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Math skills = good jobs

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Factories today are not dirty, noisy or smelly and if you want to work in one of them in Nassau County you will need sharp math skills.

"You have to be able to divide, multiply, understand trigonometry," said Carl Rorick, RockTenn's manager of maintenance and engineering for the mill in Fernandina Beach.

"You have to be able to apply math skills to real world situations."

RockTenn recently sponsored a manufacturing forum through the Nassau County Economic Development Board (NCEDB) for local business leaders and educators from Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ).

The event was held Aug. 26 at the Betty P. Cook Nassau campus in

'You have to be able to divide, multiply, understand trigonometry.'

CARL RORICK, ROCKTENN'S MANAGER OF MAINTENANCE AND ENGINEERING

Yulee.

Executives from Rayonier Advanced Materials in Fernandina Beach and Florida Machine Works in Yulee also participated in the two-hour program.

"It's math, math, math," said Rayonier General Manager and NCEDB member C.A. McDonald, who received a mechanical engineering degree from North Carolina State University in 1984 and attended Harvard University Business School's

General Manager Program in 2004.

He said new hires at Rayonier must be willing to work hard and that entry-level work is considered an apprenticeship and that moving up takes time.

"And it's hot, gritty manual work," said McDonald. "Physically touching and walking so that when they're in the control room they understand the world isn't just the computer screen."

McDonald had this to say to students skilled at videogames: "We

should not have gaming the easy process to get into this," said McDonald. "It should be rigorous."

He said starting pay is \$35,000 to \$45,000.

"The pay is good all along the way," said McDonald.

McDonald said the company is not doing a lot with FSCJ and that participation in the program was to explore potential opportunity.

Florida Machine Works General Manager Joe Oller agreed that math skills are important in metal fabrication.

"Math is your key moving forward," said Oller, who has an associate's degree in mechanical engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology.

"If you have a good work ethic and

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County: No more rental fee waivers

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Wave goodbye to waivers.

The Nassau County Commission said Aug. 25 that it could no longer afford to waive rental fees for non-profit organizations to use meeting space at public buildings.

They put the annual loss in cleaning and utility costs at \$30,000.

The vote was 4-1. Commissioner Danny Leeper voted no.

"We're not trying to gouge anybody, we're just trying to break even," said Commissioner Steve Kelley. "We've been nice. We really have. It's time to make the tough call."

Commissioner Pat Edwards agreed.

"That's \$30,000 going down the hole. We need to do something," said Edwards.

The board typically allows nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status, such as Scout troops, charitable organizations and political groups, to use county facilities free of charge.

Many of the requests are for monthly meetings for up to a year. Recently, the board has been limiting the requests to six months.

Commission Chair Barry Holloway was also on board.

"We all tend to vote 5-0 to waive it. Even if we collect \$50, we lose money," said Holloway.

The issue has come up for discus-

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NO LABOR THIS DAY



MICHAEL LEARY/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

There were plenty of people working Labor Day in restaurants, shops and other services on a big tourism weekend on Amelia Island. But for many, it was a day for the sand and shore and water, ocean, river or marsh, a day in the sun, for fun, not work.

American Beach Museum a reality

GLENDA SIMMONS JENKINS
For the News-Leader

The team that put the American Beach Museum project in motion has watched it progress through starts and stops to a completed product. Eve Jones had a front-row seat in the process. But she wasn't sitting down.

The Nassau County native grew up in Callahan and lived most of her adult life in Philadelphia. She returned to full-time residency on American Beach in 2001, becoming active in her community's success. She served as events committee chairperson for the American Beach Property Owners Association (ABPO). Later, she joined the A.L. Lewis Historical Society. And now, as

the newly appointed volunteer coordinator for the museum, Eve Jones has been training docents in preparation for the museum's grand opening at 11 a.m. Saturday.

She and her cousin, Bobbi Morgan Jones, immediately got involved in laying the groundwork for the museum. The two, who live in the same block on Julia Street, traveled to Jekyll Island, Ga., together to scout that town's local museum as part of the initial museum planning phase. In September 2004, several American Beach residents opened their homes to museum founding members and donors for a tour and showcase of historic and contemporary American Beach houses, concluding with an evening reception at

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SUBMITTED

Eve Jones, left, museum volunteer coordinator, poses with her cousin Bobbi Morgan Jones. Both live on American Beach and helped plan the museum.

County restores fees for building

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Developers will once again have to pay their share of the county's cost to provide new infrastructure, such as roadways.

The county commission voted unanimously Aug. 25 to approve mobility fees. A start date was not decided, but the board said they could begin in December.

The long-studied plan outlines fees for a wide range of building projects, including houses, offices, shops, day-care facilities, recreation and medical buildings. It also divides the county into two zones, including one east of I-95 and one west of the interstate.

There is a third district for Rayonier's property known as the East Nassau Community Planning Area (ENCPA) where there are plans to one day build 25,000 houses, commercial buildings and a school. That district has its own set of fees.

"I think it's an excellent mobility fee structure," said Commissioner Danny Leeper.

Leeper headed the mobility fee task force that has been looking at a new fee structure for more than two years.

The task force relied on consultants and attorneys for data and guidance.

It paid Gillette & Associates in Fernandina Beach \$193,021 for traffic studies and Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson law firm in Tallahassee \$23,000 to help write and review the mobility fee ordinance.

Transportation fees haven't been collected for years. They went away with the economic downturn in an effort to encourage builders.

The moratorium expires Sept. 30

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2013 Nests: 189 Hatchlings: 14,096

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OBITUARIES

Roger V. Carter

Roger V. Carter, age 79, passed away at Shands Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, FL, on Wednesday, August 27th, 2014.

Born on Jan. 19, 1935 in Hazlehurst, GA, Roger lived in Fernandina Beach and the Yulee area since 1957. He had served in the U.S. Army and was retired from Container Corporation of America (CCA).

Survivors include one son, James Carroll Carter (Karen Carter) of Greenwood, SC, and two daughters, Mary Lynn Byars of Brunswick, GA, and Rachel Carter-Figueroa of Jacksonville, FL. He has six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and numerous lifelong friends.

A Farewell Reception was held last Friday August 29th, 2014. Cremation services will be held privately for the immediate family members.

Eternity Funeral Home and Cremations-Nassau

Margaret E. Clough

Mrs. Margaret E. Clough, age 89, of Fernandina Beach, FL, passed away Friday morning, August 29, 2014 at the Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach.

Mrs. Clough was born on May 8, 1925 in Fairfield, AL, the youngest of four children to the late Adam and Margaret Parke

Williamson. She was a graduate of Fairfield High School. While on a blind date she met the love of her life, Lauren Clough, and they were wed in 1951. Mrs. Clough and her husband came to Fernandina Beach in 1960. Mrs. Clough was an Executive Secretary for Blue Cross/Blue Shield for many years until her retirement in 1998.

In 1970 she joined the (ABWA) American Business Women's Association and in 1973, was awarded Woman of the Year. Mrs. Clough served as President of the Chapter from 1974-1975 and 2004-2005 and was quite proud of her perfect attendance. She received the lifetime achievement award for her outstanding service and contribution to the Eight Flags Charter Chapter. She also served as secretary for the Kiwanis Club of Fernandina Beach. She was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Carol Williamson, in 1992.

She leaves behind her husband of over 63 years, Lauren Clough of Fernandina Beach, her son David Clough and his wife, Cindy, of Jacksonville, FL, her four grandchildren, Rebecca Williamson, John Williamson, Mathew Clough and Staff Sergeant Andrew Clough, her three great-grandchildren, Marcus Edwards, Antonio Wright and Jayla Wright.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach with Rev. Dr. Wain Westberry and Rev. Dr. Doug Ganyo officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at the church. Mrs. Clough will be laid to rest in Bosque-Bello Cemetery fol-

lowing the service.

If so desired, memorials may be made in Mrs. Clough's name to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Warner Center for Caring, 1348 South 18th St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 or Best Friends Companion Care, 9 North 14th St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

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

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Jessie Lamar Roberson

Mr. Jessie Lamar Roberson, 70, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Friday, August 29, 2014, at the Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville.

Born in Screven, GA on February 18, 1944, he had lived in Blakeshear and Fernandina Beach for many years. He was a retired truck driver and was of the Baptist faith, having attended Offerman Baptist Church when he was young. Mr. Roberson never met a stranger, enjoyed meeting people and dearly loved his grandchildren.

He was a son of the late James Carl Roberson. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Griffin.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Marie & Gary Meckley of Silverdale, WA; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lamar & Bonnie Roberson of Blakeshear and Eric & Celesta Roberson of Patterson; his mother, Helen "Jack" Lucas Roberson Boss, husband Don, of Jesup; two sisters and three brothers-in-law, Mary & Jim Googe of Hoboken, Wanda & Kenny Sellers of Hortense and Clint Griffin of Waycross; eight grandchildren, Becky & Tyler Dixon, Kimberley & Jim Soper, Paul & Tiffany Meckley, Lisa Roberson, Jesse Roberson, C.J. Herrin, Daniel Herrin, and Allison Herrin; three great-grandchildren, Ella Grace Dixon, Jack Soper and Asher Meckley; and several nieces, nephews & other relatives.

Funeral services for Mr. Roberson were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, September 2, 2014, at the Offerman Baptist Church.

Interment was in the Offerman Cemetery.

Visitation for Mr. Roberson was held from 6 until 8 pm Monday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Roberson lay in state at the church one hour prior to the service.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online register at www.pearsondial.com.

*Pearson-Dial Funeral Home
Blakeshear, Ga.*

DEATH NOTICES

Mrs. Rita Bogel, 91, Fernandina Beach, died on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors
Elizabeth Nicole Burling, 9, Fernandina Beach, passed away on Monday, Sept. 1, 2014. Arrangements were incomplete at the time of publication; however, there will be a visitation later this week and a funeral service at The Journey Church.

Green Pine Funeral Home

Catherine Judith Keating, 75, Fernandina Beach, died on Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors
Francis Thomas "Tommy" Reed Jr., 62, Jacksonville, died on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014. A memorial service will be held on Friday, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church, downtown Jacksonville.

Green Pine Funeral Home



PHOTO BY KATHY BROOKS/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Marine mammal conservation, with emphasis on the bottlenose dolphin, will be the theme of Wild Amelia's first Wild Nite of the 2014-15 lecture series on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Peck Center auditorium; the speaker will be Dr. Carolina Le-Bert.

Wild about dolphins First Wild Nite set for Sept. 9

For the News-Leader

Dr. Carolina Le-Bert, a resident of Fernandina Beach, will be Wild Amelia's first speaker for the 2014-15 Wild Nites nature forum series on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Peck Center Auditorium, 516 South 10th St. in Fernandina.

As a supervising veterinarian with the National Marine Mammal Foundation, Le-Bert will be speaking about national and local marine mammal conservation efforts, with particular emphasis on the bottlenose dolphin.

Le-Bert received her Bachelor's Degree in Zoology with a minor in Wildlife Ecology Conservation in 2004 and her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 2008 from the University of Florida. She completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Affiliated Veterinary Specialists in Maitland in 2009. She received a National Research Council Associateship Grant for her study of

immunity in neonatal bottlenose dolphins.

Currently, Le-Bert is interested in conservation medicine, anesthesiology and surgery in marine mammals, neonatal immunity and molecular diagnostic development.

Come learn about Le-Bert's work with marine mammals on Sept. 9. The program, like all Wild Nites, is free and open to the public.

The Wild Nite series is one of many educational programs offered by Wild Amelia, whose mission is to educate residents of and visitors to Amelia Island about the island's wildlife and wild places.

Wild Nites are held monthly on the second Tuesday of the month, from September to May, leading up to the Wild Amelia Nature Festival, set for May 15-17, 2015. For more information about this ninth annual Wild Amelia Nature Festival or the programs of Wild Amelia, visit wildamelia.com and Wild Amelia on Facebook.

WEEKLY UPDATE

NAMI course

The Nassau County affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is hosting a free 5-week course for individuals experiencing symptoms of a mental/behavioral health related diagnosis. The classes will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging building across from Baptist Nassau Medical Center in Fernandina Beach. The classes begin on Sept. 17 and end on Oct. 17. Materials for the course will be provided free of charge. For information call 277-1886.

1st Café

1st Café in Jim Thomas Hall of First Presbyterian Church is open every Wednesday for dinner at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is \$7 for adults and youth, \$3.50 for children 5-11 and free for children 4 and below. Teaching by the church's pastors follows dinner at 6:15 p.m. Youth gather in the Anchor and children second-fifth grades enjoy the Actor's Workshop while preschool to first-grade participate in Kid's Choir. Call the church office at 261-3837 with questions. Nursery available from 6-7:15 p.m.

Community Band

Dust off your drumsticks, wet your reeds and start those lip trills – The Nassau Community Band begins the 2014-15 season with an open rehearsal Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. The band meets in the band room at Yulee Middle School, 85439 Miner Road. The fall concert line-up includes: marches, 1960's movie themes, Broadway show tunes and classical standards. Have questions? Send your emails or info@nassaucommunity-band.com, or check out the Facebook page.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course at 6 p.m. Sept. 5 and 9 and at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sept. 13 and 14. A basic with defensive tactics course will be held at 9 a.m. on Sept. 20 and 27. For additional information, contact Belson at 491-8358, (904) 476-2037 or gbelson@bell-south.net. Visit www.TheBelsonGroup.com.

Yoga supply drive

Go Yoga, 2250 S. Eighth St., Fernandina Beach, will host a free karma yoga session and canned food drive on Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. Please bring donations of canned food, clothing, soap, toothpaste and such for the collection box. All donations will go to the Salvation Army Hope House and its men's shelter. They are in extreme need of any men's items. Join in a fun, exuberant and up-beat Yoga Flow. Call 335-0589. Visit goyogaamelia.com.

AARP meets

The local chapter of the AARP will meet Sept. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Council on Aging building, across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau. Larry Meyers will speak about his years as manager of the city of Fernandina Beach. All members and guests are invited. For additional information call John P. Megna at 277-2143.

Prostate cancer support

Men Helping Men, a prostate cancer educational support program, will meet Sept. 11 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the conference room at Baptist Medical Center Nassau, 1250 South 18th St. Dr. Kenneth Son, board certified urologist, will address questions regarding prostate cancer. RSVP by Sept. 5 to 277-2700 or email Jennifer@FirstCoastOncology.com.

Faith & healing

"Faith & Mental Health – A Community Conversation," a conference sponsored by Baptist Health, will take place Sept. 13 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Florida State College at Jacksonville North Campus, 4501 Capper Road, in the Zeke Bryant Auditorium. The event is free with continental breakfast at registration and complimentary boxed lunch following the last session.

Faith leaders, congregations, mental health professionals, advocates and com-

munity members are invited to discuss promoting, developing and supporting mental health and ministry through faith communities. For information call Baptist Health Community Health at (904) 202-3013. Register at faithmentalhealthconference.eventbrite.com.

Driver class

An AARP Smart Driver Course will be held Sept. 15 and 16 at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fernandina Beach. Class will begin at 8:45 a.m. in Jim Thomas Hall, 9 N. Sixth St. Call 261-3837 to register. Class size is limited.

Quit smoking

A free Quit Smoking Now class, including free patches, gum and quit kits, will be held at Baptist Medical Center Nassau once a week for six weeks, Sept. 16-Oct. 14 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call 877-784-8486.

Native Plant Society

Florida Native Plant Society, Ixia Chapter, will meet Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Regency Square Library, 9900 Regency Square Blvd., Jacksonville. Warren K. Anderson and Andrew Miller of The Public Trust Environmental Legal Institute of Florida, Inc., will talk about "Jacksonville's Special Places." The meeting is free and open to the public. Visit <http://ixia.fnpschapters.org> or call (904) 655-2550 for additional information.

NAMI fundraiser

The Nassau County affiliate of NAMI invites you to attend its 10th Annual Community Awareness and Fundraiser Dinner on Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. in Burns Hall of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. A full-course meal will be provided by the Fernandina Beach Applebee's. There will be a live and silent auction featuring State Sen. Aaron Bean as the auctioneer. Guest speakers will include Dr. Ann Grenadier of Biofeedback Associates of Northeast Florida, peer advocate John Hardman and Shannon Padgett, Esq.

Tickets are \$20 at the door and proceeds will go to provide education, advocacy, support groups, medication/dental assistance, shoes and basic toiletries to residents with a chronic mental health diagnosis. To make a donation to the auction call 277-1886, write P.O. Box 16712 Fernandina Beach, Florida 32035 or email NAMIFlorida@gmail.com.

Girl, 9, dies after swim

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

A 9-year-old girl died Monday after being found unresponsive in a swimming pool at the Fiddler's Walk subdivision off Barnwell Road, according to a Nassau County Sheriff's Office report.

Police responded to a medical call at the residence around 12:30 p.m., according to reports, from a father who said his daughter had possibly had a seizure while swimming in the pool, and was not breathing.

Rescue personnel found the girl, Elizabeth Nicole Burling, lying on a patio next to the pool, surrounded by "several distraught individuals." The father of the child gave her over to an officer, who attempted to revive her.

The officer said he could hear emergency vehicles on the way, so ran with the child into the roadway, where he met Rescue 20. He laid the child inside the vehicle, where emergency workers continued to work on her, according to reports.

On arrival at Baptist Medical Center, the child reportedly had a heartbeat, but went into cardiac arrest shortly later, with resuscitation efforts being unsuccessful, according to reports.

Funeral services are planned later this week at The Journey Church in Yulee, according to Green Pine Funeral Home, which is handling the arrangements.

Space program topic at luncheon

Where America's space program is headed will be the topic at the Sept. 18 luncheon meeting of the Men's Newcomers Club. Retired U.S. Navy Capt. Ken McGruther, who currently consults with the Department of Defense and U.S. Air Force on space security issues, will be guest speaker at the club's monthly luncheon held at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road.

Club members gather for meet-and-greet at 11:30 with the luncheon beginning at noon.

McGruther was a U.S. Navy officer for more than 27 years, including command of the destroyer-frigate USS Knox. His career, when not at sea, included tours on the Strategy and Policy Division of the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, as special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, at the Naval War College in Newport R.I., where he was Director of Advanced Research and helped stand-up the Navy's Strategic Studies Group.

He also was Director of Strategy and Policy for NATO's Southern Region based in Naples, Italy, and finally as Director of War Gaming at the U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs.

After retirement from active service in 1993 he was consultant to the Navy and Naval War College, Department of Defense, National Reconnaissance Office, and the intelligence community. In 2002 he went to work full-time for Northrup-Grumman's Information Technologies Division, and worked on, among other things, setting up and then being deputy director for the Intelligence Community's Collection Concepts Center for eight years.

McGruther retired from regular work in 2009, whereon he moved to Fernandina Beach, but still does occasional consulting on space security related matters.

Tickets are \$15 in advance if reservations are made by Saturday, Sept. 13 and \$17 at the door. Send your \$15 lunch check to MNC, P.O. Box 16291, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035. For more information, see the club's website at mensnewcomersclub.org.

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Trained workers lacking for jobs

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

A metal fabricator in Yulee said the company continually seeks experienced workers.

But job applicants have to know how to operate a CNC machine.

Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) machinists set up equipment that is capable of cutting, bending, forming and polishing raw metal into finished parts and tools.

Florida Machine Works in Yulee uses CNC machines to form metal parts with high precision.

"We're always looking for quality talent," said General Manager Joe Oller.

Oller said in an interview Thursday, Aug. 28 that the company opened in 2003 and half of its 26 employees arrived from other states.

Oller is from New Jersey and, he says, so is the company's owner.

Oller said it is difficult to find local employees since Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) eliminated its local full-size CNC machine program.

"It was a shock to me," said Oller. "I asked them why and the basic reason I was told was that there was no enrollment."

The school brought back the program to the Jacksonville campus about eight years ago, say FSCJ officials, and students have received jobs at Florida Machine Works.

Oller said he has an excel-

lent relationship with the school but he would like to see the full-size program come back to the Nassau campus.

He said that's why he participated in a manufacturing forum at FSCJ on Aug. 26 with college officials, including President Cynthia Bioteau, and executives from Rayonier Advanced Materials and RockTenn.

"I thought, let's get the process started where it could be resurrected," said Oller.

"How do students get involved? You have to have a program. It's still a long way off but I decided to attend to stimulate the conversation."

Oller said the starting salary at Florida Machine Works for experienced workers is \$17,000 to \$18,000 and \$13,000 to \$14,000 for workers who needed immediate training.

Oller is proactive in efforts to find skilled labor and at the same time give local people a shot at employment.

He said he partnered with the Nassau County School District to have a vocational instructor from Hilliard High School intern this summer at the company for one week. He said the instructor was also a skilled CNC machinist.

"This was good because it made use of Hilliard's small satellite office," said Oller.

They have the necessary CNC equipment at Hilliard High School?

"No, but this connection could be a start," said Oller.

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a sense of intrigue, mathematics will open the door for you."

In a follow-up phone conversation, Oller said the company continually seeks skilled workers and that starting salaries are \$17,000 to \$18,000 for people with experience and \$13,000 to \$14,000 for those without it.

Oller said the company is looking for people with experience but not in fast food service.

"We have a lot of people working at Burger King and McDonald's applying and that doesn't translate to real-world environment," said Oller.

Executives also said that manufacturing is a team-based operation and the ability to get along with people in high-pressure situations is critical to success.

The RockTenn executive said being prompt is important.

