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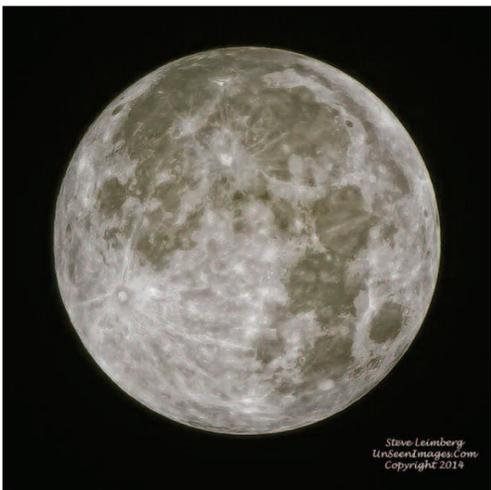
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BLOOD MOON OVER AMELIA



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A total lunar eclipse that was visible across much of the Americas and Asia early Wednesday morning was captured by several local photographers. The moon appears red during the event, hence the name "Blood Moon." The total eclipse was the second in a series of four that began in April and will end in September 2015. Such consecutive total eclipses are relatively rare. There will be seven more this century, with the next one in 20 years. Joe Wise captured the moon over the beach on Amelia Island, top. Photographer Steve Leimberg took a series, including the moon just before the eclipse, above left. Above right, Dr. Eli Loch's photo shows the moon in all its redness.

Despite an 'F' finance head says city strong

Study: Pension plans underfunded by \$20M

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

In a recent study on pension plans for Florida cities, Fernandina Beach was one of the worst performers, with a grade of "F."

According to the LeRoy Collins Institute study, which came out in September, the number of "poor" pension performers for the year 2012 was just 10.6 percent of the total number of cities, with 14 percent receiving a grade of "A."

According to the numbers, Fernandina Beach's general employee pension plan is underfunded by \$9.6 million and the police officers/firefighters pension is underfunded by \$11.77 million.

An underfunded liability means there are not enough savings or investments set aside to pay for estimated obligations in the future.

What's more concerning is those liabilities must be recorded on the city's balance sheet beginning in fiscal 2015-16, according to City Finance Director Patti Clifford.

However, Clifford said she is not worried about the liabilities.

"The city has always made its pension contribution that the actuaries have asked us to make," Clifford said. "The city is very strong."

The city contributed \$1.4 million directly to the pension fund in 2013, up from about \$700,000 in 2008, not including employee contributions or investments. That increased number is due to lower investment returns, Clifford said, and because the city has fewer employees that are contributing to the fund.

"The city had to lay off some employees, and we have the same number of retirees to support," Clifford said. "The stress that the plan is feeling is from 2008 investments being lowered in value. It takes a long time to recover."

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PATTI CLIFFORD
CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR

Investments to fund the pension include an assortment of sources, including real estate, international investments, stocks, bonds and other sources, Clifford said.

The city's direct contribution comes from "all sources" of revenues, Clifford said, including city enterprise funds, the general fund and taxes.

"It is important to note that the concerns raised in the Leroy Collins Institute report are a result of the difficult market environment throughout the 'lost decade' and particularly the financial market correction in fiscal years 2008-2009," Human Resources Director Robin Marley wrote in an email.

"The Leroy Collins article runs through fiscal year 2012 (two years old) which omits the recent impacts of favorable market experiences."

Marley added that the city uses a "smoothing average" to "prevent any fiscal shock to the city," which "phases in investment losses."

"Accordingly, four years from now when the recent favorable results are fully factored into this smoothing average, the numbers will likely be significantly improved," Marley wrote.

City Manager Joe Gerrity said the city is hiring a pension attorney and actuary to do a new study on the pension fund issue.

"That's pretty much standard,"

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF WHITE OAK

Six white rhinos were introduced to their new home at White Oak in Yulee this week. They are now safe from the poaching threat plaguing rhinos in Southern Africa.

WhiteOak welcomes six rhinos

For the News-Leader

White Oak is the new home for six young white rhinos from South Africa. Two males and four females, all between three and four years old, will be incorporated into the herds already living at the 7,500-acre conservation facility.

The new arrivals will help strengthen the population of white rhinos living in North America, and serve as ambassadors for their species.

The rhinos traveled to White Oak from

RHINOS Continued on 3A



Citing illness, Alley withdraws

MARY MAGUIRE
News-Leader

Amelia Island resident Eugene Alley is withdrawing from the campaign for the Nassau County Commission's District 2 seat because of illness.

Alley, 67, is a write-in candidate and said on Wednesday that he is no longer campaigning because of a recurrence of cancer.

"I thought quite honestly that after four weeks of treatment that I could campaign and get my message out. But the doctor hit me with the news that I have another two weeks of radiation," said Alley in a phone interview.

Alley said he learned in early September that he had a carcinoid tumor, which is typically found in the intestine and gut.

"I had this four years ago, was treated and told just eight months ago that I was completely cancer free," said Alley, who was reached at his home on Amelia Island.



Alley

Alley said he called Commissioner Steve Kelley on Monday to let him know that he was not going to campaign.

"I did that as a courtesy because I didn't want him to spend any more money on signs or advertising," said Alley.

"That seemed wasteful." Kelley, who is running for his second term, said he was surprised to receive the call.

"Absolutely I was, but I appreciate the man telling me what was going on and that he was changing his priorities," said Kelley, who won the Republican primary election in August against former commissioner Mike Boyle.

Because Alley is a write-in candidate, his name will not appear on the

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Parade entries needed

The local Veterans Day Parade will be held on Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. in downtown Fernandina Beach. For entry information contact Lenora Staples at 261-5097. The parade lines up at 10:30 a.m. at the baseball field at Ash and 11th streets. Line-up numbers will be assigned. The parade starts at 11 a.m. and is sponsored by American Legion Post 54, Fernandina Beach.

United Way kickoff

United Way of Northeast Florida will host its 2014 Community Campaign kickoff on Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 8-9:30 a.m. at Omni Amelia Island Plantation resort, 39 Beach Lagoon Road. Please RSVP to 390-3215 or unitedwaynefl.org/nassau-kickoff.

Mega pet adoption

More than a thousand dogs and cats will be looking for homes at the First Coast No More Homeless Pets Mega Adoption event today through Oct. 12 at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. each day. All pets are spayed/neutered, microchipped and vaccinated. Adoption fee is \$20. Parking is free. Many local groups will participate.

First Coast No More Homeless Pets (FCNMHP) brings together shelters from across Northeast Florida for these events as part of an effort to maintain Jacksonville's no-kill status. Visit www.jaxadoptpet.org.

Pink Ribbon Ladies

The Pink Ribbon Ladies, a support group in Nassau County for survivors of breast and other female cancers, will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Oct. 13 in the conference room at Baptist Medical Center Nassau. Speaker will be Lila Mayo, a well-known local licensed massage therapist who is trained in massage therapy for lymphedema. For more information, contact Joyce Karsko at 261-2976 or Isobel Lyle at 321-2057.

AARP meets

The local chapter of the AARP will meet Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. at the Council on Aging across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau. Speaker will be former mayor and city commissioner Susan Steger of the Fernandina Observer. Members and guests are welcome.

Military officers

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Nassau County Chapter, will have their general membership meeting at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club on Oct. 14 at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker Phillip Byrd, funeral director at Oxley-Heard, will make a short presentation on "planning ahead."

The chapter welcomes all active, retired or former officers and their spouses to this meeting. A light lunch will be served for \$10; please RSVP to Paul Booton at 491-1814 not later than Oct. 12. Any active, retired, or former officers and their spouses interested in joining the Nassau County Chapter may contact Capt. Sonny Mann, USN, ret., at 583-2357 or sonmann@comcast.net.

Alzheimer's support

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group of Nassau County meets the third Thursday each month. The next meeting is Oct. 16 from 2:30-4 p.m. at The Council on Aging, across from Baptist Medical Center

Nassau.

The meetings are open to the public and everyone who has an interest is invited to attend. For information call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, at 261-0701, ext. 113.

The Walk To End Alzheimer's will take place Nov. 8 at the Times-Union Center Riverwalk in downtown Jacksonville. Register online at alz.org/walk-jacksonville. Join the local Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group & Council on Aging Nassau team or start a team of your own.

Breast health event

Baptist Health physicians will discuss breast health and breast cancer at "Dessert and Discussion" Oct. 16 from 6-8 p.m. at the Hill Breast Center at Baptist Medical Center (fourth floor classroom), 1235 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville.

Speakers include Kevin Winslow, MD, reproductive endocrinologist and obstetrician and gynecologist; Ankit Desai, MD, plastic surgeon; and Tina Reynolds, registered dietitian for Baptist Health. Joan Ryan, a master yoga educator, will share how yoga therapy can help breast cancer survivors.

RSVP by Oct. 14 to (904) 202-RSVP (7787) or go to www.eventbrite.com/e/dessert-and-discussion-tickets-1266621981.

ABWA meeting

The Eight Flags Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will host its monthly dinner on Thursday, Oct. 16 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road, from 6:30-8 p.m. Networking begins at 6 p.m.

This month's speaker will be Susan Frazier, owner/operator of the flagship UPS store in Yulee, who will speak on "Surviving the Corporate World and Finding One's Passion."

There is a \$16 fee for the dinner meeting, payable online or at the door. RSVP's are required. Contact Monica Hayes, membership chairwoman, at (904) 624-0949 or eightflags_abwa@yahoo.com to reserve your seat.

Eight Flags ABWA aspires to bring together Nassau County businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to grow themselves personally and professionally. For information visit www.abwa.org, or find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/8flags.abwa.

Art of living

Burke & Ames Wellness is hosting free workshops in its Master the Art of Living Series. Topics include, Oct. 16, Open the Door to Happiness; and Oct. 30, Relief & Control of Pain. Workshops are held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at 5422 First Coast Hwy., Amelia Island. Refreshments will be served. Call to reserve your seat at 557-0162.

Touch a truck

8 Flags Playscapes, creator of the Pirate Playground, is sponsoring Touch a Truck on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Central Park on Atlantic Avenue will be filled with all kinds of cool vehicles for kids to touch and explore. A fire truck, food trucks, police car, fire-rescue vehicle, monster truck, golf carts, utility truck, school bus, construction trucks and more.

There's no admission to this event, but donations will be gratefully accepted to help fund Pirate Playground maintenance and upkeep.



SUBMITTED

Nassau County business leaders will kick off this year's United Way Community Campaign on Oct. 22 at Omni Amelia Island Plantation. From left are Tom Sweetser, RockTenn general manager, Shannon Brown, VyStar Credit Union vice president, Stephen Lee, Baptist Medical Center Nassau hospital president and 2014 Nassau County United Way Campaign chair, Craig Fitzpatrick, manager of the island Public and Amy Dyar, United Way Nassau County resource development manager.

United Way's 2014 campaign kicks off

BARBARA FARNSWORTH
For the News-Leader

In its 90th year in our community, United Way of Northeast Florida is calling for "Big Results, Big Impact" as it kicks off the 2014 Nassau County Community Campaign on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation in Fernandina Beach. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The one-hour program starts at 8:30 a.m.

Stephen Lee, hospital president of Baptist Medical Center Nassau and chair for the 2014 Nassau County United Way Campaign, will lead the breakfast event that will highlight how United Way's research-based initiatives are improving the quality of life for Nassau County residents with measured outcomes in education, income and health.

"This is an exciting time of year for United Way and Nassau County," Lee said. "The 2014 campaign season is off to a strong start, and in accordance with this year's theme - 'Big Results, Big Impact.' - we're looking forward to making a monumental impact."

In addition, during the kickoff community leaders will discuss programs that are successfully preparing children for kindergarten, keeping kids on track to graduation, helping families achieve financial stability and assisting people in leading healthier, more productive lives.

Each year, nearly 12,000 Nassau County residents' lives are improved through United Way-funded programs such as Success By 6, including preschoolers, at-risk youth, people with disabilities, senior citizens, local families and many others. There are 11 Nassau County-based impact partners and a total of 44 United Way-funded programs located in Duval and

"The 2014 campaign season is off to a strong start, and in accordance with this year's theme - 'Big Results, Big Impact.' - we're looking forward to making a monumental impact."

STEPHEN LEE, CAMPAIGN CHAIR

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United Way certified partners located in Nassau County include:

- Ark of Nassau
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- Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida
- Boy Scouts of America, North Florida Council
- Communities in Schools of Nassau County
- Episcopal Children's Services
- Girl Scouts of Gateway Council
- Nassau County Council on Aging
- Nassau County Volunteer Center

You can learn more at United Way of Northeast Florida's 2014 Nassau County Community Campaign Kickoff at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation, 39 Beach Lagoon Road, Fernandina Beach. For more information on how to start a workplace or individual campaign, contact United Way Nassau County Resource Development Manager Amy Dyar at (904) 390-3239. To RSVP for the kickoff, go to unitedwaynefl.org/nassau-kickoff or call (904) 390-3215.

Tax season volunteers needed

The Nassau County Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is looking for volunteers for the 2014 tax season.

The VITA program (a RealSense Prosperity Campaign and United Way Initiative) provides free electronic and paper income tax filing assistance for low to moderate income and elderly tax filers. The program has been in place for more than 10 years in Nassau County and files over

500 returns each year for eligible taxpayers.

If you have a financial background, tax preparation experience or have several years of filing your own tax return using commercially available computer software, the program could use your help.

Volunteers will be provided with IRS study material, tax preparation software, tax publications and must pass IRS certification tests. Preparing and filing of tax forms will start

in late January and run through April 15 at The Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-5 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 4-8 p.m.

Study material, software and publications will become available in November and training will occur in early December. If you would like to be a part of this community program, please contact Genece Minshew at gminshew@gmail.com or 491-0185.

AA MEETINGS

Group meets in the Amelia Room, 906 S. Seventh St., Mondays at 6:30 p.m. (beginners); Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (open - discussion); Wednesdays at 7 a.m. (open - 12 & 12 study) and 11 a.m. (open - step meeting); Thursdays at 7 a.m. (open - Big Book study), 11 a.m. (open - discussion) and 6:30 p.m. (open - Big Book study); Fridays at 11 a.m. (open - Big Book study) and 7 p.m. (open - meditation, speaker); and Saturdays at 7 a.m. (open - discussion) and 6:30 p.m. (open - discussion). Call 261-8349.

The Downtown Group meets at the Alachua Club, corner of Third and Alachua streets, Fernandina, on Mondays at 8 p.m. (open - 12 & 12 study); Tuesdays at 8 p.m. (open - speaker); Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m. (open - men's discussion); Thursdays at 8 p.m. (open - discussion); Fridays at 8 p.m. (open - discussion); and Saturdays at 8 a.m. (open - discussion) and 8 p.m. (open - relationships). Call 261-3580.

The Dune's Group, Peters Point in Fernandina Beach, meets Fridays at 7:30 a.m. (24-hour book meeting). Beach meetings are suspended during winter months.

The Downtown Group holds AA meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:30 p.m. (candlelight) at 1014 South 10th

St. The Fernandina Beach NA group meets at 8 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays (Step Speaker) and at 7 p.m. Thursdays. A covered dish cookout is held the last Saturday of every month. Join for fun and fellowship.

The Yulee Florida Group meets in the YMCA building on Pages Dairy Road on Sundays at 8 p.m. (open - discussion); Tuesdays at 8 p.m. (open - Big Book); Thursdays at 8 p.m. (open - discussion); and Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. (open - Big Book).

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meetings are held every Thursday at noon at Yulee United Methodist Church, 86003 Christian Way, Yulee. Call 465-0162.

Alateen meetings

Alateen, a group for teens bothered by someone else's drinking, meets at 11 a.m. Saturdays in Fernandina Beach. For details, including the location, contact (904) 465-0162. The group will meet weekly.

Alateen is a fellowship of young Al-Anon members, usually teens, whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking.

Alateen groups are sponsored by Al-Anon members who help the group stay on track, share experiences, discuss difficulties, learn effective ways to cope with problems and encourage one another.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Heyman

Margaret Heyman, 76, of Yulee passed away Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Baptist Medical Center in Fernandina Beach.

Mrs. Heyman was born January 27, 1938 and moved to Yulee 58 years ago from Waycross, GA. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She was predeceased by her husband, David Heyman, in 2004.

Survivors include three sons, David Randall Heyman (Fran) of Carrollton, GA, Scottie Heyman (Angel) of Yulee, FL and Toby Lee Heyman, also of Yulee; a daughter, Judy Turlington of Yulee, and 14 grandchildren.

To sign Mrs. Heyman's online register book please visit the funeral home website at www.greenpinefuneral.com.

Green Pine Funeral Home

Wanda Yvonne S. Weaver

Wanda Yvonne S. Weaver, age 66, of Fernandina Beach passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday evening, October 6, 2014.

Born on the family tobacco farm in Sparks, GA, she was the daughter of the late, John



Thomas Shealey and Eula Beatrice Tyson Shealey. Wanda and her brothers and sister grew up in Sparks, GA until moving to Nassau County in 1957. After graduating from Fernandina Beach High School in 1966, she moved to Jacksonville and began work as a secretary. She quickly moved into the Legal arena working for attorney Joe Ripley and Farah and Farah. Wanda returned to Fernandina Beach and worked as a Paralegal with various local attorneys to include, Hymie Fishler and Dan Brim before joining Marshall Wood where she worked as a real estate closing agent for almost 20 years.

Wanda was a member of Little Women, a Pirate cheerleader and a member of the chorus. She sang with the Chuck Jones Trio and won several talent shows. Later, she enjoyed singing with a number of local choral groups and also performing solos. She had a lifelong love of music, singing and dancing.

Wanda married the love of her life, Louis M. Weaver, Sr., in 1981. They were a loving couple and truly enjoyed their life together. They rode the beach in their red Jeep, had many family get-togethers at the house they built together, and they loved to dance together. They were very active in the Terpsichorean club, dancing from the first to the last song.

Louis had many affectionate nicknames for Wanda, including "Josephine," "Miss Wanda," and to her beloved grandchildren, she was "Gi-Gi."

Wanda was predeceased by her husband, Louis Weaver, Sr., and her two brothers, Bobby Shealey of Ludowici, GA and John T. Shealey, Jr., of Fernandina Beach. She is survived by her sister, Cindy S. Holman of Atlanta, GA, children and grandchildren: daughter, Temple (Todd) Stubbs, daughter Michelle Hall (Derek), son Louis Weaver (Mary), son Tony Weaver. Five grandchildren, Amanda Golden (Garrett), Chase Garner, Bo Garner, Cozi Bryant and Grayson Autry. Three great-grandchildren, Logan, Ella, Bryson Golden. She also leaves behind special friends, Glenda Lawhorne, Judy Mixon Brown, Linda Bostic and Brenda Lindes. She also leaves behind her family pets, CoCo and Kitty Kitty.

Wanda had too many friends to count. She will always be remembered for her loving ways, her beautiful smile and her caring heart. She was our golden girl and will be in our hearts forever.

The family will receive friends today, Friday, October 10, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home. The funeral will be held in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard on Saturday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m., with her uncle, Deacon Henry Giddens, officiating, and will be laid to rest in Bosque-Bello Cemetery beside her husband.

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

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

DEATH NOTICES

Mr. Edwin Gardner, 61, Nassauville, died on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors



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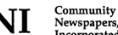
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Gass questions 'job opportunity areas'

ANGELA DAUGHTRY
News-Leader

At their meeting Tuesday, city Commissioner Pat Gass had the only dissenting vote against a new amendment that would allow lot combinations close to city beaches to exceed 100 feet.

The amendment must still be approved at a second reading by commissioners before it goes into effect.

If it gets final approval, the amendment to the Land Development Code will exempt commercial lot combinations from being restricted to 100 feet wide for properties within the city's "job opportunity areas." The exemption is limited to certain commercial properties adjacent to Main Beach, Seaside Park and Oklawaha Avenue.

City Planner Kelly Gibson said the amendment would encourage existing development patterns in the specified areas, and that several commercial developments, such as Elizabeth Pointe Lodge and Sliders Seaside Grill, have lots that are larger than 100 feet in width.

