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## 'It was really just happenstance. I didn't go looking for the guy.'

### Man kills his boss years later

SIÂN PERRY  
News-Leader

It was an old grudge – nearly a decade had passed – but when Allen J. Fourtunia saw his former boss at the Walmart Supercenter in Yulee Tuesday evening, he took the opportunity to mow him down with his car.

But according to several 911 calls Fourtunia made after the attack, he wasn't entirely sure he had killed the right person.

"I want you do me a favor, I'm going to hang up," the 59-year-old retired Florida National Guardsman told a dispatcher in one call.

"Why?" she asked.

"Because I want you to confirm to me that the person that I killed in the Walmart parking lot was Steve Swan. I can't live with myself if I thought I killed somebody that wasn't him. When you find that out, call me back. He should have had a wallet in his pocket that would have identified him. Call me back when you find out," Fourtunia said matter of factly, a little breathlessness betraying the calm in his voice.

"OK, I'll call you back," the dispatcher replied.

The brutal attack – Fourtunia also stomped on Steven Swan's head after hitting him – left bystanders wondering how violence they normally associate with a big city had come to Yulee.

"This isn't Jacksonville, this is Yulee," said one man, echoing the sentiments of dozens of others stuck in the parking lot in the drizzling rain as police closed access to the surrounding neighborhoods of Amelia Lakes, the Cottages at Stoney Creek and Beachway at Nassau Lakes, where Fourtunia lived, holed up and died after the attack.

He called 911 from his home, saying he wanted to tell his story "because I'm a dead man anyway."

And talk he did, to the dispatcher.

In the rambling call – more than 17 minutes long – Fourtunia grew increasingly angry and suicidal and at one point shot out his window at a pickup truck in his backyard he thought was providing cover for police officers. He also threatened to kill police if they did not back off.

When the dispatcher asked that he not shoot at officers, it would not help resolve the situation, Fourtunia grew angry. "They're not resolving sh— because in order to hear my story I'm going to lose all my pension and go to jail for life so you might as well consider me suicidal," he said.

"I'm listening, just keep talking," the dispatcher replied.

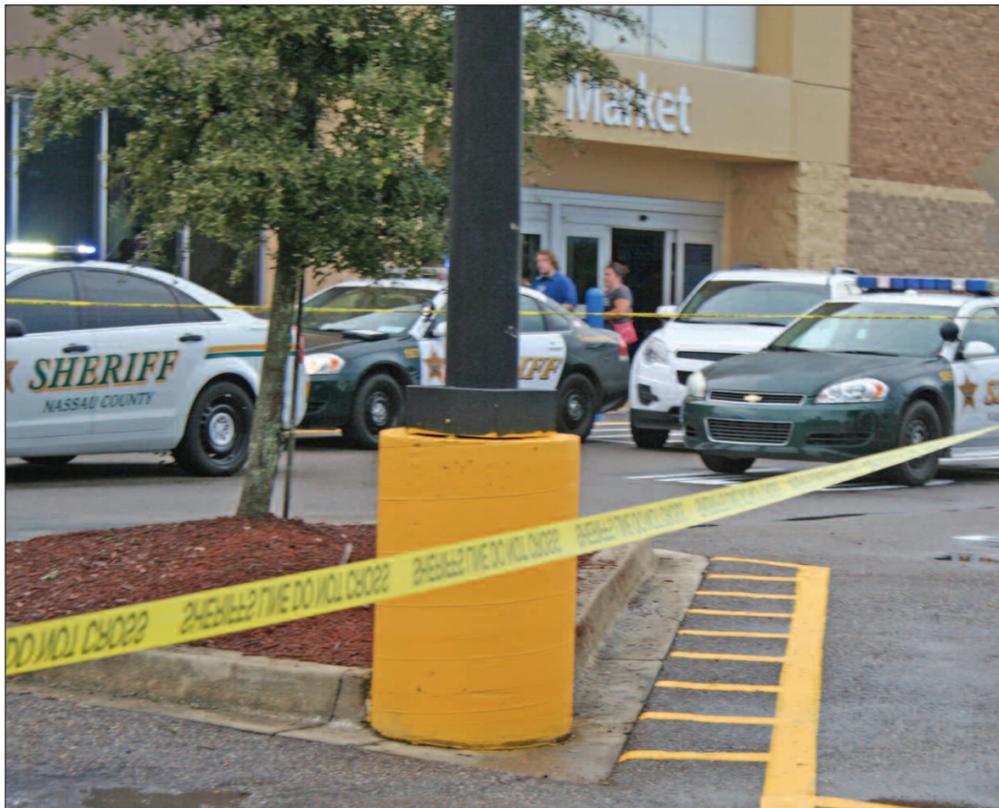
Fourtunia said the U.S. government had brought him to this point, that it had "backed him into a corner."

According to the call, Fourtunia said he had been laid off from Kings Bay in 2005 as a threat under the Patriot Act and put on unpaid leave, and he blamed Swan for "targeting him."

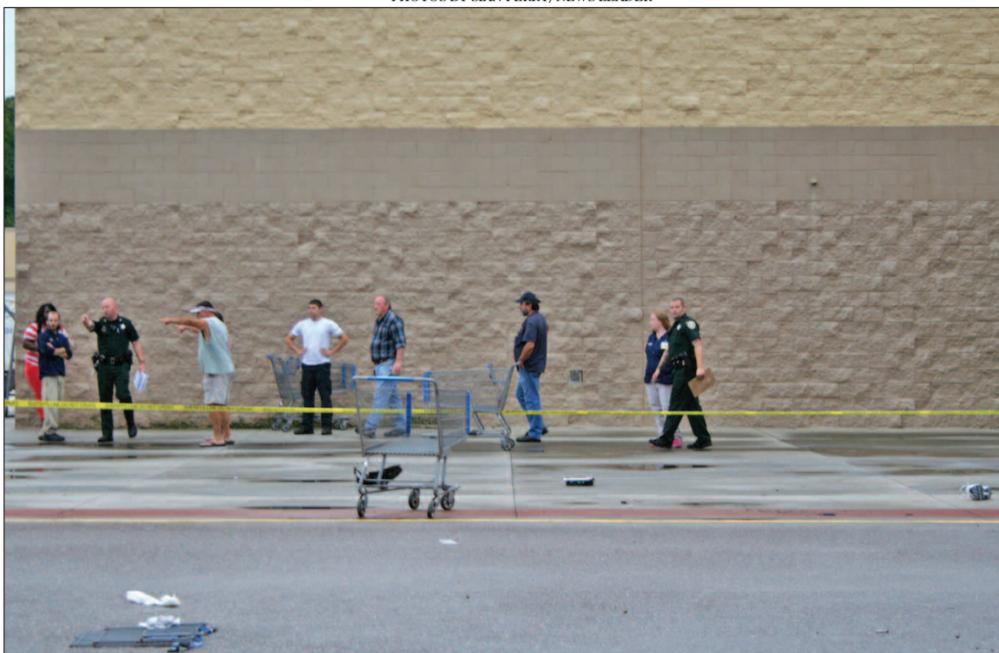
"Some people said I was crazy," Fourtunia said at one point. "OK, fair enough, I could have spent the whole rest of my life and, uh, like silence, which would have proved them wrong, but I would not have got any restitution. Steve Swan was up for retirement. I went to Walmart at the end of the street and saw him there and ran the son of a bitch over."

"OK, so he was able to retire?" the

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Deputies swarm the Walmart Supercenter parking lot in Yulee after a pedestrian is run over Tuesday, above. Left, Undersheriff George Lueders tells the press Wednesday how Allen Fourtunia, 59, above left, killed himself after killing Steven Swan, 53, a father and grandfather, above right. Below, witnesses describe the scene where Swan was run down.



PHOTOS BY SIÂN PERRY/NEWS-LEADER

## Library to close Nov. 19-Dec. 12

MICHAEL PARNELL  
News-Leader

The good news is the new wing of the Fernandina Beach branch of Nassau County Libraries will be completed sooner than expected.

The bad news is, for library patrons anyway, the library will be closed for more than three weeks to accomplish the move.

"Finally, the Fernandina Beach Branch Library will be moving into its new home!" said Nassau County Libraries Director Dawn Bostwick in a press release issued Wednesday.

She said the Fernandina library at 25 N. Fourth St. would close Nov. 19 to relocate to the newly completed library wing, with a scheduled reopening in the new wing Dec. 13.

The older section of the library will then be closed for repairs and renovation until the end of January.

"The new Children's Corner, Meeting Room and Browsing Area will temporarily house half of the library's collection. The existing 6,000 square feet of collection space will be reduced to only 2,500 square feet during this phase of the project. Over 35,000 items will need to go to good foster homes, or be stored until the existing building is renovated," according to the press release.

Library patrons are urged to help with the move by temporarily storing

LIBRARY Continued on 4A

## No gag order in teacher sex case

ANGELA DAUGHTRY  
News-Leader

Nassau County Circuit Court Judge Adrian Soud has denied a media gag order sought by defense attorneys for Daniel Wright, the Fernandina Beach High School media teacher charged with having sex with an underage student and child pornography.

Callahan defense attorney Gary Baker said at a hearing Wednesday that his request for a gag order was prompted by an Aug. 8 article in the *News-Leader*.

Baker said Wright, 32, had been the subject of several newspaper articles in the county, but particularly noted a story in the *News-Leader* that quoted Assistant State Attorney Donna Thurson, who is representing the alleged victims.

Thurson, who had asked in the article for parents to talk to their children and come forward with any information regarding Wright, said at Wednesday's hearing that "the public has the right to know about threats."

She also noted there was knowledge by law enforcement of other

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chefs' Dinner

Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
5pm - 8:30pm  
Osprey Village

Benefiting the Katie Caples Foundation, the 4th Annual Chefs' Dinner features five of the area's top chefs preparing five courses, all paired with exceptional wines. Silent Auction and a unique dining experience. For more information and tickets go to: [www.katierideforlife.org](http://www.katierideforlife.org) or call 904.491.0811

Proceeds benefit the Katie Caples Foundation's organ donor education programs. Share Life. Please register to be an organ donor.



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### SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON

2014: 116 (15 Lost to tides) Hatched: 8142

2012 Nests: 189 Hatchlings: 14,096

Please turn off or redirect lights shining directly on the beach. For a detailed count see [www.ameliainlandseaturtlewatch.com](http://www.ameliainlandseaturtlewatch.com).

## OBITUARIES

### Debbie Carter

Debbie Carter of Fernandina Beach passed away on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at Shands hospital in Jacksonville.



She is survived by her loving fiancé Buddy Ballard; her mom and daddy, Ann Horner and Bill Horn-

er; son Billy Horner of Keystone Heights; daughter, Cindy Hill of Greenville, S.C.; brother, James Stokes of Laurens, S.C.; many grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; her loyal dog, Chloe; and many loving friends.

No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a veterans organization.

### Joe E. Crim

Mr. Joe E. Crim, age 87, of Fernandina Beach, passed away on Tuesday afternoon, October 14, 2014 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville.

Born in Memphis, TN, he was the son of the late Marion



Ellsworth Crim and Fama Haller Crim. Joe was a graduate of Central High School, in Memphis, Class of 1945. After high school, he enlisted and served in Italy with the United States Army. Upon being honorably discharged, he received training and began a long career in the Automotive Industry working with General Motors Buick Division as a Service Manager and Field Representative. Mr. Crim retired in 1991.

He was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Fernandina Beach, serving as Junior Warden of the Vestry, a member of the Caribbean Mission team and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Mr. Crim leaves behind, his wife of 34 years, Gail Wood Crim, Fernandina Beach, FL,

children, Cathy Crim Hall, Middleburg, FL, Connie Ross and her husband, Chuck, Mandarin, FL, Curtis Lentjes and his wife, Linda, Fernandina Beach, FL, five grandchildren, Cole Hall, Middleburg, FL, Jesse Hall and his wife, Lana, Charleston, SC, Sharon Provencher and her husband, Bryan, Jacksonville, FL, Trish Price and her husband, Danny, Green Cove Springs, FL, Lori Lentjes, Yulee, FL and six great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Fernandina Beach with Father Stephen Mazingo, officiating.

A reception will follow the service in Burns Hall at St. Peter's Church.

Mr. Crim will be laid to rest in St. Peter's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested to be made in his memory to the St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

Please share his Life Legacy and leave your memories and condolences at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

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### Steven Gregory Swan

Mr. Steven Gregory Swan, affectionately known as "Swanny", age 53, of Fernandina Beach, passed away, Tuesday evening, October 14, 2014 at Shands Hospital in Jacksonville.

Born in Westerly, Rhode Island, he was the eldest of four children born to Morrill Clifford Swan and the late Joan Ashley Swan. He grew up in Billerica, Massachusetts



and was a graduate of Billerica Memorial High School, Class of 1979. After high school, he attended the University of Southern Maine where he studied Liberal Arts.

In 1985 he married his longtime sweetheart, Paula Ann Mammola. The newlyweds lived in Sanford, Maine as Mr. Swan began a long career as a civil service employee with the Department of Defense. "Swan-ny" began as an Apprentice at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. In 1991, he and his family left Sanford, Maine and came to Fernandina Beach as he accepted a transfer to the Kings Bay Trident Submarine Base in St. Mary's, Georgia where he quickly rose through the ranks as a marine machinery mechanic. His fascination with submarines and his commitment to his job propelled him to his present position as General Foreman of Shop 38.

As a child, he had wonder-

ful memories of summers at the family camp on Swan Pond in Lyman, Maine.

As an adult, he was his children's biggest fan. He coached his children's basketball and soccer teams and juggled his work travels and demands to surprisingly appear at their sporting events. In his free time, he enjoyed officiating basketball and soccer games and working in his yard. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Swan leaves behind, his wife, Paula Mammola Swan, their son, David Swan (Kati), their daughter, Hope Swan, all of Fernandina Beach, FL, his father, Morrill Swan, Lyman, ME, two brothers, Thomas Swan, Schenectady, NY, Richard Swan, Maynard, MA, a sister, Hilary Swan Nolin, Townsend, MA, a special grandson, Covian, two nephews and a niece.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 3:00 pm on Monday, October 20, 2014 at St. Michael Catholic Church of Fernandina Beach with the Reverend Father Jose Kallukalum, Celebrant.

Mr. Swan will be laid to rest in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

His family will receive friends on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard Funeral Home.

Please share his Life Legacy and leave your memories and condolences at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Norma J. Butler**, 85, Fernandina Beach, died on Friday, Oct. 10, 2014. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at Yulee United Methodist Church.

*Green Pine Funeral Home*

**Sherri Leigh Van Lieu**, 56, Fernandina Beach, died on Friday, Oct. 10, 2014. A graveside ceremony was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at Green Pine Cemetery.

*Green Pine Funeral Home*



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**Aikido and martial arts instructor, Dan Kelly, front center, and students at a self-defense workshop Oct. 4 that raised \$940 to help furnish and equip the Fernandina Beach Library.**

## Library raises safety awareness, funds

WILMA ALLEN  
For the News-Leader

Nearly \$1,000 was raised for the Fernandina Beach Library expansion at a productive and entertaining self-defense workshop led by aikido instructor, Dan Kelly, Oct. 4. Kelly donated his expertise to aid the Friends of the Library (FOL) building campaign and 31 local residents learned self-defense moves that may save a life.

"Friends of the Library is very grateful to Kelly and his three volunteer martial arts students, Susan Magg, Brianna Campbell and Artie Lynnworth who assisted with hands-on practice," said FOL campaign coordinator, Joan Sheppard, who attended the event. "We all learned so many important skills." Kelly, a local martial arts black belt, donated 100 percent of his time

to the 3-hour event and each participant's contribution of \$20 or more went to the library expansion, she said.

Kelly is a former U.S. Marshall Service and Air Force Security Specialist who has instructed aikido and martial arts for over two decades. He demonstrated how to escape from someone who grabs your wrist, applies a chokehold, grabs you from behind, pulls your hair or even threatens you with a gun. He also showed attendees how to be more vigilant about their surroundings and explained pre-attack strategies for survival, including body posture, attitude and training.

Comments on a post-event survey gave the workshop a "great" rating. Area teacher Patty Campbell wrote, "Wow! I didn't realize I would learn so much in such a short time. Thanks! Glad I did this."

To learn more about self-defense techniques and Kelly's weekly classes at the Peck Center, call (904) 400-1498. "I am eager to conduct more workshops for our community and can arrange similar or specialized workshops for groups, companies and individuals," he said.

Construction of a library expansion is well under way and renovation of the existing building is expected to begin in late December. Friends of the Library has contributed \$400,000 to construction costs and is now raising funds for furnishings, computers, replacement windows and other equipment. "We are grateful for this and every contribution to our campaign goal," Sheppard said. For more information about how to make a donation, visit the library, 25 N. Fourth St., [www.fernandinaFOL.org](http://www.fernandinaFOL.org) or call 321-6529.

## Legal Aid partners with COA

Nassau County Council on Aging hosts representatives from the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA) on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. A nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation since 1976, JALA is a law firm of 40 attorneys specializing in providing civil legal assistance to low-income persons.

The JALA visits run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at COA's Fernandina Beach Senior Center. They are open to all members of the public.

The aid that JALA provides is all pro bono, meaning there are no costs incurred by the client. The involvement of pro bono attorneys at JALA continues to be a critical resource that significantly helps close the justice gap, helping to ensure that legal representation is available to everyone regardless of ability to pay.

JALA attorneys and advocates handle cases involving issues of community development, consumer complaints, education, family law, elder law, employment and unemployment, fair housing, housing, health, public benefits, mental health and immigration. JALA also provides a variety of legal services for those with HIV or AIDS.

As such as JALA representatives would like to help every client who applies for their services, they cannot accept every case due to limited resources. Case acceptance will depend on the circumstances of each case, whether all eligibility criteria are met, and staff availability. For information call COA at 261-0701 or visit [coanassau.com](http://coanassau.com).

### VA collections

The local chapter of the AARP collects personal healthcare, writing or reading materials items for wounded and sick veterans at the Lake City VA Hospital during October/early November. Items should be new and do not have to be wrapped. Monetary donations also are accepted so the chapter can purchase items. It has a list of items that are VA approved. For details call John Megna at 277-2143.

### Volunteers needed

The Day Drop-in Center is looking for volunteers for Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The center serves people experiencing homelessness and those at high risk of homelessness. The DDC provides showers and laundry facilities, a mailing address, phone and computer use, help acquiring needed documents and referral to local service providers. The Coalition for the Homeless of Nassau County operates the program that is located at the Fernandina Beach Church of Christ, the corner of Jasmine and South 14th streets. Volunteers receive training and flexible hours are available. For information, contact Dani Gammel, (216) 225-7101.

### 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.

### Legion dinner

Today at American Legion Post 54, Big Red will serve Naples-style lasagna with salad and garlic bread for a \$10 donation from 5:30-7 p.m. The Post is located at 626 S. Third St. Phone 261-7900.

### FAMU alumni

The FAMU Alumni Association local chapter will

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meet Oct. 18 at the Peck Community Center, 516 South 10th St., at 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions contact J.M. Smith at 261-7906.

