first sparring.



Raven Schroeder, second sparring; Charlene Allfrey, first forms and third sparring; Cheyenne Griffin, first sparring; Grayton Dover, second sparring; Cole Dover, third sparring; Aaron Chester, first forms and sparring; Kasen Dubberly, third sparring; Fiona Allfrey, second sparring; Lexi Chester, second sparring; Ashton Eslinger, first sparring; Andrew Burch, first forms; Max Burch, second sparring; Cooper Sines, second forms; Samuel Burch, first forms.



Michael Ahl, second forms and sparring; Kevin Patterson, first forms and third sparring; Alexa Clifton, first sparring; Ray Eslinger, first forms and third sparring; Will Frederico, first forms; Sara Frederico, third forms.

2014 SCHEDULES

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	
Aug. 22	FIRST COAST (KO) 7:00	Aug. 23	Preseason at Bishop Kenny 5:30/6:30
Aug. 29	FERNANDINA 7:00	Aug. 26	BARTRAM TRAIL 5:30/6:30
Sept. 5	POTTER'S HOUSE 7:00	Aug. 28	at West Nassau* 5:30/6:30
Sept. 19	at Forrest* 7:00	Sept. 3	FLEMING ISLAND 5:30/6:30
Sept. 26	WOLFSON* 7:00	Sept. 4	BISHOP SNYDER 5:30/6:30
Oct. 3	PAXON* (HC) 7:00	Sept. 9	EPISCOPAL 5:30/6:30
Oct. 10	at Ribault* 7:00	Sept. 12-13	at Orlando tourney
Oct. 17	at Baker County* 7:00	Sept. 16	at Ribault* 5:30/6:30
Oct. 24	BISHOP KENNY* (SR) 7:00	Sept. 18	at Fletcher 5:30/6:30
Oct. 30	at Stanton* 7:00	Sept. 23	YULEE* 5:30/6:30
Nov. 7	at West Nassau 7:30	Sept. 25	at Orange Park 5:30/6:30
	District	Sept. 30	JACKSON 5:30/6:30
		Oct. 1	at Mandarin 5:30/6:30
		Oct. 3-4	at Bolles tourney
		Oct. 7	BOLLES 5:30/6:30
		Oct. 9	at Raines* 5:30/6:30
		Oct. 10-11	JV at Bishop Kenny tourney
		Oct. 14	CREEKSIDE 5:30/6:30
		Oct. 16	at Ponte Vedra 5:30/6:30
		Oct. 20-23	District 4-4A at WNHS
			* District
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	
Aug. 22	KO at Lee 7:00	Aug. 23	CROSS COUNTRY 8:00
Aug. 29	at Yulee 7:00	Sept. 13	at Katie Caples Invite 5:45
Sept. 5	at Nease 7:00	Sept. 20	at UF Mountain Dew Open 8:00
Sept. 12	HILLIARD 7:00	Sept. 27	at Alligator Lake Open 7:30
Sept. 19	EPISCOPAL 7:00	Oct. 4	at Mustang Invitational 8:00
Sept. 26	MENENDEZ 7:00	Oct. 9	Nassau County 4:30
Oct. 3	at Fort White* 7:30	Oct. 18	AMELIA INVITATIONAL 8:00
Oct. 10	WEST NASSAU (HC) 7:00	Oct. 22	District 3-2A
Oct. 17	at Taylor County* 7:30	Nov. 6	Region 1-2 at Pensacola
Oct. 31	MADISON* 7:00	Nov. 15	State 2A at Tallahassee
	*District		

FERNANDINA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECREATION ROUNDUP

For information, log onto www.fbfl.us.

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

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

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

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

FALL ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES' REGISTRATION through Aug. 18. Four leagues offered: Recreational co-ed (ASA rules; aluminum bat rule for men; games Mondays); open co-ed (ASA rules; more competitive; games on Tuesdays); men's (USSSA rules; games Thursdays); and women's (ASA rules; games Thursdays). Team registration fee \$325 (includes a dozen softballs for regular season), due by Aug. 18 at Peck Gym (corner of Elm and South 11th streets). Two-game refundable forfeit fees (\$72 for recreational co-ed, open co-ed and men's leagues; \$48 for women's league) due by Sept. 5. Ask about new team discount and individual players' lists recruitment discount. All leagues begin week of Sept. 8. Visit www.leaguelineup.com/fbflsoftball or call/email Jason at 310-3353; jbrown@fbfl.org.

FITNESS AREAS

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

• Atlantic Fitness Room at the Atlantic Center. Precor

treadmills and elliptical machines, Star Trac bikes, Hammer Strength plate loaded fitness machines, and Magnum Fitness Biangular Series machines. Ages 13 and up (ages 13-15 with adult supervision; ages 16-17 unsupervised but with waiver signed by parent or guardian). Open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily/monthly fitness area fees: City residents - \$3/day; \$25/month; \$75/four months; \$180/12 months. Non-city residents: \$5/day; \$31/month; \$94/four months; \$225 12 months. Daily fees and memberships are valid at both fitness areas.

PERSONAL FITNESS TRAINING available at Atlantic Fitness Room or Peck Gym with Jay Robertson, ISSA Certified Personal Fitness Trainer, Performance Nutritionist, and Specialist in Fitness for the Older Adult. \$30 per session, \$75/week (3 sessions), \$200/month (2 sessions/week for 4 weeks). Monthly packages include dietary analysis and food program. Call Jay at 904-310-3361 to schedule a free introductory appointment.