The language within the Land Development Code was created, she said, to restrict residential development to single-family homes.

Gass questioned the term "job opportunity areas," asking Gibson whether the jobs being created would offer high or low incomes.

"Are we talking about a \$50,000 job opportunity area or a \$23,000 job opportunity area?" she asked.

"That's not defined," Gibson said. "It's just areas that have the ability to sustain job opportunities. There are no specific job opportunities or salary ranges."

"Are we talking about building restaurants, souvenir shops and hotels?" Gass asked. "What are we talking about here?"

"We're talking about high-



Commercial areas such as this one on South Fletcher Avenue in Fernandina Beach could see development exceeding 100 feet in width if a change to the city's Land Development Code is approved.

ANGELA DAUGHTRY/NEWS-LEADER

'Are we talking about a \$50,000 job opportunity area or a \$23,000 job opportunity area? ... Yep, \$23,000-a-year jobs.'

CITY COMMISSIONER PAT GASS



value tourist development which is low-impact in design and energy efficient," Gibson said. "So at the pedestrian level you can walk around and feel that you're in a place that you want to be at ... (with) an intermix between all the uses within that area."

"Yep, \$23,000-a-year jobs," Gass retorted.

City Manager Joe Gerrity noted the restrictions were put in to prevent the building of "McMansions" and to preserve the view corridors. But Gass still objected, saying commercial development over 100 feet in length could do just that.

"I'm not sure I want to do away with the systems we have set up," Gass said.

"If someone comes along and wants to buy 400 feet of ocean property and they would like to build a hotel, then that's going to be perfectly all right," Gass said. "And there go the ocean corridors that were being preserved, which is why we kept the lots at 100 feet for the residential. That's what the fight was about years ago ... this will do away with that."

Gibson also noted that the area in question does not allow for the application of a variance. "I personally am not happy

with what is being offered today," Gass said. She added that, although she wanted to encourage development, she was also concerned about the view corridors disappearing.

David Caples, former owner of Elizabeth Pointe Lodge, which is located in one of the job opportunity areas, said the area is one of the last areas for attractive development on the island.

"It could have a mix of different retail environments (including) hotels and bed-and-breakfasts," Caples said. "I think we can find some developers ... there is interest in making that intersection a viable, attractive part of the island. ... There's probably not going to be a view problem."

Before the 4-1 vote, Vice Mayor Sarah Pelican encouraged commissioners to consider Gass's questions and "get as much information as possible" before second and final reading of the ordinance.

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Gerrity said. "We will run different pension and benefit scenarios. Certainly it's something we need to address." Gerrity also noted city employees contribute between 6.5 and 7.7 percent of their salaries to the fund.

"These are pretty substantial contributions," Gerrity said.

City employees are eligible for retirement at the age of 55 and the completion of 25 years of service; at the age of 65 and six years of service; or on completion of 35 years of service regardless of age.

Maximum annual benefits are \$205,000, and employees may not collect more than 100 percent of their average final compensation. Retirement is determined by annual salary times a "multiplier," times years of service, according to the Human Resources Department.

Pensioners may continue to draw from the pension even if they are employed after retiring, according to the city plan, and employees also pay into the federal Social Security program.

The city has 89 active general employees contributing to the pension fund and 109 beneficiaries; the firefighter/police pension fund has 58 active members and 51 beneficiaries, including employees in the deferred retirement option plan, known as DROP. They collect their pensions while still employed and drawing a paycheck.

The "grade" for Florida city pensions for the LeRoy Collins study was determined by assets vs. accrued liabilities; unfunded liabilities as a percent of payroll; annual contributions as a percent of payroll; assumed return on investments; and employee contribution levels.

Area plans also receiving

failing grades, according to the study, include Jacksonville's corrections officers, its police and firefighters, Orange Park firefighters, police and general employees and Palatka firefighters and general employees.

The LeRoy Collins Institute is a nonpartisan, statewide policy organization that studies and promotes creative solutions to key private and public issues facing the people of Florida and the nation.

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private conservancies in South Africa where poaching threatens their safety. Every eight hours a rhino is killed for its horn, which is made out of keratin - the same substance as human fingernails. The horns are in high demand in Asia, especially Vietnam and China, where they are used in traditional medicine and as a status symbol.

Increased demand and profitability has led to the increasing involvement of international criminal syndicates that use technologies like high-powered rifles, night vision and helicopters. As a result, authorities are struggling to provide adequate security for rhinos.

The new rhinos at White Oak are now safe from the poaching threat plaguing rhinos in Southern Africa and are part of a large expansion of their rhino conservation facilities. When complete, the facility will house an estimated 40 white rhinos roaming over 25 acres.

"The new rhinos will be important new founders for the North American population and, as such, will improve the population's demographics and genetics, making it more sustainable into the future," said Dr. Scott Citino, White Oak's head veterinarian.

Since its inception in 1983, the conservation breeding programs at White Oak have contributed over 30 rhinoceros, 150 cheetahs and more than 1,000 antelope births to conservation breeding populations. The conservation programs have also re-introduced bongo antelope, roan antelope and black rhino back into Africa. White Oak

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To request a Vote by Mail ballot, call the Nassau County Supervisor of Elections Office at 491-7500 or 1-866-260-4301. Visit votenassau.com for more information.

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AT&T settles 'cramming' case

TALLAHASSEE – Attorney General Pam Bondi on Wednesday announced a \$105 million settlement with AT&T Mobility, LLC to resolve allegations that AT&T Mobility placed charges for third-party services on consumers' mobile telephone bills that had not been authorized by the consumer, a practice known as "mobile cramming."

Bondi's office was joined in this settlement by the attorneys general of the other 49 states and the District of Columbia, the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission. AT&T Mobility is required to provide \$80 million to pay refunds to consumers who were victims of cramming, and the fund will be administered by the Federal Trade Commission.

AT&T Mobility will pay \$20 million to the attorneys general and \$5 million to the Federal Communications Commission. More than 1.4 million Florida

mobile telephone provider to enter into national settlement to resolve allegations regarding cramming. AT&T Mobility was among the four major mobile carriers – in addition to Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile – that announced it would cease billing their customers for commercial PSMS charges last November.

The settlement requires AT&T Mobility to stay out of the commercial PSMS business. Additional terms require AT&T Mobility to take a number of steps designed to ensure that it only bills consumers for third-party charges that have been authorized, including:

- AT&T Mobility must obtain consumers' express consent before billing consumers for third-party charges, and must ensure that consumers are only charged for services if the consumer has been informed of all material terms and conditions of their payment;

- AT&T Mobility must provide a full refund or credit to consumers billed for unauthorized third-party charges at any time after this settlement;
- AT&T Mobility must inform its customers when the consumers sign up for services that their mobile phone can be used to pay for third-party charges, and must inform consumers of how those third-party charges can be blocked if the consumer doesn't want to use their phone as a payment method for third-party products;
- AT&T Mobility must present third-party charges in a dedicated section of consumers' mobile phone bills, must clearly distinguish them from AT&T Mobility's charges, and must include in that same section information about the consumers' ability to block third-party charges.

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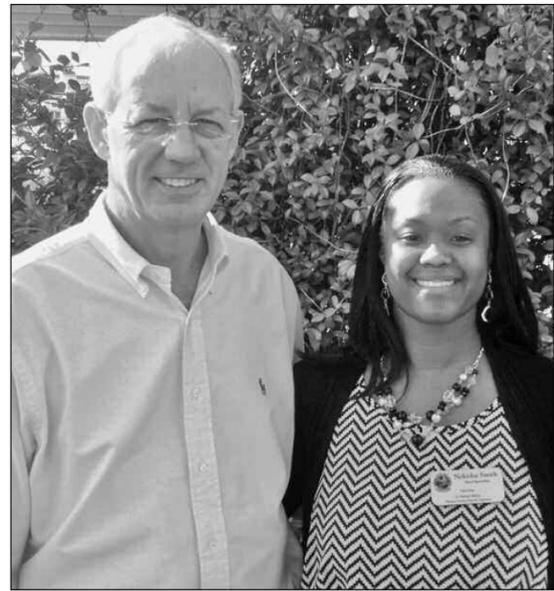
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PROMOTION



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Nassau County Property Appraiser Mike Hickox recently promoted Nekisha "Kisha" Smith to the position of Data Information Manager.

Smith began her career as an appraisal clerk in 2003 when she was hired by then Property Appraiser James Page. In 2006, she became a deed specialist where she expanded her knowledge of the real estate sales and appraisal process.

Smith has completed several appraisal and valuation classes, along with cadastral mapping and administration courses where she obtained her C.F.E. (Certified Florida Evaluator) designation. She will use her education and experience in her new role to manage the conversion of the property appraiser's new software that is expected to be complete by the summer of 2015.

POLITICS IN BRIEF

West Side Democrats

The Westside Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at the Mickler Street county building in Callahan. State Rep.

candidate Dave Smith is scheduled to speak. Dinner and a brief business meeting will follow. Open to the public.

Meet and greet

The local chapter of the AARP will sponsor a Meet

and Greet the candidates for city commission at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14 at the Council on Aging, across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau. Ask questions and discuss issues and concerns before Election Day Nov. 4. Refreshments available.

Clerk of Court and Comptroller John Crawford at the Men's Newcomers Club luncheon Thursday, Oct. 16 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road. Club members gather for meet-and-greet at 11:30 a.m., with the luncheon at noon.

Luncheon tickets are \$15 in advance if reservations are made by Saturday and \$17 at the door. Send your \$15 lunch check to MNC POB 16291, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035.

County budget topic

Nassau County's budget and projected tax increase will be among the issues discussed by Nassau County

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Nuclear cost recovery approved for FPL

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved nuclear cost recovery amounts for Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) and Duke Energy Florida, Inc. (DEF), effective January 2015.

The PSC also ordered DEF to credit customers \$54 million for Levy Project costs that are currently being litigated in federal court. The decision has the effect of returning money previously paid by customers that might be recovered by DEF through the court's decision.

FPL recovery includes costs for federal licensing of its planned Turkey Point Units 6 & 7 and for additional generation capacity at its existing Turkey Point Units 3 & 4 and St. Lucie Units 1 & 2. The utility's uprate projects were completed in June and added 522 megawatts of new nuclear generation to power 332,000 homes.

Construction of Turkey Point Units 6 & 7 is projected to be completed by 2022 and

2023, respectively.

FPL residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity will see a monthly charge of approximately 15 cents beginning in January 2015, reflecting a decrease of 31 cents from the current charge.

DEF's 2015 nuclear cost recovery is consistent with the 2013 Settlement Agreement with consumer groups for the Levy Project and for the Extended Power Uprate Project. DEF residential customers using 1,000 kWh will see a monthly charge of approximately \$5.51 beginning in January, reflecting an 11-cent decrease from the current charge.

Recovery amounts approved Oct. 2 were thoroughly reviewed by commissioners in an August hearing, when the utilities and consumer groups testified on actual and estimated nuclear-related construction project costs during the PSC's annual nuclear cost recovery hearing. For additional information, visit www.floridapsc.com.



National Alliance on Mental Illness

The Nassau County affiliate of NAMI cordially invites you to attend its 10th Annual Community Awareness and Fundraiser Dinner on Friday, October 17th, 2014 at 6pm!

The event will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Burn's Hall, 801 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, Florida. A full course meal will be provided by the Fernandina Beach Applebee's. There will be a live and silent auction.

Featuring:
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also,

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Dr. Ann Grenadier

Biofeedback Associates of NE Florida



Peer Advocate
John Hardman



Guest Speaker
Shannon Padgett- Esq.



Tickets are \$20 at the door and proceeds will go to provide education, advocacy, support groups, medication/dental assistance, shoes and basic toiletries to residents in the county with a chronic mental health diagnosis. For more information or to make a donation to the auction please call (904) 277-1886, write PO Box 16712 Fernandina Beach, Florida 32035 or email NassauNAMIFlorida@gmail.com.

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A few weeks back, in the second quarter of the Jaguars game against the Colts, I emailed some friends that the Jags were the worst team ever.

All agreed, as they were losing 30 to 0 and did not even have a first down. Everyone looked awful and I began to wonder if there was any hope for the team. After halftime the Jags' coach, Gus Bradley, substituted his rookie quarterback into the game and all of a sudden things looked up. The next week they again lost but, as one of their biggest detractors emailed me, "they were at least becoming fun to watch." Interesting to me was how, with just the quarterback change, players who were not performing began to play better.

The same weekend, we saw the destruction of the American squad in the Ryder Cup. Phil Mickelson, the team leader, suggested to reporters that maybe Captain Tom Watson should have followed the plan put forth by Captain Paul Azinger, whose team won in 2008.

Why do the Americans keep losing? Is it the player or the captain selection process, or both? Sergio Garcia called European Captain Paul McGinley, "the new wave of captains. He thought of everything this week." The truth is, whether it's the Jaguars, the American Ryder Cup team, the VA hospital system, the Secret Service or Iraq, where soldiers were deserting, when things go downhill, the solution many times is less than obvious. However, it is also interesting, when the right leader comes aboard, how quickly everything turns around. Of course, finding the right leader isn't easy.

In December of 1980, Jerry Beam and I founded BeamPines, Jimmy Carter was leaving the presidency and morale in the country was awful. Iran held our people hostage and a \$2,000 IBM Selectric typewriter I leased cost me \$400 (20 percent) in interest.

A month later, Ronald Reagan became president



COACH'S CORNER

Howard Pines

and everything began to change. Interest rates went down dramatically, employment went up and America's reputation around the world began to take shape. Reagan

focused like a laser on a few areas and it paid off. While I had voted for Reagan, I was totally amazed at how fast our fortunes improved.

Whether it's Reagan, Steve Jobs coming back to Apple, Nick Saban coming to Alabama or David Petraeus taking over in Iraq, we have seen the scenario play out many times. I had a similar experience while I was at Standard Brands. One of our divisions, Fleischmann's margarine, had facilities in Dallas, Oakland, Indianapolis and Pennsauken, N.J. Only the Pennsauken margarine plant was non-union and surprisingly it had the lowest productivity and quality numbers.

Everyone knew Al, the plant manager, was average at best, but he was always rated in climate studies as a nice, agreeable guy that everyone liked. Top management was happy that the plant remained non-union and didn't want to rock the boat. Then the Amalgamated Meat Cutters union filed a petition to unionize the facility and top management went nuts. The general manager was fired, and a new general manager was put in place.

I was assigned to assess the situation in Pennsauken. It wasn't difficult. One of the more outspoken hourly workers (Peanut), who probably was leading the drive, summed it up for me. "I like Al," he stated, "he is a good guy, but this plant is a disaster and unless something changes, 350 people are going to lose their jobs because one guy doesn't know what he is doing." Within a month we replaced Al and his entire manage-

ment team, with Richard Sterling and a new set of managers. Richard was a terrific leader/manager who understood people, production, quality and costs. Immediately the situation changed and morale improved, even at the hourly level. The vote went 5 to 1 against the union, and productivity went up over 25 percent the first year. Peanut high-fived me when I came to a plant party after the vote.

When things are going poorly, it is sometimes difficult to discern the exact reasons or solutions. Unfortunately, things don't turn around by themselves and my experience is that, whether it's government, business or sports, the soldiers, workers and players are usually not the issue. In addition, many times the failing leader is a good person who was a star in a non-leadership role.

However, the transition from executing to leading is one of the toughest. Losing breeds bad morale and people in a bad situation just want to keep their jobs, and while they may complain, they won't take risk. However, once the right leader steps in, people will notice the difference and get on board.

So, when things are going bad, don't waste too much time or money trying to find out why. Remember poor leadership, like bad morale or poor performance, is a symptom. Bringing in a proven action-oriented leader who understands talent, has a plan, focuses and pays attention to detail, will allow you to quickly understand the real problems and find the best solutions.

Amelia Island resident Howard Pines has more than 30 years experience as CEO, chairman and founder of BeamPines, a premier firm in the Executive Coaching business. He also co-founded the BeamPines/Middlesex University Master's Program in Executive Coaching. Prior to that he served as Senior VP of Human Resources for a Fortune 100 corporation. He is author of "The Case for Wasting Time and Other Management Heresies."

Buffet enters auto arena

Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway empire last Thursday announced the agreement to purchase the Van Tuyl auto group. The 62-year-old Van Tuyl organization has 78 locations in 10 states, doing \$8 billion in annual revenue. It is the fifth largest dealer group in the U.S., and was the largest privately held group. The deal is due to close in the first quarter of 2015, which everyone believes it will.

Writing this column causes a reflection of what is important week to week. Warren Buffet getting in the car business made this week an easy choice. His Berkshire Hathaway brand is appearing more prominently in the naming of his holdings; Berkshire Hathaway Realty, Berkshire Hathaway Energy, Berkshire Hathaway Insurance Specialists, and now Berkshire Hathaway Automotive. His philosophy is to invest "forever."

Notwithstanding his age, it is hard to critique the second richest man in America. With his entry into the auto retailing business, he is quoted as saying, "We've got the capital, so we are off to the races." They will be buyers of dealerships at a time when the price



KEFFER'S CORNER

Rick Keffer

to buy a dealership reflects a couple good years. He is confident in the demand and ongoing viability of franchised dealerships. In a way, it is reassuring to have him enter the market as an owner. His track record has been so good for so long, and who doesn't find him appealing and folksy? The underlying reality is that more individually owned dealerships are going to be part of someone's dealer group. You may be choosing between an AutoNation, Berkshire Hathaway, CarMax, Sonic, Hendrick or other affiliated dealership in the future. The Clark, Anderson, Keffer choices in our county are going to be a rarity, probably already are. Consolidation is the way of the world, and Mr. Buffet's entry in the business ensures a lot more of the same.

I lived in North Carolina when Wachovia, First Union

and North Carolina National Bank (Nations Bank) were in a competition to acquire banks and were successful. The national and regional dealer groups are a very strong bunch of businesspeople, and will compete with Berkshire Hathaway, as they have been doing among themselves for years.

What does it mean for the consumer? Will less owners create less competition or will operating efficiencies of dealer groups prove beneficial at the dealership level? One could argue either point. There will be fewer, bigger dealerships, operated by a shrinking amount of ownership. Nassau County is big enough to warrant its existing dealers and not big enough to fit the model of most dealer groups. We may see minimal impact from national trends.

Shoppers will find good inventories, with 2015's in stock and closeout deals on 2014's. Take advantage. Have a good week.

Rick Keffer owns and operates Rick Keffer Dodge Chrysler Jeep in Yulee. He invites questions or positive stories about automobile use and ownership.
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AAA: Hands-free systems may increase distractions

TAMPA – With three out of four drivers believing that hands-free technology is safe to use, Americans may be surprised to learn that these popular new vehicle features may actually increase mental distraction, according to new research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

This research can serve as guidance to manufacturers who increasingly market hands-free systems as safety features. The good news for consumers is that it is possible to design hands-free technologies that are less cognitively distracting, according to the research.

The results, which build on the first phase of the foundation's research conducted last year, suggest that developers can improve the safety of their products by making them less complicated, more accurate and generally easier to use – a point AAA hopes to use in working with manufacturers to make hands-free technologies as safe as possible for consumers.

While manufacturers continue their efforts to develop and refine systems that reduce distractions, AAA encourages drivers to minimize cognitive distraction by limiting the use of most voice-based technologies.

“We already know that drivers can miss stop signs, pedestrians and other cars while using voice technologies because their minds are not fully focused on the road ahead,” said Bob Darbelnet, chief executive officer of AAA. “We

now understand that current shortcomings in these products, intended as safety features, may unintentionally cause greater levels of cognitive distraction.”

Using instrumented test vehicles, heart-rate monitors and other equipment designed to measure reaction times, Dr. David Strayer and researchers from the University of Utah evaluated and ranked common voice-activated interactions based on the level of cognitive distraction generated. The team used a five-category rating system, which they created in 2013, similar to that used for hurricanes. The results show:

- The accuracy of voice recognition software significantly influences the rate of distraction. Systems with low accuracy and reliability generated a high level (category 3) of distraction.
- Composing text messages and emails using in-vehicle technologies (category 3) was more distracting than using these systems to listen to messages (category 2).
- The quality of the systems' voice had no impact on distraction levels – listening to a natural or synthetic voice both rated as a category 2 level of distraction.