### Steak night

The American Legion Riders of Post 54 host a steak dinner the third Saturday of the month at the Post, 626 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach. Dinner includes a steak, baked potato, corn on the cob, salad and a roll for a \$12 donation. To-go orders are available by calling 261-7900. Entertainment starts at 7 p.m.

### Gun courses

An eight-hour certified basic pistol and advanced defensive tactics and how not to go to jail course will be held on Oct. 19 and again on Oct. 25 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Nassau County. A CWP training certificate will be issued. Contact Gary W. Belson at 491-8358 or visit [www.TheBelsonGroup.com](http://www.TheBelsonGroup.com).

Belson also offers, by appointment, a certified concealed weapon license (permit) course that satisfies Florida Statute 790.06 for application to lawfully carry a concealed weapon. The one-hour course is held in Nassau County. Fee is \$35. Call Belson at 491-8358.

### Confederate sons

The Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet Oct. 20 at the Pig Barbeque Restaurant, in Callahan, at 7 p.m. This is an open meeting and the public is invited to attend.

### Blood drive

The Fernandina Beach Rotary Club will hold a blood drive Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Florida House Inn Conference Center at Fourth Street and Ash. Those interested in donating blood can make an appointment in advance on The Blood Alliance's website at [www.igiveblood.com](http://www.igiveblood.com), or simply come at their convenience on the day of the drive.

### Cedar Haven benefit

A cut-a-thon to benefit Cedar Have Transitional House for Women will be held on Oct. 25 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Fernandina Beach Market Place on North Sev-

enth Street, hosted by CoRmieR Hair Studio.

Haircuts will be \$10, with 100 percent of proceeds going to Cedar Haven, 900 Cedar St., whose mission is to close the gap of homelessness by providing transitional housing and education to improve the quality of life for homeless women without children. There will also be auctions and gift baskets.

For more information about the cut-a-thon, call 277-2767. For more on Cedar Haven, call 635-8789.

### Vietnam vets

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1088 will meet Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. at The ARK of Nassau, 86051 Hamilton

St., Yulee. State Sen. Aaron Bean will speak about veterans affairs and interests. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with a 239th birthday cake for the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy. For more information call 330-4679.

### Breakfast series

Find out about programs and services available from the Youth Crisis Center at Family Support Services of North Florida's Breakfast Learning Series, Oct. 28 at 9 a.m.

FSS offers the free educational program at its Nassau County office, 96016 Lofton Square Court in Yulee. Networking and breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m.; program from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Register to attend at [FSS.BLS.Nassau@fssnf.org](mailto:FSS.BLS.Nassau@fssnf.org) or 225-5347.

### Empty Bowls event

The Empty Bowls Nassau Luncheon to help provide meals and assistance for Nassau County families and individuals in need will be held Nov. 7 at noon at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center in Fernandina Beach. Almost 10,000 people in Nassau County, including more than 3,000 children, don't know if they will have enough to eat each day. The Barnabas Center and its partners distribute over 300,000 pounds of food to local residents each year.

To attend the luncheon, contact the Barnabas Center at 261-7000.



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### FRIDAY NEWS-LEADER

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 5 p.m.  
N/A  
Tuesday, 3 p.m.

## 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](mailto:gminshew@gmail.com) or 491-0185.

# 9-1-1 CALLS

Following is a transcript of the 911 calls Allen Fournunia made after running down Steve Swan with his car at the Walmart Supercenter Tuesday. Undersheriff George Lueders praised the dispatcher's work on the case as "outstanding."

Dispatcher: 911, where is your emergency? Nassau County 911, where is your emergency? Hello? Nassau County 911, where is your emergency? Hello?

Allen Fournunia: You there?  
D: I'm here. What is your emergency?

F: There is no emergency. I'm at a standoff with police on Arrigo Boulevard.  
D: OK and what is your name?

F: Allen Fournunia  
D: OK Allen, what's going on? Are you the one that's shooting at the police, Allen?

F: You bet.  
D: OK, why are you doing that?

F: Well, it's a long story, sweetheart.

D: Well tell me what's going on, OK (I've got the shooter on the phone at 96694 ...)

F: In 2005 while I was employed at Georgia's naval shipyard ...

D: OK, what happened at the naval shipyard?

F: I had a supervisor that came after me and targeted me and his name was Steven G. Swan.

D: OK, and what happened with that?

F: Well, this guy was trying to make a name for himself. And he went through the, uh, craftsmanship one name at a time. And please don't try to distract me, I'm armed and I'm aware.

D: OK, and what ...

F: This guy kept coming after me and kept coming after me until, eventually he got me laid off as a threat to the nation under the Patriot Act. Now that lasted for about two years and they gave me a retirement.

D: OK.

F: But I didn't particularly care for, didn't particularly care for his deployment tactics. You see this guy was a narcissistic individual and he would do anything he could to get ahead. I wasn't the only one he targeted.

D: Right.

F: In 2009 or 2010, somewhere in there, the Navy filed charges against this guy.

D: The Navy filed charges against him?

F: The Navy filed charges against him and a man called (name deleted by the *News-Leader*). And this is going to get real complicated. In the end there was an investigation from a team came down from Atlanta and, uh, they did an investigation ... and they gave (name deleted) and Steve Swan two weeks off. The only thing that (name deleted), uh ... Mr. Swan confessed to was micro-managing, now this wasn't only shop 38 at TRF, there was other shops involved, there was other supervisors involved, and they all went on the beach with time off, but by then I had been, uh, in leave without pay status.

Some people say I was crazy. OK, fair enough, I could have spent the whole rest of my life and, in, uh, like silence, which would have proved them wrong, but I would have not got any restitution.

Steve Swan was up for retirement. I went to Walmart at the end of the street and saw him there and ran the son of a bitch over.

D: OK, so he was able to retire?

F: Not for another year.

D: So you ran over him at Walmart today?

F: Yes.

(Pause)  
F: You know what?

D: What?

F: This is really just happenstance. I didn't go looking for the guy.

D: Right. You just saw him there.

F: I saw him there.

D: OK, well what can we do for you right now?

F: You can listen to my story because I'm a dead man anyway.

D: OK, well I'm listening, OK?

F: I want it all documented and it's gonna take a lot of time. You tell the police to (expletive) pull back, I'll tell you my story and this will end up happening. I won't be shooting at (expletive) officers again. But the next time I see a police officer draw a 40 millimeter ... 40 caliber sidearm on me again I will shoot to kill.

D: OK, Mr. Fournunia?

F: Yes?

D: OK, the officers on the scene want you to come out the back door with your hands up.

F: (Expletive) you, that ain't happening.

D: OK, they want to resolve it and they want to hear your story.

F: They're not resolving sh-- because in order to

hear my story I'm going to lose all my pension and go to jail for life so you might as well consider me suicidal.

D: OK, I'm listening, OK, just keep talking, OK?

F: Let me ask you something, there's a white pickup truck behind the northeast corner of my house. Is there still an officer behind there?

D: I don't know sir I'm not ...

F: You don't? Well, we're going to find out.

(A single gunshot is heard.)

D: OK, Mr. Fournunia, please do not fire any more shots, OK? Please do not fire your gun again.

F: Well, I'll tell you what, tell 'em to back the (expletive) off and we'll end up in a resolution here. They can stand out at the street all they want but if you are trying to (expletive) make time for them to maneuver in position it's not going to happen!

D: OK sir, so you're telling me you want to back them up into the street?

F: That's absolutely right.

D: OK, hold on for me just a moment, let me talk to the dispatcher, OK?

F: Yeah.

D: (Lisa ... Lisa, he says for them to back off. He wants them back to the street and not to come near his house. And he's suicidal is what he's saying.)

F: You there?

D: I'm here. I told the dispatcher that you want them to the street.

F: Let's get personal, let's get personal here 'cause I know how this works. What's your first name?

D: My name is Linda.

F: Hi Linda, my name is Allen.

D: OK Allen ... you know I would like to try to help you resolve this and work out any issues that are going on, OK?

F: No you're not.

D: No, I am.

F: No, you can't do anything. Judge Foster, he's a (expletive, expletive). You know what, I already went down this lane with a divorce.

D: OK.

F: The United States Air Force ... these (expletive) people. You go look up (name deleted), you go look up (name deleted) and ask how come he was punching on me all the time and how come he never filled out my, uh, performance reports.

D: Who was he?

F: (Name deleted). He was my supervisor out at the 125th air refueling squadron.

D: Were you in the Air

Force?

F: I was in the Air National Guard, but I was active duty Air Force. You point this out in your report there, darlin'. I got 50 years working for the United States government and I am a two-time war veteran. You make sure that gets in there.

(Silence)  
D: OK, I'm listening, Allen.

F: I didn't know how type you can fast ... how fast you can type.

D: Well I probably can't type as fast as you can talk but I am listening to your story.

F: It's all right, it's all recorded.

D: That's right.

F: All right. You know I never really wanted this to happen this way.

D: Well, you know, you are the one who can make it happen differently.

F: No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. The U.S. government pushed me into a corner because they wanted to prove a point and now I'm gonna prove a point. And you need to look up a commanding officer called (name deleted). I don't know how to spell his last name but he was the commanding officer of Trident refit facility in 2007

D: What base was in command?

F: Trident refit facility Kings Bay, Georgia.

D: OK, and what about him?

F: He was the one supporting this ... Steve Swan and all these other shop supervisors for coming after, uh, employees and trying to teach everybody a lesson.

D: So he was ... they were coming after other employees?

F: Absolutely. In other words, (name deleted) and the supervisors under his command created a hostile work environment.

(Pause)  
D: OK Allen, I'm still listening.

F: Now before I get too wound up on the Navy and the Air Force and everyone else, I am going to come after Judge Foster.

D: OK, and what do you mean when you say you are going to come after him?

F: Well, I figure this is going to make the newspaper so I might as well get the facts straight. I am not going to come after him because there is no way I am going to leave this house alive.

(Pause)  
F: Now I know you are keying in on all those negative thoughts, I am going to kill myself and all of that

other stuff.

D: Well, is that what you are saying, that you are going to kill yourself?

F: Depends.

D: What does it depend on?

F: How this ends up.

D: OK, well I am going to ask you not to hurt anyone else. And I don't want you to hurt yourself either.

F: Well, the first part I can't, you know, agree to the first part or the second part but I tell you, I'll go this way, I am not going to hurt any civilians. This is between me and the police department. If they want to come out here with weapons drawn, fine ...

D: OK, so what are you saying about the police?

F: If there's any kind of a breach on this house it's going to end badly.

D: Are you the only one inside?

F: I am not going to answer that question.

D: Is there anybody inside that is injured?

F: No.

D: Is there anybody inside that is in danger?

F: Possibly. Let me go this way, you might as well start clearing this neighborhood cause this house is (expletive) rigged for an explosion.

D: What kind of explosion?

F: I am not going to tell you that but it's directional.

(Pause)  
D: When you say it is directional, what does that mean, is it some sort of propellant or what are you talking about?

F: I tell you what, I got 50 years all working for the military, 27 as a civilian working on nuclear subs and 16 working for the Air Force. You figure it out.

D: Well, I don't have military experience so I don't really know.

F: Well that's unfortunate for you. I am just going to tell you this ... there is enough explosives in here right now to where things are going to be very bad.

(Pause)  
D: And I know you are calling SWAT. See, I know how this works but you are never going to get back to Judge Foster, are you.

You're trying to FA (feasibility assess) the surveillance,

establish a perimeter, I got it, this is going to end up badly.

D: OK. When you say this is going end badly, what do you mean?

F: I tell you what, use your imagination.

D: OK Allen, well, I am but I just need a little help here, you know?

F: I tell you what, give me five minutes and call me back if the cops come in here it's going to turn into a (expletive) shootout. I'm armed with a 223.

D: What is your phone number?

F: You should have it on file.

D: (to her colleagues) He's hung up on me. He told me to give 5 minutes and call him back, he said they better clear the neighborhood, said there is going to be a big explosion. He said it's going to be directional.

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F: 911?  
D: Yes?

F: I said let me talk to the person I was talking to before. I live on Arrigo Boulevard.

D: Hold on one second.

D: Allen? Hey, this is Linda.

F: Hi Linda

D: What's going on?

F: I want you do me a favor, I'm going to hang up again.

D: Why?

F: Because I want you to confirm to me that the person that I killed in the Walmart parking lot was Steve Swan. I can't live with myself if I thought I killed somebody that wasn't him.

When you find that out, call me back. He should have had a wallet in his pocket that would have identified him. Call me back when you find out.

D: All right, tell me what's his first name again? Just confirm it for me.

F: Steve Swan - S-w-a-n. Call me back.

D: Ok, I'll call you back.

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There was another call by Fournunia in which the dispatcher tried to keep him on the line, but all he said was, "Thanks, I'll call you back."

It ended with the dispatcher asking, "Allen?"

# DEATHS

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dispatcher asked.

"Not for another year," said Fournunia.

"So you ran over him at Walmart today?" she asked.

"Yes," Fournunia replied.

"This is really just happenstance. I didn't go looking for the guy," Fournunia told the dispatcher.

"Right. You just saw him there," she replied.

"I saw him there," said Fournunia.

At a press conference Wednesday afternoon Undersheriff George Lueders noted Fournunia "stated in his 911 call that it was good for him and too bad" for Swan, 53, who lived in Fernandina Beach and was married with a son and a daughter and grandchildren.

The Swan family moved to Fernandina Beach from Maine in 1991 when he accepted a transfer to Kings Bay and quickly rose through the ranks as a marine machinery mechanic. He was general foreman of Shop 38, where Fournunia had worked.

Swan was remembered Thursday as a devoted family man who was his children's biggest fan. He coached their basketball and soccer teams and juggled his work travels and demands to surprisingly appear at their sporting events. In his free time, he enjoyed officiating basketball and soccer games and working in his yard. He was described as a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather, and his Facebook page bore that out, filled with photos of his wife, children and grandchildren as well as Navy-related items.

Funeral services for Swan are planned for 3 p.m. Monday at St. Michael Catholic Church in Fernandina Beach. His family will receive friends on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in the

Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard Funeral Home. (Obituary, 2A.)

According to co-workers, Fournunia had made death threats against Swan after losing his job, Lueders said.

Fournunia had a record of suicidal tendencies and violence, according to the sheriff's office. His then wife secured an injunction for protection against him during divorce proceedings in 2005, said Lueders, and in 2007 police had Fournunia committed for a mental evaluation for suicidal behavior.

By all indications, he "had been suicidal for some time," said Lueders.

Fournunia died in a rear bedroom of his house from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head about 11:10 p.m. Tuesday after earlier exchanging gunfire with deputies outside, Lueders said. He tried to burn down his house

using a propane tank but it would not light, said the undersheriff. He also had constructed a makeshift bomb.

Fournunia had served in the Navy and was in the Air National Guard until 2009, said Lueders, "which explains some of the tactics he was using."

Swan was airlifted to UF Health in Jacksonville following the attack and died from his injuries about 11:43 p.m., said Lueders.

The assault was reported about 5:15 p.m. Tuesday after Fournunia, reportedly driving a silver BMW, deliberately struck Swan on the sidewalk at the south end of Walmart.

Fournunia drove off toward A1A, but was cut off by motorists who observed the incident. He then turned and drove south on Arrigo Boulevard into his subdivision, firing at motorists in pursuit, according to Lueders. Witness

es subsequently heard about 10 gunshots in the neighborhood.

Lueders said Fournunia had returned to his own home in Nassau Lakes, from where he called police, but they subsequently lost contact with him.

Local residents were prevented from entering and leaving their Arrigo Boulevard neighborhoods for hours after the incident.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office SWAT team was called to the scene, and eventually found Fournunia dead inside the house after determining it was safe to enter.

Fournunia's body remained at the Jacksonville Medical Examiner's Office Thursday.



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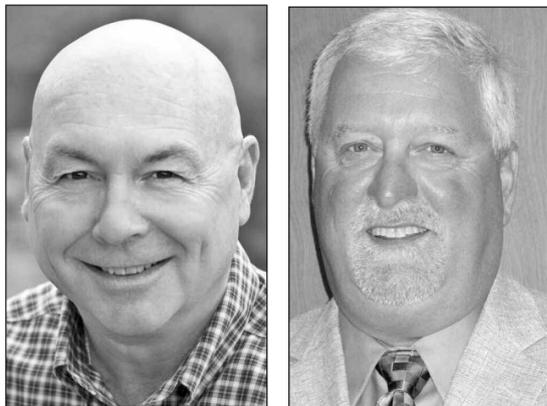
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## COUNTY OFFICERS



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The Nassau County Commission voted Wednesday to approve Commissioner Pat Edwards, left, as chairman and Commissioner Walter (Jr.) Boatright as the vice chairman, effective Nov. 24 through December 2015.

## It's time for the county fair

KATHIE COLGROVE  
Community Newspapers

The Northeast Florida Fair opened Thursday in Callahan with the theme "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams."

Celebrating 67 years, the fair continues its fall tradition with thrill rides, entertainment, food and games.

Approximately 36,000 visitors attended the fair in 2013, according to Brian Simmons, advertising/promotions manager. This year's fair continues through Oct. 26.

Simmons notes that cotton candy and candied apples keep crowds returning for their favorite treats year after year. "These appear to be staples at any fair," Simmons wrote via email. "Many are also looking forward to the rides."

Funnel cakes, kettle corn, barbecue, sausage dogs, chicken-on-a-stick and turkey legs will also be sold, with many benefiting local groups who raise funds at the fair.

As for the rides, many "are now LED illuminated which is easier to maintain, consume

less electricity, and are more spectacular when illuminated at night," Simmons wrote. "Hildebrand Rides has made these upgrades over the past year."

New rides added on the midway include Thousand and One Nachts, Spin Out, Twister, Round Up and Heliport.

Technology will also take a new turn at the fair. Credit and debit cards will be accepted at admission gates and carnival ticket booths, allowing visitors to purchase armbands and ride tickets without cash.

"This should speed up the lines and offer the flexibility of using not only cash, but credit or debit cards," Simmons wrote.

Family entertainment has always been an attraction. New acts include the family-friendly Funnybonez Kid's Comedy Show. It features puppets and comedy for any age.

The Flying Wade Henry Show brings "tall unicycles and multiple chainsaw juggling," according to the fair's website. Also new this year, Jacksonville musician Denton Elkins will

perform rock and country songs at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 25.

Returning musical performers are Amber DeLaCruz, X-Hale, Trinity River Band and Shotgun Redd.

X-Hale performs Friday at 8:30 p.m. The Trinity River Band takes the stage at 6 p.m. Saturday. Shotgun Redd performs at 8:45 p.m. and 10:15 Oct. 25. Ron Diamond delivers a magic show at 8 p.m. Oct. 23 and a hypnosis show at 9:30.

Also taking the stage will be local children, teens and adults as they compete in a talent show Sunday at 3 p.m.

The youth dairy show begins at 4 p.m. Sunday, highlighting agricultural aspects of the long-running fair that many enjoy. Cows, swine, steer and a variety of farm animals will be shown during the fair as handlers of all ages compete.

"There are many second and third generation families showing livestock at this year's fair," Simmons wrote, adding, "The market animal sale will be on Friday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to purchase a steer, lamb or pig from

a National FAA member or 4-H member."

