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Comic Con popular

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Little Bo Peep and Cinderella being attacked by a slasher? Nope. The teens are cosplayers at Amelia Con, a comic book, gaming, television and movie convention, held Saturday in Fernandina Beach. Dressing up as pop culture characters is what fans do at Comic Con events.

Comic Cons have been popular for years and the first local one happened here at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center Sept. 5-7.

"It's funny how the nerd genre has exploded like this," said Belle Martinez, who handles VIP guests and media for organizers Woodruff Enterprises, LLC based in Fernandina Beach.

Do people mind being called nerds? "Are you kidding? Anyone making money off it, they're uber nerds. And

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Chelbie Parker, 16, left, a junior at Fernandina Beach High School, shows support for the Japanese animated series Black Butler by dressing as character Elizabeth Midford at Amelia Con Saturday where she met Alexis Oliver, 13, of Darien, Ga., right, who dressed as series character Alois Trancy.

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More signs ahead

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Since Nassau County Commissioner Danny Leeper made a citizen's complaint earlier this year against violators of the sign ordinance along A1A, efforts to get businesses to comply with the rules have worked, to a point.

While there are fewer flags, banners, lawn signs, wavers and flashing electronic signs along the county's main shopping corridor, violations continue.

The Planning & Zoning Board has been reviewing the sign ordinance for months and the latest plan officials are formulating would increase the number of signs along the roadway.

It would also make them taller and

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Save the bees; we need them

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

Have a bee problem on Amelia Island? Peter Smith, a local systems analyst with extensive knowledge about bees and their culture, will happily remove them.

But it's not simply a matter of killing them with insecticides, Smith says. It takes strategy to completely remove a large bee colony from the cavity of a structure, because if not done properly a large wax honeycomb will be left behind and melt, and bee eggs will continue hatching long after the bees are gone. The hive entrance must also be properly sealed so bees don't re-establish a colony.

If the bee colony can be accessed, the best removal method is to move the queen bee, Smith says, along with the honeycomb that has been constructed by bees to keep the colony going.

"The bees can be cut out and the colony can be moved from the house," Smith says. "You can vacuum the bees from the honeycomb." "The queen is usually hiding," Smith says. "You can rebuild the

colony in a square box. If you're lucky, you can capture the queen."

The queen bee, which is raised from an egg by worker bees using a rich food called royal jelly, is twice as big as regular bees, and can lay up to 2,000 eggs a day for up to three years, Smith says.

Smith recently took out a large bee colony from the Pecan Roll Bakery at 122 S. Eighth St. During the trap-out, Smith was lucky enough to find the queen bee, which he put in a box. Most of the hive followed the queen into the box, which he brought home to add to his own bee colonies. The job yielded three gallons of honey that he is filtering for owner Jeff Weisfeld through a crushing and straining process.

Born in New London, Conn., Smith later moved to north Texas, where he first became interested in beekeeping. A Fernandina resident since 1985, Smith says he has recently been able to spend more time trapping bees since he does not travel for work as often as he once did.

"I started trapping earlier this year, as a favor to some of my neigh-

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Amateur beekeeper Pete Smith vacuums bees that had been established at the Pecan Roll Bakery at 122 S. Eighth St., during a complete colony removal, right. The job yielded three gallons of honey and a new colony was established. Left, a swarm trap mounted on the roof of Amelia Island Paint & Hardware at 516 Ash St. was installed by Smith to attract bees from a colony living in a tree across the street.



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Carol Alexander, American Beach Museum curator, holding the scissors, leads dignitaries and family and friends of "Beach Lady" MaVynnee Betsch in officially opening the American Beach Museum on Saturday.

Hundreds enjoy 'Sands of Time'

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So many people attended the opening of the American Beach Museum on Amelia Island Saturday that the hours were extended into the evening and then continued on Sunday afternoon.

"I was on my way to church Sunday and saw people lined up at the door," the museum's volunteer coordinator Eve Jones said Monday.

"We had a guest book and I know we didn't get all the names. We're estimating 300-plus people attended the opening."

The museum is located inside the American Beach Community Center. The museum occupies a small part of the building's space, but what it lacks in square footage is made up in content.

The inaugural exhibit is titled "The Sands of Time: An American Beach Story" and it offers a poignant tribute

to the people who settled the community.

That includes A.L. Lewis, who was president of the Afro American Life Insurance Co. and one of the founders of American Beach in 1935. He purchased land and sold parcels to his workers. The goal was a beachfront vacation for those who were kept off nearby beaches by segregation.

"Do you think you could just go into a white bank and get money?" said the museum's curator Carol Alexander during opening remarks. "Are you crazy?"

In her remarks, Alexander told people sitting on folding chairs or standing on the wide front lawn about MaVynnee Betsch, who became known as "The Beach Lady" because of her enthusiastic efforts to save and share the history of American Beach.

"She is the reason we are gathered here today," said Alexander.

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OBITUARIES

Jerry W Boyett

Jerry W Boyett passed at the age of 63 years old on September 4th, 2014 to be with the Lord.

Jerry had suffered for many years but always managed to stay positive and always willing to help others. To know him was to love him.

His mother and father, Quinton and Louise Boyett, as well as his brother Bobbie preceded him in death.

He is survived by his loving wife, Donna Boyett, two stepsons and their wives; Kevin Hamilton (Margaret) from Danbury, CT and Jeffrey Hamilton (Elizabeth) from Philadelphia, PA.

Jerry is also survived by his



sister and her husband, Beth Stevenson (Timmy) and brother and his wife, Glen Boyett (Alesia).

There will be a "Celebration of Life" for Jerry at a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jerry's name to the American Heart Association, 5851 St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville, FL or the Nassau Humane Society, 671 Airport Rd., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034, would be greatly appreciated.

Allison Memorial Chapel
St. Marys, Ga.

Mike Witt

Mike Witt, 84, of Kingsport entered into rest on Monday, September 8, 2014 after an extended illness. He was born in Sullivan County and lived his entire life in the Kingsport area.

Mike attended Holston Institute and Dobyns-Bennett High School and was a graduate of ETSU. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force. Mike started his insurance career at Bennett & Edwards before leaving in 1967 to establish Edwards, Tipton, Witt Agency with Val Edwards and Teeny Tipton. Upon retirement of Val and Teeny, Mike became sole owner of the agency in 1974. The agency flourished under his leadership and is still family owned and operated today. Mike was well known for working long hours and his devotion to customers and their needs.

Mike served on the Board of Finance at Eastern Kentucky University, the Board of Visitors at Emory and Henry College, was a fifty-year member of the Sinking Creek Lodge No. 575 and was involved with the Girls Club of Kingsport. He was the oldest active member of Colonial Heights United Methodist Church where he held many positions including teacher, board member, and member of Upper Room Sunday School.

He loved to help people and was very generous to those in need. He was devoted to his wife, Bea, and family, his work, loved to fish, and also loved to travel. Mike was an avid golfer and was a former member of Ridgefields Country Club of Kingsport and the Golf Club of Amelia Island where he and Bea spent winters. Mike was a big University of TN fan and life long season ticket holder



and donor. He loved to spend special days with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Chase Witt; two brothers, Robert (Bob) Witt and Judge Howard (Buck) Witt; and two sisters, Anna Lou James and Betty Lane.

Mike is survived by his wife, Bea Witt; two sons, Steve Witt, and Tim Witt and wife, Jennifer; four grandchildren, Stephanie Witt, Kristen Witt Sharp (Rick), of Charleston, SC, Landon Witt of Kingsport, and Kayla Witt of Knoxville, TN; two great-grandchildren, Jonah and Mila June Sharp of Charleston, SC.

Family graveside services were held at East Lawn Memorial Park on Thursday.

Honorary pallbearers were George Jetter, P.T. Nottingham, Mac Patton, Jim Hall, Gerald Gilbert, Jack Garland, Bill Byrd and Clinton Waddell.

A memorial service was conducted at Colonial Heights United Methodist Church on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. with Rev. Robert Burlingham officiating.

The family received friends immediately following the memorial service.

The family would like to thank all the caregivers, especially Missy Bruner and Smokey Mountain Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Colonial Heights United Methodist Church Building Fund, 631 Lebanon Rd., Kingsport, TN 37663.

Please visit www.hamlettobson.com to leave an online condolence for the family.

Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Homes
Kingsport, Tenn.

DEATH NOTICES

Ms. Peggy Kathryn Hill, 63, Aberdeen, N.C., formerly of Fernandina Beach, died on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014.

Crumpler Funeral Home, Aberdeen, N.C.

Frank E. Wood, 66, Fernandina Beach, died on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014.

Eternity Funeral Homes & Cremations-Nassau

Grief support ongoing

Grieving the death of a loved one is never easy, but support from others and sharing your loss can lessen the burden. To help, Community Hospice of Northeast Florida conducts open bereavement support groups.

These support groups create a safe and comfortable environment where you can share with others who are grieving. Led by trained bereavement counselors, these sessions are ongoing and available to anyone who has experienced a loss.

Open support group participants do not need to contact

Community Hospice before attending a session.

The Open Therapeutic Support Group meets the second Thursday of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging, 1367 South 18th St., Fernandina Beach.

The Loss of a Spouse Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at Community Hospice Nassau County Administrative Office, 96084 Victoria's Place, Yulee.

For more information, contact Joanne Bernard, LCSW, at 407-6811 or visit CommunityHospice.com.

Driver's ed critical to teens, study shows

TAMPA – Although vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of death for teens, and fewer new drivers are participating in what used to be considered a rite of passage – driver education. State funding and requirements for these programs have declined over recent decades, leaving uneducated teen drivers vulnerable on America's roads.

New research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reveals that teens that skip this important step are involved in more crashes and receive more traffic convictions compared to their peers that participated in driver education.

"This research proves our teens are safer on the roadways when they participate in driver education," said Sandy Maxwell, director of Driver Training Programs, AAA – The Auto Club Group. "New drivers should take part in this critical step of the learning-to-drive process because it makes a significant difference."

This study assessed examples of U.S. and Canadian driver education programs using a variety of evaluation methods including surveys, driver's licensing tests, driver simulators and the review of driving records. The results revealed that several key differences exist between teens who receive driver education and those who do not, including:

- Driver education is associated with a lower incidence of both crashes and convictions – reducing crashes by 4.3 percent and convictions by nearly 40 percent.

- Teens that completed driver education not only scored higher on the driving exam, they also demonstrated modest increases in knowledge over their peers who did not take any formal training.

"Overall, the findings suggest that driver education can make a difference, but there is still much room for improvement in most existing programs," noted Peter Kissinger, president and CEO of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. "This underscores the need for states to adopt the NHTSA-supported Standards that are designed to enhance the scope and quality of driver education."

AAA, a vocal advocate for teen driver safety for nearly 80 years, works at the state level to improve driver education programs and prioritizes five of the NHTSA-funded Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards, owned by the driver education community:

- Requiring a teen's parent/guardian to attend an educational seminar
- Ensuring that classroom instruction is completed in no less than 30 days
- Requiring annual continuing education for driving instructors
- Ensuring standards are met by public and private driving schools
- Adopting a comprehensive graduated drivers licensing (GDL) system that integrates driver education

AAA and the AAA Foundation are committed to helping teens stay safe on the roads and have developed comprehensive resources including Teen Driving.AAA.com, a state-specific website to help parents navigate the learning-to-drive process, DriversZed, an interactive tool designed to teach teens how to react in various driving scenarios and the StartSmart Online Parent Session, a two-hour webinar that explains the licensing process and parents' role, and demonstrates how to maximize the practice driving that parents/guardians are required to do

Input sought on block grants

Nassau County is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunities (DEO) for Deobligated and Unobligated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$250,000.

These funds must be used for one of the following:

- To benefit low and moderate income persons;
- To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
- To meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available.

The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, or economic development and include such improvement activities as acquisition or real property, loans to private-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation.

For each activity that is proposed, at least 70 percent of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

The proposed project is continued de-snagging of fallen vegetation in the Thomas Creek drainage basins. A 10-day comment period begins today. Contact Shane Whittier at 491-7330 for a copy of the proposed application. Please submit comments to Shane Whittier at 96161 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida 32097 by Sept. 22.

Food manager course

The ServSafe Food Manager Certification training is offered through the University of Florida Nassau County Extension Office. It provides comprehensive training on the most up-to-date information and current regulations.

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

The ServSafe curriculum and manager's exam are developed by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation. 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.

The next training date in Nassau County 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.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Prime rib dinners

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

Bird club

The Nassau County Bird Club will meet Sept. 13 at 8 a.m., rain or shine, for an outing at Huguenot Memorial Park. The entrance fee to this Jacksonville city park is \$3. It is one of the best places locally to observe shorebirds and waders.

Cross the Nassau Sound bridge and go 8.2 miles south on A1A to the blinking light. Turn left to enter the park and meet at the General Store & Nature Center. The group will proceed to the parking area at end of the road. Bring binoculars, field guide, bug juice, sunscreen, rain gear and water. For information call Carol Wyatt at 261-9272 or email carolinegw@aol.com.

Alumni meeting

The FAMU Alumni Association local chapter will meet Sept. 13 at 3:30 p.m. at the Peck Community Center on South 10th Street, Fernandina Beach. If you have any questions contact J.M. Smith at 261-7906.

Pork loin dinners

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54 will serve pork loin dinners on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 5-7 p.m. at the Legion Post. Dinners come with two sides, roll and dessert for a donation of \$8. The public is invited to eat in the meeting hall at 626 S. Third St. or pick up dinners to go.

Surf & turf

The Men's Auxiliary of the VFW Post 4351 will host a surf and turf dinner Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m. for a \$15 donation. Dinner includes steak, shrimp, baked potato, corn on the cob and salad. Karaoke to follow with Eddie Carter. The VFW is located at 96086 Wade Place, under the Shave Bridge.

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates Inc. will hold a concealed weapon license course 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 information contact Belson at 491-8358, (904) 476-2037 or gbelson@bellsouth.net. Visit www.TheBelsonGroup.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.

Confederate sons

The Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Pig Barbeque Restaurant in Callahan. The meeting will include a presentation on Nathan Bedford Forrest by Bodie Catline. This is an open meeting.

Yoga events

Centred on Yoga offers Yoga Boot Camp every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7 a.m. beginning Sept. 16 and running for four weeks. Dawn Williams BS, CF-L1, USAW trainer, will lead participants. Call 323-2530.

Centred on Yoga presents Yoga on the Dock, Sept. 20 from 5-6 p.m. at 1225 Gerbing Road on Amelia Island. This is a donation-based practice, with 100 percent of proceeds going to Girl Power 2 Cure. All levels welcome. Bring your mat, water and a friend.

Drug threats talk

Join Nassau Alcohol, Crime and Drug Abatement Coalition, or NACDAM, on Sept. 16 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Police Department community room, 1525 Lime St. Speaker Ralph Little, crime intelligence analyst, will cover current drug trends, highlighting methamphetamine and e-cigarette devices. Lunch will be served, and seating is limited. RSVP to Kerrie Albert at (904) 994-2502 or finsfan99@bellsouth.org.

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.

Alzheimer's support

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group for Nassau County meets the third Thursday each month. September's meeting will be held at The Jane Adams House, 1550 Nectarine St., Fernandina Beach. Janet Carver, elder law attorney, will present a program, "Surviving with Dementia in Your World." A tour of the Jane Adams House will be offered to those interested.

The meeting is Sept. 18 from 2:30-4 p.m. and is open to the public. Everyone who has an interest is welcome to attend. For further information call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, at the Council on Aging at 261-0701, ext. 113.

Recreation meeting

The Nassau County Recreation Commission will meet on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the county Facilities Maintenance/Parks and Recreation Office, 45195 Musselwhite Road, Callahan. The public is invited. For more information call Tammy Conley at 548-4689 or email tconley@nassaucountyfl.com.

Pancake breakfast

St. Francis of Assisi, the Yulee mission church of St. Michael Catholic Church in Fernandina Beach, will host a fundraiser flapjack breakfast at Applebee's on Sept. 20 from 8-10 a.m. Tickets are \$10. Take-out will be available. All are welcome.

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.

St. Jude fundraiser

On Sept. 22, all Chili's restaurants will donate all their profits to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Dine at Chili's in Yulee on Sept. 22 and help raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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. Nationally certified personal trainer Carol Rossmessl 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 cross@comcast.net.

