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Diver Stephen Mazino in the Atlantic with a speared lionfish, top, and Lyla Pirkola, with boat Captain Dan Lindley, above, holding one of the smaller lionfish taken during the 2nd Annual Northeast Florida Lionfish Rodeo on Saturday. The non-native lionfish are culled to help preserve native fish species.

Lionfish hunt intended to save native species

BRYAN BROOKS
For the News-Leader

One of the divers involved in the 2nd Annual Northeast Florida Lionfish Rodeo was Kathy Russell, the city's aquatic manager. Russell is also a scuba instructor and owner of Scuba Station, located behind the city's recreation center on Atlantic Avenue. Up to now her mission has been to teach diving and promote the marine health of the local environment off the shores of Amelia Island. She's the last person you'd think would take up a spear gun to harm a beautiful critter like the lionfish.

Russell has a background as a marine biology teacher at Fernandina Beach High School. In the 1990's, with the help of a local fishing club, and under the auspices of Nassau County, Russell applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a permit to drop scrap concrete off Amelia Island, encouraging renewal of marine habitats on the sandy bottom offshore.

She got help from Pensacola Fish Havens, using their four-sided metal forms for her students to fill in with concrete. By 2001, the fishing club had purchased 12. Having no money to have the items taken offshore,

eventually the U.S. Coast Guard agreed to take them out on one of their buoy tenders. In 2006, the Coast Guard took Russell and 20 students for the first drop of her artificial reef structures off Amelia Island. The concrete buoy blocks were dropped in 68-70 feet of water about eight miles offshore. And for about five years there were annual trips for fish counts, documented with underwater photographs. The last count was made in 2011.

So why then would Russell join a band of hardy North Florida spear fishermen in an attempt to wipe out the area's beautiful lionfish? The answer: The lionfish, though indeed beautiful, is a non-native species off Amelia's Island's shores, having a devastating effect on our marine environment. And they are rapidly spreading to the detriment of local fish populations.

It gets worse: Lionfish seem immune to the parasites local fish have to contend with. Lionfish originate from the Indo-Pacific oceans of the world. In their own environment predators and parasites keep them in check, but not here. And unfortunately they just love to scarf down native species of fish off Amelia Island like

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Utility director suspended for anger to staff

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

City Utilities Director John Mandrick was placed on five days unpaid leave in early July for what was termed "unprofessional conduct," according to an employee corrective action report from the city's personnel department.

Mandrick was also ordered to enroll in counseling for anger management through the city's employee assistance program.

He was put on leave after another employee in the utilities department made a complaint against Mandrick, claiming he went into "a tirade" on May 9, "making disparaging remarks about 10 employees of the wastewater division" and that Mandrick was creating a "hostile work environment."

The employee making the complaint also was reportedly upset about Mandrick calling another employee a



Mandrick

"piece of shit." According to the corrective action report, tempers flared due to a failed toxicity test at the wastewater treatment plant, which required the city to resubmit toxicity results to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection so the plant would not be in violation of its state operating permit.

An employee of Mandrick's, who was held responsible for the failure, said he felt Mandrick was to blame. He also stated that he had "heard Mandrick using bad language in front of him ... and in front of visitors, including women," according to the report.

Frustrations also built after a citizen

MANDRICK Continued on 3A

More apartments coming to Yulee

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

The rental housing market is getting a boost.

A new 300-unit rental apartment complex that includes 39 affordable units is expected to break ground in late September on Christian Way just south of A1A in Yulee.

Plans call for an upscale, gated community with 16 buildings in two-story and three-story configurations. Amenities include a clubhouse and a swimming pool as well as a half-mile long nature trail and a designated area to wash the car and the family dog. Garages and outdoor parking for 522 vehicles are also included on the project's site drawings.

The complex will be known as The Reserve and it is going up on an undeveloped 24.28-acre parcel along a stretch of land on Christian Way where there are future plans to extend the roadway two miles to the Amelia Concourse.

The extension is part of the "Loop Road" that is designed to go around various shopping centers north and south of A1A without getting on to the state road.

The affordable housing units make the project eligible for government funding to help with construction.

There are plans to ask for the money, according to the agreement

between the developer and the county, though no public records exist showing that the developer has filed for public funding.

The property was sold in June for \$2.1 million by DB Florida, LLC, according to the Nassau County Property Appraiser's website.

That is a limited liability corporation headed by David Berkman, a local philanthropist and one of the county's largest private landowners.

The site also shows that the LLC purchased the land on Dec. 21, 2000 for \$296,700.

The buyer is listed as LFW Reserve, LLC, which is headed by an Atlanta-based real estate developer with experience building offices and call center facilities across the country.

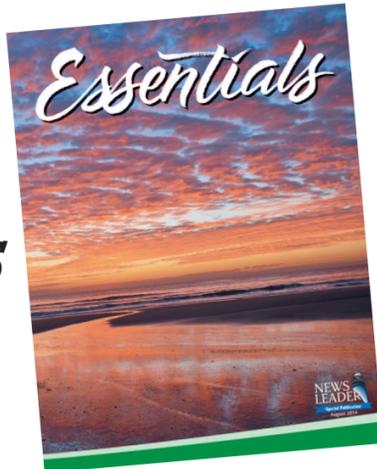
The county gave developer LFW Reserve the go-ahead earlier this month to build 15-units per acre, five more units than is allowed under the county's building code, because the project qualified for bonus units under a local plan to promote affordable housing.

Nassau County's Growth Management Office says the 2030 Comprehensive Plan encourages affordable housing and offers incentives, such as bonus housing allowances.

"Having a diversified housing mix with a variety of price points con-

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OBITUARIES

Rev. Earl Richo Sr.

The funeral service for Rev. Earl Richo, Sr., will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday at the River of Praise Worship Center, 83410 St. Mark Drive, Yulee, Fla.

The visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Elm Street Church of God, 502 South 11th St. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Please sign the family guest book at www.tswarden.com.

Funerals By T.S. Warden
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Bill Soper

Bill Soper, formerly from Yulee, Florida, died on August 11, 2014 in Middletown, CT.

Bill was born on December 11, 1928, in Larchmont, N.Y. to the late parents Dudley and Carol Soper. Bill graduated from the Missouri School of Science and Technology, with a degree in Electric Engineering. Bill served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and spent 30 years working for Electric Boat, in Groton, CT.

"Unc" is survived by brothers, Harry and wife Pat, Peter and his wife Rose, sisters, Caroline (Mike) Neville, and Jane Hackett and her husband David, and will be missed by 12 nieces and nephews, and 24 grand-nieces and nephews.

Swan Funeral Home
Clinton, Conn.

John Lewis Timmons Sr.

John Lewis Timmons, Sr. was born on October 2, 1946 in Kings Ferry, Florida to Mrs. Cora Lee Timmons and the late George Timmons, Sr.

He was happily married to Anna Timmons for 49 years. He was known in the community as Uncle John. He was educated in Callahan, Florida. He worked as a multi-craft millwright at Rayonier in Fernandina Beach, FL and retired after 47 years of dedication in October 2011.

He was known to be a hard-working man and a pillar of the community.

He was preceded in death by his loving daughter, Tangela Timmons, and his father, George Timmons, Sr.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory his wife, Anna Timmons; son, John Lewis Timmons, Jr. (Tracey); mother, Cora Lee Timmons; granddaughters, Kayla and Jelisa Timmons; other relatives and many sorrowing friends.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, August 16, 2014 at 11 AM in Mt. Horeb Baptist Church, Lessie, FL.

Viewing will be held today, Friday, August 15, 2014 from 5-7 pm in Mt. Horeb Baptist Church. Interment will be in Brickyard Community Cemetery.

McKinney Family Funeral Home
Jacksonville

DEATH NOTICES

Mrs. Doris McIntyre Crump, 72, died on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014. Funeral services will be at noon on Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Chester Church of God.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors
Margaret Rochelle Creamer, 70, Fernandina Beach, died on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014. Burial will take place in Altha, Fla.



Dr. Tom Washburn, founder of the Barnabas Samaritan Clinic, and Wanda Lanier, executive director of Barnabas, at the center's recent Peace Pole dedication.

Barnabas dedicates peace pole

For the News-Leader

Barnabas Center recently dedicated a "Peace Pole" at its new facility in honor of Dr. Tom Washburn, the founder of the Barnabas Samaritan Clinic. The Peace Pole displays the message and prayer "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in several languages. There are tens of thousands of Peace Poles erected in 180 countries all over the world as monuments to peace.

Wanda Lanier, executive director of Barnabas, led the dedication ceremony with words inspired by Washburn's life work of helping others.

"Peace is not just an absence of war. It is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence and doing what is right," she said. Lanier noted that "Dr. Washburn is not only a champion for peace through his words, but also through his actions, the true measure of one's commitment to peace. His actions in our community are reflected in his founding and direction of the Samaritan Clinic, which has cared for the sick and injured for more than eight years. He has tirelessly devoted his time and energy to providing a place of hope and healing for those

who have no other place to turn."

Lanier stated that Washburn reminded her of a great leader for peace, Dr. Martin Luther King, who said, "The first question that the priest and the Levite asked was, 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But, the Good Samaritan asked a different question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him.'"

"This token of peace is dedicated to Dr. Tom Washburn, who has devoted much of his life to peace and the compassionate care of and concern for others," stated Lanier.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Jeep club

Eight Flags Jeep Club of Nassau County is having a membership drive. If you have a dependable Jeep vehicle and want to meet with other enthusiasts then it's time to join Northeast Florida's newest Jeep club. Every type of Jeep vehicle is welcome in this growing, drug and alcohol free family oriented club.

Visit the booth at the Great Southern Tailgate Cook-off Aug. 22-23 at Main Beach in Fernandina Beach or visit www.eightflagsjeep.com.

Adoption specials

Nassau County Animal Services is attempting to set a new record for adoptions – currently it has 850 adoptions and it wants to hit the 1,000 mark. Therefore, it has a special on cats and kittens; adult cats are just \$20 and kittens are \$15 with a buy one, get one. Adult dogs are \$50 and puppies are \$75.

Anyone adopting a dog or cat from NCAS now through Sept. 30 will be placed in a drawing for a one-night stay at The Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island. Give a shelter animal a forever home and help Animal Services reach a new record of 1,000 adoptions. It also offers a Seniors for Seniors program where anyone 60 or over can adopt a cat or dog 5 years or older for \$10.

The 2015 Pets of Nassau County calendars also are now available for \$20, with the proceeds going to treat heartworm positive dogs at the shelter. They are on sale at the lobby of NCAS, 86078 License Road, Yulee. Call 491-7440.

Shrimp dinners

Big Red will serve shrimp fettuccine alfredo with salad and garlic bread for a \$10 donation from 5:30-7 p.m. tonight at American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach.

Steak night

The American Legion Riders of Post 54 hosts a steak dinner the third Saturday at the Post 626 S. Third St. Dinner includes steak, baked potato, corn on the cob and salad, for a \$12 donation. For to-go orders call 261-7900. Entertainment starts at 7 p.m.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 22 and 24. A basic with defensive tactics course will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 16 and 17. For details and additional classes and information, contact Belson at 491-8358, (904) 476-2037 or gbelson@bell-south.net. Visit www.TheBelsonGroup.com.

Pancake breakfast

VFW Post 4351 will host a pancake breakfast on Aug. 17 from 8-11 a.m. for a \$5 donation. All monies donated will go to supporting VFW programs. For information call 432-8791.

Confederate sons

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 745 will meet Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Pig Barbeque Restaurant in Callahan. A historical presentation will be given. As always, the meeting is open to the public.

Alzheimer's support

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group for Nassau County meets the third Thursday each month. The next meeting will be held at the Council on Aging of Nassau County, Aug. 21 from 2:30-4 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and everyone who has an interest is invited to attend. For further information call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, at 261-0717, ext. 113.

Parkinson's support

The Parkinson's Disease

ESD or drowning? Know the signs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – While standing at the end of your boat dock, you see a person struggling in the water. Do you recognize that the person is drowning, or is something else going on? And what should you do? Doing the right thing could help save someone else's life, and might keep you from losing yours.

Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) occurs when faulty dock or boat wiring causes electricity (alternating current or "AC" power) to enter fresh water and pass through a swimmer. The swimmer does not need to be touching the bottom, a boat or dock structure, and even minute



amounts of electricity can be incapacitating. As more light is shed on this danger, it is likely that some ESD fatalities have been misidentified as drowning, preventing awareness of this summertime boating danger.

The risk of ESD is greatest in fresh or brackish waters, so some areas such as estuaries or rivers may only be in the danger zone after heavy rains. In saltwater, electrical current takes the path of least resistance, bypassing swimmers.

Unlike a drowning swimmer, who typically can't yell out for help because their mouth is mostly underwater, an ESD victim is often confused about what is happening to them, may be able to shout, and will feel numbness, tingling, pain and paralysis. A drowning victim often looks "playful," moving their arms in a ladder climbing fashion, while an Electric Shock Drowning victim looks "distressed" and may simply roll onto their back – if wearing a life jacket – or roll face down into the water, totally unresponsive.

A typical drowning can take up to a minute for an adult or just 20 seconds for a child, with the victim's arms

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moving in a climbing-a-ladder type motion, taking quick gulps of air, with the mouth below the water much of the time. ESD victims can be instantly paralyzed and not move at all.

So what do you need to do for both cases? Don't jump in the water – call 911, and follow the "Reach, throw, row, but don't go" mantra. Only a professional lifeguard has the training to handle a drowning victim. Far too often, news reports show well-intentioned rescuers increase the fatality count. If the problem is ESD – which may not be abundantly clear – going in the water could kill you.

Whether the person is drowning or suffering from ESD, use an oar, boathook or throw a floatation device, or get into a boat and try to reach the person from there. Do everything you can – tossing a line, throwing life jackets, grabbing a nearby dinghy – but don't go into the water yourself.

Once you have retrieved the person, start CPR if there is no pulse. Automated Electrical Defibrillators are also becoming more common – just make sure the victim's chest is dry.

For more information, parents, dock owners, boaters and marina and boat club operators can go to the Boat Owners Association of The United States' Electric Shock Drowning Resource Center at www.BoatUS.com/seaworthy/ESD.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Adjuncts sought

The Florida State College at Jacksonville Betty P. Cook Nassau Center is seeking qualified adjuncts for the fall term, which begins on Aug. 25. Instructors are needed for daytime classes in Economics, Intermediate Algebra, U.S. History to 1865 and History of Florida. A master's degree from a regionally accredited institution is required with a graduate major concentration or a minimum of 18 graduate semester hours in the primary teaching field.

If you are interested and meet the requirements, contact Dr. Garner at 766-6593.

YLN applications

Youth Leadership Nassau is now accepting applications for the 2014-15 school year. Students in the program will gain an increased awareness of community needs, opportunities and resources, and develop effective styles of leadership.

Program is open to 10th and 11th grade students who can demonstrate proven leadership ability in school and/or community activities and who have an interest in addressing the issues confronting Nassau County. An average of "B" or better is recommended. Applications may be obtained through your school office, a teacher or guidance counselor.

Boys & Girls Clubs

Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County are now open for registration for the 2014-15 school year. The clubs opened 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.

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.

NACDAC meets

If you are interested in the prevention and elimination of underage drinking and other drug use within Nassau County, see what NACDAC's meetings are all about. NACDAC meets the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Aug. 19 at 4 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Police Department community room.

Kerrie Albert, director of Prevention Services for NACDAC, will present its Know the Law program to coalition members. For information, visit www.nacdac.org or call Susan Woodford or Kerrie Albert at 277-3699.