The study also separately assessed Apple's Siri (version iOS 7) using insight obtained from Apple about Siri's functionality at the time the research was conducted. Researchers used the same metrics to measure a broader range of tasks including using social media, making calls

and updating calendars. The research uncovered that hands- and eyes-free use of Apple's Siri generated a relatively high category 4 level of mental distraction.

“This is cause for concern given the popularity of the iPhone with drivers of all vehicle brands,” said John Pecchio, spokesman for AAA – The Auto Club Group. “AAA will continue to communicate its research findings with Apple and featured automakers to help them reduce the cognitive workload associated with using their systems.”

To put all of this year's findings in context, last year's research revealed that listening to the radio rated as a category 1 distraction; talking on a hand-held or hands-free cell phone resulted in a category 2 distraction; and using an error-free speech-to-text system to listen to and compose emails or texts was a category 3 distraction.

“Technologies used in the car that rely on voice communications may have unintended consequences that adversely affect road safety,” said Peter Kissinger, president and CEO of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. “The level of distraction and the impact on safety can vary tremendously based on the task or the system the driver is using.”

To assess “real-world” impact, Dr. Joel Cooper with Precision Driving Research evaluated the two most common voice-based interactions in

which drivers engage – changing radio stations and voice dialing – with the actual voice-activated systems found in six different automakers' vehicles. On the five-point scale, Toyota's Entune system garnered the lowest distraction ranking (at 1.7), which is similar to listening to an audio book. In comparison, the Chevrolet MyLink resulted in a high level of cognitive distraction (rating of 3.7). Other systems tested included the Hyundai Blue Link (rating 2.2), the Chrysler Uconnect (rating 2.7), Ford SYNC with MyFord Touch (rating 3.0) and the Mercedes COMAND (rating 3.1).

“It is clear that not all voice systems are created equal, and today's imperfect systems can lead to driver distraction,” continued Darbelnet. “AAA is confident that it will be possible to make safer systems in the future.”

This phase of the research highlights the variability in demands across all the systems tested. AAA is calling for developers to address key contributing factors to mental distraction including complexity, accuracy and time on task with the goal of making systems that are no more demanding than listening to the radio or an audiobook. AAA also plans to use the findings to continue a dialogue with policy makers, safety advocates and manufacturers.

To view the full report, AAA promoted the study in the release: Think You Know All About Distracted Driving? Think Again, Says AAA.

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Kindness, care and humanity, Aisle 11

Shannon Lane was grocery shopping in the Yulee Publix store one day last week when she heard a woman's keening cries nearby. Turning around to look for the source of it, she spied Latrease Terry holding her toddler, Jahree, convulsing in her arms. Immediately forgetting about grocery shopping, Shannon, herself a mother of three, rushed to the pleading woman to see what she could do to help.

And so did a whole bunch of other people. Within moments, the chill of the frozen food section thawed with the warmth and compassion of other shoppers rushing to the scene. The store's emergency procedure system geared up. The Publix pharmacist rushed in to help.

Latrease gave her 20-month-old son some medication earlier that day for the fever caused by his throat infection. She went to the Publix pharmacy to drop off a prescription for him and walked around the store while she waited for it to be filled. Without warning, Jahree's fever came back again with a vengeance, triggering the convulsion. Being CPR trained, Shannon Lane began running the steps of CPR for a child through her head as she hastened to Latrease Terry and her stricken child. As soon as she got there, she realized that the baby wasn't in cardiac distress but was having some sort of seizure.

Other shoppers dropped what they were doing to help. One of them instructed Latrease to put her convulsing child on the floor and turn him on his side. Meanwhile, another shopper realized that Jahree was



CUP OF JOE

Joe Palmer

burning up and hurriedly gathered frozen food items to pack around him in an attempt to quell the fire of his fever. Someone yelled out for someone to call 911. Publix workers assured everyone that EMS was on the way, even as Publix's emergency plan swung into action. Everybody pitched in and did what they could.

Within a few moments of the cold packages being placed around him, little Jahree's convulsions subsided and finally stopped. He opened his eyes, clearly afraid and his mom was in tears and shaking herself. Another shopper rubbed Latrease Terry's back and urged her to speak soothingly to her baby to help calm his fears. An off-duty firefighter/paramedic who was in the store learned what was going on and came to assess the situation, remaining with the child and his mom until Fire Rescue arrived a few minutes later.

An ambulance took little Jahree to Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville. I spoke with Latrease today and she told me he's on the mend. I could hear him laughing and playing in the background, just another nearly 2-year-old who won't remember that day when he grows up. But I hope Latrease tells him about it when he's older and urges him to never forget it.

You ask why. It's very simple. What hap-

pened on Aisle 11 in the Yulee Publix grocery to a little boy convulsing in a seizure and his mom crying in terror was a test. Ever heard the radio and television emergency test alerts? The ones with the urgent sounding voice that declares: "This is a test of the emergency broadcast system. This is only a test." And then several moments of a high pitched racket ensues. That one?

Well, this was a test, too. It was a test of the emergency human caring and compassion system. The signal that triggered it was a young mother's anguished cries for someone to help her stricken baby. It was an all hands effort and it worked. It went off without a hitch. And in the end, it had a happy ending.

It's so easy to get caught up in the sturm und drang of our world, the hatefulness, fear and pain buffeting our ears, gouging our eyes and deadening our senses. It's easy to throw up our hands and cry out in rage and frustration, "That's it! There's no hope for humanity! We're doomed!"

But are we really? Because wasn't this a poignant display of the best face humanity has to display? A bunch of people in a grocery store – men, women, young and old, people from all walks and stations in life, each of them stopping what they're doing, shedding everything but naked humanity and wading into the rescue. Folks, we don't need no stinking Superman. We've got Super Humanity.

So, the next time you're in the Publix store in Yulee, look for the sign on Aisle 11: Random Acts of Kindness, Care and Humanity. Take some. It's free.

COMMUNITY THANKS

Thanks, Sonny's

On behalf of the Everett P. Pope Detachment of the Marine Corps League, the Marine Corps Reserves and the Toys for Tots Foundation, I wish to thank Gale and Mickey Ulmer and all the volunteers who made Christmas in July a success.

With their hard work and the generous donations of the many who enjoyed a great meal and good time at Sonny's, Toys for Tots received over \$2,300, which will go toward the purchase of toys for Nassau County children. All donations to Toys for Tots in Nassau County stay in Nassau County.

For more information you may call Allen and Carol Eleferian at (904) 753-7630 or online at www.toysfortots.org.

**Paul Kicker, Commandant
Everett P. Pope Detachment**

Grateful

We, at Barnabas, want to say "Thank You" to each and every one of our volunteers along with the Blues Festival organizers and the community at large for making the 2014 Blues Festival Food Drive for Barnabas a success.

This year, the community donated almost 465 pounds of food during the two-day drive. The Barnabas volunteers that helped with Friday night's premium parking raised \$1,000.

We are truly grateful for – our community – a community of caring, committed citizens willing to do what they can to help others in need.

Last year the Barnabas food pantry distributed over 143,000 pounds of food to individuals and families in need – more than a 50 percent increase from the previous year. Many of our Nassau County neighbors are "food insecure" meaning they don't know where their next nutritionally adequate meal is coming from.

For more information regarding Barnabas Programs, please visit our website at www.BarnabasNassau.org.

**Mary Pitcher
Community Relations Manager
Barnabas Center**

Blues Festival

On behalf of the Blues Festival Committee, I would like to sincerely thank the *News-Leader*, all of our sponsors and the hard work of our event volunteers for the generous participation in our fourth annual event.

We were thrilled to have a successful festival again this year and we are proud to announce that we have reached our goal to allow a donation to our charitable organizations including the Barnabas Food Pantry, the Fernandina Beach High School Girls Soccer Team and the Fernandina Beach and Yulee High School music programs.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, we would have never achieved our goal without your support and faith in our ability to make this fourth-year event successful. Thank you!

We are looking forward to getting together, reviewing our notes and putting together an even better festival for our fifth year. Included in our ideas are ways to increase the exposure we can offer to our sponsors in addition to the print, radio and on-site publicity that was offered this year.

After putting our thoughts together over the coming months we will be eager to share with you our plans and lineup for 2015. We hope that you will join us again next year in partnership as we put on an event that helps increase awareness for Amelia Island and its businesses while providing an enjoyable musical experience.

Thank you again to everyone for your dedicated support. We would not have been able to do it without you!

**Jeff Malone, President
Amelia Island Blues Festival**

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Consumer confidence?

The concurrence of articles in the Oct. 3 issue of the *News-Leader* was striking to me. On page 5, one headline was "Consumer confidence at post-recession high." In contrast, a front-page headline read "Homeless students get help they need." On page 3, I read "A hungry child can't learn" and "Working parents can't afford health care."

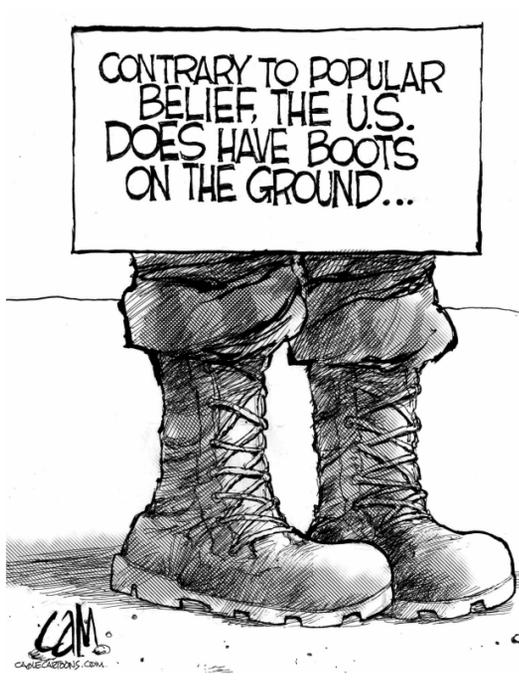
The article on consumer confidence was based on a monthly survey, based for September 2014 on responses of 403 Floridians, of whom 97 live in North Florida and 109 live with annual incomes less than \$40,000. Again in contrast, the staggering number of homeless children reported by Angie McClellan was 70,000 in Florida and 445 just in Nassau County. The statistic about children who are on the free or reduced lunch program in Nassau County is "close to 50 percent," according to Mary Maguire's article.

As a physician with special interests in public health and providing quality health care for all of Nassau County residents, the statistics in the article about working parents were very provoking. A report from the Urban Institute states that more than 800,000 Floridians do not qualify for publicly funded health coverage or for coverage through the Affordable Care Act. In many of these families, with children covered by the Children's Health Insurance Program, the parents are working in service industries that provide primarily low-wage jobs. One devastating feature of this picture is that 17 percent of uninsured parents reported having fair or poor health, with even more of them stating they had mental health concerns.

I believe that the right of access to quality health care belongs to each and every one of us, regardless of age, sex, cultural heritage or gender choice. My belief applies to persons with inherited conditions, disabilities and mental health and substance abuse problems. I think that no one in this rich country should be homeless or hungry, most especially no child!

Well, we often hear, what can we do about all these thorny issues? We are blessed in this community to have nonprofit agencies working in collaboration to provide crisis and charity care, such as food pantries

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and food drops, the interfaith dinner networks, emergency rental and utilities support. For homeless persons, we have an emergency shelter and a Day Drop-in Center. Barnabas Health Services provides integrated health care for physical, mental and dental conditions for indigent persons without health insurance.

Even more than charity care, however, all communities in this country must make a formal effort to bring justice to all of our residents. We need to build and maintain community health centers with health insurance that covers everyone. We need to build much more affordable housing. We need to provide access to foods that are nutritionally sound. We need to provide a living wage to all workers. By achieving goals of improvement in these aspects of daily living, we may enable increased consumer confidence with no one left behind.

**Thomas C. Washburn, M.D.
Fernandina Beach**

Westrec lease

Honorable city commission, please consider the renewal of the Westrec marina lease carefully. Before approval, it would be ben-

eficial to understand the following:

1. ***Item E of the Recitals of the Marina Management Agreement states that the "City's intent in retaining Westrec is to have a vital, financially successful and self-supporting marina by increasing overall net revenue to pay for all fixed and variable costs including annual debt service." Since the original agreement was signed, this has never been fulfilled.

2. The new agreement [Section 6(a)] eliminates the verbiage that the "Fixed Fee Component shall increase annually, in amount equal to the increase in the United States Department of Labor Consumer Price Index-Southern Urban from the previous year, however the annual fee increase shall not exceed six percent (6%)."

3. The agreement [Section 4(c)] requires that "all advertising and marketing costs shall be paid directly by the City, subject to the approved budget or any subsequent approvals."

4. The agreement [Section 4(d)] requires that "all repair, maintenance and improvement costs shall be paid directly by the City, subject to the approved marina budget or any subsequent approvals."

5. The agreement [Section 4(e)] states that the "cost of Marina Personnel will be paid by the City to Westrec as invoiced monthly by Westrec."

6. Westrec only pays for a lease of the dockhouse, but does not pay for use of the old charter boat association office (which previously paid \$10,000 annually to the city) nor the former administration office (located at the foot of Ash Street at the boat ramp).

If the agreement with Westrec is to be renewed, these items (and other not herein mentioned) merit serious reconsideration, as the concessions and rebates are working to the disadvantage of the city.

As stated in the recitals, the entire purpose of the agreement was, and still is, to bring Westrec's experience and expertise to remedy the financial problems of the marina. To date, this goal has never been realized, and needs to be addressed before continuing with the status quo. It is incumbent upon the commission and Westrec to honor the original intent of the agreement.

**Coleman Langshaw
Fernandina Beach**

Editor's note: Coleman Langshaw is former manager of the city marina.

VIEWPOINT/PAT BYINGTON/WILD SOUTH

Trading mouse ears for waterfalls and darters

"When are you going to take your family to Disney World?"

Every fall, my cousin and I watch football games in his "man cave" that's equipped with sports memorabilia, Xbox, a fully stocked bar and the crown jewel, an HD 70-inch television. As a lifelong southerner who loves college football, this is nirvana.

And for about five or six years, my cousin pops the Disney question.

You see, I have a 10-year-old daughter who's never been to Disney World.

The window is closing fast.

A year or two ago, American Girl dolls traveled with us everywhere. Planning for a trip to the grandparents in Chattanooga was like organizing a busload of tourists. In our case, dolls and stuffed animals.

These days, fewer and fewer American Girl dolls are joining us, and my cousin, who has an older daughter, has warned me that the Disney-princesses are not going to be as appealing come this fall and spring.

I have nothing against Disney World or princesses, but this past summer my family decided to do something different. We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act by visiting the Citico Creek Wilderness area in the Cherokee National Forest, near Tellico Plains, Tenn.

We traded castles and mouse ears for waterfalls, salamanders and darters.

We hiked into the Citico Wilderness, ending up at Falls Branch Falls, a spectacular roaring 70-foot waterfall. Nurse logs, moss, mushrooms and wildflowers abound. We also snorkeled in the wilderness-fed Citico Creek, donning wetsuits, floating and exploring for hours in a rushing three-foot clean and clear stream. I will never forget the moment my daughter grabbed my hand when she saw her first colorful darter – a moment of joy and discovery we would experience a hundred times that morning and afternoon.

For my entire family, the wilderness became our Magic Kingdom.

Disney World in Florida and the Wilderness Act are about the same age. The Wilderness Act passed in 1964; after several years of development, Disney World opened in 1971.

Both are uniquely American.

We all know the story of Disney, but many of us do not know America's wilderness story.

Fifty years ago this year, Congress passed and President Lyndon Johnson signed into law The Wilderness Act of 1964. The act established the National Wilderness Preservation System and allowed Congress to permanently protect some of America's most special and beautiful places as wilderness.

Today, there are 757 distinct wilderness areas located in 44 states and Puerto Rico, des-

ignated to preserve and protect wildlife and natural systems for hiking, camping, backpacking, picnicking, rock-climbing, hunting, fishing, kayaking and nature photography. These special places provide us clean air to breathe and clean water to drink.

Big Frog and Little Frog, Linville Gorge, Shining Rock, Cohutta, Sipsey and Shenandoah – these are the special names of just a few of our southern wildernesses.

And there is one key difference between Disney World and these wilderness areas. Disney is owned by shareholders and is a multinational corporation. We – all Americans – own the wilderness areas.

It's all public land. It's our treasure, our inheritance. We all have a stake in it. We are responsible for it, and future generations are counting on us to pass it down protected and preserved.

In the age of Facebook and social media, my cousin has seen pictures posted of my daughter standing beside waterfalls and big trees, in a wetsuit. He hasn't mentioned Disney this fall in the "man cave." But we've talked about our Magic Kingdom – America's wilderness.

In fact, I've been saying, "When are you going to take your family to the wilderness?"

Pat Byington is executive director of Wild South. Learn more about Wild South at www.wildsouth.org. pat@wildsouth.org

COMMUNITY

Queen crowned at First Missionary Baptist

Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

The Union Saint James Missionary Baptist Association began its 111th annual Session Monday and will continue through today. At First Missionary Baptist Church, the Rev. Anthony Q. Robinson is moderator, the Rev. Darien K. Bolden pastor. Theme was biblical leadership.

The women's department of the association with President Willie B. Garvin sponsored their annual Ms. Union Street James Queen contest, also at First Missionary Baptist Church in Fernandina Beach.

These are the contestants representing various churches in the association: Sis. Lillian Kemp, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Palatka, the Rev. Tommy Rodgers, pastor; Sis. Laura Rhodes, First Baptist Church of Yulee, Rev. William Goode, pastor; Sis. Maybelle Kirkland-Brown, First Missionary Baptist Church, Fernandina Beach, the Rev. Darien Bolden, pastor; Sis. Eloise Lewis, Greater Shiloh Missionary, Baptist Church, Palatka, moderator, the Rev. Anthony Robinson, pastor; Sis. Julia Howell, Jerusalem Missionary Baptist



NOW AND THEN

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Church, Jacksonville, the Rev. Brian Campbell, pastor; Sis. Amanda Robinson, New First Corinth Baptist Church, Jacksonville, the Rev. Louis C. Parker, pastor; Sis. Katie Turner, St. James Missionary Baptist Church, Bunnell, the Rev. Patrick Wilkerson, pastor.

Each contestant was presented by their First Ladies and escorted by their pastors. These gorgeous women, known as seniors, first modeled church attire and then formal wear, and what a beautiful sight they were. During the pageant ceremony, Sis. Renee Bolden, presided; Darien Bolden, Jr., soloist; Pastor Patrick Wilkerson gave the invocation; and First Vice-President Sis. Daina Davis gave the welcome and occasion.

The contestants talked about their favorite scripture or song. The crowning of Ms. Union St. James was done by First Lady of Florida General Baptist Convention, First Lady Shelia Sampson. Each pastor had bragging rights, but Pastor Bolden said to the others, "I won't have you come into my house and crown someone else as queen."

So with lots of work from the contest-

ants supported by their churches, family and friends, these were the final results: Sis. Laura Rhodes, First Baptist, Yulee, third place; Sis. Lillian Kemp, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Palatka, second place.

When all was said and done, Pastor Bolden received top bragging rights with the crowning of Sis. Maybelle Kirkland-Brown, First Missionary Baptist Church, Fernandina Beach as Ms. Union St. James Queen.

Thanks to all her supporters. Special thanks to Absolute Bail Bonding; Michael Parnell; Bishop Rouse, Jacksonville; Bishop Judson Duval, Tallahassee; Moderator James Duval, Tallahassee; Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Gainesville; Rose Jones, Ruby Brown, Maxwell Barber Shop, the Rev. Rosella Gadson, Geneva McGowen, Pam Fisher, and Mr. and Mrs. George Green.

This grand affair was coordinated by Sis. Renee Bolden and Sis. Daina Davis.