"A new hire that shows up late their first day doesn't speak highly of their work ethic," said Rorick.

Rorick said that at RockTenn technology has taken over and the toolbox includes more iPads than wrenches.

"We're installing more robots and somebody has got to fix those when they break down," said Rorick. "But it's increasingly computer based."

FSCJ's new interim president for the Nassau campus, Dr. Sandy Robinson, served on the panel and new president Dr. Cynthia Bioteau offered opening remarks.

Bioteau sent this message to executives in the conference room.

"You need to tell us your hiring needs," said Bioteau. "What do you look for and how do you train? We are truly your college."

Organizers presented statistics. They said there are 784 manufacturing positions in Nassau County and that the average salary is \$79,047.

They also said that men hold 82 percent of manufacturing jobs and that women hold 18 percent.

FSCJ's Instructional Program Manager for Manufacturing William Formanek said a lot of girls think they can't make it in math and science.

"Let's think about our opinion on that," said Formanek.

The executives agreed that manufacturing has had a big decline over the last several

years and that the industry has lost experienced workers.

FSCJ's Director of Workforce Education Dr. Jerry Collins said technology is changing rapidly and that keeping up with advances is challenging.

"We're really trying to prepare our children for jobs of tomorrow that we don't even know exist," said Collins.

He mentioned nanotechnology and carbon composite technology. There was also mention of 3-D technology.

Director of Career Education for the Nassau County School District Brent Lemond served as the event's moderator.

"Any time you can get people from industry to interact with educators we have an opportunity to better prepare our students for future employment," said Lemond.

A couple of home-schooled students attended the event to learn that information.

Jesse McDonald, 15, said the message about the importance of math resonated with him.

"I had not thought about math, but I feel relatively confident (about my skills)," said McDonald, who said he is interested in metal fabrication.

"Not so much working with metal but I like basically being able to come up with ideas and how pieces come together."

Mitchell Rushton, 15, said he is interested in the aerospace industry. "Engineering was interesting," said Rushton. "I think I have good math skills."

Dillon Whitaker, 21, who said he is taking online college courses now and is planning to join his family's business, Robison's Jewelry in Fernandina Beach, said he attended the program to learn about economic development in the community.

"That gentleman from Rayonier said that work requires manual labor and you work your way up. But where do you get that (initial) experience?" said Whitaker.

His father, Brett Whitaker, attended the event and questioned the link between school and work. He asked, "Where's the bridge?"

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'This is really a historical day. We are going to be in an elite group of forward thinking governments.'

PETER KING, DIRECTOR
NASSAU COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT

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but the board needs at least 90 days to notify the public.

"For a long time we didn't collect," said Commission Chair Barry Holloway. "It's time."

Commissioner Steve Kelley agreed.

"This is much better than the old system," said Kelley. "I support it 100 percent."

Commissioner Pat Edwards said when he joined the board, the task force was already at work, but he said he likes the plan. So did Commissioner Walter "Jr." Boatright.

Commissioners said at the meeting that the money collected within each district would be used in that district.

The board called its Tallahassee-based attorney to the podium for questions, including one about making changes to the document.

"It's not etched in stone," said attorney Heather Encinosa, who suggested reviews every few years.

"You wouldn't make a habit of sweeping changes ... it's flexible."

The new mobility plan, officials said, was worth the wait.

"This is really a historical day," said Growth Management Director Peter King. "We are going to be in an elite group of forward thinking governments."

King said the plan is modeled after mobility fee structures in Duval, Alachua and Pasco counties.

The board hired traffic engineers from Gillette & Associates to look at the impact new buildings have on the community.

The board contracted with the firm for a \$11,120 for the site-specific traffic study for sanctuaries.

That's because there was pushback from religious leaders when first drafts of the plan included churches. So, the board asked owner Nick Gillette

to take another look.

He found that the numbers were indeed too high and recommended that impact fees apply only to churches with more than 1,275 seats.

Representatives from St. Michael Catholic Church in Fernandina Beach and the Archdiocese of St. Augustine showed up to support the new fee structure.

The plan gives special consideration to builders putting up medical offices, day care facilities and shopping centers. The special task force included an executive from Sleiman Enterprises in Jacksonville. The company has built significant projects in Yulee, including the development around Publix.

The board also is allowing Sleiman to handle the extension of Commerce Drive now under construction in Yulee. Taxpayers are spending more than \$1.7 million for the roadway and put the company in charge.

The board also heard from people in the community, including builder Sandy Semanik of SEDA Construction. The Jacksonville company is a large residential homebuilder and has locally built the Flora Parke subdivision, among others.

The new fees will add about \$1,200 to the price of a new house and he doesn't like the plan.

"We're riding on the backs of residential homebuilders," said Semanik.

The board also heard from people who didn't want fees on churches of any size.

"If you think crime is bad now, the extra money you collect now you will spend on law enforcement," said Jack Lewis of Hilliard.

Here is what Sandra Geiger of Hilliard said: "If you start taxing God we're going to get more out of balance."

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WAIVERS

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sion before. This time, the board said it is serious.

"I make the motion that we enforce it," said Holloway.

Under the existing ordinance, nonprofit groups receive steep discounts and that is not going to change. The board voted to follow the ordinance that is already in place and has asked staff not to bring them any more requests for waivers. The board said they no longer want to hear them.

Leeper wanted to know if

the rules apply to government organizations, such as the sheriff and the Department of Fish & Wildlife. Such groups routinely meet at county facilities.

County Manager Ted Selby said they're not in the ordinance.

The board asked about agreements with sports groups, and Assistant County Manager and Budget Director Shanea Jones said organizations, including Pop Warner and Little League baseball, have separate agreements.

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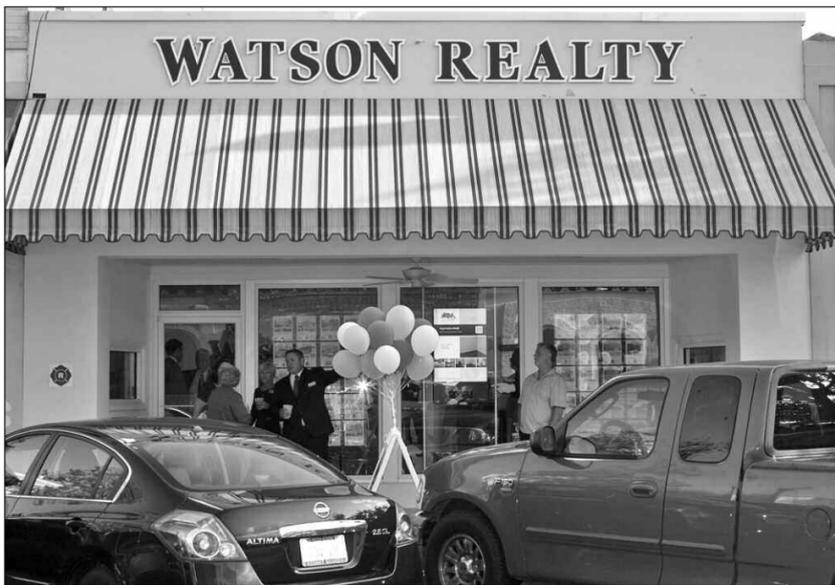
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Watson Realty Corp. opened a downtown Fernandina Beach branch office Aug. 21. Its interactive real estate storefront is a through-window, touch sensor technology that allows customers 24/7 access to listings. The storefront displays utilize heat resistant, ultra-bright LED technology to deliver unblemished visibility, even in direct sunlight. "This historic area is a wonderful location to expand our presence on Amelia Island," said William A. Watson Jr., Watson Realty Corp. founder. "The interactive storefront will make it possible to have a 24-hour presence in this busy area with frequent foot traffic." The office is located at 116 Centre St. Visit WatsonRealtyCorp.com.

Fundraiser for Boys & Girls Clubs

In conjunction with its Nov. 8 "Test Drive the World Luxury Travel Show," Wallace Pierson Travel is raffling off a room for two at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island for the night of the show including entry to the show for two people.

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There are 500 tickets and

two identical prizes to be given away, with \$5,000 going to Boys & Girls Clubs.

Raffle tickets are a \$10 donation per ticket made directly to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Nassau County Foundation. Call, email or stop by Wallace Pierson Travel to purchase tickets. Or mail a check made out to Boys and Girls Club of Nassau County Foundation (a 501(c)3 organization) and tickets will be mailed to you.

Make reservations for the show by RSVP at the same

time. Entrance to the show itself is a \$15 per person donation to Boys and Girls Clubs of Nassau County. Make the donation ahead of time and gain access to the express entry line the day of the show.

Wallace Pierson has held the show as a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Nassau County Foundation for six years now.

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Fiscal conservatism

The voters have spoken in Nassau County, but their voices were few – and hardly convincing.

However, they will have pronounced and emphatic consequences in not only how the county operates, but potentially the city of Fernandina Beach. This is the seductive nature of politics.

The re-election of Steve Kelley and the election of George Spicer may not have been unanimous or decisive in terms of votes. However, the pair of county commissioners is unanimous in direction and purpose.

Both commissioners supported an approach of lower taxes and less debt within county government. It is more of a fiscally conservative stance than their opponents touted.

The pro-conservative outcome could resonate through the upcoming city elections. The two incumbent city commissioners – Charlie Corbett and Sara Pelican – are preaching a similar sermon as their victorious county counterparts.

This is not to detract from the platforms of challengers Tim Poynter and Robin Lentz. Voters are capable of deciding on such issues. And the so-called "conservative" stance may not be as popular in this area as it once was (as new residents move in).

Spicer won by less than 200 votes, while Kelley's victory was more substantial. However, the turnout was poor for both elections, drawing only a fraction of registered voters.

Kelley received 4,269 votes to opponent Mike Boyle's 3,376. The race was limited to only Republican voters because the winner must face a write-in challenger in the general election.

Meanwhile, Spicer got 5,334 votes to incumbent Barry Holloway's 5,158. Spicer had lost to Holloway in his previous attempt at earning the



STEVE'S MARKET PLACE

Steve Nicklas

commission seat. Their election included all voters because there is no challenger in November.

Spicer's presence could alter the dynamics of the commission. Spicer, who is promoting a frugal mindset, will complement Kelley. They oppose raising taxes this fall as well as borrowing money to pay for a new sheriff's headquarters, for instance.

Frequently, Kelley's motions would die for a lack of a second motion, so he has struggled to win battles within the commission. However, Kelley has created awareness of many issues and won points in the battlefield of public opinion.

Fellow commissioners "Jr." Boatright, Danny Leeper and Pat Edwards often sided with Holloway, who chaired the commission. A potential swing vote on many issues will now be Edwards, who ran on a fiscally conservative platform – but has rarely sided with Kelley.

Kelley's lone ally has been County Clerk John Crawford. He will apparently have Spicer on his side now.

If nothing else, it should spice up the dialogue within the county commission, as it faces serious decisions in future months. With major projects and serious budgetary conundrums staring down at the commissioners, their decisions will have ramifications for years to come – on the county, its residents and its way of life.

Steve Nicklas is a financial advisor with a major U.S. firm who lives on Amelia Island. His business columns appear in several newspapers in North Florida. He can be reached at 753-0236.

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IN BRIEF

Axia Public Relations

Axia Public Relations, a PR firm that specializes in national public relations campaigns, received recognition from the Florida Public Relations Association at its annual Golden Image Awards.

Axia Public Relations, including CEO Jason Mudd and account manager Marjorie Comer, received the Judges' Award at the 2014 Golden Image Awards in Orlando, on Aug. 12.

FPRA presents the Judges' Award to an outstanding entry that achieves maximum

results while using a minimal amount of money. The award stems from an outstanding and impactful media pitch Axia developed for its client Brightway Insurance for Kiplinger's Personal Finance. Kiplinger's included Brightway Insurance on its list of "8 Great Franchises." Kiplinger's published the list online and in print.

Brightway received more than one million impressions, generating an estimated \$218,356 in publicity value, and nearly 40 new leads from prospective franchisors. From that, Brightway landed its first

Kentucky franchise store with more potential franchisees in the pipeline.

This award is Comer's first as a public relations professional and the firm's ninth overall FPRA recognition.

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Anniversary bash

Amelia Island Plantation celebrated its grand opening in 1974. Forty years later, a grand anniversary bash is planned at Shops of Amelia Island Plantation on Oct. 26 from 1-4 p.m.

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Plant Manager Robert Exon and lead technician Jamee Johnson facilitated the move from Maine.

Science First buys Maine company

Science First, a Yulee manufacturer of science education equipment and other products, announced the acquisition of assets of The Science Source of Waldoboro, Maine, a manufacturer of similar equipment, from Anania and Associates, a Maine-based investment company.

Terms of the sale were not disclosed. Inventory and assets were moved immediately to Science First's facility in Yulee, since it would prove too difficult to operate in two such widely separated locations.

"This is a big acquisition for us," said Aaron Bell, vice president of the Science First. "The Science Source has been in the same industry as us for about the same length of time (since 1960) and sells to many of the same customers. We expect to add a number of new jobs here in Florida and hope to grow the company considerably."

"We offered the people in Maine jobs in Florida," said Nancy Bell, president of Science First. "The problem is, of course, that people in Maine tend to love where they are living. The team in Maine was truly remarkable in terms of skill and work ethic. Several are coming to train us and may con-

sider moving permanently when they see the fine quality of life we enjoy in Nassau County. We are also extending consulting agreements to key Science Source people and hope to benefit from an ongoing relationship with them."

Science First Plant Manager Rob Exon, Purchasing Manager Lori Chorbak and Lead Technician Jamee Johnson were instrumental in overseeing operations in Maine during the move.

Science First currently has 26 employees and is in its third generation of family ownership, having been founded by Nancy's father Frank Lee in 1960. The Science Source was founded in 1960 by Cliff Bond and later owned by Rudy Graf before its December 2011 sale to Anania and Associates.

Science First expects to continue the manufacture of all or most of Science Source products, although many will be updated.

The Nassau County Economic Development Board, Enterprise Florida and Nassau County commissioners facilitated the move of The Science Source to Florida by providing tax incentives.

LEADERSHIP NASSAU



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Fifteen local residents have been selected for Leadership Nassau, the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce's community leadership development program. Starting with a two-day retreat Aug. 15-16, the members of class 15 have now embarked on a 10-month educational program where they will get an in-depth understanding of the history, economy, government, environment and culture of Nassau County. They will engage in activities that connect them with civic, cultural and business leaders and organizations throughout the region.

For more information, contact coordinator Lynne Starling at lynne@aifby.com.
Pictured are, front row, Jonathon Page, Pam Field, Tracy Canady, Karen Schexnayder, Mark Brown, Kimberly Syme, Chris Compton, Jacob Grice and, back row, Kevin Lilly, Sharon Collins, Matt Lanius, Cricket Poston, Dana Sargent, Jeff Dodd, Lee Allen.

Video tour book

A series of videos promoting Nassau County is now featured on the county's website. This video series, known as the Video Tour Book, consists of six one-minute videos that focus on living, working, and visiting Nassau County.

The purpose of the videos is to provide website visitors with a visual experience about Nassau County in an effort to encourage them to relocate or visit.

Video topics were selected to include a variety of infor-

mation that county officials feel is relevant to Nassau County and everything it has to offer.

The videos were shot by CGI Communications and were produced at no cost to Nassau County or the taxpayers.

The county was offered this promotional idea through membership with the National Association of Counties (NACo).

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Vicky and Bev Asbury, who hosted museum strategy meetings at their home, stand in 2006 with local historian Willie Mae Hardy Ashley during a ceremony renaming a portion of First Coast Highway in memory of MaVynee Betsch.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Notice of Meeting Amelia Walk Community Development District

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Amelia Walk Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at the Amelia Walk Amenity Center, 85287 Majestic Walk Circle, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Dave deNagy
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Grand opening Saturday

Grand opening for the American Beach Museum, 1600 Julia St., is Saturday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Beginning Sept. 13, the American Beach Museum, will open weekly from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays.

MUSEUM

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Bobbi Morgan Jones' beach cottage.

The museum planning committee included a number of friends of historical society founder MaVynee Betsch. Among them Phil Scanlan, Carlton Jones, former historical society presidents Dr. Rowena Stewart, Carol Alexander and current society president Neil Frink played key roles.

Also, committee members Vicky and Bev Asbury offered their home as a staging ground for strategy meetings. One week after moving to Amelia Island in 1998, the husband and wife had met museum visionary Betsch and Russ Rymer, author of the highly acclaimed *American Beach: A Saga of Race, Wealth and Memory*, at a book signing in downtown Fernandina Beach. That meeting led to a long friendship with Betsch. The museum planning committee regularly met at the Asbury home and Vicky Asbury became treasurer for the historical society.

"Other members did other things," Eve Jones said, noting the group collected photos, information and artifacts to put into the museum. "It just started coming together."

"We were a coalition of people, black and white, dedicated to preserving the important history of American Beach with the guiding hands of the Beach Lady, Rowena Stewart and Carol Alexander," Bev Asbury said.

From 2004 through 2006, the historical society received grants totaling \$45,000, Vicky Asbury confirmed. Most of the grants awarded were for planning purposes, including acquisitions and design, with \$5,000 in unrestricted funding. The museum also received annual fees from founding members.

Ethnobotanist Dr. A. Kweku Andoh and American Beach resident and historian Marsha Dean Phelts, author of *An American Beach for African Americans*, wrote position papers, including their research as supporting documentation for planning the museum's exhibits.

And the historical society hosted a delegation of preservationists from other historically black residential beach communities, hoping to benefit from their expertise and unique perspective on managing the survival of a historical enclave.

With preparations for the museum under way, one major obstacle remained. A building to house the museum still did not exist. Site plans for the American Beach Community Center were on the table. But the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners had yet to approve full funding for construction.

"Ansley Acree, she's the one that stepped up," Scanlan said, explaining that the former Nassau County commissioner, whose district included American Beach, pushed funding through.

Acree served in office from 2002 until 2006. In that time she became enamored with Betsch. Acree presented American Beach Day proclamations to residents and stood by a triumphant Betsch as the National Park Service received from the Amelia Island Plantation Co. the deed



Jennings

transferring ownership of Nana sand dune. Betsch brokered the deal, on behalf of the A.L. Lewis society, with assistance

from other environmentally minded advocates. Acree promised publicly at Betsch's memorial service that the board of commissioners would make the community center a reality.

Betsch, the great-granddaughter of American Beach co-founder Abraham Lincoln Lewis, spent the last years of her life advocating and campaigning for the museum. Her efforts in his memory revived and revitalized interest in keeping alive the historically black beach community founded in 1935. With her death in 2005, a noticeable silence fell.

"There was a lapse," Eve Jones said, explaining that the historical society began to be "less active."

"Focus fell apart," said Carlton Jones (no relation to Eve Jones). "There was a lull."

Officers resigned for various reasons. Fortunately, with community center construction still pending, another American Beach resident stepped into the void.

Ben Carter, a member of the ABPO, called or emailed the county commission on an almost a daily basis, Eve Jones said, noting that Carter attended meetings and served as a liaison. "It sent a message that American Beach was serious about wanting that structure built."

"He was a driving force behind getting shovels in the ground," Frink said of Carter, who died in 2011.

With building construction complete in 2010, the community center opened with an empty museum. And, while most involved with the museum planning believed it was destined for completion, they give the credit for carrying it through to its final stages to one man.

"We can't forget Bill Jennings. He's a rock," Neil Frink said. "I can't say enough about him. He has really been a driving force to get things done. . . . It has been a great experience for me to be around a man of his character."

"I am just so impressed

with his leadership, how he kept us focused," Carlton Jones said about Jennings, who serves as museum project director and trustee for the A.L. Lewis Society, a nonprofit organization. "Bill's passion to get the job done . . . has brought us where we are now."

Jennings "put some oomph and some muscle into the project," Eve Jones said. "Bill is someone who likes to see a finished product. He will give it 100 percent, plus."

Clestor William "Bill" Jennings Jr. has fond childhood memories of visiting American Beach with his parents and siblings. Those memories motivated him to build a home on American Beach, after retiring from his 30-year career with the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (Orlando International Airport). He served the authority as executive director for six years. In 2001, then Florida Gov. Jeb Bush appointed Jennings to the first board of trustees for Jennings' alma mater, Florida A&M University. He later served as chair for the board.

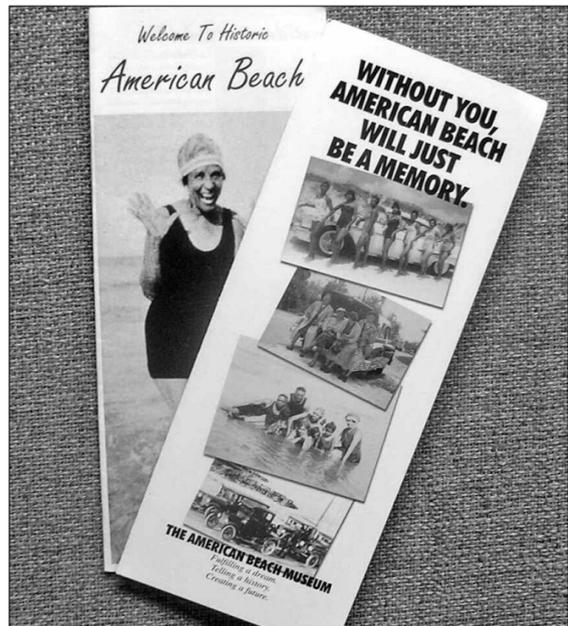
Regarding American Beach, "I think it's important to hold onto that history," said Jennings, who served the U.S. military as a member of the elite Tuskegee Airmen. "It would be a shame for us to lose it."