MAHARAJ TENNIS at Central Park Tennis Courts

• August junior clinics' schedule: Through Aug. 28 (Monday-Thursday): Level 1 (Monday-Thursday) from 3-3:45 p.m., ages 4-8) and Level 2 (Monday/Wednesday from 3:45-4:30 p.m., ages 6-10) - \$48 city residents, \$64 non-city. Level 3 (Tuesday/Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., ages 8-12) - \$64 city residents, \$80 non-city. Level 4 (Tuesday/Thursday from 4:30-6 p.m., ages 9-14) - \$96 city residents, \$120 non-city. Level 5 (Monday/Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m., ages and up - high school and USTA tournament players) - \$96 city residents, \$120 non-city.

• Adult clinics (Monday-Thursday and Saturday): Beginner Clinic (2.0-2.5) - Mondays from 8-9 a.m. Strokes Clinics - Wednesdays from 8-9 a.m. (2.5-3.0) and 9-10:30 a.m. (3.0-3.5). Intermediate Drills Clinics (3.0-3.5) - Tuesdays from 8-9:30 a.m.; Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m.; and Saturdays from 9-10:30 a.m. Intermediate/Advanced Drills Clinics (3.5-4.0) - Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Men's Doubles Clinic (3.5-4.0) - Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Women's

Clinic (3.0-3.5) - Tuesdays from 6:15-7:45 p.m. \$10/person/hour for 1-hour clinics and \$15/person for 1 1/2 hours clinics. Pre-registration required (minimum of 3 persons/clinic).

• Private lessons can be scheduled with Head Professional Vishnu Maharaj or an Assistant Professional. \$60/hour with Head Professional, \$50/hour with Assistant Professional. Customized clinics also available.

To register for junior or adult clinics or for more information, email michelema-ha@msn.com or call 548-1472. Schedule and description of clinics available at the Atlantic Center or on the City's website: www.fbfl.us

Central Park tennis court gate keys can be checked out at the Atlantic Center with a \$5 deposit. Deposits are refundable if keys are returned within 1 year. Atlantic Center hours: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

AQUATICS

AQUA 1 and DEEP WATER AEROBICS at Atlantic Pool

Aqua 1 (shallow water) classes are Monday-Friday from 10-10:55 a.m. Deep Water classes (aqua fitness belts required) are Monday-Friday from 11-11:55 a.m. (Tuesday/Thursday class will move back to 9-9:55 a.m. Sept. 2). Monthly, 1 class/day: \$50 city residents, \$63 non-city residents. Monthly, 2 classes/day: \$60 city residents, \$75 non-city. \$5/day for one class city residents, \$6 non-city. \$10/day for two classes city resident, \$12 non-city.

PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS ages 2 - adults. 30-minute single session: \$20 city resident, \$25 non-city. 4-pack: \$60 city resident, \$75 non-city. 8-pack: \$100 city resident, \$125 non-city. Schedule lessons at the Atlantic Center.

"LEARN TO SWIM" PROGRAM SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS. Registration now at the Atlantic Center. Levels 1 and 2 (one-week courses): \$40 city residents, \$50 non-city. Levels 3 and 4 (two-week courses): \$55 city residents, \$68 non-city. Morning classes at Atlantic Pool; evening classes at MLK, Jr. Pool. Full schedule available at the Atlantic

Center. NOTE: Free evening lessons available to qualified individuals with proper paperwork. Inquire at the Atlantic Center.

SCUBA CLASSES at Atlantic Pool

• DISCOVER SCUBA EXPERIENCE/BUBBLE BLOWERS PROGRAM: A 1-2 hour introductory experience that consists of a short classroom session and trying scuba in our pool with a PADI Instructor. Ages 8 and up. \$50/person city residents, \$62 non-city. Scheduled at your convenience.

• PADI SCUBA OPEN WATER CERTIFICATION: Private and group instruction available. \$275 (additional check-out dive fee). Participants must provide their own masks, snorkels, fins, booties, and weight belts. Ages 10 and up. Training schedule available at the Atlantic Center.

BEACH WHEELCHAIRS can be reserved at the Atlantic Center by paying a refundable \$50 deposit. 2 wheelchairs available. Call 310-3350 for availability.

INSTRUCTED PROGRAMS

KARATE at the Peck Center, 1st Floor Instructors' Studio. Japanese Shotokan Karate classes with Sensei Jerry Williamson, a 6th degree Shotokan black belt with over 30 years of instruction experience. Improve your fitness level, self-control, and self-image while learning self-defense. Classes are from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Mondays and 3:30-5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Ages 6 and up. City residents: \$40/month. Non-city residents: \$45/month. Uniforms available through the instructor. Call Jerry at 753-3605. Register at the Atlantic Center.

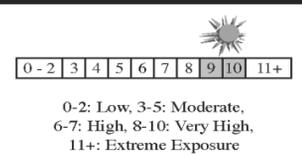
AIKIDO SELF-DEFENSE at the Peck Center, 1st Floor Instructors' Studio. Be prepared and protect yourself through the gentle, yet powerful martial art of Aikido. Instructor Dan Kelly is a retired U.S. Marshal specializing in witness and dignitary protection, with over 25 years training in Aikido. He is also a certified Defensive Tactics Instructor by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynnco, Ga. Classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. Ages 14 and up. \$50/month city residents, \$55 non-city. Call Dan at (904) 400-1498 or email DiverDan9@Gmail.com.

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High/Low
Friday	Scat'd T-storms	91 / 77
Saturday	Scat'd T-storms	86 / 76
Sunday	Scat'd T-storms	87 / 76
Monday	Partly Cloudy	86 / 78
Tuesday	Partly Cloudy	86 / 76
Wednesday	Mostly Sunny	90 / 79
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	89 / 77

Local UV Index



Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	10:42-12:42	10:12-12:12	Tue	1:07-3:07	1:37-3:37
Sat	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00	Wed	2:01-4:01	2:31-4:31
Sun	11:42-1:42	11:12-1:12	Thu	2:54-4:54	3:24-5:24
Mon	12:10-2:10	12:40-2:40			

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Weather Trivia

When did the first attempts at weather forecasting begin?