Learning series

Learn the signs of mental health problems and how you can help a person through a crisis at Family Support Services of North Florida's Breakfast Learning Series, Sept. 23 at 9 a.m.

FSS offers the free educational program about Mental Health First Aid at its Nassau County office, 96016 Lofton Square Court in Yulee. Networking and breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m.; program from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Register to attend at FSS.BLS.Nassau@fssnf.org or call 225-5347.

The mental health program will cover a five-step plan to assist someone experiencing a mental health crisis and how to help them find resources and assistance in our community.



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flashier.

At its Sept. 2 meeting, the board proposed the following changes to the sign ordinance:

- More permanent signs for individual businesses.
- More special event signs, and installing them for up to 60 days, from 30 days.
- Taller signs, up to 10 feet, from 8 feet.
- Up to three flags on one pole.

• Allowing businesses within 1,000 feet of A1A to post signs along the roadway.

• Increasing the number of times an electronic sign can change to 24 times a day, from one now.

The board said it does not want to permit more electronic signs, though there is support for more flashing messages. Officials recognize that sign owners are doing it anyway.

"We reward them for doing bad?" said board member Jeff Gray.

The proposal also recommends that businesses hang banners between synthetic permanent posts designed to look like stone or brick.

The idea is to allow shop owners to keep messages in line with changing promotions while keeping them tidy. The signs would be 10 feet wide.

The look of the roadway was a concern.

"Are we gonna be visionary? What is the future of the corridor from I-95 to bridge?" said board member Bruce Jasinsky. "What is this going to look like?"

Jasinsky compared the roadway to a sagging commercial corridor in Jacksonville.

"You can't tell me it's not a circus and effectively Blanding Boulevard," he said. "Blanding Boulevard is not a commercial success."

Jasinsky said the sign ordinance review started because

there was no enforcement of the existing rules.

That's true.

County officials have long maintained that following the rules is "complaint driven."

That means Code Enforcement will pursue complaints only from people willing to provide their name and contact information. Such disclosure is meant to discourage frivolous complaints, say officials. It works, but it also impedes compliance.

Leeper received blowback over his effort to universally apply the rules.

The Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce offered an online survey to support loosening the rules, they've sent letters to the board and representatives to speak at meetings, including board member Mike Zaffaroni, who sells signs from his shop in Fernandina Beach.

"I personally suggested signs 14 feet high," said Zaffaroni. "We can't hamstring our businesses."

Zaffaroni said responsible property owners follow the rules.

"I don't need government to intervene," said Zaffaroni.

He was asked after the meeting about an ad with his company name on a bench at the northeast corner of Sadler Road and South Eighth Street.

Growth Management officials said that such an ad does not comply with the county's existing sign rules. Zaffaroni said he would look into the matter.

The board also heard from former Burger King owner Marilyn Armstrong. She attended the meeting to support the people who recently purchased her business.

"I'm sure you're surprised to see me," said Armstrong, who launched another push for the county to approve flashing electronic signage.

The board also heard from a

small business owner who wants to keep a wooden sign outside her business in Yulee.

It's cut in the shape of a shrimp.

"I have no problem with that," said Peter King, Growth Management director.

The also heard from auto dealer Paul Clark, who said signs are critical for his business, and from local business consultant Bill Moore, who helped write the sign ordinance on Amelia Island.

Moore asked people to remember the controversial renovation of Flash Foods on the south end of the island that felled many old-growth trees to accommodate a bigger gas station and convenience store.

"It looks dynamite out there (now)," said Moore.

Still, not all the board members were convinced that more signs make sense.

Board member Scottie Murray, who has a business on Blanding Boulevard in Jacksonville, said bigger, flashier signs don't improve commerce.

Board member Wayne Arnold also expressed opposition.

Board member Sharyl Wood agreed with her colleagues. She called "sign design" a quality of life issue.

"Some of the most successful business districts have the most restrictive sign rules," said Wood.

She read guidelines on sign restrictions from the American Planners Association (APA) to her colleagues.

"There is research that shows (restriction) is positive," said Wood.

"From a planner's perspective," said board member Pat Keogh.

Board member Jeanne Scott asked Wood when the information was written.

"The 1800s I'm sure," said Wood.

She was being facetious and told Scott that the information

is currently on the APA website.

The two board members have challenged each other in previous meetings about the novelty of electronic signs.

Scott has maintained that they are the way of the future and Wood has pointed out that they've been around for decades.

Wood said she believes rules are necessary for the common good.

"Left to their own devices, people will do the heck whatever they're going to do," said Wood.

She asked her colleagues to consider a larger view of the issue.

"What do we want for our community and what do we want it to look like? The bigger you allow signs to be the more they cancel each other out," said Wood.

Keogh disagreed with those comments.

"Is there really a problem that exists that we're proposing to resolve?" said Keogh.

Board Chair Tom Ford has continually said he opposes restrictions.

"I have been overindulgent letting people have their say," said Ford. "I should've shut this down two hours ago."

Ford took issue with Wood, who challenged his call for consensus on electronic signs.

"There's no reason we all have to agree," said Wood.

"I'm not asking you to agree," said Ford.

"Yeah, you are," said Wood. "We like it how it is, one time a day."

Still, board members Wood, Gray, Jasinsky, Murray and Tom Arnold all supported Ford in an informal vote on electronic signs despite earlier protests.

Why? "I don't consider 24 changes a flashing sign," said Wood in an interview after the meeting.

Last day to file property appeal

Nassau County property owners have until 5 p.m. today to file petitions on their assessed property values.

Property owners can also file appeals on exemptions or the classification of their property.

The appeal must be filed through the county clerk's office in person or online at www.nassauclerk.com.

From the homepage, petitioners should click the link for VAB Information and then look for instructions on how to file online.

There is a \$15 application fee, plus a 3.5 percent convenience fee. A credit card is required to file online.

Petitioners will receive a hearing with the Value Adjustment Board. No evidence or support documents are required to file for an adjustment.

The Nassau Clerk's office is located at the Robert M. Foster Justice Center in Yulee at 76347 Veteran's Way in Yulee.

For information call Connie Arthur at 548-4663.

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love it."

Martinez said the industry does not like the words costume or costuming.

"The right word is cosplaying," said Martinez. "Costumes imply Halloween and this is about paying tribute and showing support."

Chelbie Parker, 16, who is a junior at Fernandina Beach High School, showed support for the Japanese animated series Black Butler by dressing as character Elizabeth Midford. Parker said she bought her outfit on Amazon and immediately recognized

another teen dressed as series character Alois Trancy - Alexis Oliver, 13, of Darien, Ga.

"We don't know each other. We met 20 minutes ago," said Parker. "But we'll probably hang out today."

Organizers said more than 500 people attended the three-day event, which also offered seminars and gaming events at the Days Inn on Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach.

Martinez said the event was largely promoted at comic book stores in Duval County.

"We far, far exceeded expectations," said Martinez. "I knew we would."



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POLITICS IN BRIEF

West Side Democrats

The Westside Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Mickler Street county building in Callahan. Guest speakers are Public Defender candidate Becky Barlow and Maureen Kingsley Paschke with Community Hospice of Northeast Florida. Dinner and a brief business meeting will follow. The meeting is open to the public.

Democratic Club of Amelia

The Democratic Club of Amelia

Island will host its next dinner meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6:45 p.m. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

The speaker will be Angela DeMonbreun, president of the League of Women Voters Jacksonville First Coast. In that role, she manages activities such as lobbying local officials, presenting voter education materials and hosting candidate forums. She will present information on the upcoming election, with an

emphasis on the three proposed constitutional amendments.

Reservations for the dinner are requested. To reserve, send a check for \$16 payable to DCAI to: DCAI, P.O. Box 16022, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035. You may also drop off a check at Democratic headquarters, located at the corner of Eighth and Date streets in Fernandina Beach.

For more information, or to reserve by phone or email, contact Penny Reid at (509) 294-3708 or dcai.secretary@nassaudems.org.

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Battery giga-factory and self-driving cars

We all admire vision and there are examples from Ben Franklin to Bill Gates. Great minds envision a market, and are at the forefront of building it. Enter Elon Musk, the maker of Tesla electric luxury sedans and a team at Google developing self-driving technology for passenger vehicles. Both a \$5 billion battery factory and a big investment in creating technology for self-driven vehicles are bold decisions. A quick look at both these forward-looking investments will be our topic this week.

It may be appropriate that a city known for gambling will be the location for a battery factory with a production goal of 500,000 units a year by 2020. Sales of electric vehicles from 2008 through this August are 250,000 units, around 40K a year. The Chevy Volt and the Nissan Leaf have struggled as plug-in vehicles. Tesla has thrived in a robust high-



KEFFER'S CORNER

Rick Keffer

line market, especially to the "look what I've got" buyers. Silicon Valley, Wall Street and other miscellaneous young professionals are eating Teslas up for now. The state of Nevada has pledged huge tax breaks for the new plant and our government will surely help. Washington has pledged \$2.4 billion in federal grants for the development of next-generation electric cars and batteries. Certainly, this facility will get some slice of that pie.

Part of the strategy is to build batteries for a more mainstream Tesla, which seems to have merit. Most all the high-line makers are finding

sales at the lower price points (\$30,000 to \$45,000).

Musk is being criticized by those who say there will not be sufficient buyers willing to pay the price for all electric transportation. It is hard to argue with that on the surface. Visionaries create markets and he will have to.

Drones for Amazon deliveries seem ambitious too, but they are well past the drawing board. It all gets down to economic reality – can it be cost-effective? Today, for drone deliveries and this new factory, it would seem to be no. Who wants to bet against them? Not me.

GM, Nissan, Mercedes and other manufacturers are investing in and exploring self-driving technology. For our discussion, we are going to look at a technology heavyweight that has been exploring development of self-driving cars. Their

"autonomous cars" are linked to Google Chauffeur software. There are four states that allow testing – Nevada, Florida, California and Michigan. Our state was the second to agree, in 2012.

Google has a team of 15 engineers, headed by Sebastian Thrun, whose resume includes time at Stanford and being a co-inventor of Google Street View. There are 10 test cars that have logged over 1.1 million miles as of April 2014. There were only two accidents, both attributed to driver error. Sound familiar, airline industry? In a way, this movement towards driver-monitored self-driving cars reminds us of today's sophisticated commercial airliners that are doing the same.

It gets back to cost. A Boeing or Airbus product can sell with these technologies imbedded in the cost. Google has a driverless prototype

with no steering wheel or pedals. The additional equipment cost is \$150,000, including a \$70,000 light radar system. Interestingly, Google has no immediate plans to develop these systems. There will be no Googlemobile. They want to offer the findings to the auto manufacturers and let them test the market, on their dime. Smart.

Are we on the verge of being the Jetsons? If you don't know about George Jetson, ask you dad or mom. In less than 10 years, could we be hopping in our self-driving, all-electric car and petting our robotic dog in our lap? I hope not, but who knows. Have a good week.

Rick Keffer owns and operates Rick Keffer Dodge Chrysler Jeep in Yulee. He invites questions or positive stories about automobile use and ownership.

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Manufacturing forum stimulates

The Nassau County Economic Development Board hosted a Manufacturing and Education Forum on Aug. 26 at the FSCJ Nassau campus. The focus of the forum was to address the workforce needs of local manufacturers and to stimulate the exchange of collaborative ideas between local manufacturers and Nassau County educators.

Brent Lemond, director of career and adult education for the Nassau County School District, served as moderator for the event. Panelists included C.A. McDonald, general manager, Rayonier Advanced Materials; Carl Rorick, manager of maintenance and engineering, RockTenn; Joe Oller, general manager, Florida

Machine Works; Sandy Robinson, interim director of the FSCJ Nassau Center, Jerry Collins, director of workforce education, FSCJ; Ernie Friend, director of academic systems, FSCJ; and William Formanek, instructional program manager for manufacturing, FSCJ. NCEDB Executive Director Steve Rieck and Cynthia Bioteau, president of FSCJ, gave the welcoming remarks. The event was sponsored by RockTenn.

Discussion focused on a reinvention of the manufacturing perception. Panelists see the biggest challenge being a cultural change in understanding what advanced manufacturing jobs are and entail versus public perception. Members of

the manufacturing industry expressed the need for strong math skills, which are crucial to success in manufacturing. They all stressed that children should not be afraid to develop those skills, but to look at mathematical skills as a healthy sense of "intrigue" about what you can create with new technology tools such as laser cutters, CNC machines, etc.

McDonald said he was pleased with the outcome of the forum, "Rayonier Advanced Materials appreciates the efforts of NCEDB, FSCJ and the sponsorship of RockTenn that brought our community together for an important discussion on developing a workforce to keep our community competitive now and into the future. Our plant and other local industries rely on a skilled and talented workforce to keep us competitive in a global marketplace. Today's meeting provided an excellent forum to surface ideas and we are confident that the continued partnership of these organizations will help ensure that Nassau County meets the challenges

of developing a first-class workforce."

FSCJ is currently working with the Nassau County School District in developing dual credit/dual enrollment programs that give students a head start into jobs that could start at \$35-40,000 a year. Based on an Economic Modeling Specialists International report, the average Nassau County manufacturing salary for 2013-14 is \$79,047/year.

"The NCEDB is energized by the collaborative ideas and suggestions provided during our manufacturing forum, and honored to be a member of such a great community of people. This discussion reinforces a great desire for our educators and businesses to continue working closely in alignment, in order to support our students in achieving competitive career opportunities in manufacturing," said NCEDB Director of Business Expansion and Workforce Development Leah Jennings.

For more information on the NCEDB and its mission, visit www.expandinnassau.com.

Manufacturers host trade summit Oct. 3

The First Coast Manufacturers Association will host its second annual trade conference, the 2014 summit, on Oct. 3 at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island.

A few of the speakers committed for the summit include State Sen. Aaron Bean, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Herschel Vinyard, Jaxport CEO Brian Taylor, Hal Resnick, a leadership development consultant, entrepreneur, university professor and author and leaders and managers from area manufacturing companies.

Topics to be covered include:

- Supply Chain: Securing Your "Preferred Vendor" Status
- Manufacturing Technology: 3D Printing to the Cloud
- Utilizing the Best of Lean Strategies
- ISO in an Hour – Who Needs It?
- Strategies Engaging Tomorrow's Workforce

- Sharing Best Management Practices
- Maximizing Millennials
- Northeast Florida International Trade Roundtable

"There are so many issues facing the manufacturing and logistics industries, and business in general," said Lake Ray, president of FCMA. "So this is a forum that is certainly timely and could prove to be extremely helpful for developing future strategies regarding manufacturing and related businesses in Northeast Florida."

Attendance is open to anyone. The cost is \$299. Reservation details are available at fcmaweb.com.

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BEES *Continued from 3A*

bers to 'please save but remove those bees,' Smith says. "Removing bees ... is also a cool way to acquire new colonies, and it saves nuisance bees from a potential visit from the exterminator."

Another of Smith's recent bee projects is the trapping of a bee swarm that originated from a bee colony in a large tree in front of the *News-Leader*. Smith has set up a swarm trap on the roof of the Amelia Island Paint & Hardware across the street, in anticipation of a swarm. The trap contains a honeycomb and a special pheromone to attract the queen bee. Some bees have already been spotted in the trap.

"A swarm happens when the bees have outgrown the space," Smith says. "The queen leaves the hive with about half the bees, then they go hang out in a ball, and scout bees look for new homes. One hive will eventually turn into two to six colonies."

Smith has also set up two live active bee colonies on the roof of the hardware store.

Bees have a complex culture in which female worker bees toil non-stop to keep the colony going. The male drone's only job is to mate with the queen.

"They only live 35 to 42 days," Smith says of the worker bees. "They work themselves to death." New bees work as housekeepers the first two days of their lives, then go on to work as nurses for a week or so, feeding bees as they grow from an egg to an adult. After that, they work as guard bees, foragers or scouts. Some bees even work as undertakers, transporting dead bees to a spot outside the colony.

Bees can keep the hive at a steady temperature of about 92 degrees by moving their wings to keep it cool or vibrating to keep it warm.

Honey is used as food for the growing bees, and the flavor is affected by the type of nectar collected, Smith says. For honey production, beekeepers add hive frames one on top of another, and the bees just keep filling them with honey.