Birthdays wishes to Chris Duffy, Tina Johnson, Lakitha Johnson, Emory Wingard II, Romel Green, Marcus Jones, Windell Glover, Kondra Johnson, Willie D. Bright, Tierra Jones, Lemarsha Ford, Kathy Batty, Ellen Green, Ruby Brown, Robert Blue, Sr., Pam Haney, Brenda Hooper and Edith Brown. Happy anniversary to James and Brenda Hooper, Willie and Faye Scott and Kenneth and Edna Steeples. May God bless you with many more.



SUBMITTED

Katy the golden retriever selects numbered tennis balls from the Nassau Humane Society Dog Park pool at last year's Splash Bash to benefit the shelter as well as the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This year's bash is set for Oct. 18.

'Splash Bash' set for Oct. 18

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Fernandina Beach/Yulee is again joining forces with the Nassau Humane Society to help both groups' missions - saving lives, both human and animal.

The 4th Annual Splash Bash party begins at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Nassau Humane Society Dog Park, on Airport Road across the street from the Fernandina Beach airport.

Admission is free and appetizers, beer and wine will be available. Live entertainment by Ronnie Stoots.

Tickets are \$10 each for a chance to win in the night's big event, which will be at the

Dog Park's swimming pool. Each ticket will be numbered, and tennis balls with corresponding numbers will be plunked into the pool.

Our adorable Katy will be back again, and she will retrieve five balls this year. The holders of the winning tickets will receive \$100 each. The remaining proceeds will benefit the Nassau Humane Society and Fernandina Beach/Yulee Relay for Life.

Tickets are on sale now at Second Chance Store, NHS Dog Park or www.nassauhumane.com.

Please note: Insurance prohibits dogs at social events. Call 491-1511 with any questions.

Low vision support group at COA

JEFF MCDOWELL
For the News-Leader

Among the many challenges that people face as they age is a loss of vision. Known as Age Related Macular Degeneration, or AMD, this condition is the number one cause of blindness among senior citizens. While all age-related vision loss isn't due to AMD, it can impact the severity of normal age-related vision loss.

To learn all the facts about, and coping strategies to deal with AMD, the public is invited to attend a meeting of the newly formed Low Vision Support Group. This group will meet monthly at Nassau County's Council on Aging Senior Center from 9-10:30 a.m. The next meeting is Friday, Oct. 24. The featured speaker for this group is Dr. John McClaine, board certified optometric physician with Fernandina Beach Coastal Vision Center. The facilitator for the group is Amy Carmego.

The take-away from this support group's meetings is the knowledge that seniors who suffer from AMD can continue to live full and independent lives. It is important to learn all there is to know about this condition and then investigate the many available resources to help seniors and their caretakers cope with the disease and its effects.

This group was formed by local senior and NCCOA member Norma Butler, who visits the Senior Center, located across the street from Baptist Medical, three times a week. She has lived with AMD for the past seven years. She wants to share with others how she copes with her low vision.

"NCCOA's Low Vision Support Group members will have the opportu-



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Local senior Norma Butler has suffered from Age Related Macular Degeneration for seven years and she doesn't let the condition slow her down. She helped form the Low Vision Support Group to help other seniors with the condition to live full and independent lives while adapting coping strategies.

nity to talk with others and share their common concerns, listen to guest speakers, learn about new technologies and possibly enjoy group outings," said Frances Bartelt, NCCOA's volunteer coordinator

The Council on Aging is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that delivers services to Nassau County seniors in five cate-

gories including Meals on Wheels, COA Transportation, In-Home Care and Adult Day Health Care, while operating two senior recreation centers. It is partially funded by government grants and donations from private individuals.

Jeff McDowell is marketing manager for the Nassau County Council on Aging.

Museum to host program on shrimping fleet

Join the Amelia Island Museum of History on Friday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. as special guest Brendan Burke delivers a presentation on Florida's Shrimping Fleet.

During the early 20th century, a new type of boat was born in Northeast Florida. Forged from Greek, Italian, Norwegian, African-American and native Floridian hands, the Florida-style trawler became one of the most important boats in the history of the state.

From 1919 until the mid-1980s, Florida supplied the world with shrimp trawlers and commercial fishing boats of all types.

Northeast Florida was alive with the buzz of saws and the banging of hammers and the enterprise grew into a multi-billion dollar industry that contributed to over 23 foreign fishing fleets. Ultimately, Florida would be responsible for the largest purpose-built wooden fishing fleet ever assembled. This pres-

entation brings together stories, pictures, and the people from the halcyon days of catching shrimp and building boats in the Sunshine State.

This program is free and open to the public, made possible by the Florida Humanities Council's Speakers Bureau Program. The Amelia Island Museum of History is located at 233 South Third St., Fernandina Beach. For information contact 261-7378 or visit www.ameliatumuseum.org.

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Simplify Your Wardrobe

If clothes make the man, then it's also true that clothes can unmake the man (or woman), and can certainly lead to their financial ruin. Clothing can be expensive, but a simple wardrobe doesn't have to put you in the poorhouse, and your wardrobe can be designed to make the decision of what to wear incredibly simple. If all you own are a few pairs of pants and some gray and black T-shirts, there isn't much to decide: gray or black? People who are trying to live full lives and help solve serious problems usually have simple wardrobes which make getting dressed the easiest part of their day. Uniforms, whether of the standard military variety, or the unwritten dress code "uniform" which most professions have, are usually both functional and designed to free the person for more important tasks than getting dressed. Shopping at secondhand stores or wearing "hand-me-downs" allows us to have decent clothes without going into debt and to simplify our life in the process. Washing our clothes can be simplified too. A teaspoon or two of dishwashing liquid makes a perfectly good clothes detergent. God has more important things for us to do than to fuss and worry about our clothes.

-Christopher Simon

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

Matthew 6:25

FALL FESTIVITIES

Pumpkin patch

Come out to the Pumpkin Patch! The Pumpkin Patch is sponsored by the partnership of three United Methodist Churches: Franklinton, Memorial and Trinity of Fernandina Beach. The Pumpkin Patch is a fundraiser, with proceeds going towards each church's missionary programs. Churches, schools, daycare centers and youth organizations may bring their children to take pictures and hear pumpkin storytelling.

The patch is open from 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday through Oct. 25, at the corner of Eighth and Ash streets, at Trinity UMC. There are pumpkins of all sizes and colors. Look for the signs. For information contact Pastor Tiffany McCall at 277-2726 or find them on Facebook at Franklinton UMC.

Story time

Infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to a Halloween-themed story time at The Book Loft, 214 Centre St., on Oct. 13 at 10:30 a.m. This month, the group will read a Little Witch book and create a special Halloween craft, as well as doing a lot of movement activities. Wear your Halloween costumes if you like. Call 261-8991 for information.

City carnival

The annual city of Fernandina Beach Halloween Carnival takes place at the Atlantic Recreation Center from 5:30-8 p.m. Oct. 18. Bring the kids in their costumes and let them enjoy our ghoulishly fun carnival style games. There will also be a hayride, performances by Kinder Studios, cakewalks, face painting, concessions and more. Admission is free and game tickets are 25 cents. For information call Jay Robertson, Parks and Recreation manager, at 310-3361.

Fall festival

Springhill Baptist Church will host its annual Fall Festival Oct. 24 from 6-8:30 p.m. Bring the entire family and enjoy an evening of food, games, prizes and activities. All the games are free and hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be offered at low prices.

Admission is a non-perishable food item for the church food pantry. Adults must accompany children under

18. Springhill Baptist Church is located at 941017 Old Nassauville Road, Fernandina Beach. Call 261-4741 for information.

Haunted trails

Stay'N Country Ranch, 96125 Blackrock Road, Yulee, will host a Halloween event Oct. 24 and 25 from 6-9 p.m. with haunted walking trails, wagon rides and costume contests by age group; 5-under, 6-10 and 11-15 with categories of Scariest, Funniest and Best Overall. The Stay'N Connected Barn and animals will be in full decor. Reservations appreciated. Call 322-9739 to learn more. Visit www.stayncountryranch.net.

Fall festival

Community Baptist Church at 85326 Winona Bayview Road in Yulee will host a free Fall Festival from 5-8 p.m. on Oct. 25. Enjoy free food including hot dogs, drinks, chips and candy, free games, prizes and free hayrides. Raffle tickets will be on sale for new homemade afghans, quilts, etc. The Country Store has new and used and handcrafted items at the cheapest prices around. Come join the fun! Everyone is welcome. Phone 225-0809.

Halloween party

The Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach will host its annual Halloween Lunch/Card/Game Party on Oct. 30 at the clubhouse, 201 Jean Lafitte Blvd. Any game can be played: cards, mahjongg, chess, scrabble, checkers, dominos - you get the idea! Lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$15. Costumes welcomed. Contact Joanne Helenbrook at 277-8244 or joanneonamelia@aol.com.

OUT OF TOWN

For love of pets

A Halloween party for adults to benefit the Love of Pets is Oct. 17 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at 821 Riverview Drive East.

Admission of \$15 includes food, entertainment, dancing and a complimentary drink. Costumes encouraged.

Tickets are available at Once Upon A Bookseller, Cedar Oak Café and Bulldog Liquors in St. Marys, Ga., or at the door. Call (912) 882-0840 for details.

The Love of Pets is a 501(c)(3) organization and the only local no-kill animal shelter in St. Marys.

▼ EARTHTALK

Wetlands 'on front line' as development increases

Dear EarthTalk: Why are wetlands so important to preserve? – Patricia Mancuso, Erie, Pa.

Wetlands include swamps, marshes, bogs, riverbanks, mangroves, floodplains, rice fields – and anywhere else, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), that saturation with water is the dominant factor determining the nature of soil development and the types of plant and animal communities there. They are widespread in every country and on every continent except Antarctica. If all the world's wetlands were put together, they would take up an area one-third larger than the United States.

Environmentalists, biologists and others concerned about the health of the planet and its inhabitants recognize the key role wetlands play in life on Earth. The EPA points out that, besides containing a disproportionately high number of plant and animal species compared to other land forms, wetlands serve a variety of ecological services including feeding downstream waters, trapping flood-



ISTOCK PHOTO

Frogs depend on wetlands for survival.

waters, recharging groundwater supplies, removing pollution and providing fish and wildlife habitat. Wetlands can also be key drivers of local economies, given their importance to agriculture, recreation and fishing.

According to Wetlands International, a global nonprofit dedicated to the conservation and restoration of wetlands around the world, wetlands are on the "front-line" as development pressures increase everywhere.

"Wetlands are vulnerable to over-exploitation due to their abundance of fish, fuel and water," reports the group, which works on the ground in 18 countries to educate the public and policymakers about the health of local wetlands and to advocate for better policies. "When they are viewed as unproductive or marginal lands, wetlands are targeted for drainage and conversion."

"The rate of loss and deterioration of wetlands is accel-

erating in all regions of the world," the group adds. "The pressure on wetlands is likely to intensify in the coming decades due to increased global demand for land and water, as well as climate change."

The widespread expansion of development in the U.S. in recent decades has brought the issue of wetlands loss to the forefront of debates on zoning and land use planning. One of the key and underlying issues is concern about

endangered species: More than a third of species on the U.S. Endangered Species List live only in wetlands and almost half use them at some time during their lifecycles.

While the issue lingers on in municipal planning meetings around the country, the federal government does what it can to protect wetlands. It does so through regulations spelled out in the Clean Water Act, which include providing tax incentives for selling or giving wet-

lands to land trusts or other conservation groups, via cooperative efforts with state and local entities, and by acquiring wetlands outright to add acreage to public lands systems. And several states have passed laws to regulate activities in wetlands, and many municipalities include wetlands conservation in their development permitting and zoning processes.

Readers can do their part by staying current on local zoning laws, keeping an eye on local wetlands and speaking up if something looks amiss. Potential problems are much easier to resolve early on than after damage is done, so speaking up soon can often lead to more successful and less contentious outcomes.

CONTACTS: EPA Wetlands, water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/; Wetlands International, www.wetlands.org.

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Social Security returns to mail

JASON ALDERMAN
For the News-Leader

Call it a paperless experiment that didn't quite pan out. In 2011, a budget-strapped Social Security Administration (SSA) stopped mailing annual benefit statements to workers over 25 in order to save \$70 million on annual printing and mailing costs.

In return, the agency launched the "my Social Security" online tool that allows 24/7 access to your statement, as well as other helpful information. (Your statement shows a complete record of your taxable earnings as well as estimated retirement, disability and survivor benefits.)

Although more than 13 million people have opened accounts, that's only about 6 percent of the American workforce. With millions of Baby Boomers at or approaching retirement age, Congress was justifiably concerned that not enough people were accessing this critical retirement-planning tool.

That's why SSA has resumed mailing paper statements every five years to workers from ages 25 to 60, provided they haven't already signed up for online statements. The expectation is that more people will migrate to electronic services over time, as Social Security continues to close field offices and reduce in-office paperwork services – thanks to years of funding cutbacks.

The paper statements are a good first step, but creating an online account allows you to log in anytime and:

- Estimate retirement, disability and survivor benefits available to you under different work, earnings and retirement-age scenarios.

- Estimate benefits for which your family would be eligible when you receive Social Security or die.

- View a list of your lifetime earnings to date, according to the agency's records.

- See the estimated Social Security and Medicare taxes you've paid over your working career.

- Find information about

qualifying and signing up for Medicare.

- Review topics to consider if you're 55 or older and thinking about retiring.

- Read general information about Social Security.

- Access calculators to estimate your projected benefits under different scenarios.

- Apply online for retirement and disability benefits.

- Access a printable version of your Social Security statement.

To create an online account, go to the "my Social Security" website (www.ssa.gov/myaccount). You must have a valid email address, Social Security number, U.S. mailing address and be at least age 18.

You'll need to verify your identity by providing personal information and answering questions whose answers only you should know. Social Security contracts with Experian to design these questions based on the credit bureau's records.

(Note: If you've got a security freeze or fraud alert on your Experian credit report, you'll either have to temporarily remove it or visit your local Social Security office – with proof of identity – to open an online account.)

Once your identity has been verified, you can create a password-protected account. Social Security emphasizes that you may sign into or create an account to access only your own information. Unauthorized use could subject you to criminal and/or civil penalties.

Review your statement at least annually to ensure the information on file for you is correct – for example, your yearly taxable earnings. Otherwise, when Social Security calculates your benefits at retirement, disability or death, you could be shortchanged; or, if your earnings were over-reported, you could end up owing the government money.

If you do find errors, call 800-772-1213, or visit your local office. You'll need copies of your W-2 form or tax return for any impacted years.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Legislative Delegation plans meeting Dec. 4

State Rep. Janet H. Adkins, chair of the Nassau County Legislative Delegation, announces the organizational meeting to elect the 2015 delegation chair, and the general legislative hearing of the Nassau County Legislative Delegation.

The meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 4 from 6-8 p.m. at the Nassau County Commission Chambers located within the James S. Page Governmental Complex at 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee.

Interested citizens wishing to be placed on the agenda for the Dec. 4 public hearing are asked to contact Adkins' office at 491-3664 prior to close of busi-

ness Friday, Nov. 14.

Local bill information and procedures are also available at www.myfloridahouse.gov under the Reference Materials Section.

All material or handouts for this meeting should be delivered to Adkins' office no later than Nov. 17. The office is at 905 S. Eighth St., Fernandina Beach.

For additional information, contact Jim Adams at Adkins' office at 491-3664 or by email at james.adams@myfloridahouse.gov.

All Nassau County Legislative Delegation meetings are open to the public.

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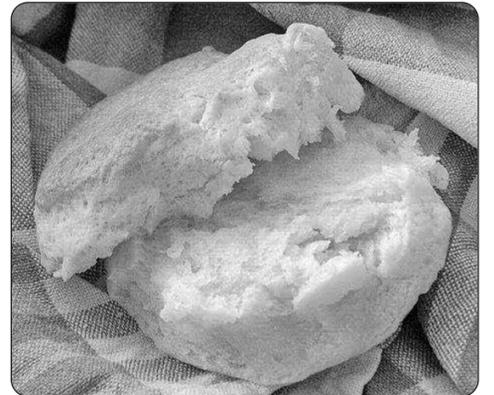
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Special Olympic athletes compete in aquatic games

Special Olympics Florida held its annual 2014 state aquatic competition Saturday and Sunday at the North Regional Park and Aquatic Center in Sebastian.

With more than 300 swimmers in attendance, Nassau County was respectfully represented by seven of its very best Special Olympic swimmers. Nassau County athletes were Dillan Clements, Kristopher Mitchell, Joseph Sheperis, Zachary Strickland, Jamie Tanner, Stephanie Willaford and Vincent Wolski.

Long pool competition was held Saturday with Clements and Mitchell competing in the 50-meter freestyle and backstroke. Clements and Mitchell were awarded third and sixth place in the freestyle division with finishing times of 44.40 and 50.80 seconds, respectively.

Mitchell and Clements both finished the backstroke with a silver medal in their divisions with event times of 53.40 and 55.25 seconds, respectively.

The 25-meter competition was held Sunday with all remaining Nassau County athletes competing.

In the ladies freestyle division, Stephanie Willaford and Jamie Tanner were very close with just 0.50 seconds separating their third- and fourth-place finishes. The ladies repeated it all over again in the 25-meter backstroke with just 0.70 seconds separating Willaford's third-place finish to Tanner's fifth place.

In the men's 25-meter freestyle division, Sheperis, Strickland and Wolski represented Nassau County with a gold and two silver medal finishes, respectively. Sheperis took gold in the 25-meter backstroke with Strickland and Wolski finishing with a second and fourth place.

Additional Nassau County delegates in attendance included head coach Matthew Bellar and assistant coaches Donna Gray and Kirk Mitchell. Tom Christenson, Special Olympics Nassau County director, was also present and served as the contingent's head delegate.

"These swimmers were committed to regular attendance at practice and it was clearly evident through their performance at the county, area and state competition," Bellar said.

Nassau County Special Olympics provides support, sponsorship, training and competition in track and field (athletics), aquatics, surfing



Post-competition the Nassau Special Olympic swim team, which includes, front row from left, Jamie Tanner, Vincent Wolski and Zachary Strickland; back row, Dillan Clements, Stephanie Willaford, Kristopher Mitchell and Joseph Sheperis.

and bowling to individuals with intellectual disabilities. And the program continues to grow with the introduction of

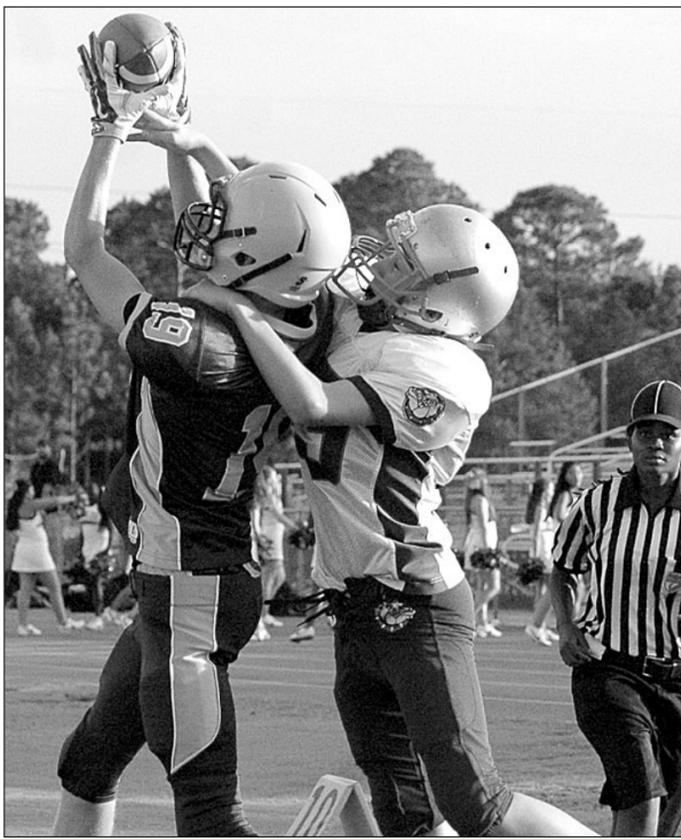
basketball skills training beginning Nov. 7 at the 6 p.m. at the McArthur Family YMCA. Anyone interested in participating in as an athlete, volunteer or coach, should contact MoRonica Ravenell at (904) 557-8309.