Many of the other historically African-American residential beach communities are "essentially gone," Jennings said, noting the loss of those at Hilton Head and Myrtle Beach, S.C., Bethune Beach, in New Smyrna Beach in central Florida, and Virginia Key Beach in Miami.

Jennings grew up in Orlando but his mother was from Jacksonville just 30 miles south of American Beach. Living the beach's history made him eager to find a way to preserve it and pass it on to the youth. Jennings said he wants to expand the museum to present the history of the other historical beaches as well, "so that the generation that comes behind us will remember."

"A.L. Lewis was an amazing man," Jennings said, also expressing gratitude for Lewis' great-granddaughter MaVynee Betsch and her role in keeping American Beach alive.

"It was something he left for all of us," Jennings said.



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Dear Jennifer Adams:

I read in the paper about your book, *Say Goodbye to Your Southern Accent*, and I'm much obliged for your advice. But don't forget that most advice is as useless as a steering wheel on a mule.

It's too late for me to change, Miss Jennifer. I'm practically retired and what I sound like is not that important anymore, except when I call the cable company and the robot lady can't understand me.



FROM THE HOME OFFICE

Phil Hudgins

I appreciate that you have a master's degree in speech pathology, and I know that comes in handy when you're helping someone exterminate a Southern accent. Matter of fact, one of our daughters is a speech pathologist, and she's done mighty well in the speech business despite her having a somewhat noticeable down-home sound. Without that accent, I bet she could be working with you.

If I may quote from this newspaper story: "Taking the South out of a client's mouth means shortening vowels, sticking G's back on the end of verbs and losing colloquialisms like 'What in the Sam Hill?'"

What I want to know is, what in the Sam Hill is wrong with "what in the Sam Hill?" I normally don't go around saying that, but it's a perfectly good expression. If I had time, I'd tell you what in the Sam Hill it's all about. By the way, I'm right particular about putting G's on the back end of verbs, except when I don't feel like doin' it.

You see, Miss Jennifer, a Southerner has a mind of his own, and he won't cotton to someone trying to change his speech pattern. If you don't know what "I'm fixin' to" means, well, that's your problem. You need to study up. If you'll pick a day, you're welcome to drop by the house for a lesson or two. We'll put it down where the goats can get it. I'll teach you how to understand Southern, and you can write another book. You can call it *Kiss My Grits*.

The point is, Miss Jennifer, folks are different in different parts of the country. That's just fine. But if books like yours catch on, we'll all sound like that guy on the 6 o'clock news who wears a spray-on tan and enunciates words to death.

Honestly, ma'am, some of us really appreciate our heritage and value our Southern accents. And we're bound and determined to keep them.

By the way, forget about working with my grandkids. I was just pulling your leg.

Fondly,
Phil Hudgins
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VIEWPOINT/MARGARET KIRKLAND/AMELIA ISLAND

What is the future of our island?

When my husband and I decided to retire to Amelia Island, we thought we could foresee the future of the island based on what we saw in terms of respect for environmental conservation and historical preservation. Based on restrictions on tree cutting in our community and others, the 2004 Comprehensive Plan, the 2009 Tree Management Plan and other documents as well as restoration efforts in the Historic District and Old Town, we assumed that development would be gradual and controlled and that the character of the island would be preserved and enhanced.

Weren't we naive? In the few years we have lived here, we have lost considerable canopy. We have seen constant struggles between residents and politicians and developers regarding flagrant violations of the city and county tree policies, development of wetlands (difficult to believe in 2014) and even the city's attempt to sell the very limited "recreational" land it owns. Now, there is the proposed plan to develop the Port that seems to be based on a location like Miami or Baltimore, not tiny Fernandina.

We wonder what happened to those individuals who wrote the Comprehensive Plan, and why the actions of our political and business leaders differ so radically from the plans and policies we read. Apparently, we still need to make those same critically important choices and decide what we want the future of our island to look like.

Did you ride around the island this spring or last spring when the real estate season was getting into full swing? "For sale" signs absolutely everywhere — homes, business sites and wooded parcels. It looked as though the entire island was up for sale. I couldn't stop imagining what Amelia Island would look like if these properties were all developed. What I saw was Jacksonville Beach (before the recent improvements) and the many other beach communities in coastal America that have decimated the environment that attracted tourists and residents and destroyed their economy through excessive development. We need to be far more careful about the decisions we make so that we don't go down that road.

We already have excessive development — empty storefronts and shopping malls. It

We need to consider what drives the economy of a place like Amelia Island and what attracts people to vacation and live here.

seems that every business prefers to build a new building rather than renovating one that already exists. That choice may be less expensive for the individual business, but it is extremely costly for the economy and the future of our island. Declining property values and tax base are but the tip of the iceberg.

We need to consider what drives the economy of a place like Amelia Island and what attracts people to vacation and live here. People come here because it is a livable community, where it is easy to get around and easy to get to know people. We have the basics for shopping, medical care, entertainment, recreation, etc. We have a lovely beach, the ocean and seemingly endless waterways, extensive state and local parks, exotic birds and other wildlife and picturesque swaths of old canopy with magnolias and ancient live oaks draped in Spanish moss.

Among the many things Amelia Island has to offer, I feel that the canopy is a critical lynchpin. Without the canopy, we will be like so many other beaches that are essentially strips of sand with a few palms or other young trees. We will lose our competitive edge that attracts tourists, residents and business. And, we will lose the wildlife that depends on this habitat.

When it is difficult to limit the sale of private property, how are we going to ensure that Amelia Island doesn't wind up looking like Jacksonville Beach and most of Jacksonville — wall-to-wall development, little green space and ungodly traffic? By selling the limited undeveloped property the city owns? We need to implement strategies for conserving more of our environment. Even Jacksonville eventually realized that they needed to create parkland around the city to make its sprawl into a more livable city.

The proposed expansion of the Port has to

be mentioned here because it is on everyone's mind. It is, frankly, a presumptuous assault on the residents of the island and on all of the recent efforts to develop our economy. We already have close to 600 log trucks and semis, not to mention a number of trains, going through the heart of the Historic District every day. We cannot take any more, and we are certainly not foolish enough to allow liquid nitrogen gas to be hauled through the heart of Fernandina. The planners are touting jobs. Yes, we need jobs, good jobs that offer opportunity for growth and advancement, but we don't need just a few jobs that are associated with such terrible consequences. This plan was obviously formulated to enrich a few individuals.

We are most fortunate to live in a remarkable place, so we need to be very careful in making decisions that will determine the future of the island. We need to understand the roles that conservation and history have been playing in building a sustainable economy on our island. If we understand this, we will develop strategies to enhance these aspects of our economy, rather than destroying them. Our strategies should begin with the following:

1. We need to attempt to live in the footprint we have already established on Amelia Island — utilizing or re-purposing parcels that have already been developed and restricting new development. This would resolve the problem of blighted areas around town. It would also be good for the economy because our occupancy rate would be far higher, which would be attractive to new businesses. Furthermore, it would maintain the quality of life that makes people want to live, work and vacation on Amelia Island.

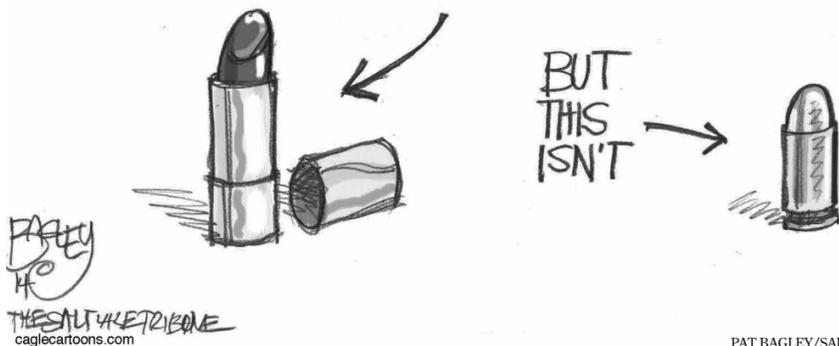
2. To further this plan, the city and county need to acquire all of the undeveloped land they can in order to preserve our competitive edge. It is critical for our economy. Perhaps bequeaths and land trusts can play a role in this.

3. Finally, we need to work together to develop a conservation plan that furthers the spirit of the Comprehensive Plan. This would be a template for the future that we would need to stick to.

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PAT BAGLEY/SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Incompatible vision

The board of an organization has the fiduciary duty for the well-being of the enterprise it leads. So, with this in mind, I applaud the board of the Port of Fernandina for developing an expansion plan. However, their plan is at odds with what I and most local residents consider to be the vision of Fernandina Beach and Amelia Island.

Our island is a unique pristine environment blessed with beautiful beaches, full of diverse wildlife, a unique state park, an unprecedented new bike trail and a remarkably quaint historic district. Tourism is the economic engine of the island. More and more people are discovering this precious island and attracted to these features and leisurely lifestyle.

The Port is the port OF Fernandina and as such must be sensitive and supportive of the long-term vision of the city. Expanding industrial cargo multi-fold by truck, rail and sea with its share of noise, traffic and hazardous chemicals is certainly not part of what this community wishes or needs.

The Port authorities need to look for a diversified business model that fits with the characteristics of our precious island. That is their duty as residents of the city of Fernandina.

One needs not to go far to witness what an expanded industrial port would look like, just drive south for about 30 minutes and visit Jaxport's Talleyrand and Blount Island terminals and their surroundings. I submit that most residents of Amelia Island would reject that vision. Let's join forces to prevent the expansion of the Port with the proposed business model while supporting the Port's long-term vi-

bility with an alternate business plan.
**Medardo Monzon
Fernandina Beach**

God bless lifeguards

On Sunday, we went to the beach at Peters Point with family visiting from Georgia. I have many years of experience in the ocean and consider myself to be a strong swimmer but this only caused me to become complacent in regard to water hazards. It was like any other day until I found myself and three kids ages 7, 9 and 11 caught in a rip current. We were in waist-deep water that quickly became shoulder deep. By

the time I realized we were being pulled away from the beach it was already too late. I struggled to keep the kids on their boogie boards and begged them to kick out of it but the current was too strong. Exhausted from trying to pull the kids toward the lifeguards that we needed help and with some assistance from other adults in the water the message was successfully relayed to the lifeguards. They reacted with skill and expertise that resulted in all being rescued safely and without incident.

My request to the readers of Voice of the People is that you

research "rip current" and make yourself aware of this very serious force of nature. In fact, the first article that I came to said that 80 percent of all beach rescues are rip current related. Please be prepared and become aware of the warning signs.

Words cannot express the overwhelming feeling of gratitude we have to the lifeguards at Peters Point stand #9 that sprang into action that day. God bless all of you and may He continue to give you the strength and courage that was displayed on Sunday.

**Tommy Weller
Fernandina Beach**

VIEWPOINT/A. MICHAEL HICKOX/NASSAU COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

Update from the Property Appraiser

Thank you again for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your Property Appraiser. It truly is an honor and a privilege. It has been rewarding to bring my private-sector experience into a government office and prove that government can run more efficiently and be productive. For the second year in a row we have reduced our expenses by cutting waste, cross-training staff, eliminating unproductive positions, outsourcing work and embracing technology. We will continue to look for ways to improve our efficiency, save tax dollars and offer the very best in customer service.

The 2014 assessment roll was recently approved by the Department of Revenue and reflects an increase in the taxable value for Nassau County for the first time since 2007. Strong sales activity during 2013 has helped stabilize the local market by reducing inventory and shifting the market from a buyer's market to a seller's market in some price ranges. The value increase is directly related to supply and demand economics and is being driven by selling prices and historically low interest rates.

It is the statutory responsibility of the Property Appraiser's Office to list and appraise all properties within the county to a "Fair

Market Value" every year and to administer exemptions. It is the commitment of this office to execute the duties and responsibilities of the office of Property Appraiser in a fair and equitable manner. Therefore, we have continued to work hard to correct inconsistencies in the way property had been appraised in the past and to try and make sure we are not appraising property for more than it could reasonably sell for in the open market. The market value for 2014 is up by more than 5 percent compared to 2013. This is good news for Nassau County property owners because it helps restore equity lost during the recession. Homeowners with homestead exemption are protected by the "Save Our Homes Amendment," which caps the amount of increase in assessed value to no more than 3 percent, or the consumer price index, whichever is lower. For 2014, the increase is capped at 1.5 percent. Also, it should be noted that higher property values do not necessarily mean a tax increase. Local taxing authorities have the option to use the "rollback rate" which would keep taxes at their current level.

Now as to the recent *News-Leader* article: This office does not and never has used drones or any other type of surveillance system to spy on property owners. We are

required to update our aerial maps at least every three years and these maps are available to the public on our website. The recent article in the *News-Leader* was wildly misleading with fabricated quotes and innuendos suggesting we are "watching from the sky." The use of aerial maps by this office is for the purpose of reducing staff time on the ground and increasing our efficiency in the field. My goal is to be less intrusive to property owners while we perform our jobs according to state statute, which is to appraise each parcel at a fair market value every year and inspect each parcel at least once every five years.

By now, property owners should have received their Notice of Proposed Property Taxes in the mail which will give you your 2014 values. If you believe your property is worth less than the market value stated on the notice, please call our office to discuss. If you have questions about property tax rates or taxes, please plan to attend the scheduled meetings listed on your notice. It is the goal of this office to be efficient, consistent and fair with all property owners. I am happy to meet with you personally.

As Property Appraiser, I appreciate the opportunity you have given me and I am here to serve you to the best of my ability.

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'Come Hell or high water'

I sometimes hear tales of people finding gopher tortoises on the beach and, thinking they are sea turtles, uninformed visitors sometimes try to help them by carrying them to the ocean and tossing them in. Well if you look at a gopher tortoise you can see that it has the shape and



WILD WAYS

Pat Foster-Turley

heft of a brick. And, with its stubby legs it swims about like a brick would swim too. Gopher tortoises inhabit our dunes and just aren't built for the sea.

But lately the reports I've been hearing about gopher tortoises on the beach are even more unusual. Take the case reported by Chip Kirkpatrick for instance. Chip is an avid metal detector who spends a lot of time patrolling the beach using his equipment to locate treasures of all sorts, but sadly, mostly bottle caps, buried cans and other metal junk people leave behind.

One morning at Peters Point Park Chip encountered a gopher tortoise in the surf line walking north. Chip patiently blocked the tortoise's path until he managed to guide it back into the dunes. But as soon as Chip moved away the tortoise turned around and walked to the surf line again. Chip picked him up this time and carried him back to the dunes. Again the tortoise turned around and headed for the ocean. Again Chip put him back in the dunes and finally, as far as Chip could tell, the tortoise stayed there.

The next day on the beach by Sliders Chip again saw a gopher

So why are gopher tortoises heading to the sea?

tortoise, this time actually in the water. Chip carried this tortoise back to the dunes and recognized its unusual dark brown, polished coloration and realized it was most likely the very same tortoise he had seen further south at Peters Point the day before. Later on it turns out, Chip's wife, collecting garbage further up the beach, also found a tortoise, maybe the same one, floundering in the water and getting swept out to sea. She waded in and rescued it too.

In all cases this turtle did not stay in the dunes but again headed back to the sea and once there again began heading north. This tortoise seemed to be on a mission, heading north along the surf line, "Come Hell or High Water." It makes one wonder about its destination. Is it looking for greener pastures to the north? I guess we'll never know.

Leslie Camp, who also knows a gopher tortoise when she sees one, recently also reported seeing a gopher tortoise walking down a dune access road off South Fletcher and right to the water's edge. The tortoise stepped into the water, let it swirl around its feet, then returned back up the beach to the dunes but couldn't climb the four-foot escarpment so Leslie helped it. Leslie reported that it was about 8:30 a.m. and only 80 degrees or so, not very hot, and the water temperature was nearly the same.

Sandra Baker-Hinton, who does

the sea turtle patrol at Fort Clinch State Park, has seen gopher tortoises in the water a number of times and sent me a few series of photos to illustrate this. In one series, an adult tortoise was in the surf line and Sandra, worried about its swimming abilities, lifted him up and returned him to the dunes. In another incident a few weeks later Sandra again encountered a tortoise heading to the sea and this time she was curious and just watched, figuring she could haul it out if it got in trouble. The tortoise entered the surf, came out again and then went back in, even deeper. The tortoise was actually swimming! After this brief swim the tortoise left the water and walked back up to the dunes.

So why are gopher tortoises heading to the sea? One theory is that on super-hot days like we've been having lately, tortoises are seeking the relative coolness of the water to cool down. (But Leslie's encounter on a cool-ish morning seems to negate this theory.) Others think that maybe the tortoises want to "take a bath." I think it might have something to do with salt intake, like a deer to a salt lick or whatever. Sandra's idea is even more interesting. She thinks that maybe over the years our tortoises have been brought to the sea by so many naïve tourists that they have learned to like the occasional dipping!

Internet searches also reveal the facts of occasional tortoise forays into the surf elsewhere too, but no one else knows why either. I guess it's just another fact of nature to enjoy but not understand. So be it.

Pat Foster-Turley is a zoologist on Amelia Island. She welcomes your nature questions and observations.

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Gopher tortoises sometimes purposefully enter the sea for a quick dip. They are not built for swimming and this behavior as yet has no explanation.



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Young Americans for Freedom Foundation teenagers Rebecca Pierce, left, and Bailey Hastings wave signs at the at the polls on Election Day, Aug 26, top, Led by President Rebecca Pierce, the energetic teens helped with phone calls on behalf of U.S. Rep. Ander Crenshaw, above.

Bean staff

State Sen. Aaron Bean has announced the addition of Joseph Endicott as his new legislative assistant.

Endicott will be responsible for assisting with Bean's legislation and policy, and will be working with other staff members to serve the constituents of District 4.

Endicott holds both a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in criminology

from Florida State University. His previous experience includes internships at the James Madison Institute and the Florida Senate.

Bean currently represents the Florida Senate's Fourth District, which covers all of Nassau County and parts of Duval County. He is chairman of the Senate Health Policy Committee. For more information, visit www.flsenate.gov/senators/s4.

City candidate forums

Amelia Park neighborhood will host a city candidate forum on Tuesday, Sept. 30 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall at Holy Trinity Church on Lake Park Drive. Amelia Park residents have been invited to submit questions to be asked of the candidates, and all candidates will be given the questions in advance to prepare their presentations to the community. All who are vying for the two available seats on the city commission

in the Nov. 4 election have been invited to participate.

The forum is open to the public. Call 277-2664 for information.

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A city candidate forum sponsored by the Fernandina Observer is scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16 at City Hall, 204 Ash St. For information, contact former mayor Susan Hardee Steger at 261-4372 or susan@fernandinaobserver.com.

Legislature has \$30 billion to spend

TALLAHASSEE – When the 2015 Florida Legislature convenes in Tallahassee, it is expected to have nearly \$30 billion in general revenue to create the state budget for FY 2015-16, according to a Budget Watch from Florida TaxWatch, the privately supported think tank examining government spending.

The new general revenue projection is \$141.6 million less than previously thought. The state's estimators attribute the scaled back projections to normal fluctuations, not any underlying weaknesses in the economy. The final estimate for next year's budget won't be announced until March.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, actual general revenue collections fell short of projections made last March by \$106 million. The revenue collection

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estimates for the current fiscal year (2014-15) were increased by \$49.2 million, but the estimates for the next year (2015-16) were lowered by \$84.1 million.

Estimates for the sales tax, the largest source of general revenue, were increased. However, the estimates for corporate income taxes and real estate taxes (documentary stamp and intangibles taxes) were all revised lower.

"Florida is now in the middle of its largest ever state budget,

which is expected to grow even larger next year," said Dominic M. Calabro, president and CEO of Florida TaxWatch, the independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit taxpayer research institute. "Florida is experiencing steady recovery and growth and our revenues have finally recovered from the recession."

The projected general revenue collections for this year are expected to exceed the pre-recession high of FY 2005-06 for the first time and are expected to continue to grow between

4-5 percent annually through fiscal 2017-18.

"While state revenue continues to grow, the next budget may be a little tighter than expected," said Kurt Wenner, vice president for tax research of Florida TaxWatch. "If legislators want to keep the same level of reserves there are now, there will be only \$43 million more GR available than was spent this year, which will likely result in increased competition to fund social programs, provide tax cuts and increase investment in core government services, such as education and health care."

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No change in consumer confidence

GAINESVILLE – Consumer sentiment among Floridians remained flat at a post-recession high for the third consecutive month in August, according to a University of Florida survey.

"While U.S. consumers are somewhat more pessimistic, Florida consumers are holding steady," said Chris McCarty, director of UF's Survey Research Center in the Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

The five-component survey showed mixed results. Survey participants' perception of being financially better off now than a year ago remained unchanged, while their confidence in having improved personal finances a year from now rose.

Trust in the national economy over the next year, confidence in U.S. economic conditions over the next five years and the opinion about whether now is a good time to buy a big consumer item, such as a car, all went down.

Age and income were key

factors in this month's study. The overall index fell for those under age 60 but rose for those aged 60 and over. Households with incomes over \$30,000 saw a drop in confidence, while confidence among low-income households remained flat. Further analysis found increased pessimism among respondents ages 50 to 65, who may be concerned about their current personal finances. If this continues, it may be a sign they feel unprepared for retirement, McCarty said.