"Palmetto and palm tree berries make the second-best honey in Florida," Smith says. Blooms from the tupelo tree, which grows in Florida swamps, make the best

Bee house class

On Oct. 3 from 10-11:30 a.m., County Extension Director/Horticulture Agent Rebecca Jordi will conduct a session on the importance of pollinators in your garden.

Learn different kinds of pollination and the primary pollinators: butterflies, beetles and bees. You will also learn how to attract Mason bees. The session is free, however if you'd like to "make & take" bee houses for your yard, the cost is \$10 for supplies. You will make one "bean can" bee house and one "wood hotel" bee house.

Download the registration form at <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu>. Completed form and your check for the (optional) bee house project can be dropped off at either the Callahan Extension office or the Yulee Extension office (letter drop available). Make checks payable to Nassau County Extension.

Registration is required by Sept. 24. For additional information call 879-1019.

honey, according to Smith. Gallberry honey, made from the blooms of a type of holly, is also famous in Florida for its rich taste.

Another reason Smith renewed his interest in bees was because of the serious worldwide plight of dying honeybees.

Called "colony collapse disorder," the mysterious phenomenon, which has decimated 70-80 percent of the bee population, has baffled scientists for the past 15 years. But new studies indicate it could be related to use of insecticides called neonicotinoids.

The disappearance of honeybee colonies has had a huge effect on agriculture, because bees pollinate many types of crops. Ironically, crop growers also are the ones using neonicotinoids.

"Neonicotinoids insecticides are the culprit," Smith says. "They are engineered to perform magic for the crop growers. By using neonicotinoids, their production is doubled."

"These insecticides are absorbed by the plant," Smith says, "and pushed out at the nectar and pollen levels. The pollen and nectar from these plants is deadly to any insect that forages on plants treated with these pesticides."

Farmers contract with beekeepers to bring hives out to the crops for pollination, but with the disappearance of bee colonies, that has become more expensive, so food producers have a double problem, Smith says.

"The bee keepers are forcing crop owners to contractually obligate that they are not using these insecticides," Smith says.

One way to help keep

these insecticides at bay is to make sure plants purchased at nurseries are free from neonicotinoids, which are put on seeds before planting, and stay with the plant for life.

Another relatively recent problem with bee colonies is the spread of Africanized bees in Florida, which are produced by the crossbreeding of African honeybees and European bees.

"They are the preferred bees in Africa, South America and Australia," Smith says. The first Africanized honeybees were discovered in the United States in the mid-1980s. They are a problem, Smith says, because they "are mean, nasty and aggressive, and more adept at surviving the environment."

"If you disturb an African bee colony you will not only get more stings, they will also pursue you for a quarter mile," Smith says. "Florida wants to raise as many European bee colonies as possible. The more European drones, the better."

A recent Florida law makes it illegal for local governments to prohibit beekeeping on private property, but a beekeeping license is still required. The new law also states that no new community association restrictions are allowed on beekeeping.

Smith does free non-lethal honeybee removals on Amelia Island and is an amateur beekeeper. His website is www.hivepirate.com.

For more information on beekeeping and a new bee club being formed in Nassau County, contact the Nassau County Extension Service at 879-1019 or go to <http://nassau.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Beekeeper Pete Smith, who also does non-lethal bee removals, uncaps fresh frames of honey to be extracted, above. Smith uses a smoker to get bees out from a colony within the walls of a local bakery, below.

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Q: What is guardianship?

A: A guardianship is a legal proceeding in the circuit courts of Florida in which a guardian is appointed by the court to exercise the legal rights of an incapacitated person.

Q: What is an incapacitated person (also called a ward)?

A: An incapacitated person means a person who has been determined by the court to lack the capacity to manage at least some of their property or to meet at least some of the essential health and safety requirements of that person.

Q: How is a person determined to be incapacitated?

A: A person petitions the court to determine another person's incapacity and simultaneously petitions to the court to appoint a guardian for that person. The court appoints an attorney to represent the alleged incapacitated person if they do not have a private counsel. The court shall

appoint a committee to examine the individual and report their findings to the court. The court either dismisses the petition or schedules a hearing to determine the partial or total incapacity of the individual.

Q: What is a guardian?

A: A guardian is a person who has been appointed by the court to act on behalf of a ward's person or property or both.

Q: What are some of the responsibilities of a guardian of a property?

A : Managing the property of the incapacitated person, including: taking inventory of the property, investing prudentially, using financial proceeds for the person's support, filing detailed reports with the court and obtaining court approval for certain financial transactions.

Q: What are some of the responsibilities of a guardian of a person?

A : Handling the responsibilities delegated in court for the person, such as providing medical, mental and personal care services, determining the residential setting best suited to the person and presenting a detailed plan to the court each year for the care of the incapacitated person.

If you have any questions or comments about this column, please contact: Liz Rodriguez at 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee FL 32097 or (904) 548-4608

BUDGET SUMMARY

CITY OF FERNDINA BEACH – FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH

ARE 1.6% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

Millage Per \$1,000

General Fund	6.1021
Voted Debt	0.2642

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS	TRUST FUNDS	TOTAL BUDGET
CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	4,960,439	1,420,816	4,371,535	4,566,121	4,710	118,100	34,256,200	49,697,921
Estimated Revenues								
TAXES	Millage Per \$1,000							
Ad Valorem Taxes	6.1021	9,342,250						9,342,250
Ad Valorem Taxes	0.2642 (Voted Debt)	403,750						403,750
Sales/Use/Fuel Taxes		1,587,552	95,000				230,000	1,912,552
Franchise Fees		1,395,000						1,395,000
Utility Service Taxes		1,849,000						1,849,000
Licenses/Permits	957,560							957,560
Intergovernmental	1,164,649	278,400	792,760	2,142,500				4,378,309
Charges for Services	1,270,500	86,100		15,544,401				16,901,001
Fines/Forfeitures	24,500	52,000						76,500
Miscellaneous	196,444	18,000	447,000	221,078		110,500	5,293,800	6,286,822
Other Financing Sources	2,104,000		1,330,260	1,078,515	3,309,360	1,561,500		9,383,635
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCE SOURCES	18,446,205	2,283,500	2,665,020	18,986,494	3,309,360	1,672,000	5,523,800	52,886,379
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	23,406,644	3,704,316	7,036,555	23,552,615	3,314,070	1,790,100	39,780,000	102,584,300
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES								
General Government	3,585,145		46,000			1,759,137	3,509,000	8,899,282
Public Safety	9,796,471	352,500						10,148,971
Physical Environment		271,416	471,000	8,813,342				9,555,758
Transportation	1,631,351		372,250	2,529,310				4,532,911
Economic Environment	54,703							54,703
Human Services	35,000							35,000
Culture/Recreation	1,998,519	81,938	2,030,520	3,643,303				7,754,280
Debt Services			164,762	782,204	3,309,440			4,256,406
Other Financing Uses	1,983,775	1,942,000		3,890,360		6,000		7,822,135
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	19,084,964	2,647,854	3,084,532	19,658,519	3,309,440	1,765,137	3,509,000	53,059,446
RESERVES	4,321,680	1,056,462	3,952,023	3,894,096	4,630	24,963	36,271,000	49,524,854
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	23,406,644	3,704,316	7,036,555	23,552,615	3,314,070	1,790,100	39,780,000	102,584,300

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Foster parents are rewarded

Author Graham Greene said, "There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in."

For children in foster care, that moment is often when foster parents, also known as resource parents, enter the life of the child.

Foster parents provide stability, love and a nurturing home. They show concern and compassion, and provide comfort and guidance to children who have been temporarily removed from their home for their safety. Locally, the typical stay in foster care is less than one year.

When children in Nassau County come into foster care, Family Support Services of North Florida (FSS) ensures the safety and well being of the child, including placing the child in a loving and caring home.

First, we try to locate family members or close family friends who are able to care for the child and who meet standards for caring for children in foster care. If those options are not available, we place the child, or sibling children, in a foster home to be cared for by resource parents — members of our community who have stepped up to help a child in need.

Foster parents are the backbone of the child welfare system. They are making a real difference in the lives of children in Nassau County every day. They create as normal a home environment as possible.

FSS follows the guidelines of the "Quality Parenting Initiative," and we train our resource

**FAMILY FORUM**

Lee Kaywork

parents to become an active part of the children's lives. They take the children to needed appointments, to visit with their parents, to court, or appear in court on their behalf. Since our primary goal is to reunite each family, we encourage our resource parents to work with the biological parents to help maintain the child-parent relationship.

Lisa and Bill Curtin of Yulee are foster parents. They said, "We feel truly privileged to be able to bring these children into our family. They have taught us the true meaning of unconditional love and what the really meaningful things in life are. Our lives are richer and more blessed than ever."

Nassau County foster parents Larissa and Mike Kwiatkowski said they are thankful they decided to foster and expressed that even their children have grown through the fostering experience. The Kwiatkowskis said, "The time foster children spend with us in our home has probably made a bigger impact than we will ever know."

All types of people can be successful foster parents, as long as they can provide a child stability, love and support. Children in foster care need loving and dedicated adults to welcome

them into their homes and nurture them as they struggle with the trauma of being separated from their parents.

Foster children report that being away from family and familiar surroundings are among the hardest parts of foster care. On the other hand, while they miss their families, children often realize that being in foster care can be a better solution, at least temporarily.

One of the children fostered by the Curtins said that he is happy not to have worry about he and his younger sister being taken care of.

I am grateful to each and every foster parent who opens their hearts and their homes to our community's children.

You can make a difference by stepping up when children need help the most. As a foster parent, you'll have the opportunity to touch a life of a child and their parents.

Take it from an experienced former foster parent, fostering provides a rewarding opportunity like none you've ever experienced.

Find out how you can become a foster parent by calling FSS at 225-5347.

Lee Kaywork is the chief executive officer of Family Support Services of North Florida (FSS), the lead agency for foster care, adoption and family preservation in Nassau and Duval counties. FSS sees firsthand and understands the challenges of child safety, parenting and family dynamics, and works with the community to keep children safe. You can reach him at: Lee@fssnf.org.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Business signs

Ask any business owner along the A1A corridor in Yulee and they will tell you how important a sign announcing specials can be in increasing traffic for their business.

But both as property owners and residents, the members of the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce also support the SR 200/A1A overlay district's goal to make sure "sign clutter" doesn't occur along A1A, the county's major thoroughfare.

Finding that middle ground has been the goal of the AIFBY chamber as it has provided input to the Nassau County Planning & Zoning Board and Growth Management Department as they have been considering changes to the sign ordinance for the SR 200/A1A overlay.

Our chamber supports the overlay design standards that are in place. We all want attractive, safe signage on A1A.

The AIFBY chamber also strongly believes the sign ordinance must be practical in cost and design and allow businesses a fair chance to be visible to fast-moving traffic along the roadway.

After consulting with business owners and Growth Management staff, the chamber's board of directors in August sent a letter to the Planning & Zoning Board outlining its recommended changes for making the ordinance more workable for businesses along A1A. Some, but not all, of those recommendations were approved by the P&Z Board during a workshop Sept. 2.

Among the changes endorsed by the P&Z Board were:

- Allowing banners to be displayed between a standalone, capped anchor with two, 2-foot wide, 6-foot high permanent columns set 10 feet apart. Those banners can be changed as often as the business wants.

- In the few instances where a business along A1A fronts another street as well, allowing those businesses to have signage on the second street.

- Allowing businesses to put up flags without getting a special events permit. A parcel or shopping center is permitted a maximum of up to three flags (on one pole or multiple poles), or up to two bow flags not to exceed 10 feet in height.

- Allowing businesses to apply for permits for special event promotions four times a year. Those events can last for up to 60 days.

- Allowing businesses whose frontage exceeds 400 feet to have an additional monument sign for each additional 100 feet, up to a maximum of 6 signs for the entire property.

The chamber also reiterated its support for the current ordinance's prohibition against snipe signs and for better enforcement of the sign ordinance.

We were pleased that language was added that Code Enforcement would be proactive in enforcing the sign ordinance along A1A. That's one of the biggest things our members have been asking for — fair and consistent enforcement.

While the AIFBY chamber board of directors had recommended that design standards be developed to allow new electronic signs along the corridor, the Planning & Zoning Board disagreed. The existing signs would be allowed to change once every hour under the proposed changes instead of once a day as currently allowed.

We believe these changes are enforceable and reasonable, main-

taining aesthetic standards while providing visibility to businesses along this important corridor.

**Wynn Fendig, Chairman
Amelia Island-Fernandina
Beach-Yulee Chamber of
Commerce**

Diverging Diamond Interchange

The Florida Department of Transportation is proposing a Divergent Diamond Interchange (DDI) at I-95 and A1A (Sept. 10). According to FDOT, this I-95 interchange is experiencing traffic overload and will need a new cloverleaf design within 10 years. The proposed DDI is an award-winning design that is a cheaper interim stop-gap fix until the full clover leaf interchange is needed in 10 years.

Unfortunately the DDI has traffic hazard and life-safety risks. Consider these four factors:

- A1A is the primary hurricane evacuation route for Amelia Island,
- the impact of a power failure,
- hundreds of log trucks every day,
- there will be lanes for bikes and pedestrians crisscrossing the vehicular traffic.

And as if this is not enough safety hazards, go onto the FDOT website and look at the video of the DDI in action: vehicles leaving their usual right-hand lanes and going over into the left-hand lanes for awhile and then returning back to the right-hand lane.

The video would be comical, except these FDOT folks are serious. Then catch the second part where they add in folks pedaling bikes and finally foot traffic crossing through the whole mess. The potential for a serious accident is there. The residents of Nassau County and our many visitors are being used as guinea pigs to test this new traffic design for the state of Florida.

A more logical and cost-effective approach would be to construct the needed new cloverleaf design interchange over the next 10 years in phases. First do the engineering and design the full cloverleaf. Then Phase 1 would be the northeast quadrant, which is presently vacant. Purchase the necessary right of way and construct this part of the new interchange. This alone will reduce traffic congestion and allow the land purchase at today's prices. As funds become available, repeat this process until the needed new interchange is completed.

This phased approach should be more cost efficient than the FDOT planned interim construction of the DDI and then later in 10 years the purchase of right of way and construction of a cloverleaf design.

**Larry Myers
Fernandina Beach**

'Imminent threat'

My wife Jo-Ann and I moved to Amelia Island because of its pristine beauty, wondrous trees, clean beaches, magic marshes and interesting, creative, talented and caring people. We are proud to invite family and friends to visit our magnificent island and share the splendor. Almost all of the hundreds of people we've met while here — including tourists we've come in contact with — came for the same reasons.

All that is now under imminent threat!

- The introduction of an almost certain hazard to the environment in the handling at the Fernandina Port facility. There is no way such an operation



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could proceed without constant and real risk of coal dust in the water and air (think of children and seniors breathing in coal dust!).

- Think of the visual impact on the properties in the center of the city at the heart of Fernandina Beach (I'm old enough to remember what a layer of coal dust looks like). When coal dust is washed off, think about where it goes. It's impossible for Kinder Morgan to guarantee our bay waters will not be polluted. So what impact will that have on fish and fishing, local shrimp, oysters or other treasures in our waters?

- The introduction of hundreds of additional very large and heavily laden trucks — every day — on already heavily used roads. This will be added to the hundreds of trucks already carrying trees every day to our present mills and making it certain that

- (1) roads will be clogged (and quickly worn down resulting in the need for extensive and expensive repairs),

- (2) even more carbon exhaust will be injected into the air we breathe from the huge trucks, and

- (3) the chances that there will be injuries or even fatal accidents because such heavily laden trucks can't stop quickly when someone in front of them makes a left-hand turn will increase significantly.

What's in it for us?

We see little upside. Relatively few additional jobs (all relatively low paying) will be added resulting in little additional tax revenues for the city or county. Downside? High cost and potentially perpetually irreparable damage to the Amelia Island tourism business, property values and the way of life of all the people who live and work and come for vacations on the island. And what direction will tax revenues head — when it's known that when your grandchild licks an ice cream cone, she's also licking coal dust? How will folks staying at our local restaurants and hotels and bed and breakfasts see the staff wiping off that layer of coal dust every morning?