HORNET HOMECOMING



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

The Yulee Middle School football team hosted Bolles Tuesday night for homecoming. The YMS Hornets collected another victory on the season, beating the Bulldogs 22-8. Yulee led 22-0 at halftime. Antwan Alexander, left, is gang tackled by a host of Bolles defenders. Jordan Richo, below center, led the offense with 143 yards rushing and a pair of touchdowns. Chase Crider, right, caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from Jaxon Crosby, below right. The Hornets had 282 yards of offense. "We did an outstanding job on defense shutting them out the first half," YMS Coach Shaun Forbes said. The Hornets cap the season Oct. 21 in Callahan. Fernandina Beach Middle School also held its homecoming Tuesday. Photos, 11A.



Trout tourney Nov. 7-8

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association's 28th annual Trout Tournament will be held November 7-8. The final registration and the mandatory captain's meeting will be held at Tiger Point Marina Nov. 7, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Check-out will be from Fernandina Harbor Marina Nov. 8 from safe light to 8 a.m. The weigh-in will be at the Tiger Point Marina on Egans Creek. The weigh-in line opens at 3:30 p.m. and closes at 4:30 p.m.

The awards dinner will also be held at Tiger Point Marina Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. There are three prize categories that will pay three places — first (\$575), second (\$300) and third (\$150). Largest trout, aggregate (three trout) and slam (redfish, trout and flounder).

There will also be a trout lady angler award (17 and up) — first place, \$150; second, \$50

The youth category is for kids 16 years old and under and will pay prizes and award trophies for first (\$100), second (\$80), third (\$70), fourth (\$50), fifth (rod and reel).

All prize money is based on 38 entries and will be adjusted up or down, if necessary.

Register online at <http://nsfafish.net/event-1733298/>. All major credit cards are accepted. Manual registration forms are available and can be returned to Atlantic Seafood (city boat ramp), Leaders & Sinkers (Egans Creek Marina) or Amelia Island Bait & Tackle (1925 S. 14th St.) or turned in at the captain's meeting. They are also available on the web site at <http://nsfafish.net>. The tournament director this year is Marvin Leininger.

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association, founded in 1983, is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, created to develop and promote salt water fishing in the Nassau County area while adhering to state, federal and local regulations, to encourage compliance with rules of water safety by club members and the general public, and to promote youth related community and other civic minded activities.

For information contact John Hartrich, NSFA president, at 206-0817 or email info@nsfafish.net.

The NSFA holds monthly business meetings on the second Wednesday at Kraft Ten Acres, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach. The social get-togethers are held on the fourth Wednesday.

SPORTS SHORTS

Tennis at Golf Club

Adult and junior tennis lessons and clinics are now offered at the Golf Club of Amelia Island. Contact USPTR certified pro Susie DeMille at (954) 816-4595 or email susiedemille@aol.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.

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 lboatwright@nassauso.com.

Hall of Fame inductees

University of Georgia legends Pat Dye and Ben Zambiasi and University of Florida legends Louis Oliver and James Bates will be inducted into the Georgia-Florida Hall of Fame Oct. 31 at EverBank Field. The honorees will be in attendance at the Merrill Lynch-Bank of America Hall of Fame Luncheon presented by Ruth's Chris Steakhouse Oct. 31 in the West Club at EverBank Field. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$60 and table sponsorships are available for \$600. The deadline to order tickets and sponsorships is Oct. 24.

The ceremony celebrates the many talents and careers of the stars of this legendary rivalry. Past inductees are showcased in the Hall of Fame, located in the lobby of the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena.

The annual Georgia-Florida game will be played Nov. 1 at EverBank Field.

Sports association

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

Sailing Club meets

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

Upward Basketball

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

There are 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.

Deadline for registration is Nov. 22. This year, basketball shorts and cheerleading mock turtlenecks 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.

NSFA meetings

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Auxiliary meets

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

Organized bike rides

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

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

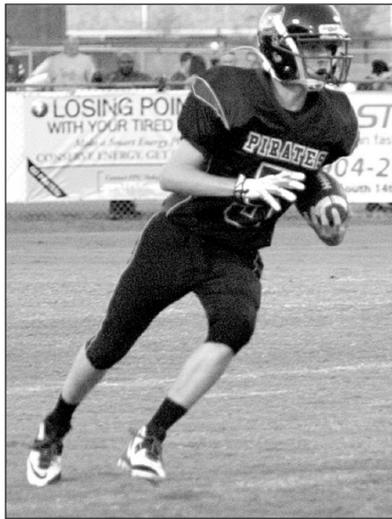
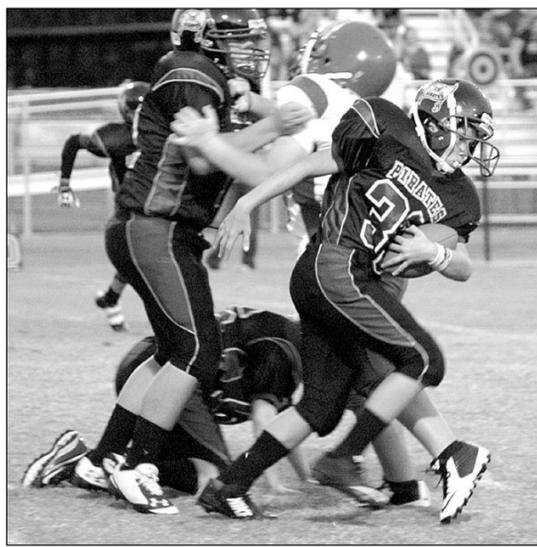
There is also a regular ride Mondays for experienced road cyclists starting at 9 a.m. at various locations on Amelia Island and in Nassau County. The starting points and distances for these rides will be announced. Helmets and a bicycle in good working condition are mandatory. Call 261-5160 or visit www.ameliaislandcycling.com, www.sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/sriders or www.nfbc.us.

PIRATE HOMECOMING



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

The Fernandina Beach Middle School hosted Baker County Tuesday for homecoming. The home team didn't fare well, falling 52-13 to the visitors. The FBMS Pirates head to Episcopal Tuesday. Kickoff is at 6 p.m.



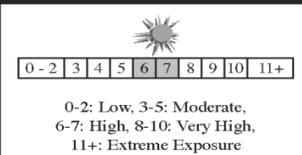
Kyle Lee carries the ball for the FBMS Pirates, above left. Declan McCabe at quarterback, above. Nick Vanlennep with a kickoff return, far left, and a tackle, left.

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Sunny 82 / 71	Saturday Mostly Sunny 81 / 72	Sunday Mostly Sunny 83 / 73	Monday Partly Cloudy 81 / 71	Tuesday Partly Cloudy 82 / 71	Wednesday Mostly Cloudy 78 / 69	Thursday Partly Cloudy 79 / 67

Local UV Index



Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	1:05-3:05	1:35-3:35	Tue	4:35-6:35	5:05-7:05
Sat	1:59-3:59	2:29-4:29	Wed	5:24-7:24	5:54-7:54
Sun	2:52-4:52	3:22-5:22	Thu	6:10-8:10	6:40-8:40
Mon	3:44-5:44	4:14-6:14	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

Weather Trivia

What are fluffy, low, cauliflower clouds called?
 Answer: Cumulus clouds

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 10/15	Fri 7:25 a.m.	6:59 p.m.	8:04 p.m.	9:37 a.m.
Sat	7:26 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	8:50 p.m.	10:38 a.m.
Sun	7:26 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	9:38 p.m.	11:34 a.m.
Mon	7:27 a.m.	6:56 p.m.	10:28 p.m.	12:27 p.m.
New 10/23	Tue 7:28 a.m.	6:55 p.m.	11:19 p.m.	1:16 p.m.
Wed	7:28 a.m.	6:54 p.m.	12:10 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
Thu	7:29 a.m.	6:53 p.m.	1:03 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
Full 10/30				

Weather History

Oct. 10, 1973 - Fifteen to 20 inch rains deluged north central Oklahoma in 13 hours, producing record flooding. Enid was hit with 15.68 inches of rain from the nearly stationary thunderstorms, which established a state 24-hour rainfall record.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
Date	Degree Days		Date	Degree Days		
9/30	82	77	82/70	0.00"	9/30	30
10/1	86	77	82/69	0.00"	10/4	24
10/2	81	79	82/69	0.00"	10/1	32
10/3	90	79	81/69	0.00"	10/2	30
10/4	84	64	81/68	0.00"	10/3	34
10/5	77	59	81/68	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.	
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Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance			
Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low	Day	High
Fri	10:54 am	4:17 am	Fri	10:18 am	4:14 am	Fri	10:42 pm
Sat	11:44 am	5:03 am	Sat	11:08 am	5:00 am	Sat	11:30 pm
Sun	12:06 am	5:50 am	Sun	11:56 am	5:47 am	Sun	None
Mon	12:53 am	6:39 am	Mon	12:17 am	6:36 am	Mon	12:43 pm
Tue	1:40 am	7:32 am	Tue	1:04 am	7:29 am	Tue	1:31 pm
Wed	2:29 am	8:28 am	Wed	1:53 am	8:25 am	Wed	2:20 pm
Thu	3:21 am	9:25 am	Thu	2:45 am	9:22 am	Thu	3:12 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - WARNING: Excessive Tiredness May Result

Not every astronomical event is convenient, so it might take a little effort to rise and shine early on the morning of October 8 to see the total lunar eclipse. For me it will probably require a sleepless night just so that I'm conscious enough to drink in the beauty of Wednesday morning's eclipse. A total lunar eclipse happens when the moon passes completely into the Earth's shadow or umbra. Since the center of the umbra is exactly opposite to the sun, a total lunar eclipse can only occur when the moon is also opposite to Sol or in its full phase. Tuesday evening begins with the nearly full moon rising not quite 30 minutes before sunset which occurs around 6:30 p.m. While the Earth's rotation carries brilliant Luna across most of the heavens during the night, the moon's orbital motion will position it ever closer to Earth's shadow. First contact with the umbra occurs at 5:15 a.m. EDT, with the moon low in the west, but keen observers will notice that the region of the moon closest to the shadow will appear dusky about 20 minutes earlier. During the next hour and nine minutes, the moon marches steadily into Earth's shadow as twilight conditions begin to overtake East Coast observers. Totality begins at 6:24 a.m., EDT with the moon just seven degrees above the western horizon. Moonset occurs about the same time as sunrise, 7 a.m., when Luna has just passed mid-eclipse. Observers farther west get to see more. In the Central Time Zone, enthusiasts will view all of totality, while regions in Mountain Daylight Time get to witness Luna depart Earth's umbra before moonset. West Coast observers, including Alaska and especially Hawaii, are in the optimal locations, but views of totality, which often reveal yellows, oranges, and reds if the eclipse is vibrant, could be spectacular from the East Coast in a brightening blue morning sky. So ready yourself for a few yawns on Wednesday if the weather cooperates. www.astronomy.org

2014 SCHEDULES

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL			FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Oct. 10	Varsity Football	7:00	Oct. 10	Varsity Football	7:00
Oct. 17	at Ribault*	7:00	Oct. 16	Junior Varsity Football	6:00
Oct. 17	at Baker County*	7:00	Oct. 23	YULEE	6:00
Oct. 24	BISHOP KENNY* (SR)	7:00			
Oct. 30	at Stanton*	7:00			
Nov. 7	at West Nassau	7:30			
	*District				
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL			FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Oct. 16	Junior Varsity Football	6:00	Oct. 13	DISTRICT	9:00
Oct. 23	BISHOP KENNY	6:00	Oct. 21	Regional	
	at Fernandina Beach	6:00	Nov. 3-5	State	
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL		
Oct. 10	Varsity Football	7:00	Oct. 10-11	JV at Bishop Kenny tourney	
Oct. 17	WEST NASSAU (HC)	7:30	Oct. 14	CREEKSIDE	5:30/6:30
Oct. 17	at Taylor County*	7:30	Oct. 16	at Ponte Vedra	5:30/6:30
Oct. 31	MADISON*	7:00	Oct. 20-23	District 4-4A at WNHS	
	*District				
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL			FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL		
Oct. 18	Cross Country	8:00	Oct. 14	at Episcopal	6:00
Oct. 22	AMELIA INVITATIONAL	8:00	Oct. 22	at Bolles	5:00
Nov. 6	District 3-2A				
Nov. 15	Region 1-2 at Pensacola				
	State 2A at Tallahassee				
YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL					
Oct. 21	Football	5:00			
	at Callahan				

Authentic Thai cuisine comes to Yulee

HEATHER A. PERRY
News Leader

Petty Officer Josh Woodard and his wife Wilasinee are owners of Ahan Thai Kitchen, located in the Goodwill shopping center across from Lowe's in Yulee. "Ahan" means food in the Thai language.

Joined by Wilasinee's brother, Pawee Wat, and sister-in-law Pikunin Inpuak, the restaurant is truly a family affair. A scrumptious shrimp dish, Ethan's Gift, is named after the owners' adorable 14-month-old baby boy.

"We love the atmosphere and personality of the Fernandina/Amelia Island area. After talking to residents of the area about the previous restaurant closing, we knew it was important to everyone to keep a Thai restaurant in the area," said Josh Woodard, whose wife prepares authentic cuisine using her grandmother's recipes.

The former attorney studied at the Bangkok Culinary Arts Academy in her native country and offers a variety of beef, chicken, pork and seafood dishes utilizing a diverse selection of curries, sauces and specialty items.

Some of the more popular dishes are Tom Yam soup and Pad Thai for the casual Thai eater.

"For the experienced Thai enthusiast, Khao Soi and Pad See Ew are favorites," said Wilasinee Woodard.

Khao Soi is a spicy, creamy coconut curry noodle soup. Pad See Ew features flat, wide rice noodles stir-fried in soy sauce.

Pad Thai is a very popular dish and Wilasinee prepares a delicious variety with rice noodles, shrimp and a tamarind sauce.

There are several options for gluten free and vegan diners, said the chef, who maintains separate cookware for these dishes.

Papaya and coconut milk are frequently used in Thai food and all dishes are prepared using only the freshest, quality ingredients.

Diners may finish their meal with mango sticky rice, a traditional Thai dish, Mango Moose Pie or other sweet selections.

"We offer an excellent



Josh and Wilasinee Woodard and family members Pawee Wat and Pikunin Inpuak operate Ahan Thai restaurant in the Goodwill shopping center in Yulee, above. Below right, Chicken Satay is one of the delicious offerings at Ahan Thai.

selection of wines and craft beers, which is a rarity among Thai restaurants," said Woodard. "I make it a point to carry things that they don't have in grocery stores and really good beers that are hard to find."

The inviting ambiance of the restaurant features beautiful representations of Thai culture including a lovely, almost life-size carved statue of the deity Mae Yarnang that greets customers at the door. There is an exquisite tapestry, Thai pictures and a collection of Thai kick-boxing figures that please Pawee Wat, who practices the art.

A collection of Czor Ou instruments adorn the walls. "That is part of my life. I played that instrument when I was in Thailand," said Wilasinee.

Josh is active duty military at Naval Air Station Jacksonville. Originally from

Fort Walton Beach, it was there he met his future wife when she was part of a group of visiting Thai college students sponsored by his cousin's American-born Thai wife.

"I went to my cousin's house for dinner and that's where we met." They were married in the U.S. in 2006 and had a wedding in Thailand last fall, remaining there for several months to visit with Wilasinee's family.

Thai cooking enthusiasts will be pleased to learn Wilasinee plans to hold cooking classes once a month in the near future.

Catering is offered and the restaurant is available for banquets or private parties.

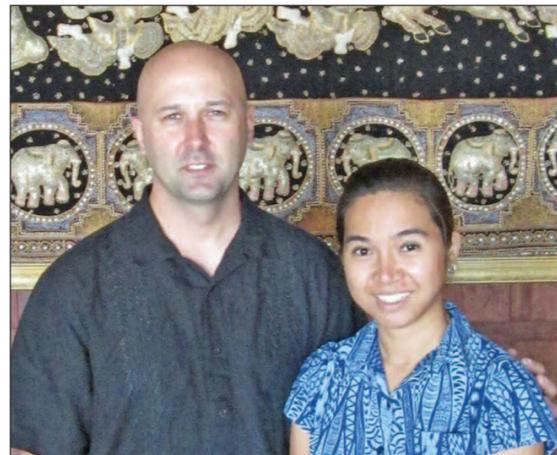
Ahan Thai is located at 474260 East SR 200. Phone 321-0255 or like them on Facebook at AhanThaiKitchenFernandina

for drink specials and "Chef's Choice" entrees.

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PHOTOS BY HEATHER A. PERRY/NEWS-LEADER
Pad Thai and Ethan's Gift are two of the dishes prepared at Ahan Thai, where guests may sample Thai beer, above. Below, Josh and Wilasinee Woodard.



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October 16 to 19, 2014

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Sunday, October 12 - **FREE JAZZ AT AMELIA PARK** featuring the exciting Navy Band Southeast's TGIF

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Saturday, October 18 - **JAZZ ON SATURDAY WITH RANDY BRECKER** featuring the Grammy Award winning trumpeter artist Randy Brecker with a Tribute to the Brecker Brothers **Horace Silver Celebration** with Mike Levine, Dennis Marks, James Hogan and Steve Strawley, Hunter Diamond plus special guests

Sunday, October 19 - **DIXIE TO SWING JAZZ BRUNCH AT DAVID'S**

Tickets also available at the UPS Store next to Publix & AIFBY Chamber of Commerce - A1A & Amelia Parkway

A not for profit 501(c)(3) corporation, the Les DeMerle Amelia Island Jazz Festival distributes proceeds toward a scholarship program to fund college educations for aspiring jazz musicians.



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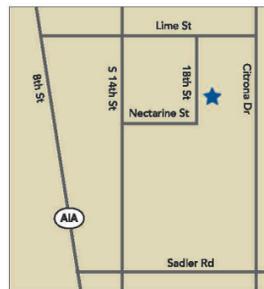
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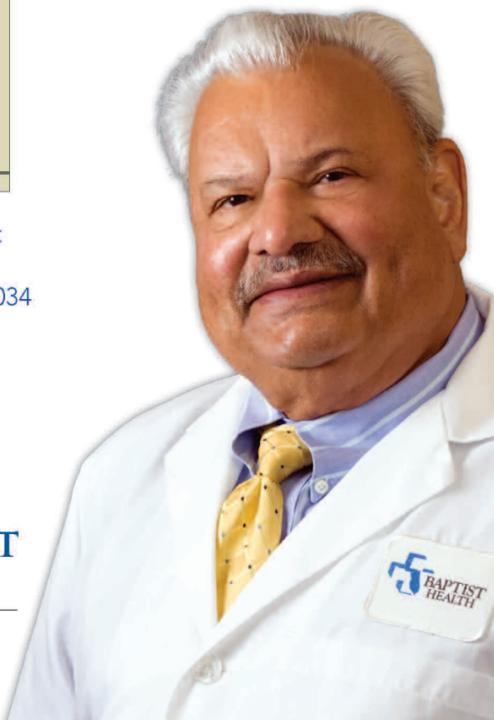


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Violin virtuoso Joshua Bell will headline 14th season of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, which kicks off Nov. 7.

Chamber Music Fest announces lineup

DICK CINQUINA
For the News-Leader

Joshua Bell, universally acclaimed as one of the greatest violinists on the world stage today, will highlight a galaxy of international stars at the 14th season of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival.

The festival's opening performance on Nov. 7 will feature violin virtuoso Rachel Barton Pine in a program of Bach and Paganini. The 14th season will resume in late January and run through May with 15 more great performances, including that of

Joshua Bell on March 1. The winter and spring concerts also will feature such acclaimed artists as violinist Anne Akiko Meyers, the Eroica Trio and the Dover String Quartet. On the lighter side, the Kruger Brothers will perform a hoedown of folk and Americana music.