Special-themed nights will be held throughout the fair. Senior Citizen Appreciation Day is Saturday, with one senior admitted free with one paid admission before 5 p.m.

Donate two canned food items and receive free admission to Feed the Hungry Monday.

School exhibits featuring art with the fair's theme will be on display. Area schools will return Tuesday to compete in School Night with Barnyard Olympics at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Students with a valid school ID receive free admission.

Military Appreciation Day is Oct. 25. One military personnel admitted free with one paid admission prior to 5 p.m.

General admission for ages 13 and older is \$6. Children 6-12 and seniors age 65 and older pay \$4. Children ages 5 and younger get in free. Midway rides cost extra. Admission specials are offered daily as the fair continues through Oct. 26.

To see the full schedule, visit [www.neffair.org](http://www.neffair.org).

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## WRIGHT

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young women the defendant may have been involved with.

"There was legitimate interest to make those statements," Thurson said at the hearing.

Baker said comments by Thurson in the article were "highly prejudicial" and that the publicity could result in his client not receiving a fair trial. He noted the court has authority to prevent counsel from making "prejudicial statements" about a defendant.

He also told Soud that he was not asking for sanctions, but rather for the judge to require that counsel not make any statements to the press until the trial is over.

"In this county there are four high schools," Baker said. "We imagine every person with a teenage daughter is grilling that daughter, and that person is ruined as a potential juror."

Soud said the motion for the gag order hardly seemed necessary since there hadn't been any press coverage on Wright's case for 60 days.

"It doesn't seem to me to rise to the level of requiring a gag order," Soud said. He added that

if press coverage became a problem via a vis finding impartial jurors, "there's arrows in the quiver of this court to address that."

Earlier in the hearing, Baker also made a motion to compel the State Attorney's Office to share with him any and all evidence in the case, which allegedly includes photos and videos of young women involved in sexual acts and phone call recordings.

"The gist of the problem is, if we have to view the items at the State Attorney's Office, then we're under the thumb of the State Attorney's Office," Baker said.

But Thurson said there were rules of discovery that prohibit the use of child pornography for the use of defense counsel.

"(Baker) can make an appointment to view the child pornography," Thurson said. "But under the rules of discovery, he cannot make duplicates."

"I don't want anybody to hide the ball," Baker argued. "I want to make sure when we look at the pornography that it is confidential ... and make sure we have complete privacy when we view it."

Baker also asked for evidence of any "ex parte" communication - or direct commu-



Wright

the request of Baker, but no reason was given until the hearing Wednesday.

"On more than one occasion, Judge Foster had advanced notice they were going to bring new charges against Mr. Wright," Baker said. "Foster indicated he had ex parte communication with both parties on the state side and the defense side."

Foster defended his actions at the hearing, saying he had had no ex parte communication with any representatives in the case.

"I am good friends with the victim's father," Foster said, "and jointly share several good friends with Mr. Wright. I have had no ex parte communication with any lawyer on the case. I sign search warrants, and have a good idea of what's coming down."

"(This accusation) should

not be done capriciously or often," Foster said.

Soud also commented that Baker's accusation of ex parte communication was the first time he had heard such charges after "an esteemed member of the bench has recused himself for sound reasons."

"It is ... fraught with undue risk of supposition for allegations of this sort to be made without a sound base," Soud said.

Baker finally withdrew the accusation, saying the reason was because he "was curious as to if there was any communication between Judge Foster and the state about me," during a deposition.

"Any accusation, if subsequently withdrawn, is still very serious," Soud said. "There is no scintilla of evidence that there was any ex parte communication."

Wright was originally arrested in June after city police said he confessed to an inappropriate relationship with a 17-year-old high school senior at FBHS. Since then, he has been charged with 33 counts of possession of child pornography and one count of transmission of material harmful to minors.

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After the new wing opens as a temporary library, Internet access will be limited to six public computers, Bostwick said. Wireless access will be available during this time, she said.

The construction project is

*Library patrons are urged to help with the move by checking out library materials for three months, with no fines.*

scheduled to be completed by the end of January, when the expanded library will be fully open.

Friends of the Library is continuing to raise funds for furniture, equipment and technology at the renovated library, including a Pony Up and Party event Oct. 25. Tickets are available at [fernandinafol.org](http://fernandinafol.org) or at the library.

The construction and renovation is being funded with

\$600,000 from the city of Fernandina Beach, which owns the building; \$600,000 from Nassau County, which operates the library; and \$400,000 from the not-for-profit Friends of the Library. FOL has also pledged to pay for furniture, equipment and other needs from a \$1.2 million capital campaign it started in late 2012.

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**Q: What is unclaimed property?**

**A:** Unclaimed property, as defined on Tittle XL Chapter 717 of the Florida Statutes, is a financial asset that has been left inactive.

**Q: What are some types of unclaimed properties?**

**A:** Some common types of unclaimed property are: dormant bank accounts, uncashed checks, deposits and refunds.

**Q: What are our responsibilities?**

**A:** On a yearly basis, the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Financial Services Department remits unclaimed property to the Department of Financial Services, Bureau of Unclaimed Property. All intangible property held by any court, government or governmental subdivision or agency, public corporation, or public authority that has not been claimed by the owner for more than 1 year is presumed unclaimed.

**Q: Why does it go to the State?**

**A:** It is required by law that financial institutions and other entities report property they are holding that is considered unclaimed or abandoned. The property must have been inactive for a set period of time, usually between one and five years. These reports are filed annually, prior to May 1st, covering the previous calendar year.

**Q: How can a claim be made?**

**A:** Unclaimed property searches and claim forms can be found on the Florida Department of Financial Services website at [www.FLTreasureHunt.org](http://www.FLTreasureHunt.org). Their toll free number is 1-888-258-2253. There is no statute of limitations on unclaimed property in Florida. If you file a claim directly with the Florida Department of Financial Services, Bureau of Unclaimed Property, there is no cost to recover your property. Most claims are processed within 90 days.

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If you have any questions or comments about this column, please contact: Mary Potochnik at 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee FL 32097 or (904) 548-4800

# Port of Fernandina: tonnage on the rise

CLYDE W. DAVIS  
For the News-Leader

**THE PAST:**  
On Feb. 28, 1818, two midshipmen of the USS John Adams met in a duel on "Tyger" Island across the harbor from Fernandina. At a distance of six paces, each mortally wounded the other. Midshipman John R. Keasby died approximately 12 hours after the duel, and William F. Thornily died the next day. Both young men were buried in St. Marys, Ga. Their captain, J. D. Henley, wrote of the duel to the Secretary of the Navy, saying, "I cannot sufficiently express my detestation of this horrid practice." Why bury these young men in St. Marys? At the time of this duel, Florida still belonged to Spain.

**THE PRESENT:**  
Here are some things that the U.S. Census Bureau tells us about ourselves:

1. **WHAT WE PRODUCE:** From tax returns filed with the IRS, in July 2014, the Census

Bureau reported that:  
a. Gross receipts for the Accommodation and Food Service businesses in Nassau County were \$5,243,000 in 2012.

b. In contrast, the reported gross receipts for Transportation and Warehousing businesses in Nassau County were \$26,837,000 in 2012.

2. **WHAT DOES A PORT GENERATE IN JOBS?** In 2014, the Washington Economic Group reported that, on the average, a seaport will generate:

a. 0.41 direct jobs for each ton of cargo;

b. 0.93 "user" jobs for each ton of cargo;

c. 4.08 "induced" jobs for each ton of cargo.

3. The Port of Fernandina moved 17,493 tons of cargo in the month of September 2014. This marks the second straight month of increased tonnage. The cargo included of 2,952 container tons, 14,240 tons of kraft liner board and 751 tons of miscellaneous cargo. There

were seven vessel calls on the port.

4. The OHPA completed its 2013-14 fiscal year with mixed results. We reduced our bond debt by \$1.5 million during the year, and committed to pay another \$1 million in December.

Once paid, this will leave us with a total of \$12.1 million owed on our bonds. With \$2.2 million held by the bond trustee in reserve, OHPA moves ever closer to being debt free.

**THE FUTURE:**  
The OHPA conducted a workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 1. A good crowd managed to make it, including those from as far away as Jacksonville and Hilliard. The meeting produced a number of excellent ideas and suggested changes to the plan. Some were introduced and passed as a resolution of the OHPA, amending its Master Plan, on Oct. 8, 2014.

*Clyde W. Davis is attorney for the Nassau County Ocean Highway & Port Authority.*



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# We must protect our future legacy

In a recent Veteran's Voice article entitled "Coping with a Toxic Inheritance," I wrote about the impact of Agent Orange and other toxic agents, which included the non-degradable, toxic health threat addition of Dioxin, which morphed the herbicide 2-4D and 2,4,5-T into a deliberate accelerated foliage killer. "Operation Ranch Hand," as the Department of Defense labeled it, seemed a success back then from 1961 to 1971.

It was given credit for saving a lot of military lives during that period, but little did any of us know the cost of lives that would be lost in our generation, the suffering that was and is being incurred by those who faithfully served and what was in store for the yet unborn generations to follow. No one on the ground "in country," those transporting and those back in the States manufacturing this "widow maker" was immune from the

potential tragedy about to occur over the next four decades from the brown drums with the orange, purple, white, blue, pink and green stripes on them. There were more than 19 million gallons of these toxic agents sprayed during the conflict and of that huge number, 11.2 million gallons were sprayed after 1965 with a higher concentration of Dioxin than before.

According to the National Vietnam Veterans Foundation, "Of the 2,710,000 Americans that served in Vietnam, there may be only about 850,000 left and we are losing approximately 400 a day, most before their time." I don't know about you, but that information chills me to the bone! If you have walked the Vietnam sections of a national cemetery and looked at the dates on the gardens of stone or looked at the "Taps" section of your favorite veteran's magazine



you already know, because many entries list the cause of "being called home," far ahead of their time. It makes me feel like we were "sprayed and betrayed!"

But wait just a minute – there's much more! What about our kids? And their kids? Many of our troopers and civilians are dying, but even more tragically, the children and grandchildren of those who faithfully served are affected with an inherent legacy that they didn't ask for.

Pertaining to our children and grandchildren, the

## VETERAN'S VOICE

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JOHN SCHERER

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in partnership with researchers from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) have published findings of a recent study on the Prevalence of Developmental Disabilities in U.S. children. They have found that the rate of children in age groups 3-17 with developmental disabilities has increased 17.1 percent in the last 12 years. Developmental disabilities are a group of chronic conditions that are due to mental and/or physical impairments. There are major life problems such as language, mobility, learning, self-help and, many times, independent living. These disabilities can occur anytime during developmental age groups until reaching the early 20's, and could last for a lifetime.

The percentage of change between statistics from 1997 and currently show not only a 17.1 percent increase in DD, but also include a 33 percent jump in ADHD and Tourette Syndrome, an amazing increase in autism of 289.5 percent, an 18 percent rise in ocular issues including blindness; learning disabilities of 5.5 percent, seizures and neurological issues pushed over 9 percent increase and other

developmental delay issues of 24.7 percent.

For children of Vietnam veterans, there have been significant rises in birth defects including cerebral palsy, spina bifida, cardiovascular conditions, gastric, urological, leukemia and others diagnosed with types of cancer. The CDC also showed that most of these circumstances occurred in all racial, ethnic and socio-economic groups.

Since 1990, the National Birth Defect Registry has collected data on birth defects and developmental disabilities in the children of Vietnam veterans.

When compared to non-veterans children, the children of Vietnam veterans have shown consistent increases in learning, attention and behavioral disorders, all types of skin disorders, allergic conditions and asthma, immune systems disorders including chronic infections, cancers, thyroid related issues, diabetes, Crohn's disease, lupus and believe it or not, webbed toes! (I can attest to that personally, both my daughter and oldest granddaughter have webbed toes – coincidence or chemical inherency?)

All of us either know or have come to know that dioxin in Agent Orange was bad, is bad and will always be bad. So what can we do to try to protect ourselves and our families? We've been talking about Agent Orange and dioxin poisoning for more than 35 years! Even though politicians and certain authorities would like us all to think that we are common sense challenged –

we know the score, and that score is dwindling our ranks almost as fast as those veterans of WWII and Korea! It's a fact – and it's staggering!

Today's VA recognizes those of us with presumptive conditions, at least many more than ever before, but the fight has been long and hard. Our hearts go out to those who are still fighting to have their disabilities recognized. The burden of these men and women is far heavier than any back pack we ever had to carry. Please pray for them every day.

There is a mission here for all of us, for our children and grandchildren; we need to get the word out to all that early prevention makes a huge difference in offsetting the possibility of related issues, especially in those kids and grandkids of Vietnam vets who are diagnosed with Agent Orange related illness.

- Make sure your children and grandchildren to get regular checkups.

- Make sure everyone in your family learns all they can about Agent Orange, dioxin, related illnesses, symptoms, signs and conditions.

- Search the web or library for information and visit covha.net.

- Contact your Veterans Service Officer for Nassau & Camden County, John Martin at 548-4670.

- Call the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1088 at 904-330-4679 for free hands-on written guides and referrals.

"Get the Word Out" – for our fellow veterans, their kids and grandkids!

## Notice of the Amelia Concourse Community Development District Landowners Meeting, and Board of Supervisors Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all landowners within Amelia Concourse Community Development District (the "District") for lands generally described as a parcel of land generally located South of Amelia Concourse Road, North of Amelia National Golf Course and a single family community, East of a proposed single family community and West of the Hampton Lakes Development, composed of 199.83 acres, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing three (3) District supervisors. Immediately following the landowners meeting there will be a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

Date: November 13, 2014  
Time: 9:15 a.m.  
Place: Amelia Concourse Amenity Center  
85200 Amaryllis Court  
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request from the District Manager at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092. At said meeting each landowner or the landowner's proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by the landowner and located within the District for each person nominated for the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners meeting the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

The landowners' meeting and the Board of Supervisors meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. One or both of the meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850, at least 48 hours before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that such person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

David deNagy  
District Manager

## POLITICS IN BRIEF

### City election

Former mayor Charles Albert will host a "Get Out the Vote" picnic this Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 11th Street side of Peck Field.

Fernandina Beach City Commission candidate Charlie Corbett will host a "Meet and Greet" for his campaign at Beef O'Brady's, 1916 S. 14th St., from 5-7 p.m. Monday. Corbett seeks reelection in the Nov. 4 election.

### Democratic Club

The Democratic Club of Amelia Island will host its next dinner meeting at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road, on Tuesday, Oct. 28. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with dinner at 6:45 p.m. A cash bar will be available.

The speaker will be Maureen Paschke, community relations representative for Community Hospice of Northeast Florida in Nassau County. She will provide a

broader understanding of hospice care and related services.

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

To reserve by phone or email, contact Penny Reid at 509-294-3708 or dcai.secretary@nassaudems.com.

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**Melissa Brown**  
Office Manager and  
Patient Coordinator



**Irivelisse Porter, D.M.D.**

Dr. Irivelisse Porter, graduated from the University of Florida College of Dentistry. She treats adults and children five years old and older. Dr. Porter is certified in laser dentistry. Her parents have lived in Nassau County for many years. She is fluent in Spanish.



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# Give us dirty laundry

I generally avoid opining on hot button issues in my column. But every once in awhile, dang it, something pops up that begs commentary. Right now, it's Ebola, the bogeyman de jour, in case you haven't noticed. The fear mongering and hysteria inducing public wailing is beginning to drown out thoughtful and reasoned discussion about a serious and often fatal disease. And folks, that's a dangerous thing.

Case in point. On Monday, a person showed up at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville feeling poorly and rightfully worried because they'd been in contact with someone who'd been to West Africa, where the disease is prevalent. The hospital immediately launched the painstaking protocol implemented for just such an occurrence, which includes immediate isolation. At some point in this protocol, it was decided that the patient didn't meet the nationally established criteria to do any more testing. OK, right?

Nope. The headline lustful television media down in Me-too-ville jumped on it and at least one of them behaved irresponsibly. News4jax comes to mind. They featured a brightly colored box with EBOLA EPIDEMIC highlighted in all caps. In the same garishly colored box, High Risk was highlighted in red letters, along with someone dressed in a hazmat suit. The design of this teaser was obviously intended for maximum impact and attention grabbing. But it had the added effect of making it appear that there'd been a high-risk outbreak of the Ebola illness in Jacksonville. Of course, nothing could be farther from the truth, not that candor matters to



**CUP OF JOE**

Joe Palmer

the purveyors of paranoia and panic in our midst. But it gets worse. Because the TV stations cried wolf, some social media assumed that Canis lupus was indeed huffing and puffing at the door and got into high dudgeon. Some of the responses were so ridiculous and outlandish they defy logic. I think that most of us who don't make a habit of putting Reynolds Wrap on our heads can agree that the president

didn't cause Ebola to be brought into the country or that he wishes it upon us, or that the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health, in conjunction with the best and brightest medical minds this country has to offer, are conspiring in some sort of Orwellian plot to cover it up, subjugate us to the control of blue helmeted UN forces or cause mass exterminations of, well, whoever. Ultimately, they were all a bunch of Chicken Littles wailing about a falling sky. There is no Ebola outbreak or illness at Baptist Medical Center or anywhere else in Jacksonville to date. And predictably, after having taken a thorough pee in the public pool, the whole dang shebang was off the ADHD stricken minds of the TV newsies the next day. Because there was nothing there to begin with. Kinda like the breathless omigod-lygosh impending hurricane strikes they bleat

about nearly annually, which always results in critical shortages of batteries, beer, potato chips and plywood. But hey, it's news, right?

Say what you will about President Obama. There's certainly room for pro and con debate on that subject. But believing or saying that he's behind some sinister plot to wipe us out with Ebola is so crazy that it's hard to believe anyone but the terminally stupid could believe it. It's as loony as those people who, after the events of Sept. 11, 2001, believed that President Bush ordered it or was involved in it somehow. When it comes to nuts, we sure seem to grow a bumper crop of them each year. And now they're on the shelf everywhere, thanks to social media and irresponsible traditional media.

Testing every sick person who walks into an ER for Ebola isn't medically sound. It'd cause a panic that would cripple the system. But don't look for the news or social media handwringers to tell you that.

Way back in the dark ages when I was a reporter, we had this thing called journalism ethics. It's nearly extinct and I'm not even sure you can find it on Wikipedia. Our editors scolded us for using irresponsible and provocative buzzwords. If a person said something, one didn't report that the person claimed something. It's pejorative, a journalist's sneaky way of rolling his eyes and saying, yeah, right. Now it's common practice. Lies, half truth and gasping sensationalism sells to an increasingly dumbed-down market.

Or, as Don Henley put it: "We all know that crap is king give us dirty laundry."

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### City pensions

News-Leader readers must surely be scratching their heads over Patti Clifford's concern over the "F" grade received by the city's two pensions plans ("Despite an 'F' finance head says city strong," Oct. 12). As the city's finance director, Ms. Clifford surely knows that all public pensions suffered setbacks as a result of the housing crisis and market downturn that she cites as the problem, yet over half of Florida's plans received grades of A, B, or C in the latest survey by the LeRoy Collins Institute (LCI). Its methodology grades pensions on five standard measures of health (Funding Ratio, Size of Unfunded Liability, Annual Required Contribution as a Percent of Payroll, Assumed Return on Investments and Employee Contributions).