Now is the time we will find out how informed, competent and purposeful our city and county and state representatives are. If their mandate is to protect our way of life, they must do everything in their power to avoid what many of us see is obvious and serious danger — regardless of the insistence of Kinder Morgan. In fact, check the track record of Kinder Morgan and you'll see those assurances should be given little credibility. Every time I sailed into Baltimore Harbor from the Chesapeake Bay, I was saddened and angered at the poison-laden yellow smoke spewed out by the U.S. Steel Co.'s Sparrow's Point Plant. When I inquired about

environmental fines, the cynical but true answer was: It's far cheaper for the company to pay the fines and consider it a mere "cost of doing business" than to comply with federal and state rules — and besides — much if not all of the payments would be tax deductible (your and my tax dollars would pay for) penalties.

This is yet another Flash Foods tree-decimating moment — a paving of paradise to put up an unneeded and unwanted parking lot.

This is a critical time in all of our lives. If you too want to avoid the tragedy of a "Late Great Amelia Island," don't just expect our leadership will fight for your way of life — call them — write them — and insist that they take strong and immediate action.

**Steve and Jo-Ann Leimberg
Fernandina Beach**

The *News-Leader* (Sept 10) published many informative, on-point articles and letters regarding Kinder-Morgan's plan to trans-ship up to 500,000 tons of pulverized coal each year through the Port of Fernandina. Here are a few significant questions needing specific answers from Kinder Morgan, OHPA and FDEP relevant to the pending air quality permit and planned re-purposing of the Port:

- Exactly how many tons of coal dust is Kinder-Morgan requesting it be allowed to release into the environment each year of operation? "Fugitive" (unintentionally escaping) coal dust is unavoidable in the handling and transport of raw pulverized coal. Mitigation measures can be applied, but they are not perfect and there will always be some unrecoverable fraction that escapes into the environment via wind transport or water transport. If just 1 part in 100,000 (that is, 0.001 percent) is fugitive, this amounts to 5 tons of coal particulates, most likely extremely fine particulates, released into the local environment EACH YEAR based on the permit-requested coal processing rate.

- What quantity and compositions of noxious gases will be released from the coal as it is mechanically disturbed during trans-shipment operations at the Port? Methane and hydrogen sulfide are expected, but are there others of concern and at what concentrations?

- What is the physical size, gross vehicle weight and load carry capability of the trucks planned for hauling the coal through Fernandina and off Amelia Island via A1A, heading either westward toward Yulee or southward past the airport and resorts toward Jacksonville beaches? If the permitted carry load is toward the low end, say 5 tons per truck, this would amount to about 550 total truck trips (outbound

+ inbound) per day to just handle the coal shipping at the specified annual rate. If the permitted carry load is toward the high end, say 25 tons per truck, this would still amount to 110 total truck trips per day.

- Has FDOT approved the long-term roadway impact of the added truck traffic at the planned gross vehicle weights on Eighth Street and/or 14th Street, on A1A, on the Shave Bridge and, if planned for use, on the Nassau Sound bridge? Are traffic flow studies required for this amount and type of increased roadway traffic?

- Are an environmental assessment and attendant environmental impact statement, both specific to the subject permit, needed legally or under due diligence responsibility? Consider that the following are within one mile of the Port: Amelia River and marsh areas, estuaries and uplands on the western side of the Interoceanic Waterway, the Fernandina Beach Historic District, the city of Fernandina Beach downtown district and waterfront, Egans Creek watershed and wildlife estuary. The following are within three miles of the Port: Fort Clinch State Park (1.3 miles northeast), Amelia Island's public beaches, Tiger Island nature preserve and Cumberland Island National Seashore, Ga.

- Related to the EA/EIS, with the Port being located on the Amelia River and with typical rainstorms, north-easters and glancing hurricanes, it is certain that coal dust on the Port's grounds and equipment will be washed into the river. Considering the normal tidal flows and the fact that fine coal particulates will remain suspended in water a very long time, it is inevitable that some coal dust will eventually make its way to Amelia Island beaches via water transport in addition to airborne transport. Of particular wildlife concern, the marshlands and estuaries along the Intracoastal Waterway bordering Amelia Island are recognized as critical areas to shrimp life cycles. So, has the impact of coal dust on various local aquatic species (especially filter feeds such as oysters) been addressed anywhere?

- What are the documented response plans for a large spill of coal into Amelia River, for the sinking of a carry vessel or storage barge, and for the outbreak of fire and/or explosion on vessels, vehicles or bulk coal storage facilities at the Port?

All citizens in the potential impact zones arising from re-purposing the Port to handle coal deserve specific answers to at least these questions.

**Gordon Dressler
Manhattan Beach, Calif.**

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COMMUNITY

Frank named outstanding ETSU alumnus

William P. Frank of Fernandina Beach was honored with East Tennessee State University held its National Alumni Association awards banquet and annual meeting May 9, 2014.

A member of the Class of 1965, Frank was named an outstanding alumnus at the banquet.

Frank credits his ETSU education as the foundation of his business success.

"It has given me the tools and training to experience varied opportunities from military combat to international business and those challenges have made all the difference," he said.

Frank recalls with great pride his time at ETSU and, whenever possible, he attended many ETSU events in Atlanta, Miami, Jacksonville and Winston-Salem, N.C., and Johnson City, Tenn.

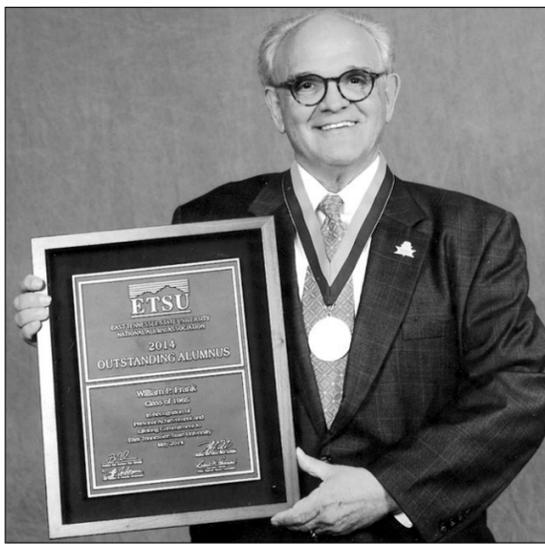
He graduated from Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Va., and entered ETSU in the fall of 1960. He majored in merchandise management.

Frank served as president of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the Inter-Fraternity Council. He was a member of Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity and Scabbard and Blade honorary ROTC fraternity, as well as participating in the ROTC flight program.

Frank loved the school so much, he talked his brother Jim into attending ETSU; he earned a master's degree in mathematics.

After graduation, Frank entered the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant and attended the infantry officer course and airborne training at Fort Benning, Ga. He spent the next eight months attending helicopter flight school.

After training, Frank was assigned to the 334th Armed Helicopter Company in Bien Hoa, Vietnam. Serving as a



William P. Frank, outstanding alumnus at East Tennessee State University.

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fire team leader of 2-3 armed helicopters, he was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses for Valor, 18 Air Medals and two Army Accommodation Medals for Valor.

He was then assigned as an instrument instructor pilot at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga. He continued his military service as a captain in the Florida National Guard.

Upon leaving the Army, Frank moved to Jacksonville, where he joined the May Company to utilize his degree in merchandising as a buyer of men's clothing and shoes.

He was offered a sales position and began his 12-year career with the IBM Corporation. He worked in Jacksonville for six years and moved to Winston-Salem, N.C., to serve as the account executive for Wake Forest University. In the first six months in Winston-Salem, he and his partner closed the largest order in the branch at

that time.

While at IBM, he won several national and regional sales awards. He was appointed to the Alumni Board of Directors at Hargrave Military Academy, served as president of his church's parish council and was elected president of the local IBM club.

Frank was managing director for the Wang Lads distributor in the Bahamas and Cayman Islands. During his two-year tenure there, he gained international experience dealing with large financial institutions and diverse cultures from all over the world. He was involved in many community activities with the Rotary Club of Nassau.

Upon his return to the U.S., he became the branch manager for Wang Labs in western North and South Carolina. He was promoted to district manager in Tampa, where he managed five branch offices and 250 peo-

ple. He relocated to Atlanta, where he was the regional marketing manager for Wang's southern region. This gave him an opportunity to work with customers and associates from Washington, D.C., to Miami to New Orleans.

With the experience at Wang, Frank began his 20-year career as a sales and leadership consultant in Atlanta. His clients included IBM, SAP, Microsoft, British Telecom, AT&T, HP, Cisco Systems and Dell Computers.

Frank was elected to *Who's Who in America*, gained membership in the Georgia's Speakers Bureau, and Optimist Club and Toastmasters.

Frank is active in the Buccaneer Athletic Scholarship Association. He and his wife, Jean, are strong supporters of all athletic programs. They are still ardent supporters of ETSU athletic events, including basketball, baseball, golf, tennis, soccer, softball and volleyball, and have followed them all over the country. Frank and his wife have been recognized as silver members of the ETSU Distinguished President Trust.

Since relocating to Amelia Island, Frank has become involved in several community organizations. He has served as president of the board of directors of the Nassau County mental health board, Starting Point Behavioral Health.

He also has served on the Amelia Room board of directors and is the chairman of the health ministry team at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Fernandina Beach.

With four children, seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, the Jean and Bill Frank are kept busy with their work and visiting family but have always made time for ETSU.

WEDDING ENGAGEMENT

Ihrig-Schmidt

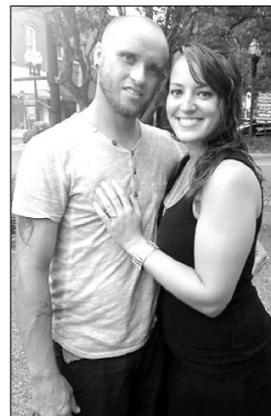
Jennifer Marie Ihrig and Glauccio (Pew) Schmidt are pleased to announce their recent engagement.

Jenni is a 2006 graduate of Towns County (Ga.) High School. In December 2013 she completed an associate of arts degree with high honors from Florida State College at Jacksonville. She is currently working towards her bachelor's degree.

Jennifer is employed as a senior support specialist at Florida State College. She also serves assisting the leadership team and U30 ministry at The Journey Church in Fernandina Beach, where she attends.

Her parents are Monti and Maggie Ihrig of Florida and Leon and Adelle Arrowood of Hiawassee, Ga.

Pew graduated high school in 1996 from EE Capitan Deolindo de Oliveira Santos in Ubatuba-SP, Brazil. Afterwards he went on to study industrial design in Cruzeiro-SP, Brazil. He is employed as a foreman for ACE Painting & Maintenance. He has acquired E&F soccer coaching licenses from the Florida Youth Soccer Association with which he coaches a U11 select soccer team.



Mr. Schmidt, Miss Ihrig

As an accomplished musician, Pew enjoys playing the guitar with the worship team at The Journey Church in Fernandina Beach. He also loves to play guitar with his 10-year-old son, Kevin, who plays the drums. Kevin began playing the drums at 18 months old.

Pew's parents are Gilberto and Janete Schmidt.

Pew and Jenni both love the beautiful beaches of Florida and are planning to exchange vows at their beach ceremony in the fall.

The couple will continue to work and reside in Fernandina Beach.

A lovely lady turns 99 years old

A loving son tells his mother's life history with lots of love as she celebrates her 99th birthday. This dearly beloved Fernandina Beach resident turned 99 Tuesday. A very sweet, lovely, radiant lady with warmth, good nature, charm and class has deep roots in Fernandina Beach and St. Marys, Ga., where she was born.

Mother Estelle Griffin is part of the Delaney clan. Her mother was Essie Delaney Clark, first cousin to Emma B. Delaney, the first African-American female to Africa from First Missionary Baptist Church in Fernandina.

Her great-grandfather was Thomas Sterling Delaney, who settled in Fernandina Beach — also in St. Marys — after slavery and became the registrar of voters here during reconstruction.

Being raised in St. Marys by her parents, she would often visit Fernandina Beach to live with her aunt, Sarah



NOW AND THEN

Maybelle Kirkland

Closter, N.J., where they raised four children as they lived on and maintained the country estate of a New York businessman for 45 years.

Upon the death of her husband in 1991, Mother Estelle returned to Fernandina Beach along with her daughter, Delores Covington. She enjoyed needlepoint, eating ice cream cones and

Nobles, who was very active at Macedonia AME Church. She also attended Peck High School for a while and remembers walking from Beech Street to Old Town and back with her aunt, servicing insurance customers.

Her husband and childhood sweetheart was Theodore Griffin of St. Marys. In 1939 they migrated north to

loves flowers.

She doesn't know where the 99 years went but she now tolerates the physical discomforts and complications of aging. She lives with the pleasant memories of those she loves and once loved in St. Marys, Fernandina Beach and New Jersey. She can no longer attend but is a member of historic Macedonia AME Church, and is so thankful to God for the beautiful, fruitful and fulfilling life she continues to live.

Happy Birthday to a lovely lady. I thank God for you and will forever love you. Your son, Ted Griffin.

The family of the late Ernest Samuels thanks you, their family and friends, for all acts of kindness shown to them during their hours of bereavement and ask God to continue to bless you.

Birthday wishes to Sis. Renee Bolden, Cecil Brown, Theo Hammond, Kajah Clayton, Siebert Hooper, Michael Mitchell, Martyna Baker and India Rainey.



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Guest speaker Vonda Jordan, left, receives a certificate of appreciation from Julie Barcus, president of the Eight Flags Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, at its dinner meeting Aug. 21.

ABWA members embrace mentoring

The Eight Flags Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) met for its monthly dinner meeting on Aug. 21.

After opening the meeting, chapter President Julianna Barcus welcomed the evening's guest speaker, Vonda Jordan.

Jordan is a business intelligence professional employed with Florida Blue. Jordan resides in Callahan, is married and a mom of two teenage daughters.

A major focus of the monthly ABWA dinners is to offer educational and professional development to members and guests. Jordan presented on the topic of "ABWA, The Importance of Mentoring." The word mentor, at its root, means "trusted advisor or friend." Many forms of mentoring are recognized, whether the relationship is in person or virtual. The mentoring relationship is a two-way dynamic. Jordan explained the multiple benefits to one who has a mentor, and to one whom is a mentor.

Professional benefits one may reap from this relationship include skill development, career advisement and expertise in one's field or profession, and networking.

Mentors and mentees both find rewarding traits of building self-awareness, increasing

perspective and providing a safe environment to nurture and nourish discussion and idea generation.

Jordan encourages all professional women to enlist in the relationship of mentorship.

Completing her presentation, Jordan noted the steps involved to establish a successful mentorship experience. Setting a schedule and commitment to maintaining that schedule are key in growth of the mentoring relationship, as well as having an open, two-way dialogue.

The Eight Flags Chapter of ABWA thanks Jordan for sharing her time and expertise.

The Eight Flags ABWA is open for membership to all Nassau County women. It invites women to attend one of the monthly dinner meetings, held the third Thursday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. Networking is from 6-6:30 p.m. Reservations are required, with a \$16 fee.

To reserve your seat for dinner, or if you would like more information about the benefits of becoming a member of Eight Flags ABWA, contact Membership Chairwoman Monica Hayes at 624-0949. Also visit www.eightflagsabwa.com, like them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/8flagsabwa or email eightflags_abwa@yahoo.com.

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Kindness or Cruelty

Ultimately, there are only two basic motives which animate us, kindness or cruelty. On the side of kindness is everything that unites and uplifts us: the kind or encouraging word, the helping or healing hand, the invitation to join the group and to be a part of the great family of God. On the side of cruelty is everything that divides and debases: the mean or cutting remark, the discouraging word, the clenched fist and the hand which pushes away, the barrier to inclusion which says you aren't welcome here. There is love and there is strife. Love unites; strife divides. Love is kind; strife is cruel. There is no third option here. You cannot be indifferent to the choice between kindness and cruelty. We should pray that we steadfastly choose to be on the side of kindness.

- Christopher Simon

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

William Penn

Deadline for wedding information and photos is 3 p.m. Tuesday prior to publication Friday. Call the News-Leader at 261-3696 for information.

Stroke survivor stays focused

HEATHER A. PERRY
News-Leader

Chloe Gilbert enjoys the simple things in life like sitting on the couch watching TV with her mother, Cynthia, going to church and spending time with her family.

These small joys became even more meaningful after she suffered a stroke at only 26, and her family went through a series of major health challenges, including the loss of their beloved father.

In 2006, her mother had a double kidney transplant, receiving one kidney from a donor and one from her daughter Ebony.