Answer: In 900 B.C., the Babylonians were recording wind direction.

Weather History

Aug. 8, 1882 - A ship reported an August snowstorm on Lake Michigan. A thick cloud reportedly burst on the decks, covering them with snow and slush six inches deep. Snow showers were observed at shore points that day.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Moon Phase
Full 8/10	Fri 6:48 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	6:23 p.m.	4:22 a.m.	New 8/25
	Sat 6:49 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	5:29 a.m.	
	Sun 6:49 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	8:04 p.m.	6:38 a.m.	
	Mon 6:50 a.m.	8:11 p.m.	8:49 p.m.	7:47 a.m.	
Last 8/17	Tue 6:50 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	9:32 p.m.	8:55 a.m.	First 9/2
	Wed 6:51 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	10:14 p.m.	10:02 a.m.	
	Thu 6:52 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	10:55 p.m.	11:06 a.m.	

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
					Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
7/29	90	77	90/75	0.00"	7/29	34	8/2	34
7/30	88	75	90/75	0.00"	7/30	32	8/3	32
7/31	90	75	90/75	0.00"	7/31	32	8/4	32
8/1	91	79	90/75	0.00"	8/1	35		
8/2	90	77	89/75	0.00"				
8/3	88	77	89/75	0.00"				
8/4	86	77	89/75	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	Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low	
Fri	6:55 am	12:47 am	7:40 pm	12:54 pm	Fri	6:19 am	12:44 am	7:04 pm	12:51 pm
Sat	7:55 am	1:43 am	8:36 pm	1:52 pm	Sat	7:19 am	1:40 am	8:00 pm	1:49 pm
Sun	8:53 am	2:36 am	9:30 pm	2:48 pm	Sun	8:17 am	2:33 am	8:54 pm	2:45 pm
Mon	9:49 am	3:27 am	10:23 pm	3:43 pm	Mon	9:13 am	3:24 am	9:47 pm	3:40 pm
Tue	10:45 am	4:17 am	11:15 pm	4:36 pm	Tue	10:09 am	4:14 am	10:39 pm	4:33 pm
Wed	11:40 am	5:07 am	None	5:30 pm	Wed	11:04 am	5:04 am	11:31 pm	5:27 pm
Thu	12:07 am	5:57 am	12:34 pm	6:25 pm	Thu	11:58 am	5:54 am	None	6:22 pm

Star Watch By Gary Becker - Big, Bright Full Moon, August 10

My wife, Susan, recently commented that I am far too optimistic about my desire to get people to observe the sky during the summer months. She added that a more appropriate statement might be to "look up and view the haze." Alright, so summer does have its pitfalls with regards to seeing stars. Mist, humidity, fog, thunderstorms, and just plain cloudy nights all contribute to the difficulties of seeing the heavens during the warmer months. Add to that as a personal aside, 10 days of pristine late June observing under the dark skies of the Utah desert, and even I sometimes question my motives for looking up when I'm back East. This week, however, it's different. Unless clouds vault the heavens, it should be easy to watch the moon wax to its full phase on August 10. What is interesting about this full moon is that it occurs at a time when Luna is at perigee, closest to the Earth, and therefore, bigger and brighter in the sky. The moon circles Earth in a period of 27.3 days, but because Earth changes its orbital position with respect to the sun during this time, it takes the moon an extra 2.2 days to realign itself into the same phase configuration. This causes the period of time from full moon to full moon to be longer, 29.5 days to be more precise. While the moon revolves around the Earth in its elliptical (oval-shaped) orbit, its distance is changing in a time period which is different from its orbital and phase intervals. The time from perigee to perigee takes 27.6 days. If you think of these rhythms as drumbeats, it means that every couple of years the drumsticks hit the head of the drum precisely in sync, i.e., the moon is full and closest to the Earth at the same time. This creates what is called a perigee full moon, and it is bigger and about 30 percent brighter than an average full moon. So if the full moon appears extra big and extra bright when it rises on August 10, remember that this time it will be due partly to an illusion, and partly to reality. www.astronomy.org

PECK SCHOOL REUNION



PHOTOS BY ANGELA DAUGHTRY/NEWS-LEADER

James Gowen (Class of '60), Easter Gowen ('54), Jim Robinson and Liz Robinson ('60), above left, gather at the Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach clubhouse for the annual William H. Peck High School Reunion banquet on Friday. Sylvia Horry, Bing Kegler and Lillian Gauthier (all Class of '55), above right, attended the segregated but beloved high school. Angelet Gowen and Hazel Williams, both '66, below left, and Annette Spaulding ('66) and Dr. William Allen ('62), below center, talk about their time at the school, built in 1927. Peck closed after integration in 1969, and Romeo Morris and Marian Delaney, below right, graduated from FBHS in '71. The city-owned building was added to the historic district in 2010.



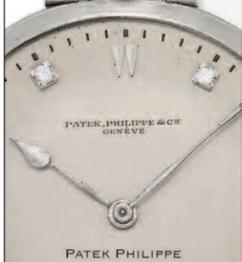
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Bingo, a musical & lots of laughs at ACT

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For the News-Leader

Amelia Community Theatre offers comedy, music and games all rolled into one show when it presents "Bingo! The Winning Musical," opening Thursday on the main stage.

The production is an upbeat musical comedy with the added attraction of audience participation, as the audience gets to play bingo during the show and even win prizes. It's written by the musical team of Michael Heitzman, Ilene Reid and David Holcenberg.

In "Bingo! The Winning Musical," best friends Vern, Honey and Patsy won't let

Teen lock-in

Amelia Community Theatre will hold a lock-in for ages 13-18 interested in theater from 7 p.m. Saturday to 7 a.m. Sunday at its Main Stage Theatre, 207 Cedar St. Enjoy workshops on audition preparation, monologues, scene work, character analysis, improvisation, stage make-up and hair design, and how to make it through a dance audition. Also see a film that follows four theater troupes and their journey to the largest high school theater competition in the world.