YHS open house

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

SAC meeting

The School Advisory Council of Fernandina Beach High School will have an organizational meeting on Aug. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the main office conference room. For questions and/or concerns, contact Spencer G. Lodree at 261-5713.

Students' day

New FSCJ students can meet faculty, tour campus and receive their class schedule before the first day of classes at the New Student Family and Friends Day on Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Visit the campus bookstores. Acquire a student ID card. Visit with representatives from advising, student life and leadership, and career development. Meet student athletes and campus leaders. The events are free.

Locations include the Betty P. Cook Nassau Center, 7634 William Burgess Blvd. in Yulee.



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HOUSING

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tributes to a healthy community and promotes a healthy economy," said Senior Planner Taco Pope.

"Any time you can get a strong mix of housing it works better for everyone. And this is a good place for multi-family because it's near shops and restaurants."

The county's Planning & Zoning Board approved the plan at its Aug. 5 meeting. The county commission is expected to vote on the development at its Aug. 25 meeting.

The current owner is a corporation headed by Atlanta real estate developer Dave Kraxberger, according to documents filed with the Georgia Secretary of State.

Kraxberger is the president of Adecco Realty Group, in Norcross, Ga. Site plans filed with Nassau County and released at the Planning & Zoning Board meeting earlier this month include the Adecco name.

LFW Reserve, LLC is qualified under its agreement with the county to receive state money to help fund construction.

The money is expected to come from the Florida Housing Finance Corp., which subsidizes the construction of affordable housing.

"Our funding is used to help pay for the brick and mortar

construction," said spokesperson Cecka Green.

In an interview on Tuesday, Green said the property has not yet applied for money so she did not know how much the developer is eligible to receive. "But once we have the details I can email you the jpeg with all of the information," said Green. "It's public."

Green did provide information on how rents are calculated for affordable housing. So did the county's Budget Director and Assistant County Manager Shanea Jones.

That's because the developer is required to file annual reports with the county, and under the agreement the paperwork is expected to be filed with the county manager's office, should they ask for the government's financial help.

The Florida Housing Finance Corp. calculates the numbers based on the county's median family income as determined by the federal government. In Nassau County that amount is \$62,300.

Keep in mind that median means middle. So, half of the families with four people in Nassau County earn more than \$62,300 and half earn less than that amount.

The rent amount is then calculated using 60 percent of the median.

So, under guidelines set by the federal government, the highest rent for an affordable two-bedroom apartment for a

Affordable housing?

The county's 2030 Comprehensive Plan encourages affordable housing, including multi-family development. But now that the market is picking up steam, county officials say developers continue to plan single-family development.

Consider what happened at the Woodbrier subdivision planned for Nassauville.

Developers had planned this spring to include a mix of multi-family development and single-family houses for the site on Woodbridge Lane, off Old Nassauville Road.

But they changed their minds and in April requested and received approval from the Planning & Zoning Board to make the project 64 single-family houses with two acres set aside for recreation.

The request required a zoning change and documents submitted to the board asked why. Here's the answer listed in the Planned Unit Development (PUD) documents:

"There are no reasons why the property cannot be used as multi-family. The only negative aspect of the change is that it takes affordable housing away from the housing stock of the county."

The Woodbrier subdivision sits next to the Nassau Club apartments rental complex. A few miles away in Yulee is Courtney Isles, an apartment complex north of A1A behind Target.

The county's Growth Management Office said that two years ago, there was an inquiry to build a 64-unit apartment complex behind the Ron Anderson car dealership but discussion fell apart.

"Nope. We had several meetings in 2012 but it never moved forward," said Senior Planner Taco Pope.

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family of four would be \$853.

The developer is responsible for roadway improvements, including sidewalks to the public roadway and a right turn lane into the complex. Project Engineer Nick Gillette of Gillette & Associates in Fernandina Beach said in an interview Tuesday that he

expects the Florida Department of Transportation to handle the turn lane as part of its widening of A1A that will increase the number of lanes to six from four.

"The timing works out that way," said Gillette. "By the time we need to do it, they'll have already taken care of it."

Stolen vehicles recovered in Hilliard

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News Leader

Nassau County deputies seized \$77,000 worth of stolen vehicles and equipment after discovering marijuana plants growing in a yard east of Hilliard, according to a Nassau County Sheriff's Office report.

Deputies also noted drug activity was likely going on inside the residence, as drug paraphernalia also was seized there.

Behind the residence at 151080 CR 108, deputies found a 2003 Coachman travel trailer; a 2000 Coachman travel trailer; a 1989 Chevrolet dually pickup truck; a 1986 Bass boat; a 90hp Mercury boat motor; a boat trailer; a 2007 Honda jet ski and trailer; a Caterpillar Bobcat skidder; and a home-made utility trailer.

The equipment was determined to have been stolen from the Jacksonville area over the last several months.

No arrests were made as of Wednesday, according to the press release, but the investigation continues.

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Nassau County Sheriff's Deputy T.L. Beazley gathers information on a stolen travel trailer found behind a residence in Hilliard.

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Jack & Wanda Watson

'This investigation has shown that Mr. Mandrick's difficult management style and propensity to anger have seriously affected his working relationship with his staff.'

MANDRICK

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reportedly called the city to complain about two city workers "not working while on duty." At Mandrick's direction, the employees received verbal warnings, but another employee claimed Mandrick "made derogatory remarks about these two individuals."

Another employee said that "while Mandrick can sometimes be hard to deal with, they always work things out in the city's best interest," according to the report. This employee, who said he had worked with Mandrick for 15 years, also stated Mandrick "is very efficient in running his operations and treats it as if it were his own business."

However, the report stated, "the majority of employees interviewed did feel that Mr. Mandrick is demanding and very direct in his approach with his subordinates."

Mandrick also reportedly wrote in a memo to Human Resources Director Robin Marley that "he resented the poor work ethic of these employees and that his frus-

tration level had been building."

"This investigation has shown that Mr. Mandrick's difficult management style and propensity to anger have seriously affected his working relationship with his staff," the report stated.

"... All employees are encouraged to forgive slight transgressions and engage in productive resolution immediately when issues arise. Retaliation for this or any other complaint will not be tolerated."

"I do not agree with all the statements made in this report," Mandrick wrote in an employee comment section, "but ... I am always willing and desire to improve myself."

Mandrick was working for Florida Public Utilities when the city purchased its water utility from FPU in 2003, and was hired that same year as city utilities director. According to Human Resources Director Robin Marley, he is a general contractor and also has a degree in electrical engineering. His salary is \$100,092.

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Candidates set for city election

There are five candidates for two seats on the Fernandina Beach City Commission in the fall election.

Incumbents Charles Corbett and Sarah Pelican are seeking reelection to a second three-year term.

Corbett has been challenged by former commissioner Tim Poynter, who was defeated in his reelection bid two years ago by now Mayor Ed Boner, and Roy G. Smith Jr., a newcomer to local politics.

Pelican will face Robin Lentz, a school guidance counselor who is making her first bid to hold elective office.

There also will be a straw

poll on the ballot to choose the mayor. Boner won that poll last year, and will seek reelection. He faces Commissioner Pat Gass. Commissioner Johnny Miller, who was elected to the board last year, chose not to be considered for the job of mayor.

The city commission also is contemplating placing several other straw poll questions on the ballot to determine if residents are willing to pay for certain services such as waterfront improvements or a parking garage.

The election is set for Nov. 4 with a runoff in December if candidates fail to gain a majority in the first vote.

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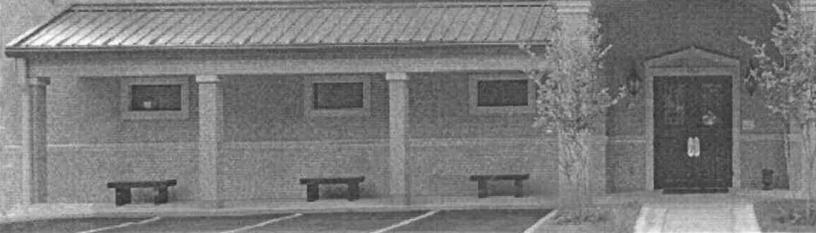
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The St. Marys River Bridge on US 17 at the Florida/Georgia state line reopens to vehicular traffic today.

A time is not set for the bridge to open today as a few remaining touch-ups are completed, according to the Florida Department of Transportation.

The refurbished bridge will accommodate the same legal weight loads as it did when it closed May 6, 2013 for the \$3.5 million rehabilitation project.

FDOT oversaw the project, in coordination with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Kiewit Infrastructure South Co. of Tampa began work

March 15, 2013, and the project was scheduled to be completed earlier this summer.

Maintenance and repairs were performed on the bridge along with complete repainting. The uniqueness of the bridge required tedious work of hand-sanding and painting of small components, applying primer, applying the blue coat and then the clear coat to help the finish endure longer, FDOT said in a press release.

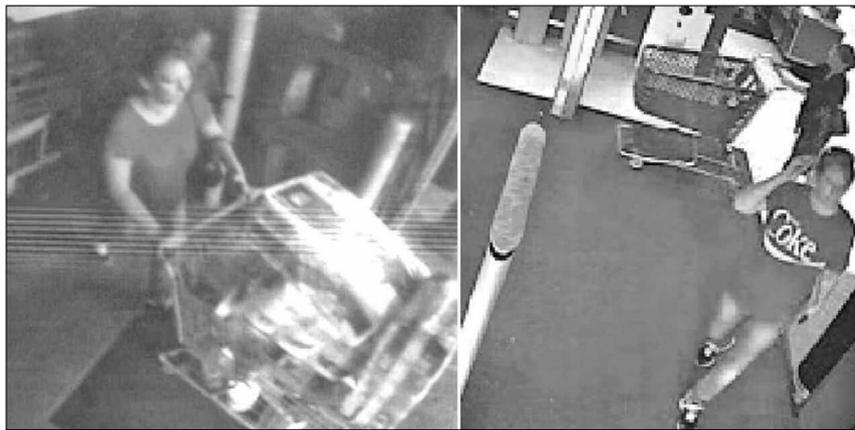
The 1927 St. Marys River Bridge carries US 17, also known as the Atlantic Coastal Highway, across the border of Florida and Georgia. When constructed, US 17 was the

principal federal highway providing northern access into Florida.

A 563-foot-long swing-span structure consists of six concrete girder approach spans and three steel trusses. The bridge helped open Florida to travelers from the northeastern part of the nation.

Although partially owned by Georgia, the state of Florida, with federal aid, constructed the St. Marys River Bridge and continues to maintain the bridge.

For additional information regarding this project or other FDOT projects around Northeast Florida, visit www.nflroads.com.



Scam: Women stole purse

Sheriff Bill Leeper announced that the Nassau County Sheriff's Office is looking for two female suspects who stole a purse, wallet, credit cards and other personal identification from an elderly victim out of her shopping cart at the Walmart Supercenter in Yulee on June 2.

The suspects immediately used the credit cards at Walmart and then proceeded to Jacksonville where they made purchases and opened accounts at Dick's Sporting Goods, Target, Home Depot, Belk's, T.J. Maxx and Academy Sports & Outdoors.

If anyone recognizes these two suspects or may have information as to their whereabouts, contact the Nassau County Sheriff's Office at 225-0331 or remain anonymous and call Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-8477.

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office also wants to remind Nassau residents to be on the lookout for several scams that have surfaced around North Florida over the past few months:

- Since the end of March, there have been 16 reported incidents of utility bill scams in Florida's Northeast region. The victims are contacted by phone and are told their power will be

shut off if they don't pay their past due amount, immediately. The majority of these calls are made to businesses. The suspects are impersonating power company workers and direct the victims to purchase Green Dot cards to pay for their past due bills.

- Since April, there have been seven reported incidents of IRS tax scams in the region. The suspect contacts the victims and informs them he is an IRS agent and there is a warrant for their arrest for unpaid taxes. He tells the victims they need to pay immediately with a Green Dot card to avoid further tax proceedings and possible arrest. Some reports indicate the suspect does have knowledge of the victims' personal information.

- Since April, there have been 11 reported incidents of victims stating they're receiving calls from "officers" stating they have an active warrant for their arrest for missing jury duty. These calls are occurring throughout the region, specifically Marion County, Alachua County and Jacksonville. The caller tells the victim they can "take care" of the warrant by purchasing a Green Dot card.

- Since April, there have been 11 reported incidents of victims reporting they've applied for loans online and are approved. The catch to getting the loan is the victim has to send a "good faith" payment or a processing fee in order to receive the loan. Victims are instructed to purchase Green Dot cards to begin the loan process. In some cases, the caller has even stayed on the phone with the victim while they've traveled to the store to purchase the card. Victims then read the Green

Dot number to the caller and never hear from them again.

- Since April, there have been five reported incidents of victims reporting they've received phone calls from Publishers Clearinghouse stating they've won a prize. The caller tells the victims that in order for them to receive their prize; they must send money on a Green Dot card. In some of the reports, the victims have received paperwork regarding the prize money and even congratulatory letters.

- Since May, there have been four incidents where complainants have been victims of personal shopper scams. The victims state they sign up to be secret shoppers on line. A few days later, they receive a priority mail package with a check.

- The victims are instructed to cash the check at their local bank and then purchase Green Dot money cards. The victims are then to email the Green Dot 14-digit secret pin number. In some cases, the victims are told they're to evaluate the banks customer service and the customer service of the business they purchase the Green Dot card from.

- Treasury Department Since April, there have been three reported incidents where the victims receive calls stating they've received a grant from the Department of Treasury. The caller states that in order for the victims to receive the grant, they must pay a fee. The victims are instructed to purchase Green Dot cards and call back with the identification number on the card.

"Don't fall prey to these or other scams designed to take away your hard-earned money," said Leeper.

Man sets own car on fire

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

According to a city police report, police are seeking the arrest of a local man who doused his BMW with gasoline and set it on fire Aug. 8.

Police were dispatched to the 400 block of South Fifth Street around 8:30 p.m. after a call about a vehicle on fire, the report stated. A blue 700 Series BMW was engulfed in flames in a vacant lot.

Jacob Austin, 62, the owner of the car, was found at his residence at 409 S. Fifth St., and questioned by police. When he came to the front door, he reportedly "was not surprised that his vehicle was on fire,"

and told police "he didn't care and was going to sleep." He told an officer to leave and not bother him, then went back inside and shut the door, according to the report.

A woman told police she had been with Austin earlier in the day when he "became enraged," walked out of his house, grabbed a red gas can and poured gas into the car's sunroof.

A man who lives in a unit behind Austin's residence told police that, 45 minutes earlier, Austin told him he was going to burn his car and asked for a lighter.

The man told Austin he did not want to have anything to do with burning the car, the

report stated. Five minutes later, the man reportedly heard a "boom" and looked outside to see Austin's car in flames.

The state fire marshal, who was called to the scene by city police, took photos and collected the gas can next to Austin's residence. Photos and witness statements were forwarded to city police, and the vehicle was towed away.

City police continued in their attempts to contact Austin by knocking on his door, but he did not respond, the report stated. Having a probable cause of felony arson, police wrote an affidavit for Austin's arrest, according to the report.

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ORDINANCE 2014-28

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For information, please contact the Staff of the City Clerk's Office, 204 Ash Street, between the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, (904) 310-3115, Monday through Friday.



HEATHER A. PERRY/NEWS-LEADER

Stephanie Adams, Rurick Wheeler and Joy Sullivan show off the new protective uniforms now worn by staff at Baptist Medical Center Nassau.

New uniforms protect hospital staff, patients

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

The hospital staff at Baptist Medical Center Nassau has a new look. They're all wearing uniforms made of Vestex.

This material is specially designed to be a first line of defense against unexpected splashes and splatters of blood and bodily fluids.