"This was a very challenging time for me (because) around this time I was diagnosed with diabetes. So it was almost like an eye opener to say that if I don't properly manage my health I'll be in these shoes."

Gilbert remembers coming home from work/school or leaving out and seeing her mother in so much pain.

"It was like I was seeing her decline daily. Going to dialysis, not having an appetite, this was rough to witness."

Through it all, her father Charles was by his wife's side, encouraging her and assuring her they would get through it.

"All I could do was pray," recalls Gilbert.

Following this ordeal, Charles Gilbert, who was the first African-American postman in Fernandina Beach, was diagnosed with leukemia. He passed away last October.

"He was our rock," said his wife. "So it was very hard on all of us."

In addition to dealing with her diabetes, Gilbert also deals with a side effect, peripheral neuropathy that causes weakness and pain in her feet and legs.

The 2004 Fernandina Beach High graduate and 2011 FAMU grad was working on her master's degree from Keller Graduate School of Management in Jacksonville when life placed a major stumbling block in her path, a stroke.

"I had Bell's Palsy in high school, so I thought it was just that coming back again."

But after an examination at the local hospital, she was transported to Baptist downtown where she was advised she'd had a stroke.

"The stroke affected me in a major way. I experienced total right side weakness that caused me not to be able to walk. My face twisted, I had to be on a puree diet, it was horrible," recalled Gilbert.

Forced to abandon pursuit of her master's degree, Gilbert instead concentrated on regaining her health.

During a follow-up appointment in January 2013, she was told she'd have to be readmitted because something was still wrong.

"I was there for weeks, until the end of the month."

It was stop and start trying to resume her studies at Keller because just when she thought she'd be able to get back to it, she ended up having to stop again. It was a relief when she could finally walk and had her strength and health back to the point where she could resume her

studies without interruption.

She credits her family's love and support with helping her get back on her feet, and the compassion and understanding of her professors.

"My professors said I should just take the time I need."

But life wasn't through tossing curve balls her way. The next one was a good one, however.

Having worked at McDonald's during high school and after college, Gilbert had applied for an internship. It was at this time she was informed she was in the running and would be participating in a phone interview. Evidently the answers she gave impressed the eight people involved because the next thing she knew, she was preparing to drive to Chicago in May.

She discussed the opportunity with her professors at Keller who said it wouldn't be a problem: they'd simply transfer her to the Chicago location and she could finish her final class and graduate from there.

"The process for being chosen for an internship with McDonald's is pretty intense. When I got there, my supervisor informed me I was chosen because of my humble spirit and the willingness to learn new concepts," said Gilbert, adding that she felt like a sponge ready to soak up new knowledge.

"At first I was just really excited! The closer it got to the time for me to leave, I got nervous. I kept thinking, 'I know absolutely no one in Chicago. Where will I live? How will I afford to get up there?'"

Worst of all was the extended time away from her mother, with whom she is very close.

"But then my mother reminded me that God was preparing me for something greater, to enjoy the experience and be thankful."

Gilbert said she used to think about what her late father would say.

"He would more than likely just say, 'Stay focused.' That simple phrase has brought me through many obstacles."

Beginning her internship as the only intern from Florida in May, Gilbert worked in the Information Technology Restaurants Department for the Global Quality Management Services Team at McDonald's, helping develop software for new technologies.

She met Don Thompson, president and CEO of McDonald's and has high praise for her mentor, Shawn Murphy. "Shawn has taught me a new perspective on how to look at life in general. She is definitely someone I will never forget. I'm honored to have been under such dynamic supervision."

Gilbert said she was often called upon for input because she has the perspective of having worked her way up from behind the counter to shift manager at McDonald's.

"I felt very privileged and honored when I was at McDonald's corporate because they would pull me in and ask me what I would think about something. I never thought in a million years that I would actually be working on software and see-



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ing the future."

Completing her degree in Chicago in June was a major achievement for the dedicated student. She kept in touch with her mother daily and her family was able to be there on her big day.

When Gilbert completed her internship the first week in August, no one said goodbye at her farewell day.

"The only person who was supposed to speak was Shawn, but other people kept

saying, 'Can I say something, too?' They made me cupcakes and said they love my work ethic, they loved me while I was there and they want me to come back."

Looking back over these past few years and all the struggles she and her family have endured, Gilbert says it was her faith that brought her through.

"Never give up on your dreams, no matter how big they may be. I have been

Chloe Gilbert displays her joy after graduating from Keller Graduate School of Management following a stroke at age 26, right. Gilbert, third from left above, with fellow interns and McDonald's CEO Don Thompson. Gilbert, left, says remembering her father's admonition to stay focused brought her through tough times: "All of these great accomplishments can be achieved by anyone who stays focused, keeps God first and continues to be faithful over the little things."

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taught growing up as a child that with God nothing is impossible. I'm now living it.

"All of these great accomplishments can be achieved by anyone who stays focused, keeps God first and continues to be faithful over the little

things. This is just the beginning!" said Gilbert.

"I'm excited to see the next thing God has in store for me. As for now, I'll just continue to be thankful, grateful, obedient and enjoy the journey."

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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 10th, 2014.

BID # 14-22 MONOCRYSTALLINE SOLAR MODULES

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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Session 2: Using Your Hand To Share The Gospel

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Self-defense workshop for library's renovation

Martial arts expert Dan Kelly will teach area residents "how to protect themselves, become better prepared, not become a victim, and how to escape from arm grips and choke holds," at a special self-defense workshop Oct. 4 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, 2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach.

Kelly served with the U.S. Marshall Service, was an Air Force security specialist, has a black belt in Aikido martial arts and has led self-defense classes for more than two decades. He has scheduled this special workshop as a benefit for the Fernandina Beach Library expansion and renovation that will be completed next spring.

Tickets are available for a donation of \$20 or more to Friends of the Library. Kelly is donating his expertise and 100 percent of the proceeds will help purchase library furniture and equipment.

According to Susan Stanley, director of the Bryceville public library which sponsored a workshop last year, "The workshop is great and suitable for everybody, regardless of prior experience or physical condition. I'm sure every attendee took away a valuable lesson or tip that may save a life."

Student Artie Lynworth helped organize the program and will assist participants during the workshop. Lynworth and his wife, Margy, are avid library supporters.

"We are proud to have such an excellent library and staff in our community and thrilled to be part of the expansion project. All of the self-defense event donations go directly to the library expansion. It's a great way to help the library and to help keep yourself and your loved ones safe," Lynworth says.

All residents 14 years old and older are encouraged to attend. The class will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at the recreation center. Class size is limited to the first 50 participants who sign up at the library with their donation of \$20 or more. If there is sufficient interest, a second workshop may be added.

For tickets and information, visit the Fernandina Beach public library, 25 N. Fourth St., or call 277-7365.

GRIDIRON ACTION



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Jordan Richo was airborne Tuesday night when the Yulee Middle School football team hosted Callahan. Teammates Maurice Moore and Antwan Alexander in action, below.

YMS Hornets wallop Callahan in 44-6 rout



High school Hornets are idle; FBHS Pirates host Hilliard Flashes tonight

The Yulee Middle School football team collected another win Tuesday, defeating Callahan 44-6 at Hornet Field.

Yulee led 12-0 at halftime. Callahan answered, scoring on the first drive of the third quarter.

"Our defense made a couple big stops at the end of the third quarter to keep us ahead," said Shaun Forbes, head football coach at YMS.

Yulee scored four touchdowns in the fourth quarter to seal the deal.

Maurice Moore rushed for 159 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Antwan Alexander had 172 yards and two TDs.

Jordan Richo and Chase Crider each scored for the Hornets, who boasted 394 rushing yards on the night.

"I was pleased the way the boys played, especially the defense in the second half," Forbes said. "They really stepped it up a notch or two. With the win, we came one step closer to one of our goals for this year, which is

to win the county championship."

The Hornets travel to Fernandina Beach Tuesday. Kickoff is at 6 p.m. at Pirate Field.

It's a bye week for the FBMS Pirates.

The 2-0 Yulee High School football team, with wins over Fernandina Beach and Potter's House — is idle this week.

Following a bye week, the YHS Hornets dive into district play. They travel to Westside, formerly Nathan B. Forrest High, Sept. 19. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Westside is the first of seven straight district opponents for Yulee — Wolfson, Paxon, Ribault, Baker County, Bishop Kenny and Stanton.

Fernandina Beach High School, coming off a 14-12 defeat at Nease last week, hosts Hilliard's Flashes tonight in the home opener. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at Pirate Field. It's the first of three consecutive home games for the Pirates; Episcopal visits Sept. 19 and Menendez Sept. 26.

Play golf for St. Jude on Monday

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 up at Chili's, 463756 SR 200. Entry fees requested by Sept. 14. Contact Chili's Yulee manager Steve Gibson at 225-8666.

Also, on Sept. 22 all Chili's restaurants around the world will donate all their profits to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Two best ball for ladies

Two best ball of four on team was the game Tuesday for the Fernandina Beach Women's Golf Association. Twenty-five ladies enjoyed the south and west courses in this team match.

First-place team consisted of Nancy Meadows, B.J. Murphy, Terri Wright and Jenette Thomas with a 131. With a 133, second-place team included Vicki Galpin, Helen Hirsch, Carol Molumphy and Sue Lopiano as the blind draw for the team.

Mary Poole, Jean Taylor, JaVene Lamb with Helen

GOLF NEWS

Hirsch as the blind draw took third with a total 138.

Next week's game is low gross/net and, Queen of Tees, bring your game.

Starting Point tourney

The fourth annual Starting Point Golf Tournament, which raises funds to support substance abuse and mental health programs for Nassau County children, 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 recognition.

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.

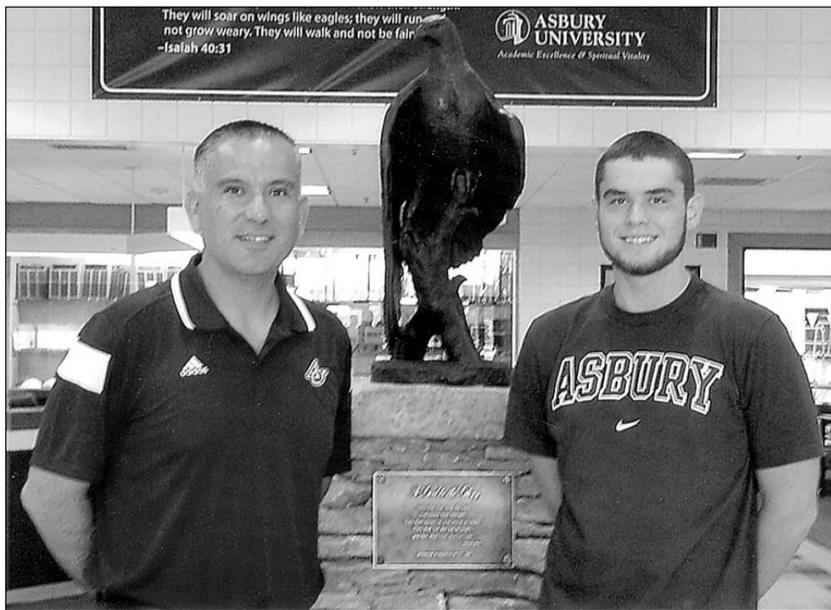
Entry fee is \$99 and includes greens and cart fees, range balls, hole-in-one prizes for Saturday and Sunday, closest to pin prizes on three other par 3s both days, straightest drive prize Saturday and hot dog and burger lunch each day.

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

Players must be FBMGGA members. Join as a tournament member for \$30, which entitles players to participate in any FBMGGA tournament in which the FBMGGA 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Louis Griffin, above right, a 2014 graduate of Fernandina Beach High School, received an athletic scholarship to play baseball at Asbury University in Wilmbre, Ky. Griffin, son of Robert and Angie Griffin, is pictured with Asbury Head Coach Manny Cervantes. Amelia Lodge awarded an inaugural \$1,000 college scholarship to a Yulee High School student who applied and was selected by the Lodge Scholarship Committee. The 2014 selectee and first Yulee High School Amelia Lodge #47 scholarship recipient is Samantha Talmon, left with Ed Woody, junior warden of Amelia Lodge. Talmon is attending Florida Atlantic University, studying pre-nursing. The 2014 Fernandina Beach High School recipient of a \$1,000 college scholarship is Danielle Leeper, who is attending Flagler University and studying biological sciences.

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TINY TIGERS



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Pak's Karate Academy of Fernandina Beach held its quarterly Tiny Tiger and Tiger belt promotions on Sept. 5 at the facility in Fernandina Beach. Students were quizzed on their monthly life skills and safety topics as well as their self-defense techniques and broke a board with a side kick. Tiny Tigers and Tigers are pictured with Master Bryan Peeples and black belts from the Fernandina Beach school. Tiny Tigers promoting to white/yellow tip, Avery Hilliker and Trevor Courtney; promoting to white/blue tip, Owen Bietenholz; promoting to white/brown tip, Paul Duffy, Nicholas Fallon, Aubrey Alexander, Pierce Alexander; and promoting to white/red tip, Logan Morse.



Tigers promoting to white/yellow stripe, Fiona Allfrey, Connor McBeth, Alexandra Chester, Gage Bickel and Ryan Hanson; promoting to white/green stripe, Koben Chestnut, Sophia Morrissey, Ty Tyson, Nicholas Todd and Grayton Dover; promoting to white/blue stripe, Daniel Kennedy, Lilly Hilliker, Benjamin Adams, Dean Rathmann and Gabrielle Gillespie; promoting to white/brown stripe, Brandon Fallon; promoting to white/red stripe, Nicholas Martino and Ethan Cacciatore; promoting to white/orange stripe, Luke Gray.

SPORTS SHORTS

Sheriff's Shootout

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office and NCSO Charities are sponsoring the second annual Sheriff's Shootout sporting clay tournament Nov. 7 at Amelia Shotgun Sports in Yulee.

Registration starts at 9 a.m.; shooting begins at 10 a.m. with the awards ceremony at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch. All participants will receive a hat and T-shirt.

Test your shooting skills against Sheriff Bill Leeper, fellow law enforcement officers and area leaders while helping raise money for NCSO Charities to benefit the community.

Form a four-person team for \$500 or a two-person team for \$300. Sponsorships are available.

For information or to sign up, contact Larry Boatwright at 548-4027 or email at lboatwright@nassauso.com.

Sign up for YBA hoops

The Yulee Basketball Association registration for the 2014-15 season is now open. For information and to register visit www.YuleeBasketball.org.

All athletes must register online no later than Nov. 7. A mandatory tryout/skills assessment is Nov. 9 (10U 1-3 p.m.) (12U 2-4 p.m.) (15U 3-5 p.m.). Early registration is highly recommended as the number of athletes for tryouts and participation in the YBA is limited.

Coaches and volunteers are needed. Contact YuleeBasketball@gmail.com.

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.

Sailing Club meets

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

Runway Rally

The Ben Byrns Foundation invites all runners and walkers to the third annual Ben Byrns 5K Runway Rally Fundraiser. Participants can run or walk the 5K Challenge or the one-mile Fun Run.

Register now for the Sept. 27 event. Start time is 8 a.m. on the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport runways and taxiways. The 5K registration fee is \$25/\$30; one-mile Fun Run fee for all children ages 10 and under is \$15.

This year everyone will be timed with an individual My LapsTiming Chip. Register online/in-store at www.1stplacesports.com, online at www.benbyrns.com under events tab or with paper registration at Current Running, 815 S. Eighth Street, Fernandina Beach.

The funds generated from this year's race will support local organizations that provide programs for youth to help develop a sense of self esteem and the ability to make better choices in their lives regarding drug use.

Visit www.BenByrns.com for information on the foundation's mission and work with community organizations.

The Ben Byrns Foundation is challenging all middle and high schools to see which one can bring the most students and faculty to the rally. All students and faculty must be registered with a signed registration form by Sept. 15 and collected by each school. These packets with registration forms will be collected by NACDAC representatives for each school and brought back to their office Sept. 15. The Ben Byrns Foundation will prepare race packets to be picked up the morning of the race.

All student and faculty entry forms will be submitted without race entry fee. Student and faculty fees are waived. These will be paid courtesy of Rick and Hollie Keffer. There will be a \$5 discount for parents of registered students. A check for \$500 courtesy of Rick and Hollie Keffer will be presented to the winning school.