Christopher Rex, the festival's general and artistic director, said: "We are genuinely excited about our 14th season, which encompasses a Who's Who of internationally renowned artists. We are able to attract such elite musical talent, because the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival is nation-

ally recognized as one of the foremost musical events of its kind. Presenting a virtuoso of Joshua Bell's stature fully attests to our festival's position in the world of music. Our performances are held in intimate, historic venues on a beautiful barrier island in northeastern Florida, which only adds to the festival's appeal and luster. We look forward to still another memorable and successful season of wonderful music performed by some of the world's greatest artists."

Tickets for the Nov. 7 Rachel Barton Pine concert can be purchased now at www.aicmf.com

by calling 261-1779. Tickets for the winter and spring performances will go on sale Jan. 2.

Highlights of the festival's 14th season include:

- Rachel Barton Pine, Nov. 7
Celebrated as a great interpreter of classical works, she plays with passion and conviction across an extensive repertoire. Audiences are thrilled by her dazzling technique, lustrous tone and infectious joy in music-making. "Rachel Barton Pine really may be the most charismatic, the most virtuosic, and the most com-

MUSIC Continued on 4B

Make the past a holiday present

Want a grand opening to your holiday season? Searching for a gift with flair? Seeking an experience to share with family and friends? The Amelia Island Museum of History has just the ticket. Mark your calendar now for the eighth annual Holiday Home Tour.

Considered to be a premier event of the yuletide season, the Amelia Island Museum Holiday Home Tour runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6. Five vintage private residences in the Historic



The Railroad House, built circa 1857 at 15 N. Fourth St., and owned by Paula and Laneya Warren, will be featured in this year's Holiday Home Tour along with four other vintage residences.

District of Fernandina Beach, dressed in their holiday best by professional florists and designers, will be showcased.

This is the only time these properties are open for public peeking. Docents in period

dress will tell the stories of each home and seasonal music will carry visitors back in time. Free trolley service throughout the day will transport guests to the homes and to the museum while cos-

tumed carolers and characters from Fernandina's colorful past return them to the Victorian era.

Tickets for the Holiday *TOUR Continued on 4B*

DeMerles hit the ground running

MICHAEL ROTHSCHILD
For the News-Leader

Having just returned from fulfilling a lengthy cruise contract in the Baltic Sea, Amelia Island Jazz Festival Artistic Director Les DeMerle and his wife, vocalist Bonnie Eisele, dispensed with any vacation days and plunged into their annual Jazz In The Schools program in advance of the 2014 festival, which begins Sunday with a free concert in Amelia Park.

"We love going out and educating students of all ages about jazz, the truest American art form," said DeMerle, who with Eisele will be making stops this week at, among others, the Yulee Middle School and the Fernandina Beach High and

Middle Schools. After spending several months visiting ports as varied as Warnemunde, Germany, Reykjavik, Iceland, and Copenhagen, Denmark, they are more than ready to put the island on jazz time.

"It's a terrific experience playing for folks from all over the world," he said, "but getting back to our home and preparing for the festival is really the special highlight of every year for us."

The festival starts with its traditional Amelia Park concert Sunday featuring the highly regarded crack TGIF US Navy Band Southeast from 2-4 p.m. "Bring your lawn chairs and blankets," DeMerle added, "and we'll also have food and beverage."

JAZZ Continued on 4B

SECOND SATURDAY ARTWALK

Gallery C

Gallery C will host an exhibit of original pastels by artist Linda Green during the Second Saturday Artwalk on Oct. 11 from 5-9 p.m. Join Green in celebrating her one-year anniversary at the gallery. Carol Winner, artist and owner of Gallery C, will also have her paintings, jewelry, mixed media and handbags on view.

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

Blue Door artists

Join the Blue Door Artists during the Second Saturday Artwalk, October 11, 5-8 p.m. The featured artist is Casey Matthews, who will be exhibiting brand new work, and celebrating 12 years in her



studio. Casey creates rich paintings with multimedia surfaces that are both visually intriguing and full of energy. They incorporate expressive color, movement, and strong elements of design. From a dis-

ART Continued on 4B



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Second Saturday Artwalk this weekend will include photographs on metal by Sharon Haffey at the Island Art Association Gallery, above; original pastels by Linda Green, bottom left, at Gallery C; works by Casey Matthews of the Blue Door Gallery, far left; and newly acquired paintings from Durinda Cheek, above left, at Amelia SanJon Gallery.

OFF & ON THE ISLAND

FAIR TRADE MARKET

The Fair Trade Market returns to Fernandina on Oct. 11 from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 9 N. Sixth St. Support fair trade by giving unique holiday gifts of baskets, pottery, metal craft, olive wood, scarves, jewelry, Christmas items, bags and more. Returning vendors include Creation of Hope (Haiti), MayaWorks (Guatemala), PAL (Bethlehem nativities), Rahab's Rope (India), and SERRV (international). New vendors are Siwak Wood Crafts (Argentina), Koinonia Farms pecans, and Equal Exchange coffee and chocolate. All proceeds go directly to the farmers and artisans who create the products. Call 261-0813.



FALL PLANT SALE

The Nassau County Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale is Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. until noon, with Master Gardener-propagated plants, select trees and shrubs, "goodies" for your garden, including custom-painted planters, and FNGLA Florida Plants of the Year. An added attraction is hand-painted bee houses for sale by local artist Susan Sellner.

All proceeds benefit the Nassau County Master Gardener program and their volunteer community projects. The sale takes place at the Demonstration Gardens at the James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee. Call 879-1019.



NAMI COMMUNITY DINNER

The Nassau County affiliate of NAMI will hold its 10th annual Community Awareness and Fundraiser Dinner Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. in Burns Hall of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave.

Applebee's will provide a full-course meal. Enjoy silent and live auctions with state Sen. Aaron Bean as auctioneer. Guest speakers include Dr. Ann Grenadier of Biofeedback Associates of Northeast Florida, peer advocate John Hardman and Shannon Padgett, Esq.

Tickets are \$20 at the door. Proceeds will provide support to Nassau residents with a chronic mental health diagnosis. Call 277-1886, write to P.O. Box 16712 Fernandina Beach, FL 32035 or email NassauNAMIFlorida@gmail.com.





Thursday, October 16 - Midway Sneak Peak
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OUT AND ABOUT

SPECIAL EVENTS

The sixth annual city of Fernandina Beach Butts and Brisket Competition will be held in Central Park, Fernandina Beach, from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Oct. 11. Dozens of the area's barbecue teams will put their pulled pork and brisket recipes to the test as the battle it out to claim the title of Grand Champion. There will also be live music, college football showing, vendors, corn hole and kid's activities. Community plates from all of the competing teams will be available for purchase for \$10 beginning at noon. For information contact Jay Robertson, Parks and Recreation manager, at 310-3361.

The 17th annual Greek Festival, today through Oct. 12, will feature the stories, music, dance and food of the islands, the mountains and the villages of Greece.

Francis Field, 29 Castillo Drive, St. Augustine, will be transformed into a virtual Greek village with all its vibrant sights and sounds. Hosted by Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, the festival is today from 4-10 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

With over 100 arts, crafts and business showcase exhibitors, there will shopping galore and lots to explore. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for those 12 and under. Free admission for active military and their immediate family with ID. Call (904) 829-0504 or visit www.staugreekfest.com.

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

Juna Amagara will a fundraising auction Oct. 11 from 7-9 p.m. at the Island Art Association Education Center, 18 N. Second St., downtown Fernandina Beach. For information call 583-2176.

Juna Amagara, which means "saving lives," was founded in 2004 to help children in Uganda who have been orphaned by AIDS to become productive members of society. Juna Amagara operates schools, clinics and homes in multiple locations in Southwest Uganda, serving the needs of children of all ages. Visit amagara.org for more information.

The Men's Auxiliary of VFW Post 4351 will host a surf and turf dinner Oct. 11 at 5:30 p.m. for a \$15 donation. Dinner will include steak, baked potato, corn on the cob and salad. Karaoke to follow with Eddie Carter. All members and their guests are welcome. VFW Post 4351 is located at 96086 Wade Place, under the Shave Bridge. For information call 432-8791.

The General Duncan Lamont Clinch Historical Society will host local attorney Clyde Davis at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Amelia Island Museum of History at Third and Cedar streets. Refreshments will be served.

Davis, whose ancestors operated sawmills on the St. Marys River in the 1800s, will speak about "Murder At Kings Ferry," an incident of mistaken identity where Merrick Jackson killed John Thomas by beating him with a club.

The Amelia Island Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Oct. 15 at the Golf Club of Amelia Island. Vice-Regent Cindy Glenn will present a program commemorating the 200th anniversary of the writing of The Star Spangled Banner. Sign-in begins at 10 a.m. Reservations must be made with Janet Lukaszewicz at 386-5767 or email janluke@yahoo.com.

On Oct. 16 the Amelia Island Charity Group will host an informational meeting about the Navy Seal Foundation at The Amelia Island Club - Long Point. Reception is from 5-7 p.m. and is open to the public. The Navy Seal Foundation provides assistance to the Naval Special Warfare Community and their families. Please RSVP to Joe Murphy, (904) 206-3935 or ludguard.1@gmail.com or Larry Byrd at 753-0457 or mlarrybyrd127@gmail.com.

The Southern Women's Show comes to the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville Oct. 16-19. Enjoy more than 400 exhibitors, from boutiques and jewelers to travel agents and health care professionals, recipes from Fresh from Florida and the Turning Leaf Refresh Wine exhibit.

Hours are Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance online, \$8 in advance at participating Walgreen's, \$6 for ages 6-12 and free for children under 6 (with paying adult). Valet parking will be available for \$10 Friday and Saturday. For group discounts and information, call (800) 849-0248 or visit www.SouthernWomensShow.com.

Friends of Chef Thomas Tolxdorf of The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, are honoring him with the Chef Thomas Food Fair at Intuition Ale Works in the Avondale area of Jacksonville, Oct. 17 from 6-9 p.m.

His recent death by car accident was a great loss for the local community and extended family of restaurateurs. To raise money for his family during the difficult time,



PHOTO BY DAVID BURKHARDT/ ISLAND PHOTOGRAPHY

"Always a Bridesmaid" at Amelia Community Theatre continues at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday and Oct. 16-18 and 23-25 and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 19 at 207 Cedar St. This show asks the questions, "Just how far are you willing to go to keep a promise to a friend? If you've ever elbowed a stranger out of the way to catch a bride's bouquet, seriously questioned the mental stability of the duo getting married, or been forced to wear the world's ugliest bridesmaid dress, this comedy is for you." Above, from left, are cast members Celeste Amos, Wendy Gilvey, Elizabeth Sawyer, Linda Janca, Karen Harper and Cynthia Riegler. Call 261-6749 or visit ameliacommunitytheatre.org for tickets.

area restaurants will hold a food fair in front of the brewery. Tickets are \$60, with kids under 12 admitted free. A silent auction will include prizes from places such as The Ritz-Carlton hotels of Amelia Island, Jacksonville, Orlando and Atlanta; the Omni; White Oak; many nice restaurants and original artwork.

To donate silent auction items or for information, call (904) 556-4853 or email beach01@bellsouth.net. For tickets, go to www.eventbrite.com/e/friends-of-chef-thomas-food-fair-at-intuition-tickets-12634150083. For information, go to www.facebook.com/events/808762875843060.

Jacksonville's 41st annual Depression and Antique Glass Show welcomes guest George W. Fenton, celebrating a "Fenton Family Tradition of Glass Making since 1905." Enjoy free seminars by Fenton on Saturday and Sunday at 1:15 p.m. The show is Oct. 18 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Oct. 19 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Police Building, 5530 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. Glass dealers from across the U.S. will display glass from the 40's, 50's and 60's. Free parking. Food court. Admission is \$5 at the door. For information call (904) 655-8445 or visit www.depression-glassclubjax.com.

"Pony Up and Party," a fundraiser for the Fernandina Beach library, is Oct. 25 at the 38-acre Littleberry Farm just west of Amelia Island. The party will showcase the skills of some of the 20 horses in residence. Gates open at 4:45 p.m. and festivities start at 5 p.m. A homemade barbecue buffet will be served in the screened breezeway. There will be indoor and covered seating and hay bales for relaxing around the show ring. Enjoy music by the O.C. Band, dancing, games, cash bar, S'mores and desserts by the bonfire, and a live and silent auction with fine art, dining and entertainment and weekend getaways. Visit fernandinaFOL.org for details.

Proceeds will support Friends of the Library's capital campaign. Tickets are \$75 and available at fernandinaFOL.org or at the library, 25 N. Fourth St., or call 321-6529.

The Salvation Army of Northeast Florida will host its first annual Red Shield Ball Oct. 25 at the University Club in downtown Jacksonville to benefit families at the Red Shield Lodge homeless shelter at 900 West Adams St. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with a preview of the silent auction followed by dinner, live auction and dancing to the Faze band.

To purchase tickets, or to donate to The Salvation Army, call (904) 301-4855, mail your gifts to P.O. Box 52508, Jacksonville, FL 32201, or donate at www.salvation-armyneff.org.

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 per person and a limited number of tables for 8 are available at \$1,000. The dinner will feature five

courses with each selection prepared and designed exclusively by one of five area chefs. Each course is paired with fine wines. During the silent auction 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 and tickets, visit www.katierideforlife.org.

Paul Leonard, philanthropic author, motivational speaker and a former CEO of Habitat for Humanity, will give a motivational talk with readings from his new book, *When the Spirit Moves*, on Oct. 26 from 4-6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach. A Q&A and light refreshments will follow the talk.

Leonard will donate a portion of the proceeds from each book sold to benefit The Salvation Army Hope House. The event is free and open to the public. Leonard will have a talk and book signing at The Book Loft, 214 Centre St., from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 25. Call the store at 261-8991.

When the Spirit Moves is a book of poems, essays and vignettes about the yearnings, appreciation and frustrations of human existence.

The Nassau County Community Development Corporation (NCCDC) will host its annual Peck and Community event at 6 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center in Fernandina Beach.

This year's event is a formal/coat and tie dinner and dance gala called "An Affair to Remember." Proceeds from the banquet will benefit the NCCDC scholarship fund and other organization sponsored programs.

The donation is \$40. For information or reservations, call 261-4113 or 261-4396.

The fourth annual Navy Seal Foundation Buffet Dinner and silent auction will be held at The Amelia Island Club Nov. 8. Dinner tickets are \$75. This event is open to the public. The dinner and silent auction begin at 5 p.m. Proceeds support the Navy SEAL Foundation, which provides support to the Navy Special Warfare community and their families. Dinner tickets and silent auction donation information are available from Larry Byrd, at mlarrybird127@gmail.com. Dinner registration is available at www.ameliainlandnavyseal-foundation.org.

Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA's seventh annual "Rescue Me" fundraiser will be held Nov. 8 from 5-8 p.m. at The Surf Restaurant and Bar, 3199 S. Fletcher Ave. in Fernandina Beach. Enjoy a buffet dinner, cash bar, silent auction, door prizes and music by Ronnie Stoots. Tickets are \$25 and available at the Thrift Store at Cats Angels, 709 S. Eighth St., Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. or online through www.catsangels.com. You can be a Cats Angels VIP for \$75, which includes your ticket and a gift bag containing a commemorative T-shirt, Betsy Johnson jewelry, gift certificate and more.

THEATER

Rendezvous Festival is accepting film submissions for its debut International Film and Music Festival June 5-13, 2015 on Amelia Island and American Beach. Submissions are accepted in the following categories: U.S. Shorts, U.S. Features, U.S. Documentaries, International Shorts, International Features, Animation Shorts and New Category Music Videos. For rules, regulations, submission dates and fees visit www.rendezvousfestival.com.

Amelia Community Theatre will have auditions for the Tony Award-winning musical "Grease" at 3 p.m. Oct. 12 at 207 Cedar St. Nine men and eight women, ages 18 and over, are needed for the cast. Those auditioning should prepare 32 bars of a song in the musical theater or 1950's style and bring sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. No a cappella or karaoke track auditions please. Visit ameliacommunitytheatre.org or call 261-6749 for information.

Amelia Musical Playhouse, 1955 Island Walkway in Fernandina Beach, will hold auditions for "Les Miserables," one of Broadway's best musicals, on Oct. 13 and 14 at 6 p.m. Children auditions will begin at 5:30 p.m. Performance dates are Feb. 26-March 14. Actors should prepare one minute of a song from "Les Mis" or any other show. All ages are welcome to audition. The parts of Gavroche, Young Cosette and young Eponine (no solo) will be double cast.

In addition, volunteers are needed for sound stage manager, props and producer. If you can't make these dates contact Mary Williams or Jill Dillingham or email info@ameliamusicalplayhouse.com for an appointment. Visit www.ameliamusicalplayhouse.com. Call 277-3455.

St. Marys Children's Theatre launches its inaugural season with "Peter Pan" Oct. 19 at 7 p.m., Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 10 and younger and available at Once Upon a Bookseller in downtown St. Marys, Ga., On the Green Salon and Day Spa at the entrance to Osprey Cove, Lisa Allen's Dance Works on Colerain and the Friese Studio of Music near Shadowlawn. For information or to reserve "will call" tickets, call (912) 576-6801.

St. Marys Little Theatre is seeking actors, singers, tech crew and other volunteers to help produce "A Christmas Carol." Come to Theatre by the Trax, 1000 Osborne Road in St. Marys, Ga., on Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon to meet the team (and audition if acting or singing). Roles include more than 40 characters for men, women, teens and kids of all ages. Performances are Dec. 12-14.

Rehearsals are Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. For information contact Barbara Ryan at (912) 729-1103 or barbara@stmarysmagazine.com.

MUSIC NOTES

Courtyard

Robert H. Sanders, singer-songwriter-guitarist and Fernandina Beach native, will perform tonight from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at The Courtyard at 316 Centre St. His music offers a variety of genres from Americana to jazz-styled ballads played in his unique finger style. Hear his music at www.roberth-sandersmusic.com.

Bluegrass jam

Bluegrass jams are resuming at The Barn in Yulee, 850918 US 17, one block north of A1A at the corner of Pages Dairy Road. Upcoming jam dates are Oct. 13 and 27 from 6:30-9 p.m. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served or bring your own. For information call 477-7268.

Eagles salute

Check into Hotel California – the foremost Eagles tribute concert – and you won't want to leave. Enjoy all the Eagles hits – including "Take it to the Limit," "Heartache Tonight" and "Desperado" – in a performance faithful to the legendary recordings, Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$35-65. Call (904) 354-5547 or visit JaxSymphony.org for information. Presented by the Jacksonville Symphony Association, the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra is not performing at this event.

Concert chorale

Join the FSCJ Men's, Women's and Concert Chorale for the fall performance titled Timeless, on Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts, 11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. Under the direction of Dr. Timothy Workman, students showcase their versatility and impressive range of repertoire and style with songs such as Danny Boy, Time After Time and Loch Lomond. The concert is free and open to the public. No reservations required.

Choral festival

UNF presents the Intercollegiate Festival of Jacksonville at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Robinson Theater. Enjoy the Osprey Choral Ensembles, host choirs from Edward Waters College, Florida State College at Jacksonville and Jacksonville University. Admission is free. For information call (904) 620-2961 or visit www.unf.edu/coas/music.

Denver tribute

Meals on Wheels for Pets Nassau, Inc. (MOW4Pets) will hold its annual fundraising musical performance, featuring Tom Becker, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 Atlantic Ave., on Friday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and available at Nassau Humane Society's Second Chance Store on South 14th Street, online at www.mow4petsnassau.com or by calling (352) 284-6106.

With the sound and grace of the late John Denver, Becker plays with a talented band and performs more than 60 minutes of famous musical hits. Becker is a former member of the legendary folk group, The New Christy Minstrels. He is a successful songwriter and has appeared with music legends like Willie Nelson, Ray Charles and Jerry Lee Lewis.

Christmas concert

The Island Chamber Singers will usher in the holiday season with Rutter's "Magnificat" and Christmas carols in their performance of "All About Christmas" on Nov. 21 and 23 at the Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road, on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. An opening night reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Friday's performance.