To register or for information email tonidamico@ymail.com. A \$5 fee covers pizza and beverages. Teens may bring individual snacks and should bring a pillow and sleeping bag or bed roll. There will be ample adult supervision. The lock-in program will include a discussion about ACTeen troupe auditions at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 17 at 209 Cedar St.

anything keep them from their weekly bingo game, not even a terrible storm. It's a special night at the bingo hall,

because they are celebrating the birth of bingo, with a trib-

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SUBMITTED

The cast of "Bingo! The Winning Musical" includes, back row, Zoe Stein, Teresa Arnold-Simmons and Richard Williams. Front row are Judy Tipton, Renee Thompson, Wendy Gilve and Catherine Henry.

Second Saturday Artwalk

'Natural Wonders'

The work of Theresa Daily will be highlighted at the Blue Door during Saturday's Artrageous Artwalk and the month of August. Theresa is a self-taught artist who utilizes acrylics and watercolors to create her colorful, dreamlike paintings that depict her interpretation of nature's beauty through contemporary abstraction.

Inspired by the blues of the ocean and skies and the neutrals seen in shells and sand, Daily's pieces are an expression of her love for God and those creations that surround her in everyday life on Amelia Island.

Theresa and other Blue Door Artists will be in their studios at 203-1/2 Centre St. on Aug. 9 from 5-8 p.m. In addition, the galleries are open every day except Sunday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.



Gallery C

Gallery C will show new paintings by artist Carol Winner, left, during the Second Saturday Artwalk, Aug. 9 from 5-9 p.m. Also on view will be Winners' new jewelry, handbags, lots of new mixed media angels and other hand-crafted goodies.

Gallery C is located at 218-B Ash St. and is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. every day, closed Wednesday. Call 583-4676.

Art reception

The Island Art Association invites the public to the Nouveau Art Reception on Aug. 9 from 5-7 p.m. This show is themed "Quotes From Shakespeare." Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens Curator Holly Keris is the judge. Awards will be presented at the reception. The show will be at the gallery through Oct. 5 during gallery hours.

The IAA Gallery is located at 18 N. Second St. Call 261-7020 or visit www.islandart.org.

Featured artist

The Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach, announces that the "Artist of the Month" for August will be exhibiting member, Paul Massing. A reception for the artist, and for the Art Nouveau exhibit "Quotes from Shakespeare," will be from 5-7 p.m. Aug. 9.

Artist expressions in abstract style by Massing will be featured in the gallery "Artist Of The Month" section. A special exhibit of "Larger Than Life Portraits" by Massing will be displayed in the gallery's courtyard as an added attraction for the Second Saturday Art Walk and the events in the IAA Gallery that evening. For information contact the Island Art Association at 261-7020.

'Saps to Pulp'

"Saps to Pulp," paintings by Eliza Holliday, will be featured Aug. 9-31 at the SanJon Gallery, 218 Ash St., downtown Fernandina Beach.

Local artist Holliday will show her "Stuck Behind the Log Truck" paintings, each a framed original acrylic in a variety of sizes. An opening reception will be held during the Second Saturday Artwalk on Aug. 9. For information, contact Eliza Holliday at 556-2517 or Sandra Baker Hinton at the SanJon Gallery at 491-8040.



Brisket meets the beach at cookoff

For the News-Leader

You'll want to kick off football season with this tailgate. The Great Southern Tailgate Cook-off at Main Beach on Amelia Island starts at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 22 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Admission is just \$5 and the event features more than 50 professional and backyard (amateur) teams from across the country. Each team will prepare a variety of barbecue, including chicken, ribs, pork, brisket, as they compete for more than \$12,000 in prize money and trophies.

Ardie Davis, an iconic figure in the barbecue community, founded a sauce contest on his backyard patio in 1984 that became the American Royal International Barbecue Sauce, Rub Baste contest. He is a charter member of the Kansas City Barbeque Society and an inductee into the KCBS's Hall of Flame.

He created this recipe for Susan Hurley, director of promotions and special events for the Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau.

SUSAN'S HOMESTYLE BBQ PULLED PORK PIMENTO CHEESE SLIDERS

Makes at least 3 dozen sliders.



SUBMITTED

Expect lots of barbecue at the Great Southern Tailgate Cookoff, set for Aug. 22 and 23 at Main Beach.

- One 5-1/2 to 6 pound Boston Butt
- 1 pound of sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 8 ounces of Monterey Jack cheese, grated
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 4 ounces chopped pimentos, drained
- 4 heaping tablespoons of mayonnaise
- 3 dozen slider buns
- To prepare the meat: Smoke pork at 250 to 275

BBQ Continued on 4B

OFF & ON THE ISLAND

BOARDWALK BASH FOR YMCA

The McArthur Family YMCA is partnering with Omni AIP for tonight's Boardwalk Bash from 5-8 p.m. at Omni's Spa and Shops, including bounce houses, face painting, carnival games, an outdoor movie, live music and food and beverages, to benefit the Give to the Y campaign that makes programs accessible to all regardless of ability to pay.

The Boardwalk Bash is also supports the "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. Visit www.firstcoastymca.org for more information.



ALL ABOUT SEA TURTLES

Wild Amelia has two programs for aspiring

Junior Naturalists on "Amelia Island Sea Turtles." 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 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 at 7 a.m. Aug. 17. Both programs will include required activities or elements of the Junior Naturalist "Seashore" component.

These booklets will be available for purchase (\$5) the day of the event, or purchase ahead at the Atlantic Recreation Center, the Book Loft, Books Plus, Kayak Amelia or Coastal Trader II.

To register for either or both of these programs or for more information, email Robyn Nemes at robynnemes@comcast.net. Once registered, participants will receive additional details about the events.