Upward Basketball

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Registration at First Baptist Fernandina is now open for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading is not only fun for children but a great fit for families. The programs conveniently fit into a family's busy schedule with no travel teams and just a one-hour practice and one-hour game each week.

Coaches use practices and games to teach and build basketball skills while making sure the kids have fun. Kids will also learn teamwork and build self-esteem in the basketball leagues and kids basketball camps, making for a positive sports experience.

Cheerleading is becoming more popular throughout North America and the Upward cheerleading programs strive to teach the basics in a fun environment. This foundation in cheerleading will help kids cheer successfully at the next level.

Each coach will make fun a priority as they teach kids cheerleading skills to each child on the squad and, since there are no tryouts, every child will have the chance to bring the crowd to their feet.

Busy families can even take part in the cheerleading programs because games and practices are one hour each per week.

Deadline for registration is Nov. 22. This year, basketball shorts and cheerleading mock turtle necks are included at no additional cost. Early registration (before Oct. 30) is \$75. After Oct. 30, the fee is \$90.

First Baptist, Fernandina is located at 1600 S. Eighth St. Visit <http://Upward.FBFirst.com> or drop by the church office during regular business hours and pick up a registration form.

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.

RECREATION ROUNDUP

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YOUTH BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION through Oct. 3. Register at the Atlantic Center. Four age groups offered: 8U (6-8) co-ed; 10U (9-10) co-ed; 12U (11-12) separate boys and girls divisions; and 14U (13-14) separate boys and girls divisions. Player evaluations are Oct. 13-14 at Peck Gym.

Player draft is Oct. 15 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation 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, 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.

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

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

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

2014 SCHEDULES

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	
Varsity Football	
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	
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	
Sept. 12 HILLIARD	7:00
Sept. 19 EPISCOPAL	7:00
Sept. 26 MENENDEZ	7:00
Oct. 3 at Fort White*	7:00
Oct. 10 WEST NASSAU (HC)	7:30
Oct. 17 at Taylor County*	7:30
Oct. 31 MADISON*	7:00
*District	
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	
Junior Varsity Football	
Sept. 18 at Yulee	6:00
Sept. 25 at Menendez	6:00
Oct. 2 BOLLES	6:00
Oct. 8 at West Nassau	6:00
Oct. 16 at Hilliard	6:00
Oct. 23 YULEE	6:00
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	
Volleyball	
Sept. 12-13 at Orlando tourney	

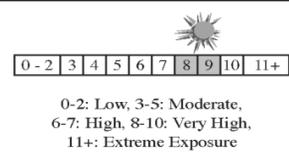
Sept. 16 at Ribault*	5:30/6:30
Sept. 18 at Fletcher	5:30/6:30
Sept. 23 YULEE*	5:30/6:30
Sept. 25 at Orange Park	5:30/6:30
Sept. 30 JACKSON*	5:30/6:30
Oct. 1 at Mandarin	5:30/6:30
Oct. 3-4 at Bolles tourney	
Oct. 7 BOLLES	5:30/6:30
Oct. 9 at Raines*	5:30/6:30
Oct. 10-11 JV at Bishop Kenny tourney	
Oct. 14 CREEKSIDE	5:30/6:30
Oct. 16 at Ponte Vedra	5:30/6:30
Oct. 20-23 District 4-4A at WNHS	
* District	
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	
Cross Country	
Sept. 13 at Katie Caples Invite	5:45
Sept. 20 at UF Mountain Dew Open	
Sept. 27 at Alligator Lake Open	8:00
Oct. 4 at Mustang Invitational	7:30
Oct. 9 Nassau County	4:30
Oct. 18 AMELIA INVITATIONAL	8:00
Oct. 22 District 3-2A	
Nov. 6 Region 1-2 at Pensacola	
Nov. 15 State 2A at Tallahassee	
FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Football	
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
YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Football	
Sept. 16 at Fernandina Beach	6:00
Sept. 23 at Charlton County	5:00
Sept. 30 TRINITY MIDDLE	6:00
Oct. 7 BOLLES MIDDLE	6:00
Oct. 21 at Callahan	5:00

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	Temp
Friday	Few T-storms	87 / 76
Saturday	Few T-storms	85 / 76
Sunday	Scat'd T-storms	84 / 75
Monday	Few T-storms	83 / 73
Tuesday	Scat'd T-storms	82 / 72
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	83 / 71
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	85 / 73

Local UV Index



Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	2:27-4:27	2:57-4:57	Tue	5:53-7:53	6:23-8:23
Sat	3:20-5:20	3:50-5:50	Wed	6:42-8:42	7:12-9:12
Sun	4:12-6:12	4:42-6:42	Thu	7:29-9:29	7:59-9:59
Mon	5:03-7:03	5:33-7:33			

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Weather Trivia

Can a person survive a lightning strike?

Answer: Yes. In fact, most lightning victims do survive.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 9/15	Fri 7:08 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	10:14 p.m.	10:54 a.m.
	Sat 7:09 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	11:55 a.m.
	Sun 7:10 a.m.	7:32 p.m.	11:47 p.m.	12:52 p.m.
	Mon 7:10 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	No Rise	1:46 p.m.
New 9/24	Tue 7:11 a.m.	7:29 p.m.	12:37 a.m.	2:36 p.m.
	Wed 7:11 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	1:27 a.m.	3:21 p.m.
	Thu 7:12 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	2:18 a.m.	4:03 p.m.

Weather History

Sept. 12, 1989 - Snow whitened the mountains and foothills of northeastern Colorado, with eight inches reported at Buckhorn Mountain, west of Fort Collins. Two to three inches fell around Denver, causing great havoc during the evening rush hour.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
					Date	Degree Days
9/2	90	79	87/75	0.00"	9/2	34
9/3	88	75	87/75	0.00"	9/3	32
9/4	88	75	87/75	0.00"	9/4	32
9/5	86	73	87/75	0.00"	9/5	30
9/6	86	75	87/75	0.00"		
9/7	81	73	87/74	0.00"		
9/8	86	73	87/74	0.00"		

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

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance			
Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low	Day	Low
Fri	12:10 pm	5:30 am	Fri	11:34 am	5:27 am	Fri	6:01 pm
Sat	12:33 am	6:20 am	Sat	12:25 pm	6:17 am	Sat	6:56 pm
Sun	1:22 am	7:12 am	Sun	12:46 am	7:09 am	Sun	7:53 pm
Mon	2:12 am	8:07 am	Mon	1:36 am	8:04 am	Mon	8:52 pm
Tue	3:04 am	9:05 am	Tue	2:28 am	9:02 am	Tue	9:49 pm
Wed	3:58 am	10:01 am	Wed	3:22 am	9:58 am	Wed	10:43 pm
Thu	4:54 am	10:55 am	Thu	4:18 am	10:52 am	Thu	11:33 pm

Star Watch By Gary Becker - Harvest Moon Shine Down on Me

On Monday, September 8 at 9:38 p.m. EDT, the Harvest Moon occurs. It is the full moon closest to, or nearest after, the autumnal equinox. The equinox happens on Monday, September 22 at 10:29 p.m. EDT; so it is a "nearest situation" for this year, with the Harvest Moon taking place 14 days prior to the equinox and the next full moon happening early on the 8th of October. 15 days past the equinox. The Harvest Moon has a definite relationship to farming. In our mechanized world where harvesting crops after sundown can be as easy as turning a switch to engage the lights, it is sometimes difficult to comprehend why this moon was so important centuries ago. Any moon near its full phase is extremely bright, and you can prove this for yourself by simply going outside and standing under its light. Let your eyes adjust to the darkness for several minutes, and stay away from any streetlights. You'll witness an astonishing amount of detail becoming visible all around you. My grandfather, Ewald Marcus, who was a cook in the German army fighting on the Russian front in World War I, told me stories of how he used to read newspapers by just the light of the bright moon during cold, snowscaped evenings. What makes the Harvest Moon even more special is that the tilt of Luna's orbit with respect to the horizon is at its smallest angle during the beginning of fall. The moon travels along at its regular orbital pace of 13 degrees per day, but that motion changes its altitude to the horizon by only a small amount. For several days around full moon, Luna rises within 25-35 minutes of its rising time the previous day. In Europe, the successive rising times are even closer together, as little as 10 minutes apart. It is easy to see how a farmer harvesting crops after sundown could have continued working late into the night as daylight transitioned into the helpful light of a bright moon, while he guided his horses along the rows of moist, furrowed ground. www.astronomy.org



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The American Beach Museum held its grand opening Saturday, top. The inaugural exhibit is titled "The Sands of Time: An American Beach Story" and it offers a poignant tribute to the people who settled the community. The museum is located inside the American Beach Community Center on the south end of Amelia Island. Kathy and Tom Washburn view the exhibits at the museum Saturday, above.

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MUSEUM

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Betsch was a noted opera singer in Europe and the great-granddaughter of A.L. Lewis. Alexander called Betsch her dearest friend and spiritual mother.

The museum features a special video and display devoted to Beach Lady and it includes a lock of her hair. Beach Lady kept it long, twisted and piled her locks high above her head, the excess fitting into a suitcase she carried with her.

The exhibit also includes photographs as well as information about how the community was designed, and how the streets were named.

"This brings tears to my eyes," said Fernandina Beach resident Kathy Washburn, one of the first visitors to tour the museum. "This is the history we don't get in school but this is the history that we need to hear. I'm happy this story is getting out there."

"We had the pleasure of meeting the Beach Lady. She never took no for an answer and she'd be smiling now," said her husband Tom Washburn. "This is amazing."

The opening ceremony lasted about an hour and was held on the building's front porch where the color orange was on prominent display, including balloons and flowers.

Organizers said orange was the color of the rope segregationists used to racially divide swimming areas at the beach and that was information the Beach Lady shared in her stories. The walls in the museum are a deep autumnal orange.

Alexander literally wore the color from head to toe. Her top and pants were orange and her toenails sported a bright orange polish.

During opening remarks, Alexander also talked about Betsch's connection to the Kingsley Plantation on Fort George Island. Anna Madgine Jai, a young West African slave from Senegal, married Zephaniah Kingsley and became a plantation manager herself after he freed her from slavery. The Beach Lady was a descendant.

Many descendants participated in the museum opening. Some came from Paris, France to attend. Peri Frances, 42,

came from Atlanta.

"There are six generations between me and the woman from Senegal," said Frances, who was also the Beach Lady's niece. "My father was MaVynnee's baby brother."

Frances, who plans educational and recreational travel vacations for a living, said she has brought school groups from Atlanta to visit American Beach.

"This area is important for African American history," said Frances.

The county commission declared Sept. 5 to be Beach Lady Day and Commissioner Steve Kelley read the two-page ordinance to the crowd.

U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown from Jacksonville also spoke at the event.

Rangers from the U.S. Park Service attended the event. That's because the NaNa sand dune – so named by Betsch – at American Beach is part of the Timucuan Ecological & Historic Preserve.

Park Superintendent Barbara Goodman said the department offers security as well as educational programs. Goodman worked with local organizers to help open the museum and was publicly thanked for her effort. In an interview after the ceremony she encouraged people to visit the American Beach Museum.

"We encourage everyone to learn about local history," said Goodman. "There is a vibrant story here and we want people to come out, take the tours and understand this area's role in American history."

While the museum is not part of the park service, Goodman said it is involved in community outreach.

Volunteers will staff the American Beach Museum. The hours of operation are Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Private tours are by appointment.

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children ages 6 to 17. There is no charge for children age 5 and under.

The American Beach Museum is located at 1600 Julia St. on Amelia Island. For information call 510-7036 or visit www.americanbeachmuseum.org.

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Amelia Community Theatre presents the iconic "Hair, the American Tribal Love-Rock Musical," opening Sept. 19 on the main stage at 207 Cedar St.

Love, peace & happiness – it's happening at ACT

LINDA MCCLANE
For the News-Leader

"Long, beautiful, shining, gleaming, steaming, flaxen, waxen, long, straight, curly, fuzzy, snaggy, shaggy, ratty, matty, oily, greasy, fleecy, down-to-there hair."

This anthem to hippie hair is just one of the 32 songs in "Hair, the American Tribal Love-Rock Musical," opening Sept. 19 on Amelia

Community Theatre's main stage at 207 Cedar St.

Considered groundbreaking when it opened off-Broadway in 1967 and on Broadway in 1968, "Hair" was a musical Be-In with a relatively simple plot and amazing songs such as "Good Morning Starshine," "What a Piece of Work is Man," and "Let the Sunshine In."

New York Times drama critic Clive Barnes

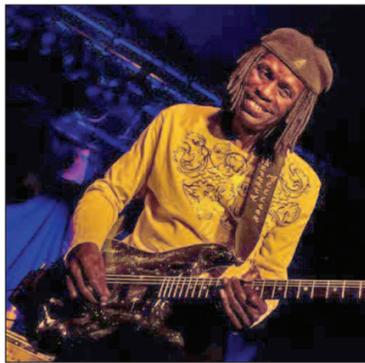
praised the show as "the first Broadway musical in some time to have the authentic voice of today rather than the day before yesterday," and said, "it was a total experience that involved you as you watched it."

"Hair" was created by actors James Rado and Gerome Ragni who wrote the book and lyrics, with the music composed by Galt MacDermot. They were influenced by life in New York's East Village where young people

were anti-war and pro-love, as they reacted to the Vietnam War and the draft, and what they considered the hypocrisy of an older generation.

The story of the tribe of flower children, the love generation, unfolds as they renounce the establishment and turn toward visions of "harmony and understanding" and "the mind's

HAIR Continued on 4B



Blues at the beach today and Saturday

The Amelia Island Blues Festival returns to the ocean breezes of Main Beach in Fernandina Beach today and Saturday for two great days of music.

Four award-winning artists are headlining this year's event.

- Curtis Salgado, winner of the 2010 Blues Music Award, effortlessly mixes blues, funk and R&B with a delivery that is raw and heartfelt.
- Grammy and Blues

Music awards nominee John Primer, a Chicago blues legend, is one of the finest performers of Chicago Blues today.

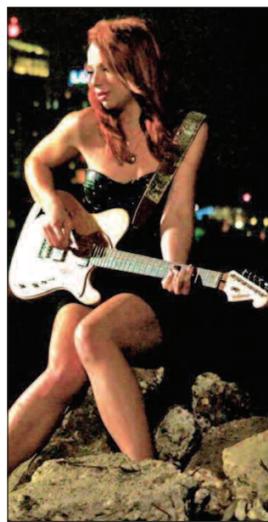
- Samantha Fish won the 2012 Blues Music Award for Best New Artist Debut for her album, Runaway.
- Bernard Allison's acclaimed career has included decades of performing the blues. Bernard plays the same smokin' six-string guitar

BLUES Continued on 4B



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE AMELIA ISLAND BLUES FESTIVAL

Amelia Island Blues Festival performers include, clockwise from top left, The Mojo Roots, Bernard Allison, Matthew Curry, John Primer, Samantha Fish, Ben Prestage, the Blues in Schools Band with Johnny Robinson and Roger "Hurricane" Wilson and Curtis Salgado.



OFF & ON THE ISLAND

CUPCAKES & 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 is from 5-7 p.m. tonight 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.

AFTERNOON TEA

Join the Amelia Community Theatre Guild for an elegant afternoon of tea and delicacies on Sept. 17 from 4-6 p.m. in the main stage lobby, 207 Cedar St. Guests are welcome and admission is free. Seating is limited. Reserve your seat by calling the box office at 261-6749.

The Guild was founded to support and promote Amelia Community Theatre and activities



include ushering, providing and serving refreshments, hosting opening night parties and fundraising events. If you are interested in joining the Guild, fill out one of the blue membership forms located in the theater lobby or download it from www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org. Annual membership is \$10.

ISLAND TALES STORYTELLING SLAM

Five area storytellers will compete for the title of Island Tales Story Champion Sept. 19 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Vote with cash for your favorite stories and help purchase furniture and equipment for the new Fernandina Beach library.

Competing will be: Arlene Filkoff; Ron Kurtz; Capt. Kevin McCarthy; Abel Rae; and Yvette Thomas. Caren S. Neile, Ph.D., 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, a generous pour by Wines by Steve and cash bar. The storytellers take the stage at 7 p.m. Buy vote



tickets the night of the event.

Advance tickets are \$50 at the library, 25 N. Fourth St.; Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St.; and at fernandinaFOL.org. A limited number of free tickets for the program only are available at the library.