Tickets are \$15 for adults in advance, at www.islandchambersingers.org. For information call 225-0575 on weekdays.

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RELIGION

Let's teach our children about the Jesus who desires a personal relationship with them, the Jesus who has a great plan for their life and the Jesus who taught that there are consequences to poor choices.

Get out of jail free

In the board game Monopoly, if you end up in jail there is card that can get you out without costing you anything. The card is appropriately named, Get out of jail free. Many teenagers today have never played Monopoly, but they use a version of this card in their everyday life. I call this card "I go to church."

When I talk with young people, God will frequently create an opening for me to share my faith. Most of the time, the teenagers will politely listen. When the time comes for them to share their thoughts, they frequently respond with, "I go to church." They use these four words to explain their faith. I usually respond with a confused look on my face and say, "I don't know what that means." They will look at me strangely and make an attempt to clarify by saying, "Sometimes we go to church on Wednesday and Sunday!"

After more conversation, it becomes clear that the phrase "I go to church" is being used as their Get out of jail free card. For many teenagers this means that they can basically do whatever they desire during the week as long as they attend church. In their mind, their poor choices are acceptable as long as they visit a building.

In the movie "Scent of a Woman," there was a famous speech in one of the ending scenes. The man who made this speech was speaking to the students, school board and teachers at a preparatory school. He was greatly concerned with the message the school's leaders were teaching the youth. In one line, he stated, "Makers of men; creators of leaders; be careful what kind of leaders you're producing here."

What kind of leaders are we producing in our homes and churches? If we are not teaching our children about the Jesus from God's Word who desires a close, personal relationship with them, then who are we teaching them about? If we are not teaching them that Jesus gives them specific gifts and talents to use for God, then what are we teaching them about? If we are not teaching them that there are consequences to poor choices, then what are we teaching them?

God's Word states in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." It is clear just how important it is to teach our children about the Jesus from God's Word. It is a great responsibility and should not be relied on for others to teach. I have, unfortunately, learned most of my lessons the hard way. This has brought me much pain and frustration. I understand that my children will learn some lessons this way, but I am going to do my best to teach them a better way, the Jesus way.

As Christians, we know that Jesus died for our sins and thus, He is the only way to truly get out of jail. As great as this knowledge is, let's not stop there. Let's teach our children about the Jesus who desires a personal relationship with them, the Jesus who has a great plan for their life and the Jesus who taught that there are consequences to poor choices. If we can do this, we will see the amazing results in our homes, in our schools and in our community. Many of the youth will stop saying, "I go to church," and will start saying, "I live for Jesus."

There is no confusion in those four words. Rick is the author of *Stay His Course: 25 Stories to Strengthen Your Faith*. RickCastellani@yahoo.com



VICTORY CORNER

Rick Castellani

Warm clothes needed

As nighttime temperatures decrease, the need for socks and blankets for the homeless and those living with inadequate heating increases. If you can spare any socks, old blankets, jackets and any kind of men's clothing, the Salvation Army Hope House knows people who need them. Additionally, they also need non-perishable food and household supplies. Most needed are: 1) Peanut butter, jelly & crackers 2) Canned fruit 3) Spaghetti sauce 4) Boxed stuffing & instant mashed potatoes 5) Dried & baked or other canned beans 6) Dishwashing liquid. Please bring your donations to the Salvation Army Hope House at 410 S. Ninth St., at the corner of Ninth and Date.

Pumpkin patch

Come out to the Pumpkin Patch! The Pumpkin Patch, sponsored by the partnership of three United Methodist Churches: Franklinton, Memorial and Trinity of Fernandina Beach, is a fundraiser, with proceeds going towards each church's missionary programs. Churches, schools, daycare centers and youth organizations may bring their children to take pictures and hear pumpkin storytelling.

The patch is open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday through Oct. 25, at the corner of Eighth and Ash streets, at Trinity UMC. There are pumpkins of all sizes and colors. Look for the signs. For information contact Pastor Tiffany McCall at 277-2726 or find them on Facebook at Franklinton UMC.

Free concert

Singer, storyteller, and folk-theologian Ed Kilbourne will perform at Memorial United Methodist Church, Sunday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This popular artist is



Kilbourne

known for his collections of moving music, quirky humor and insightful monologues. Ed combines his acoustic guitar and singing with a storytelling style often compared to that of Garrison Keillor, the radio humorist from "Lake Wobegon." The concert is free and an offering will be taken for the "Share-a-Meal" fund that helps to provide warm meals to anyone who needs one in our community. Nursery available for pre-K and younger. Call 261-5769 for more information.

Tuesday worship

Join the Salvation Army Hope House for worship on

RELIGION NOTES



SUBMITTED

Founder's Day Service

Covenant Community Church, 528 S. Eighth St. in Fernandina Beach, will present its Founder's Day Service, "Imparting Generational Blessings," at 5 p.m. Sunday. Pastor Grace Pinkney, host, invites the community to worship as the church honors the apostolic leaders and founders Apostle Alvin and Dr. Ludine Pinkney, above. Apostle Bobby Orange of Jacksonville is guest speaker for the service. Orange serves as senior advisor and senior pastor at Christ Kingdom People Ministry International.

Oct. 14 at noon. Time together reading and unpacking the Word of God is not only profound but also fun. Don't miss this opportunity to worship, study and fellowship with other believers as they resume their journey through the Gospel of John, picking up in Chapter 13. The house is located at 410 S. Ninth St.

Free dinner

Springhill Baptist Church will serve meals for individuals and families in need in the area on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the church, 941017 Old Nassauville Road. Meals are served on the fourth Thursday of each month. The church also delivers meal. For information call 261-4741.

Hat Tea

The Deaconess Auxiliary of First Baptist Church of Yulee, the Rev. William Goode Jr., pastor, will sponsor their second annual Hat Tea at 2 p.m. Oct. 18. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this beautiful occasion. For more information contact Sis. Nancy Johnson at 225-5570 or Sis. Laur Rhodes at 225-5226.

Friends and Family Day

First Baptist Church of Yulee, where the Rev. William Goode Jr. is pastor, will celebrate its annual Friends and Family Day at 11 a.m. Oct. 19. The speaker will be the Rev. Ray Jones, pastor of Unity Christian Baptist Church of Jacksonville. All former mem-

bers, choir members, youth choir members, youth directors, musicians and pastors are invited to come and worship in this service. The public is invited. For information call (904) 849-7164.

Parenting teens

Parenting teenagers is harder than ever for most parents today. Discovering you are not alone in the challenges you face and picking up ideas from other parents can make a huge difference.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will offer the Parenting Teenagers Course by ALPHA-USA for five weeks, Oct. 21-Nov. 19. Joanne and Dan Roach will facilitate the course from 6-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. The cost is \$75 for individuals or \$150 per couple, which includes all materials and five dinners with entrees prepared by Lulu's. To sign up or ask questions, call Gaye Pappas at 261-4293 in the church office.

Fall Festival

Springhill Baptist Church will host its annual Fall Festival on Friday, Oct. 24 from 6-8:30 p.m. Bring the entire family and enjoy an evening of food, games, prizes and activities for the entire family. All the games are free and hamburgers, hot-dogs, and drinks will be offered at low prices. Everyone is asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the church food pantry as admittance to the event. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Springhill Baptist Church is located at 941017

Old Nassauville Road, Fernandina Beach. Call 261-4741 for information.

Breast cancer awareness

First Baptist Church of Yulee presents Symbols of Hope at 2 p.m. Oct. 25 in the FBC Fellowship Hall. Hope to find a cure for breast cancer. Contact Sis. Vanessa Henry at (904) 402-9991.

Fall festival

Community Baptist Church at 85326 Winona Bayview Road in Yulee will host a free Fall Festival from 5-8 p.m. on Oct. 25. Enjoy free food including hot dogs, drinks, chips and candy, free games, prizes and free hayrides. Raffle tickets will be on sale for new homemade afghans, quilts, etc. The Country Store has new and used and handcrafted items at the cheapest prices around. Come join the fun! Everyone is welcome. Phone 225-0809.

Community festival

Memorial United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church invite the public to the 10th Annual Community Fall Festival, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on North Sixth Street downtown. Kids are welcome to wear cheerful costumes and enjoy "trick or treats," games, bouncy houses, a petting zoo, crafts, free lunch, face painting and more. Come enjoy the fall weather and the holiday with the family at this free event. Visit mumonline.com or call 261-5769 to learn more.

College workshop

Impact Your World Church Inc. of Yulee will present a "Youth College and Scholarship Workshop" from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Oct. 25. The free workshop will convene inside the educational annex of O'Neal Memorial Baptist Church, 474257 East SR 200.

This interactive, hands-on workshop will allow students, grades eight through 12, and their parents to gain practical experience searching the web to strategically target and identify potential educational funding sources and to become familiar with college entrance requirements at public and private institutions across the nation. Attendees are encouraged to bring your Internet-capable electronic devices. A few computer stations will be available. Space is limited. Register in advance by calling 261-9072.

Holiday Bazaar

The Council of Catholic Women at St. Michael's Catholic Church will hold a Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 22 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the St. Michael's Academy School on Fourth Street, downtown Fernandina Beach.

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Revenge and Pies: Sweeney Todd at AMP

BENJAMIN BARKER
For the News Leader

Murder. Revenge. Culinary skills. It's a love story!

Amelia Musical Playhouse presents Stephen Sondheim's musical "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street." The show won eight Tony Awards in 1979, including Best Musical.

It is a melodrama with a musical focus and a story about a barber who murders his customers. It is based on a cheaply produced "penny dreadful" story from 19th century London. It would probably earn a "PG" rating for one inappropriate word. The violence is suggested rather than portrayed. This will be the first full-scale musical of AMP's second season, with 11 performances at the newly renovated Island Walkway Playhouse.

Fernandina native and AMP regular, Chad Miller, plays the title role, while Mary Williams, well known local singer and actress, plays meat pie proprietress Mrs. Lovett. Jill Dillingham directs a cast of 21 local actors and singers, ranging in age from 8 to 60-something. They are accompanied by a six-piece pit orchestra. AMP is very proud of its established tradition of live music at all its musicals.

The musical's tale focuses on Benjamin Barker, wrongly sent to an overseas penal colony so a corrupt judge could seduce his wife and



PHOTO BY BILL RASER/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

The cast and crew of Sweeney Todd at Amelia Musical Playhouse.

raise his daughter. After 15 years he escapes, changes his name to Sweeney Todd, and returns home to plan his revenge. He joins forces with Mrs. Lovett, a pie shop proprietress with her own evil nature and a long smothering love for the barber. Their collaboration results in her meat pies becoming a culinary sensation.

Such a huge story required a huge set, always a challenge for AMP's little stage. Set designer Gregg Dillingham, with Jimmy Kalista and the rest of the OH YEAH construction crew, has created a little corner of Victorian London in the playhouse. Tommy Thompson has constructed an original version of Sweeney's chair, and Jose Garcia painted a perfect London street scene.

The cast, crews and orchestra have had a great time bringing this musical to life. It has been called the most difficult music in the genre, primarily because of its frequent changes in key and time signatures. This is what keeps in engaging!

Says Chad Miller, "The music is well written, and in our version the scenery and costumes are pretty amazing. But my favorite part of the show is that my feelings towards the characters are constantly changing. I can't decide who are the 'good' characters and who are the villains. The whole premise is delightfully dark and filled with just the right amount of twisted morbid humor so that laughing feels like a guilty pleasure."

Despite (or possibly

because of) the difficulty of the music, AMP has had the most fun preparing it. Said company member Karen Hourigan, "What surprised me most about Sweeney Todd was how much humor is in the lyrics. Everything about this show is over-the-top fantastic."

Also involved as production staff are assistant director Rachel Tyler, props mistress Ismerie Maurer and rehearsal pianist Marina Moffet. Regular pianist, Ronnie Luallen, is running lights for the show.

Sweeney Todd runs every weekend through Nov. 1. Tickets are available online at www.ameliamusicalplayhouse.com, at the box office from 9-11 a.m. and 5-10 p.m., or call 277-3455. AMP is located at 1955 Island Walkway.

TOUR *Continued from 1B*

Home Tour are on sale now from the Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach (261-7378, ext. 105); online at www.ameliatour.com; or at the following island locations: Amelia Island Visitors Center, the Plantation Shop, and Peterbrooke

Chocolatier.

Cost is \$25 prior to Dec. 5, and \$30 on days of the tour. Group rates are available for parties of 10 or more; call the museum at 261-7378, ext. 105. In addition to the home tour, you are invited to Breakfast & Blooms at Cafe Karibo, 27 N. Third St. Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. sharp, so plan to arrive by 8:45 a.m.

Enjoy a fun and unique culinary experience in a charming historic building while Brooke Raulerson of Artistic Florist creates holiday wreaths that some lucky diners will win.

Tickets are available from the Amelia Island Museum of History and online at www.ameliatour.com for \$25. Seating is limited.

ART *Continued from 1B*

tance, her works impose a singular statement of color, composition and tone; viewed closely, they suggest a complex narrative that is multi-hued and textured.

The gallery is located at 205 1/2 Centre St. Regular hours are Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 556-1119 or 491-7733. Visit www.bluedoorartists.com.

Island Art

The Island Art Association announces a new Nouveau Art Show, themed "Entrances & Exits." This is a judged show and the public is invited to the reception on Oct. 11 from 5-7 p.m. Awards will be presented at that time. This show will be at the gallery, 18 N. Second St., Fernandina, until the end of November.

Also, the Featured Artist of the Month is Sharon Haffey, showing a collection of photographs on metal. An opening reception will be held Oct. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. Haffey is best known for her colorful landscape paintings and her display, "A Day in the Life," is a departure from her exhibits normally seen in the gallery. According to Haffey, "The camera lens allows me to focus on and preserve precise moments in time, the memories of which some may eventually find their way onto canvases."

Other captured moments, such as those depicted through photographs in this month's show, "A Day in the Life of..." need no transformative medium. They speak most clearly for themselves and are intended to be viewed as a collective work rather than individual pieces, focusing on ordinary people and their

many different experiences and emotions."

The Island Art Association is located at 18 N. Second St. in downtown Fernandina Beach. Visit www.islandart.org.

SanJon Gallery

Amelia SanJon Gallery is featuring newly acquired paintings from longtime friend and exhibitor Durinda Cheek, who is from Ringgold, Ga. Durinda is a well-known artist and teacher in the Chattanooga area just across the Tennessee state line. She is a professional painter who specializes in paintings in oil and watercolor done from plein air studies (on-site paintings) and/or photographs.

Amelia SanJon Gallery is on the corner of Third and Ash streets in downtown Fernandina Beach. Call 491-8040.

ART WORKS

Y'Art Sale

On Saturday, Oct. 11, artists from the Island Art Association will clean out their studios and sell their unused supplies at a Y'Art Sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the IAA Art Education Center, 18 N. Second St.

The Island Art Association is a nonprofit cooperative of artists organized for the education and enjoyment of citizens and visitors of Nassau County. The event is free to attend and should be a great opportunity to pick up art-related items at bargain prices. Visit www.islandart.org.

Arts market

The Fernandina Beach Arts Market returns Oct. 11 with everything from Halloween-themed items, dog accessories, handmade furniture, pottery, fused glass works, fine jewelry, whimsical art, scarves, wooden bowls, candle holders made from oyster shells, giant concrete leaves for your garden and more.

The Homeschool Hotshots, a shooting sports club for home schooled students through the 4H program, will sell crafts to support their program.

The Arts Market is located just west of Eighth Street, between Alachua and Centre streets, adjacent to the farmers market. Hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome.

Visit www.FernandinaBeachArtsMarket.com, find them on Facebook, or call 557-8229.

Quilt guild

The Amelia Island Quilt Guild features "The Magnificence of Stitchery" on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. President



Kiger

Leslie Kiger will show her quilting and discuss traditional bed quilts, paper piecing and wall hangings.

Kiger won first place in the large quilt division at the Jacksonville Quiltfest in September; "Best of Show" at the Gulf States Quilting Association in March; and "Honorable Mention" at the Smoky Mountain Quiltfest May. Two of her quilts are included in *500 Traditional Quilts* by Karey Patterson Bresenhan, published in September, and one in the 2014 Quilt Art Engagement Calendar by Klaudene Hansen. The Tuesday meet-

ing will be held at the Woman's Club, 201 Jean LaFitte Ave., Fernandina Beach. Guests are welcome. For information visit www.aiquilters.com.

Oil painting class

A class in Oil Painting with Palette Knife by Eileen Corse will be presented at the Plantation Artists' Guild & Gallery on Monday, Oct. 20 from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$115 for the day. An artist may also work in acrylics as well as oils in this class.

Eileen is a nationally known artist who lives in Jacksonville where she owns The Corse Gallery and teaches in her own studio and workshop. Her paintings are found nationally in many galleries and private collections. Inquiries regarding the class may be directed to the Plantation Artists' Guild & Gallery phone or leave a message on voice mail at (904) 432-1750. Space is limited.

Children's art

The Island Art Association, 18 N. Second St., Fernandina Beach, will host Children's Art on Oct. 25. Session I for ages 6-9 is from 10-11 a.m.; Session II for ages 6-9 is 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Session III for ages 10-13 is 1-2:15 p.m.

You must register for each session individually at the gallery sales desk or call 261-7020. These classes are limited in size, all materials furnished and free.

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 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 or 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.

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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Les DeMerle, founder and artistic director of the Amelia Island Jazz Festival, mentors students at Yulee Middle School.

JAZZ *Continued from 1B*

ages available from Sonny's BBQ."

Thursday, Oct. 16, the AIJF will continue with its popular Latin Jazz Concert and Dance, featuring the exciting rhythms of El Niño and the Latin Jazz Knights, plus a wine tasting, from 7-10 p.m. at Sandy Bottoms.

Critically acclaimed monster jazz organ player Tony Monaco and trumpeter/composer Randy Brecker, a multiple Grammy Awards winner, are set to headline the festival on Oct. 17 and 18 respectively at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort Jazz Village and Pavilion in Racquet Park beginning at 7 p.m. nightly.

Both are enthusiastic about appearing on Amelia Island for the first time.

"I can't wait to play in Fernandina Beach," said Monaco. "This will be so exciting, especially with jazz luminaries like Randy Brecker and Les DeMerle. Man,

it is going to be one special weekend of great swingin' music, and I'm going to pull out all the stops and wail."

"I heard from my dear friend David Sanborn that this festival is the real deal because the focus is jazz, and the setting on Amelia Island is beautiful," said Brecker from his home in Manhattan. "I have also known Les DeMerle for over 30 years! We played together in his groundbreaking New York band, Sound 67, and I know the fireworks are going to fly. The weekend will be incredible, and I also look forward to performing a tribute during our set to my late brother Michael which will be dedicated to the Brecker Brothers Band."

Prior to the headliner shows on Oct. 17 and 18, the festival will present this year's AIJF Scholarship winner, saxophonist Luke Stribling, and the Next Generation Jazz Band on the outdoor stage at the Omni beginning at 6 p.m. The Dynamic Les

DeMerle Band, with dazzling vocalist Eisele and hot young saxophonist Hunter Diamond, will warm up each headliner show with high-energy sets. Accomplished and sultry singer Jilla Webb Jr. will host the traditionally fun late night Jazz Jams, featuring the AIJF's 2014 musicians, in the Omni's Heron Room at the Racquet Park following the headliner sets on Oct. 17 and 18.

The festival will end on a swinging note Sunday, Oct. 19, with a Dixie To Swing Jazz Brunch, featuring drummer DeMerle's Amelia Island Jazz Festival All-Stars, which includes Eisele, the highly talented Dr. Bill Prince, trumpet, sax, clarinet and flute, plus stalwarts Mike Levine on piano, and Dennis Marks, bass, at David's Restaurant. There will be two seatings at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Visit www.ameliailandjazzfestival.com or contact (904) 504-4772. Email info@ameliailandjazzfestival.com.