"These results suggest the Florida economy is not growing rapidly," McCarty said. "While it's good news that the index is not volatile, we would like it to be about 10 points higher given that the recession ended more than five years ago."

The state's unemployment rate for July remained at 6.2 percent, matching the national rate. Florida's unemployment rate has wavered between 6.2 and 6.3 percent since December 2013, after previously declining each month for 19 months. Florida lost jobs in

July, primarily in manufacturing, services, wholesale trade and government; this loss was balanced by a decline in the labor force.

"Florida's wages have been relatively flat, and a larger percentage of the labor force is working part-time when they would like to work full-time," McCarty said.

Housing prices in July were higher than a year ago, but they were flat compared with June's figures. The median price of an existing single-family home was \$185,000 for both months. Mortgage rates remained near historical lows, yet housing sales slowed in July. "Some of this is due to a pull-back from investors – many who paid cash," McCarty said.

Near-record stock market highs continue to generate opti-

mism among some Florida consumers, McCarty said, "although there is increasing speculation that a correction in stocks, typically defined as a decrease of 10 percent or more, is likely in the next year."

Looking ahead, all eyes are on the Federal Reserve, McCarty said.

"The debate among members of the Federal Open Market Committee, which sets short-term interest rates, reflects discussions among economists about where the economy is headed," McCarty said. "Members are split with some seeing us firmly on the road to recovery and advocating for increased interest rates to head off inflation. Others see signs of weakness and stagnation and advocate a delay in raising interest rates."



INVITATION TO BID

The City of Fernandina Beach will receive sealed competitive Bids for requirements of the following until no later than 2:00 pm, October 15th, 2014.

BID # 14-20 ENTERPRISE RESOURCES PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS AND RFP DEVELOPMENT

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

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The City of Fernandina Beach will receive sealed competitive Bids for requirements of the following until no later than 2:00 pm, September 12th, 2014.

BID # 14-21 GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE RE-ROOF

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POLICE REPORT

This was written by Angela Daughtry of the News-Leader from oral and written reports by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, the City of Fernandina Beach Police Department and other agencies. Arrest indicates suspicion of a crime, not guilt.

Anyone with information about criminal activity can contact the Fernandina Beach Police Department at 277-7342 or the Nassau County Sheriff's Office at 225-5174 (Non-Emergency Line), 548-4009 (Administrative Receptionist), or 855-725-2630 (Toll Free).

The "We Tip" program - 1-800-78CRIME - also allows callers to leave anonymous tips.

Shark damages dock

A large shark caused \$76,000 in damaged electrical lines at the city docks after being caught and left tied to a cleat, where it was later found dead by dock workers, according to a city police report.

The report states surveillance footage from the Fernandina Harbor Marina showed five men carrying coolers and fishing equipment to the dock area on Aug. 16 around 10 p.m. All ramps leading to the docks have signs stating that fishing from the docks is prohibited.

A "rather large" shark, found by dock workers the next day, was left tied to a cleat by a hook on a rope and chain, the report stated.

Police surmised the shark damaged electrical wiring connected to a 100-amp pedestal when it was thrashing about trying to get free, or possibly when it was being reeled in.

According to the report, the pedestal, which supplies electricity to larger boats docked at the marina, was completely

destroyed. An estimate to repair the pedestal and electrical lines was \$76,000. The marina, however, had recently accepted a bid to refurbish the electrical system at the docks, which will result in loose electrical lines being placed in a conduit.

Fernandina Harbor Marina Manager Joe Springer told police that visitors have ignored the signs and fished from the docks before, sometimes leaving dead fish, blood and trash that must be cleaned up by dock workers. Springer said this occurs after the marina closes and Brett's Waterway Café turns off the lights at 10 p.m. Springer asked for increased police patrols of the docks and for anyone caught fishing there to be trespass-warned by police. Springer was to provide police with video footage so the suspects could possibly be identified.

Dog left in hot car

A small dog was taken from its owner Aug. 24 by Nassau County Animal Control after it was left in a hot vehicle outside Walmart, according to a sheriff's office report.

Responding to a call from a passerby, police found a "small, frail female Jack Russell terrier which was whimpering and panting heavily" inside a Dodge Dakota around 11:45 a.m. outside the Walmart Supercenter in Yulee.

The truck's passenger window was rolled down about 2 inches, according to the report, and the driver's side window was rolled down about six inches. The report also stated the sun was shining directly on the vehicle, and the dog had been trying to get cool in a shaded area under the dashboard.

The truck's doors were

unlocked so a deputy took the dog out of the car. According to the report, "the seat and floorboard were extremely hot and uncomfortable to touch" and the dog was "very warm."

The deputy put the dog in his air-conditioned patrol car and gave it some water, according to the report, and the dog stopped panting after cooling off.

A short time later, the man who owned the truck and the dog came out of the store and "became hostile" toward deputies and the passerby who had made the call, the report stated.

The man also reportedly told police to "hurry up and put my dog back in the truck, I've got to finish my shopping."

Nassau County Animal Control was consequently contacted by police and took possession of the dog, according to the report.

The outside temperature was reportedly 94 degrees with a heat index of 103 degrees. The dog had been left in the truck for about 15 minutes, according to a Walmart surveillance video.

The dog's owner was given a summons to appear in court on an animal cruelty charge, a misdemeanor.

Truck in river

A Hilliard woman was arrested Aug. 16 after driving her pickup truck into the St. Marys River at the King's Ferry boat ramp and for battering a law enforcement officer, according to a Nassau County Sheriff's Office report.

A man reported to police late in the evening of Aug. 16 that he had picked up Tina Lowe, 52, in his boat along with another female from the waters off the

ramp in Hilliard. Lowe was reportedly "having trouble staying above the water" and the other woman was trying to help her get out.

Once on land, the man reportedly retrieved Lowe's pickup truck, backed it up to the boat ramp and helped Lowe get inside. She would not let the other woman drive, however, and attempted to leave the scene. But instead of putting the truck in drive, she put it in reverse and drove into the St. Marys River, according to the report.

Arriving at the scene, a deputy observed the vehicle was completely submerged in the river, but Lowe was nowhere to be found. She was shortly found nearby, asleep in a lawn chair in a neighboring yard, according to the report.

When the deputy confronted Lowe, she was "verbally combative," her speech was slurred and she had a "very strong odor of alcohol on her breath," the report said. She also was unsteady on her feet and "did not want to answer any questions as to how the truck got in the water." She also would not identify the other woman who had been at the scene earlier, the report said.

Lowe became agitated on being read her Miranda rights, according to the report, and refused to submit to field sobriety tests. Placed under arrest for DUI, Lowe was put into a patrol vehicle, but then began "throwing a loud verbal tantrum," which interfered with the officer's radio communication with dispatch.

In an attempt to calm Lowe down, the officer reportedly stepped out of the front seat of the patrol car and opened the back door. Lowe then attempt-

ed to get out and began yelling and kicking her feet, striking the officer in his knee and belt, the report said.

Lowe, of 36199 Pecan Drive, Hilliard, was charged with battery of a law enforcement officer and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Felony arrests

■ Curtis Harmon Manning, 40, Jacksonville, Aug. 25, grand theft motor vehicle.

■ Craig Lavon Manning, 42, 73 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach, Aug. 24, aggravated battery using a deadly weapon.

■ Tony Carl McBee, 26, 1305 S. Sixth St., Fernandina Beach, Aug. 24, aggravated battery/offender knew victim was pregnant, violation of an injunction, battery of a person 64 or older.

■ Sylvia June Osborn, 27, Panama City, Aug. 23, Nassau County warrant, grand theft.

Gregory Lamar Knawhaw, 39, St. Marys, Ga., Walton County warrant, failure to appear, domestic battery.

■ Gregory Fitzgerald Wyche, 30, Jacksonville, Aug. 23, Nassau County capias, failure to appear, possession of cocaine.

■ Jennifer Louise Collins, 35, St. Marys, Ga., Aug. 23, grand theft.

■ Floyd Christopher Divens, 42, 10 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach, Aug. 22, robbery by snatching.

■ Johnny McDaniel Dixon, 38, 10510 Newberry Landing Annex, Hilliard, Aug. 22, Charlton County, Ga., warrant, theft by deception.

■ Renato Marques Conceicao, 29, Jacksonville, Aug. 22, driving while license suspended or revoked, habitual traffic offender.

■ Amanda Michelle Hutchinson, 29, 910 Vernon St., Fernandina Beach, Aug. 22, Nassau County warrant, burglary of a dwelling, criminal mischief.

■ Blake Gage Brass, 22, Satsuma, Aug. 22, grand larceny, unauthorized credit card use.

■ Cleveland Autrey Shuman, 51, 26076 Pope Drive, Hilliard, Aug. 21, Arkansas arrest warrant, child neglect.

■ Jarvis Mabuc Sullivan, 39, Woodbine, Ga., Aug. 21, out of

state warrant, failure to appear, DUI, speeding, reckless driving, violation of probation/sale or delivery of cocaine.

■ Jermaine Jerrod Richards, 31, 123 Hirth Road, Fernandina Beach, Aug. 21, Nassau County warrant, violation of probation.

■ Johnny Hicks Deese, 68, 94544 Duck Lake Drive, Fernandina Beach, Aug. 21, aggravated battery.

■ Christopher Kim Milka, 55, 2856 Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach, Aug. 20, drug trafficking (deferred arrest from April 3).

■ Shemekia Nuttrel Robinson, 35, Jacksonville, Aug. 20, Nassau County warrant, grand theft.

■ James Francis Ferguson, 23, 3578 Hamp Hicks Road, Bryceville, Aug. 20, Nassau County capias, false imprisonment, battery.

■ Raymond Leroy Coleman Jr., 41, Jacksonville, Aug. 20, driving while license suspended or revoked.

■ Jeremiah Wayne Doyle, 31, 206 Lighthouse Circle, Fernandina Beach, Aug. 20, Nassau County warrant, violation of probation, felony battery.

■ Michael Edward Crews, 66, 85143 Theresa Road, Yulee, Aug. 19, Nassau County warrant, battery of a person over the age of 65.

■ Billy Darwin White, 34, 37083 Cypress Lane, Hilliard, Aug. 19, Duval County warrant, sexual battery, lewd or lascivious molestation, lewd or lascivious battery.

■ Jacob Greene Austin, 62, 409 S. Fifth St., Fernandina Beach, Aug. 19, Nassau County warrant, second-degree arson.

■ Michael Scott Green, 37, 27242 W. Sixth Ave., Hilliard, Aug. 19, Nassau County warrant, violation of probation/uttering forged bills.

■ Austin Eugene Nettles, 27, 85337 Lonnie Crews Road, Fernandina Beach, Aug. 18, Nassau County warrant, violation of probation/felony battery.

■ Latrae Leon Hopkins, 30, 919 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach, Aug. 18, aggravated assault, burglary of a residence, battery.

■ Christopher Andrew Thornton, 19, 2633 Eastwood Drive, Bryceville, Aug. 17, grand theft more than \$5,000 but less than \$10,000.

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Six men arrested in West Side theft ring

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

Six people were arrested recently in connection with a West Side theft ring, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office reported.

Arrested were Steven Dane Fletcher, 43, Callahan; Leroy Shane Lee, 32, Hilliard; Clinton Wayne Lee Jr., 45, Hilliard; William Cleve Hash, 47, Hilliard; Rush Berkley, 32, St. George, Ga.; and Quincy Allen Campbell, 36, St. George, Ga.

The suspects allegedly stole items over the past several months from residences in and around Bryceville, Callahan and Hilliard, according to the report, and were arrested after a lengthy investigation by sheriff's office detectives.

The suspects were charged with burglary, grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

Items recovered by the sheriff's office include a 1990 Toyota pickup; a 1992 Chevrolet 1500 pickup; a 1997 Chevy Tahoe; a 2000 Nissan Frontier pickup; a 1997 Carolina Skiff and motor; a 2005 Honda Fourtrax Rancher 4-wheeler; a Polaris Ranger 4-wheeler; a battery charger and chain saw; a motorcycle trailer; a golf cart; a refrigerator; insulation; a piano; a pressure washer; a shop vacuum; a Poulan riding lawnmower; ladders; tailgates; and other items.

"Many of the items that were stolen were easily accessible, left under an open carport, had keys left in the ignition or doors left unlocked, so it

Property records

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is offering a free citizen property inventory system for the general public powered by Leads Online.

Residents can go to www.reportit.leadsonline.com to keep a secure online record of their valuable property. The records will help local law enforcement recover property faster, the sheriff's office said. The service is free of charge.

is important to make sure your property is protected and stored securely," Sheriff Bill Leeper said in a press release.

"It is also very important to keep a list of serial numbers or pictures of your property in the event it is stolen and recovered so law enforcement can get the items back to you."

According to the press release, the investigation continues and more arrests may be made as more items are recovered.

Deputies also are investigating other recent break-ins along River Road in Callahan, according to the press release. No arrests have been made but detectives are following several leads.

If anyone has information on crimes, they can contact the sheriff's office at 225-5174 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 11-866-845-TIPS (8477).

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New charges filed against teacher

News-Leader

New charges were filed Thursday against Daniel Wright, a Fernandina Beach High School teacher arrested in June for having sex with an underage student and subsequently charged with 33 counts of possession of child pornography and one count of transmission of material harmful to a minor.

The new charges include three counts of sexual battery, two counts of unlawful sexual activity with a minor and one count of tampering with evidence.

Wright, 32, pleaded not guilty in court Thursday.

The charges involve one female victim in Hilliard, where Wright once taught, and one female victim in Fernandina Beach.

Wright, a media teacher and yearbook advisor at FBHS, was originally arrested June 16 after city police detectives said he confessed to an inappropriate relationship with a 17-year-old senior during the past



Wright

school year.

As part of their investigation, detectives searched Wright's cell phone, which led to the discovery of a second victim in Hilliard and the pornography charges, according to police reports.

The investigation continues. Anyone with any knowledge – particularly students and/or their parents – regarding inappropriate sexual conduct or inappropriate photos sent to or received by Wright should contact the Nassau County Sheriff's Office at 225-0147 or 855-725-2630 if they live in the county, or Fernandina Beach Police at 277-7342 if they live in the city.

Wright was a TV production and digital design teacher at Fernandina Beach High since 2012, and formerly taught at Hilliard High School.

The following report was compiled by Angela Daughtry, News-Leader staff, from the Aug. 28 court docket of Circuit Court Judge Robert M. Foster.

■ A motion for a new trial was denied in the case of Justen Dean Alexander, convicted of sexual battery. A sentencing hearing is set for Sept. 18.

■ Danszel Marcus Asberry admitted to two counts of violation of probation being served for possession of a controlled substance, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia and no valid driver's license and was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked and terminated and he was sentenced to 90 days in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served. He was ordered to pay \$1,259.44 in outstanding costs.

■ Joseph Haywood Beatty admitted to a violation of probation being served for aggravated assault and obstructing or opposing a police officer without violence and was adjudicated guilty. Probation was reinstated with the original terms and conditions and extended one year. He must enroll in a drug/alcohol program, must have no weapons, take medication as prescribed and have no alcohol for 12 months.

■ Blake Gage Brass pleaded not guilty to burglary of a dwelling or occupied structure, grand theft third-degree, more than \$300 but less than \$5,000, and fraudulent use of an unauthorized credit card.

■ Jaime Lynn Buzzard pleaded guilty to sale, delivery, purchase or manufacture of marijuana and possession of over 20 grams of marijuana and adjudication was withheld. She was not prosecuted on a charge of possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. She was sentenced to 18 months drug offender probation with random urinalysis and must have a drug/alcohol evaluation within 60 days and follow up with any recommended treatment. She was ordered to pay \$518 in court costs, \$150 to the Public Defender's Office and \$100 to the State Attorney's Office.

■ Christopher Lee Calhoun Jr. pleaded not guilty to possession of a controlled substance and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, no citation.

■ Kelsey Morgan Dunsing

pleaded guilty to uttering forged bills and adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail followed by 18 months probation and must enroll in Milepost classes within 30 days and complete 25 hours of community service at a minimum of five hours per month. He was ordered to pay \$418 in court costs, \$218.68 in restitution, \$150 to the Public Defender's Office and \$100 to the State Attorney's Office.

■ James Francis Ferguson Jr. pleaded guilty to false imprisonment and battery and was adjudicated guilty. He was sentenced to 10 months in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served, followed by 12 months probation and must have no victim contact. He was ordered to pay \$418 in court costs, \$352 in surcharges, \$150 to the Public Defender's Office and \$100 to the State Attorney's Office. Sentence runs concurrently with a Duval County case. Ferguson may serve time in Duval County.

■ Danielle Patrice Guidry submitted a written plea of not guilty to use or possession of another person's ID without consent and driving while license suspended or revoked.

■ Lisa Kay Latham pleaded guilty to sale, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance and was adjudicated guilty. She was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail followed by 18 months drug offender probation with random urinalysis and a drug/alcohol evaluation within 60 days and any follow-up treatment. She was ordered to pay \$518 in court costs, \$150 to the Public Defender's Office and \$100 to the State Attorney's Office.

■ Jason Gerald Leavitt admitted to a violation of probation being served for sexual battery and was adjudicated guilty. Probation was reinstated with the original terms and conditions and he was also sentenced to 90 days in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served. He was ordered to pay \$200 in restitution. In a second case, Leavitt pleaded guilty to fraudulent use of a credit card and was adjudicated guilty. He was sentenced to 90 days in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served, to run concurrently with the first sentence. He was ordered to pay \$418 in court costs, \$150 to the

Public Defender's Office and \$100 to the State Attorney's Office.

■ Clinton Wayne Lee Jr. pleaded not guilty to grand theft.

■ Heather Rehnaa Lewis pleaded guilty to a lesser-included charge of simple battery and criminal mischief and was adjudicated guilty. She was not prosecuted on a charge of disorderly intoxication. She was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail followed by 12 months probation. She must have no alcohol and must submit to a drug/alcohol evaluation and follow up with any recommended treatment. She was ordered to pay \$223 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$50 to the Public Defender's Office. Restitution to the Nassau County Sheriff's Office is to be determined within 60 days.

■ Arsene Joseph Marchand pleaded guilty to sale, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance and was adjudicated guilty. He was sentenced to six months in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served, followed by 18 months drug offender probation. He must have a drug/alcohol evaluation within 60 days of release, submit to random urinalysis and follow up with any recommended treatment. He must report to Nassau County Jail by Sept. 15, and may petition the court for early termination of probation after nine months. He was ordered to pay \$518 in court costs, \$150 to the Public Defender's Office and \$100 to the State Attorney's Office.

■ Quantrell Lamar Pringle pleaded not guilty to aggravated battery.

■ Harvey Lee Reedy pleaded guilty to two counts of grand theft and was adjudicated guilty. He was sentenced to 12 months in Nassau County Jail on each count, with credit for time served, to run concurrently. He was ordered to pay a total of \$836 in court costs, \$462 in restitution, \$300 to the Public Defender's Office and \$200 to the State Attorney's Office.

■ Larry Wayne Roberts, charged with possession of firearm ammunition by a convicted felon, trespass and disorderly intoxication, was found incompetent to proceed and was committed to the supervision of the Department of Children and Families.

■ A jury trial date of Nov. 17 was set for Jeremy Allen Sanger, charged with armed burglary, grand theft firearm and impersonating a police officer.

■ Justin Kyle Schmitt pleaded not guilty to two counts of dealing in stolen property.

■ Robert E. Shreve pleaded guilty to driving while license permanently revoked and adjudication was withheld. He was not prosecuted on a charge of attaching a tag improperly or not assigned. He was sentenced to 12 months probation with random urinalysis and must not drive. He was ordered to pay \$418 in court costs and \$100 to the State Attorney's Office.

■ Jessica Leihghanne Simcox pleaded not guilty to grand theft and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

■ Van Howard Stivers pleaded not guilty to grand theft, dealing in stolen property and giving false verification of ownership.

■ Steven Cary Strength pleaded not guilty to possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and permitting an unauthorized operator to drive.

■ Grady Lee John Trammell pleaded guilty to criminal mischief over \$1,000 and adjudication was withheld. He pleaded guilty to obstructing or opposing a police officer without violence and was adjudicated guilty. He was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail followed by 12 months probation. He must have a drug/alcohol evaluation within 60 days and follow up with any recommended treatment and enroll in an anger management program within 30 days. He was ordered to pay \$418 in court costs, \$150 to the Public Defender's Office and \$100 to the State Attorney's Office. The court reserves jurisdiction on restitution.

■ Charlton Corey Varnes pleaded not guilty to introducing contraband into a detention facility.

■ Brandon Lawshawn Zow pleaded not guilty to grand theft.

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Children face bullying online

Florida News Connection

TALLAHASSEE – Bullying is no longer a behavior that happens mostly on the playground or the school bus. Social media is providing online channels for negative interactions between children, with more than half of teens reporting they have witnessed online bullying.

Experts like Peggy Caruso, a life coach and author of the book *Revolutionizing Your Child's Life*, says the best way an adult can help their child is to be aware of the sources of bullying.

"The biggest thing is understanding the types of bullying and the signs that you look for," Caruso says.

Those signs include a child who seems withdrawn, lacks the desire to interact with others, or exhibits extreme changes in behavior.

Florida law prohibits bullying, and specifically prohibits the use of technology to inflict psychological distress.