The maximum score possible under this method is a 5.5. Receiving an "F" means that a pension received a total score of either 0.5 or zero! This is the third year in a row that Fernandina Beach's pensions received the lowest possible grade. That's hardly something to be relaxed about, for city employees or taxpayers. While Ms. Clifford says that "the city has always made its pension contribution that the actuaries asked us to make," this fact hardly captures the full picture. There is usually wide latitude in allowable contributions, but also in the assumptions used to calculate the future value of plan assets and plan liabilities. The "discount" rate used is the rate that the plan sponsor assumes assets will earn over the life of the plan. Often these assumed rates are unrealistic, unadjusted from headier days when plans and individuals enjoyed higher returns. The higher the earnings/discount rate, the lower the net liability, which, in turn, implies a lower required "contribution," or funding to plan assets. For instance, a recent study cited by the Society for Local Government Excellence calculated that, using a "typical" earnings rate of 7.7 percent, the aggregate unfunded liabilities of 150 surveyed public pension plans was \$1.1 trillion. When using what some experts would consider to be a more realistic rate of 5 percent, the unfunded liability of the same plans totaled \$3 trillion.

The title of the LCI report is "Tough Choices," and the report cites the difficult decisions made by other municipalities in order to ensure financial stability going forward. Choices include increasing employee contributions, lowering assumed rates of return, and adjusting retirement eligibility and payout formulas for new employees at a minimum, much as private plans have had to do for years. Perhaps none of these steps is needed in the city plans, but LCI report cites that other government entities within Florida and elsewhere have been carefully analyzing plans, and, where appropriate, eliminating excesses.

The Fernandina Beach city plan, according to your article, continues to provide benefits that could be considered excessive. While providing for retirement eligibility at age 55 with 25 years of service, often referred to as the "Rule of 80" (55 + 25 = 80), as was at least historically common in defined benefit plans, it also pays a retirement benefit to a 65-year old retiree with a mere six years of service. Perhaps this should be reviewed for future hires, as should the provision of a retirement benefit calculation of up to 100 percent of an employee's "final pay" (the maximum average earnings over a period of years just prior to retirement). One wonders whether employees are able to "pad" those earnings with excess amounts of overtime and vacation pay, as has happened in so many other municipalities, some in or near bankruptcy. Perhaps this is why the plan's maximum allowable annual retirement benefit is as high as \$205,000, an amount which I would guess few city employees enjoy while working.

Fernandina Beach should do all it

can to recruit, reward and retain valuable employees. That includes providing employees with attractive retirement benefits. But at the same time, city leaders and taxpayers need to make sure that pension benefits are both reasonable and prudently managed. The Leroy Collins Institute states in its earlier 2013 report ("Looking at Florida's Municipal Pensions") that the chief reason why so many municipal pensions are in dire shape is not the housing crisis or diminished stock market returns, as Ms. Clifford implies, but mismanagement. Hopefully, thoughtful and prompt attention from city leaders and taxpayers will ensure that that is not the case here, and change course quickly if it is.

Andrew Watson  
Fernandina Beach

### Precarious path

Seems the sidewalk and the bike path on South Fletcher Avenue has become a parking lot for construction workers and landscapers. Walking or riding a bike will force the walker or rider to venture out into Fletcher Avenue numerous times.

I think this is dangerous to the walker or bike rider just so someone can park on the sidewalk. If there is work being done on a property then the workers should park on that property instead of blocking the sidewalk and bike path.

Roy Cook  
Fernandina Beach

### Catholic church

Re: "Need for Prayer," Oct. 8

What harm is there in building a new Catholic church in Yulee? Where is the harm? Are those Masses in Yulee less Catholic souls than islanders? And for that matter, the diocese is 200 percent behind the effort. What is the harm of practicing Mass in a building where even the bishop presided and of which Fr. Jose is in full support? Where is the harm? Look to yourselves and avoid the occasion of sin.

Change is not a bad thing. Change happens. "Ten years ago this" "last year that", parking issues, a new priest assigned, he said she said — for goodness sakes! Either look to your hearts and embrace progress, improvement, expansion, more room for more Catholic souls. Or stick to old ideas and make yourselves miserable and tie yourselves around the proverbial axle, your choice. But the "gem" of the Catholic parish on the island stays intact and will remain so — improved. Where is the harm?

We expand and bring more faith off the island too. Where is the harm? Father Dan is the Associate Pastor of St. Michael's. Not the pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Mission church of St. Michael's. Please keep the facts straight and avoid "he said she said," and all bygone preconceptions. All are welcome. Come home.

Sue Hopfensperger  
Yulee

### Statewide amendments

Vote by Mail ballots have been mailed. Before all the distorted partisan ads were released, I did my research and applied logic to these issues. I have voted and will share what I found and believe.

Amendment 1: We live in Florida primarily for the wonderful but fragile ecosystem. We have an obligation to protect it. This amendment asks that we do this by returning the funds that have been diverted to the general fund. This is not a new tax. Document stamps are paid by those who are adding an additional burden to the land and water resources. The amendment asks that we return to a net 30 percent of this fee for this conservation. The administration fee has been roughly 10 percent throughout. I reviewed the spreadsheet of how the documents stamp funds were used from 2007 until



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this year and the projections for the future if this is passed and if it is not. By using a percentage instead of an amount, it will vary with the economy. It also has a 20-year sunset. I voted Yes.

Amendment 2: This is the medical marijuana issue. First, this is not the pot you can acquire on almost any high school or college campus. It has had the THC (fun stuff) removed. It must be prescribed by a medical doctor for use by very ill patients (cancer or seizures). We all know someone with cancer and many of us know someone suffering with seizures. Medical marijuana is relatively inexpensive, highly effective and is not addictive. I know many people who have used Oxycontin, Oxycodone and Percodine after medical procedures. These drugs are very expensive, the effectiveness is suspect and they are very addictive.

There are commercials questioning the fact that caregivers are protected from prosecution. These commercials do not use Webster's definition (a caregiver is a person who provides direct care (as for children, elderly people or the chronically ill)). I do not believe drug dealers provide direct care. I vote Yes.

Amendment 3: This amendment would allow an outgoing governor to fill vacancies on the state supreme and appellate courts (occurring that same day) on his last day in office. There is a Judicial Nominating Committee, but he is not required to follow those recommendations. This means there is no responsibility or accountability. We have got to be kidding! I voted No.

So I say vote Yes, Yes, No (absolutely not).

Carla Voisard  
Yulee

Editor's note: This letter was published again because of production errors in the version originally published here.

### Unintended consequences

On this year's election ballot we shall be asked if we want to change the present three-year terms for city commissioners to four-year terms. The reasons suggested for doing this seem to be two. First, it is to save money. Elections cost approximately \$13,000-\$14,000 and by putting them on a four-year cycle, we save the cost of an election every other year. This saves each voter about four-tenths of a cent per day. It's not much.

A second reason sometimes given for the longer term is that it gives a sitting commissioner more time to

accomplish those things he or she may think important before standing for reelection or quitting. There can be truth in this. Interestingly, however, a surprising number of commissioners choose to retire after one three-year term. They don't want the extra time in office. A commissioner's job is difficult and extremely time-consuming if it is to be done well and a commissioner is always subject to harsh criticism no matter how they vote. For some, three years is quite enough. The job is not for the faint of heart.

The real and likely unintended downside to the proposal for four-year terms lies in the fact that we shall be electing a three commissioner majority every four years coinciding with the national (presidential) election cycle. The problem with this is that we are electing the commission majority every four years. It is possible, probably likely, that we would find three persons running as a team whether they announce it or not. By pooling resources, three can mount a powerful campaign for much less than they might spend if running individually. If elected as a team they will run the city virtually without challenge for the next four years. In fact, there really would be little sense to hold an election in the next, two-member cycle since they will always be on the short end of a 3-2 vote.

With a majority vote assured in every important decision, the three-member team can fire city managers, wreak havoc in city directorships and staff (through their control of the city manager), they can raise taxes at will, take on a new debt, build new buildings or tear old ones down. How can this happen, one asks, because four-year terms seem to work well enough on the state and federal levels. The difference is that on these levels, there is a house, senate and governor that effectively have veto power over each of the other branches. That would not be the case in Fernandina. The majority threesome would rule without check for four years.

The existing three-year terms did not happen by accident. It is the shortest term possible that keeps the commissioners as close as possible to the electorate, yet it avoids the chaos likely if commissioners were voted into office for one or two year terms. But our charter framers also saw the danger four-year terms present in a city government that has no system of checks and balances built into it.

We should continue with three-year terms; those who wrote them into Fernandina's charter years ago knew

what they were doing.

Lynn Williams  
Fernandina Beach

### Many thanks

Seven years ago, at the age of 92, my mother, Ruth Holland, moved to Amelia Island from her home in Virginia Beach, Va., where she had lived for 49 years. She was the widow of a career naval officer and realized she could no longer live alone (Mom was always a pretty smart lady). She had visited me here in Fernandina Beach a number of times after I settled here in 1998 after a long career as a naval officer (like father, like son). She liked the "island life" so one day she told me she was moving here. However, she was adamant that she would not be living with me. I guess that's where the thanks begin.

After a thorough look at all the options, she decided she wanted to live at Savannah Grand Assisted Living Residence. She moved into her new home in July 2007. (It was actually Amelia Trace when she moved in but was purchased by Senior Living Management Corp. six months later.)

Mom loved her new home. The loving, compassionate and skilled professionals at Savannah Grand made her life wonderful. When all her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her many friends came to visit, they marveled at how well she was doing and how happy she was. She would say, "They treat me like a Queen." And they did. The care she received was fantastic. Thanks, Savannah Grand.

As Mom aged, and required additional care, Dr. David Page went above and beyond to take superb care of her. Thanks, Dr. Page. And true to their name, Angel Watch Home Health provided tender, loving, personal care to meet her increasing needs as the years went by. Thanks, Angel Watch.

Mom loved the myriad of entertainment that came to Savannah Grand from our local community: church singers, elementary school students at holiday times, civic organizations, our famous Pirates Club and her favorite singer, Gary Tomlinson. Thanks, Fernandina Beach community.

Ruth passed away on Sunday, Oct. 12, at the age of 99-plus. She lived a wonderful and happy life, and the last seven were fantastic. To all those who touched her life and contributed to her complete happiness here in Fernandina Beach, thanks.

Don Holland  
Fernandina Beach

# COMMUNITY

## Success By 6 scholarship deadline Nov. 1

BARBARA FARNSWORTH  
For the News-Leader

When Success By 6 participant Hailey Reeder, 5, glides her finger across the pages of her favorite book, proudly reading each word aloud, her mother, Amanda, beams with joy. Hailey's ReadingPal, Phyllis Stabler, has the same positive reaction. Success By 6 and ReadingPals are two United Way of Northeast Florida programs that have helped prepare Hailey for kindergarten this fall.

Research has demonstrated that the early years of a child's development provide some of the best opportunities for learning and education. For every \$1 invested in early childhood learning programs, there is an approximately \$12.90 return on that investment. However, for those children who could benefit most from early learning, the opportunity is often out of reach.

To meet this need for early learning opportunities, Success By 6, a partnership between United Way of Northeast Florida and The Early Learning Coalition of North Florida and Episcopal Children's Services, provides two-year early learning scholarships for three-year-olds to attend high-quality, accredited early learning centers.

The children receive free, full-day education and care. Research shows that children who completed the Success By 6 program outpaced their peers by 11 percent in kindergarten readiness.

In addition, ReadingPals connects passionate, committed volunteers with preschoolers who need a little extra help getting ready for kindergarten. For 30 minutes each week, a ReadingPal spends time with a pair of preschoolers, reading a book, completing activities and developing skills that they'll need for success in school.

Amanda Reeder learned about Success By 6 when Hailey was three years old. She and her husband needed a new, dependable child care option because their employment status and income had changed.

"Hailey was used to being cared for at home for her first three years so I wasn't sure if she would be frightened being away from us," Amanda said. "I knew we couldn't financially provide for her so when we applied and received the Success By 6 scholarship for her to attend Island Academy, I knew everything would be OK."

In fact, everything was more than OK.

"The Success By 6 scholarship gave Hailey the opportunity to attend an early learning center beyond what my husband and I could have provided for her. Hailey's two years at Island Academy in Fernandina Beach made a huge difference in how she learns," Amanda said.



Success By 6/ReadingPals participant Hailey Reeder, 5, reads with the help of her reading pal Phyllis Stabler.

### 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.

"We could feel the love the teachers gave her as soon as we walked in the front door. In a short time, Hailey went from not wanting to go to school to not wanting to miss it!"

The past year, while at Island Academy, Hailey was paired with Fernandina Beach resident and former teacher, Phyllis Stabler, a ReadingPal volunteer who said she believes reading aloud with children gives them confidence to learn.

"I've always loved reading with children," Stabler said. "Watching Hailey's increased self-assurance to learn words and seeing her reading skills grow was very gratifying. When children are given one-on-one attention, as in the ReadingPals program, they blossom."

The deadline to apply for Success By 6 scholarships is Nov. 1. In Nassau County call Mary Caldwell at 491-3638 or go to ecs4kids.org and apply through the Simplified Point of Entry.

Success By 6 includes:

- Free, daylong care for your three-

year-old through July 2016 at a high-quality early learning center.

What you need to apply:

- All adults (18 years old and up) in the home must be in school or working.
- Your child must be three years old on or before Sept. 1, 2014.
- You must meet income limits.

Your commitment:

- Your child must attend at least 85 percent of the school days.
- A willingness to participate in child and parent assessments.
- A willingness to commit to staying in the program for two years.
- Attendance at parent education nights at your child's center.

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 10 Nassau County-based impact partners and a total of 44 United Way-funded programs located in Duval and Nassau counties that assist Nassau County residents.

United Way focuses on education, income and health - the building blocks for a quality life. The organization supports measurable solutions to ensure children enter school ready to learn, students stay on track to graduation, families achieve financial stability and people have the tools to lead healthy, productive lives. More information can be found at unitedwaynefl.org.

### MILITARY NEWS

■ Air Force Airman Christopher R. Norman graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air



Norman

Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Norman is the son of Julie M. and Scott E. Norman of Yulee and grandson of John Ferry of Jacksonville Beach.

He is a 2014 graduate of Charlton County High School, Folkston, Ga.

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

#### Toys for Tots benefit

The American Legion Post 54 Riders in Fernandina Beach will host a benefit Poker Run for the annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign on Nov. 15.

There are several ways to support this annual event: register to ride, give a new unwrapped toy, volunteer to work the event or drop by and make a donation for new toys for the project to bring one of the many joys of Christmas to underprivileged children here in our community.

For information contact American Legion Post 54 Riders Bonnie Quattre at 699-2663 or quattre@comcast.net, or Rick Garvey at (540) 429-0244 or directoral54@yahoo.com.

To volunteer for the Nassau County Toys for Tots Campaign 2014 call Carol at 753-7630 for information.

#### Shop with Cops

The Fernandina Beach Police Department Shop with Cops program serves more than 150 local schoolchildren each year, providing the opportunity to shop with a police officer at the Amelia Island Walmart and insuring underprivileged kids experience the joy of Christmas.

Every penny donated translates directly to Christmas toys and much needed clothing. School guidance counselors select the participants. Contact volunteer chair Don Monahan to have him speak to your church or civic group about the program at 277-2091.

The Fernandina Beach Police Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, administers the program. All donations may be tax deductible. Send donations to: Shop with Cops, Fernandina Beach Police Foundation, 1525 Lime St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

To view the Shop with Cops video, visit www.fb-pf.org. The 2014 event will be held Dec. 11 at Walmart.

#### 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 Island 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.island-chambersingers.org; from a member of the choir; at the Amelia Island Welcome Center, 102 Centre St., (800) 226-3542; at the AIFBY Chamber of Commerce, 961687 Gateway Blvd., Suite 101G (at A1A and Amelia Island Parkway), 261-3248; and at Harrison's Mercantile at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Spa and Shops, 432-2218. Tickets are \$20 at the door and always free for all students.

#### 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.

#### Home tour

The Amelia Island Museum of History's Holiday Home Tour is Dec. 5 and 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., featuring five vintage private homes in the historic district decorated by professional florists and designers.

Free trolley service will

transport guests to the featured homes while costumed carolers and characters from Fernandina's colorful past return them to the Victorian era.

Homes include 326 S. Seventh St., 510 Beech St., 909 Atlantic Ave., 401 S. Sixth St., and 15 N. Fourth St. Tickets are available at the museum, 233 S. Third St., the Amelia Visitors Center, 102 Centre St., Peterbrooke Chocolatier, 1427 Sadler Road, and the Plantation Shop in the Palmetto Walk Shopping Center, 4828 First Coast Hwy.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of. For information and group rates of 10 or more, call the museum at 261-7378, ext. 105.

#### Breakfast & Blooms

An added attraction of this year's Holiday Home Tour is Breakfast and Blooms at Café Karibo, 27 N. Third St., Dec. 5 at 6 at 9 a.m.

Start your day with a unique culinary experience. Brooke Grubb Raulerson of Artistic Florist will create holiday arrangements to be won by lucky diners. Seating is limited.

Tickets are \$25 and available at the Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St., and at ameliahometours.com (see the tickets tab).

### OUT OF TOWN

#### Holiday classics

Ring in the season with Pachelbel's Canon, Corelli's Christmas Concerto, The Nutcracker Suite and more as the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents its "Classical Holiday" concert Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts. Popular American conductor Chelsea Tipton will take you on a musical journey of joyous classical sounds.

Tickets are \$35-65. Call (904) 354-5547 or visit JaxSymphony.org for information.

#### UNF singers

The community is invited to hear Handel's Messiah featuring the UNF Chamber Singers, Messiah Orchestra and student soloists under the direction of conductor Dr. Cara Tasher at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 4129 Oxford Ave., Jacksonville. Admission is free.

#### Handel's Messiah

The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents Handel's Messiah Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. with Michael Butterman, conductor, Twyla Robinson, soprano, Elise Quagliata, mezzo-soprano, Jason Slayden, tenor, Evan Boyer, bass, and the Jacksonville Symphony Chorus.

Handel's masterpiece is one of the most famous oratorios ever written. Hallelujah! Join the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and Chorus for the Messiah of the season, and music's most powerful message of faith. Tickets are \$25-72. Call (904) 354-5547 or visit JaxSymphony.org.

#### Feast of Carols

The ninth annual Feast of Carols hosted by the UNF Chorale features ensembles from DASOTA, Jacksonville Children's Chorus, Clay County High School and First Coast High School in the annual sing-along concert under the direction of conductor Dr. Cara Tasher at 4 p.m. Dec. 6 in Lazzara Performance Hall on the UNF campus.

Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Seniors and students with ID are free. Call the box office at (904) 620-2878.

## VOLUNTEER FOR HOSPITAL

The Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary is looking for individuals, like Leslie Ritter, right to volunteer their time to the hospital. They have a variety of positions available, from pushing carts with food trays, stocking cabinets, transporting patients in wheelchairs, answering phones, displaying merchandise in the gift shop, running a cash register and more.