The fabric barrier protects both patients and medical personnel against contaminants coming in contact with their skin. The fabric also has an embedded antimicrobial.

Hospital administrators are keen on the new uniforms, seeing them as another weapon in the fight against infection.

"Health care workers' apparel has become the latest high-tech tool, allowing us to turn a uniform into an infection prevention device," said John F. Wilbanks, Baptist Health chief operating officer.

For Rurick Wheeler, supervisor in Environmental Services at Baptist Nassau, the uniforms are all about protection and health.

"It's designed to protect

'Public safety is the bedrock of what we do. There is nothing more important than the safety of our patients and these garments are part of an organization-wide emphasis on quality and safety to create the safest possible environment for our patients and staff.'

HUGH GREENE

BAPTIST HEALTH PRESIDENT AND CEO

against contact from droplets. For instance, with the Ebola virus in West Africa, now, maybe if those doctors and nurses had this, the fluid might not have got into them."

Wheeler said it speaks volumes that Baptist is making this investment for its employees.

"It's a part of changing health care for good!"

Joy Sullivan, lead associate care provider in the Patient Care Division, said, "It is comfortable, but it does take a little getting used to because it's a different material than we're used to but we do like them. And we're all color-coordinated for our different

departments, so we're more identifiable."

Stephanie Adams often has to deal with patients who are bleeding in the Emergency Room, so she appreciates the specially treated fabric.

"The blood just rolls off, it beads off. Nothing soaks through the material."

The uniforms also protect against bacteria that cause odor, another benefit for employees, and all three like the fact there are different styles from which to choose.

Baptist Medical Center Nassau is located at 1250 South 18th St. Phone 321-3500 or visit e-baptisthealth.com

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PTO busy, uplifting for volunteer at YMS

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

Sandy Catto plays several roles at Yulee Middle School. She's a reading coach, varsity volleyball coach, parent and PTO volunteer.

Catto has been active with the YMS Parent Teacher Organization for nine years.

"There's a lot of work behind the PTO. There are fundraisers, luncheons, activities and all sorts of things that volunteers can help with that benefit the students, teachers and the school."

Catto finds it very uplifting to witness the students' excitement when they get a prize at the honor roll assembly held at the end of each nine-week period. Prizes are awarded for straight A's, AB honor roll, and for having no discipline referrals.

One of the tasks PTO volunteers do is to purchase those incentive awards.

"We get a lot of different things for this - candy, earbuds, stuffed animals. We pick prizes that we think middle schoolers would like. The gift cards are really big."

Although being a PTO volunteer can be challenging at times, as when the fundraising order arrives and must be distributed to more than 900 students, Catto believes the rewards are worth the occasional stress.

"It takes a village to raise a child and if everyone contributes to the cause there will be more rewards and



HEATHER A. PERRY/NEWS-LEADER

"We can always use more members because the money goes right back to the school to benefit your children," said YMS PTO volunteer Sandy Catto.

incentives to spread around."

At this point there are only about 200 parents in the YMS PTO and with more than 900 students, more volunteers are needed.

"It's only \$5 per family to join and we can always use more members because the money goes right back to the school to benefit your children," said Catto, who points out that people might be surprised to learn the PTO also uses the money for teacher luncheons, special treats for eighth graders who earn high grades on Florida Writes, for gift cards for the

Accelerated Reading Program and sometimes to pay for teachers to attend workshops.

"I really like how they use the money they raise through PTO for the students at the school," said Catto.

A Nassau County native, Catto graduated from Fernandina Beach High School in 1983, obtaining her teaching credentials at University of North Florida, with a Master's in Elementary Education. She's also Reading Endorsed.

Employed by the Nassau County school system for 25 years, Catto taught from first to eighth grade before becoming a reading coach. Catto also coaches four volleyball club teams.

She has three children: Brady, who just finished fire school, Spencer, who is attending La Grange College in Georgia and Mallory, a student at YMS, as well as a feline companion named Gracie.

"I love living in Nassau County because you have access to beaches, rivers, beautiful views and bike trails while at the same time you have a big city very close to you. Living in Nassau is like living a vacation."

Leisure activities for the busy mom include boating, scuba diving, mountain biking, crafting and sewing.

Yulee Middle School is located at 85439 Miner Road. Phone 491-7944.

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American Beach museum to open

The A.L. Lewis Historical Society is planning to open the American Beach Museum with festivities Sept. 5-6.

Events will include a reception for donors, board members, county and state officials on Friday, Sept. 5 from 6-8 p.m.

The public event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will include music, storytelling, art displays and refreshments. Tours of the museum will be held every 30 minutes from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oral history documentation will be offered on the community center porch from noon to 3 p.m.

Organizers also are planning a tribute for MaVynne Betsch, a local resident widely known as Beach Lady for her support of the environment and historical significance of American Beach. She died in 2005. Family members will be on hand for the celebration.

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Legislature OK's new redistricting plan

Every 10 years the Florida Legislature engages in redrawing the district lines for congressional, state senate and state house seats. Known as redistricting or reapportionment, this process ensures that each legislative seat will represent a similar number of constituents and ensure "equal representation." The U.S. Constitution requires the reapportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives, which includes the distribution of the House's 435 seats between the states and the equalization of population between districts within each state.

In February 2012 the Florida Legislature passed SB 1174 redistricting Florida's population into 27 congressional districts. Not long after, two legal challenges were filed in Leon County in Florida's Second Judicial Circuit. Eventually the two challenges were combined into one case, *Romo v. Detzner*.

On July 10, the court issued an order rejecting challenges to eight districts (Districts 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 25, 26 and 27) but finding Districts 5 and 10 invalid. On Aug. 1, the court issued an order requiring the Legislature to submit a remedial map no later than noon on Aug. 15. The court also directed the Secretary of State and Supervisors of Elections to propose a special election schedule and comments regarding the conduct of a special election.

Hence, my journey back to Tallahassee for a special session of the Florida Legislature that convened at noon on Thursday, Aug. 7. The joint proclamation was read, followed by prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. After brief remarks by Speaker Weatherford and instructions on the committee and amendment process, the House adjourned at 12:16 p.m. Many members returned back to their districts later that day. Members assigned to the Select Committee on Redistricting began their deliberations later that afternoon and passed proposed committee bill 14A-01 Friday morning. I serve on the Rules and Calendar committee, which was scheduled to meet Friday afternoon, so my stay in Tallahassee was extended to meet that responsibility.

Members returned back to the Capitol Monday afternoon to begin work on the House



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floor. Our only order of business was to pass a congressional map. The judge's order was clear on which portions of the two congressional districts where he had objection. However, drawing a congressional map is different than drawing a state house or senate map. The requirement that each district be equal in population applies differently to congressional districts than to state legislative districts. The populations of congressional districts must achieve absolute mathematical equality, with no de minimis exception.

For state legislative districts, the courts have permitted a greater population deviation among districts, and must be "substantially equal" Substantial equality of population generally means that a legislative plan will not be held to violate the Equal Protection Clause if the difference between the smallest and largest district is less than 10 percent.

This basically means that changing the lines for two congressional districts would require changes to additional districts with a "ripple effect" as you apply the no de minimis population standard.

In addition, the congressional map must meet standards set forth in the Voting Rights Act. In 1965, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act which enforces the protections of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution by providing "minority voters an opportunity to participate in the electoral process and elect candidates of their choice, generally free of discrimination." There are different types of minority districts, each with significantly different implications for the courts, depending on the nature of a legal complaint.

A "majority-minority district" is a district in which the majority of the voting-age population of the district consists of a minority group. A "minority access district" is a district in which the dominant minority community is less than

a majority of the voting age population, but is still large enough to elect a candidate of its choice through either crossover votes from majority voters or a coalition with another minority community.

A "crossover district" is a minority-access district in which the dominant minority community is less than a majority of the voting age population, but is still large enough that a crossover of majority voters is adequate enough to provide that minority community with the opportunity to elect a candidate of its choice. A "coalitional district" is a minority-access district in which two or more minority groups, which individually comprise less than a majority of the voting age population, can form a coalition to elect their preferred candidate of choice.

Finally, an "influence district" is a district in which a minority community is not sufficiently large enough to form a coalition or meaningfully solicit crossover votes and thereby elect a candidate of its choice, but is able to affect election outcomes.

In 2010, Floridians passed the "Fair Districts" amendments to our Florida Constitution which establishes standards for redistricting, including the protection for racial and language minorities such that districts shall not be drawn with the intent or result of diminishing the ability of racial or language minorities to elect representatives of their choice. This is a "first tier" standard.

A "second tier" standard of the Fair Districts amendment requires that districts be compact. The Florida Supreme Court has confirmed that the primary test for compactness is a visual examination of the general shape of the district. In addition to a visual inspection, quantitative measures of compactness can assist courts in assessing compactness: specifically, the Reock and Convex Hull methods.

Another "second tier" standard requires that "districts shall, where feasible, utilize existing political and geographical boundaries." Sometimes these two standards can conflict with each other.

The House convened at 1 p.m. for the sec-

ond reading of the congressional redistricting bill. The proposed congressional map:

- Maintains the number of counties split at 21;
- Increases the number of cities split from 27 to 28;
- Changes the district lines for seven districts (Districts 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 17), leaving 20 congressional districts unchanged;
- Removes the city of Sanford from District 5;
- Maintains the total population deviation of zero or one;
- Improves the compactness of District 5 both visually and mathematically;
- Maintains the ability to elect minority communities in Northeast and Central Florida in District 5.
- Improves the compactness of District 10 both visually and mathematically; and
- Improves the overall visual and mathematical compactness of the additional five districts.

Floor debate was a bit interesting. It was clear that some wanted a completely new map and would be satisfied with nothing less. I disagreed with their approach and supported the proposal to minimize the number of congressional impacted and simply correct the problem areas identified by Judge Lewis.

The plan passed with bipartisan support in both the Florida House (71-38) and the Florida Senate (25-12) and now heads to the governor.

If you would like to see the new district lines, you can view the map at www.floridare-districting.org. Click on the link labeled "Statewide map" to view Redistricting Plan H000C9057.

It is still unclear whether or when any special elections will occur for the seven congressional districts with new lines. Another court hearing is scheduled for Aug. 20.

Thank you for the honor of serving you in our State Capitol. Please do not hesitate to call or email me if I can ever be of service to you. I look forward to hearing from you. God bless you.

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POLITICS IN BRIEF

Low Country Boil

The Nassau County Democratic Executive Committee has announced that Annette Taddeo, gubernatorial candidate Charlie Crist's running mate, will attend the Low Country Boil on Saturday. Also in attendance will be the candidates for Attorney General, Secretary of Agriculture and CFO.

Alan Clendenin, Florida's Democratic Party first vice-chair, will be the keynote speaker for the evening.

The Low Country Boil will be held at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road in Fernandina Beach, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each and may be purchased at Democratic Party headquarters located at the corner of Date and Eighth streets in Fernandina Beach (261-3364).

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

GOP Executive Committee

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

The guest speaker for the monthly meeting will be Republican Party of Florida Chair

Leslie Dougher

Dougher is a lifelong Republican, having been raised by two conservative Republican parents on the West Coast. Cutting her baby teeth on small fiscally conservative government nursery rhymes, low taxes and personal responsibility, she graduated from high school while President Ronald Reagan was in office. It was Reagan's message that further fueled her interest in politics, community and the world around her and inspired her to roll up her sleeves and get to work.

In 1995, she and her military family moved to Clay County. She immediately fell in love with its southern hospitality and Republican constituency. She wasted no time getting involved with the local Republican Executive



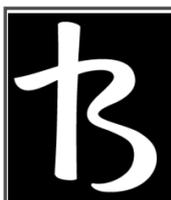
Dougher

Committee as a precinct committeewoman. In 2008, she was elected chairman of the Clay County Republican Party.

Dougher served as the Women for McCain/Palin Chairman, Scott/Carroll Chairman and Romney/Ryan Chairman for Clay County. In 2012, she was elected as the chairman of the RPOF County Chairman Caucus. In addition to politics she served as the Government Affairs Chairman of the Clay County Chamber of Commerce, which advocates for local businesses.

Dougher's professional career includes banking, human resources, economic development and real estate. In 2014, she was elected chair of the Republican Party of Florida.

The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and all registered Republicans are welcome to attend. For questions, contact Justin Taylor at jtaylor@nassaugop.org or (904) 226-6207.



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Coping with a toxic inheritance

When we were in school, many of us were taught in physics class regarding Isaac Newton's third law of motion that said, "For every action, there's an equal and opposite reaction." Most of us who served in Vietnam later, and all those who supported the conflict, both civilian and military, in country or back in "the world," would not have known or guessed just how valid a paradox Newton's Law would become. We had no way of knowing how this particular paradox of military service could possibly involve our children and even our grandchildren.

The impact of Agent Orange (and other agents) on the United States parallels its effects on the people of Vietnam. The population exposed to the chemical in Vietnam, by just inhaling or touching "hot spots," began to suffer unusual and suspicious diseases, with those consequences multiplying greatly for the Vietnamese population since the end of the war in 1975. They were and still are, the first victims of a "weapon" designed to save our soldiers' and civilians' lives, but with an inherent factor that indicates that like the Vietnamese, the final American victims of Agent Orange have not yet been born.

There were also the first victims of the toxins of the manufacture of the herbicide, the civilian manufacturing plant workers, then the transporters, the shippers overseas and then the military. The prescience and use of Agent Orange, as it is stereotyped by most of us and the later blame for its effect on millions was blamed mostly on Dow Chemical Co., which became the lightning rod of public protest and ridicule. There



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JOHN SCHERER

are also many others just as responsible for Orange, as well as Agents Purple, White, Blue, Pink and Green; color-coded herbicides by order of strength and purpose of use. Other companies who manufactured Agent Orange, the pick of the litter were Monsanto, Diamond Shamrock, Hercules, Thomson-Hayward, U.S. Rubber (Uniroyal), Thomson, Agrisect and Hoffman-Tuff.

Most people aren't fully aware about the differences between Agent Orange and Dioxin:

Agent Orange was one of a class of color-coded herbicides that U.S. forces sprayed over the rural landscape in Vietnam to kill foliage, trees and food crops. It contained a mixture of two herbicides, 2-4D and 2,4,5T, which by itself is toxic for up to several weeks and then degrades itself.

Dioxin, the real health culprit, is a member of a class of persistent organic pollutants which result from the deliberate accelerated production of herbicide 2,4,5T, one of the major components of Agent Orange. Dioxin poisoning has been proven to shorten the lives of humans exposed to it and is associated with severe health circumstances for Vietnam veterans and potentially, their future generations.

Charles Bailey of the Ford

Foundation's Special Initiatives Program is quoted as advising, "Dioxin is a toxic herbicide that over a period of decades does not easily degrade. It is not absorbed by plants nor is it water-soluble. It can attach to soil and sediment particles, which are then carried by water downstream and settle in the bottoms of ponds and lakes. It then continues to adversely affect people who eat dioxin contaminated fish and game, and is transmitted in many other ways. The adverse effects of dioxin on human health can be treated, in most cases, if detected early, but in many cases cannot be fully corrected. If dioxin is allowed to permanently alter the internal cellular structure and chemical balances involved in maintaining good human health, there is serious risk of life-long health problems which may lead to premature immortality."

There were 12 million gallons of the this "supercharged instant foliage killer" in the brown drums with the orange stripe around them used in Vietnam, enough to cover 18,000 square miles, about 30 percent of the country's land mass. In a quickly constructed and untested effort to assist the American and Vietnamese military effort to fight an invisible enemy and reduce our casualties,

the deadly legacy continues to remind us that even though we ETS'd, our war may never be over.