MUSIC *Continued from 1B*

PELLING American violinist of her generation." *All Music Guide*

• Anne Akiko Meyers, Jan. 31

One of today's most sought-after violinists, Anne Akiko Meyers is celebrated around the world for her soaring artistry and ability to connect with audiences from the concert stage. She regularly performs in recital and as guest soloist with many of the world's top orchestras and is a best-selling recording artist with 30 albums. "Anne Akiko Meyers is the coolest thing to happen

to the violin since Stradivari." *Denver Post*

• Kruger Brothers Band, Feb. 24

Through their numerous CDs, radio and television performances, and collaborative efforts, the Kruger Brothers provide a unique voice in the world of folk, Americana and classical music. A hallmark of the trio's work is the banjo playing and composition of Jens Kruger, universally considered one of the world's greatest banjoists. "The Krugers are nothing short of magnificent." *Bluegrass Journal*

• Joshua Bell, March 1
Joshua Bell is one of the

most celebrated violinists of his era.

He is equally at home as a soloist, chamber musician, recording artist and orchestra leader. His restless curiosity, passion, and multi-faceted musical interests have earned him the rare title of "classical music superstar."

Recently named Music Director of the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, Bell is the first person to hold this post since Sir Neville Marriner formed the orchestra in 1958. "Joshua Bell is the greatest American violinist active today." *The Boston Herald. The Strat* comments, "Joshua Bell will be the one

remembered in 50 years' time."

• Dover String Quartet, May 23

The Dover Quartet catapulted to international stardom following a stunning sweep of the 2013 Banff International String Quartet Competition. The Dover is now one of the most in-demand ensembles in the world. *The New Yorker* recently dubbed them "the young American string quartet of the moment," and *The Strat* raved that the Quartet is "already pulling away from their peers with their exceptional interpretive maturity, tonal refinement and taut

ensemble."

• Eroica Trio, May 31

One of the most in-demand trios in the world, the Grammy-nominated Eroica Trio thrills audiences with flawless technical virtuosity, irresistible enthusiasm and sensual elegance. Whether playing the great standards of the piano trio repertoire or daring contemporary works, the three young women who make up this celebrated ensemble electrify the concert stage with their passionate performances. "There is an edge of the seat intensity to every note they produce." *New York Times*

Special Discounts

Patrons who buy tickets to six concerts of their choice will receive a 20 percent discount. By presenting a valid confirmation number from any lodging establishment on Amelia Island, visitors will receive a 50 percent discount on all ticket purchases. None of these discounts can be combined. Student tickets for all concerts are available 30 minutes prior to the performance for \$10 with a valid student ID and proof of age under 25.

For complete information about the performances and schedule visit www.aicmf.com.

AROUND SCHOOL

CLASS NOTES

Conservation for kids

Educating the next generation of conservationists is a crucial part of White Oak's mission to provide conservation options for species that need them most. As part of its new education program, White Oak is connecting with local schools in order to engage more young people in lifelong behaviors that are both conservative and sustainable, benefiting wildlife and humans.

Would you like to engage your students with White Oak? Contact them at education@white-oak.org to learn how you can become a White Oak education partner.

College fair

The Jacksonville National College Fair is Oct. 11 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, 1000 Water St., Jacksonville. Meet more than 150 college and university representatives from across the nation and attend workshops to help prepare for college.

Florida State College at Jacksonville admissions representatives will answer questions on study options, admissions, enrollment and more. For more information about the workshops and fair, students and parents may visit jaxcollegefair.org or contact any local high school guidance office.

Students can register in advance at www.gotomyncl.com and print a bar coded confirmation to be used on-site as an electronic ID. Pre-registration is not required. Admission and parking are free. A pre-fair session, How to Maximize Your Visit, will be held at 11 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Music class

Amelia Community Theatre will hold a musical master class for ages 8-17 on Oct. 13 from 6-8 p.m. at 207 Cedar St. Kristin Sakamoto, who directed ACT's past two Broadway musical theater summer camps, is the instructor. There is no advance registration; an optional \$5 donation is suggested for participants. For information, email actheatre@att.net or call 261-6749.

SAC meeting

The School Advisory Council of Fernandina Beach High School will have a meeting on Oct. 23 at 3:30 p.m. in the main office conference room. For questions and/or concerns, contact Spencer G. Lodree at 261-5713.

PB&J drive

The Nassau County Volunteer Center and the Girl Scouts of Nassau County are holding their 16th annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive through Oct. 24, in coordination with national "Make a Difference Day."

Drop-off sites include: Nassau County Volunteer Center (1303 Jasmine St., Suite 104A); Emma Love Hardee Elementary; Fernandina Beach Middle School; Yulee Elementary; Yulee Primary; St. Michael Academy; Step-by-Step Child Care of Yulee; Winn-Dixie, Callahan; and Computer MD, Fernandina.

Donations will go to Nassau County Head Start programs, Barnabas Center, Salvation Army Hope House and Council on Aging Nassau. For information call 261-2771 or email at ncvcfb@aol.com. Visit volunteernassau.org and find them on Facebook.

Fall barbecue

The Fernandina Beach Middle School Family Fall BBQ will be held Nov. 7 from 5-7 p.m. in the school cafeteria, catered by Callahan BBQ. Dinner includes: chicken, ribs, coleslaw, baked beans, roll and tea. Drive through service available. The FBMS band, choir, drama and cheerleaders will provide entertainment. Tickets are available in advance at the school office, 491-7938. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Pecklibrary

The Peck Center Library at South 11th and Elm streets is open to the public on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3-5 p.m. Drop by and see all the books available for check-out and for sale for both children and adults. For information call 310-3355 and to leave messages call Mrs. Charles Albert at 261-4113.

Group brings arts alive for students

JANE LINDBERG
For the News-Leader

Arts Alive Nassau, the nonprofit organization that provides free afterschool instruction in the arts in Nassau County, has just started classes for the fall semester. Arts Alive serves children ages 6-10 with current programs at three schools; Callahan Elementary, Emma Love Hardee Elementary and Yulee Elementary.

Callahan Elementary will be performing the original musical, "Snow White," on Friday, Oct. 24 at the school. They are working with The Baillie Players, a theatrical residency company that brings in sets, props, costumes and technical equipment, and directs local school children in a musical theater production.

The company writes its own scripts and orchestrates all the original music. The production at Callahan is an original musical theater production based on the story of Snow White.

This production is sponsored and funded by Arts Alive with grants from the Bosland Family Foundation, the Claud E. Easterly Foundation and CBC National Bank.

Beginning in November, the dulcimer and visual arts classes will resume at Callahan Elementary School.

Yulee Elementary School currently enjoys dulcimer classes with Robyn Nemes, basic drawing skills with local artist Ed Mosher and guitar classes with local blues/jazz guitarist Dan Voll.

In October, plans are under way to start a drum line under the direction of Frank Basile. This is a totally



Arts Alive Nassau students march in the Shrimp Festival parade, left. Below, dulcimer instructor Robyn Nemes, center, teaches children music in the Arts Alive Nassau program.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

new venture and one that should generate quite a bit of interest. We were able to start the guitar program this year with donations of guitars from 12 different people. We ran an article in the *News-Leader* and people came forward to help us out. We are most appreciative of their generosity.

Emma Love Hardee has just started rehearsals for the band program, which is sponsored in part by a grant from Rayonier Foundation. The new director, Stan Barry, comes to us from Jacksonville. He served as a military musician for 25 years and then spent 10 years in the classroom following retirement from the Navy. Stan is excited about the students at Emma Love and what they will accomplish in the next year. Instruction for the students is free though the students must make arrange-

ments for instrument rental.

Arts Alive is blessed with volunteers led by Kathy Johnson who take care of signing the students in and out and set up and break down the rehearsal room. We are in our fourth year with the band and it continues to be one of our most popular efforts.

Arts Alive Nassau thanks the three schools and their principals, Susan Howard, Scott Hodges and Dr. Eric Larsen. We could not do what we do without their encouragement and cooperation.

Arts Alive Nassau exists through funding by the community and local businesses. We have no paid employees and except for a few basic costs, everything that is donated goes back into programming. For additional information look us up our website at www.ArtsAliveNassau.org.



SCHOOL PICTURES

Academy council

St. Michael Academy is proud of all of its students who ran for office for the 2014-15 school year. The students prepared posters and signs and gave speeches to each of the classrooms. Classmates voted on their officers and representatives.

St. Michael Academy student council officers are: **President John Powell; Vice President Ella Schoening; Secretary Jimmy Dedmon; Treasurer Lauren Merritt; Classroom Representatives: Grade 1, Sarah Benjamin; Grade 2A, Lilly Logsdon; Grade 2B, Bella Dillingham; Grade 3, Tessa Washechek; Grade 4, Elizabeth Green; Grade 5, Emily Houston; Grade 6, Livi Warren; Grade 7, Alby Lai; and Grade 8, Louis Llerandi.**

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Arboretum helps kids step out in nature

Obesity has reached epidemic proportions in our country. Childhood diabetes brought on by obesity is increasing at an alarming rate and once contracted, it is likely to continue into adulthood.

It doesn't have to be that way. All you have to do is walk. Studies show that by simply taking 10,000 steps a day, the average person can control their weight and reduce the risk of diabetes by up to 60 percent.

The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens, in partnership with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation and the Healthy Jacksonville Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition, has decided to tackle the problem head-on by making it fun and easy to reach 10,000 steps by stepping out in nature and walking the beautiful trails of the arboretum.

Each of the arboretum's trails has been measured in the number of steps it takes the average adult or child to complete them. Visitors can walk any trail, or combination of trails, and simply add-up the trails walked on the website to determine how many steps they have taken.

In the meantime, they will enjoy the wonders of traversing the 13 ecosystems that make up the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens. Along the way, those with smart phones will be able to scan QR codes for points of interest as well as visit one of the arboretum's cyber yoga stations with poses demonstrated by Olympic gold-medalist, Shannon Miller.

Step Out in Nature is a fun and fitness competition for the Jacksonville area public elementary schools that encourages students to compete against each other to see which students and schools can complete the most steps on the arboretum's trails through March 2015. Students can register to compete and keep track of the trails they walk at www.stepoutinnature.org; the system will automatically calculate the number the steps taken based on the trails walked.

While the competition is limited to public elementary schools, the program is open to any child or adult who wants to participate and take the challenge of seeing how many steps they can take to fitness, just register as an individual on the program's website.

As part of the program, the arboretum is offering the following programs until March:

- **Outdoor Adventure Kids Bootcamp:** Every first and third Saturday at 9:30 a.m. (an outdoor, low-impact, fitness program for elementary aged kids, all levels welcome).
- **A Walk In The Woods:** Every second and fourth Saturday at 8 a.m. (fitness walk, brisk hike, all ages are welcome).
- **Nature Walk with a naturalist/biologist:** Every second and fourth Saturday at 9:30 a.m. (the second Saturday walk will feature family friendly activities and the fourth is aimed for adults and/or older children).

It is the arboretum's hope that the competition will introduce children and their families to the fun and value of exercising outdoors together. Along the way, they will also learn about the natural world that surrounds us. Nourishing an appreciation for the outdoors at an early age is essential to fostering a healthy lifestyle and a lifelong respect for our environment.

The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens is located at 1445 Millcoe Road, Jacksonville. Visit www.jacksonvillearboretum.org.



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Young virtuosos

Second graders Lindsey Bittner and Joseph Danker, two of the newest members of the Faith Christian Academy String Orchestra, are shown here working to master their classical instruments for upcoming performances for Veterans Day and the Christmas holidays. The orchestra meets twice a week after school, and is directed by Marjorie Dutilly.

HOMES

Feed the hungry, visit fair for free

For the News-Leader



At "Feed the Hungry Monday" on Oct. 20 from 5-11 p.m., anyone who brings two non-perishable food items will be admitted for free to the Northeast Florida Fair in Callahan.

All donations benefit the Barnabas Center Food Pantry. Items always in short supply in the pantry are canned tuna and chicken, peanut butter, low sodium canned soups and vegetables, oatmeal and rice. Last year more than 1,450 pounds of food was generously donated by fairgoers.

Over the past 12 months,

Barnabas experienced a 50 percent increase in food provided to more than 14,000 people in Nassau County. To keep pace with the growing need, Barnabas recently expanded its food pantry to provide more fresh and frozen food to people who need it. Last year Barnabas provided 1,666

households with food equating to 143,000 meals to Nassau County residents.

Barnabas Center is a multi-faceted organization that serves as the safety net for Nassau County residents in crisis by providing financial assistance, food assistance, and medical and dental care for low-income residents.

Barnabas was established as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in 1986. Funding from churches, civic groups, charitable foundations, local businesses and private individuals enables Barnabas to carry out its mission: "To provide assistance to individuals and families

in crisis throughout Nassau County".

Through its multiple programs, Barnabas strives toward realizing its vision: "To be the primary nonprofit resource in Nassau County providing assistance to connect individuals and families to services that will help them overcome crisis and achieve self-sufficiency."

Barnabas has offices in Fernandina Beach, Hilliard and Callahan.

For more information about services call 261-7000 or toll free at 888-885-6498. Or visit the Barnabas website at www.BarnabasNassau.org.

HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

Walkin' Nassau

Join Walkin' Nassau for a hike at Crooked River State Park, 6222 Charlie Smith Sr. Hwy., St Marys, Ga., on Oct. 11 at 10 a.m.

The 500-acre Georgia state park is located on the south bank of the Crooked River, seven miles north of St. Marys, Ga., on Georgia Spur 40, or eight miles east of I-95 Exit 3. There is a \$5 parking fee.

The park's nature trail winds through forest and salt marsh, and hikers may see gopher tortoises, fiddler crabs, herons and other birds. A nature center features fish, snakes, turtles and other animals native to coastal Georgia. Visitors may venture to the nearby ruins of a tabby mill, built around 1825 and later used as a starch factory during the Civil War.

Anyone interesting in carpooling should contact Jane Bailey at dnjbailey@mind-spring.com.

Wild Nite

Wild Amelia's October Wild Nite, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Peck Center Auditorium, 516 South 10th St., will focus on energy conservation, specifically the benefits of solar energy. Guest speaker will be Pete Wilking, who designs and installs solar power systems for homes, businesses and government agencies. As president of AIA Solar, he has overseen the installation of solar energy systems that have harvested more than 1.3 gigawatt hours of solar energy. He consults with homeowners, builders and architects on energy efficient construction and energy conservation techniques that reduce pollution and help clean up the environment.

For more information visit wildamelia.com and Wild Amelia on Facebook.

Native plants

Florida Native Plant Society, Ixia Chapter, will meet Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the University of North Florida, University Center, 12000 Alumni Drive, Jacksonville. The program will feature Dr. Charles Covell, curator of moths at the University of Florida's McGuire Center. The meeting is free and open to the public. Visit <http://ixia.fnpschapters.org> or call (904) 388-4392 for additional information.

Plant Clinic

On Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Extension Director/Horticulture Agent Rebecca Jordi will conduct a Plant Clinic at the Yulee Extension office. All county residents are invited to bring plant samples showing problems in their landscapes. Problems will be identified and solutions offered for correction. There is no fee for this service.

For information call 879-1019. Master Gardeners are on phone duty Fridays, at 491-7340.

White Oak tour

Join Amelia Tree Conservancy for a guided wildlife tour of the White Oak Conservation Center for an up-close experience with exotic animals. In addition, visit the Big Game Room Complex and Baryshnikov Dance Studio and enjoy a gourmet luncheon.

The event is Oct. 24 at 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Fee is \$145/person, with a small portion benefiting future ATC tree plantings, preservation and education outreach.

Support the preservation of Amelia Island's maritime canopy and the conservation of threatened and endangered animals. Go to www.ameliatreeconservancy.org for information and to download a sign-up form. For information email ATC at info@ameliatreeconservancy.org. The deadline for the completed form and check has been extended to Oct. 15.

Preservation workshop

The city of Fernandina Beach and the Amelia Island Museum of History will present a Historic Preservation Workshop Oct 25 from 9 a.m.-noon at the museum, 233 S. Third St. Scott Sidler of the Craftsman Blog will discuss topics concerning plaster in historic homes and will give a hands-on demonstration on how to

repair plaster.

Sidler owns Austin Home Restorations, which specializes in renovating and restoring historic homes in Orlando. He is also the creator of The Craftsman Blog and author of Living in the Past: An Owner's Guide to Understanding & Repairing an Old Home. RSVP to kayla@ameliamuseum.org. Questions? Call 261-7378.

Plant clinic

On Oct. 25, County Extension Director/Horticulture Extension Agent Becky Jordi will conduct a Plant Clinic from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Fernandina Mulch and Stone. All county residents are invited to bring plant samples showing problems in their landscapes. Problems will be identified and solutions offered for correction. There is no fee for this service. For information call 879-1019.

Dine in the woods

On Oct. 25 from 4-7 p.m. the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens will host "Wine and Dine in the Woods" with numerous area restaurants providing samples of their signature dishes. Taste from 75 imported and domestic wines in a complimentary wine glass from Southern Wine & Spirits, or New Belgium and Sam Adams beers from Champion Brands, along with other custom-crafted beers. Stroll the trails of the Arboretum while the North Florida Bluegrass Association and an appearance from Jaxson DeVille entertain you.

Visit www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/eventsactivities/ for details and to purchase tickets.

Beekeeping class

Amanda Marek of the UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service, Agriculture & Natural Resources, will host a "Beekeeping for Beginners" workshop Nov. 1 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Extension office, 543350 US 1, Callahan.

Topics include A Bit of Bee Biology; Your Beekeeping Equipment; Getting Started; Managing Your Beehives; Local Botany Buffet for Bees; How-to's of Harvesting Honey; Regulations, Inspections & Africanized Bees; and questions and answers with experts and local vendors. There will be a chance to win a live hive. Tickets are \$20 (cash); the hive is valued at \$285. All proceeds go to the Nassau County Beekeepers Club.

Call 879-1019 to register by Oct. 29. Fee is \$15/person (cash only) to cover food and materials. Lunch is provided.

'Giving Trees' for kids

Wild Amelia and the Amelia Tree Conservancy will present "The Giving Trees," a nature education program for children ages 7-14 on Nov. 1 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Goffinsville Park, 95001 Goffinsville Road in Nassauville.

Enjoy a guided walk by Nassau County forester Dave Holley. Children working towards their Junior Naturalist status will complete an activity in the Junior Naturalist booklet, "The Maritime Forest," available for \$5 at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center, the Book Loft, Books Plus, Fort Clinch Visitor Center, Coastal Trader II or Kayak Amelia. Meet at 10 a.m. at the picnic area for an activity before the walk. Rain date is Nov. 22.

The program is free and limited to 15 children, but adults are encouraged to come along. To register, email Robyn Nemes at robyn-nemes@comcast.net.

Arboretum party

The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens will celebrate its sixth anniversary Nov. 8 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. "The Art of Nature" is a family friendly event that includes live music, storytelling, food, children's crafts, guided nature walks, nature related merchandise and other fun activities. A sculpture exhibit by local artists will weave around the Lake Loop and adjacent trails.

The primary purpose is to give citizens a day of fun. By attracting new visitors, the arboretum will raise awareness of this natural world that seems so far away, but actually is close to home.

Visit www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/eventsactivities/ for details.

ALL ABOUT POLLINATORS



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More than 30 homeowners attended the "Bring on the Pollinators" class conducted by County Extension Director/Horticulture Agent Becky Jordi, top. She explained what pollination is, why it is important to our food supply, the plant biology associated with pollination, and animal pollinators. Jordi, who has a degree in biology and a special interest in insects, also described the top bee pollinators and the plants each favors. A bee-house workshop followed Jordi's presentation, above. Left, homeowner Laura Kellerman, left, was happy to have the winning raffle ticket for a bean can bee house painted by local artist Susan Sellner, who was a surprise guest at the Mason Bee workshop held recently.

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LOST DOG - male Dachshund mix last seen in Chester Rd. area. Name is "Buddy", needs medication. Please call 583-0732 or Dr. Carter 225-2050.

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Boutique Hotel seeks part-time server to assist with order taking and a continuous refreshing of beverages and plate removal throughout shift. Position Fri/Sat/Sun beginning at 7:00AM. Interested applicants can apply at 98 South Fletcher, Fernandina Beach.

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