You are required to be in good physical health and it is mandatory to have a TB and flu shot prior to working at the hospital. The hospital conducts a background check and requires references.

They are looking for people who can spend four hours a week at the hospital. If you enjoy meeting new people and being part of a very friendly environment, this is a great opportunity.

To volunteer, call Liz Lauerman at 321-3818 and the auxiliary will send you an application.

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## Urgent need for used eyeglasses

The Nassau County Volunteer Center in Fernandina Beach, in partnership with the Lions Club of Callahan, is collecting used eyeglasses, sunglasses and hearing aids for use in developing countries to improve the quality of life.

They may be dropped off at Barnabas New to You (14th Street), Coastal Vision Center (14th Street), Walmart Supercenter in Yulee, Harris Teeter in Fernandina, and the Volunteer Center, 1303 Jasmine St., Suite 104A, Fernandina. Call 261-2771, or email ncvcb@aol.com. Visit the Volunteer Center at volunteernassau.org.

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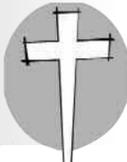
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## Simplify Your Diet

How much time do you spend each day planning and preparing meals, not to mention shopping for them and of course eating them? While there are people who enjoy all of this, and not just the part which involves eating, some of us wish it could be simpler and easier to accomplish this basic task of getting nutrients into our bodies. A single product that provides all of our nutritional needs is surely not far away. In fact, there are already products on the market that claim to do just that. But, perhaps we need not take the "simplify your life" advice this far. Maybe just adding more rice and beans to the diet would do it. It would certainly simplify our shopping and make us healthier if we cut out the nutritionally questionable snack foods, such as candy, chips, and soda. Most of us would be better off just drinking water and having some fruit for dessert. We don't need to be vegetarians, but cutting some or even most of the meat out of our diets would probably leave us both healthier and wealthier. Perhaps the best advice we can follow to simplify our diets is to remember the old adage: Eat to live; don't live to eat.

I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

Exodus 20:3



# Life, defined – meaning for the journey

My dad was a pragmatic man, not prone to contemplating the mysteries of the universe. It came as no surprise when I realized that he and I had engaged in very few metaphysical discussions about the wonder of it all. I was much too young to offer anything but questions, while he was a practical man who handled what the day offered and continued on his way. I remember the shrug I got when I asked him what life is all about, but I don't remember his answer. Knowing Dad, he probably offered up the sage advice of dealing with it by using the skills and attitudes he and mom had tried to instill in me.

I'd forgotten our long-ago exchange until the other day, when Shirley Hargreaves offered up the invocation at our monthly meeting of Federated Republican Women of Nassau. She always prefaces our prayer with a little homily that makes us think, and this time she invited us to take a moment to ponder



## CITY SIDEBAR

Cara Curtin

Life is a gift – accept it. And embrace it – I've seen too many people sit on the sidelines and complain because life doesn't measure up to their expectations.

Life is a sorrow – overcome it. We must remind ourselves to take the time to grieve. It sometimes becomes a slow process, and in this hurry-scurry age, we have a tendency to rush through things.

Life is an adventure – dare it. It sometimes comes down to the choice of doing something that

der the meaning of life. Dad would have liked what Shirley had to say:

Life is a challenge – meet it. Dad taught me that if you ignore something it will only fester and then get worse. Whatever it is, handle it and move on.

Life is a game – play it. A life on the sidelines is too boring to contemplate. Throw yourself into the fray! We may no longer be able to run the marathon, but we can help organize and publicize it.

Life is a mystery – unfold it. Isn't that part of the fun? Just when we think we've got it all figured out, life goes ahead and throws us yet another puzzle to solve.

Life is a beauty – praise it. We feed our souls when we take even a nanosecond to appreciate a cute toddler, a bee lurching on a backyard rose, or a laugh shared with a loved one.

Life is a struggle – fight it. You betcha! Nothing's going to beat me into submission without a monumental fight.

Life is a goal – achieve it. For some of us, those goals still lie ahead. For others, most of our goals have been met and lie peacefully behind us. The true secret is to have set realistic goals and then to have enjoyed their pursuit.

Life is a puzzle – solve it. I don't know about this last one. I certainly get outsmarted by life on occasion. I'm sure I'll never figure it all out, but that's when faith steps in.

Thank you, Shirley, for allowing me to plagiarize your homily. It reminds me that some unknown wit has summed it up so beautifully for all of us:

"Life is not a journey to the grave with intentions of arriving safely in a pretty well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out and proclaiming ... WOW! What a ride!"

Life is a tragedy – face it. I know it's not all free Bubble-Up and Rainbow Stew, but I have finally learned that we never have to face adversity alone. There's always someone to help us.

Life is a duty – perform it. Duty is not synonymous with drudgery. I'm sure we've all felt that quiet feeling of satisfaction after we have done something that we're supposed to do. If we work it right, duties eventually become joys.

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## TENNIS EVERYONE!



Morgan Shearin shows determination when women's pro tennis players spent time at the Miller Boys & Girls Club, left. Elvis (Sal Barbaro) with Taryn Peterson, right.

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# Children get tennis lessons from the pros

CINDY DICKINSON  
For the News-Leader

Excitement ruled for 140 plus Boys & Girls Club youngsters recently.

Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort Director of Tennis Sal Barbaro, his staff and participants in the U.S. Tennis Association International Tennis Federation Women's Pro Circuit event arrived at the Miller Freedom Club to represent the sport of tennis and to have some fun. To say they brought their "A" game is an understatement, with their motivation to give back to the community by demonstrating tennis techniques to the very eager BGC members gathered in the club gym.

The activities began when Barbaro, dressed in Elvis garb, introduced tournament players Maria Alves from Brazil, Clemson graduate Keri Wong, Andie Daniel from Georgia, Sophie Chang from Maryland, Victoria Flores, a 15-year-old teaching pro, and Katie Sailors from the Omni resort.

"Tennis Everyone" meant that all the participating kids came down off the gym bleachers and formed three lines facing the net according to their age group. Using a tennis racket and ball, with coaching from the pros and Omni staff, they tried to hit one of the cones placed on the other side of the net to win a prize.

Next up was a demonstration of strength and accuracy from the women pros as they

tried to hit the cones themselves, watched by the BGC kids who raised the roof with cheers every time a cone was hit.

To stress the importance of teamwork, the pros were challenged to volley the ball 100 times without letting it drop. Counting for them were 140 plus voices that initially weren't so sure they would reach that goal but rallied loudly at the end when they did.

For six young Boys & Girls Club volunteers it was additionally rewarding. Sara Solomon, Breonna Jefferson, Julienne Nipper, Logan Liddell, Ghebron Fleming and Aaron Chester had the opportunity to actually play with the pros in a "first to reach three points" competition. It was exciting for the players and all that were watching.

Finally, as a breakout exercise, the hula hoops appeared. Taylor Edmondson was the standout "hooper" of the day. Kammeryn London came in a very close second.

The Boys & Girls Club Nassau Foundation, Miller Club staff and all the young participants appreciate the generosity shown by Sal Barbaro and his staff as well as that of the ITF Pros. Introducing and experiencing the thrill of playing tennis, making new friends and being part of a team allows a child to enjoy the sport for a lifetime.

And that's just one of the positive experiences youngsters find when they join a local Boys & Girls Club.



Marie shows Ghebron Fleming a Brazilian forehand, left. Boys & Girls Club members listen intently to the pros, right.



The whole happy group of kids, pros and staff.



Sophie Chang shows Andrew Rhoden and Demi Pollard how it's done, left. ITF pros Andie Daniel, Chang and Keri Wong had fun too, right.



## Velazquez crowned October Queen of Tees at Amelia River course

Anne Velazquez was crowned the October Queen of Tees for the 18-hole ladies group at Amelia River Golf Club. She shot a gross 97 for a net 68 to win the title on Oct. 13.



Velazquez

### Reggie Hunt memorial

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida will host the 19th annual Reggie Hunt Memorial Golf Classic Oct. 24 at the Amelia River Golf Club.

The event is held annually in Nassau County in memory of William Reginald Hunt Jr., a former Fernandina Beach High School student-athlete

and six-year participant in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida in Nassau County. Big Brothers Big Sisters in Nassau County relies on private donations and community support to positively affect the lives of children facing adversity. Programs focus on academic success, positive behaviors, job readiness and more.

Registration for the 19th

annual Reggie Hunt Memorial Golf Classic begins at 12:30 p.m. with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. A reception with prizes will be held following the tournament, including prizes and recognition for the top three teams that raise the most money for BBBSNEFL and carry the lowest tournament net score.

Big Brothers Big Sisters in Nassau County community partners include the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and RockTenn. Corporate sponsors include First Coast Community Bank, Rayonier, Walmart, Ameris Bank, Rick Keffer Jeep-Chrysler-Dodge

and AlphaGraphics.

Contact Rainey Crawford, Nassau County area manager, at (904) 485-0126 or rcrawford@bbbsnefl.org.

### Starting Point tourney

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

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

Sponsorships are available at four different levels and include player spots, dinner and beverages and sponsor recognition.

Starting Point provides mental health and substance abuse services for children and teens, including school and home-based programs.

In addition to sponsorships, many local firms are supporting the event with hole sponsorships and dona-

tions to the silent auction. Each year, the silent auction includes donated items such as gift certificates to salons, golf courses and restaurants, as well as gift baskets, event tickets, merchandise and artwork.

Contact chair Cherie Billings at 277-2995 or email [golftournament@spbh.org](mailto:golftournament@spbh.org).

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

# SPORTS SHORTS

## Trout tournament

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association's 28th annual Trout Tournament will be held Nov. 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 website at <http://nsfafish.net>. The tournament director this year is Marvin Leiningner.

## 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](http://www.YuleeBasketball.org). All athletes must register online no later than Nov. 7. A mandatory try-out/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](mailto:YuleeBasketball@gmail.com).

## 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.

## Sheriff's Shootout

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

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

Test your shooting skills against Sheriff Bill Leeper, fellow law enforcement officers and area leaders while helping raise money for NCSO Charities to benefit the community. Form a four-person team for \$500 or a two-person team for \$300. Sponsorships are available.

For information or to sign up, contact Larry Boatwright

at 548-4027 or email at [lboatwright@nassauso.com](mailto:lboatwright@nassauso.com).

## Florida-Georgia Hall of Fame

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 Ever Bank 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.

## 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. For information, contact Commodore Roger Henderson at (904) 624-2711 or [commodore@ameliaislandsailing.org](mailto:commodore@ameliaislandsailing.org) or visit [www.ameliaislandsailing.org](http://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.

## NSFA meetings

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

Additional information, directions and reservations are available on the NSFA website at [www.nsfafish.net](http://www.nsfafish.net).

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

Contact President John Hartrich at 206-0817 or email [info@nsfafish.net](mailto:info@nsfafish.net).

## 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 RACE



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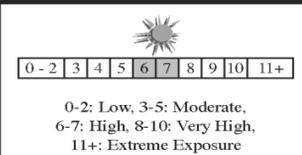
Amelia Island Sailing Club members were out for a race Saturday, starting across from Fort Clinch. Racing were Flamingo, skippered by Joe Bowen, above left; Misty, skippered by Wilby Whitt, and Athore, skippered by Tom McKenna, top photo; Vibes, skippered by Gene Sokolowski, above right; and Stargazer, skippered by Charlie Steinkamp, above center. The club is open to interested boaters (power boats included) who reside in Nassau County. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Kraft Athletic Club. All interested should contact John Lohr, vice commodore, at (904) 432-8443 or email him at [johnlohr@comcast.net](mailto:johnlohr@comcast.net) for information.

## The News Leader Weather Summary

### Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

|                                   |                                     |                                   |  |  |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
|                                   |                                     |                                   |  |  |   |  |
| <b>Friday</b><br>Sunny<br>77 / 64 | <b>Saturday</b><br>Sunny<br>79 / 65 | <b>Sunday</b><br>Sunny<br>80 / 65 | <b>Monday</b><br>Mostly Sunny<br>79 / 67 | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>79 / 65 | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Mostly Sunny<br>77 / 62 | <b>Thursday</b><br>Mostly Sunny<br>80 / 64 |

### Local UV Index



### Weather Trivia

Does lightning strike land a lot more often than at sea?

**Answer:** Yes, due to storms developing more frequently over land.

### Weather History

Oct. 17, 1781 - General Cornwallis attempted to escape encirclement by crossing York River, "but a violent storm arose." The storm dispersed the general's boats, causing him to ask for an armistice.

### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

| Peak Times |            |            | Peak Times   |             |             |
|------------|------------|------------|--|-------------|-------------|
| Day        | AM         | PM         | Day  | AM          | PM          |
| Fri        | 6:55-8:55  | 7:25-9:25  | Tue  | 9:49-11:49  | 10:19-12:19 |
| Sat        | 7:39-9:39  | 8:09-10:09 | Wed  | 10:33-12:33 | 11:03-1:03  |
| Sun        | 8:22-10:22 | 8:52-10:52 | Thu  | 11:19-1:19  | 11:49-1:49  |
| Mon        | 9:05-11:05 | 9:35-11:35 | <a href="http://www.WhatsOurWeather.com">www.WhatsOurWeather.com</a> |             |             |

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day                | Sunrise       | Sunset    | Moonrise  | Moonset   | Phase      |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>New 10/23</b>   | Fri 7:30 a.m. | 6:51 p.m. | 1:55 a.m. | 3:18 p.m. | Full 11/6  |
|                    | Sat 7:30 a.m. | 6:50 p.m. | 2:47 a.m. | 3:53 p.m. |            |
|                    | Sun 7:31 a.m. | 6:49 p.m. | 3:39 a.m. | 4:27 p.m. |            |
|                    | Mon 7:32 a.m. | 6:48 p.m. | 4:31 a.m. | 5:00 p.m. |            |
| <b>First 10/30</b> | Tue 7:32 a.m. | 6:47 p.m. | 5:24 a.m. | 5:34 p.m. | Last 11/14 |
|                    | Wed 7:33 a.m. | 6:46 p.m. | 6:18 a.m. | 6:10 p.m. |            |
|                    | Thu 7:34 a.m. | 6:45 p.m. | 7:13 a.m. | 6:47 p.m. |            |

### Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

| Date  | High        | Low  | Normals     | Precip | Farmer's Growing Degree Days   |    |       |    |
|-------|-------------|------|-------------|--------|--|----|-------|----|
| Date  | Degree Days | Date | Degree Days |        |  |    |       |    |
| 10/7  | 88          | 68   | 80/67       | 0.00"  | 10/7   | 28 | 10/11 | 30 |
| 10/8  | 90          | 72   | 80/67       | 0.00"  | 10/8   | 31 | 10/12 | 30 |
| 10/9  | 90          | 73   | 80/67       | 0.00"  | 10/9   | 32 | 10/13 | 36 |
| 10/10 | 90          | 73   | 80/66       | 0.00"  | 10/10  | 32 |       |    |
| 10/11 | 90          | 70   | 79/66       | 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 |    |       |    |
| 10/12 | 88          | 72   | 79/66       | 0.00"  |  |    |       |    |
| 10/13 | 90          | 82   | 79/66       | 0.00"  |  |    |       |    |

### Tides This Week

| Fernandina Beach |         |          |         | St. Mary's Entrance |     |         |          |         |          |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| Day              | High    | Low      | Day     | High                | Low | Day     | High     | Low     |          |
| Fri              | 4:16 am | 10:21 am | 4:42 pm | 10:55 pm            | Fri | 3:40 am | 10:18 am | 4:06 pm | 10:52 pm |
| Sat              | 5:11 am | 11:14 am | 5:35 pm | 11:42 pm            | Sat | 4:35 am | 11:11 am | 4:59 pm | 11:39 pm |
| Sun              | 6:05 am | 12:05 pm | 6:25 pm | None                | Sun | 5:29 am | 12:02 pm | 5:49 pm | None     |
| Mon              | 6:54 am | 12:27 am | 7:11 pm | 12:54 pm            | Mon | 6:18 am | 12:24 am | 6:35 pm | 12:51 pm |
| Tue              | 7:40 am | 1:10 am  | 7:55 pm | 1:40 pm             | Tue | 7:04 am | 1:07 am  | 7:19 pm | 1:37 pm  |
| Wed              | 8:23 am | 1:51 am  | 8:38 pm | 2:24 pm             | Wed | 7:47 am | 1:48 am  | 8:02 pm | 2:21 pm  |
| Thu              | 9:05 am | 2:31 am  | 9:19 pm | 3:05 pm             | Thu | 8:29 am | 2:28 am  | 8:43 pm | 3:02 pm  |

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - In the Dark of the Night

I remember when my wife, Susan and I got "trapped" in Sennefer's tomb, in the Valley of the Nobles near the Nile River's West Bank at Luxor. Sennefer was mayor of Thebes during the reign of Amenhotep II (18th Dynasty; 1427-1401 BC). The tomb guard, equipped with only a kerosene lantern, disappeared upstairs for "just a moment," and my wife and I were left in total blackness and silence for what seemed to be an eternity. It probably was no more than 10 minutes, but we were in the heart of Egypt's greatest necropolis, and that had to be the scariest darkness I have yet experienced. The night sky is never that black, for stars, planets, and even the sky itself gives off a sufficient amount of light for the fully dark-adapted eye to distinguish a myriad of details on the ground. So how dark can it get? In New Mexico and Utah, where I have done most of my summer observing, I have regularly noticed shadows being cast when Venus was visible in the sky. I had read about Jupiter being able to accomplish this same feat, but it was not until August 2000 that I got to make that observation from Chaco Canyon, NM. High in the eastern sky about 4:30 a.m. was Jupiter, Saturn, and the winter group of constellations rising over North Mesa. What a glorious sight! My shadow was plainly visible on the ground pointing away from Jupiter. Astronomers say the darkest skies in the world occur in the Australian Outback where the Milky Way is so brilliant that it can cast diffuse shadows on the ground. I witnessed this for myself in the Australian Bush at Siding Spring National Observatory in February of 2001. Not only did the brilliant southern Milky Way provide enough illumination to discern ground detail easily, but I was also able to read the lettering on my Mt. Washington sweatshirt. Turning away from the Milky Way made the lettering indecipherable. Night darkness I can handle, but keep me away from the blackness of those tombs. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

## 2014 SCHEDULES

| YULEE HIGH SCHOOL            |  | FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL |                                    |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Oct. 17                      | Varsity Football at Baker County* 7:00           | Oct. 23                      | Junior Varsity Football 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. 23                      | Junior Varsity Football at Fernandina Beach 6:00 | Oct. 21                      | Boys Golf Regional Nov. 3-5 State  |
| FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL |  | FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL |                                    |
| Oct. 17                      | Varsity Football at Taylor County* 7:30          | Oct. 20-23                   | District 4-4A at WNHS              |
| Oct. 31                      | MADISON* 7:00                                    |                              |                                    |
|                              | *District  |                              |                                    |
| FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL |  | YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL          |                                    |
| Oct. 22                      | Cross Country District 3-2A                      | Oct. 22                      | at Bolles 5:00                     |
| Nov. 6                       | Region 1-2 at Pensacola                          |                              |                                    |
| Nov. 15                      | State 2A at Tallahassee                          | Oct. 21                      | at Callahan 5:00                   |

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# Viewing theater as 'collaborative sport'

HEATHER A. PERRY  
News-Leader

When Devin and Elizabeth Clevenger honeymooned here, they fell in love with the island, so it seemed a natural place for them to open their musical theater school.