There is something we all can do today, even as politicians, agencies and experts try to initiate long overdue policies, procedures and remedies. We can get the word out to everyone in our communities about the real word on Agent Orange and Dioxin. It has always been through education and having all the facts, that we can make positive decisions and move forward to help others and our own.

The VVA is committed to ensuring that all veterans exposed during their service receive the information, care and compensation they have earned, as well as their families that have been inherently exposed, and our unborn generations.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1088, serving Nassau and Camden counties, is committed to Vietnam veterans, their families and veterans of all eras. We are actively involved with services connected to Agent Orange information, referral of medical services and benefits and the education of our community with scheduling Town Hall meetings to answer questions to long awaited questions about Agent Orange and other veteran's topics.

To learn more about how you can be a part of VVA Chapter 1088, visit our website at vva1088.org or call our office at (904) 330-4679.

You don't have to be a veteran to join us through our Associates of Vietnam Veterans' Program and be a part of our continuing mission to bring dedicated and hands-on services to all our veterans.

EDITORIAL

A clear election choice

Voters have a clear choice this month between candidates for the Nassau County Commission.

There are those who believe we must increase revenues for county government services. To do this, we must raise the property tax rate significantly and we must borrow money for a new sheriff's administration building.

Others, however, believe we have ample revenues to operate county government, and we can make up for temporary shortfalls owing to economic recession by shifting money from reserve accounts for current spending. These would have us not borrow money for new construction, but rather use the money we now have.

The first approach appears to be that preferred by a majority of commissioners (absent public protest), including Commissioner Barry Holloway and former commissioner Mike Boyle.

The latter design has come from Clerk of Court/Controller John Crawford and Commissioner Steve Kelley and is supported by candidate George Spicer.

Kelley's plan advocates a "pay as you go" approach: add no new debt and pay off existing debt; approve no increase in taxes and continue streamlining of county services.

As voters make their judgments between now (early voting begins today) and Election Day, Aug. 26, they have a clear choice.

If you believe now is the time to invest in county government, including taking on more debt and adding new taxes, then you should vote for Boyle and Holloway.

If, on the other hand, you believe we can still do more to improve county services without adding debt or taxes, then you should vote Kelley and Spicer.

We remain opposed to our local governments increasing taxes or adding debt at this juncture. Thus we think voting for Kelley and Spicer is the wiser course of action.

COMMUNITY THANKS

Community Hospice

Magna's salon wishes to thank those donors and participants in this year's fundraising drive. We are thrilled to have collected \$2,000 for Community Hospice of Northeast Florida. Donors: The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, North Hampton Golf, Amelia River Golf, Summer Beach Golf, Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort Golf, Columbia Restaurant, Air Amelia "We do Fly," Amelia Hotel, Residence Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites. And, of course, all you individual donors.

We welcome Community Hospice of Northeast Florida to our local Baptist hospital. It is a new 8-room facility. Again, everyone, thank you.

Tom and Stacye
Magna's - A Full Body Salon

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Killing geese

I was dismayed by an article on the front page of your July 30 edition regarding the shooting of "nasty" Canada geese at the judicial center in Yulee as ordered by Chief Administrative Judge Robert Foster. Judge Foster cited a "drastic approach" to a "drastic situation" as his excuse for hiring Wild Things Nuisance Removal out of Jacksonville for a sum of \$1,100 to shoot these birds.

Isn't it a shame that we cannot coexist for just a few months a year with these lovely federally protected (what does that mean?) creatures who migrate to this area to propagate their species? Yes, geese, like every other living creature, must "poop" — no one can deny that. And for the "sin" of dirtying the sidewalks and parking areas of the judicial center, these lovely birds had to die.

I realize that too many birds become a hazard but surely there was some other way to handle this situation. Perhaps, if we had been forewarned of the problem (instead of reading about it after it happened), our community might have come up with a better solution.

I realize it's too late to save this particular flock of geese, however, I would like to see the county prepare a more humane solution for the next time this happens rather than allowing our chief administrative judge to act as "Chief Executioner."

Diana Woods
Fernandina Beach

Port expansion

If the city and county seriously support sustainable growth and increased job opportunities, they would reject this plan, close the port and convert the property into a waterfront park, restaurants, shops, marina and more. Such development would be in absolute conformity with the island's resort industry and create multitudes of jobs for local citizens versus a highly mechanized port with a handful of low-income jobs. Parking, the downtown's most pressing problem, could easily be resolved via the port property and shuttle service. Time to get outside the conventional box and rethink the entire waterfront.

Pat Leary
Fernandina Beach

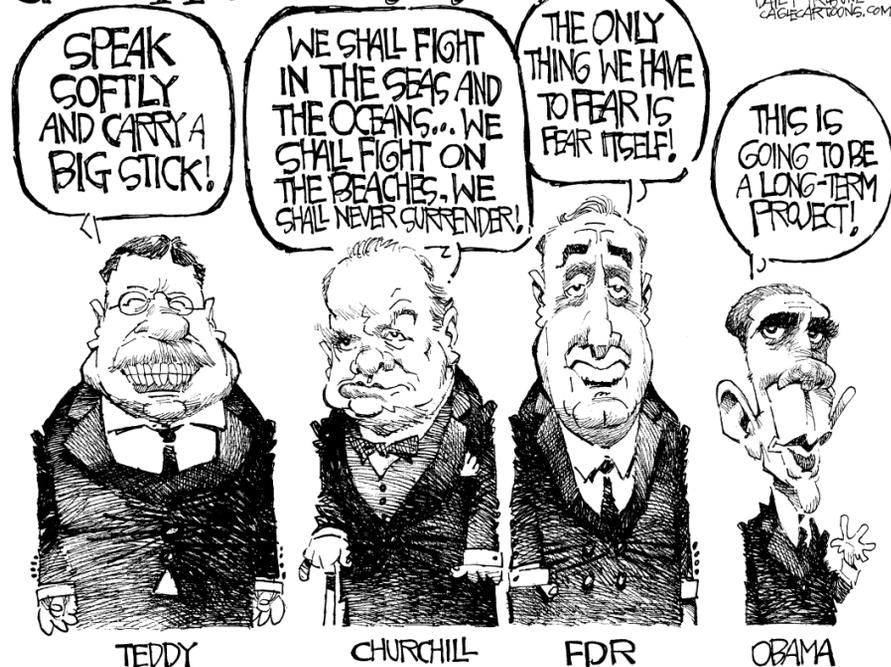
Horses on the beach

Re: City officials talk horse manure (Aug. 8)

I suppose the city commissioners never heard from any of the beach-riding vendors because none of us knew about the meeting. I'd be more than happy to meet with them regarding their beaches that we feel blessed to ride on. Because we own horses none of us live in the city but on acreages which are only available off the island. So we often aren't aware of what the city may be planning or doing. Had they informed or invited me I would have been happy to come. They have our contact information from the permit application we filed with them and have sent emails in the past. If they wanted us there they would have informed us.

More than two years ago I was

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the first vendor to have people clean up behind my horses and have had the same person for more than a year now.

Other operators have only recently begun to consistently clean up, but it looks like the city's efforts have paid off and all the local vendors are cooperating. I don't know why they'd want to add to their workload with more requirements after finally succeeding in their efforts. There are still other people riding from time to time who likely don't have a permit, aren't aware of the regulations and are probably not equipped to clean up behind their horses. A big sign in the parking lot warning of fines might discourage those people from riding and leaving their messes behind. Lately I've seen horse trailers with plates from Ohio, Tennessee and Alabama at the Peters Point parking lot. People from that far away won't know they are required to clean up behind their horses because it is never required when trail riding.

I meet visitors all the time who only come to Amelia because of the horses. But while here they visit Centre Street, take a river cruise, stay at our hotels and eat at our restaurants. They may only come to ride the horses but they spend more on everything else while here on the island than they ever did riding horses. They add a lot to the local economy. Also, every day I ride scores of people are taking pictures of the beautiful horses but do they write in to thank the city for allowing such a sight? Of course not, but let a few unhappy people complain and next thing you know the city is talking about taking away what everyone else loves to see while enjoying our beaches. We certainly don't need more regulations for the city to administer. City officials made a good effort to get after those who didn't clean up and they are now complying so it appears their efforts were successful.

Stan Potter
Happy Trails Walking
Horses LLC

Beach trash

Re: The letter "Beach debris sensationalism" (Aug. 6).

A resident of Atlanta, Ga., responded to your reporting on "beach debris" with a letter so full of mendacity that it would exceed the scope of this page to respond to each and every one of the falsehoods that he advances.

Suffice it to say that the city of Fernandina Beach and its lack of regulation enforcement is the root cause for the abuse wreaked upon our beaches. Another tourist destination, Hilton Head Island, which by the way is an hour's drive closer to Atlanta, has extensive beach regulations that are both specific and vigorously enforced.

Our own city's ordinances are quite a travesty in comparison and what's more they are seldom if ever enforced.

Of interest is also the Hilton Head Beach parking fee of \$1 per hour, something that our city government is opposing out of fear to offend tourists. Our city council should take a scouting trip to Hilton Head and learn a thing or two about high-end tourism.

The moral of this story is that Hilton Head gets the high-end tourism that spends high-end dollars and leaves no trash behind while Fernandina is courting the Atlanta gentleman.

George Venieris
Fernandina Beach

'Bigoted screed'

It saddened and disgusted me for so many reasons to read ("Coming soon to a tunnel near you," Aug. 6). There are blatant inaccuracies in it and a rather terrifying incitement to do harm to others who believe differently. The various situations in the Mideast are complex and fraught with misunderstandings and with political lines and alliances caused a hundred years ago by arbitrary geographic divisions. They deserve more thoughtful analysis

and discussion than an irresponsible, venomous, bigoted screed. Let's keep this sort of stuff out of our community, please.

Judith Lane
Fernandina Beach

Don't sell city land

Just a year ago, almost to the date, the city commission considered putting an item on the November 2013 ballot regarding selling "excess golf course land" currently zoned for recreation. The masses of people showing up in the city chambers to diss this convinced the commission to drop that idea. The people of the city want to keep our remaining green spaces. We want some nature around us, some open space, some fresh air. We do not want or need to sell what little land we have left to make way for more houses, more traffic, more people who will have less public space to enjoy.

Commissioners should once again listen to us and do not put any wording for a "straw poll" on the ballot to rezone any golf course or recreation land to be able to sell it for more development. We are counting on the commissioners to keep the quality of life of our taxpaying residents as a primary concern. They should not even consider rezoning our valuable remaining "recreation land" for development. If maintaining a 27-hole golf course is too much for the city, passive hiking trails are also of great value on green space. Just look at the old golf course on Fort George Island to see what retired golf course land can look like in a few years — a wealth of nature and walking opportunities.

But do not open any doors to selling any recreation land for more homes. We do not need more homes. Hundreds more are already on the way all around the middle of the island. Why make this worse for all of us? Please derail this bad idea.

Pat Foster-Turley
Fernandina Beach

COMMUNITY

Elm Street Little League banquet honors athletes

The annual Elm Street Little League sports banquet was held at the Elm Street-Martin Luther King Center. 2014 was an awesome season.

Thanks to all who gave their valuable time and talents to make it very enjoyable for the youth. Our Sheriff, Bill Leeper, Vice Mayor Sarah Pelican, Channel 4 WJXT Crime Analyst Ken Jefferson, Burbank Sports Nets' Billy Burbank, Kelley Pest Control, Commissioners Corbett and Leeper and New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Folkston, Ga., Pastor Rev. Bernard Thompson were all there to help celebrate. They all played a very important part with these teams. Ms. Boles, president of little league football, Fernandina Beach.

Jefferson and Sheriff Leeper said a lot of positive things to the kids and the parents also got a lot out of what was said. Sheriff Leeper started out as these kids too in



NOW AND THEN

Maybelle Kirkland

community, no matter how old they are; to stay safe, stay in school, stay off drugs, work hard, stay out of trouble and be positive. A few pointers his daddy shared with him: Don't lie, don't complain and don't make excuses.

Jefferson said, "These young people are at the pinnacle of their lives. It depends on whether they want to

be a leader or a follower. Sports will teach them teamwork; it will teach them the values of life. Now is their time to figure out what they want to be."

He told them to go out into this world, go forward and be that leader that the good Lord called them to be.

Burbank told them they are one choice away from making a difference. In his prayer, Rev. Thompson asked the Lord continue to bless all the participants.

President Peterson thanked all of the sponsors, for this is the best year they've ever had. Thanks to Vice Mayor Pelican, city and county commissioners, special thanks to the sheriff, Jefferson, County Commissioner Leeper and Steve Kelley for donating water bottles for each of the kids. Burbanks Sports Nets and Sheriff Leeper donated bookbags filled with school supplies.

Ronald Veal donated a football from his football camp. Rick Stockstill, head football coach from Middle Tennessee State, also donated a football.

One player, George, received a tablet for being the first to sign up for baseball. Next year sign-up is Jan. 2. Peterson is looking forward to a girls' softball team and possibly three more baseball teams.

Kelley will sponsor the Wrecks next year. If you would like to sponsor one of these teams, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Vice president of Elm Street Little League, Charles Albert, is all smiles when it comes to the league, happy to see it continue along with Peterson.

He says it is imperative the parents continue to be involved in every aspect of their child's life at this very important age. Statistics show the more involved you are, the more successful your children will be in

every area of their lives.

Hawks, sponsored by Property Management and American Legion Post 174; Reds, First Missionary Baptist Church; Giants, Burbank Sports Nets. All-star team, Paul Clark Ford and Amelia Lock and Key. The team sponsors received plaques for their support.

The families of the late beloved Rev. Earl Richo and Bro. John Lewis Timmons thank God for each and every one of you, their family and friends, for all acts of kindness shown to them during their bereavement. May God bless each of you.

Birthday wishes to Rodney Bacon, Patricia Cribb, Annette Green, Israel Ford, Jerome Way, Kim baker, Hope White, Geraldine Rauls, Teresa King and Sincere Jones.

Congratulations to Dea. James Payne and Sis. Teresa King on their recent marriage. May God bless you.

JUNIOR NATURALISTS AT THE SEASHORE

Wild Amelia's aspiring Junior Naturalists Caden, Gabriela, Tessa, Lyndall, Mia, Wyatt and Marcella examine a sea turtle nest at Fort Clinch State Park with the park's sea turtle volunteer, Sandra Baker-Hinton, after learning about sea turtles from a PowerPoint presentation by Baker-Hinton at the Fort Clinch Visitor Center. The children are attempting to complete "The Seashore" Junior Naturalist curriculum activities; a second curriculum component on "The Maritime Forest" is also available. Wild Amelia is a year-round educational nonprofit which seeks to educate residents and visitors about the wildlife and wild places of Amelia Island. For more information about the Junior Naturalist Program and Wild Amelia, visit wildamelia.com and Wild Amelia on Facebook.

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TIMUCUAN TRANSFORMER CAMP



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Twelve children ranging in age from 7-10 enjoyed Timucuan Transformer summer camp at the Amelia Island Museum of History, below right. The children were divided into clans and helped build a Timucuan council house, learned how to make pottery, clothing and ornamental jewelry as well as foods similar to those that Amelia Island natives would have eaten. They also made scientific discoveries with owl pellets and learned about Timucuan hunting techniques. A clan eats corn bread made by crushing corn, above right. Omni Nature Center employees instruct some of the children in archery techniques, above left.