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POETRY CANTEEN

Fernandina Little Theatre's "Poetry Canteen," a monthly gathering of people who love poetry, will meet Aug. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at FLT, 1014 Beech St. Attendees (poets, people interested in poetry) 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. This is a gathering to celebrate the joys and possibilities of poetry. With Marilyn Wesley and Nola Perez facilitating. Visit ameliftl.org.

DUNES & TUNES FEST

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. Contact Jay at 310-3361 or robertson@fbfl.org.



OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

Big Red will serve barbecue ribs, potato salad, baked beans and coleslaw for a \$10 donation from 5-7 p.m. tonight at American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St.

The Men's Auxiliary of VFW Post 4351 will host a Sock Hop Aug. 9. Burgers, fries, coleslaw, apple pie and root beer floats will be served from 5:30-7 p.m. for an \$8 donation.

Prizes will be awarded for Best Dressed Male and Female, a Hula Hoop contest and Twist contest. Music by Eddie Carter.

For more information call 432-8791.

The Newcomers Club of Amelia Island will host its monthly coffee on Aug. 14.

Women interested in joining the club and who reside in Nassau County (no matter how long they have lived here) are welcome to attend.

For further information contact Lucy Bryan at (904) 430-0119 or Lucybryn@sonic.net, or visit www.newcomersofameliaisland.com.

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. Public welcome.

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.

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.

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.

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.ameliainlandnavysealfoundation.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

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

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

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

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 ameliiaft.org.

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 in Fernandina Beach.

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

Fernandina Little Theatre presents "Dearly Departed," a hilarious comedy about a dysfunctional southern family, opening Aug. 30 at FLT, 1014 Beech St.

Performances of this long-running FLT hit are Aug. 30 and Sept. 2, 4, 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 31 at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$16.50 for all performances except Sept. 2 — tickets are \$14. Tickets may be purchased in advance at The UPS Store in the island Publix shopping center.

FLT is an intimate performance space and patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance to guarantee seating availability. Visit ameliiaft.org.

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 ameliacomunitytheatre.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. For more information, call 261-6749 or email actheatre@att.net.

The Regions Bank Summer Movie Classics Series returns to the Florida Theatre in downtown Jacksonville every Sunday at 2 p.m. until Aug. 31.

Aug. 10 will feature "Bedknobs and Broomsticks." Not only are the classic movies shown in a historic venue, but the movies are actual 35mm film shown on a 1927 film projector.

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

Mrs. Kate" Carpenter announces auditions for her newest CD project, Lightning Bug Lullabies.

Talented young singers, ages 7-11 are invited to audition in Callahan on Aug. 16. Applications and complete information can be found at www.MrsKate.com.

The deadline for applications is Aug. 14.

"Mrs. Kate" Carpenter is a performing songwriter from Callahan. Lightning Bug Lullabies is her 11th CD project.

Children who are selected for this vocal team will have four rehearsals in Callahan and record in the studio of

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.

Starry Nights

The Just Jazz Quartet will be the guest performer at the Aug. 16 Starry Nights event at the waterfront park in downtown St. Marys, Ga., from 6-8 p.m. This family event is free of charge. Music in the Park is scheduled for Aug. 9 from 6-8 p.m. in the park. For information on either event call (912) 882-4000.

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.ameliainlandbluesfest.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, call band President Chuck Belinski at 277-1257 or search "Nassau Community Band" on Facebook.

Music cruises

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

Caseys Bar

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

producer Jamie DeFrates in St. Augustine.

MUSEUM

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

Museum of History Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. to tour four of the town's most popular, notorious or otherwise historic pubs and bars.

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

Guests on this tour will learn Amelia Island ghost stories as they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era as the past comes alive through the skillful storytelling of your guide. This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday like clockwork and lasts about one hour. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105 or Thea@ameliamuseum.org for more information.

MUSIC NOTES

The Courtyard

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

David's

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

Emerald Goat

The Emerald Goat, 96106 Lofton Square, Yulee. Live music. Email bill@thepalacesaloon.com.

Florida House

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

Green Turtle

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

Hammerhead

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

Instant Groove

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

Pablos

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

Palace Saloon

The Palace Saloon, 117 Centre St., presents live music. Call 491-8999. 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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Solution

A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
BY THE NEWS-LEADER

Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog

RELIGION

Judge me not

Matthew 7:1 states, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Jesus was the one who said it. He was the one who lived it. This verse is well known all around the world. It is simple and straightforward. It is clear and concise. So why do we mess it up so badly?

Have you ever had second thoughts about how much money to tithe at church? We might hesitate not based on our financial situation, but because we may have doubts on how that money will be spent. At the end of service on Sunday morning, the pastor calls people down to receive prayer. Have you ever thought about what those people may have gotten into during the week in which they need extra prayer? Judgment of others is not isolated to church. We may judge the cashier at the supermarket, the guy walking down the street, people on Facebook, co-workers and members of our own family. Judgment knows no race or religion. It knows no bounds.



VICTORY CORNER

Rick Castellani

I want to say forget about "love your neighbor as yourself." I want people to just go away. But then Satan would win. So I turn to Jesus.

Jesus loved and continues to love. He loved everybody and showed it through His actions on a daily basis. He also showed it during the most difficult of circumstances.

Jesus came to save the world, not to condemn it. This didn't mean He didn't call people out on their sins but He did it with love. We love our children and because we do, we put great effort in guiding and teaching them. This lets them know how much we love them. This is exactly what Jesus did all those years ago and if we let Him, this is what He can do for us today.

My wife is my best friend. One of the best things about our relationship is that she calls me out on my issues. This might sound like an odd thing to love about my wife but it's the truth. I have issues, lots of them. I don't enjoy having issues. Pride will tell me that they are no big deal and that other people have much bigger issues; but deep down I know I need lots of work. I want to be better. I want to grow as a person. My wife helps me with this and the best thing is that she does it out of love. She encourages me to overcome my issues with the help from Jesus so that they stop being issues. As great as she is, Jesus is the best. His love is simply amazing. It is encouraging beyond description.