PASTA FOR PAWS

The Nassau Humane Society's Pasta for Paws spaghetti supper is Sept. 20 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. 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.

Dinner features 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. Also enjoy a wide variety of homemade desserts, with extra desserts for \$2 each. Take-out is 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 at the door.



OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Police Department, 1525 Lime St. Guest speaker John Hendricks will present "The History of Railroads in Nassau County." This 150-plus years of history of the various railroad lines built in Nassau County will cover the why's and how's and the people involved.

Hendricks has served as vice president, president and board member of the West Nassau Historical Society, using his positions to foster and promote Nassau County's rich and diverse history. In 2012 he published "Following the Tracks of Daniel Callahan, the award-winning tale of the prolific railroad contractor.

The public is welcome.

The Amelia Island Daughters of the American Revolution will celebrate the chapter's 21st anniversary at their meeting on Sept. 17 at the Golf Club of Amelia Island. Organizing Regent Jean Mann will be the speaker. Sign-in begins at 10 a.m. RVSP to Janet Lukaszewicz at 386-5767 or email janluke@yahoo.com.

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.

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 men-snewcomersclub.org.

The third annual Ben Byrns Runway Rally will take place Sept. 27 at 8 a.m. on the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport's runways and taxiways, with a 5K run and 1-mile fun run. New this year are timing chips to track your time. Pre-register at Current Running, 815 S. Eighth St., at all 1st Place Sports locations in Jacksonville, or at www.BenByrns.com. Fee is \$25 through Sept. 19, \$30 after and \$15 for children.

The day of the race register at 7 a.m. at the site. Awards will be given in each age group and to all 1-mile finishers. Overall male/female winners will receive an aerial tour from McGill Aviation.

Adults will receive Dry-fit T-shirts and children cotton T-shirts. Aerial flyovers will begin the rally. Proceeds will support local organizations that provide programs for youth to help develop a sense of self-esteem and the ability to make better choices in their lives regarding drug use. Visit www.BenByrns.com for more information.

The Book Loft, 214 Centre St., will host a wine and cheese reception and book signing for author Olivia DeBelle Byrd on Sept. 30 from 4-6 p.m.

Byrd's second book and first novel, *Save My Place*, is the love story of Elisabeth and Kincaid and the evolution of their married life. Elisabeth's ability to find humor and joy amid sorrows, such as Kincaid's deployment to the Vietnam War, enlightens readers about a powerful source of resiliency.

Byrd's first book of personal essays, *Miss Hilbreth Wore Brown*, was the Silver Medal winner of the 2011 Florida Publishers Association President's Book Awards. Byrd lives in Panama City. Visit www.oliviabellebyrd.com. Call the Book Loft at 261-8991.

Martial arts expert Dan Kelly will teach area residents how to protect themselves at a self-defense workshop Oct. 4 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, 2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach.

The workshop is a benefit for the Fernandina Beach Library expansion. Tickets are a donation of \$20 or more to Friends of the Library (FOL). Kelly is donating his expertise and 100 percent of the proceeds will help purchase library furniture and equipment.

Class is limited to the first 50 participants age 14 and older who sign up. For tickets and information, visit the library, 25 N. Fourth St., or call 277-7365.

The 42nd Annual Rock Shrimp Festival takes place Oct. 4 in St. Marys, Ga., including 5K and 10K races, a 1-mile Kids Fun Run and a themed parade.

Downtown will be bursting with all-day entertainment, demonstrations, arts & crafts vendors and food concessionaires, including the Kiwanis Club dinners that include fresh rock shrimp, boiled shrimp, fried fish and hush-puppies.

Advance registration is encouraged for the runs and is mandatory for vendors and parade entries. Discounted rock shrimp dinner tickets can be purchased in advance at the St. Marys and Kingsland Welcome Centers.

The "St. Marys Express" is set to run the 1930 saddle team steamer Lehigh Valley #26 at noon, 2 p.m. and 4

p.m. Enjoy marsh and woodland views and costumed characters during the ride. Purchase tickets in advance at www.stmarysrailroad.com or (912) 200-5235.

For festival information or registration forms visit www.smkiwanis.com or www.VisitStMarys.com, or call the St. Marys Convention & Visitors Bureau at (912) 882-4000.

In place of its normal Friday night wine tasting, A Taste of Wine by Steve will host a Friday evening cruise with Amelia River Cruises 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 at 557-1506 or raskin.steve@yahoo.com.

What goes on behind the scenes at the Jacksonville International Airport will be revealed to members of the Men's Newcomers Club on a tour scheduled for Oct. 13. The tour may include the adjacent FAA Sector Control Center and tower. It is limited to the first 25 members who sign up by email to Bob Brizes at bbrizes@sbcglobal.net.

The tour group will meet at the Home Depot parking lot, southeast corner, at 9:45 a.m. and carpool to the airport. The tour will start at 10:30 a.m. There will be an overview presentation in the International Conference Room. After the tours the group will have lunch near the airport.

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 Nassau residents with a chronic mental health diagnosis. For information or to make a donation to the auction call 277-1886, write P.O. Box 16712 Fernandina Beach, Florida 32035 or email NassauNAMIFlorida@gmail.com.

Osprey Village will host the fourth annual Chefs' Dinner benefiting the Katie Caples Foundation on Oct. 26 from 5-8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125 and a limited number of tables for 8 can be purchased for \$1,000.

The dinner will feature five courses with each selection prepared and designed exclusively by one of five chefs from the Fernandina Beach community. Each course is expertly paired with fine wines from around the world. The event will also feature a silent auction where guests can bid on travel packages, wines and several cooking items to inspire anyone's inner chef. All proceeds will benefit the Katie Caples Foundation and its organ donation education program. For information on the Chefs' Dinner and to purchase tickets, visit www.katierideforlife.org.

THEATER

The city of Jacksonville presents Jax Night of Film, featuring two full-length films and several film shorts on Sept. 13 at the Ritz Theatre and Museum.

The event opens with a children's red carpet screening of "The New Adventures of Pippi Longstocking" at 2 p.m. Filmed in Jacksonville, Fernandina Beach and Amelia Island, the 1988 film chronicles the adventures of Pippi and her friends. Children are invited to walk the red carpet. The film begins at 2:30 p.m.

For full event details visit JaxHappenings.com or call (904) 630-3690.

Amelia Community Theatre will hold auditions for "Collected Stories" from 2-4 p.m. Sept. 14 in the Studio Theater at 209 Cedar St. Two women are needed for this poignant story about a professor and her protégé by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Donald Margulies. The show is directed by Marylee Long with performances in

MUSIC NOTES

Songwriters' fest

A Songwriter's Festival will take place from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 20 at the waterfront park in downtown St. Marys, Ga.

Songwriter's from across the country will play their music at the amphitheater with featured performances by Rick Scott, a Grammy-nominated former drummer for the group Alabama. Other musicians include Sherry Carlisle, Susan Marie Gallion of Fernandina Beach, Diana Trask, Nick Petta and more.

Admission is free. Vendor booths will be open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Purchase a \$3 wristband to buy beer and wine through 5 p.m. for consumption inside the park.

After the festival the music continues with "Back from the Brink" playing modern bluegrass and Americana for the last Starry Nights Music in the Park performance of the year from 6-8 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for use throughout the day.

Contact Jerry's Lees Music Emporium at (912) 576-4401. Visit StMarys.com.

Daryl Hance

Daryl Hance of Jacksonville will bring his brand of funky, bluesy rock and roll music to Fernandina Beach on Sept. 27 with a performance at the Dog Star Tavern on North Second Street. Hance and his Power Trio will perform songs from his new album, *Land Of Trembling Earth*, as well as cuts from his 2011 release *Hallowed Ground*. Visit www.darylhance.com to learn more.

Country jam

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

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

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

Goin' Coastal

Goin' Coastal music series presents, in association with Sweetwater Brewing Company, Nicki Bluhm & The Gramblers with supporting acts The Mother Hips and Fjord Explorer on Sept. 28 from 4-8 p.m. at Central Park.

Tickets are \$15 in advance (\$20 at the door) and available at the Atlantic Recreation Center, Green Turtle Tavern and Pipeline Surf Shop.

San Francisco-based Nicki Bluhm & The Gramblers have brought their California folk-rock sound to events such as Bonnaroo, Newport Folk Festival, Hangout Music Festival and Mountain Jam. In July, Nicki Bluhm was at Red Rocks Amphitheatre with the Tedeschi Trucks Band.

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, 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. Visit www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com.

Guitar auction

The Friends of the St. Augustine Amphitheatre will hold their second annual Celebrity Guitar Raffle & Auction at the amphitheatre on Oct. 25 from 4-9 p.m. The event is free and proceeds will benefit arts events for children.

The guitars will be on display throughout the event. Photos and other guitars FOSAA has collected may be viewed at www.fosaa.org.

Guitars to be auctioned or raffled will also be featured on upcoming posts on FOSAA's Facebook page. Visit www.fosaa.org for details.

Dulcimer group

The Yulee Dulcimers meet the second Saturday of each month at New Vision Congregational Church, 96072 Chester Road, Yulee.

Members play all types of dulcimer music from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please bring several copies of your favorite music to share. Beginners welcome. For more information call 849-1616.

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

The State Ballet Theatre of Russia's production of Swan Lake plays Jacksonville's Times-Union Center's Moran Theater for one performance only on Jan. 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available through the FSCJ Artist Series.

Founded by former Prima Ballerina of The Bolshoi Theater Ballet, Maya Plissetskaya, The State Ballet Theatre of Russia, now under the direction of award-winning dancer and Moiseyev dance company soloist Nikolay Anokhin, presents this full-scale production. Set to the music of Tchaikovsky and based on Russian folklore and German legend, the bal-

let follows a heroic young prince as he works to free the beautiful swan maiden from an evil spell.

Tickets start at \$42.50 (and at \$21 for children 12 and under) and can be purchased at www.artistseriesjax.org, (904) 442-2929, and the FSCJ Artist Series Box Office between 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more at (904) 442-2947 or groupsales@fscj.edu.

MUSEUM

Join the Amelia Island Museum of History Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. to tour four of the town's most popular, notorious or otherwise historic pubs and bars. Tickets are \$25 (must be 21, must show ID); tour begins at

Community band

The Nassau Community Band is an ensemble of amateur musicians, retired and current music educators, even folks that have not played since high school or college. It welcomes all interested persons to join them for rehearsals at 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Yulee Middle School band room, 85439 Miner Road. Email info@nassaucommunity-band.com, call band President Chuck Belinski at 277-1257 or search "Nassau Community Band" on Facebook.

Music cruises

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

The Courtyard

The Courtyard Pub & Eats, 316 Centre St., John Springer on the piano Thursday-Saturday from 6:30-10 p.m. Join them on Facebook at courtyardpubandcats for information on special events.

David's

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

Florida House

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

Green Turtle

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

Hammerhead

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

Instant Groove

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

Palace Saloon

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

Salty Pelican

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

Sandy Bottoms

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

Sheffield's

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

Sliders

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

The Surf

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

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Wednesday, September 10
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RELIGION

Fires, ashes and the things that remain

A lone tear slid down her face. Words ceased as flames feasted on buildings and books alike. A lifetime of work gone. From mailing lists to backup computer files, everything was ablaze. Held back by the heat, she stared into the flames that now flashed on the faces of her and all her coworkers. Finally she spoke. "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away," she said. "Blessed be the name of the Lord." Her words lingered like the smoldering rubble for days to come.

Our friend and fellow minister Gwen Shaw was one of the most prolific writers that I knew. On the day the fire broke out and consumed the entire printing and publication building at her ministry headquarters, neither she nor her staff were prepared for how God was about to



PULPIT NOTES

Pastor Rob Goyette

for His occasional stooping down to pick up small objects for examination, the dream would have been more of a nightmare than an encouragement. In the end, the few golden

speaks with them. His words came the following night through a dream.

While He never actually spoke in the dream, His actions made things clear. Pile after pile, Jesus shuffled His feet through the ashes looking for anything that had survived the flames. Sadly, there wasn't much. If it wasn't

nuggets visible in Jesus' hand kept Gwen from being totally overwhelmed. Though it wasn't as much as she had hoped for, at least something had survived.

From the first time I heard it, the story of the fire that burned up Gwen Shaw's ministry headquarters has served like a compass for my life. Through it, God has reminded me of the simple yet powerful truth that awaits us all. According to the Bible, one day all of our works will pass through the fire of God's just judgments. Whatever remains will determine our reward for all eternity. The Apostle Paul explains it like this:

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver,

precious stones, wood, hay stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he has built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. (1Corinthians 3:11-15)

As with so many things, I'm grateful for God taking the time to let us know what to expect in the not-so-distant future. Such insight is invaluable. Since He's the one that will determine what real success looks like, it's important for us to know what His standards are. According to the Apostle Paul, it's simple. God is more interested in

the quality of a thing than He is in the size of a thing. By using things like wood, hay and stubble – stuff that typically comes in large quantities – to illustrate what ultimately will burn up, in contrast to things like gold, silver and precious stones – things that are typically small but are able to endure the flames – it's easy to see what God is after.

Though not often the way we measure things, for God, quality is about the motive with which a thing is done. It's not so much about what we do but why we do it that counts. In the end, whether I'm going through fires here or there, knowing that Jesus is willing to help me succeed makes it all worthwhile.

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

RELIGION NOTES

Volunteers needed

The Salvation Army Hope House is looking for a volunteer receptionist/greeter to work a few hours per week. Various shifts are currently available. Call 321-0435 or stop by 410 S. Ninth St., on the corner of Ninth and Date streets.

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 our pastors follows dinner at 6:15 p.m. Youth will gather in the Anchor and children second-fifth grades will enjoy the Actor's Workshop while preschool to first-grade participate in Kid's Choir. Call 261-3837 with questions. Nursery available from 6-7:15 p.m.

Fall schedule

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., announces its new fall and winter schedule. Sundays include services at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Breakfast is at 8:15 a.m. and Christian Formation at 10:15 a.m. A beach service is held at 6 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. A Celtic service is held at 6 p.m. the fourth Sunday of each month.

Clothes giveaway

Emmanuel For His Glory Community Outreach Ministries will host a clothing giveaway on Sept. 13 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 86292 Sand Hickory Trail in Yulee, in the Hickory Village subdivision on Miner Road. Clothing donations welcome. For information contact Lois Cook at (904) 624-3501.

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 of Jacksonville North Campus, 4501 Capper Road, Jacksonville, 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 interested community members are invited to discuss promoting, developing and supporting mental health and ministry through faith communities. The goal is to discuss how faith organizations can help people cope with mental illness.

For information call Baptist Health Community Health at (904) 202-3013. Register at faithmentalhealthconference.ventbrite.com.

Grief support

Memorial United Methodist Church is offering a new Grief Recovery Group beginning Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. The group is open to the public and available for anyone who has recently lost a loved one or is dealing with grief. Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 601 Centre St., and the group will meet in the Partin Center. The Grief Recovery Group is led by Jean Gaissert, a Stephen Minister and licensed counselor. For questions, contact Pastor Drew Weseman at 261-5769.

Duel Day

First Baptist Church of Yulee, the Rev. William Goode Jr., pastor, will observe its Duel Day service at 4 p.m. Sept. 14. Speaker will be the Rev. Robert Alderman, pastor of Mt. New Home Baptist Church of Folkston, Ga.,

HAPPY 19TH BIRTHDAY



On Aug. 19 students at Faith Christian Academy were surprised by the headmaster and office staff and asked to join in the celebration of F.C.A.'s 19th year of educating children. Singing "Happy Birthday" and enjoying a treat made this surprise birthday party quite the experience for the students and staff.

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Prince of Peace marks 50 years

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is celebrating its 50th year anniversary and the public is invited to join them in a very special service on Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. All are welcome.

The church will be honored by a very special guest, The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod who will preside over the service.

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church was chartered on Jan. 19, 1963 by mission developer, Pastor Donald

Himmelman. The first service was June 16, 1963 with 91 in attendance, and the first Sunday School was in July of 1963 with 30 in attendance. Both were held at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center.

The property where the church is located was purchased in July 1963 and was organized on Sept. 13, 1964. The church called its first pastor, John W. Walters, in August 1965. In the history of the church Prince of Peace has had eight pastors: Pastor Charles L. Barber, Pastor John

C. Earp, Pastor Edward O'Shea, Pastor Carl W. Warren, Interim Pastor John Hugus, Pastor H. Ray Ramsburg and current pastor, the Rev. Ida E. Iverson.