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Compassion Fatigue

Compassion fatigue is a term that is often applied to people who work in the helping professions, such as doctors, nurses, teachers, and social workers, and refers to the gradual decrease of compassion which these people sometimes feel in response to others' suffering. It may be that after seeing so much suffering we become desensitized to it. Indeed, there is some evidence that everyone may be prone to compassion fatigue through the media's portrayal of suffering people. Hearing everyday about Syrian refugees or the homeless in America may make us less likely to respond compassionately than if we were hearing about these unfortunate souls less often. People who are experiencing high levels of stress and who have inadequate support networks are more likely to experience compassion fatigue, perhaps because they feel that no one is helping them with their problems and they feel like they have nothing left in their "bucket" to share. Since compassion is one of the essential callings of the faithful, we should do our best to prevent compassion fatigue by managing our own levels of stress and by ensuring that we have a good support network in place. And, we should remember that God is always there to back us up.

- Christopher Simon

I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me.

1 Corinthians 12:13



Lock in low cost of money

Unprecedented low interest rates have driven the real estate and auto businesses out of the ditch. For now, we get to continue enjoying them, but for how long? There hasn't been an opinion stated that says they won't go back up. To illustrate how much of a benefit low rates produce, I looked at a typical new vehicle sale. With the average new vehicle selling price at \$32,000, I used an unpaid balance of \$28,000. That supposes \$4,000 down cash or trade, which is very generous.

The calculations were done at 3 percent and 6 percent, for 60 months and 72 months. There are consumers who qualify for new car rates below 3 percent, but I didn't want to use the absolute best rate. The 6 percent rate is something that we could see very easily in a stronger economy. It could go

\$28,000 Unpaid Balance

Rate	Mos.	Pymnt.	Interest Pd
3.0%	60	\$503	\$2,187
6.0%	60	\$541	\$4,479
3.0%	72	\$425	\$2,630
6.0%	72	\$464	\$5,410

higher, but the intent was not to use extremes. With the gurus suggesting the cost of money could begin to rise, it seems a good time for a comparison.

The average new car loan is 66 months. For that reason, we will look at 60 and 72 months, splitting the goalposts. This is a realistic exercise, which easily could have been made more dramatic. What do they say, "Keep it real"? A simple chart nearby is revealing.

The numbers exhibit the potential extra cost of going from 3 to 6 percent rates. It totals around \$2,200 for 60 months and \$2,800 for 72 months. Averaging a 66 month note and \$2,500 would be the cost differential. Very simply, you choose between \$40 more payment or \$2,500 less vehicle. Neither is

very exciting.

An observation that caught my attention was the slight interest spread between 60 and 72 months at 3 percent. If there was ever a time to go the longer term, it is now, as long as you are sure of your selection. In many cases, there is a slightly higher rate for going 72 months versus 60. So, add a few hundred to the comparison (\$2,187 vs. \$2,630) plus \$300.

I am not an economist, but I pay attention and read a fair amount. We are in a very special environment on interest rates and I hope it lasts a while longer. All we can count on is today and today is as good as it is going to get. Sounds like a car ad, most of which I can't stand, but it is hard to refute. The timing is good and there are a lot of older vehicles clinging to life out there. Visit your local new and used car dealers and take advantage. 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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Divorcing? Change all your passwords

JASON ALDERMAN
For the News-Leader

No doubt you've seen many warnings against sharing personal or financial information with strangers, but what about your spouse – or ex-spouse? A recent study by McAfee uncovered some unsettling results:

Although 96 percent of adults surveyed trust their significant other with passwords, intimate photos and other personal content, only 32 percent have asked their ex to delete the information when ending the relationship.

One in five people said they're likely to log into their spouse's Facebook account at least once a month.

Some 30 percent admitted they'd "cyber-stalked" their significant other's ex on social media.

Given the high rate of divorce and how frequently marriages end acrimoniously, it's not a big leap to think that a scorned lover could severely damage your credit and reputation. If you're getting divorced, here are some important legal, financial and privacy considerations:

If you and your spouse are in complete agreement on how you wish to divide assets and settle debts, you may be able get by with a do-it-yourself divorce kit. It's still wise to have a divorce attorney review the forms to make sure you haven't overlooked anything.

If your separation is more complicated but relatively amicable, you may also want to try collaborative divorce, mediation or arbitration.

Collaborative divorce. Both parties retain a lawyer and the four of you hash out an agreement outside the courtroom. You each control the final agreement instead of having to abide by a judge's decision.

Mediation. You each have lawyers but hire a third-party mediator to work through differences on critical issues. Mediators don't have the legal author-

ity to impose final decisions.

Arbitration. Like mediation, except that the arbiter hands down a binding agreement by which you each must abide.

If you can't settle out of court, be prepared to possibly pay many thousands of dollars in attorney and court fees. Ask around for referrals to lawyers who specialize in divorce.

You may also want to consult a financial planning professional for advice on how to fairly divide property, calculate child support and ensure you're sufficiently insured, as well as explain Social Security and retirement plan implications.

To protect your credit status, close joint bank and credit card accounts and open new ones in your own name; otherwise, an economically struggling or vindictive ex-spouse could amass debt in your name and ruin your credit. If your ex retains the house or car, make sure your name is taken off the loan so you're not responsible if they flake on payments.

Be sure all closed accounts are paid off, even if you must transfer balances to your new account and pay them off yourself. That's because late or unpaid payments by either party on a joint account – open or closed – will damage both of your credit scores.

Check your credit reports before, during and after the divorce to make sure you're aware of all outstanding debts and to ensure that all joint accounts were properly closed. The three major credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion, don't always list the same accounts, so to be safe, order credit reports from each.

Change all passwords, PINs and other information your ex could use to access your electronic devices and financial, email and social media accounts. Also, don't email or post malicious or revealing information that could be damaging if presented in court.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Cumberland tourists help create jobs

A new National Park Service report shows that 51,434 visitors to Cumberland Island National Seashore, Ga., in 2013 spent over \$2 million in communities surrounding the park. That spending supported 27 jobs in the local area including the counties of Camden, Charlton, and Glynn in southern Georgia and Nassau County.

"Cumberland Island National Seashore is recognized as a world-class tourist destination," said Superintendent Gary Ingram. "As stewards of this great resource we acknowledge our responsibility sharing the Seashore's story with visitors and the gateway community while protecting the Island for future generations. National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy – returning

Visitors to Cumberland Island National Seashore, Ga., spent over \$2 million in communities surrounding the park.

\$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service – and it's a big factor in our local economy as well. We are happy to be strong partners and supporting our neighbors. We understand the important role we play in our regional economy and local communities."

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by U.S. Geological Survey economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas and Christopher Huber and Lynne Koontz for the National Park Service. The report shows \$14.6 billion of direct spending by 273.6 million park visi-

tors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported over 237,000 jobs nationally, with more than 197,000 jobs found in these gateway communities, and had a benefit to the U.S. economy of \$26.5 billion.

According to the 2013 economic analysis, most visitors spending was for lodging (30.3 percent) followed by food and beverages (27.3 percent), gas and oil (12.1 percent), admissions and fees (10.3 percent) and souvenirs and other expenses (10 percent).

The largest jobs categories supported by visitor

spending were restaurants and bars (50,000 jobs) and lodging (38,000 jobs).

To download the report visit www.nature.nps.gov/socialscience/economics.cfm.

The report includes information for visitor spending at individual parks and by state.

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ALS TOURNEY TURNS 10



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The 10th annual ALS Amelia Island Golf Classic, remembering the late John Louis O'Day, was held Aug. 1 at Long Point at the Amelia Island Club. More than \$20,000 was raised this year for a 10-year total of more than \$150,000 for the ALS Association Florida Chapter. Often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is a progressive and fatal neuromuscular disease. Skydive Amelia Island dropped in for the special year-10 celebration, right. It is also the 75-year anniversary for Gehrig's July 4, 1939, farewell speech at Yankee Stadium. Joe Parrish warms up before play, left. First place net went to the team of Monty Kitchen, Brad Reese, Dale Dignum and Al Saunders; first place gross, Geoff Haynes, Trey Spencer, D.K. Lee and Barry Jacobson; first place mixed, Dave Spangler, Renee LaCroix, Mariann Bell and Barry Ivey; first place women, Jane McCormick, Ardith O'Day, Maryann Wallace and Jane Brown. Next year's event will be Aug. 7 again at Long Point. For information, contact Mark O'Day at 553-0576 or odaym25@aol.com or visit www.ALSGolfAmelia.com.



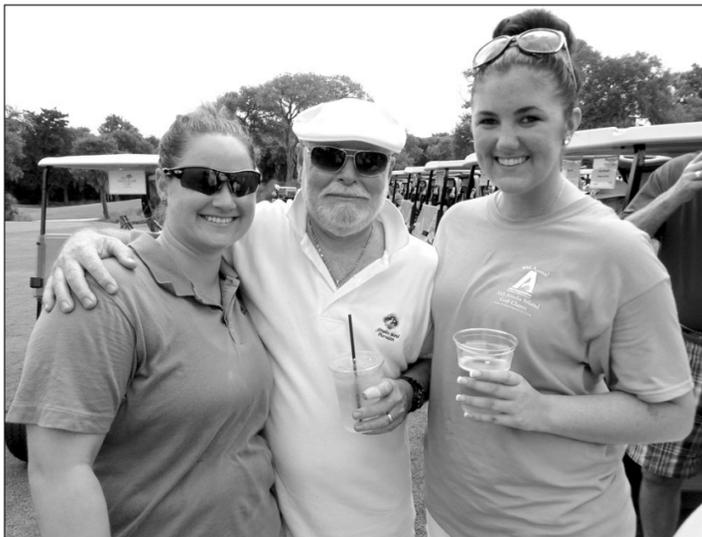
Mara O'Day and Mary O'Day Leidy, left, at the registration table on tournament day. Ardith O'Day and Becky Spangler, right.



Kelsey O'Day and Sue O'Day.



Mark Turner, Allen Smith, Matt Mullane and Steve Ripplinger.



Renee LaCroix, Art Steinig and Tierney O'Day.



Tierney, Dan and Mara O'Day.



Tierney O'Day, Renee LaCroix and Katelyn Leidy.

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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/Wednesday 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. Fee is \$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.

2014 SCHEDULES

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Aug. 22	FIRST COAST (KO)	7:00
Aug. 29	FERNANDINA	7:00
Sept. 5	POTTER'S HOUSE	7:00
Sept. 19	at Forrest*	7:00
Sept. 26	WOLFSON*	7:00
Oct. 3	PAXON* (HC)	7:00
Oct. 10	at Ribault*	7:00
Oct. 17	at Baker County*	7:00
Oct. 24	BISHOP KENNY* (SR)	7:00
Oct. 30	at Stanton*	7:00
Nov. 7	at West Nassau	7:30
*District		

Aug. 28	at Camden County	5:00
Sept. 18	at Yulee	6:00
Sept. 25	at Menendez	6:00
Oct. 2	BOLLES	6:00
Oct. 8	at West Nassau	6:00
Oct. 16	at Hilliard	6:00
Oct. 23	YULEE	6:00

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Aug. 23	Preseason at Bishop Kenny	5:30/6:30
Aug. 26	BARTRAM TRAIL	5:30/6:30
Aug. 28	at West Nassau*	5:30/6:30
Sept. 3	FLEMING ISLAND	5:30/6:30
Sept. 4	BISHOP SNYDER	5:30/6:30
Sept. 9	EPISCOPAL	5:30/6:30
Sept. 12-13	at Orlando tourney	
Sept. 16	at Ribault*	5:30/6:30
Sept. 18	at Fletcher	5:30/6:30
Sept. 23	YULEE*	5:30/6:30
Sept. 25	at Orange Park	5:30/6:30
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		
Aug. 23	Cross Country	8:00
Sept. 13	at Katie Caples Invite	5:45
Sept. 20	at UF Mountain Dew Open	8:00
Sept. 27	at Alligator Lake Open	8:00
Oct. 4	at Mustang Invitational	7:30
Oct. 9	Nassau County	4:30
Oct. 18	AMELIA INVITATIONAL	8:00
Oct. 22	District 3-2A	
Nov. 6	Region 1-2 at Pensacola	
Nov. 15	State 2A at Tallahassee	

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL		
Aug. 22	KO at Lee	7:00
Aug. 29	at Yulee	7:00
Sept. 5	at Nease	7:00
Sept. 12	HILLIARD	7:00
Sept. 19	EPISCOPAL	7:00
Sept. 26	MENENDEZ	7:00
Oct. 3	at Fort White*	7:30
Oct. 10	WEST NASSAU (HC)	7:00
Oct. 17	at Taylor County*	7:30
Oct. 31	MADISON*	7:00
*District		

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Aug. 22	Junior Varsity Football	7:00
Aug. 22	KO at Lee	7:00

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Aug. 22	KO at Lee	7:00

Mixed doubles tourney

The city of Fernandina Beach Mixed Doubles Championships Aug. 16-17 are sponsored by Maharaj Tennis and Ciao Bistro.

Divisions include 6.0, 7.0, 7.5, 8.0, 8.5 mixed doubles. Each division is limited to 16 teams.

Entry fee is \$40 per team and includes tennis balls, Ciao Bistro gift voucher and first-round loser consolation match. Each team is guaranteed two matches.

Format is best two-of-three sets, no-ad scoring. Entries being accepted at the Parks and Recreation Office or by email to michelemaha@msn.com.

Golf camp at Omni

Omni Amelia Island Plantation offers a Junior Golf Academy for children ages 8-17, who will have the opportunity to work with professional coaches to improve their golf skills. Last session is 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 light-weight 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

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crowned USA Rugby League National Champions.

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

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

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

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

Pop Warner registration

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

Register for soccer

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

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.

NSFA meetings

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association holds its monthly business meetings on the second Wednesday at Kraft Ten Acres, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach. The social get-togethers are held on the fourth Wednesday. Additional information, directions and reservations are available on the NSFA website at www.nsfafish.net.

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association, founded in 1983, is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, created to develop and promote saltwater fishing in the Nassau County area while adhering to state, federal and local regulations, to

encourage compliance with rules of water safety by club members and the general public and to promote youth-related community and other civic minded activities. Contact President John Hartrich at 206-0817 or email info@nsfafish.net for information.

Auxiliary meets

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Amelia Island Flotilla 14-1, meets the first Thursday in the Amelia Island Light-house Cottage, located on O'Hagan Lane on Lighthouse Circle. Call 261-1889 for information.

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@ameliaislandsailing.org or visit www.ameliaislandsailing.org for information.

Organized bike rides

There are organized bicycle rides Thursdays starting at 9 a.m. and Saturdays starting at 8:30 a.m. All rides start from Main Beach. Park near the miniature golf course.

Cyclists of all abilities are welcome. Riders of A (18-21), B (14-17), C (up to 14 mph) and S (social ride, speed of the slowest rider in the group) all participate. The ride will be around 30 miles with rest stops along the way and loops back to the starting point at around 10 miles before continuing on the remaining 20 miles of the route. Anyone who joins the group will not be left behind. Lunch is optional.

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

Call 261-5160 or visit www.amelialislandcycling.com, www.sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/sriders or www.nfbc.us for information.

Bowling leagues

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

Boules Club

Amelia Island Boules Club holds petanque pickup games Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach courts at the south end of the downtown marina. Petanque (pay-tonk) is a cousin of both horse-shoes and bocce, the Italian bowling game. The public is welcome to join. Call 491-1190.

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
T-storms Likely	Isolated T-storms	Isolated T-storms	Scat'd T-storms	Isolated T-storms	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
87 / 77	88 / 76	87 / 77	86 / 77	87 / 76	85 / 74	89 / 75

Local UV Index

0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
										
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure										

Weather Trivia

What state leads the nation in tornado touchdowns?