There has been one consistent pattern I have noticed when meeting and getting to know people. The closer relationship they have with Jesus, the more love they share. I don't mean a fake love. And I don't mean a superficial relationship with Jesus. I mean the type of relationship where the person knows how flawed they are and how much they need Jesus. They learned to trust Jesus each step of the way. Being humble will bring you closer to Jesus. And then Jesus brings the love. Lots of it! It is simple and straightforward. It is clear and concise. Judgment or love – it's your choice.

Rick Castellani lives in Fernandina with his wife Jill and two children. He and Jill recently started Victorious Learning, a God-centered agency that provides in-home services to children with autism and youth with behavioral concerns. Rick recently self-published a book entitled Victory Over Life's Hurdles.

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Judgment takes very little effort and comes so easily.

Men's items needed

Salvation Army Hope House is currently in need of thin men's clothing – sizes 32-36 pants and shorts especially, along with any size casual shirts. In addition, they also need: 1) Breakfast items and crackers 2) Canned fruit, corn and green beans 3) Canned meat 4) Pastas, sauces, boxed meals and macaroni & cheese 5) Canned meats, baked or dried beans 6) Laundry and dish washing detergent. Please bring your donations to 410 S. Ninth St., at the corner of Ninth and Date streets.

Family day

Friendship Baptist Church on Miner Road in Yulee will hold its Family and Friends Day at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10. The preacher will be the Rev. Joseph James. For more information call Bernice Walker at 225-5627.

Tuesday worship

Maj. Thomas McWilliams, area commander, will share the Gospel message at the Salvation Army Hope House Tuesday Worship Service on Aug. 12 at noon. For more information, call 321-0435 or stop by the Hope House, located at 410 S. Ninth St.

Revival

First Baptist Church of Yulee, the Rev. William Goode, Jr., pastor, will host a three-night revival at 7:30 p.m. nightly, Aug. 13-15. The evangelist will be the Rev. C.D. Roberts, pastor of the Elim Baptist Church of Augusta, Ga. Everyone is invited to come out and worship.

For more information contact Chairman Deacon Lawrence William at 261-6236 or Sister Laura Rhodes at 225-5226.

Concert

Maria Montez Jacobs, an aspiring artist who recently released an album under TMG, will perform in a concert on Aug. 14 at Trumpet in Zion Fellowship, 6007 Seaboard Ave., Jacksonville. Admission is free. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Preview songs from the album All of Me on iTunes.

Homecoming

Prince Chapel A.M.E. Church, Hendricks Road in Nassauville, invites you and your church family to attend its annual Homecoming Service Celebration at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17. All are welcome. The Rev. Godfrey Taylor, pastor, Bro. Charles L. Albert, Pro Tem.

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 summer adult Bible study class on the Book of Romans at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, taught by Linda Jones. Phone 225-0231.

Summer hours

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

Grub and Gospel

A Bible-based prayer service with free breakfast offers food for the body and the soul at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday at The Barn in Yulee, 850918 US 17, one block north of A1A at Pages Dairy Road. Call 477-7268.

Volunteers needed

The Drop in Center is looking for volunteers for Tuesdays and Wednesdays (9 a.m.-1 p.m.). The center serves people experiencing homelessness and those at high risk for homelessness. Services include showers and laundry facilities, a mailing address, phone and computer use, and assistance in acquiring

needed documents and referrals to local providers. The center is located at the Fernandina Beach Church of Christ at the corner of 14th and Jasmine streets.

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

Help needed

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

Elm Street COG

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

Transport project

A project to fabricate metal parts used to manufacture three-wheeled, hand-cranked carts is ongoing at a workshop sponsored by Memorial United Methodist Church. The vehicles, called Personal Energy Transportation, or PETs, are fully assembled at Penney Farms near Green Cove Springs and shipped throughout the world to victims of polio, land mines and other injuries. The workshop operates Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Call Jack at 557-8218.

English classes

First Assembly of God, 302 South 14th St., Fernandina Beach, hosts free English classes for Spanish speaking people on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. For information contact Anna Sahlman at 403-1982 or call 261-6448.

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.

Food bank

The Yulee United Methodist Church Food Bank, 86003 Christian Way, is available to anyone in need, Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Other times please call for an appointment at 225-5381.

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Cumberland, Okefenokee celebrate Wilderness Act

For the News-Leader

Cumberland Island National Seashore and Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge announced plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Wilderness Preservation Act by sponsoring two weekend Wilderness events in partnership with Okefenokee Adventures and Up the Creek Expeditions.

Over the course of two September weekends, Sept. 13-14 and 20-21, the public can join NPS, FWS and expert guides from each outfitter company and explore the congressionally designated Wilderness of each area. Group size will be limited for each outing and registration will be required.

In 1964, the United States Congress passed the National Wilderness Preservation Act, almost by unanimous vote. Today nearly five percent of the U.S., more than 109.5 million acres in 757 areas in 44 of the 50 states and Puerto Rico, is designated Wilderness.

The goal of the Wilderness Act in 1964, and today, is to protect "an area of undeveloped federal land retaining its primeval character and ... with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; ... has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; ... and may also contain ecological, geological, or

other features of scientific, educational, or historical value."

Southeast Georgia is home to two unique and large east coast Wilderness areas, Okefenokee Wilderness and Cumberland Island Wilderness. These two areas are often best explored by canoe and kayak and as a tribute to the 50th anniversary, the agencies will host two joint celebrations.