In addition to increased technology providing outlets for bullies, Caruso says it has also decreased traditional communication between children, like face-to-face problem solving.

"One of the issues with technology and social media is the loss of communication," says Caruso. "So, I also teach them how to mastermind together, brainstorm with other children, and just try to bring back some things that are lost."

To deter negative online interactions, she says advise your child to resist the temptation to respond to the bully, don't retaliate, save any evidence and use online privacy tools and settings to block the bully.



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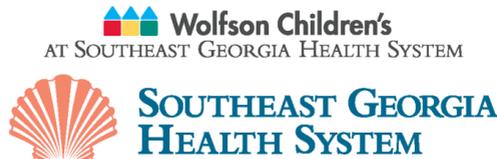


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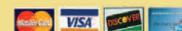


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3 scores for Peacock in Yulee's win over FBHS

Hornets home with Potter's House, Pirates travel to Nease Friday

BETH JONES
News Leader

Jamari Peacock scored three times in the Hornets' season opening victory over the visiting Pirates. Yulee defeated Fernandina Beach High School 41-12 to open the 2014 campaign. "I give our players and staff all the credit," said Bobby Ramsay, head football coach at Yulee. "We knew Fernandina is a good team and that we needed a fast start against them. I feel like we were able to get a couple big plays early and create a cushion."

"R.J. Adams' interception and A.J. Damiano's forced fumble really made a difference, as they both set up scores. I was really proud of the defensive effort; we had everyone running to the ball and playing with the kind of effort that we stress."

"Offensively Dylan Basham had one of the better games a quarterback has had for us since I have been here. Bryce Oldaker, Ironne Coley and Apollo Pederson all had catches of over 30 yards, so it was great to get so many big plays."

"Also our kick coverage was as good as we have had, Bradley Thornton kicked extremely well."

Peacock had 140 yards on 12 carries. Basham was 5-for-8 for 145 yards and a pair of touchdowns (50 yards to Oldaker and 62 yards to Coley — with one pick. Basham also rushed eight times for 53 yards. Coley also scored on the ground and finished the night with 22 yards on six carries.

Damiano had eight tackles to go along with the forced fumble. Kyrdin Huguley had six stops for Yulee. Jed Marsh had five and Isaiah Leverett had a quarterback sack.

"Give Yulee a ton of credit," FBHS Coach Travis Hodge said. "They waited on us for a year and they took it to us Friday. Out-coached us, out-played us, they were the more disciplined team. Coach Ramsay had his guys ready to play. Bottom line for us is we have a long long road ahead of us if we don't change something quickly. We have to learn how to practice, learn how to prepare and that's my job and somehow I have to find a way to do a better job at that."

Yulee hosts Potter's House Friday before opening district play.



Jamari Peacock on the run, top right, and taking a breather on the sideline, left, Friday night when the Pirates visited Yulee in the season opener.

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BETH JONES
NEWS-LEADER

"We have a big district, so this is our last game before that part of our schedule begins," Ramsay said. "We told the team that we have to make our biggest improvements this week. We are stressing to the players that it is not

about the opponent, we are competing against ourselves for something bigger."

On the road again, the Pirates head to Nease Friday. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

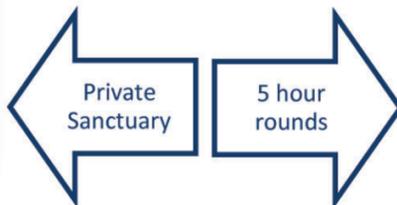
"It doesn't get any easier this week," Hodge

said. "Nease is probably the most sound offense we have faced."

The Pirates' home opener is Sept. 12 with Hilliard. High school and middle school schedules appear on 3B.



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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.

Fishing seminar

The Chevy Florida Insider Fishing Report representatives will be at Ron Anderson Chevrolet Buick GMC, 464054 State Road, Yulee, from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 4.

The first 75 visitors receive a T-shirt. There will be other giveaways along with hot dogs, drinks and fishing seminars by Capt. Rick Murphy, Capt. Russell Tharin and Brie Gabrielle from Chevy Florida Insider Fishing Report. For information, call 261-6821.

Armada FC tryouts

Jacksonville's professional soccer team, the Armada FC, is looking for local and regional players to potentially join the roster as the club begins play in the North American Soccer League in spring 2015. Male players age 16 and over are invited to attend open tryouts Sept. 20 and 21. Armada FC general manager Dario Sala will join with head coach José Luis Villarreal and his coaching staff to evaluate and identify players for possible spots on

the Armada FC 2015 squad roster.

Tryouts will be held at Episcopal High School, 4455 Atlantic Blvd.

Players must pre-register for the tryouts at www.armadafc.com. The registration fee to participate is \$100 per player, per tryout and must be made online during the registration process. Players will be required to download and complete additional registration forms and present the completed forms prior to the start of the training. Spaces at the open tryouts are limited and are by pre-registration only.

For information, prospective players should visit www.armadafc.com or call (904) 516-3795.

Sailing Club meets

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

Pilates at Osprey

Pilates class is now offered at the new Osprey Village Fitness Center. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Cost is \$10 per class when purchasing 10 or \$12 per individual class. Private pilates instruction is also available. General public welcome.

Pilates is a series of non-impact exercises designed to develop strength, flexibility, balance and inner awareness. Contact Carol at 557-8542 or

across83@comcast.net for information.

Yulee Little League

Yulee Little League will hold its annual board meeting at 6 p.m. Sept. 24 in the gymnasium of the Yulee Sports Complex, Goodbread Road.

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.

Sports association

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

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.

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 horseshoes and bocce, the Italian bowling game. Public welcome. Call 491-1190.

Auxiliary meets

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

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.ameliaslandcycling.com, www.sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/sriders or www.nfb.us for information.

Be an umpire

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If you live or work in Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Putnam, St. Johns or Nassau County, contact Terry Padgett at (904) 879-6442 or visit www.rivercityumps.com.

Jeff Galloway run/walk

A local group meets Saturday mornings for runs/walks using the Jeff Galloway training method. Train for a marathon, half-marathon or 15K. Call Mike Hagel at 415-6039.

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3. Only one entry per person.
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5. All entries must be returned to the News-Leader by Friday at 5 p.m.
6. The person with the most correct picks will win. In the case of a tie, the winner will be decided by the tie breaker.
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8. Each week, we will list the winners on this page. In case of a tie, prize money will be split. Decision of the judges is final.

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Jax. Jaguars vs Philadelphia Eagles (Total Points) _____

PIRATE DONATION



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Christina Steffen, golf coach at Fernandina Beach High School, receives a check for \$1,000 from the Men's Golf Association of the Amelia Island Club at Amelia Island Plantation. This is the third annual donation given to the FBHS golf team to purchase hats, bags, shirts and any other needed equipment for the boys and girls on the team. The money also helps to meet travel expenses to matches and state tournaments. Pictured with Coach Steffen are Fred Fedorko, president of the MGA, left, and John Billings, treasurer. This is Steffen's 18th year with the Pirate golfers.

GOLF NEWS

Play for St. Jude

Chili's in Yulee is hosting its first golf tournament benefiting St. Jude Children's Hospital Sept. 15 at North Hampton, which is also one of the corporate sponsors.

Entry fee is \$75 per person and includes barbecue lunch, cart, green fees, range balls, a goodie bag and prizes, including \$25,000 for a hole-in-one, sponsored by iDrive Car Club.

Get a foursome together; individual players will be assigned a foursome. Applications and completed entry forms can be picked up and dropped off at Chili's, 463756 SR 200.

Entry fees requested by Sept. 10. For information, contact Chili's Yulee manager Steve Gibson at 225-8666.

Starting Point tourney

Sponsorships are now available for the fourth annual Starting Point Golf Tournament and the agency is looking for local companies interested in supporting mental health programs for children. Each year, the tournament raises funds to support substance abuse and mental health programs for Nassau County children.

The tournament will take place Nov. 3 at Amelia National Golf & Country Club beginning with registration at 11 a.m. and capping off with a barbecue and silent auction.

Sponsorships are available at four different levels and include player spots, dinner and beverages and sponsor recognition. Starting Point provides mental health and

substance abuse services for children and teens, including school and home-based programs.

In addition to sponsorships, many local firms are supporting the event with hole sponsorships and donations to the silent auction. Each year, the silent auction includes donated items such as gift certificates to salons, golf courses and restaurants, as well as gift baskets, event tickets, merchandise and artwork.

For information, contact tournament chair Cherie Billings at 277-2995 or email golftournament@spbh.org.

Starting Point Behavioral Health provides mental health and substance abuse treatment services to children, teens and adults in Nassau County. Serving more than 3,700 individuals each year, Starting Point is a non-profit agency.

October 4 Ball

The Fernandina Beach Men's Golf Association announces its 33rd annual October 4 Ball tournament at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club Oct. 11-12 with over \$3,000 in cash and prizes. Two-man handicapped format with Saturday captain's choice and Sunday better ball shotgun start at 9 a.m. Three flights based on age; under 60 white tees, 60-71 gold tees and over 71 red tees with an eight-shot differential in team handicaps.

Entry fee is \$99 and includes greens and cart fees, range balls, hole-in-one prizes for Saturday and Sunday, closest to pin prizes on three

other par 3s both days, straightest drive prize Saturday and hot dog and burger lunch each day.

There is also an optional skins game each day and a cash winner-take-all putting contest Saturday.

Players must be FBMGA members. Join as a tournament member for \$30, which entitles players to participate in any FBMGA tournament in which the FBMGA has donated cash prizes — at least six in 2015.

Entry forms available at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club or by emailing John Rudd at john_carolyn@bell-south.net.

Gridiron golf

The third annual College Gridiron Golf Classic will be Oct. 3 at the Golf Club of Amelia Island. The captain's choice event benefits the Fernandina Beach High School Foundation. Box lunch and tailgate party included. Register at 11 a.m. Kickoff is at 12:30 p.m.

For information, call Durand Childers at 491-9820 or email raquelvanlennep@gmail.com.

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Player evaluations are Oct. 13-14 at Peck Gym. Player draft Oct. 15 at the Atlantic Center Auditorium. Practices begin week of Oct. 20. Season begins week of Nov. 10. Games on Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings at Peck Gym. Six-game regular season and tournament in each division.

Registration fees are \$45 city residents, \$55 non-city (\$5 discount for additional sibling) and due Oct. 3. Copies of birth certificates required. Volunteer coaches needed. For information, contact Jay Robertson at 310-3361 or jrobertson@fbfl.org.

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• **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.

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• **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 one-hour clinics and \$15/person for 1 1/2-hour clinics. Pre-registration required (minimum of three persons/clinic).

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

To register or for information, email michelemaha@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 are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

AQUATICS

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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.

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Golf News, Tips, Trivia & Stats

This Week: The BMW Championship | **Last Week: Russell Henley leads the Deutsche Bank Championship**

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Winning Share: \$1,440,000

This is the seventh year of the BMW Championship. The BMW Championship took the place of the Western Open, a PGA Tour event which was played from 1899 to 2006. The Western Golf Association, which founded and ran the Western Open,

is involved with running the BMW Championship. It is the third of four FedEx Cup playoff events on the PGA Tour schedule. The tournament is open to the 70 FedEx Cup points leaders following the Deutsche Bank Championship. The Top 30 FedEx Cup points leaders following this week's BMW Championship advance to The Tour Championship.

Tournament Leaders

- Russell Henley**
Score: -12
- Billy Horschel**
Score: -11

Player	Score
T-3. Chris Kirk	-10
T-3. Rory McIlroy	-10
T-3. Jason Day	-10

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Golf TV Schedule

PGA Tour Event	Time	Network
BMW Championship		
Thu, 9/4	4:00pm-8:00pm	GOLF
Fri, 9/5	4:00pm-8:00pm	GOLF
Sat, 9/6	1:00pm-3:00pm	GOLF
Sat, 9/6	3:00pm-6:00pm	NBC
Sun, 9/7	12:00pm-2:00pm	GOLF
Sun, 9/7	2:00pm-6:00pm	NBC

As of press time, the first three rounds of the Deutsche Bank Championship were completed. Russell Henley made five birdies in a seven-hole stretch Sunday on his way to a 6-under 65, giving him a one-shot lead going into a Labor Day finish. Henley was at 12-under 201. He will play in the final group with Billy Horschel, who birdied his last three holes for a 67. World No. 1, Rory McIlroy, shot a 64 Sunday, leaving him just two shots behind on a crowded leaderboard.

Golf Trivia
How many players have won the FedEx Cup more than once?

a) None c) 2
b) 1 d) 3

Answer: b) Tiger Woods won the FedEx Cup twice, in 2007 and 2009.

Lessons from the Golf Pro
The golf cart is one of the great innovations on the home course for the amateur golfer, but it can get us into a world of trouble at times. The biggest error comes when we park our cart, walk to the ball out in the fairway and then realize that we brought the wrong club. More times than not, in a rush, we just decide to go ahead and swing with the club that was brought and a poor shot is the usual result. The resolution to this quandary is quite simple. On the ride to your shot, think about the club selection that you are probably going to need. Consider all factors including yardage, wind direction and any elevation changes involved. Then, the most important aspect is to carry multiple clubs from the cart to your ball. While this will cause a bit more strenuous exercise, getting the right club is what needs to be done.

Golfing News
Angela Bennett, the wife of veteran PGA Tour caddie Lance Bennett, died suddenly last week. Her death was from natural causes, though no other details were announced. "This is a very difficult time for our family, but we appreciate the outpouring of love and support from the caddies, players and entire golf community," Bennett said in a statement released by Mark Steinberg of Excel Sports. Bennett is world No. 4 Matt Kuchar's caddie, and Steinberg is Kuchar's agent. The caddies at the Deutsche Bank Championship handed out black caps for players and caddies to wear during the first round on Friday as part of their tribute to Angela.

Player Profile

Russell Henley
Turned Professional: 2011
World Ranking: 64th
2014 PGA Earnings: \$1,765,640
PGA Tour Wins: 2

2014 FedEx Cup Standings

Through Aug. 31, 2014

- Hunter Mahan**
3,276 pts. / 5 top tens
- Rory McIlroy**
2,810 pts. / 9 top tens
- Jimmy Walker**
2,483 pts. / 9 top tens
- Matt Kuchar**
2,421 pts. / 10 top tens
- Bubba Watson**
2,360 pts. / 7 top tens

FedEx Cup Standings continued...

Player	Points	Top 10s
6) Jim Furyk	2,276	8
7) Jason Day	2,111	3
8) Patrick Reed	2,028	3
9) Jordan Spieth	1,919	7
10) Cameron Tringale	1,865	2

2014 SCHEDULES

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	Varsity Football	Nov. 6	Region 1-2 at Pensacola
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			

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	Junior Varsity Football	Nov. 6	Region 1-2 at Pensacola
Sept. 4	WEST NASSAU	6:00	
Sept. 11	at Wolfson	6:00	
Sept. 18	FERNANDINA	6:00	
Oct. 2	at Camden (ninth gr.)	5:00	
Oct. 9	BAKER COUNTY	6:00	
Oct. 16	BISHOP KENNY	6:00	
Oct. 23	at Fernandina Beach	6:00	

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Varsity Football	Nov. 15	State 2A at Tallahassee
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	Varsity Football	Nov. 15	State 2A at Tallahassee
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 MIDDLE SCHOOL	Football	Nov. 15	State 2A at Tallahassee
Sept. 9	Open		
Sept. 16	YULEE	6:00	
Sept. 23	at Callahan	5:00	
Sept. 30	Open		
Oct. 7	BAKER COUNTY (HC)	6:00	
Oct. 14	at Episcopal	6:00	
Oct. 22	at Bolles	5:00	

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OUTDOORS

Best outdoors action September, October

The first day of fall arrives Sept. 22 and is long awaited by local outdoorsmen. This past weekend you could already sense the hint of fall weather with morning air temperatures running in the high 60s with a noticeable lack of humidity.

Labor Day holiday weekend signals the last major holiday of the summer season and children return school.

This past weekend saw a lot of fishing activity taking place both in the backwater and offshore fishing waters. Yet, the best outdoor action is yet to come.

"I simply love to bass fish during the cooler months of fall," said Ryan Graddy of Manor, Ga. "Topwater action is excellent when the water temperature begins to cool off, particularly for trophy-size bass."

Graddy regularly bass fishes with his grandfather, Johnny Steedley, in a private pond just east of Waycross, Ga.

"My grandfather has caught two 14-pound bass on topwater plugs and several trophy bass weighing over the 10-pound mark," Graddy said. "During one bass fishing trip to their private pond, my granddad hooked a giant of a bass but unfortunately the hooks pulled free."

"Granddad claims that bass made those 14-pound bass look like bream. "My favorite bass lure is a Rage Tail frog in the watermelon/red flake color pattern. I have caught and released several big bass fishing weighing over the eight-pound mark with the frog."

"I recently caught and released an 11-pound bass while fishing with the frog." There are many lakes and ponds located throughout Southeast Georgia and Northeast Florida that harbor shallow water structures where cypress trees and a wide variety of southern aquatic vegetations set up for exciting bass action while casting surface plugs.

Some of the more successful surface plugs for fishing heavy vegetation include the ever-popular plastic frog, Gary Yamamoto Sinko swimming worm, buzz baits and a weightless spoon.

Tarpon fishing also heats up in Southeast Georgia and Northeast Florida during the month of September and often runs into the first portion of October, barring any unexpected cold fronts.

Look for tarpon migrating south from as far north as Virginia to stop by in our menhaden-rich waters to feed along our inlets and beaches before heading further south.

A major run of mullet typically takes place during the month of September and October, which typically heats up redfish, sea trout and flounder action along the beaches, inlets and backwaters.

Charlie Freeman targets redfish, flounder and sea trout while fishing in the fishy waters of Egans Creek.

"I will typically fish with live finger mullet, shrimp, bullhead minnows or frozen

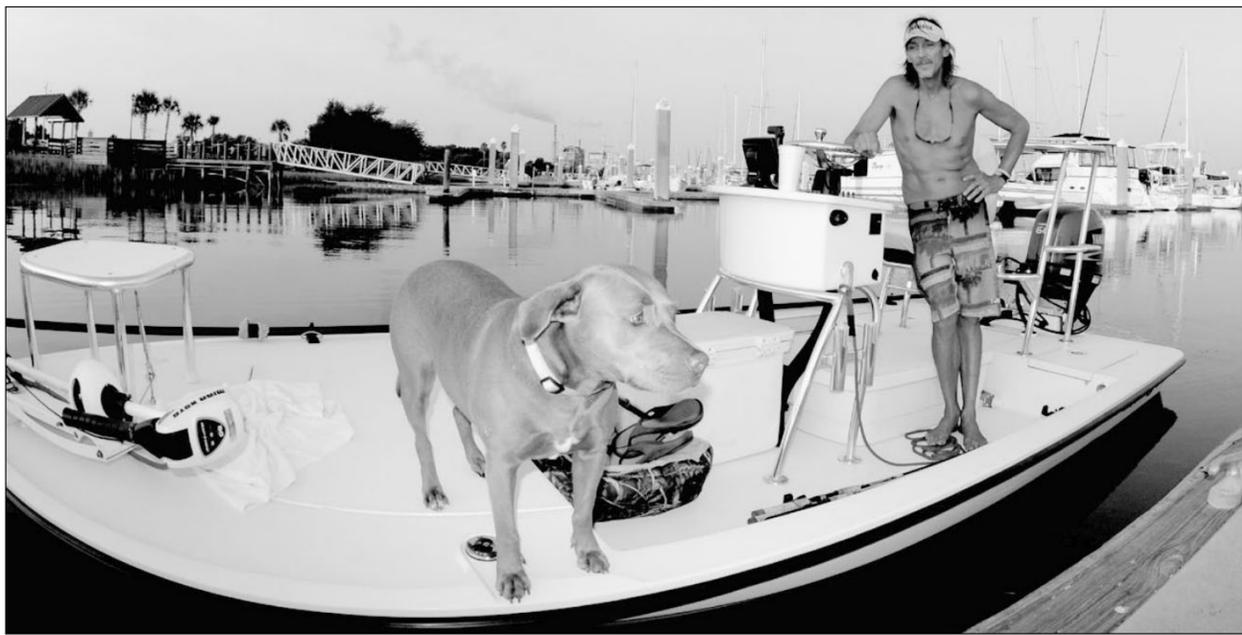


Capt. Allen Mills, right, aids in releasing Kellie Trotta's 70-pound Amelia Island tarpon. Many tarpon fishermen believe the best tarpon fishing comes during the month of September.

SPECIAL PHOTOS

OUTDOORS

Terry Lacoss



finger mullet while fishing close to boat docks in Egans Creek," Freeman said. "My

tackle set-up includes 40-pound braided main line, 30- to 40-pound fluorocarbon

leader, 3/0 Owner circle hook while using a Fish Finder setup.

"A one-ounce egg sinker is employed to keep the bait dead on the bottom.

"I often fish by myself but

simply love to fish with my wife Cheryl and daughter Kim Musto.

"Right now the shrimp and mullet are moving into the creeks, where the fishing should be excellent during

the upcoming fall months."

Mike and Linda Dotson also look forward to the months of September and October for some of the best redfishing action to take place.

"When Linda can't fish with me I will take our pet dog Honey along," Mike Dotson said. "Honey loves the water and it's often hard to keep her from spooking shallow water redfish."

Mike and Linda Dotson are regular competitors on the IFA redfish tour but it looks like their pet dog, Honey, may become a fill-in!