Answer: Florida

Weather History

Aug. 15, 1967 - Lightning started the "sundance fire" in northern Idaho. Winds of 50 mph carried firebrands as much as ten miles away to ignite new fires. As a result, the forest fire spread 20 miles across the Selkirk Mountains in just 12 hours, burning 56,000 acres.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Peak Times			Peak Times		
Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Fri	3:46-5:46	4:16-6:16	Tue	7:09-9:09	7:39-9:39
Sat	4:38-6:38	5:08-7:08	Wed	7:58-9:58	8:28-10:28
Sun	5:29-7:29	5:59-7:59	Thu	8:46-10:46	9:16-11:16
Mon	6:19-8:19	6:49-8:49	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

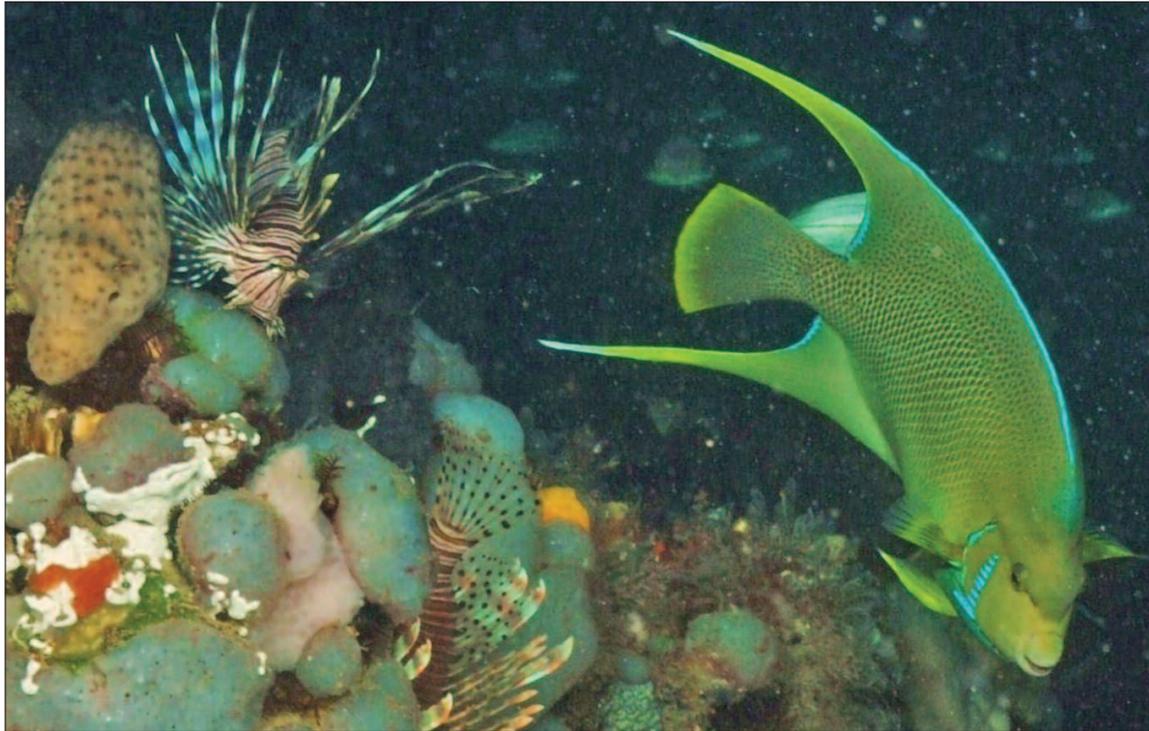
Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 8/17	Fri 6:52 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	11:37 p.m.	12:09 p.m.
	Sat 6:53 a.m.	8:06 p.m.	No Rise	1:09 p.m.
	Sun 6:54 a.m.	8:05 p.m.	12:21 a.m.	2:06 p.m.
	Mon 6:54 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	1:06 a.m.	3:01 p.m.
New 8/25	Tue 6:55 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	1:52 a.m.	3:52 p.m.
	Wed 6:55 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	2:41 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
	Thu 6:56 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	3:32 a.m.	5:24 p.m.
				Full 9/8

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
					Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
8/5	88	75	89/75	0.00"	8/5	32	8/9	34
8/6	95	79	89/75	0.00"	8/6	37	8/10	34
8/7	93	77	89/75	0.00"	8/7	35	8/11	32
8/8	91	77	89/75	0.00"	8/8	34		
8/9	91	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.			
8/10	91	77	89/75	0.00"				
8/11	88	77	89/75	0.00"				

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach						St. Mary's Entrance			
Day	High	Low	High	Low					

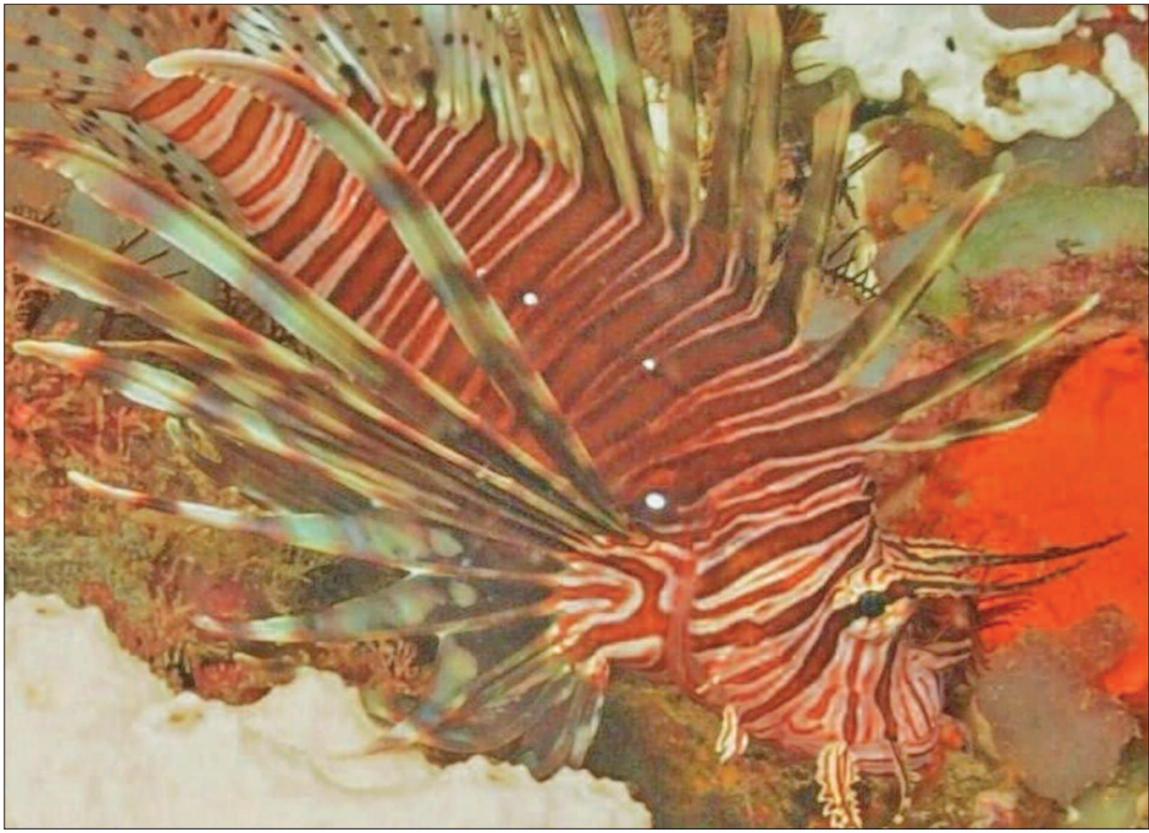


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Kathy Russell comes back onboard, above right, after a hunt in the Atlantic Ocean Saturday for lionfish, above left with an angelfish and below. The 2nd Annual Northeast Florida Lionfish Rodeo was held to remove non-native lionfish, which are a threat to native fish species.



Lionfish were imported by the thousands for aquariums, then dumped into the ocean after pet owners tired of them.



LIONFISH

Continued from 1A
shrimp, snapper, Nassau grouper, even lobster and more. Compounding that, lionfish females can produce year round, as fast as every four days.

How did they ever get here? Lad Atkins, the director of projects for the Reef Environmental Education Foundation – REEF – whose headquarters are in Key Largo, says it's the old story of: we did it ourselves. Because lionfish are so beautiful, people with aquariums in America wanted them, creating a market. Americans were soon importing lionfish by the thousands.

What do people do when they're tired of their pets? Some of them get turned loose into the wild. Trying to do the right thing, people put their imported lionfish into the Atlantic Ocean. It's happened before, Atkins says. An example he cites are the python snakes dumped by former owners into the Florida Everglades.

But dumping lionfish into the Atlantic Ocean came with a hefty price tag. With no predators or parasites to snuff them out, they reproduced with a vengeance.

Since the first sighting of a single lionfish off Dania Beach in 1985, the lionfish have taken over vast sections of reefs and wrecks from Cape Hatteras, N.C., south along the Atlantic coast into the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico to Central and South America.

What can be done? Part of the answer, Atkins said, is holding lionfish derbies – here they are called rodeos – all over the state to keep their numbers down. But Atkins wants to exploit the lionfish's one weakness – they taste good. The market, part of the original problem, might be part of a stopgap answer. Atkins hopes restaurants

might be encouraged to put them on their menus, letting hunters and fish collectors along the Atlantic coast be the predators the lionfish don't have here, and either wipe them out or at least keep their numbers in check so local species can survive.

This past Saturday Northeast Florida held its annual Lionfish Rodeo. Winners in different categories, such as the largest, the smallest and the most taken, were rewarded with cash prizes. The cash came from a \$35 entry fee for each diver/spear-fisherman who participated in the event.

So Russell hasn't gone off the deep end, she's just trying to perform a service by keeping lionfish out of our ocean and onto somebody's fry pan.

Russell took her divers aboard Captain Dan Lindley's 46-foot dive boat, the Diamond Diver, out of Mayport, one of the many local dive operators, charter boats and others, including REEF and the Florida Wildlife Commission, which sponsored this year's event.

Russell's band of ocean lovers cautiously armed themselves, jumped into the Atlantic Ocean and went to work. Though new to hunting, the divers helped with the combined total of almost 200 lionfish taken aboard Lindley's boat. Last year Lindley himself was the winner in the category of most lionfish taken, 69.

One of Russell's divers Lyla Pirkola, a student at Florida State University, played spotter for her boyfriend who may have taken one of this year's smallest lionfish, one of the cash prize categories.

Russell only hopes her friends won't be too upset that she turns once-a-year assassin, helping to protect the beautiful marine environment off the shores of Amelia Island.

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Storytellers vie for champion in library fundraiser

You'll giggle, laugh and maybe even cry when six area storytellers compete for the coveted title, Island Tales Story Champion, Sept. 19 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in downtown Fernandina Beach.

The stakes are high. Audience members at the Friends of the Library (FOL) fundraiser will vote with cash for their favorite stories. Proceeds will help purchase furniture and equipment for the bigger, better Fernandina Beach Library that will open next year.

Competing for championship bragging rights are: Arlene Filkoff, educator, actress and former Fernandina Beach mayor; author and multi-talented theater pro, Ron Kurtz; Amelia River Cruises captain and yarn-spinner-in-chief, Kevin McCarthy; Abel Rae, a farm and animal lover with storytelling deep in her genes; and Yvette Thomas, founder of the North Side Storytellers League who peppers her tales with



Kurtz



Rae



Filkoff



McCarthy



Neile



Thomas

onomatopoeia sound effects.

Caren S. Neile, Ph.D., MFA, who teaches storytelling studies at Florida Atlantic University, is helping organize the event and will serve as master of ceremonies thanks to a grant from the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the Florida Department of State, Division on Cultural Affairs.

Neile has performed, lectured and written

about storytelling throughout the U.S. and abroad, including as a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Jerusalem and Vienna.

"We're delighted to have such great participation and impressive talent in this first-ever event," says Dee Torre, FOL campaign chair. "Stories and libraries are such a natural fit."

The Slam was suggested as a fundraiser for the library by FOL supporter Jennifer Harri-

son, who's seen them in other places. "The idea quickly took off and we're now thinking it could grow into an annual event," Torre said.

The program will follow a ticketed reception at 5:30 p.m. with island-themed delights from Lulu's, a generous wine pour by Wines by Steve and a cash bar. The storytellers take to the stage at 7 p.m. to entertain you and earn your cash votes. Tickets for votes will be on sale the night of the event.

Advance tickets for the reception and Slam at \$50 each are for sale at the Fernandina Beach Library, 25 N. Fourth St.; Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St.; and online at fernandinaFOL.org (click on "what's new," "events," then "Donate Now").

Co-sponsors are the Amelia Island Museum of History and the Florida Humanities Council. A limited number of free tickets for the program only (doors open at 6:45 p.m.) are available at the library.



Rail fans from around the southeast are expected to descend on St. Marys, Ga., in early October to ride the St. Marys Steam Express.

All aboard to ride rare iron horse

ST. MARYS, Ga. — On Oct. 4, 5, 11 and 12, the 1930 saddle team steamer Lehigh Valley #126 will take passengers through the scenic woodlands and marshlands of St. Marys with as many as four rides each day.

The historic iron horse will be the only operating steam locomotive on an actual working shortline in the entire state of Georgia. This unprecedented event for Southeast Georgia is already drawing rail fans from across the entire nation.

According to longtime railroad historian John Gantz, "If you've never smelled the sweet smell of the firebox, felt the heat and dampness of the steam or heard that lonesome steam whistle, you're in for the experience of a lifetime,"

Gantz said. "We owe it to our children to show them how their ancestors traveled on the rails."

Gantz said that at the rate steam engines are disappearing from service, this might be the only chance for the younger generation to experience such a historic time in American transportation.

The Oct. 4 excursions coincide with two other major St. Marys events: the Annual Rock Shrimp Festival and Railroad Days.

The festival is an all-day family-friendly event that begins with a parade just a block from the railroad station at 10 a.m. Railroad Days is hosted by St. Marys Railroad and will feature inter-

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'Laramie Project' coming to playhouse

Amelia Musical Playhouse presents the award-winning Off Broadway play "The Laramie Project" Sept. 4-6 at 7:30 p.m. The theater is located at 1955 Island Walkway, off Eighth Street. Tickets are \$15 and available at the theater, at www.ameliamusicalplayhouse.com or call the box office at 277-3455.

The play, directed by Jeff Goldberg, tells an emotional story based on the real-life murder in 1998 of Mathew Shepard, the victim of this hate crime because he was gay. The play is based upon real life interviews with members of the community who knew Mathew when he attended college in the town. Townspeople are played by a cast of 22 local actors in short scenes that reflect the impact that Mathew had upon the town when he was alive and the effect his death had on both the local and the world community.

This play contains adult themes and language; under 18 with parent or guardian only

Music lineup set for Tailgate Cook-off

The 2014 Great Southern Tailgate Cook-off is set for Aug. 22-23 at Main Beach Park in Fernandina Beach.

The two-day cook-off features tasty barbecue from some of the top competitors in the country, served with live musical entertainment from five exciting bands and performers.

At 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 22, The Dirt Floor Krackers will start things off, followed by the South Carolina-based band known as "The Party Band of the South," the Swingin' Medallions. On Saturday, Aug. 23, the live music begins at 10:45 a.m. with Rock-it Fly; local favorite the Beech Street Blues Band and Face for Radio.

The Great Southern Tailgate Cook-off is held at Main Beach starting at 3 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday.



The Great Southern Tailgate Cook-off will feature tasty barbecue served with live musical entertainment.