Sept. 13-15 will be a Wilderness Weekend paddle, starting at the Folkston entrance of the Okefenokee NWR on Saturday, Sept. 13. Guides will take participants through the tree dotted marshes of Chesser Prairie, looking for fall flowers and enjoying birding on this 8-mile paddle to overnight at the Coffee Bay camping platform in the middle of the vast Okefenokee.

Sunday morning will be a return paddle to the boat basin. Participants will then pack up and travel to Crooked River State Park for leg two of the weekend. Sunday afternoon, Sept. 14, the participants will meet the guides from Up the Creek Expeditions at Crooked River State Park for the 8-mile paddle to the Plum Orchard Dock on Cumberland Island.

Once camp is set, hikes through the island to the beach await. Return trip to Crooked River will be Monday morning. If partici-



Okefenokee wilderness camping, above.

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ating in both expeditions the cost is \$500 total per person. Otherwise the cost will be \$280 if registering for just one of the trips.

Registration for the Okefenokee trip will be made through Okefenokee Adventures by calling (912) 496-7156; registration for the Cumberland Island trip will be made through Up the Creek Expeditions by calling (912)

882-0911 or submitting a booking request at www.upthecreekx.com.

Price includes boat rental (canoes at Okefenokee and kayaks at Cumberland Island), camping gear (except sleeping bags for the Cumberland Island trip) and meals. Prices will increase to \$270 per person for each leg of the trip if reservations are made after Aug. 28 (\$300 if

registering for just one of the trips).

Sept. 21 and 22 are Wilderness day trip paddle excursions. Spend the day exploring each Wilderness area with expert guides and Wilderness staff from the Park and Refuge. Sept. 21 will focus on Okefenokee NWR and Sept. 22 will focus on Cumberland Island. Each trip is \$75 per person for the dual

experience (\$85 if registering for just one of the trips) if registration is completed before Aug. 28. Each trip is expected to last 6-8 hours and includes gear rental and snacks. Trip prices increase to \$85 per person per trip after Aug. 28 (\$100 if registering for just one of the trips).

Cumberland Island is the largest barrier island off the coast of Georgia, encompassing more than 36,000 acres of maritime forests, salt marsh and beaches. The island is also home to over 9,800 acres of congressionally designated Wilderness. The island's natural and cultural resources provide a rich and diverse habitat for wildlife and offer a glimpse into the long history of coastal Georgia. The Seashore is accessible by foot only, passenger ferry from the community of St. Marys, Ga.

The Suwannee Canal Recreation Area (East Entrance) to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is the primary entrance managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is located 11 miles southwest of Folkston, Ga., off Hwy 121/23. The Okefenokee is home to over 354,000 acres of Wilderness. The refuge is open daily and offers a variety of opportunities for the visiting public.

Call (912) 496-7836 or visit the refuge website at www.fws.gov/okefenokee for hours of operation, events,

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degrees for 8 to 10 hours until pull-apart tender. I used soaked and drained pecan apple wood chips with a hardwood charcoal/briquet combo.

To make homemade pimento cheese: Stir together sharp cheddar and Monterey Jack cheeses, garlic, chopped pimentos and mayonnaise in a large glass bowl.

To build the sliders: When your smoked butt has rested 45 minutes, remove the bone and pull the meat. Put a heaping tablespoon of pimento cheese on the bottom of each slider bun, top the cheese with about two tablespoons of pulled pork and add the bun top.

If you are planning your own tailgate, the Great Southern Cook-off team recommends that you pack your cooler like a pro: chill everything first, especially perishable items and adult beverages, and put them on the bottom of your clean cooler. Add a layer of ice to cover, top with bagged items and those in containers, packing it all full so no warm air has a chance to sneak in. Prep steps you can take care of the night before include slicing and packing toppings, shaping and packing burger patties in wax paper, and marinating kebabs.

Of course, the easiest and most enjoyable way to enjoy the best of the grill is to visit Amelia Island for the event, which features live entertainment from crowd-pleasing bands including The Dirt Floor Krackers, Swingin' Medallions, RockIt Fly, and the local Beech Street Blues Band.

Attendees at the Great Southern Tailgate Cook-off can purchase food and drink from various vendors and also enjoy the VIP Pig Pub with shaded tables and bar seating, fans, cold beverages, and a great view of the stage. (There is a \$5 per day cover charge and guests must be 21 years of age or older to enter the VIP Pig Pub.)

For information visit www.gstailgate-cookoff.com, www.ameliainland.com and the Amelia Island and Great Southern Tailgate Cook-off on Facebook.



Hot bands and tasty barbecue go together at the Great Southern Tailgate Cookoff, set for Aug. 22 and 23 at Main Beach in Fernandina Beach.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

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ute to its founder. When the storm knocks the power out, they recall a similar night 15 years ago that destroyed a friendship.

As the show continues and the bingo numbers are called, the audience learns about the women's bingo superstitions and the strange rituals they follow, and their fierce competitions and rivalries.

Will love blossom between Honey and Sam, the bingo caller? Will long lost friends reunite? Will the person next to

you in the audience shout out bingo before you do?

Local businesses have joined ACT in having fun with bingo. Half Time Sports Bar held a bingo night and Amelia River Cruises is offering bingo river cruises on Wednesdays through Aug. 27 where passengers can play a special environmental bingo, joined by some of the theater's cast or crew volunteers. Call 261-9972 for cruise information.

The cast of "Bingo! The Winning Musical" includes Wendy Gilvey, Catherine Henry, Teresa Arnold-

Simmons, Zoe Stein, Renee Thompson, Judy Tipton, and Richard Williams. The show is directed by Jennifer Webber, with Diane Demeranville and Lynn Arizzi as musical directors.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on Aug. 14-16, 21-23, 27-30 and at 2 p.m. on Aug. 24. The opening night audience on Aug. 14 is treated to a pre-show party that begins at 7 p.m. Adult tickets are \$20 and student tickets through high school are \$10. The show is rated PG-13. Tickets are available at ameliacommunitytheatre.org or at 261-6749.