"Honey is a rescue dog," Mike Dotson said. "I first took her to the water to see if she would be compatible. Honey jumped right into the water and became real happy. I knew we had found the right dog."

Bow season is open in Zone-C Sept. 13 through Oct. 12. Muzzleloader, crossbow and bow season are open Oct. 18-31 and general hunting season for Zone-C is open Nov. 1 through Jan. 18.

For all Florida fishing and hunting regulations visit www.myfwc.com.

FERNANDINA BEACH TIDES

Tides, Sun & Moon: September 3-10, 2014

Wed. 9/03	Moonset	1:08A	High	3:18A	7.48'
	Sunrise	7:03A	Low	9:23A	2.01'
	Moonrise	3:13P	High	3:58P	8.19'
	Sunset	7:46P	Low	10:21P	2.51'
Thurs. 9/04	Moonset	2:05A	High	4:21A	7.53'
	Sunrise	7:04A	Low	10:27A	1.84'
	Moonrise	4:09P	High	5:07P	8.36'
	Sunset	7:45P	Low	11:22P	2.25'
Fri. 9/05	Moonset	3:08A	High	5:30A	7.72'
	Sunrise	7:04A	Low	11:32A	1.65'
	Moonrise	5:01P	High	6:16P	8.62'
	Sunset	7:43P	Low	12:23A	1.93'
Sat. 9/06	Moonset	4:14A	High	6:38A	8.06'
	Sunrise	7:05A	Low	12:36P	1.43'
	Moonrise	5:51P	High	7:20P	8.93'
	Sunset	7:42P	Low	10:21P	2.51'

Sun. 9/07	Moonset	5:22A	High	1:21A	1.58'
	Sunrise	7:05A	Low	7:42A	8.49'
	Moonrise	6:38P	High	1:37P	1.23'
	Sunset	7:41P	Low	8:19P	9.20'
Mon. 9/08	Moonset	6:30A	High	2:16A	1.26'
	Sunrise	7:06A	Low	8:41A	8.91'
	Moonrise	7:22P	High	2:35P	1.09'
	Sunset	7:40P	Low	9:13P	9.35'
Tues. 9/09	Full Moon	9:38P	High	9:13P	9.35'
	Sunrise	7:06A	Low	3:07A	1.04'
	Moonset	7:38A	High	9:37A	9.22'
	Sunset	7:38P	Low	3:30P	1.09'
Wed. 9/10	Moonrise	8:05P	High	10:06P	9.34'
	Sunrise	7:07A	Low	3:56A	0.97'
	Moonset	8:45A	High	10:32A	9.36'
	Sunset	7:37P	Low	4:22P	1.24'
	Moonrise	8:47P	High	10:57P	9.17'

Tide calculations are for Amelia River, Fernandina Beach. No corrections are necessary.

Sun & Moon events are also calculated for Fernandina Beach, although actual times may vary because of land masses.



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The porch of yesteryear is making a comeback

A realtor friend of mine sent me a note the other day and mentioned an article she had read about the return of the porch. Locally known as the Porch Lady, she knew I would be interested. For close to 15 years my musings from my porch have entertained News-Leader readers. My porch is where I am happiest. My porch is a place of retreat, comfort and enjoyment of the ebb and flow of coastal breezes, seasonal flowers and the birds that visit our backyard feeders delighting us with their antics.

The article stated that 63 percent of new single-family houses completed last year had porches – an increase of 42 percent over two



FROM THE PORCH

Dickie Anderson

decades earlier. As they say, it is a start. Our island has wonderful examples of joyful porches – just take a stroll through the historic district and admire the glorious porches of our Victorian beauties. Amelia Park is a community that celebrates the social aspect of porches that line its streets.

So why this development? Some experts suggest

that people are seeking feature-rich homes and porches are wonderful additions. Robert Stern, dean of the Yale School of Architecture, sees the return as a desire for social connection. As he describes, a porch “friendly up a house.” Stern was the architect who made porches an integral part of Celebration, Florida – Disney’s master-planned community.

Interestingly enough porches go back to the earliest days of our country’s history. As Americans developed their own distinct architectural styles, porches were essential. Before air conditioning, porches allowed for the enjoyment of a cool breeze. Many houses built in the

mid-1800’s incorporated the popular wrap-around porch so often used in Victorian-era homes and guaranteed a breeze no matter which way the wind was blowing.

Porches are not completely inside and not completely outside – they offer a transitional space. Too often today we get sucked into our sealed, air conditioned homes full of noisy technology from televisions to computers. Where’s the treasured interaction that characterized earlier times? You don’t dress up to enjoy porch time. Furniture is comfortable, not fancy. You can enjoy a porch from early morning to late at night. A porch is always open. What’s not to love?

I loved reading about Claude Stephens, who is the education director at an arboretum in Louisville, Ky., who has adopted a “porch-sitting alias,” Crow Hollister. He is founder of the Professional Porch Sitters Union Local 1339. The organization is about not planning anything or even deciding anything. A meeting can be called at any time and attendance is optional. Now that’s my kind of organization.

So celebrate your porch. It’s a good thing.

To receive her weekly newsletter or get information about her books including her four *From the Porch* books contact Dickie at dickie.anderson@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK



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Café gives to Barnabas

Nassau Health Foods, 833 TJ Courson Road in Fernandina Beach, recently established a Community Giving Program. Every six months the staff chooses six local nonprofit organizations to receive a percentage of the company’s net profits. From the list of six, one receives that month’s contribution. In addition, each staff member is compensated for 16 hours of volunteer service each year.

Barnabas Center was the recipient of the Community Giving Program donation recently. From left, above, are Wanda Lanier, Barnabas executive director, Ansley Acree, chef of the Mustard Seed Café at Nassau Health Foods, and Craig True, Barnabas Board president.

Barnabas Center connects residents in need to services that help them overcome crisis and achieve self-sufficiency. Through generous donations such as the one from Nassau Health Foods, Barnabas has recently been able to expand its food programs to include fresh foods, nutritional education and a teaching kitchen. For more information visit www.BarnabasNassau.org.



Top prize

Friends and neighbors Martha Beard, Lisa Chaffman, Wally Panides, Jim Chaffman and Michelle Pickar won first prize for this mermaid, the solo entry at The Dunes & Tunes Arts and Music Festival and amateur sand sculpting competition held recently at Main Beach.

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‘Light Up Rotary’

Recently, the Fernandina Beach Rotary Club was honored to welcome District 6970 Gov. Percy Rosenbloom. Rosenbloom, who began his tenure July 1, is a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville – Florida’s first Rotary Club. He said he had visited nearly half of the 60 Rotary clubs in the district to share Rotary’s theme for the coming year – “Light Up Rotary.” Rosenbloom said Rotary International President Gary C.K. Huang chose the phrase from a saying by Confucius – “It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness” – because it exemplifies Rotary’s ongoing goals to improve the quality of life for those in need around the world. He said each club could share in those goals through local endeavors, by sponsoring a Rotary Youth Exchange student or through such international efforts as Rotary’s polio immunization programs and potable water projects. Rosenbloom said keeping Rotary relevant by offering online e-clubs and satellite clubs is important; however, in the end, it’s not the number of members, it’s the amount of Rotary in the members. Rosenbloom, left, is pictured with club President Dr. David Page. Visit www.fernandinabeachrotaryclub.org.



Mosquito workshop

Guest speaker Dr. Roxanne Connelly of the University of Florida, left, and County Extension Director/Horticulture Agent Rebecca Jordi prepare for a mosquito workshop in August on Chikungunya and Dengue, two diseases transmitted by mosquitoes, top left.

Attendees at the workshop, left, included two people from each of the municipalities of Hilliard, Callahan and Fernandina Beach; Master Gardener volunteers, Extension staff and a FEMA official.

Top right, Dr. Michel Pawlowski of the St. Augustine FEMA office chats with Connelly.



All Stars

Mayor Ed Boner congratulates members of the Fernandina Beach 2014 Babe Ruth League 14 and Under All Stars during a proclamation for team’s achieving All Star status, and for representing the best of Fernandina Beach youth sports, during the Aug. 19 city commission meeting.

ANGELA DAUGTRY/NEWS-LEADER

Lifelong Learning lineup

JACKSONVILLE – Registration for the FSCJ Center for Lifelong Learning Fall 2014 classes is now open. The fall term classes cover a variety of subjects including languages, computers, cameras, monsters, history and soup. Classes will be held at the Amelia Island Plantation, St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the FSCJ Betty P. Cook Nassau Center.

The registration fee for most classes is \$50, with the exception of How to Use a Digital Camera and iPad Basics, which are \$40 each. Costs of materials, (books, etc.) vary by class.

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Amelia Island Plantation classes:

- Spanish for Busy People II, with Berta Arias – Meets Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Oct. 16-Nov. 20 (Note: class will not meet on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11)
- iPad Basics, with John Dyal – Meets Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Oct. 29-Nov. 19

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St. Peter's Episcopal Church classes:

- Survival Sign Language, with Robyn Nemes – Meets Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Sept. 30-Nov. 19 (Note: class will not meet on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11)
- Henry IV – Part 2, with Bernie McCabe – Meets Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon, Oct. 1-Nov. 19
- Monsters & Heroes, with Nancy Dickson – Meets Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon, Oct. 2-Nov. 20
- Fernandina's Golden Age, with Suanne Thamm – Meets Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Oct. 16-Nov. 20

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Florida State College Nassau Center classes:

- How to Use a Digital Camera, with Wayne Howard – Meets Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m., Oct. 7-21
- Image Editing for Digital Photographers, with Wayne Howard – Meets Tuesdays, 3-4:30 p.m., Oct. 7-Nov. 18 (Note: class will not meet on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11)
- Soup Du Jour, with Chef Bill Castleberry – Nov. 4 and Nov. 5 from 6-8 p.m.
- I Turned on the Computer ... Now What?, with Mike Hendrix – Meets Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., Oct. 15-Nov. 19

For more information, contact the Nassau Center at 548-4432 or visit fscj.edu and click on the Community Engagement tab. The Betty P. Cook Nassau Center is located at 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Yulee.

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Museum realizes a long-held vision

The American Beach Museum will officially open on Saturday with a grand opening ceremony from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the American Beach Community Center, 1600 Julia St.

The opening exhibit, "The Sands of Time: An American Beach Story," is the realization of a longtime dream held by MaVynnee Betsch, who passed away in 2005. Known far and wide as the Beach Lady, Betsch was a historian, activist and environmentalist. She was also the great-granddaughter of American Beach's founder, A.L. Lewis, president of the Afro American Life Insurance Co.

Lewis founded American Beach in 1935 as a place of relaxation and recreation for African Americans. Providing an escape from the stress of racism and segregation for generations of devoted beachgoers, American Beach quickly became both a desirable destination and a richly evolving community on Amelia Island.

For decades, the Beach Lady was an iconic figure on the island, championing environmental causes and the



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The American Beach Museum will officially open on Saturday with a ceremony from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at American Beach Community Center, 1600 Julia St., above.

preservation of the island's history, culture and stories. The success of American Beach – and Betsch's passion for the community and its heritage – is a captivating story that makes for a fascinating exhibit at the new museum.

Carol J. Alexander, the project director and curator of the museum, said, "... following in

the Beach Lady's footsteps in the sand has been a spiritual and dedicated journey. This inaugural exhibition has been guided by her notes on pages, her voice in the wind over the ocean and her spiritual energy that lingers in every crystal of sand on American Beach. It is an honor and privilege for me as 'her spiritual daughter' to

guide, curate and manage this project."

The inaugural exhibition, The Sands of Time: An American Beach Story, will feature the history of American Beach, photographs, a filmed tour of the beach by the Beach Lady, along with her signature seven-foot locks of hair.

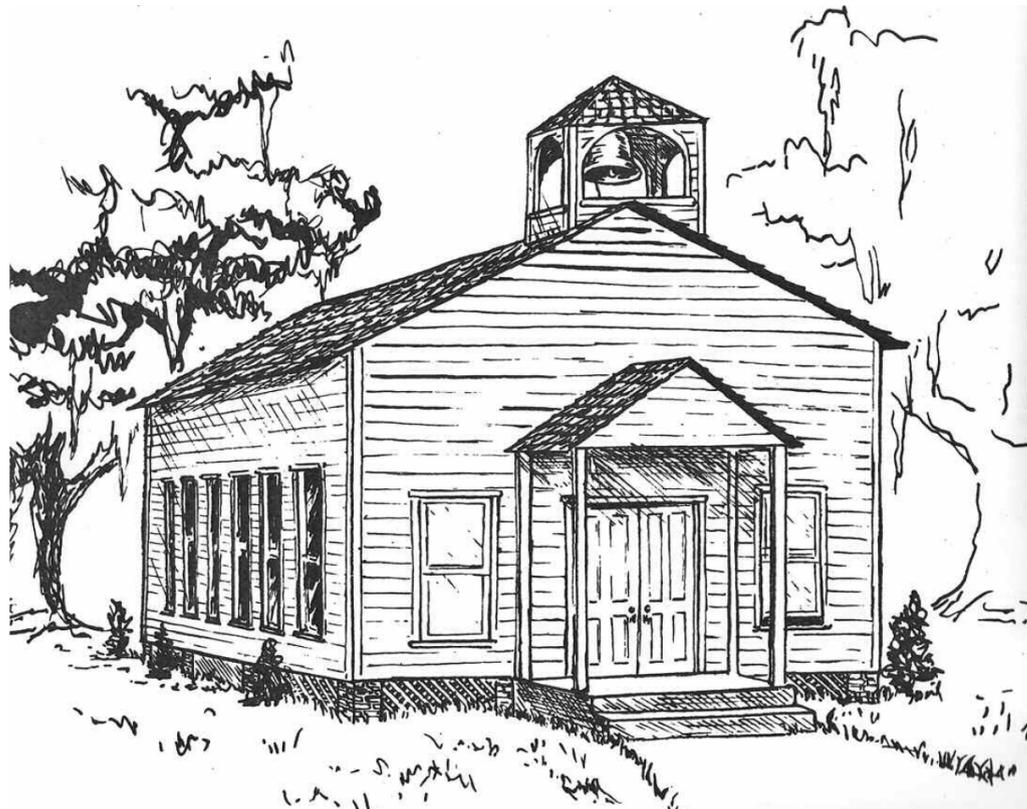
Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, sister

Following in the Beach Lady's footsteps in the sand has been a spiritual and dedicated journey.

**CAROL J. ALEXANDER,
PROJECT DIRECTOR AND
MUSEUM CURATOR**

of the Beach Lady, will speak at the opening ceremony.

"My sister, MaVynnee Oshun Betsch, 'The Beach Lady,' was a force! Without her vision, determination and bodaciousness, in cahoots with those whom were willing to join her in a righteous struggle, there would be no American Beach as we know and enjoy it today. It is with deep pride and joy that all of us in the A.L. Lewis family celebrate the opening of this museum. We are grateful to everyone who has worked to make the dream of this museum a reality."



This sketch is of the first Baptist Church erected in Fernandina Beach at the corner of Fourth and Calhoun streets, left. It burned to the ground in 1887. The lot was sold and another purchased at Fifth and Alachua streets, where the second Baptist Church was constructed. R.S. Lukenbill, above, a Baptist from Missouri, was instrumental in rallying church members to incorporate the church and build the new sanctuary, below.

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First Baptist celebrates 155 years

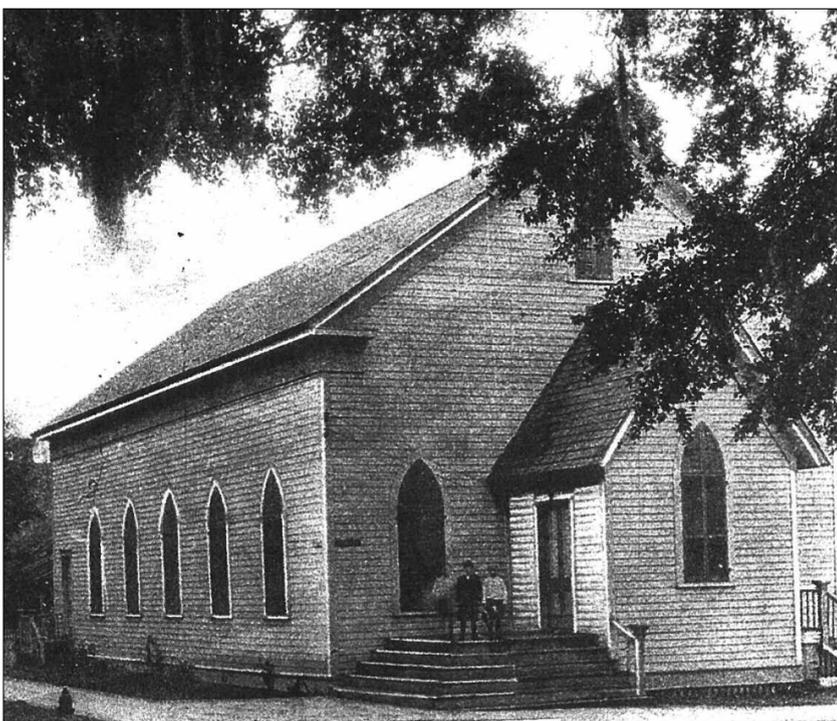
MICKI SMITH
For the News-Leader

First Baptist Church on South Eighth Street in Fernandina Beach is celebrating its 155th birthday during the month of September. Each Sunday will highlight a period of time in the history of the church.

Sunday, Sept. 7 will feature photo displays spanning the years 1859-1909, from the time the trustees for David Yulee's Florida Railroad Company deeded a 50- by 100-foot lot at the corner of Fourth and Calhoun streets to the Baptist Church for the sum of \$1.

Florida had become a U.S. Territory in 1821 and that same year, the first Baptist Church constituted in Florida was located in Nassau County, near Hilliard. In 1845, Florida was admitted to the Union as the 27th state.

In 1851, David Levy Yulee and his Florida Railroad Co. acquired the land of the present-day downtown and moved Old Town to this new town. Six years later, trustees for the railroad company deeded the lot at the corner of Fourth and Calhoun streets. George Call, the attorney for the railroad, was a Baptist and was a leader in getting a church built on the site. In 1860, Dr. James Kirk Mendenhall became the first



pastor of the new church, where he served from 1860-61.

The Civil War caused many to evacuate the town from 1861-65, but in 1866 the railroad resumed operations and most citizens returned to Fernandina Beach.

From 1867-72, Fernandina's Baptist Church is listed in the minutes of the Santa Fe River Baptist

Association. Leonard Dozier, the church's clerk, records there are 15 members and that \$5 was given to missions. In the 1870s, services were not held regularly and when held, may have been supported by Northern churches, such as the Sabbath School of the First Baptist Church of New Jersey, which sent a silver communion set to the Baptist Church of

Fernandina in 1874.

From 1879-81, worship services were held on the first and second Sundays of each month, but in 1887 the wooden church at Fourth and Calhoun streets burned to the ground along with all the records. Mrs. J.Y. Purvis witnessed the fire. That October, the church members sold the lot for \$500.

The following year, R.S.

Lukenbill, a Baptist, arrived from Missouri to work with the railroad. He rallied members who were meeting in homes and incorporated the church.

Together, the members purchased a lot at Fifth and Alachua streets for \$800. J.G. Freeman, a member and Sunday School superintendent, built a modest wooden church on the site. The church records from that time show there were 40 members.

Late that fall, the second Yellow Fever epidemic hit Fernandina and for three months the town was under quarantine – no one is allowed to enter or leave and the mail is fumigated.

R.S. Lukenbill died and his funeral held in the uncompleted church. His son, E.D. Lukenbill, completed the white wooden structure at Fifth and Alachua and by 1893, the church had grown to 67 members. In 1902, they purchased an adjoining lot for \$750 and two years later, the church paid off its indebtedness. There were now 119 members and offerings of \$1,584.45. In 1906, the church was able to purchase another adjoining lot for \$300.

To learn more about the month-long celebration of First Baptist Church's 115th birthday, visit www.fbfirst.com or call 261-3617. The church is located at 1600 S. Eighth St.

Food safety course

The ServSafe Food Manager Certification training is offered through the University of Florida Nassau County Extension Office.

Upon successful completion of the training, participants will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the University of Florida Food Safety and Quality Program. Once participants pass the manager's exam, they will receive a national certification valid for five years.

Certification is required in Florida for food managers of all establishments licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and selected licensees of the Department of Health.

Fees include:

- Training and exam: \$110
- Training, exam and ServSafe manager sixth edition textbook: \$165
- Retest: \$75

Training classes at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. The Extension does not offer a "test only" option. Locations do not accept any payments.

The next training date is Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Peck Center reception room, 516 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach. To register contact Shannon at UF at 1-888-232-8723. For directions contact Meg McAlpine at 491-7340.

Pirates, pints and more at pancake fundraiser

JUDIE MACKIE
For the News-Leader

Avast ye, the Fernandina Pirates Club, Inc. is hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday at the Applebee's Restaurant in Fernandina Beach, from 8-10 a.m. Costumed Pirate members will raise funds and increase awareness for the Fernandina Pirate's community blood drives and the inaugural multi-

genre festival, Amelia Con.

Join the Pirates for a fun-filled day by starting it off with filling rations of flapjacks, pork products, stirred eggs, coffee and juice for 10 Sacagawas or \$10 per person. Gather ye crew of youngsters, and the young at heart landlubbers, and treat them to a Jolly Roger good time at Applebee's, at the corner of Sadler Road and South Eighth Street, Amelia Island. Tickets

may be pillaged from Fernandina Pirates Club members prior to the event or at the door.