Admission to the event is \$5 and the cook-off will feature more than 50 profes-

sional and backyard (amateur) teams.

Several of the professional teams are traveling to Amelia Island from across the country. Each team will prepare a variety of barbecue entrees, including chicken, ribs, pork, brisket and more, as they compete for more than \$12,000 in prize money and trophies.

Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase food and drink from various vendors throughout the day. Attendees can 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 more information visit www.gstailgatecookoff.com.

OFF & ON THE ISLAND

'BINGO, THE WINNING MUSICAL'

Tickets are on sale at Amelia Community Theatre for "Bingo, the Winning Musical." A Florida hurricane won't stop best girlfriends from playing bingo in this energetic, upbeat musical comedy. The audience gets to join in the fun with bingo games and prizes too. Performances are at 8 p.m. on tonight and Aug. 16, Aug. 21-23 and 27-30 and at 2 p.m. on Aug. 24 at 207 Cedar St.



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

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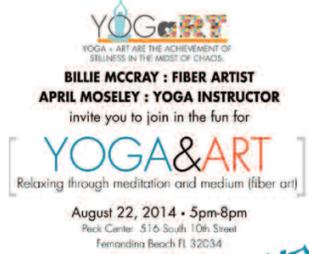
Join the Amelia Island Museum of History for its next 3rd on 3rd Street Presentation tonight at 6 p.m. Special guest Lee Bledsoe will discuss the grisly business of Civil War surgery and explore the state of medicine during the bloodiest conflict in American history.

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



FIBER ART & YOGA

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 food bank at the Barnabas Center.



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OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

Amelia River Cruises Charters and Amelia Community Theatre will offer five "Bingo" cruises in celebration of ACT's upcoming production of "Bingo! The Winning Musical," on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m., through Aug. 27.

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

ACT's "Bingo" cast members will keep track of the sights eligible to be crossed off the bingo cards. The first and second passengers to correctly call bingo will receive two tickets each to see the show that runs through Aug. 31. Visit www.ameliarivercruises.com or 261-9972. Tickets are \$25 each.

Cars, Conversation and Coffee welcomes Amelia hot cars on Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at Starbucks on Sadler Road.

It's 90 degrees so bring out the hottest of you hot autos or the one with especially good A/C in the dash to enjoy with fellow car friends. Learn of upcoming events, including the release of the new Alfa Romeo 4C coupe and spider to celebrate Alfa's return to the U.S.A., in nearby Orange Park, and vintage car racing at Daytona and Tybee Island, Ga. Come out, cruise by, have a coffee or an iced drink. Public always welcome.

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

Marsha Dean Phelts, author of *An American Beach for African Americans and The American Beach Cookbook*, will discuss her books and memories of the Civil Rights Movement at Jacksonville's Main Library, 303 Laura St., on Aug. 16. Phelts is a contributor to the Florida Star newspaper and spent many years as a librarian in the Genealogy Department of the Jacksonville Public Library. The event is free and open to the public.

The library and the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission have partnered to commemorate the 50th

Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with a special reading list and programs throughout 2014. Call (904) 630-BOOK (2665) or visit jaxpubliclibrary.org.

Books Plus on South Eighth Street will hold its next Authors In the Round on Aug. 16 from 4-6 p.m. with a free wine tasting and the following authors: Jane Marie Malcolm, *The Goodbye Lie* and *Velvet Undertow*; T.L. Williams, *Cooper's Revenge* and *Unit 400: The Assassins*; Annette Myers, *The Shrinking Sands of an African American Beach* and *The Big Sand Dune*; Bruce Thomason, *Body Toll* and *The Six O'clock Rule*; D. Malone McMillan, *Ezekiel*; Ben Walker, *Winds of the South* and *An Island In The South*; Nadine Vaughan Williams, *Firecat* and *Train Town Amelia*; Mary Greenwood, *How To Interview Like A Pro*, *How To Negotiate Like A Pro* and *How To Mediate Like A Pro*; Stacey Hamm, *JD'S Baseball Game*; Bill Reynolds, the Jetty Man series; and Maggie Carter-de Vries, with her new sequel to *Amelia's Secrets: Amelia Island's Golden Years, Silver Tears*. For information call Books Plus at 261-0303.

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*. As a civilian, Heater was arrested for treason and offered freedom if he joined the Union Army, but 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.

The Eight Flags Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will hold its next dinner meeting on Aug. 21 from 6-8 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Golf Course. Vonda Jordan, consultant, BCBS, will be the guest speaker. To RSVP, or for more information on becoming a member, log onto www.facebook.com/8flagsabwa.

The Amelia Island Museum of History invites you to its next Brown Bag Lunch on Sept. 3 at noon. Tom Raymond will present The Eight Flags of Amelia Island – Probably Not the Eight You Think, not to pour

cold water on the notion but to examine the raw facts, the vexillology, the art and science of the region's banners posted over the island over the years. He'll explore the legitimacy, the sovereignty of the original inhabitants, the explorers and settlers who waved an array of colors and the evasive nature of history, while poking at a bit of historical revisionism along the way. This program is free and open to the public. Contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or gray@ameliainmuseum.org.

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

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

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

Amelia Community Theatre will hold auditions for its teen troupe, ACTeen, at 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 17 at 209 Cedar St.

The troupe is for ages 13 through 18 and rehearses on Sunday afternoons. Those planning to audition should prepare a one- to two-minute monologue. For more information, email troupe advisor Toni D'Amico at tonidamico@gmail.com or call 261-6749.

Amelia Community Theatre's next Musical Master Class is Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. at 209 Cedar St. Instructor Kristin Sakamoto will lead a Musical Master Class Meltdown. Everyone participates, everyone sings and everyone learns together. Topics will include: warm-ups, breathing techniques, the basics of singing, vocal range and voice types, singing solo vs. singing in an ensemble, and how to find your way through a piece of music even if you don't read music.

This class is informal, fast-paced and fun and is open to ages 16 and up only. There is no advance registration or fee; a \$5 donation is recommended. No singing experience is necessary. If you can fog a mirror, you can join in the Meltdown. For information call 261-6749 or email actheatre@att.net.

Amelia Musical Playhouse, the newest theater in Fernandina Beach, is presenting *Laugh In Revue, a musically comic "blast from the past" on Aug. 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m.* Directed

MUSIC NOTES

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.

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 fundraiser 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 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.

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. 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 beechnflyer@bellsouth.net.

Palace Saloon

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

Salty Pelican

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

Sandy Bottoms

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

Seabreeze

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

Sheffield's

Sheffield's at The Palace, 117 Centre St., presents late night dance mixes on Fridays with DJ Refresh and Saturdays with DJ 007, and Ladies Night with Gary Ross from 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays. Starting July 24, Sheffield's will host a weekly country night on Thursdays with a dance floor and country music DJ. Call 491-8999. Join them on Facebook or visit www.thepalacesaloon.com.

Sliders

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

The Surf

The Surf Restaurant & Bar, 3199 S. Fletcher Ave., presents karaoke on the deck, Mondays at 7 p.m. and live music on the deck from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Call 261-5711 or email lisa@lickwidmarketing.com. Join them on Facebook and check out the entertainment calendar at www.thesurfonline.com.

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by Linzy Marie Lauren Kennedy, the variety show features an entertaining, nostalgic blend of comedy sketches and songs from the 60's that will light up the end of summer. This show will bridge the generation gap while providing a wistful walk down memory lane featuring go-go dancers and soloists and backup singers singing some of the favorite songs of that era.

The theater is located at 1955 Island Walkway off South Eighth Street in Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$15 and available at the theater, at www.ameliamusicalplayhouse.com, or call the box office at 277-3455.

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 Public shopping center. FLT is an intimate performance space and patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance. Visit ameliaaft.org.

St. Marys Little Theatre presents "Little Shop of Horrors" on Sept. 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. at Theatre by the Trax in St. Marys, Ga. Visit www.stmaryslittletheatre.com or call (912) 729-1103 for tickets and information.

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 ameliacommunitytheatre.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. 17 will feature "Viva Las Vegas," 50th anniversary edition. 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.

MUSEUM

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. One ticket gets you one drink at each establishment and an earful of tales. Tickets are \$25 (must be 21, must show ID); tour begins at the train depot downtown. Reservations required. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105 or Thea@ameliainmuseum.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 approximately one hour. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105 or Thea@ameliainmuseum.org for information.

RELIGION

Closed doors and being at peace

He straightened his leg and pressed the pedal to the floor. Nothing. My brother was about to crash and he knew it. The van's brakes had totally given out. Thankfully, he wasn't going that fast. Though normally speaking, having the remote controlled chain link gate not open when he pushed the button would have been an aggravation, this time it was a blessing in disguise. Fortunately, the owner of the gate agreed.

Years ago my two brothers lived in downtown Jacksonville. My older brother Rick moved there to help my younger brother Scott as he finished up some schooling. Because Scott has some physical challenges, Rick's job was to drive the van and help prepare meals. The day they were leaving the gated parking lot, and the gate wouldn't open, is a day that neither one of them will soon forget. Afterwards, when considering what might have happened if the gate had opened and they had been on the highway when the brakes failed, they agreed - things could have ended a lot worse.

Their story brings these thoughts to mind. Gates and doors that refuse to open are not always a bad thing. Sometimes, life's closed doors are God's protection keeping us from things we've not yet understood. I can't tell you how many times I've been frustrated by it, nonetheless it's true. Closed doors are often our friend and not our enemy. Having crashed into a few of them myself, looking back, and realizing now what I didn't see then, I'm grateful that God kept them closed. Without question, when we've committed our lives into the Lord's hands, closed doors are just as important as opened ones. Unfortunately, when we are facing one, we don't always see it that way.

From Balaam beating his donkey because he wouldn't let him move forward when he wanted to (little did he know how the donkey was protecting him from serious danger), to the apostles being forbid-



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Pastor Rob Goyette

den to go into Asia because of something else God had in mind, learning to not be frustrated when doors are closed is an essential quality we all should seek. (Numbers 22:21-35, Acts 16:6-10)

The good news is this. Though closed doors may keep us from moving when and where we want, they never stop God. He's always able to meet us where we are. A great example of that is in John's gospel chapter 20, verses 19 through 23. With the doors locked, and the disciples huddled in fear, Jesus decided to enter the room anyway. I love that about the Lord. He's never limited by the stuff that limits us. In the case of the disciples, Jesus saw their closed door as an opportunity to cast His vision for their future. It, by the way, was a far better vision than the one they currently found themselves embracing.

In the end, here's how I see it. If I've surrendered my life to the Lord, and the door I've been pushing on refuses to open, there's a good chance God's trying to show me something I've not yet considered. Like my two brothers, who later thanked God for keeping the gate closed, whether life's doors open or stay shut, for me, I've learned to trust Him and be at peace realizing He knows best.

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and said unto them, Peace be unto you." (John 20:19)

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

Supplies needed

The Salvation Army Hope House is working to replenish its emergency food supply. They need: 1) Canned or dried fruits & jellies 2) Pasta sauce, canned dinners & stews 3) Breakfast bars, oatmeal, grits 4) Starches - macaroni & cheese, instant mashed potatoes, rice, noodles - ramen, spaghetti, egg & elbows, stuffing mix, boxed "helper" meals 5) Canned meats - tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage, spam, beanie-weenies 6) Canned vegetables - corn, beans, peas & mixed vegetables 7) Dried beans & peas 8) Soups - ready to eat & condensed 9) Powdered laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid & blankets. Please bring your donations to 410 S. Ninth St., at the corner of Ninth and Date streets, or call 321-0435 for directions.

Jesus day

Trinity United Methodist Church will host the Annual Celebration of Jesus Christ at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16 at the church, 715 Ash St. in Fernandina Beach. Everyone is invited to participate in fellowship and food. Trinity will serve free hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, drinks and much more to all who join them for this event honoring Jesus Christ.

Free concert

The community is invited to a free "Concert with a Cause" Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary at Memorial United Methodist Church, 601 Centre St. The musician for the evening will be Matt Walley, a tenor trombonist originally from Pascagoula, Miss. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Trombone Performance as a Doctoral Fellow at Rutgers University and is a celebrated performer. A love offering will be taken at the concert with all proceeds going to the Barnabas Center. Childcare will be available for infant-Pre-K. For information, call the church office at 261-5769.

UU summer services

This Sunday, Aug. 17, the Rev. Harry Green will lead the service of the local Unitarian Universalist congregation. His message will be: "How Come the Road Never Ends?"

Sunday, Aug. 24, will feature a discussion of the book Living Deeply: The Art and Science of Transformation in Everyday Life.

These presentations take place on site in Fernandina in the usual location at the Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St., at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome. For more information email eastnassau@uujax.org.

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.

Seeds of hope

In the chaos and turbulence of the current affairs of our world, when watching CNN too long is painful to endure, it is important that we experience hope in the midst of chaos. The Rev. Mary Moore will share stories from literature and current news that are rooted in seeds of hope in an informal gathering and dialogue at New Vision Congregational Church on Sunday, August 17 at 10 a.m.

"One of the things people love about New Vision is that sometimes we don't have sermons," says Moore. Informal summer gatherings allow time for shared reflection and dialogue.

New Vision Congregational Church, UCC is a church start of the United Church of

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Christ. Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. at 96072 Chester Road in Yulee. Visit www.NewVisionCongregationalChurch.org, find them on Facebook or contact Moore at 238-1822.

Tuesday worship

The prophet Amos said a famine would come one day, but that it would not be of food, but rather the Word of God. Join the Salvation Army Hope House on Aug. 19 at noon to praise God for the freedom we have in the U.S.A. and continue reading and discussing His eternal and precious Word, continuing on through the Gospel of John. For more information, call 321-0435 or stop by the Hope House, located at 410 S. Ninth St.

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 \$50. For information call Deacon Larry Geinosky, (904) 551-2619.

Special speaker

Living Waters World Outreach Center is pleased to host Bruce Assaf of Blow the Trumpet International on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 9:30 a.m. Bruce is from a Middle East background with years of missionary endeavors in former communist and war-torn countries. God has given Bruce a battery of experiences, giving him wonderful insight into current world events, all relevant to God's Word and the perilous time in which we are living. Bruce brings both clarity and focus to radical Islam and what it means in light of end-time Bible prophecy ... connecting the dots. He has written five books, including Behind the Veil of Islam.

Living Waters World Outreach Center is located at the corner of A1A and Brady Point Road, just west of the Shave Bridge. Call the church office at 904-321-2117 for more information.

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.

Bless our youth gospel concert

Historic Macedonia AME Church of Fernandina Beach presents Al Walker and the Walkers by Faith plus Jacksonville's Mighty Saints of God, featuring their hit song, "Savior," in concert on Sunday, Aug. 31 at 3 p.m. Ages 18 and under admitted free. All others, tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Call 1-800-445-3787.

Bless our youth and join in this celebration of faith and love. Macedonia AME Church is located in Fernandina Beach at the corner of Beech and Ninth streets.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Amelia Island Community Bible Study classes are now taking registration for the 2014-15 year that will begin the week of Sept. 8. So what exactly is Community Bible Study and who is it for? CBS is made up of groups of men or women seeking to find out what the Bible teaches. This year they will be diving into the books of 1&2 Thessalonians, Philemon, 1,2,&3 John, Jude, James, and Job.

Each member will receive study guides with homework to be completed each week by class day. The lesson will then be reviewed in small groups called Core Groups, then a teaching summary is given. The Core Groups are non-threatening, where no one is called upon to answer or pray. Speaking out is totally up to the individual. Within the Core Groups, deep, authentic relationships develop and applying God's Word to our lives takes on meaning. It is a safe place to ask questions.