Performing since they were six years old, Elizabeth and Devin Clevenger first met at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., where they graduated with honors after earning bachelor of fine arts degrees in Musical Theatre Performance with an emphasis in music.

They have both performed and directed across the U.S. and internationally in shows such as "Guys and Dolls," "My Fair Lady," "Ragtime," "Grease," "Anything Goes," "Fiddler on the Roof" and many others.

In addition to the performance degree and experience, Elizabeth has experience in the behind-the-scenes aspects of theater.

When asked why they wanted to leave the Big Apple for the quiet life of Amelia Island, Devin Clevenger said, "Theater, if you kind of boil it down to what it is, it's a collaborative sport. You have to really work together to achieve one goal and in New York, it's every man for himself.

"What we really love about theater is working together with all kinds of people to make something beautiful and that's not what New York is about."

Eager to escape the cut-throat atmosphere, the couple chose to open their business here and focus on a curriculum that includes stage acting, healthy singing techniques, acting through song, Broadway-style choreography, self-confidence and more.

Students will present a showcase performance in January featuring numbers from different musicals that uniquely show their talents.



PHOTOS BY BENNETT FARKUS/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER  
Elizabeth and Devin Clevenger add their special brand of youth and exuberance to The Factory in Franklin, Tenn., in spring 2012, above and below.

### Creative mission

It is our mission to be produce and process oriented, to spark and harness creativity from our actors, their families, and fellow teachers to achieve the highest standard of performance, thus creating long-lasting true relationships through the community of our product.

Clevenger said he believes some of the benefits to learning musical theater are: teamwork, confidence, listening skills, public speaking and multitasking.

"But there is so much more. Success in any occupation can be boosted by involvement in musical theater, whether you work in customer service at a boutique or as a team member for a construction company."

Clevenger believes the musical part of musical theater is even more important because "music can cross divides and boundaries where dialogue alone might not succeed. It speaks in a way that transcends language."

"What we are hoping to do is start a serious studio where we can raise a group of actors that would start a new generation in New York of a supportive atmosphere," said Elizabeth Clevenger.

"Right, and we want to collaborate with others here and be part of the community," added her husband.

"We're all about non-com-

petition and working with others. We're supportive of everyone else's work and working together. The more the merrier."

Both are holding down "real" jobs for now and holding classes on their day off, Monday.

Classes began the first Monday in October and include Homeschool Musical Theatre from 10-11:30 a.m.; Adult and Senior beginner Broadway Tap at 11:30; second to fifth grade Musical Theatre at 3 p.m. and sixth to 12th grade Musical Theatre at 5 p.m.

Classes are \$45 per month with a \$5 discount for siblings and are held at the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach.

For information call Devin at (931) 703-0154, Elizabeth at (236) 468-3093 or register at the city Parks and Recreation Department at 310-3350. Email contactclevengercreations@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/ClevengerCreationsMT.

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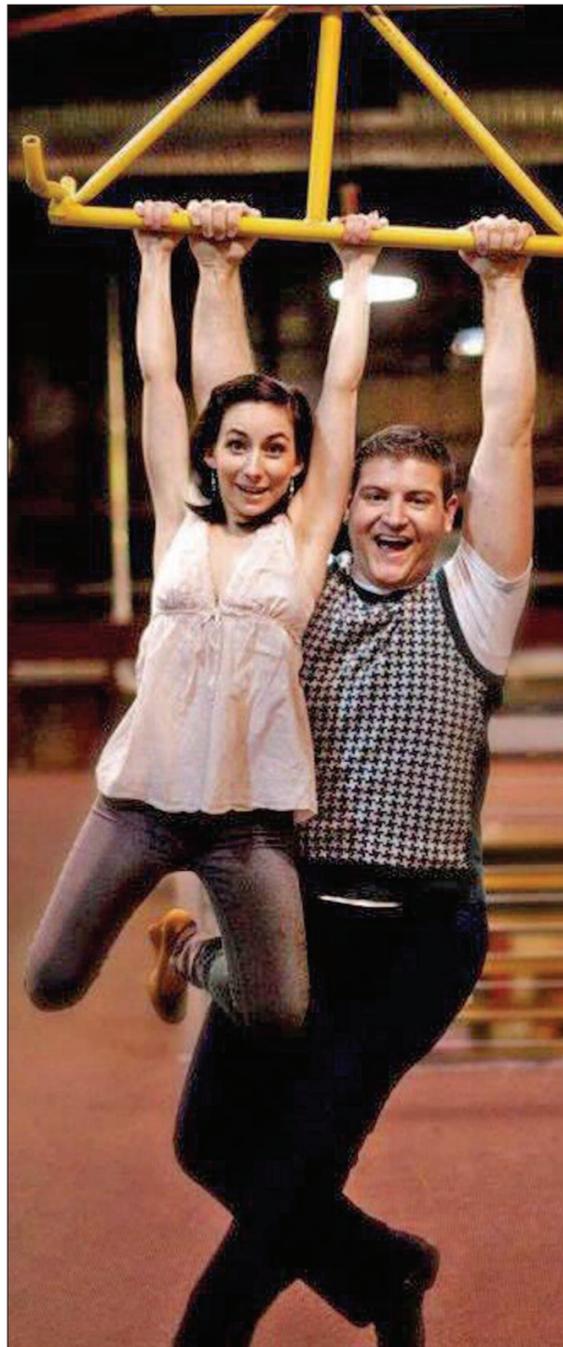
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## Chefs bring out their best for Katie Caples Foundation

Osprey Village will host the fourth annual Chefs' Dinner benefiting the Katie Caples Foundation on Sunday, Oct. 26 from 5-8:30 p.m.

In 2011, Osprey Village's Executive Chef Jaime LeBlanc approached the Katie Caples Foundation with an idea to help further their mission to raise awareness for organ donor registration and education in the Fernandina Beach area. LeBlanc has participated in the Katie Ride for Life since its inception and was passionate about the cause and telling Katie's story. LeBlanc approached the Katie Caples Foundation and pitched the idea of hosting a Chefs' Dinner to benefit their cause.

He hoped that the Chefs' Dinner would not only raise awareness for the importance of organ donation registration and education, but also bring together Amelia Island's top chefs to celebrate their culinary talents.

"Even though I participated in the Katie Ride for Life for a few years, I still felt the need to give back and raise awareness for organ donation registration," said LeBlanc. "I was



Chefs participating in the annual dinner Oct. 26 to benefit the Katie Caples Foundation are, from left, Jamie LeBlanc, Dale Ford, Michael Gass, BrenNan Pickren and Chris Pickren.

honored when the Foundation accepted my pitch to host a Chefs' Dinner to benefit their cause. The other chefs and myself are grateful to come together to create an amazing five-course meal that is not only delicious but rais-

es funds for a great reason."

The fourth annual Chefs' Dinner will feature five chefs from the Fernandina Beach Community:

- Jaime LeBlanc, director of Dining

Services and Executive Chef, Osprey Village  
• Dale Ford, Executive Chef, Jekyll Island Club

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## Pony Up and Party

Event to benefit library expansion

WILMA ALLEN  
For the News-Leader

"Pony Up and Party," an action-packed fundraiser for the Fernandina Beach Library, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the enchanting 38-acre Littleberry Farm located just west of Amelia Island.

The party will showcase some of the 20 horses in residence, including World Finalists "Junior," an American Paint prizewinner in western horsemanship, and "Tinker," a medalist in the 'hunter under saddle category. The Andalusian "Luna" and her rider will show off their skills in dressage and "Nina" will do a few tricks for the crowd, says Terry Broussard, Littleberry Farm owner.

Five-year-old up-and-coming horse-woman, Paisley Broussard will take the reins on Junior and may show off her pony, "Cornflake," Broussard said.

And to top it off, acclaimed "Joey the Border Collie," an award-winning trick dog, will mount and ride the impressive quarter horse named "Shy." Joey's trainer is 15-year-old, Nichole Curry, a student at Fernandina Beach High School. Nicole, some of her classmates in the Junior Rotary Club and other riders at the farm will introduce the horses and allow guests to entice them with carrots for treats.

"This will be a really, really fun and unusual evening for everyone and we're delighted that Littleberry Farm is hosting it with us," said Bill Flynn, president of Friends of the Library (FOL). "The farm is a wonderful place for a good time and a great reminder of the agricultural heritage of Nassau County. Many folks will be surprised to see such a fine rural setting just minutes from Amelia Island."

The gates of the farm at 95546 Clements Road will open at 4:45 p.m.



Joey the Border Collie, an award-winning trick dog, will ride the quarter horse Shy at the Pony Up and Party fundraiser for the Fernandina Beach library expansion Oct. 25 at Littleberry Farm just west of Amelia Island. Joey's trainer is 15-year-old, Nichole Curry, a student at Fernandina Beach High School. She and her classmates in the Junior Rotary Club and other riders at the farm will introduce the horses and allow guests to entice them with carrots for treats.

and festivities start at 5 p.m. A homemade barbecue buffet will be served in the screened breezeway of the farm's large entertainment facility. There will be indoor and covered seating for dining, and hay bales for relaxing around the show ring. County, western and other popular music will be provided by the versatile O.C. Band.

There will also be dancing, games,

cash bar, s'mores and desserts by the bonfire, and a silent auction with fine art, dining and entertainment donated by local artists and businesses. Weekends in New York and Chicago and trips to Washington, D.C., Napa Valley and more will also be up for auction. Get advance information on trips at

PONY Continued on 4B

## Tom Becker concert to help MOW4Pets

For the News-Leader

Meals on Wheels for Pets Nassau, Inc. will host 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](http://www.mow4petsnassau.com) or by calling (352) 284-6106.

With the sound and grace of the late John Denver, area musician and singer Tom Becker performs his music mastery with a talented band and plays more than 60 minutes of the 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.

Denver's music, as performed by Becker, casts a spell that crosses the barriers of age, economics, geography, language and politics.

"It's a very special musical evening that will be remembered with a smile. Last



Tom Becker will perform John Denver's greatest hits at a concert Oct. 24 to benefit Nassau's Meals on Wheels 4 Pets.

year's guests are still humming those beautiful Denver songs," said Deborah Watford, executive director of MOW4Pets. "Plus the real beneficiaries are the companion animals of local home-bound seniors receiving Meals on Wheels support."

Meals on Wheels for Pets Nassau, Inc. (MOW4PetsNassau) is a 501(c)(3) charity run totally by volunteers. The group's first delivery of pet food was made on July 27, 2009. It was created to supplement the efforts of the Meals on

PETS Continued on 4B

*Last year's guests are still humming those beautiful Denver songs.*

DEBORAH WATFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MOW4PETS

# OFF & ON THE ISLAND

### FLORIDA'S SHRIMPING FLEET

Join the Amelia Island Museum of History at 6 p.m. tonight as Brendan Burke delivers a presentation on Florida's Shrimping Fleet.

From 1919 until the mid-1980s, Florida supplied the world with shrimp trawlers and commercial fishing boats of all types. The enterprise grew into a multi-billion dollar industry. Burke will bring 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 museum is located at 233 South Third St. Call 261-7378 or visit [www.ameliamuseum.org](http://www.ameliamuseum.org).



### CAR SHOW

The Amelia Cruizers Car Club and Chick-Fil-A present the 18th annual 8 Flags Car Show on Oct. 18 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Centre Street. More than 300 entrants are expected to line the street from the marina to Eighth Street. A DJ will feature a mix of tunes to match the wide selection of cars on display. Browsing is free for spectators.

All proceeds benefit the Justin Hess Scholarship Foundation and the Nassau County Council on Aging. Visit [www.ameliacruizers.org](http://www.ameliacruizers.org).

### SPLASH BASH

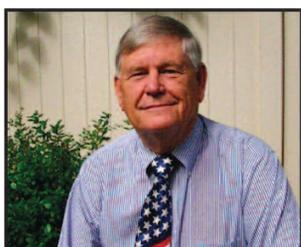
The fourth annual Splash Bash begins at 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Nassau Humane Society Dog Park.



on Airport Road. 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 at the Dog Park swimming pool. Each ticket will be numbered, and tennis balls with corresponding numbers will be plunked into the pool. Katy the golden retriever will retrieve five balls. 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 at the Second Chance Store, NHS Dog Park or [www.nassauhumane.com](http://www.nassauhumane.com). Note: Insurance prohibits dogs at social events. Call 491-1511 for information.



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# OUT AND ABOUT

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**The Southern Women's Show is at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville through Oct. 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 today, 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 today and Saturday. For group discounts and information, call (800) 849-0248 or visit [www.SouthernWomensShow.com](http://www.SouthernWomensShow.com).

**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. 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. Call (904) 655-8445 or visit [www.depressionglassclubjax.com](http://www.depressionglassclubjax.com).

**Cars, Coffee & Conversation will meet Oct. 18 from 9 a.m.-noon at Starbucks on Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach.** The group meets monthly to be aware of all upcoming auto events, to share their auto passion, experience as many unique automobiles as possible and to realize the trends and movements in the auto industry and auto racing. Bring out that special car and join in. Public welcome; rain cancels. Sponsored by Auto Legends Amelia.

**Local author T.J. Silverio will sign copies of his book, *Lifespan*, from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 18 at The Book Loft, 214 Centre St.**

Young researcher Jamie Pierce holds the key to a startling discovery. How far will the bio-tech firm that stole her work go to turn the discovery into profits? Can freelance writer Declan Flynn uncover the truth in time to protect Jamie and derail the corporate scheme? Readers are haunted by the question: "Isn't it possible some things should be left undiscovered?"

Silverio is a finalist for the Royal Palm Literary Award in Lifespan's genre category. For information call The Book Loft at 261-8991.

**ABC Fine Wine & Spirits,**

**47574 SR 200, will host a wine tasting from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 22.** Bring out the inner wine enthusiast in you and enjoy an evening of tasting from more than 50 wines from around the world as well as spirits and cordials. You can keep your wine glass and will receive a coupon to use the night of the event, all for \$10. For information call 491-6192.

**The Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary will host its next \$5 Jewelry Sale – this time for two days – on Oct. 24 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Oct. 25 from 8 a.m.-noon** in the conference room of the hospital on 18th Street in Fernandina Beach. Shop a wide selection of bracelets, necklaces, watches, pins and more, all priced at \$5. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. This will be the auxiliary's last jewelry sale of the year. Proceeds from the sales help the auxiliary support hospital projects and programs. For more information contact the Auxiliary office at 321-3818.

**The Fernandina Beach High School Class of 1964 will hold their reunion** the weekend of Oct. 24 and 25. The classes of 1963 and '65 are invited to the Friday night get-together Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Sheffield's at the Palace at no charge. For more information call 753-0132.

**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. Former clients of the Red Shield Lodge also will share their stories.

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-armyfla.org](http://www.salvation-armyfla.org).

**Jump start your holiday shopping with a free "Afternoon of Beauty" Oct. 25 from 2-6 p.m. at Radiant Yoga Studio,** on the second floor of the Peck Center, 516 South 10th St. Get pampered and browse local vendors including Tupperware,

Arbonne beauty products, Origami Owl custom jewelry, Scentsy candles, Haven Forest Massage studio, Sandiloks Creations, Crochet by Shelly, Flip Flop Yoga Kids and Young Life Essential Oils. For information contact [aprilbluemooseley@bellsouth.net](mailto:aprilbluemooseley@bellsouth.net) or (904) 563-7038.

**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.

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 Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library Book Sale takes place Nov. 6-8** with close to 20,000 books well organized in dozens of categories, CDs, DVDs, audio and children's books. Proceeds support the Fernandina Beach Library.

A Preview Party is Nov. 6 from 5-7 p.m. for Friends of the Library members only. Non-members may join at the door. The sale opens to the public on Nov. 7 from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and Nov. 8 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Peck Center Gym, 516 South 10th St., Fernandina Beach. For questions regarding donations contact Annie Sparkle at 310-9290.

**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.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a great dinner and an evening of entertainment. 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. Donations for the silent auction are welcome and must be received by Oct. 31. Donations are tax deductible. Dinner tickets and silent auction donation information are available from Larry Byrd, at [mlarrybird127@gmail.com](mailto:mlarrybird127@gmail.com). Dinner registration is available at [www.ameliainlandnavyseal-foundation.org](http://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](http://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.

**The Gail Shave Circle of United Methodist Women at Memorial United Methodist Church will have their annual Garage Sale** from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Nov. 8 at 4418 Titleist Drive. Proceeds are used to support charitable missions. All are welcome to stop by.

**Calling all Chi Omegas! Join an afternoon of fun, friendship and delicious food at Bar Zin,** in Palmetto Walk, 4924 First Coast Hwy., on Nov. 15 at noon. Whether you have lived here for years or are new to the island, join the Chi O fun for a "hoot" of a good time. RSVP to Sue Ray at 491-3223 or [pscra@att.net](mailto:pscra@att.net) by Nov. 10.

## 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](http://www.rendezvousfestival.com).

**Tickets are on sale at Amelia Community Theatre for the comedy "Always a Bridesmaid,"** with performances at 8 p.m. tonight and Oct. 18 and 23-25 and at 2 p.m. Oct. 19 at 207 Cedar St. The show is written by the team of Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, who wrote "The Dixie Swim Club."

Adult tickets are \$20; student tickets through college are \$10. Season tickets are also on sale for ACT's 34th season, with a six-show ticket for \$100 and a five-show ticket for \$85. Call 261-6749 for tickets and information, or purchase at [ameliamusicplayhouse.com](http://ameliamusicplayhouse.com).

**Amelia Musical Playhouse will offer Stephen Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd" tonight and Oct. 18, 24, 25, 31 and Nov. 1.**

The rare instance of a musical thriller, Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's chilling, suspenseful, heart-pounding masterpiece of murderous "barberism" and culinary crime tells the infamous tale of the unjustly exiled barber who returns to 19th century London seeking revenge against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. Unlike the movie version, violence is artfully suggested.

Tickets are \$20 and available at the theater, 1955 Island Walkway, at [www.ameliamusicalplayhouse.com](http://www.ameliamusicalplayhouse.com), or call 277-3455. Due to intense subject matter, "Sweeney Todd" is not recommended for young children.

**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. Main parts include Scrooge, Cratchit, Tiny Tim, Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, Marley and others.

Performances are Dec. 12-14. Rehearsals are Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information contact Barbara Ryan at (912) 729-1103 or [barbara@stmmarys-magazine.com](mailto:barbara@stmmarys-magazine.com).

**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.

**The State Ballet Theatre of Russia's production of Swan Lake plays Jacksonville's Times-Union Center's Moran Theater** for one performance only on Jan. 9 at 8 p.m.

Set to the music of Tchaikovsky and based on Russian folklore and German legend, the ballet follows a heroic young prince as he works to free the beautiful swan maiden from an evil spell.

Tickets start at \$42.50 (and at \$21 for children 12 and under). Visit [www.artistseriesjax.org](http://www.artistseriesjax.org), call (904) 442-2929 or visit the FSCJ Artist Series Box Office, open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more at (904) 442-2947 or [groupsales@fscj.edu](mailto:groupsales@fscj.edu).