ART WORKS

Summer Flowers

The Plantation Artists' Guild and Gallery presents Summer Flowers, 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 tegalaga@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. Hours are 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.



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Each of these symbolize different forest certification programs that are growing in popularity and demand. Are you interested in learning about these voluntary forest certification workshops for your own timber?

Join a workshop on Aug. 14 at the Nassau County Extension office. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the workshop runs through 3 p.m. Fee of \$15 covers the cost of materials and lunch, which will be provided.

Guest speakers from the University of Florida, the Florida Forest Service and forest certification organizations will be there to teach you what you need to know to have a certified forest and to market your timber. Call the county Extension Service at 879-1019 soon to register.

Cans needed

Master Gardeners need your empty vegetable or fruit cans for a gardening workshop they will be conducting soon. Can sizes should be 22 ounces to 55 ounces. Think of baked bean cans (55 ounces) or the large cans of fruit (31 ounces). Empty, rinsed cans can be dropped off at the Yulee Extension office. A donation will qualify you for a drawing to win a "Bean Can Bee House." For more information call the Extension Office at 879-1019.

White Oak tour

Join Amelia Tree Conservancy for a guided wildlife tour of the White Oak Plantation Conservation Center for an up-close experience with exotic animals. In addition, visit the Big Game Room Complex and Baryshnikov Dance Studio and enjoy a gourmet luncheon. The event is Friday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. until around 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$145/person, of which a small portion will support future ATC tree plantings, preservation and education outreach.

Support the preservation of Amelia Island's maritime

canopy and also the conservation of threatened and endangered animals. Go to www.ameliatreeconservancy.org for information and to download a sign-up form. For questions email ATC at info@ameliatreeconservancy.org. Completed form and check must be received by Aug. 25.

Bee house class

On Oct. 3 from 10-11:30 a.m. County Extension Director/Horticulture Agent Rebecca Jordi will conduct a session on the importance of pollinators in your garden. Learn different kinds of pollination and the primary pollinators: butterflies, beetles and bees. You will also learn how to attract Mason bees. The session is free, however if you'd like to "make & take" bee houses for your yard, the cost is \$10 for supplies. You will make one "bean can" bee house and one "wood hotel" bee house. Download the registration form at <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu>. Completed form and your check for the (optional) bee house project can be dropped off at either the Callahan Extension office (letter drop available). Make checks payable to Nassau County Extension. Registration is required by Sept. 24. For information call 879-1019.

Mosquito program

On Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. until noon, Nassau Extension is hosting a program on mosquito-causing diseases (Chikungunya and Dengue). The program will be held at the Yulee County building. Roxanne Connelly, PhD, an Extension Medical Entomologist from Vero Beach, will be the speaker. The program is open to the public and free, however, you must contact the Extension office or Rebecca Jordi at 879-1019 if you would like to attend.



Wild Amelia Junior Naturalist candidates Mia, Hannah, Lyndall, Max, Kevin and Finnegan learn about a tree shelf fungus in "The Maritime Forest" from county forester Dave Holley during a nature walk at Goffinsville Park in Nassauville on Monday. Wild Amelia has interactive curricula on "The Seashore" and "The Maritime Forest" available for purchase at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, Kayak Amelia, Fort Clinch, Coastal Trader II, the Book Loft and Books Plus.

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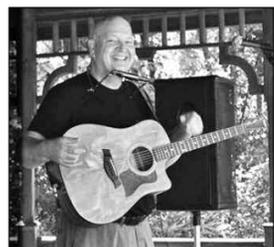
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FERNANDINA MARKET

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers' market has a special morning lined up on Aug. 9, including another new vendor and musical talent all the way from Toledo, Ohio.

New to the growing farmers market in downtown Fernandina Beach is Fernandina Mulch and Stone, which will bring a variety of landscape plants, annuals and baskets including Meyers Lemon, Peach Tropic Beauty, White Grape, Persian Lime Dwarf, Variegated Ginger, Cat Palm, Red Congo Philodendron, Caladium, Shrimp Plants, Society Garlic, Rosemary, Pink Autumn Sage, Salvia, New Guinea Impatiens, Vinca hanging baskets and Mexican Heather. They will also have samples of mulch like Red Mulch, Cypress Mulch, Pine Fines, Pine Bark and other decorative alternatives such as Pea Gravel and River Rock.

A staple in the Market Place is Maria's Bakery. Rudy has been bringing fresh baked breads and pastries to the farmers' market for almost 11 years. Just walking past his booth you'll find the aromas of multi-grain, whole wheat, cinnamon raisin and sourdough. His jalapeno cheese, pumpernickel, heavy grain, rye and Italian Chibatta breads leave you pondering which flavor to try first. These sliced and artisan breads are made with no oil, no sugar, no dairy and no preservatives. A flat, oven-baked bread similar to pizza dough in texture and style, the focaccia round loaves are available jalapeno and cheese, black olive and asiago garlic and rosemary. Rudy said his most popular item is a spinach and feta mix wrapped in filo dough, and his fresh apple and cinnamon strudels are



MUSICIAN Jeff Tucker of Toledo, Ohio, will perform Saturday at the Fernandina Beach Market Place downtown.

avored, too. Rudy also brings cream filled cannolis, cookies, muffins and flavored pound cakes.

Saturday will feature a special musical guest from Toledo, Ohio. Jeff Tucker plays a nice, family-friendly mix of adult rock, americana, variety, soft rock, cover and original music. He spent a Saturday morning back in February performing at the Market Place while he was in town to play one of the local resort properties, and the market is thrilled to have him return.

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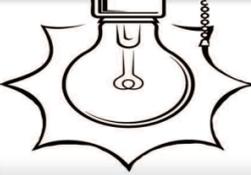
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