So who is CBS for? If you have been wondering what all this Bible talk is about, or if you want something more meaningful and powerful in your life, or you just feel something is missing, or if you are looking for close knit friendships that are not superficial or judgmental but deep and caring, CBS may be the place for you. They welcome all, from those never having studied the Bible to the most seasoned believers.

CBS is a nondenominational international ministry with Amelia Baptist Church graciously hosting the Amelia Island classes. To learn more about the ministry, please view a short video at www.communitybiblestudy.org/aboutus.

Adult classes:
• Men's Evening - meeting on Monday nights from 7-8:30 p.m.
Norm Purdue, 206-0588, napurdue@bellsouth.net
• Women's Evening - meeting on Monday nights from 7-8:30 p.m.
Nancie Waldron - 261-8507, deltaamb@aol.com, or Barbara Tucker, 261-9969
• Women's Day - Meeting from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

(A children's program is available for babies-high school)

Kathleen Minor, 225-8125, wakminor@aol.com

The groups will meet for 30 weeks, beginning the week of Sept. 8 through early May, within the Nassau County school calendar.

Creative worship

A creative worship service to kick off the new church year will be held on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. at New Vision Congregational Church, UCC, 96072 Chester Road in Yulee.

Worship will embrace and celebrate the conversation between the music of two flutes and piano as a metaphor for the conversation and transformation that is possible when we

gather in faith. Music will be provided by Pegge Ealum and Susan Magg on flute and Jane Lindberg on piano.

This service will also include a blessing of the children, along with their backpacks, for the new school year. Visit www.NewVisionCongregationalChurch.org, find us on Facebook or contact Moore at 238-1822.

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IAA announces art workshops

Following is a list of workshops for 2014-15 at the Island Art Association's Art Education Center, 18 N. Second St., downtown Fernandina Beach. Handouts available at the gallery sales desk. For detailed listings go to IslandArt.org.

■ **Oct. 3, 4 and 6**
Oils & Acrylics, Painting Out Loud – Sharon Haffey
9 a.m.-noon, all levels, \$100 for all three sessions, \$40 for individual mornings

Each day will have a different focus: Day 1 – The energized palette, color choices & mixing. Day 2 – Creating a Bold Composition. Day 3 – Bringing your photographs to life on canvas.

Mail payment to S.S. Haffey, 1640 Northpark Dr., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

For more information contact Sharon Haffey at SSHaffey@aol.com or phone (404) 663-4996.

■ **Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1**
Plein Air Painting – Larry Moore
9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$350

Building a Better Painting – a 3-day workshop that will focus on taking small reference (small studies or photos) and turn them into larger works.

Depending on the weather, students will either work outside to create plein air studies in the morning or in the studio from existing reference and paintings. They will study just what makes a painting work, how to create a stronger composition, being a more thoughtful artist and techniques and tips for the studio painter.

To reserve your space, send \$100 deposit to Larry Moore, 2440 Roxbury Rd., Winter Park, FL 32789.

■ **March 16-18, 2015**

Still Life – Elio Camacho

\$375 (\$550 for both workshops)

March 19-20, 2015

Plein Air Painting – Elio Camacho

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Take one or both workshops. As a painting instructor, Camacho's mission is to provide students with the foundation necessary to be creative. His goal is to assist students in capturing the particular mood of the moment and to express themselves in a bold and colorful way.

His workshops are very hands-on, with an emphasis on easel-side critiques. He believes that giving instruction is important, but showing students how this instruction applies to their individual work is crucial.

Based on the student's level and goals, Camacho develops a program for improving each individual's ability as a painter.

Contact Elio.workshops@gmail.com or ElioCamacho.com.

■ **April 13-17, 2015**

Color Intensive Workshop – Susan Sarback
9 a.m.-5 p.m., \$595 (\$565 for IAA members)

In this 5-day workshop, painter Susan Sarback of Fair Oaks, Calif., focuses on the essentials for landscape painting to capture a fresh and alive quality of light in your paintings. Depending on weather, the class will be painting both outdoors on location and inside the studio.

Learn how to see and paint the Value, Temperature, and Chroma (intensity) that create the "light key" or quality of light for any subject. Composition, subject choice, color harmony and painting skills to capture the outdoor atmosphere are demonstrated and taught in-depth. Basic drawing and painting skills suggested.

Contact Diane Sterling at (904) 614-6687 or dchsterling@gmail.com.

■ **Ongoing activities:**

• Open Studio: Bring your own supplies and work in a supportive atmosphere with other artists.

Tuesdays 1-5 p.m., \$5. Contact Mary Quinlan at 321-0112 or macq5050@gmail.com

Thursday morning, 9 a.m.-noon, \$5. Contact Gretchen Williams at 491-3171 or gretchwi@att.net.

Thursday afternoon, 1-5 p.m. \$10/month. Contact Jean Riley at 261-5471 or rileystardust@bellsouth.net

• Photography Group: Free to the public.

Demonstrations, technical presentations and a monthly critique (show and tell) of photographers' work. Contact Pat Hooks at 277-2595 or path11@comcast.net. The next meeting is Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.

• Portrait Workshop: Resumes in September

• Children's Art: Aug. 30. You must register for each session individually at the gallery sales desk or call the gallery at 261-7020.

Session I, 6-9 years, 10-11 a.m.; Session II, 6-9 years, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Session III, 10-13 years, 1-2:15 p.m.

WALK & VIGIL



ANGELA DAUGHTRY/NEWS-LEADER

Beth Hackney, president of Cats Angels, Inc., SPCA, addresses the audience after accepting a city proclamation from Fernandina Beach Mayor Ed Boner recognizing Aug. 16, 2014 as "International Homeless Animals' Day" and the month of August as "Homeless Animals' Month." At this time, rescue groups and shelters are filled with many cats and dogs who need a second chance. Please consider adding a new pet to your home and help make the world a better place one animal at a time.

Cats Angels will commemorate International Homeless Animals Day on Saturday with its annual Walk and Vigil. The walk begins at 6:30 p.m. from the Central Park gazebo, followed by a candlelight vigil. Everyone is welcome, including any furry friends.

Visit www.isaronline.org for information on International Homeless Day and the events taking place around the world to commemorate this day. Spay and neuter, it's the responsible solution to animal overpopulation.

KRALL IN CONCERT



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The Florida Theatre and Jacksonville Symphony have partnered to present five-time Grammy Award-winning jazz pianist and world-renowned singer Diana Krall in a special concert at Jacoby Hall on Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets go on sale today. To order call the Florida Theatre Box Office at (904) 355-ARTS (2787).

Krall's Wildflower World Tour features pop classics by The Mamas and the Papas' "California Dreaming" and the Eagles' "Desperado," and Bob Dylan's "Wallflower," which inspired the album's title track, for her album Wildflower, which is scheduled for release in October.

Produced by 16-time Grammy Award-winning producer David Foster, Wallflower finds Krall breaking new ground with her interpretations of some of the greatest pop songs of all time. Krall will be accompanied onstage by Anthony Wilson (guitar), Dennis Crouch (bass), Stuart Duncan (fiddle), Karriem Riggins (drums) and Patrick Warren (Keyboards).

ART WORKS

Portraits by Massing

"Larger than Life Portraits" by local artist Paul Massing will be displayed at The Courtyard Pub and Eats through Aug. 28. The six large portraits are of various people in the Amelia Island community. One is "The Piano Man," John Springer who entertains customers, Thursday-Saturday in the restaurant's piano bar. The Courtyard restaurant is located at 316 Centre St., downtown Fernandina Beach.

New art show

The Plantation Artists' Guild & Gallery presents "As Time Goes By," a new show and reception, tonight 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. In addition to the new show at the gallery, a corner exhibit will showcase artworks from gallery members' children and grandchildren. The Gallery is located at 94 Amelia Village Circle at the Omni Spa & Shops.

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. Artist expressions in abstract style by Massing are featured in the gallery's "Artist Of The Month" section. For information contact the Island Art Association at 261-7020.

Youth art classes

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

Wildlife exhibit

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

Children's exhibit

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

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

Solo exhibit

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

French 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.

'Saps to Pulp'

The exhibit "Saps to Pulp," paintings by Eliza Holliday, is featured through Aug. 31 at the SanJon Gallery, 218 Ash St., downtown Fernandina Beach.

Local artist Holliday is featuring her "Stuck Behind the Log Truck" paintings, framed original acrylics in a variety of sizes.

For information, contact Eliza Holliday at 556-2517 or Sandra Baker Hinton at the SanJon Gallery at 491-8040.

Art show

The Island Art Association is exhibiting its juried Nouveau Art show, "Quotes From Shakespeare." Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens Curator Holly Keris was the judge. The show is 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.

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esting rail equipment as well as 1/8 scale trains.

On Oct. 11, the steam excursions coincide with the "Build a Scarecrow" event to be held at the train station. Hundreds of residents and visitors will be creating fun and interesting scarecrows to be displayed on the main streets of St. Marys throughout October.

St. Marys Express entertainment director Barbara Ryan said, "A ride on the St. Marys Steam Express is not only an opportunity to have some great family fun, but it's also an

excellent way to give our children an important history lesson and combining the rides with the Rock Shrimp Festival, Railroad Days, and our Build a Scarecrow event provides participants with the makings of some great memories."

Ryan said entertainment at the train's turnaround point also will be a draw as characters from the 1920s and 30s re-create that time in history.

"You can expect to meet Charlie Chaplin, Mark Twain, the Great Gatsby and more colorful characters portraying their stories," Ryan said. "And back by popular demand are the

lovable hobos of a bygone era that have their own special charm."

The Lehigh Valley #126 locomotive was built in 1930 at Vulcan Iron Works in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. It burns coal 1,500-3,000 degrees to heat the 1,250 gallons of water stored in the saddle tank into steam. The steam flows down to the piston cylinders and turns the actuating rods, which turn the wheels.

"This is a really big deal to get this locomotive on our tracks," said Paul Pleasant, general manager of St. Marys Railroad. "We're running it four days to give as many people as we can a chance to ride."

Pleasant said the train will first depart Theatre by the Trax at noon on the day of St. Marys' famous Rock Shrimp Festival after the 10 a.m. parade (Oct. 4). Rides will continue at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Oct. 4; then 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Oct. 5. On Oct. 11 and 12, rides will be at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 3 to 12 (plus \$3 convenience fee). Children two and under ride free. Tickets should be purchased in advance at www.stmarysrailroad.com or by calling (912) 200-5235. Group rates are available for parties of 10 or more.



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Spouse's Bakery is at the Amelia Farmers Market, aka the Fernandina Farmers Market, every Saturday with their fresh baked pastries. They are committed to crafting artisan pastries and breads with wholesome, all natural ingredients. Fresh from the oven every week are Spouse's popular fruit pastries, cinnamon buns, fruit-filled cobblers, mini-pies, muffins, sliced multi-grain and sourdough bread, focaccias, and meat pies. You can try something new every week and never be disappointed.

Don't miss the caterer, Bottega by Liz Grenamyer. Every week they bring gastronomic treasures to be enjoyed by their loyal following. Gourmet entrees such as Chicken Marsala and Shrimp Scampi are produced in small batches. Discover the difference of using locally made organic soaps by Clean Ridge - your hair will be smoother, and your skin will be softer and moister. Mia uses organic local products to make her soaps stand out above the rest. These soaps, scrubs, and lotions showcase the best of locally produced ingredients. Pastries by Andrea specializes in gluten-free and organic products. She offers a mix of savory and sweet baked goods that are perfect for even the most discerning customers.

Orchid Legends is at the market Saturday with their large selection of beautiful orchids and other houseplants. Haley can also help with your questions about growing and repotting your orchid. Every Saturday enjoy gourmet honey from Winter Park Honey - unprocessed and unfiltered from local hives. Sample from a large selection of varietal honey including Tupelo, Sourwood, Buckwheat, Palmetto, Orange Blossom, Blackberry, Blueberry, Avocado, Key Lime, Gallberry, Lavender, Orange Cinnamon and the Local Wildflower Honey.

The Savory Market will bring wild Alaskan sockeye salmon, wild Alaskan sea scallops and a variety of other locally made products. The Savory Market specializes in locally and U.S. grown and made products.

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

The kids are back in school and what better way to plan your breakfasts, sack lunches, and after school snacks than using fresh ingredients from your local farmers' market? The Fernandina

Beach Market Place, aka the Amelia Island Market Place, has compiled some tasty treats that are healthy and easy for you and your family to enjoy.

You will say "oui, oui" to this French toast twist: take two thick slices of Maria's Bakery's cinnamon brioche bread and dredge it in an egg, milk and vanilla bath, then grill to perfection and top with fresh blackberries from King's Kountry Produce, and blackberry/vanilla bean jam from Shepperd's Farms.

Another great breakfast is a slice of Great Harvest Bread Company's pumpkin chocolate chip tea bread topped with a thin layer of plain goat cheese from Blue Moon Creamery.

Rudy's oven fresh bagels with Joy of Garlic's sun dried tomato garlic spread is another great way to start your day.

The American staple for lunch is no longer a plain peanut butter and jelly sandwich. At the farmers' market you can mix and match Blue Planet Delight's organic butters like walnut, cashew, almond, pumpkin, peanut and chocolate cashew with a variety of jellies like peach, raspberry, or blueberry combined with jalapeno's, or a habanero pineapple or orange flavor. Or savor a more simple jam in apple, grape, peach or strawberry.

A common grilled cheese becomes restaurant worthy when you slice up Ribault Bakery's organic sourdough bread and include spicy or plain pimento cheese spreads from Lulu's at the Thompson House. For more flavor add a spoonful of Jane's sweet pickle relish from King's Kountry Produce to the sandwich before grilling.

After-school snacks are easy when you slice up seasonal favorites like peaches, plums, seedless cucumbers, pears, watermelon or sweet red frying peppers from any of the four fresh produce vendors. For extra convenience pick up a package of Wook's beef jerky or Olive My Pickle's stuffed grape leaves to tame those hardy appetites.

Most kids like pizza, and a fresh pita topped with marinara sauce and pesto, then sprinkled with mozzarella cheese is a great way to serve up a quick and easy pizza.

The market is located on North Seventh Street, between Centre and Alachua streets, downtown Fernandina Beach. It is open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Music will be provided by Jennifer Burns and the Surf Restaurant will be the featured brick and mortar business on Aug. 16. Pets welcome.

Like the market on Facebook, visit Fernandina BeachMarketPlace.com or call Joe at 557-8229.

PLANT SALES ONGOING



Nassau Master Gardener Shirley Lohman has successfully led the Spring and Fall Plant Sales for the Master Gardener program. The sales provide much-needed funds to support horticulture and youth programs in Nassau County. In addition to the two "big" sales, Lohman conducts "mini-sales" at each of the Landscape Matters sessions. The sales offer native and unique plants to attendees. Included in the plants offered at the Landscape Matters session for vegetable gardening, left, were Peacock Gingers, an alternative to Hostas. The next Landscape Matters session is on Sept. 3, at the Yulee Extension office. For information call 879-1019. Master Gardeners are on phone duty Fridays at the Yulee Extension office, at 491-7340. PHOTO BY ELIZABETH WILKES FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

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HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

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 information call the Extension Office at 879-1019.

Plant clinic

On Aug. 18, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Extension Director/Horticulture Agent Rebecca Jordi will conduct a Plant Clinic at the Yulee Extension office. All county residents are invited to bring plant samples showing problems in their landscapes. Problems will be identified and solutions offered for correction. There is no fee for this service. Call 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 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$145/

person, of which a 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 the Yulee Extension office. Make checks payable to Nassau County Extension. Registration is required by Sept. 24. Call 879-1019.



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