## MUSEUM

**One ticket, four pubs, a wealth of historical information about downtown Fernandina and a good time for all.** Join the Amelia Island Museum of History Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. to tour four of the town's most popular, notorious or otherwise historic pubs and bars. One ticket will get you one drink at each establishment and an earful of colorful tales. It's a great way to

## MUSIC NOTES

### Jazz Festival

The Amelia Island Jazz Festival runs through Oct. 19 and features headliner Tony Monaco, jazz organist, tonight; headliner Randy Brecker, Grammy Award-winning trumpet master with a tribute to the Brecker Brothers Band on Oct. 18; a Dixie to Swing Jazz Brunch Oct. 19 with the AIJF All-Star Swingtet; late night jazz jams and more.

Tickets range from \$35 to \$60. Visit [www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com](http://www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com).

### Guitar auction

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

The guitars will be on display throughout the event. Photos and other guitars FOSAA has collected may be viewed at [www.fosaa.org](http://www.fosaa.org). Guitars to be auctioned or raffled will also be featured on upcoming posts on FOSAA's Facebook page. Visit [www.fosaa.org](http://www.fosaa.org) for details.

### Organ recital

The new 5 Manual Allen Renaissance Organ at First Presbyterian Church, 118 East Monroe St. at the intersection of Ocean Street in downtown Jacksonville, will be formally dedicated at 5 p.m. Oct. 26.

The organ is equal to a 90 rank pipe organ. It has the capacity to play and accompany a diverse style of worship. One of the exciting features is the Millennial Trumpet, which can be played from both the front and back of the sanctuary. Six organists will participate in the event, including Rodney Cleveland of Lakewood Presbyterian Church; Thomas Drake, First Presbyterian Church organ curator; Dan Francabandiero of Riverside Park Methodist Church; Mary Holliday of First United Methodist Church; Andy McCrimmon of Deermeadows Baptist Church; and Dana Stroud of First Presbyterian Church.

The public is invited free of charge. For information contact Music Minister Sonny Stroud at 354-843, ext. 106 or email [sonnystroud@FPCJacksonville.org](mailto:sonnystroud@FPCJacksonville.org).

### 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. The next jam date is Oct. 27 from 6:30-9 pm. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served or bring your own. For information call 477-7268.

### Chamber Music Fest

Joshua Bell, 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 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.

For complete information about the performances, schedule and tickets, including group and other discounts, visit [www.aicmf.com](http://www.aicmf.com).

### Story & Song

Grammy Award-winner Don Henry and Grammy-nominated songwriter Sally Barris will perform some of their No. 1 hits and swap stories about what inspires their songs at "An Evening of Story & Song," the popular concert series hosted by Mark and Donna Paz Kaufman and presented by First Coast Community Bank. The concert will be on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Burns Hall, St. Peter's Episcopal Parish, located at Ninth and Atlantic in Fernandina Beach; doors open at 6:45 p.m. A \$20 donation (100 percent of which goes to the artists) is suggested and appreciated. For information and reservations, call 415-1388.

### 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.island-chambersingers.org](http://www.island-chambersingers.org); from a member of the choir; at the Amelia Island Welcome Center, 102 Centre St., (800) 226-3542; at the AIFBY Chamber of Commerce, 961687 Gateway Blvd., Suite 101G (at A1A and Amelia Island Parkway), 261-3248; and at Harrison's Mercantile at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Spa and Shops, 432-2218. Tickets are \$20 at the door and always free for all students. For information call 225-0575 on weekdays.

### Country music

Ticket sales have begun for the Wainwright Benefit Country Music Concert, starring Dierks Bentley and Thomas Rhett as well as three other acts on Dec. 13. All seats are \$45 and include parking. The concert will benefit the Humane Society and at least one other charity in Camden County, Ga. For information call (912) 729-2166 or (912) 729-3113.

### Community band

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

### Music cruises

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

### The Courtyard

The Courtyard Pub & Eats, 316 Centre St., John Springer on the piano Thursday-Saturday from 6:30-10 p.m. Call 432-7086. Join them on Facebook at [courtyardpubanddeats](http://courtyardpubanddeats) for information on special events.

see Fernandina. Tickets are \$25 per person (must be 21, must show ID); tour begins at the historic train depot in downtown Fernandina Beach. Reservations required. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105 or [Thea@ameliamuseum.org](mailto:Thea@ameliamuseum.org).

**Guests on this tour will learn Amelia Island ghost stories as they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era** as the past

comes alive through the skillful storytelling of your guide. This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday like clockwork and lasts approximately one hour. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students. Contact Thea at 261-7378, ext. 105 or [Thea@ameliamuseum.org](mailto:Thea@ameliamuseum.org) for more information.

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# RELIGION

## Are you ready for some football?

Ever see the acronym W.W.J.D.? Most of us have heard it many times before. It stands for "What Would Jesus Do." Sometimes my mind wanders and I think about what Jesus would do if He lived in today's world. Specifically, what if Jesus played football?

In football, there is a popular saying that reflects how a player should act when he scores a touchdown. It goes something like, "act like you have been there before." This basically means that the player hands the ball off to the referee and refrains from celebrating or calling attention to oneself. The touchdown should not be considered a big deal because the player has the mindset that he will be making regular visits to the end zone. This is how I see Jesus if He were to score a touchdown, simply handing the ball to the referee and quietly thanking His teammates for their help.

However, Jesus' last victory on Earth (until He comes back one day) was not just any game. It was far bigger than any Super Bowl. It was a knockdown, drag out fight to the finish. Jesus was taking on all the world's sins while battling Satan. He had to deal with betrayal, temptation and all the evils of this world. And He still overcame it! I believe Jesus was overcome with emotion as He scored this last touchdown on the Cross. I envision Him yelling out, "It is finished" and then spiking the football!

When we make our decision to accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we get a football. Until Jesus calls us home, we can't spike the football. We have many games to be played on Earth. We have tribulations to overcome and love to share. Jesus states in John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." How can we possibly be of "good cheer" when we have Satan and his fallen angels attacking us on a daily basis? How do we experience victory when we are human and have to



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deal with our flesh? The answer to those questions can be found in how Jesus succeeded all those years ago. He did it by being in constant communication with His Father. Jesus didn't just tell us how to live, He showed us. We can only be of "good cheer" when we stop relying on ourselves to figure things out and completely trust in Jesus. When you spend time with Jesus in prayer and by reading the truth of His Word, you will start to form a relationship with Him. As your relationship grows stronger, you will experience His amazing love and guidance. The once seemingly overwhelming tribulations that came your way will now seem like stepping stones.

It will not be easy as Satan and flesh will try and lead you astray. When you fumble the ball, and you will, Satan will tempt you to quit playing. Worldly speaking, it would be crazy to continue playing. It's dangerous and scary out on the field. Many Christians who don't have a strong relationship with Jesus will think in worldly terms and simply give up. They will sit lukewarm on the sideline with no victory in sight. But for those who choose to persevere, for those who choose to finish what they started, God's Grace will encourage you to get back in the game. His Grace will pick you back up after the nastiest tackles or the worst of fumbles. You can continue playing with your eyes focused on the end zone, as you and Jesus steamroll over sin and Satan.

Are you ready for some football?

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### Double the blessing

When you see a BOGO, and you don't need two, please pick up two anyway - one for the Salvation Army Hope House and one for you. The items they need most right now to help fill Emergency Food Bags for Nassau neighbors in need are: Peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits, spaghetti sauce and canned meats like chicken, tuna and Spam. 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. Look for the signs. Contact Pastor Tiffany McCall at 277-2726 or find them on Facebook at Franklinton UMC.

### 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.

### Blood drive

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., will host a blood drive on Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon. The Blood Mobile will be parked beside the Wood Youth Center on Alachua Street, between Eighth and Ninth streets. To make an appointment to donate, go to [igiveblood.com](http://igiveblood.com) or call 1-888-998-2243. A photo ID issued by a federal, state or local government agency is required.

### 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,

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pastor of Unity Christian Baptist Church of Jacksonville. All former members, choir members, youth choir members, youth directors, musicians and pastors are invited. The public is invited. Call (904) 849-7164.

### Tuesday worship

Salvation Army Hope House holds a worship service Tuesdays at noon. Time together reading and unpacking the Word of God is not only profound but lively and fun. Join them Oct. 21 as they continue their journey through the Gospel of John, picking up in Chapter 14. The Salvation Army Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St.

### 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

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### 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. For information contact Sis. Vanessa Henry at (904) 402-9991.

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### Trinity anniversary

Trinity United Methodist Church invites the community to join them to celebrate the 192nd church anniversary at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26. This will be their first anniversary celebration under the direction of their new pastor, the Rev. Georgia Gaston, so come out and meet the new pastor and celebrate 192 years of fellowship and love at Trinity.

## Class on relating to suffering

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m., Amelia Plantation Chapel will offer a class on how to relate to those who are suffering. Pastor Ted Schroder and Chapel Nurse Dana McCoy, R.N., will lead a class using Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart by Kenneth C. Haugk, the founder of Stephen Ministries.

The book is available to purchase in the chapel office. This resource has proven to be most helpful to those who are dealing

with family and friends who are struggling with sickness and loss. The schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 26: A Biblical Understanding of Suffering
- Nov. 2: Resources Available to the Sufferer
- Nov. 9: Dealing with your Feelings and Personal Experience
- Nov. 16: Crying and Feeling Awful
- Nov. 23: Trying to Fix Things
- Nov. 30: Conversation and

Listening

- Dec. 14: Saying the Wrong Thing
- Dec. 21: Denial and Being Real

The class will meet each Sunday in the chapel meeting room at 10:30 a.m. and is open to the public.

Amelia Plantation Chapel is located at 36 Bowman Road, Amelia Island. Call 277-4414, visit [www.ameliachapel.com](http://www.ameliachapel.com) and [www.facebook.com/Amelia.Plantation.Chapel](http://www.facebook.com/Amelia.Plantation.Chapel).

## New Vision hosts guest soloist

On Sunday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m., New Vision Congregational Church, UCC, bass soloist David Scheininger will perform in worship. Worship will include Broadway tunes that, through the years, have highlighted themes of faith.

Scheininger was a Voice Performance major at the College-Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati. Active throughout this region singing oratorio, concerts and as solo vocalist, he performs at many

churches and temples, weddings and funerals. He performed last year as vocalist with the Island Chamber Singers. His repertoire includes genres from French and German Lieder to Broadway to spirituals. Scheininger won third place in the Regional Bel Canto opera competition. He was raised in southern France and has lived in Jacksonville for over 40 years.

"A significant part of New Vision's worship is the inte-

gration of a variety of musical styles," said the Rev. Mary Moore. "David's deep bass tones will stir your soul and invite a deep connection with the Spirit of God."

New Vision is a new church start of the United Church of Christ and worships each Sunday at 10 a.m. at 96072 Chester Road in Yulee. To learn more, visit [www.NewVisionCongregationalChurch.org](http://www.NewVisionCongregationalChurch.org), find them on Facebook or contact Moore at 238-1822.

# Worship this week

## at the place of your choice...

**Springhill**  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
 Sunday Worship..... 10:45 am  
 Wednesday AWANA ..... 6:15 pm  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:30 pm  
 Pastor: Bud Long  
 941017 Old Nassauville Road · County Rd-107 South  
 Fernandina Beach, FL 32034  
 261-4741  
[www.springhillbaptistfb.org](http://www.springhillbaptistfb.org)

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
 In the Heart of Fernandina  
 9 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Dr. Wain Wesberry  
 Senior Pastor  
 Dr. Doug Ganyo  
 Associate Pastor  
**Worship 8:30 & 11 am**  
**Sunday School 9:50 am**  
 Nursery • Children  
 Youth Adults  
 261-3837  
[www.first-presbyterian-church-32034.org](http://www.first-presbyterian-church-32034.org)

**New Vision Congregational Church, UCC**  
 Worship - Sundays at 10:00 am  
 96074 Chester Road in Yulee  
[NewVisionCongregationalChurch.org](http://NewVisionCongregationalChurch.org)  
 904-225-0539  
*Creatively Spiritual*  
 WHERE FAITH EMBODIES HEART, MIND & SOUL

**YULEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Please join us for  
**SUNDAY SERVICES:**  
 Adult Sunday School 9:30AM  
 Worship 11 AM  
 Children's Church 11:00 AM  
**A1A & Christian Way, Yulee**  
**225-5381 • Pastor Charlie Sward**

**CELEBRATION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*Innovative Style, Contemporary Music, Casual Atmosphere*  
**Pastor Mike Kwiatkowski**  
 85520 Miner Rd. Yulee, FL 32097  
 Sunday Worship 9:00am and 10:30am  
 Nursery Provided  
 KidKredible Children Ministries  
 Meeting @ 10:30am Sunday  
 Youth Program Wed. @ 6:30pm  
*Connecting with Christ... Connecting with People.*  
**FOR MORE INFO: (904) 225-0777**

**YULEE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*Visitors Always Welcome!*  
**Doug Sides, Senior Pastor**  
 Morning Services 8:15 and 11:00 am  
 Sunday School 9:45 am  
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday Children 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday Overflow Youth 6:30 pm  
**Nursery Provided For All Services**  
 85971 Harts Rd. Yulee, FL 32097  
 904-225-5128  
[www.Yuleebaptistchurch.com](http://www.Yuleebaptistchurch.com)

**Memorial UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
[www.mumconline.com](http://www.mumconline.com)  
 Traditional Family Worship . . . . . 8 am & 11 am  
 (weekly communion at 8 am)  
 Contemporary Worship . . . . . 9:30 am in Maxwell Hall  
 Sunday School for all Ages . . . . . 9:30 am & 11 am  
 Wednesday Dinner (Aug-May) . . . . . 4:45 pm  
**Downtown Fernandina Beach**  
 601 Centre Street • (904) 261-5769

*Where heart & mind meet Christ in love & service*  
**Amelia Baptist Church**  
 Pastor: Dr. H. Neil Helton  
 Sunday Worship Service - 10:30am  
 Bible Study - 9am  
 Nursery provided for all services  
 Small group studies-Adults 6pm  
 Wednesday - Prayer Service 6:30pm  
 Preschool and Children Activities  
**961167 BUCCANEER TRAIL**  
 Corner of Buccaneer Tr. & Gerbing Road, Fernandina Bch  
 For More Information Call: **261-9527**

**Amelia Plantation Chapel**  
 An Interdenominational Community Church  
**Sunday Services 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.**  
 Pastor Ted Schroder  
**Amelia Plantation Chapel**  
 36 Bowman Road  
 (904)277-4414 [www.ameliachapel.com](http://www.ameliachapel.com)  
**You are welcome here!**

**FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 20 South Ninth Street 261-4907  
 Rev. Darien K. Bolden Sr., Pastor  
*The Church in the Heart of the City With the Desire to be in the Heart of All People*  
 Sunday New Members Class 9 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
 Wednesday Noon-day Prayer  
 Wednesday Mid-week Service 7-9 p.m.  
 Ministries: Bus & Van, Couples, Singles, Youth

**FIVE POINTS BAPTIST**  
*"Come Experience the Joy of Worship & Service" Psalm 100*  
 Rev. FRANK CAMAROTTI, Pastor  
 Sunday School . . . . . 10:00am  
 Worship Service . . . . . 11:00am  
 Evening Worship . . . . . 8:00pm  
 Wednesday Night Supper . . . . . 6:00pm  
 Encounter Youth Group . . . . . 6:30pm-8:00pm  
 Children in Action . . . . . 7:00pm  
 Wednesday Prayer Service . . . . . 7:00pm  
**796 Bonnaville Road**  
 904-261-4818  
**Nursery provided**  
[WorshipInJoy.com](http://WorshipInJoy.com)  
 Find us on Facebook:  
**Five Points Baptist Encounter Youth**

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**  
*Welcomes You!*  
 Located at the corner of 8th & Atlantic  
 7:30AM Service  
 8:15AM Breakfast  
 9:00AM Service  
 10:15AM Christian Formation  
 11:00AM Service  
 6:00PM Beach Service  
 (second Sunday of each month)  
 6:00PM Celtic Service  
 (fourth Sunday of each month)  
**904-261-4293 • [www.stpeterparish.org](http://www.stpeterparish.org)**

**Bible Baptist Church**  
**Independent; Fundamental; Traditional Hymns**  
 Sunday School . . . . . 10am  
 Sunday Morning Service . . . . . 11am  
 Sunday Evening Service . . . . . 6pm  
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer . . . 7pm  
 Pastor Adolfo Del Rio  
 820 S. 14th Street, F.B.  
**BBCFB.COM • (904)261-5457**

**Advertise Your Church Here!**  
 To advertise in the Church Directory; Call the News-Leader at 261-3696

**Unity Isle of Light**  
*Unity. A Positive Path for Spiritual Living*  
 Meets 2nd & 4th Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at American Beach Community Center  
 1600 Julia Street  
 Call 904.415.0822 for more information  
*All are invited & children are welcomed*

**FBC Fernandina Beach**  
 Sunday Life Groups 9:00 am  
 Worship 10:15 am  
 Awana 5:30 pm  
 1600 S. 8th St.  
**904-261-3617 - FBFfirst.com**  
 Moving people from where they are to where God wants them to be.

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**BLACKROCK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 96362 Blackrock Rd., Yulee 261-6220  
**John Kasper, PASTOR**  
 Sunday Morning Worship Service - 10:30 am  
 Sunday School 9:15 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship Service - 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday Service - 7:00 pm  
 Nursery Provided  
**[blackrockbaptist.org](http://blackrockbaptist.org)**



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Above, from left, *Homage to the Irish and Reefing* by Jayne Gaskins; *Fiber Portraits* by Diane Hamburg; and *Water Grasses* by Lynette Holmes. The Fernandina Beach artists have been chosen to exhibit in the Fiber Artists' Network juried Members Exhibit of contemporary fiber art, on view through Oct. 29 at the Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus Art Gallery.

## Local artists selected for Jacksonville exhibit

JACKSONVILLE – The popularity and creativity of contemporary fiber art has been trending steadily upward in recent years. Several local members of the North Florida group, the Fiber Artists' Network, or FAN, were juried into the Members Exhibit of contemporary fiber art, on view now through Oct. 29 at the Florida State College at Jacksonville, North Campus Art Gallery.

From Fernandina Beach, artists Diane Hamburg, Lynette Holmes and Jayne

Gaskins were chosen to exhibit.

While fiber works are rooted in utilitarian craft, these cutting-edge pieces are far from traditional. The artists work with fiber as their preferred medium because of its tactility and versatility and to make statements on political and social issues.

The show includes both two- and three-dimensional works of cloth, paper, plastic and plant materials. In addition to wall hangings and framed pieces are art-to-wear,

jewelry and baskets. These works also display a wide range of techniques, from shibori dyeing to thread painting and nuno felting. Several pieces incorporate reclaimed materials, such as jewelry made from zippers and plastic bags and a dress stitched of used coffee filters coated with beeswax.