Fernandina Pirates hold monthly blood drives where they suggest you "donate a pint before they spill one for you." The pirates have two Amelia Island donation sites, alternating monthly: the Loop Restaurant parking lot and the Fernandina Beach Market

Place farmers market on North Seventh Street downtown. You have the most precious resource of all – the ability to save a life by donating blood. Help share this invaluable gift with someone in need and donate with the Pirates on Saturday at the farmers' market from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Amelia Con also takes place on Saturday, at the Fernandina Beach Recreation Center and

the Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach. A family friendly event, the convention will come alive with pirates and other costumed players and fans celebrating their favorite shows, books and games. Tickets are \$12. For more information visit AmeliaCon.com.

For more information about the Fernandina Pirates Club, like them on Facebook and visit FernandinaPirates.com.

HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

Eco-tours

Join Amelia River Cruises for a two-hour interactive adventure to learn about the wildlife and ecosystems of Northeast Florida. Marine biologist Justina shares cool facts about intercoastal creatures with a shrimping demonstration using the otter trawl net, just like those still used in the commercial shrimping industry. View the catch and learn about each creature.

Hours are 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 6, 20 and 27. The ticket kiosk is located at 1 North Front St., downtown Fernandina Beach. Visit www.ameliarivercruises.com or call 261-9972.

Panther program

Nassau County Sierra Club and the Amelia Island Museum of History will co-sponsor a lecture by Alexis Mayer, coordinator of Panther Critical Habitat Campaign for the state of Florida Sierra Club, at the museum, 233 S. Third St., on Sept. 4, with a reception with light snacks at 6 p.m. and the program at 6:30 p.m. The event is free to the public.

Florida panthers once flourished in woodlands and swamps throughout the Southeast. Today, the panther is recognized as Florida's official state animal but it is one of the most endangered mammals on Earth, with only 100-plus currently left in the state.

Union Garrison

Fort Clinch State Park will host a Union Garrison on Sept. 6 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sept. 7 from 9 a.m.-noon at the park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach.

The grounds will be bustling with soldiers in period costumes involved in firing demonstrations, marching drills, cooking and daily activities.

Fees include the \$6 per vehicle park entrance fee plus \$2 per person fort admission. For information, call 277-7274 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

Spanish-American War

Fort Clinch State Park will host a weekend event to commemorate the part that Fort Clinch played in the Spanish-American War on Sept. 20 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sept. 21 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach.

The fort will be filled with uniformed interpreters, armament and period military equipment. Fees include the \$6 per vehicle park entrance fee plus \$2 per person fort admission.

Call 277-7274 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

Nature camp

Wild Amelia will host a two-part nature camp Sept. 22 and 24 from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Book Loft, 214 Centre St.

Cost for both sessions is \$20; registration is required. Each registrant will receive a copy of Wild Amelia's Junior Naturalist "Seashore" curriculum. To register and pre-pay call the Book Loft at 261-8991.

Wild Amelia's Junior Naturalist programs for ages 7-14 include reading, writing, drawing, research and activities out in nature.

This "Beach Babies" program will focus on sea turtles, crab life cycles, whelk and skate egg cases, shark-eye collars, baby jellyfish and shorebirds that nest right on the beach. Visit wildamelia.com and Wild Amelia on Facebook.

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. Also learn how to attract Mason bees. The session is free, and 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 or Yulee Extension office (letter drop available). Make checks payable to Nassau County Extension. Registration required by Sept. 24. For information call 879-1019.

Micah's Place has new office

Micah's Place is now serving Nassau residents at a new outreach office located within Family Support Services of North Florida's Nassau County office, 96016 Lofton Square Court in Yulee.

The co-location of staff from the two local agencies will provide one-stop service for residents seeking assistance from both Micah's Place and FSS.

"We are excited for the opportunity to work more closely with FSS and anticipate that this expansion of our long-established partnership will greatly benefit the clients we both serve," said Shandra Riffey, executive director, Micah's Place.

Lee Kaywork, chief executive officer, FSS, said, "This is a welcomed move as it brings together services that will enhance the overall well-being of each client served. The collaboration and immediate assistance available in one location improves access and convenience for everyone counting on important services from both FSS and Micah's Place."

Outreach services from Micah's Place for domestic violence survivors include safety planning, court accompaniment, legal advocacy, individual counseling and a weekly support group. Domestic violence education programs are also available for schools and community groups.

FSS is the lead agency for foster care, adoption and family preservation in Nassau and Duval counties. FSS family

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
MICAH'S PLACE**

preservation services help families improve their parenting and family functioning while keeping children safe. FSS strengthens families by providing counseling in parenting, budgeting and anger management, as well as emergency assistance and connections to community resources.

Micah's Place outreach office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-ins are welcome; however, to ensure staff is available to assist you, call Micah's Place outreach office at 321-8646 to schedule an appointment. If you need immediate assistance, call the 24-hour hotline at 225-9979.

The FSS Nassau County office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located in the Lofton Square Shopping Center. Call FSS at 225-5347.

COASTAL CLEANUPS

In support of the International Coastal Cleanup on Sept. 20 the following organizations, in partnership with Keep Nassau Beautiful and Fort Clinch State Park, will conduct "Adopt A Shore" beach cleanups as follows:

- Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch will assemble at 9 a.m. at the Dolphin Avenue parking lot at Main Beach.

- Wild Amelia will assemble at the Fort Clinch State parking lot at 9 a.m. Entrance fees to the state park will be waived for participants. Bags and gloves will be provided at both events.

- Fort Clinch State Park is partnering with Keep Nassau Beautiful and the Nassau County Girl Scouts to host a beach cleanup as part of National Public Lands Day, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at the park, 2601 Atlantic Ave.

Participants will be provided with all needed supplies to clean up specified areas of the shoreline in Fort Clinch State Park. This two-

hour event will ensure the safety of local wildlife and aid in keeping the beach ecosystem healthy and thriving. Park admission is free for event participants. Sunscreen and comfortable shoes are recommended.

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- In honor of National Public Lands Day, the Florida Park Service invites you to help clean up an important Timucuan cultural site on Big Talbot Island.

Help preserve a part of history while clearing back vegetation and chipping up small brush at the Grand Site. Meet at 9 a.m. Sept. 27 at the North Beach parking lot at Little Talbot Island State Park, 12157 Heckscher Drive, to caravan to the work site. The event is free and open to all ages.

Wear long pants and long sleeves, sturdy shoes and bring work gloves, bug spray, water and a snack or lunch. Cameras, binoculars and field guides are recommended also. For information visit www.floridastateparks.org/littletalbotisland/ or call (904) 251-2320. Visit www.floridastateparks.org.

LITERARY LEANINGS

Book signing

Southern comedian/author Sue Chamblin Frederick recently returned from her comedy tour Eat More Turnips and will autograph copies of her newly released novel, *Grandma Takes A Lover*, at The Book Loft, 214 Centre St., on Sept. 7 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Grandma Takes A Lover is a romance novel about a grandmother who realizes it's never too late for love or lust and discovers passion is ageless. Usually a writer of spy thrillers, the author took an unexpected turn when she decided to write a romance novel, a novel that depicts her talent for humor, as evidenced in her Eat More Turnips comedy tour. Visit www.suechamblinfredrick.com.

FOL Book Club

Friends of the Library Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the parlor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Moderators are Norman and Marilyn Wesley.

Upcoming books include Sept. 11: *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson; Oct. 9: *The Good Soldier* by Ford Madox Ford; Nov. 13: *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Daj Sijie and Ina Rilke; Dec. 11: *The Baby Boom* by P.J. O'Rourke; Jan. 8: *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich;

and Feb. 12: *The Dinner* by Herman Koch.

Story Slam

Five area storytellers will compete for the title, Island Tales Story Champion, Sept. 19 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Audience members at the Friends of the Library fundraiser will vote with cash for their favorite stories. Proceeds will help purchase furniture and equipment for the new Fernandina Beach Library opening next year.

Competing will be: Arlene Filkoff; Ron Kurtz; Capt. Kevin McCarthy; Abel Rae; and Yvette Thomas. Caren S. Neile, Ph.D., MFA, who teaches storytelling studies at Florida Atlantic University, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

The program will follow a ticketed reception at 5:30 p.m. with island-themed delights from Lulu's, glass of wine by Wines by Steve and a cash bar. The storytellers take the stage at 7 p.m. Buy tickets for votes at the event.

Advance tickets for the reception and Slam are \$50 each at the library, 25 N. Fourth St.; Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St.; and at fernandinafol.org (click on "what's new," "events," then "Donate Now"). A limited number of free tickets for the program only (doors open at 6:45 p.m.) are available at the library.

NASSAU HUMANE SOCIETY



Bocephus is a handsome, mellow fellow who was found as a stray, apparently an abandoned hunting dog. But he came to live with an owner who loved him very much and gave him excellent care and training. She faced health issues and couldn't give him as much attention as he deserved, so she reluctantly decided Bocephus needs a person or family who can give him more attention, and a fenced-in yard. He's very intelligent and he's an excellent walker, because he went on lots of walks since he had no yard to run in. He never chased after dogs, cats or people. He's also house-trained and has a great disposition. He does well with other dogs that match his mellow personality – he lived with a senior dog and they got along very well. He's a Treeing Walker Coonhound/Beagle mix, and we estimate he's about 8 years old. He seems to be in excellent health, and you'll love his handsome face and smile! He's affectionate and he's a "leaner," who will gently lean in on you to soak up all the loving he can get. He will come to you with vet records and a great letter from his former owner telling you all about him. We think Bocephus would be a wonderful companion for a single person, a family or seniors. He knows how to be a great family dog and he's eager to

love you!

Cactus Flower is an absolute beauty! She's a Siamese mix, about 2 or 3 years old, and while we can't say for sure that she's a pure-bred, she certainly has the regal markings. She has lovely blue eyes and a soft, luxurious buff and black coat. She's a large cat and she was found as a stray, but she didn't enjoy the experience – she was a bit prickly when she first arrived, but we knew she would bloom with some security and TLC. She certainly did, just like a cactus flower. She's a sweet cat and she doesn't ever want to be back on the streets – she is hoping for a forever home where she can get lots of love and attention. You need to see her in person to fully appreciate what a beauty she is!

You can see bios, pictures and videos of our adoptable dogs and cats at our website, NassauHumaneSociety.com. Our adoption center at 671 Airport Road in Fernandina Beach is open every day



except Mondays, 321-1647.

Please mark your calendars now for the Nassau Humane Society's Pasta for Paws spaghetti supper, Saturday, Sept. 20 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center! This year's dinner will feature spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, beverage and dessert, all for just \$14. It's free for children age 6 and younger, and \$10 for kids age 7-10.

The event always features a wide variety of homemade desserts to choose from, with extra desserts for \$2 each. Take-out will be available, and there will be live music and a silent auction.

Tickets are available at the NHS Second Chance resale store, 1002 South 14th St., the NHS Dog Park, 641 Airport Road, online at NassauHumaneSociety.com, and will be available at the door. We hope you'll join us for one of our most important – and tastiest – fundraisers of the year!

CATS ANGELS

Snickers is a dark calico 4-month-old kitten. She is a spunky girl who spends her day playing and chasing with the other kittens at our adoption center. Snickers loves attention and will follow you to be petted and then off she goes to another adventure. Kittens are usually the first to be chosen, but our adult cats deserve a chance at a new life also. To help them find loving homes, our friends at KDI Homes will sponsor our adult cats to qualifying adopters. Read more about our cats patiently waiting for their new lives at www.catsangels.com. All of our cats have been spayed or neutered, are current on all vaccinations, receive regular wellness care, monthly flea treatments and are micro-chipped. Cats Angels Thrift Store/Adoption Center at 709 S. Eighth St. is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. til 5 p.m. or call 321-2267 for more information on KDI Homes Sponsorship. Volunteers are needed to help us care for the cats. Our Volunteer Application is online at our website or you can call or stop by Cats Angels to sign up.

If you have "leftovers" the Thrift Store at Cats Angels needs them! We gladly accept what is left over from garage and estate sales, redecorating and downsizing projects. Please call us about large items and we can pick them up. The only items we cannot accept are computers, older TV's and clothing. If you haven't shopped at the Cats Angels Thrift Store, please come by and have a look as we have something for everyone. The cats also appreciate donations of dry



food and litter – especially now with all the kittens.

Don't forget to recycle your aluminum and cat food cans. Our recycle bins are located at the back of our parking lot at 709 S. Eighth St. Cats Angels is an all-volunteer organization and receives no government monies. The revenue to support our programs is gained through fundraising, donations and sales from our Thrift Store. Read more about our Spay/Neuter, TNR and Adoption Programs at www.catsangels.com.

Spay and neuter is the responsible solution to animal overpopulation. Free spay/neuter service for cats and dogs is available to all Nassau County residents and there is free transport from Callahan every Tuesday. Call First Coast No More Homeless Pets at (904) 425-0005 to make an appointment. The free transport from Yulee has been discontinued, but Cats Angels can help. Call Cats Angels at 321-2267 for more information or help with feral/community cats. Spay and neuter – the responsible solution.

NASSAU COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES



This happy fellow's name is Stan Marsh. Stan is a one year old bulldog mix male with a gorgeous coat of gray and white. His coloring is commonly referred to as "blue."

Stan came to us as a stray but he definitely had to be in a loving home at some time because he is super friendly and playful. Stan is neutered, micro-chipped, has a one-year rabies vaccine, a set of boosters, and the best part – he is heartworm negative. To see him interacting with our great volunteers go to www.nassaucountyfl.com or www.petfinder.com.

This cute little kitty's name is Chachi. He is a 3-month-old domestic short-



hair with a soft black and gray striped coat. His roommate, Joannie, pictured behind him, is also up for adoption. They are both sweet and playful kittens ready for their loving family. There is a special going on now of \$15 buy one kitten get one free. The adoption fee includes their spay/neuter, a one-year rabies vaccine, a micro-chip and a set of boosters.

They can be seen (and petted) at Nassau County Animal Services, 86078 License Road, Yulee, 491-7440, Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed Sundays and Mondays.

PET PROJECTS

Strut Your Mutt

Throw on some comfy shoes, leash up your dog and join Best Friends Animal Society for its third annual Strut Your Mutt in Jacksonville on Sept. 6 at Riverside Park, 753 Park St.

The Jacksonville event is one of 12 being staged between August and September across the country by Best Friends Animal Society. Anyone who wants to walk the walk – nay, strut their stuff – for homeless pets in Jacksonville or around the nation is invited to this leisurely fundraising dog walk and fun run, followed by a doggie-themed festival.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. In 2013 over 885 people and 850 dogs participated and raised \$113,390, with \$92,796 going to support 13 No More Homeless Pets Network partners – local rescue groups and shelters. Visit www.strutyourmutt.org.

Adoption specials

Nassau County Animal Services is attempting to set a new record for adoptions and it is aiming for 1,000 mark. To help, adult cats are just \$20 and kittens are \$15 with a buy one, get one. Adult dogs are \$50 and puppies are \$75. Animal Services also offers a Seniors for Seniors program where anyone 60 or over can adopt a cat or dog 5 years or older for \$10.

Anyone adopting a dog or cat from NCAS through Sept. 30 will be placed in a drawing for a one-night stay at The Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island.

The 2015 Pets of Nassau County calendars 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.

Free spay/neuter

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

Bring your pet's current license tag or purchase one at \$10 for each pet. Bring picture ID and proof of residence in Nassau County to your surgery appointment.

All cats will have spay/neuter surgery and receive a rabies shot. Feral cats (arriving in a humane trap) will also receive an FVRCP shot. Pet cats can receive an FVRCP and flea/worming treatment for \$5 each. Call Cats Angels at 321-2267.

PEOPLE & PLACES

SPECIAL EVENTS

Laramie Project

Amelia Musical Playhouse presents the Off Broadway play "The Laramie Project" on Sept. 4, 5, 6 at 7:30 p.m. at 1955 Island Walkway, Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the theater, 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 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 adult language; under 18 with parent or guardian only.

The Northeast Florida World Aids Committee will display two wall panels that are replicas of an AIDS quilt in the lobby of Amelia Musical Playhouse from Aug. 30 through Sept. 6. The purpose is to raise awareness about AIDS. In December 2014 an actual AIDS Quilt will be on display at City Hall in Jacksonville during Aids Awareness Week. A representative from the committee will be present each night of the performances of "The Laramie Project" on Sept. 4, 5 and 6 at Amelia Musical Playhouse, 1955 Island Walkway, to give out information and answer questions.

Amelia Con

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.ameliakon.com.

Cupcakes and Canvases

Women of Power Inc. will host "Cupcakes and Canvases," a fun-filled auction event featuring exquisite paintings donated by prominent local artists, along with designer purses and many other items of value.

Cupcakes and Canvases will be held on Sept. 12 from 5-7 p.m. at Cedar Haven Transitional House for women, located at 900 Cedar St., Fernandina Beach. All proceeds will benefit Cedar Haven. For additional information contact Valerie Baker at 635-8789 or LaVerne Mitchell at 699-7477.

Pasta for Paws

The Nassau Humane Society's Pasta for Paws spaghetti supper is coming up Saturday evening, Sept. 20 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center. The annual event always features great food and is one of the most important fundraisers for the Humane Society.

This year's dinner will be from 4:30-7:30 p.m. and will feature spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, beverage and dessert for \$14. It's free for children age 6 and younger, and \$10 for kids age 7-10. The event always features a wide variety of homemade desserts to choose from, with extra desserts for \$2 each. Take-out will be available, and there will be live music and a silent auction.

Tickets are available at the NHS Second Chance resale store, 1002 South 14th St., the NHS Dog Park, 641 Airport Road, online at NassauHumaneSociety.com, and will be available at the door.

THIS WEEK

Bingo Thursdays

The public is invited to play bingo every Thursday at the Legion, 626 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach, in the large smoke-free meeting hall.

'DEARLY DEPARTED'



Aunt Marguerite and her son Royce (Amelia Hart and Frank Dawedeit) share a moment of quality time in Fernandina Little Theatre's production of "Dearly Departed," the hit comedy about a dysfunctional Southern family. Performances run through Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at FLT, 1014 Beech St. Tickets are \$16.50 and may be purchased in advance at The UPS Store in the island Publix shopping center. For more information about FLT's activities and events, visit ameliaflt.org.

SUBMITTED

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and early bird games start at 6:05 p.m., with regular play beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. The bingo session is nine games for \$20, with multiple jackpots paid out.

For questions email post54bingo@yahoo.com. Proceeds support programs sponsored by the American Legion.

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.

Laptop class

A Beginner Laptop Workshop will be held in September at the Council On Aging East Nassau, 1367 South 18th St., Fernandina Beach for people interested in learning the basics of their computers. Jan Cote-Merow, Computer Coach, is the instructor. She has been teaching private and group computer lessons on Amelia Island for 10 years. The cost of each session is a donation of \$10 to Council on Aging, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit charity. Call Jan at 583-2870 for dates and registration information.

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 will be from the

gallery members' children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. This collection will hang for only a limited time. 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.

Humphrey in concert

Frank L. Humphrey, III will present a concert Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. at Amelia Baptist Church. Frank has spent the last year at the prestigious Manhattan School of Music in New York City where he is studying Vocal Performance. He was awarded first place as a vocalist in the Gershwin International competition last fall. He is now in his senior year at Manhattan. He grew up in Jacksonville and is a graduate of Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and Florida State College at Jacksonville.

The concert, featuring sacred, classical and Broadway selections, is free and open to the public. A basket will be available for contributions toward Humphrey's education.

Amelia Baptist Church is located at 961167 Buccaneer Trail at the roundabout where South Fletcher Avenue joins First Coast Highway.

Model boat sail

A radio controlled model boat fun sail and exhibition will be held Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at Amelia Island Plantation. All model boats welcome, working or static, finished or not, except gas powered. Spectators, including supervised children, especially welcome. Call Hal Mather at 261-6420 for additional details and to arrange for a pass at the security gate.

NEXT WEEK

Pink Ribbon Ladies

The Pink Ribbon Ladies, a support group in Nassau County for survivors of breast and other female cancers, invites members and those interested in joining the group to meet for dinner at 6 p.m. Sept. 8 at The Loop on Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach.

(904) 607-6697 or visit www.flamencojax.net.

COMING UP

Hair'at ACT

Tickets are on sale for "Hair," the American Tribal Love Rock musical at Amelia Community Theatre, 207 Cedar St. Performances are in the main stage theater at 8 p.m. on Sept. 19; at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sept. 20; and 2 p.m. on Sept. 21. All tickets are \$25 and are available at ameliacommunitytheatre.org or by calling 261-6749. This landmark musical premiered on Broadway in 1968. It contains adult language and situations and is rated R.

Heart Walk

The First Coast Heart Walk will take place Sept. 20 at Metropolitan Park in downtown Jacksonville. Opening ceremonies and festivities begin at 8 a.m. and the walk at 9 a.m. The walk is free and open to the public. For information and to register visit www.FirstCoastHeartWalk.org or call (904) 256-5721.

The non-competitive, 3.6-mile walk raises funds to support heart disease and stroke research and educational programs in the First Coast area. Brisk walking for as little as 30 minutes a day provides increased energy and circulation, as well as reduced risk of heart disease.

The walk is designed to help participants understand this critical message, join with others and generate a renewed commitment to heart-healthy living through walking.