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

along with his choir and men's chorus. The public is invited. For information contact Deacon Robert Glover at 225-5670 or Sister Laura Rhodes at 225-5226.

First Baptist at 155

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



On Sept. 14, 1909-59 will be the focus with the tearing down of the wood church and the building of the brick church that is still at the corner of Fifth and Alachua streets. An educational building was attached to this church in 1952 and, when it outgrew that building, a three-story detached struc-

ture was built in 1963. Also during that time, the Jack-and-Jill pre-school began in 1956 with 34 children.

To learn more visit www.fbfirst.com or call 261-3617. The church is located at 1600 S. Eighth St.

Jazz up your spirit

Jazz up your Sunday morning and your spirit with a creative worship service featuring a jazz ensemble at New Vision Congregational

Church, UCC on Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. Worship will embrace and celebrate the rhythms of the jazz tradition as members explore the rhythm of their faith.

The service will feature the music of Susan Magg, flute; Larry Nader, bass; Darren Ronan, drums; and Jane Lindberg, piano. The theme will be the relationship of transformation in encounter-

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On Saturday from 5-8 p.m., during Fernandina's Artrageous Artwalk, the artists at the Blue Door will host an open house featuring the work of the eight artists whose studios and galleries are housed there, above.

Fiber, oil paintings, acrylics, watercolors, photography, collage, jewelry and woodworking are among the mediums utilized and descriptions of the artists' styles range from the contemporary organic work of Casey Matthews to the Renaissance-inspired paintings of Suzanne Batchelor. New work by Lynette Holmes, Theresa Daily, Liz Dion, Georganna, Sharon Badenoch and Sharon Haffey will also be on display. The galleries are located up-stairs at 205-1/2 Centre St., Fernandina Beach.

Carol Winner will show new artwork, including acrylic paintings of the St. Marys marsh, at Gallery C during the Second Saturday Artrageous Artwalk, Sept. 13 from 5-9 p.m. Winner also has new jewelry, new angels and new handbags. Gallery C is located at 218-B Ash St. and is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. every day, closed Wednesday. Call 583-4676.

ARTRAGEOUS ARTWALK SATURDAY



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

This month, the Island Art Association is featuring the work of 12 of its members in a show entitled "Amelia in Oils." The artists, the Wednesday Oil Painters, have been working together each Wednesday afternoon, some of its members for many years, to collaborate, encourage and inspire each other in their artwork. On display will be paintings of many recognizable buildings and sites on Amelia Island with the unique and varied styles of the painters creating an interesting and colorful display.

The featured artists, above, include Pam Bennett, Barbara Fuller, Sharon Haffey, Susan Henderson, Arthur Herman, Paul Massing, Emylee McBrearty, Karen McFadyen, Jim McKinney, Georganna Mullis, Barbara Noden and Susan Sellner.

An opening reception will be held on Saturday from 5-7 p.m. during the Second Saturday Artrageous Artwalk at the Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St., downtown Fernandina Beach.

'LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS'

St. Marys Little Theatre's "Little Shop of Horrors" opens tonight at Theatre by the Trax in St. Marys, Ga. Pictured during rehearsal, from left, are Carol Moore as Mr. Mushnik, Robbie Parrish as Seymour and Sophia Rose Morris as Audrey.

Shows are tonight, Sept. 13, 19 and 20 at 7 p.m., and Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Visit www.stmaryslittletheatre.com or call (912) 729-1103 for more information.

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Free movie nights support radio museum

ST. MARYS, Ga. - The St. Marys Convention & Visitors Bureau announces the Georgia Radio Museum and Hall of Fame is set to launch a free "Movie Night at the Museum" series that begins on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

The monthly "radio related" movies will offer free admission, popcorn and soft drinks to guests, courtesy of the Georgia Radio Museum, with donations accepted at guest discretion.

The premiere movie showing will feature "Empire of the Air," in the St. Marys Room of the St. Marys Welcome Center, located at 400 Osborne St. in downtown St. Marys, which is home of the



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The radio museum in downtown St. Marys, Ga.

Georgia Radio Museum.

The complete 2014 schedule is listed below and the 2015 dates and movies will be announced soon.

- Sept. 23, "Empire of the

Air"

- Oct. 21, "Good Morning, Vietnam"
- Nov. 18, "Pirate Radio: The Boat That Rocked"
- Dec. 16, "Radio City

Christmas Spectacular"

The Georgia Radio Museum and Hall of Fame's mission is to preserve Georgia radio history and honor its men and women.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays from noon-5 p.m.

See antique radios, vintage records and equipment, the World's Largest Radio Transmitter Tube, a 1940's living room diorama and more.

Admission is always free. Contact the Welcome Center at (912) 882-4000 or John Long at grmhof@gmail.com for more information.

ART WORKS

Arts market

The Fernandina Beach Arts Market is open Sept. 13 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot at the corner of Centre and Eighth streets in downtown Fernandina Beach.

Shop for handcrafted jewelry, wooden furniture, aprons, bath and beauty products, tie dyed T-shirts, pillows, pet accessories, pottery, leather, glassware, glass fusion, photography, paintings and more. Items are homemade by your friends and neighbors. Located adjacent to the downtown farmers' market, join them Saturday to celebrate their birthday with a festive party atmosphere!

For information or booth space availability, like them on Facebook, visit FernandinaBeachArtsMarket.com or call Joe at 557-8229.

Children's exhibit

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

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

Fusion exhibit

Fusion, collaborative work by creative photographer Ann Kemp and kiln formed glass artist Denise Murphy, both of Fernandina Beach, will be on exhibit Sept. 26-Nov. 8 at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.

An opening reception will be held Sept. 26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The galleries are free and open to the public, thanks to individual and corporate support. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information call (904) 280-0614. Visit www.ccpvb.org.

Children's art

The Island Art Association will present Children's Art at the Education Center, located next to the Island Art Association Gallery, 18 N. Second St., on Sept. 27. Session 1, for ages 6-9, is 10-11 a.m.; Session 2, for ages 6-9, is 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; and Session 3, for ages 10-13, is 1-2:15 p.m. Register in advance at the gallery, 261-7020.

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 dur-

ing gallery hours.

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

Art fair

The Beaches Art Fest 2014 will take place Oct. 4 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Beaches Museum and History Park, 425 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville B each.

Presented as a joint effort of the Beaches Museum and Driftwood of Jacksonville Beach, the event will feature 80 artists and a variety of mediums ranging from painting, photography, pottery and sculpture, through exotic jewelry from Thailand. The works on display have been selected for their artistic merit by a professional jury.

Musicians that would like to perform, or others who would enjoy volunteering, should contact atsjolyjohnson@bellsouth.net. For information call (904) 241-5657 or visit www.BeachesMuseum.org.

Y'Art Sale

The Island Art Association will hold a Y'Art Sale Oct. 11 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the IAA Art Education Center Building, 18 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach.

Artists will be cleaning out their studios and selling their overstocked, unused supplies and art. If you want to reserve a table and participate in the sale, please register at the IAA Art Gallery, 18 N. Second St. Cost of registration is \$15. The event will be free to attend and open to the public.

Painting workshop

The Island Art Association, 18 N. 2nd Street, Fernandina Beach, will host a Larry Moore Plein Air Workshop, Oct. 30-Nov. 1 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

This three-day workshop will focus on taking small references, small studies or photos and turning them into larger works. Depending on the weather the class will either work outside in the morning in downtown Fernandina Beach, to create plein air studies, or if the weather is not conducive, work in the Island Art Association Art Education Center Studio, from existing references and paintings. The instruction will study just what makes a painting work, how to create a stronger composition, being a more thoughtful artist and techniques and tips for the studio painter.

This prominent painter illustrator has been teaching for over 30 years. His work is in many museums and collectors' homes. He has published several books and many articles on his techniques. Visit www.larrymoorestudios.com.

Cost for the class is \$350. A \$100 deposit is required to hold a space. To sign up for the class contact larry@larrymoorestudios.com, phone (407) 222-8585, or write to him at 2440 Roxbury Road, Winter Park, FL 32789.

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true liberation" as expressed in the lyrics of "Aquarius."

Amelia Community Theatre will be creating a festival mood for the pre-show experience with music, art, booths with incense and jewelry, munchies, Peace Tea and surprises!

Bodyworks of Northeast Florida will have an aerial silks demonstration before the show and participate in the production. Audience members are invited to put together their own 60's outfit to wear and arrive early to enjoy the lobby love fest, which will begin one hour before curtain.

"Hair" is a special event for ACT and is directed by Lee Hamby, with musical direction by Laura Peden.

"Audiences love 'Hair' because of the wonderful music, which is both diverse and familia," says Hamby. "The show is nostalgic and represents a time in history that was extremely memorable for many reasons. 'Hair' still remains one of the popular shows to produce - at any given moment, there are 30 to 40 productions going on around the world."

Hamby will also be direct-

ACT's 'Hair' Tribe

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ing "Grease" in ACT's upcoming 34th season.

Performances of "Hair" are at 8 p.m. on Sept. 19; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sept. 20; and 2 p.m. on Sept. 21. Sept. 21 also happens to be the United Nation's International Day of Peace.

"Hair" is rated R for adult language and situations.

Tickets are \$25 and available at ameliacommunitytheatre.org or call 261-6749.

BLUES *Continued from 1B*

style as his late father, blues legend Luther Allison.

"We are very excited to have all of these world-class blues artist at our fourth annual event," said Jeff Malone, president of the Amelia Island Blues Festival.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. today, with music starting at 6 p.m. from Fernandina Beach's Blues in School band with Johnny Robinson and Roger "Hurricane" Wilson, followed by The Mojo Roots.

On Saturday, the gates open at 11:30 a.m., with music from 12:15-8 p.m. In addition to the headliners, Ben Prestage will perform throughout the day with blues guitar prodigy Matthew Curry starting things off.

There will be food and spirit vendors as well as a designated area where festival-goers can set up umbrellas and pitch small tents if they wish.

Proceeds from premium parking at the festival site will be shared with the

Barnabas Center for tonight's program and the FBHS girls' athletic programs on Saturday.

Anyone who brings a donation of canned goods or appropriate vital sundries for Barnabas to tonight's performance will get half off the gate ticket price. Those who bring donations for Barnabas to the gate on Saturday will get a raffle ticket to win one of the artist autographed guitars to be given away during the show.

For tickets, visit ameliaislandbluesfest.com.



September 12th & 13th, 2014

HOMES

Preserve the harvest for meals, gifts

MELINDA MYERS
For the News-Leader

The cucumbers have filled the vegetable drawer, you've run out of cabbage recipes and your family is refusing to eat one more BLT. Or maybe you just couldn't resist that special deal on a bushel of tomatoes, potatoes or apples at the farmer's market. So what is a gardener or shopper to do with all that produce?

Since properly stored vegetables will hold their flavor and nutritional value longer than those left in a plastic bag or set on the sunny kitchen counter, consider preserving some for the long winter ahead using one of several methods.

Storage orchard racks and slatted crates placed in a cool, dark location have long been used to store squash, onions and potatoes. The stackable nature of drawers provide ample storage space, so fruits and vegetables do not touch. Keeping stored fruit separated prevents rot from spreading from one fruit to the next. Plus, the slatted sides allow airflow to extend storage longevity.

Those in colder climates can store their carrots and parsnips right in the garden. Once the soil gets a bit crunchy, cover them with straw or evergreen boughs for easier digging in winter. Then dig as needed or harvest during the first winter thaw. If this isn't possible or not your style, try out a root vegetable storage bin. The root crops are layered in sand or sawdust and placed in a cool, dark location. Just remove and use as needed.

Drying is one of the oldest food preservation techniques. Most of us

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have grabbed a few bundles of herbs to hang and dry. Expand your drying endeavors to include fruits and vegetables. The goal is to quickly remove moisture without cooking the food. You can make your own dehydrator or purchase one. Research has shown that blanching vegetables and fruit before drying helps destroy harmful bacteria. Blanching involves a steam or boiling water bath followed by a cold water bath. Timing varies with the fruit or vegetable you are preparing.

Another ancient food preservation technique, fermentation, is experiencing a comeback. Cultures around the world have fermented fruits and vegetables for thousands of years. Unique flavors, storage options and health benefits have many gardeners revisiting this tradition. Fermenting cucumbers into pickles, cabbage into sauerkraut, and berries into preserves are just a few options. The ingredients can be as simple as water, salt and spices. All you need is a vessel, vegetables and fermenting culture. You can jump-start your efforts with a fermentation crock kit (gardeners.com), which includes the crock, cover and weights to make sure your veggies stay safely submerged in water.

Or quickly lock in the flavor and nutrition of your fruits and vegetables with freezing. You'll need airtight containers or bags that are durable, don't leak and won't become brittle in cold temperatures. Some produce does not freeze well and others may need to be blanched before they are packed in the freezer bag or container. But frozen items can easily be retrieved from the freezer and included in your winter meals.

Canning is a bit more involved, but can be lots of fun. This process preserves the food and keeps it safe by preventing the growth of undesirable bacteria, yeast and mold. The sealed jars keep the flavor in and bad microorganisms out. So gather your produce, jars, pressure cooker, canner and friends to create tomato sauce, salsa, jams and jellies to enjoy or give as gifts.

Whatever method you choose, do a bit of research before you start. You'll have greater success and a lot more fun. The National Center for Home Food Preservation website, nchfp.uga.edu, provides all the basic information for storage and food preservation.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms, offers gardening videos and tips.

HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

Invasive plants day

One of the greatest threats to the state is invasive exotic plants that are popular in yards but easily spread and take over natural areas. The University of Florida/IFAS Extension and Fort Clinch State Park want to partner with you to put a stop to the invasion. Join them Sept. 13 for a program at the Conference Room of the park from 9-11 a.m. and a guided nature hike from 11:15-11:45 a.m. Registration is \$5 per person. Park admission is free for participants. Learn how to identify and remove invasive plants. Breakfast will be provided. Call the UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service to register at 879-1019.

Nature photography

Join a photographer and nature enthusiast for a leisurely stroll on the Fairway Loop Trail and learn techniques to help capture the beauty of the maritime forest and salt marsh on film. Bring your own camera and photography supplies, sturdy shoes, bug spray, sunscreen and water. This program will take place on Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free.

Contact the Talbot Islands Ranger Station at (904) 251-2320. Visit www.floridastateparks.org.

Timucua Indians

They lived here for 10,000 years. Come learn about the first inhabitants of the Talbot Islands, the Timucuan. Join a Park Ranger to hear stories of their daily lives, epic battles and cultural traditions. This program will take place on Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. at the Ribault Club on Fort George Island Cultural State Park. No reservations are necessary and the program is free.

Contact the Talbot Islands Ranger Station at (904) 251-2320. Visit www.floridastateparks.org.

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.

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 and participants will also be able to enjoy exhibits of the armament and period military equipment. Fees include the

\$6 per vehicle park entrance fee plus \$2 per person for admission.

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

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 before they are released back to the wild.

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

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., Fernandina Beach.

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. Children will complete several activities in the "Seashore" curriculum and make a lap book of their activities. 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. 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. Make checks payable to Nassau County Extension. Registration required by Sept. 24. For information call 879-1019.

Cans needed

Master Gardeners need your empty vegetable or fruit cans for a gardening workshop they will be conducting soon. Cans sizes should be 22 ounces to 55 ounces. Think of baked bean cans (55 ounces) or the large cans of fruit (31 ounces). Empty, rinsed cans can be dropped off at the Yulee Extension office.

For more information call 879-1019.

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:

- 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.

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. 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.

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87067 HAVEN ROAD
 Just over 3 acres of land, with a Mobile home in place. Home is anchored on concrete footings, several storage sheds behind home convey. Lot has been sectioned into several different fields for livestock or horses. Owner is a Licensed Realtor. Culvert and entrance to property is negotiable.
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86088 RHOERLAN PLACE
 Large undeveloped parcel on Lofton Creek, Feasibility study done in 2012 shows 15 lots, 7 on the creek is on file in our office.
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 This 2784 approx. sq. ft. vintage home has been modified into 4 apartments. The largest apartment has a fireplace, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen. Rent all units or live in one and rent the others out. The property consists of 3-1br/1ba & 1-2br/1ba.
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