The other FAN members chosen are, from St. Augustine, Mary Rhopa La Cierra, Virginia Pledger, Amy Dove, Pat Worrell and Ellen White. From Jacksonville are works by

Carol Ann Rice-Rafferty, Ellen Haines, Gretchen Jolles and Ruth Carden. Betsy Tabac, from Tallahassee, is also represented with nuno-felted pieces.

Maya Schonenberger, an internationally known fiber artist from Miami, acted as juror and selected the pieces for the exhibit. Three stitched, fused and painted textile works by Schonenberger are also on display.

A podcast tour of the entire fiber art exhibit is available for viewing on the

FSCJ website at [www.fscj.edu/campus-life/art-galleries](http://www.fscj.edu/campus-life/art-galleries).

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The North Campus is at 4501 Capper Road. The Art Gallery is located in room C-122 on the first floor of Building C. For directions or information, contact North Campus Student Life and Leadership Development at 766-6785.

For information on FAN visit [www.fiberartistsnetwork.org](http://www.fiberartistsnetwork.org).

## 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, day-care 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.

### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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 [joanneamelia@aol.com](mailto:joanneamelia@aol.com).

The Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization consisting of volunteers and whose main goal is to support many projects within the community with an emphasis on local schools.

### Sheffield's party

of these amazing chefs. Each course is expertly paired with various fine wines from around the world. The event will also feature a silent auction where guests can bid on travel packages, delicious wines and of course several cooking items to inspire anyone's inner chef. "We are looking forward to another successful event," said Jennifer Cook, events director for the Katie Caples Foundation.

"Jaime and the other chefs create such a spectacular event which allows us to continue raising awareness for organ donation registration and education. We are so thrilled to again partner with Jaime and Osprey Village."

Tickets are \$125 per person and a limited number of tables for eight can be purchased for \$1,000. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Katie Caples Foundation and its organ

donation education program. For tickets and information visit [www.katierideforlife.org](http://www.katierideforlife.org).

Caples' ultimate act of generosity saved the lives of five individuals (ages 9 to 62) and further enhanced the lives of several others. Committed to increasing the number of registered organ donors and presenting educational programming in support of organ donor education, since 2005 the

Foundation has delivered the message of the impact of organ donation to more than 99,000 individuals in the Northeast Florida area.

Partnerships with Mayo Clinic, University of Florida, UF Health, Departments of Motor Vehicle and Tax Collectors' offices have enabled the Foundation's success and in 2014 educational programming extended into an additional 12 Florida counties.

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fernandinaFOL.org.

Proceeds will support Friends of the Library's capital campaign to enlarge and improve the Fernandina

Beach Library. Construction of a \$1.6 million addition to the library on North Fourth Street is under way with \$600,000 each provided by the city of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County, and

\$400,000 raised by FOL from private supporters of library improvements.

Renovation of the existing building will begin when the new wing is completed later this year. To date, private

donors to FOL have contributed more than \$740,000 in gifts and pledges. Roughly \$460,000 is still needed to purchase furniture, equipment and other necessities to meet the \$2.4 million goal,

Flynn said.

Tickets for this evening are \$75. Purchase them early online at [fernandinaFOL.org](http://fernandinaFOL.org) or at the Fernandina Beach Library, 25 N. Fourth St., or call 321-6529.

## ART WORKS

### Watercolor classes

Have fun learning to paint in watercolors, all levels, with William Maurer on Fridays from 1:30-4 p.m. in Room 201 at St. Peter's Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Call Bill for more information at 261-8276 or email [w.maurer@comcast.net](mailto:w.maurer@comcast.net).

### 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.

### Plantation celebration

The Amelia Island Plantation Artists' Guild & Gallery celebrates The Plantation's 40th anniversary with a "Big Sale," two great art shows and a party, all on Oct. 25 and 26. The gallery shows are "As Time Goes By" and "Plantation Memories." Its sale "Off the Porches," is Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. The gallery's artists will sell big bargain items; framed and unframed artwork, prints, cards, frames, art supplies and equipment, all at low, low prices. Stop by for great bargains.

On Sunday from 1-4 p.m. enjoy an anniversary party at the gallery with wine, soft drinks, snacks and a bargain sale. Also see the gallery's booth as part of Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort's Spa and Shops 40th anniversary celebration around the lake. There will be fun games and refreshments for the whole family.

### 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.

The workshop will focus on taking small references, small studies or photos and turning them into larger works. Visit [www.larrymoorestudios.com](http://www.larrymoorestudios.com).

Cost is \$350. A \$100 deposit is required. To sign up contact [larry@larrymoorestudios.com](mailto:larry@larrymoorestudios.com), phone (407) 222-8585, or write to 2440 Roxbury Road, Winter Park, FL 32789.

### Elio Camacho

The Island Art Association will host an Elio Camacho Workshop Nov. 16-17 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the IAA Art Education Center, 18 N. Second St. Visit [www.eliocamacho.com](http://www.eliocamacho.com).

The workshops will emphasize stroke angle and how it affects depth in thick loose strokes; brush speed; color temperature; harmony; and formulas and learn to see. Fee is \$175. Sign up at [ElioCamacho.com](http://ElioCamacho.com) or at: Elio Camacho, P.O. Box 21156, Piedmont, CA 94620. Contact [EmyleeM@aol.com](mailto:EmyleeM@aol.com).

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Wheels Association of America, and it provides homebound seniors Meals on Wheels with nutritious pet food for their companion animals.

In its five-year history, MOW4Pets has delivered more than 60,000 pounds of food to as many as 120 pets weekly. The organization conducts two annual community fundraising events.

# 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 schools in order to engage 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](mailto:education@white-oak.org) to learn how you can become a White Oak education partner.

### Touch a truck

Does your child want to know what it's like to sit in a fire truck? This is your chance to make that dream come true. 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 will be there. There's no admission to this event, but donations will be gratefully accepted to help fund Pirate Playground maintenance and upkeep.

### Fundraiser breakfast

VFW and Girl Scout troops 880, 269 and 502 will host a fundraising breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage and pancakes on Oct. 18 from 8:30-11 a.m. at the Post, 96086 Wade Place, under the Shave Bridge. Proceeds will support the Girl Scouts.

### Improvement plan

Fernandina Beach Middle School will host its annual School Improvement Plan Community Input night on Monday, Oct. 20. If you would like to review the plan, come by Room 06-01 from 6-6:30 p.m. For more information, contact SAC Chair Robin Lentz at 491-7938.

### 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 any questions 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](mailto:ncvcfb@aol.com). Visit [volunteernassau.org](http://volunteernassau.org) and find them on Facebook.

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### FSCJ open house

Florida State College at Jacksonville is hosting a free open house at the Betty P. Cook Nassau Center in the Lewis "Red" Bean Technical Center on Oct. 27 from 6-8 p.m. Attendees will learn about the Air Traffic Control, Cardiovascular Technology, Culinary, Emergency Medical Technician and other programs. Nassau Center tours will be offered and light refreshments will be available. To learn more, call enrollment services at 548-4432.

The Betty P. Cook Nassau Center is located at 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Yulee.

### 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.

### Peck library

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 more information call 310-3355 and to leave messages call Mrs. Charles Albert at 261-4113.

## SCHOOL PICTURES



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### Students honor vets

The 2014-2015 Fernandina Beach Middle School Student Council proudly honored veterans by reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" at Veterans Memorial Park on Friday, Oct. 3. The filming is now the centerpiece of the daily pledge seen by all middle school students, staff and teachers throughout the school year.

Front row, from left, are LCDR Cathy Valera (Ret.), Charlie Corbett (Army veteran), Caroline Peters, Keegan Gorham, Jeremiah Giedry, Laurel Pinckney, Brenda Bunch, Principal John Mazzella and Beano Roberts (HM3-Navy veteran). Middle row are Addison Lasserre, Kingston Hill, Sydney Jewell and Brody Mandelbaum. Back row are Taylor Holwell, Spain Scott, Megan Laffey and Colby Harris.



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### Mac and Cheese Festival

Fernandina Beach Christian Academy at First Baptist Church on Amelia Island will hold its first annual free Mac and Cheese Festival on Thursday, Nov. 6, beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are free to parents of the school as a celebration of fellowship and the fall season. There will be an optional contest for the best Mac and Cheese entry of the night. The winner will receive the first ever Golden Noodle Award. For information contact Principal Frank Vacirca at 491-5664.

# Local Girl Scouts give back to Girl Power 2 Cure

SUE ELLEN RAMSHAW  
For the News-Leader

This past spring, once my Girl Scout troop sold cookies, the girls knew they had to donate 10 percent of their total earnings and give back to our community. The girls decided to make a donation to a non-profit organization called Girl Power 2 Cure.

GP2C dedicates itself to raising awareness and funds for treatments and a cure for Rett Syndrome, a devastating neurological disorder that almost exclusively affects girls. The main reason the girls chose this organization is because Rett Syndrome affects our troop personally. Sarah and her sister are both Girl Scouts in our troop and Sarah has Rett Syndrome. We couldn't think of a better way of practicing the Girl Scout Promise and supporting our Girl Scout sister by raising awareness of this terrible syndrome.

GP2C has a wonderful program called Garden of Hope. The Garden of Hope program allowed us to purchase 135 paper flowers where they will be on display, beginning Oct. 1, at OPS Pizza Kitchen in Fernandina Beach. Thanks to OPS partnering with our troop, we are now able to "plant" our

garden and raise awareness of what Rett Syndrome is and how it affects so many young girls throughout the world.

During the month of October, which happens to be National Rett Syndrome Month, you will see our paper garden on display at OPS and hopefully our garden will grow. We are challenging all the troops of the Nassau Service Unit to come in, see our garden and add to it. We also challenge all troops to grow their own garden. Our troop goal is to double or match our initial 135 flowers, so please help us help one of our very own Girl Scout sisters and come grow our garden with us!

Rett Syndrome facts:

- Debilitating neurological (movement) disorder that predominantly affects females.
- Baby girls are born "normal" but begin to lose acquired skills between the ages of 1-3 years old.
- Caused by a single gene mutation that leads to underproduction of an important brain protein.
- The leading genetic cause of severe impairment in girls – most cannot speak, walk or use their hands.
- Despite their physical disabilities, girls with Rett Syndrome are believed to be



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On Wednesday, Oct. 1, Girl Scout Troop 643 of Fernandina Beach kicked off National Rett Syndrome month by having a pizza party at OPS Pizza and handing out 135 flowers. From left are Marri Reilly, Gretchen Harding, Elizabeth Ramshaw, Emma Ward, Bella Maupin and Angelina Daniel. Not pictured are Lindsey Evans and Sarah Harding

functioning mentally at a much higher level than previously thought.

- As prevalent as Cystic Fibrosis, ALS and Huntington's.
- Another little girl is born with Rett Syndrome every 90

minutes.

• Rett Syndrome is a potentially reversible disorder. Research has proven once protein levels are back to normal levels, symptoms subside.

One of Girl Power 2 Cure's

core beliefs is that girls are powerful and positive community leaders and mentors. Let's show them what one cookie can do and what Girl Scout sisters can do, please accept our challenge and stop by OPS Pizza Kitchen.

At OPS, every Wednesday in October, mention Rett Syndrome and 10 percent of your purchase will be donated to GP2C.

Sue Ellen Ramshaw is the leader of Girl Scout Troop 643.

# HOMES

## School district slashes energy costs

Nassau County Schools administration and board members announced more than \$240,000 in savings in the first eight months of its energy conservation and management program.

The successful cost-saving program is implemented through a partnership with Cenergistic, a leading behavioral and organizational behavior-based energy conservation company whose energy management program has saved more than \$3 billion for educational and complex organizations.

In addition, the energy conservation program has also impacted the community with savings of 1.6 million kWh in electricity, and 3 million gallons of water. These savings are equal to 929 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions being prevented, or 194 autos off the highway annually or over 23,000 tree seedlings planted and grown in 10 years.

Together with Cenergistic, Nassau County Schools has built a customized and sustainable energy conservation program that reduces consumption of electricity, natural gas, fuel oil and water through changes in organizational and

*'While we believed we were doing a pretty good job of saving energy before, this program has taken us to a new level.'*

**SUPERINTENDENT JOHN RUIS**

human behavior. Its proven approach is built on a proprietary methodology, which optimizes clients' infrastructure, improves internal processes and changes behavior to ensure that savings endure.

Cenergistic's conservation experts are working closely with personnel to audit buildings for most efficient operation and to train personnel to control energy use wherever possible.

"I am gratified by the energy conservation success we have realized. Our partnership with Cenergistic has led to a dramatic change in how we view energy consumption. While we believed we were doing a pretty good job of saving energy before, this program has taken us to a new level," said Superintendent John Ruis.

"Our success is directly attributable to each and every member of our staff working as change agents, ensuring we

use our resources responsibly. The cost we have avoided in just the first few months is a significant amount – it's money we won't have to cut from our budget."

Joey Hearn serves as Energy Specialist for Nassau County Schools. He receives intensive training from Cenergistic energy consultants to implement energy conservation behavior and procedures throughout the system. He conducts energy audits to ensure that students and teachers are comfortable during class time and scheduled activities, and that energy is used only as necessary.

To verify the program's effectiveness and measure its success, Hearn tracks energy consumption – including electricity, water, sewer, natural gas and fuel oil – using third-party energy-accounting software. The software compares current energy use to a baseline period

and calculates the amount of energy that would have been used if conservation and management practices had not been implemented. It adjusts for weather, equipment additions or deletions, and changes in building use. By tracking consumption and analyzing energy use, the software helps the organization and Cenergistic quickly identify and correct energy consumption that needs to be addressed.

All costs of the Cenergistic program come from the existing utility budget, with savings guaranteed to more than pay for the program. Additional savings can be redirected to other parts of the budget. Many organizations have credited this program with helping keep personnel and maintain programs that otherwise would have fallen victim to budget cuts.

In addition, the conservation program is sustainable indefinitely. Cenergistic provides free support after the paid term of the contract, as long as the organization continues to implement the program. This provides the School District the opportunity to save energy and avoid costs for many years past the life of the contract with Cenergistic.

## HOME & GARDEN BRIEFS

### 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. On Oct. 25, 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. There is no fee for this service. For information call 879-1019. Master Gardeners are on phone duty Fridays, at 491-7340.

### Paper shredding

The City Clerk's Office will host a paper shredding event and blood drive Oct. 24 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 204 Ash St. in the parking lot adjacent to City Hall. Follow the signs for the paper shredding service. Pull in and city staff will assist in getting your papers to the shredder.

Contact the clerk's office at 310-3115 to schedule your appointment for the blood drive. For information visit [www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us). The events are planned as part of Government Week, Oct. 20-24.

### 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](mailto:kayla@ameliamuseum.org). Questions? Call 261-7378.

### 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/](http://www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/eventsactivities/) for details and to purchase tickets.

For information contact Adrienne Burke of the city Development Department at 310-3135 or [aburke@fbfl.org](mailto:aburke@fbfl.org). Visit [www.fbfl.us/BosqueBello](http://www.fbfl.us/BosqueBello) for information.

### 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 [robynemes@comcast.net](mailto:robynemes@comcast.net).

### Cemetery workshop

Learn more about the Bosque Bello master plan and give your input on the future of the cemetery at a workshop Nov. 1 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Amelia Island Museum of History. Topics include codes and laws, layout and management, burial options, expansion ideas, environmental issues, history, disaster planning and more. Attend with your ideas on how to preserve and protect the cemetery.

For information contact Adrienne Burke of the city Development Department at 310-3135 or [aburke@fbfl.org](mailto:aburke@fbfl.org). Visit [www.fbfl.us/BosqueBello](http://www.fbfl.us/BosqueBello) for information.

### 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/](http://www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/eventsactivities/) for details.

## FARMERS MARKET

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers' market will be action-packed Oct. 18 with the 18th annual 8 Flag's Car Show, produced by Amelia Cruisers, lining Centre Street in downtown Fernandina Beach.

Returning to the market Saturday is Andy from White Hawk Farms, a family owned and operated business that raises, breeds and sells ADGA quality registered Nubians (domestic goats), as well as several different breeds of poultry and rabbits. They also produce items such as goat milk soaps, candles, cheeses and canned goods from produce on their homestead, and they sell quality animal products (for animal consumption only per Florida and Georgia state law).

Tressa's Treasures has been with the Market Place since it opened, selling homemade soaps, body salts and scrubs, but now this chef is tempting customers with her culinary talents and a booth full of tasty tidbits. Her gourmet concoctions include irresistible goodies like Honey Roasted Pecans, Spicy Cajun Walnuts, pretzel spins first

dipped in milk chocolate, then drizzled with white chocolate or caramel, and rolled in M&M's and other chopped candies, and a favorite, Heavenly Peanut Butter: a soft and savory square of peanut butter under a layer of chocolate with a crumb topping that is, well, heavenly.

A brand new item to the Market Place is the Spice Pantry's pies. Percilyn has been selling her flavored sea salts, and now she has added a second booth full of delicious home-made pies, just in time for the holidays. Since this will be her first market with the pies, be sure to stop by and smell the delicious variety.

The Fernandina Beach Market Place is located on North Seventh Street, between Centre and Alachua streets, open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., rain or shine. Well behaved, leashed pets are welcome.

Music this week is provided by Melissa Rangel, and the Friends of the Library will give an update on the Fernandina library expansion. Call 557-8229, find them on Facebook or visit [www.FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com](http://www.FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com).

## Rotary Club gives shelter worldwide

MELANIE FERREIRA  
For the News-Leader

Fernandina Beach has weathered its share of natural disaster, usually in the form of damage sustained from tropical storms and hurricanes. In fact, during the unusually active 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons, many on Amelia Island spent long days without power or running water.

Shortly afterward, and with the memory of the hardships local residents endured, Fernandina Beach Rotary Club member Dr. Jim Hicks learned of a project that offered help to those suffering through catastrophic disasters – ShelterBox USA. ShelterBox provides humanitarian aid such as emergency tented shelters, stoves, blankets and water filtration systems to help families around the world rebuild their lives after losing their homes and possessions following earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods, cyclones or regional conflict.

In 2006, Hicks proposed that the club adopt ShelterBox as one of the projects it would fund. Club members enthusiastically embraced the idea and have given generously in the past eight years. Each week, the club collects money



A family devastated by a natural disaster in the Philippines receives temporary housing and more through the ShelterBox USA program, supported locally by the Fernandina Beach Rotary Club.

through "Happy Dollars" – donations by club members – to raise the \$1,000 cost of the boxes. Recently the club reached a significant milestone by funding its 20th ShelterBox.

In a letter of thanks to the club, Emily Sperling, president of ShelterBox USA, said, "You never know when the next disaster might strike. With such generous donations as those given by the Fernandina Beach Rotary Club, we can continue

our mission of providing shelter, warmth and dignity to disaster survivors around the world."

The club's boxes have been distributed to victims of wildfires, floods, earthquakes and hurricanes in Haiti, Africa, India and North and South America. Club President Dr. David Page said, "Of the 4,700 Rotary Clubs nationwide that contribute to the program, the Fernandina Beach Rotary Club

is one of only 60 that have donated 20 or more of these life-saving boxes. We are honored to continue our support of ShelterBox USA."

The club is currently working toward raising funds for its 21st box.

The Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach meets each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Florida House Inn on South Third Street. Call Melanie Ferreira at 321-5675.

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