Call for singers

Rehearsals for An Evening in December 2014 will begin Sunday, Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. at Amelia Baptist Church. Pam Helton, music minister at Amelia Baptist Church, welcomes singers from throughout Northeast Florida to be a part of the 18th edition of An Evening in December.

The program will be performed on Friday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 14 at 7 p.m. each evening. Rehearsals will be held each Sunday afternoon at Amelia Baptist Church from 5-6 p.m.

Singers are invited to join the choir starting Sept. 21. Amelia Baptist Church is located at 961167 Buccaneer Trail at the roundabout where South Fletcher Avenue meets First Coast Highway. Call Pam Helton at the church (261-9527) or Allen Lennon (261-8799) for information or to arrange for childcare during rehearsals.

Healthy living seminar

Registered Dietitian Michele Manzie will teach you the real facts about all the fad diets at a Healthy Living Seminar, Sept. 23 at 10 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. at the Osprey Village Fitness Center, 48 Osprey Village Drive.

Learn to eat the healthy way from an expert in the field. Manzie will also be available for individual counseling. Along with healthy eating comes exercise. Nationally certified personal trainer Carol Rossmeliss will discuss proper exercise and provide helpful tips on maintaining a well-balanced, strong and healthy body. Fee is \$15. Must pre-register to attend. Call 557-8542 or email across@com-cast.net.

Wine cruise

In place of its normal Friday night wine tasting, A Taste of Wine by Steve will host a Friday evening cruise with Amelia River Cruise on Oct. 10 at \$50 per person. The cruise will last around 1 1/2 hours beginning at 5 p.m. Enjoy appetizers and the usual two whites and two reds to taste. Please RSVP to Raskin@557-1506 or raszkin.steve@yahoo.com.

Jazz Festival

The Amelia Island Jazz Festival kicks off Oct. 12 with a free concert in Amelia Park from 2-4 p.m. featuring the U.S. Navy Band Southeast. The festival runs through Oct. 19 and will feature A Latin Jazz Concert and Wine Tasting Oct. 16; headliner Tony Monaco, jazz organist, Oct. 17; headliner Randy Brecker, Grammy Award-winning trumpet master with a tribute to the Brecker Brothers Band on Oct. 18; a Dixie to Swing Jazz Brunch Oct. 19 with the AIJF All-Star Swingtet; late night jazz jams, a sponsor party and more.

Tickets range from \$35 to \$60 for regular admission, with VIP packages available and discounts for Jazz Pass programs. For tickets and fur-

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- Newton or Stern
- "Here's looking at ___"
- Face-to-face exam
- Bake, as in eggs
- Even, to a poet
- "Madama Butterfly," e.g.
- "Show me the ___!"
- Sculptor
- Hans/Jean ___
- "Nobody ___!"
- Penalize
- For peeping
- It can be red or black
- Lab culture
- In the past
- Emeralds and rubies
- "Elementary, my dear ___"
- Ringo Starr's instrument
- ___ Verde
- National Park
- "Dancing with the Stars" number
- Supposed giant Himalayan
- Subculture language
- "You sit on a throne of ___"
- Peer-conscious group
- Apartheid opponent Desmond
- Formerly
- "Yo, ___!"
- To represent in drawing or painting
- "Are you the ___master? ...I am the gatekeeper"
- "About ___ Night"
- "Sheep be true! ___-ram-ewe!"
- "___ hand-dle the truth!"
- Toy weapon
- Unwelcome computer message
- Reef dweller
- Match play?
- Spent
- E in BCE
- Plural of lepton
- Cobbler's concern
- Wine quality
- Piglike
- Seed coat
- Add booze
- #15 Across, pl.
- Flower holders
- Swerve
- Battery's partner?
- Temples' innermost sanctuaries
- "___, for lack of a better word, is good"
- Kind of space
- Patty ___
- Tall one is a lie
- To be wiped off a face?
- Corpulent
- Foul
- Small British car
- Opposed to
- Louisiana dish
- As opposed to hourly pay
- Grandmother in Great Britain
- "I love the smell of ___ in the morning"
- Knight's mount
- Acquiesce
- Evergreens
- Three-ply snack
- Eurasian mountain range
- Apple leftover
- "___ it, Sam"
- Mail agency
- Hases and have-
- Make #64 Across
- Aye's opposite

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- Any doctrine
- "___ till you drop"
- Hokkaido native
- Gladiators' battlefield
- "There's no ___ in base-ball"
- Uh-huh
- "___ the land of the free ..."
- Remove pegs
- Moonfish
- First female Attorney General

PEOPLE

Continued from 8B
ther information visit www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com.

ONGOING

Just Friends

The Just Friends Single Society meets once a month for dinner. If you are single and over the age of 55, call 321-1116 to join. It's free to register.

Meditation group

The Amelia Insight sitting group (Sangha) meets every Tuesday at the Dome Healing Center from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. They start with a reading and discussion of a verity of material related to the practice and philosophy of Insight Meditation and mindfulness, followed by a 45 minute sitting. Anyone interested in meditation is invited to attend. To learn more go to ameliain-

sight.org or call 261-9143.

Gerri's Corner

Gerri's Corner of Comfort, a nonprofit resource center for women with cancer, answers questions in a confidential setting, provides support group information, brochures, reference materials, a lending library and more through trained volunteers. It offers stylish head coverings, hairpieces, sleep caps, chemo bags with necessities and

comfort pillows free of charge. Open Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. in Maxwell Hall at Memorial United Methodist Church on North Sixth Street. Call 277-0099.

Genealogy group

Genealogy group meetings are held at Yulee United Methodist Church, 86003 Christian Way, Yulee, the second and fourth Friday of each month from 9-11 a.m. New members are welcome. Call

225-5381 or Paulette Murrin at 548-9752 for information.

Maritime Museum

The Maritime Museum of Amelia Island hosts a program on a current topic every Friday at 6 p.m. The programs are jointly sponsored by the museum and Amelia Research and Recovery, LLC, the Amelia-based company that searches for and recovers sunken treasure. The museum is at 1335 S. Eighth

St. No reservations needed. Call (904) 838-6688.

TOURS

Walking tour

Visitors can enjoy a 90-minute walking tour of Americana Beach, including a stop at Miss Martha's Hideaway, a home built of hand-molded coquina blocks that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tours are \$25 per person. Call 261-0175.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 45-2013-CA-000660 DIVISION:

KATHY 904-491-7275
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN P.KELLY, et al., Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure, dated August 20, 2014, and entered in Case No. 45-2013-CA-000660 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Nassau County, Florida in which Nationstar Mortgage LLC, is the Plaintiff and John P. Kelly, Tammy Kelly, State Farm Bank, FSB, are defendants, the Nassau County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on 11:30 am at the front entrance of the Judicial Annex, 77 Veteran's Way, Yulee, Florida 32097, Nassau County, Florida at on the 6th day of October, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

PART OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 55.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 86 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST, 363.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1.00 ACRES MORE OR LESS. TOGETHER WITH A 30-FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, LYING 15 FEET EACH SIDE OF ADJACENT TO AND CONTIGUOUS WITH THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE; PART OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 210.14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID CENTERLINE; THENCE SOUTH 42 DEGREES 45 MINUTES WEST, 363.00 FEET THENCE SOUTH, 22 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, 115.43 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 42 DEGREES 45 MINUTES WEST, 414.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF A 60 FOOT ROAD EASEMENT; SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF TERMINUS OF SAID CENTERLINE. A/K/A 54109 CRICKET LANE, CALLAHAN, FL 32011

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after sale. Dated in Nassau County, Florida this 21 day of August, 2014.

John A. Crawford
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Nassau County, Florida
By: /s/Amanda Stearn
Deputy Clerk
Albertell Law
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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 548-4600 press 0, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771. 21 09-03-10-2014 4515

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 13CA00274AXYX BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff

VS. BOBBY J. BENNETT, et al. Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment dated August 20, 2014, entered in Civil Case Number 13CA00274AXYX in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and BOBBY J. BENNETT, et al., are the Defendants, Nassau County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Nassau County, Florida, described as:
LOT 71, BLOCK 1, SHEFFIELD VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 28 AND 29, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Main Entrance, Nassau County, Judicial Annex, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097, at 11:30 AM, on the 1 day of December, 2014. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated: August 21, 2014.
John A. Crawford
Nassau County Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/Amanda Stearn
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crlntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771. 21 09-03-10-2014 4517

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 45-2010-CA-00040-AXXX-YX

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
VS. HAROLD D. BARGERON, JR.; JULIE E. BARGERON; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDENT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nassau County, Florida, will on the 6th day of October, 2014, at 11:30 A.M. at the Nassau County Judicial Annex, Main Entrance, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situate in Nassau County, Florida:
LOT 12, CHESTER MEADOWS, NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 40, TOGETHER WITH A PORTION OF SECTION 43, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 12, CHESTER MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 40; AND RUN SOUTH 29° 07'26" WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 12, A DISTANCE OF 174.88 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 65° 11'46" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 318.12 FEET TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 40; AND RUN SOUTH 29° 07'26" WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. C-107 (A 100.0 FOOT R/W); RUN THENCE SOUTH 88°31'15" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 92.57 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 666.20 FEET; RUN THENCE IN A EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY AND ARC OF SAID CURVE PASSING THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 18°33'20" ARC DISTANCE, OF 215.75 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 12 AFOREMENTIONED (THE AFORESAID ARC HAS A CHORD DISTANCE OF 214.81 FEET THAT BEARS SOUTH 79°14'35"); RUN THENCE SOUTH 19°57'42" WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 12, A DISTANCE OF 123.59 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12; RUN THENCE SOUTH 74°55'35" EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 12, A DISTANCE OF 90.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE ON SECTION 43, TOWNSHIP 3, NORTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 12, "CHESTER MEADOWS" ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 5, PON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BLACKROCK ROAD (A 100.00 FOOT R/W) FORMERLY KNOWN AS STATE ROAD NO. S-108 SECTION NO. 7454-150, AND RUN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 666.20 FEET PASSING THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 17 DEGREE 55'00" AN ARC DISTANCE OF 208.32 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, (THE AFORESAID ARC HAS A CHORD DISTANCE OF 207.48 FEET BEARS NORTH 78 DEGREES 55'25" WEST) FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THIS DESCRIBED CONTINUE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BLACKROCK ROAD AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 66.20 FEET PASSING THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 0 DEGREES 38'20" AN ARC DISTANCE OF 7.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENT (THE AFORESAID ARC HAS A CHORD DISTANCE OF 7.43 FEET THAT BEARS NORTH 88 DEGREES 12'05" WEST); THENCE NORTH 88° DEGREES 31'15" WEST CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BLACKROCK AFORESAID A DISTANCE OF 92.57 FEET TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 262, PAGES 192 AND 193; THENCE SOUTH 7 DEGREES 16'24" WEST ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE A

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 09001173CAAXYX
CITIMORTGAGE, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP INC., Plaintiff
VS. MICHAEL JOHNSON A/K/A MICHAEL J. JOHNSON; ADRIAN JOHNSON; BENEFICIAL FLORIDA, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ALMEANOR GLOVER Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated, August 20, 2014 and entered in 09001173CAAXYX of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for NASSAU County, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP INC., is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL JOHNSON A/K/A MICHAEL J. JOHNSON; ADRIAN JOHNSON; BENEFICIAL FLORIDA, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ALMEANOR GLOVER are the Defendant(s). John Crawford as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, Front Entrance, Nassau Judicial Annex 76347 Veterans Way Yulee FL 32097, at 11:30 AM on October 6, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
ALL THOSE CERTAIN PART LOTS, PIECES OR PARCELS OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, (FORMERLY CITY OF FERNANDINA), OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND STATE OF FLORIDA AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED UPON THE OFFICIAL PLATS OF THE SAID CITY (AS LITHOGRAPHED AND ISSUED BY THE FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY IN 1857, AND ENLARGED, REVISED AND REISSUED BY THE FLORIDA TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMPANY IN 1887 AND 1901), AS THE SOUTH 42 FEET OF SUB-DIVISION LOT "A", OF LOT 7 OF BLOCK 214 AND THE NORTH 8 FEET OF SUBDIVISION LOT "B" OF LOT 7, BLOCK 214, WHICH SAID PART LOTS TOGETHER MEASURE AND FRONT 50 FEET ON SOUTH DIVISION STREET, WHICH BOUND THEM ON THE WEST, FROM WHENCE THEY EXTEND AT RIGHT ANGLES EAST TO A DEPTH OF 100 FEET, ALL ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF SAID CITY OF FERNANDINA AS LITHOGRAPHED AND ISSUED IN 1857 BY THE FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY AND ENLARGED, REVISED AND REISSUED IN 1887 AND 1901 BY THE FLORIDA TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 103, PAGES 262-263, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 21 day of August, 2014.
John Crawford
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Tracy Poore
As Deputy Clerk
IMPORTANT
If you are a person with a dis-

ability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904)548-4600 press 0, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771. 21 09-03-10-2014 4517

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12CA000659AXYX BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff

VS. CRAIG R. BERKE A/K/A CRAIG RANDALL BERKE, et al., Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 22, 2014, entered in Civil Case Number 12CA000659AXYX, in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and CRAIG R. BERKE A/K/A CRAIG RANDALL BERKE, et al., are the Defendants, Nassau County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Nassau County, Florida, described as:

LOT 11, CUSHING CREEK ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 88, AND AS AMENDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 92 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT 1998 MANUFACTURED HOME, ID NO. 9D630225KA/B/C, TITLE NO(S): 79440876 AND 79440991 AND 79440899 RP DECAL NO(S): R0816104 AND R0816105 MAKE: SKYLINE YEAR: 1998 SERIAL NUMBER: 9D630225KA/B/C at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Main Entrance, Nassau County, Judicial Annex, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097 at 11:30 AM, on the 1 day of December, 2014. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated: August 25, 2014.
John A. Crawford
Nassau County Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/Amanda Stearn
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crlntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.

Si ou se yon moon ki gen yon andikap ki bezwen aranjman nenpou yo nan lodyo patipse nan pwodwi sa a, ou gen dwa pa kite ou, dispozisyon nan asistans se-ten. Tanpri kontakte Koodonate ADA-a nan crlntrp@coj.net ou (904) 630-2564 ou mwens pase 7 jou; si ou se odyans oswa vwa gen pwoblem vizyon, rele 711. Si vous etes une personne ayant une deficiencie qui ont besoin dune adaptation afre de participer a cette instance, vous avez droit a aucun frais pour vous, pour la fourniture de l'assistance de certains. S'il vous plait communiquer avec le coordonnateur a l'ADA crlntrp@coj.net ou (904) 630-2564 au moins 7 jours avant votre comparution devant le tribunal prevu, ou des reception de cette notification, si le temps avant l'apparition programmee est inferieure a 7 jours; si vous etes audicien o detriorer de la voz, llamee ai 771. Si usted es una persona con una discapacidad que necesita cualquier arreglo con el fin de participar en este procedimiento, usted tiene derecho sin costo alguno para usted, para la prestacion de asistencia determinado. Por favor, pongase en contacto con el coordinador de ADA crlntrp@coj.net o (904) 630-2564 por lo menos 7 dias antes de su comparencia ante la corte programado, o inmediatamente despues de recibir esta notificacion, si el tiempo antes de que la comparencia prevista es inferior a 7 dias, si usted esta de audicion o deterioro de la voz, llamee al 771. 21 08-27-2014 & 09-03-2014 4511

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 22, 2014, entered in Civil Case Number 12CA000659AXYX, in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and CRAIG R. BERKE A/K/A CRAIG RANDALL BERKE, et al., are the Defendants, Nassau County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Nassau County, Florida, described as:

LOT 11, CUSHING CREEK ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 88, AND AS AMENDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 92 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT 1998 MANUFACTURED HOME, ID NO. 9D630225KA/B/C, TITLE NO(S): 79440876 AND 79440991 AND 79440899 RP DECAL NO(S): R0816104 AND R0816105 MAKE: SKYLINE YEAR: 1998 SERIAL NUMBER: 9D630225KA/B/C at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Main Entrance, Nassau County, Judicial Annex, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097 at 11:30 AM, on the 1 day of December, 2014. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated: August 25, 2014.
John A. Crawford
Nassau County Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/Amanda Stearn
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crlntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.

DISTANCE OF 203.48 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 65° DEGREES 11'46" EAST A DISTANCE OF 104.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 7 DEGREES 16'24" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 244.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above. Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale. WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 21 day of August, 2014.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the circuit court system at crlntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ Tracy Poore
Deputy Clerk
21 09-03-10-2014 4518

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 12CA000659AXYX BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff

VS. CRAIG R. BERKE A/K/A CRAIG RANDALL BERKE, et al., Defendant(s)
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CRANE PERNELL, the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:
File Number: 2014-02444
Certificate Number: 1367
Parcel Number: 19-2N-25-0000-0031-0000
Year of Issuance: 2012
Description of Property: IN DB 136 PG 109 (EX PARCELS 30 & 32) IN OR 214 PG 22 UE
Assessed To: CLARENCE ROBERSON
All of the above property is located in Nassau County, in the State of Florida. Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to Law, the property described

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 1100651CAAXYX BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff

VS. KEITH A. BRANTLEY, et al. Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 22, 2014, entered in Civil Case Number 1100651CAAXYX, in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and KEITH A. BRANTLEY, et al., are the Defendants, Nassau County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Nassau County, Florida, described as:

LOT TWO (2), BLOCK TEN (10), THE PARK ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN PLAT BOOK 4 AT PAGE 28 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS AND EXCEPTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE NORTH 78°07'53" EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 110.44 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE SOUTH 07°26'46" WEST, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 2 BEING ALSO THE WESTERLY LINE OF "INTERLACHEN-BY-THE-SEA", ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, A DISTANCE OF 17.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 78°07'53" WEST, DEPARTING SAID EASTERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 74.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 70°55'29" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 30.40 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LISA AVENUE (A 50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE NORTH 11°52'07" WEST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Main Entrance, Nassau County, Judicial Annex, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, FL 32097 at 11:30 AM, on the 13 day of October, 2014. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated August 25, 2014.
John A. Crawford
Nassau County Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT GREEN FAMILY ASSOCIATES LP the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for the tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year of issuance, the description of property, and name(s) in which it is assessed are as follows:
File Number: 2014-025-TD
Certificate Number: 1366
Parcel Number: 19-2N-25-0000-0030-0000
Year of Issuance: 2012
Description of Property: IN NE1/4 OF SW1/4 IN OR 78 PG 349 & 350
Assessed To: REV CLARENCE ROBERSON
All of the above property is located in Nassau County, in the State of Florida. Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to Law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the Highest Bidder at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE NASSAU COUNTY JUDICIAL ANNEX, 76347 VETERANS WAY, YULEE, FL on the 7th day of October, 2014, between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 p.m. The Clerk of Court's Office Policy is to hold the sale at 11:30 a.m. JOHN A. CRAWFORD
NASSAU COUNTY CLERK OF COURT
BY RHODA GOODWIN, DEPUTY CLERK
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 548-4600 press 0, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771. 41 09-03-10-17-24-2014 4522

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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File Number: 2014-02444
Certificate Number: 1367
Parcel Number: 19-2N-25-0000-0031-0000
Year of Issuance: 2012
Description of Property: IN DB 136 PG 109 (EX PARCELS 30 & 32) IN OR 214 PG 22 UE
Assessed To: CLARENCE ROBERSON
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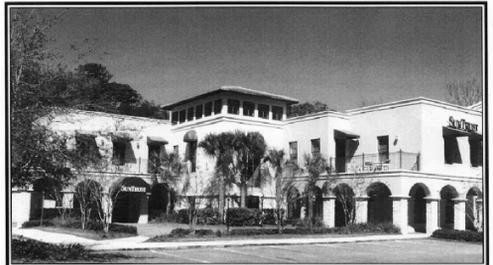
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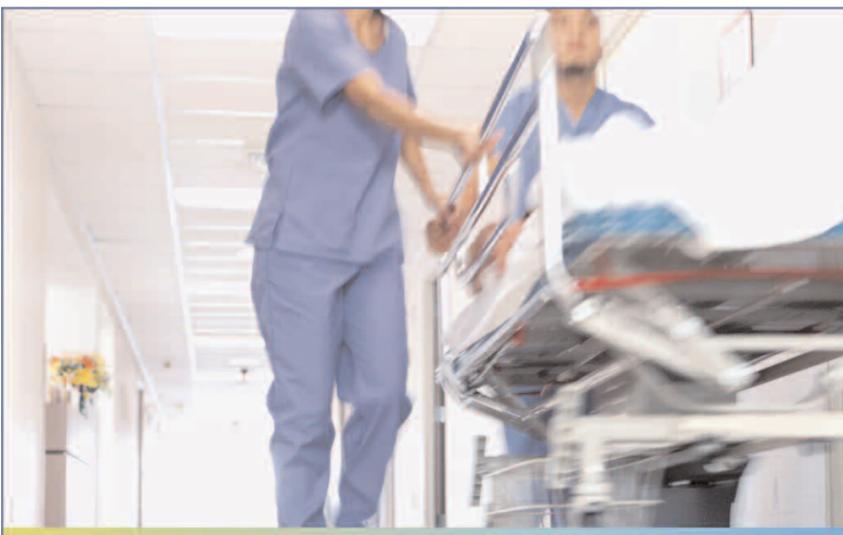
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